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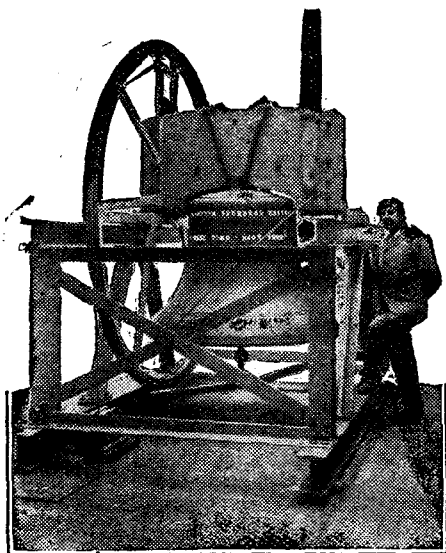
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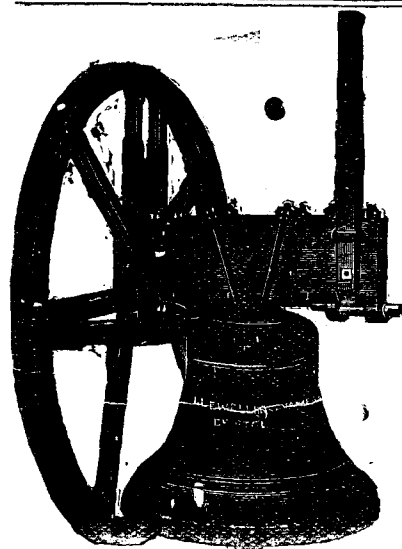
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## HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

The ancient parish of Hemingbrough, in the East Riding of Yorkshire, mentioned in the Domesday survey of William the Conqueror, is situated on the banks of the Ouse, half-way between Selby and Howden, being five miles from each.

It possesses a magnificent old collegiate church, the oldest part of which dates back to 1180. This is one of the show churches of the county, and in ancient days belonged to the Priory of St. Cuthbert of Durham. In those days it was rich in tithes and endowments, but alas! like many other places it has suffered terrible loss, and this large, stately, and from an antiquarian point of view most interesting edifice, is left without one penny of income or endowment to keep it in repair. Three thousand pounds could easily be spent upon it to-day to put it in the state in which it ought to be in for proper preservation. Some £2000 has been spent upon it during the last eighteen years, but being a poor agricultural parish, money is difficult to find.

The church is cruciform, being 148 feet in length, by 86 across the transepts, having side chapels, and central tower and spire 180 feet high, a landmark for many miles in this flat district.

This tower had a peal of five bells recast from four in 1730 by Saller of York. Since that time practically nothing has been done to them, and readers of this paper can therefore imagine what a terrible state they had got into. They are rung from the ground floor in the centre of the church, in full view of the congregation.

The present Vicar (Rev. W. P. Wright, the late Secretary and one of the present vice-Presidents of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association) was appointed to the parish by the Archbishop of York in 1905, and being interested in bells and change-ringing, he at once joined the ringers, and soon got on such terms of friendship with them as to induce them to give up "churchyard bob," and to try to learn to ring by method. Thanks to the kindly spirit shewn by the men, his efforts met with much encouragement, and a certain amount of success was attained in Doubles, the band having rung the 6-score once or twice.

The next thing as soon as the way opened was to get the bells rehung, and if possible add a new treble, for which the pit had been left in 1730.

Thanks to the kindness of Mrs. Talbot, the widow of a late churchwarden, the treble was promised last December as a gift to his memory, and a subscription list opened at the same time for the rehunging of the existing five. Subscriptions came in so well that the order was placed in the hands of Messrs. Taylor to begin work as soon as the new year came in, and on January 1st the bells were taken down. They went to Loughborough to be tuned, quarter-turned, and fitted with iron headstocks. The new treble was cast on January 29th, and the whole six hung by March 2nd, the work being opened without any debt.

In the two months' interval diligent practice has been going on handbells, and the local band have made such progress in Minor that several 18-scores have been rung, and a 72c may come off at any time.

The re-opening ceremony and dedication took place on Wednesday, March 6th, at 11 a.m., when the Bishop of Beverley conducted the service. The ringers of Selby Abbey kindly came over for the day, and Mr. J. W. Taylor motored over from Loughborough with two of his men to take part in it.

At the close of the service the Vicar took the new treble bell as the bells were raised in peal in sight of the assembled congregation, who are always greatly interested in the ringing. The splice and the go were pronounced by all the ringers to be excellent. The Vicar had the pleasure of conducting the first 720 on the augmented ring. Among the touch reports is an account of some of the ringing done, and it is most encouraging to note that one of the local band who two months ago could not ring Minor went through an excellent 720 of Plain Bob.

## TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY, ESSEX.

The old five bells of this church have been entirely rehung in an iron frame with all new fittings, and a treble added, by Messrs. Howell and Son, of Ipswich. The Bishop of St. Albans dedicated them previous to a confirmation service on Friday, March 1st. A representative company of the Essex Association, including the Hon. and district Secretaries, and Messrs. W. J. Nevard and W. J. Hazell of Great Bentley, J. Buckingham of Goldhanger, J. Newman of Feering, D. Elliott of Coggeshall, W. Elliott of Kelvedon, and several of the Maldon ringers, rang 720s in various methods after the service. The Rector, the Rev. R. V. O. Graves, entertained the visitors to an excellent tea at The Lion hotel.

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

The annual meeting of this Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday, February 23rd. The bells were raised at 4 o'clock. A service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar, and an interesting address was given by the Rev. F. Owen F. Williams. At the close of the service tea was provided in the school-room, sixty members being present, representing Dudley, Netherton, Brierley Hill, Wordsley, Woolaston, Rowley, Smethwick, Oldbury, West Bromwich, Tipton, and Sedgley. Mrs. Maitland, Mrs. Clarke, and Mrs. Williams, presided at the tea-tables, while the wants of the members were duly attended to by Mesdames Spittle, J. and H. Goodman, H. and T. Sheppard, Faulkes, and Miss Woodall.

After tea the Vicar presided at the business meeting. The minutes of the last annual and quarterly meetings were read and confirmed, in which reference was made to the absence of the President through sickness. The Vicar thanked the members for the kind expressions of sympathy which the minutes contained, and said how

thankful he was that he had so far recovered his health and strength to have the extreme pleasure of presiding over them at their annual meeting. All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, and ten new members were enrolled, including Miss M. Gilbanks, of Woolaston, who succeeded in ringing her first peal the previous Monday at Oldswinford.

It was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Smethwick.

The Chairman promised to give a book on bells to the band who accomplishes the most peals during the ensuing year. Mr. J. Smith has kindly promised to write a paper on the Compensation Act, to be read at the next meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar; the Rev. O. F. Williams for his able address; Mr. North for presiding at the organ; the ladies for their services; and the donors for the tea. An adjournment was then made to the belfry, when several short touches were rung of Triples, Major, and Caters in various methods, but owing to sickness near the church the ringing had to be curtailed. A social hour was passed at The Bell inn, where touches and tunes on the handbells, and harmony was indulged in.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge district was held at Hadlow on Saturday, January 26th, and was attended by over forty members from various places within and without the district. The Committee meeting was held at 4.30. The minutes of the last committee meeting were read and confirmed. Six new members were elected, and places for holding meetings for the ensuing year were discussed, and suggestions made for confirmation at the general meeting.

At 5.30 the members sat down to tea at The Albion hotel. The chair was taken by the Rev. S. H. Monypenny, supported by J. Burgess, esq., churchwarden. At the conclusion of the repast the rev. Chairman addressed a few words of welcome to the members, saying it gave him the greatest pleasure to see so many ringers there.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The district secretary then read his annual report, which was considered extremely satisfactory. Mr. W. Latter and Mr. D. Wright were unanimously re-elected to the respective offices of district secretary, and district representative on the central committee, with the thanks of the members for their past services. Both briefly replied, thanking the members for their renewed confidence.

It was unanimously decided that the meetings for the year should be held as suggested by the committee, viz.: spring meeting at Chiddingstone, summer meeting (by kind invitation of Miss Leny) at Speldhurst, autumn meeting at Shipbourne, and the next annual district meeting at Westerham.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Miss R. Macalpine Leny for her kindness in inviting the members to Staplehurst again this year.

The district secretary read letters of apology for non-attendance from J. P. S. Hervey, esq. (vicar's warden), and the Rev. F. S. Shreiber, Vicar of Shipbourne.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. H. S. Monypenny for presiding, and to J. Burgess and H. S. Warde, esqs. for kindly attending the meeting. In supporting the votes of thanks, the district secretary said that they as members were very much indebted to the people of Hadlow for the ready response they gave to the appeal for

funds to rehang the bells. Although all that was necessary had not been done, it must be remembered that it was a lot of money to raise in a village like Hadlow. He happened to know that when the bells broke down, an appeal was about to be issued for funds to build a parish room, but the Rev. S. H. Monypenny kindly postponed this appeal in order to give the bells the first place. On Mr. Burgess had fallen the brunt of the work as secretary of the fund, and he was to be congratulated on the success of the undertaking. In Mr. Warde they had a sincere friend, for when the bells broke down, and the authorities well-nigh despaired of raising the money to rehang them, it was Mr. Warde who called a meeting of the clergy, churchwardens, and ringers at his house, and discussed the situation, and the success of the undertaking was due in a great measure to his energy.

The Rev. S. H. Monypenny first responded. He said it was a great pleasure to attend a meeting like that. In a brief speech he referred in a kindly manner to the great assistance the clergy received from their ringers.

Mr. J. Burgess, in responding, expressed his delight at attending the meeting, and desired to sincerely thank the Association for the kind donation, and also to the members of the district for their subscriptions to the fund.

Mr. H. S. Warde said he was very glad that he had been able to do a little towards getting the bells rehung, and now they were done, as it was just over fifty years since a peal was rung upon them by a local band, he hoped to see that repeated by the present local company before long. It had given him the greatest pleasure to attend the meeting.

This concluded the business, and after a few selections had been given on the handbells by the Tunbridge Wells company the members dispersed, some going to the tower, others to Tonbridge, where the bells had been placed at the members' disposal.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the north-eastern district of this Association was held at Mistley on Saturday, March 19th, members present from Great and Little Bentley, Great Bromley, Colchester, Harwich, etc., in addition to the local company, and the district master and secretary.

A tea was provided at The Thorn hotel, and at the meeting which followed three ringing members and one probationer were elected, and the election of two non-resident members were confirmed.

A letter was read from the Rev. Canon Norman, expressing regret that a previous engagement prevented him from attending, and hoping that the visitors would spend a pleasant afternoon and evening. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded him for his good wishes and the use of the bells, and the Rev. N. H. Johnson, himself a ringer, was asked to convey this to the Rector. This he kindly consented to do, and on behalf of the Rector said how pleased they all were to welcome the members of the Association, and hoped they would soon visit Mistley again.

The train service unfortunately would not allow some of the visitors to stay long after the meeting, and it was decided that when the next meeting is held there it must be in the summer when there is a later train.

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## 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,—Were it not for one observation in your leaderette of March 2nd regarding the above, I would not have further troubled you. After stating "you have heard a few particulars concerning the determination of the committee who sat to adjudicate on it," you further add, "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." Is there no reason for this? Did the committee act honestly and straightforward in the matter? Take my own case. I live in the borough of Stockport, where the Committee sat, and not a single word reached me to enter an appearance. Mr. H. Chapman also lives close to, he was treated likewise. Further, why were the two deputies from New Mills not asked to express an opinion; they were especially asked to listen and report on this so-called peal? Is this honest? Is it impartial? Is it creditable to pass judgment and then, as if to add insult to injury, taunt us that we were afraid of expressing an opinion? "Only one of the objectors heard the peal." Probably true, but it is only half the truth, how could it be otherwise when only one was asked to be present, and that at the last moment? The first I knew of the meeting was five days afterwards, when the report was handed to me (type-written), which you have since published, signed by Mr. Holding. Mr. Pritchard does well in advising them to go for it again, and wishes them success. Can they conscientiously look at a tablet stating "that a true and complete peal," etc., without feeling it to a direct lie? Surely ringers of twenty years' standing and upwards are capable of expressing an honest opinion. Mr. Pritchard, in his first letter, introduces the composer. Might I ask him to give us his brother's version of it (for he heard the whole of it, I believe), especially that which happened from 12.15 to 2 p.m. Did he consider it worthy of an ordinary, much less a record performance?

A. BARNES.

## CHANGE-RINGING AND FOOTBALL.

SIR,—As Mr. McFarlane in his first letter asked for the opinions of other members of the Exercise on the above subject, I for one thought that he had sufficient answers to his letter to satisfy him on the subject, but now that he has opened the subject afresh I hope you will spare me a few lines to answer him, as he refers to my first letter. Now anyone would have thought that Mr. McFarlane might have anticipated the replies which he received to his letter of the 9th ult. Surely he did not expect the members of the Exercise to condemn change-ringing in favour of football. He says he hardly thinks it fair for those who have never gone in for football giving their opinions. May I ask him why? Has he not distinctly asked for the opinions of the Exercise? and if he wanted the opinions of footballers why did not he send his letter to a footballer to a football paper? For the liberty he says I have taken in quoting from "Rope-Sight," I tender my apologies to the parties concerned. I quoted the words as an illustration, and I don't think either Mr. Troyte or Mr. Snowdon would have taken objection to them. But now Mr. McFarlane brings cricket into the argument, which I consider as being outside the question, but if he would like our opinion on cricket and football, I should certainly vote in favour of cricket. I asked for a record in football, but he substitutes a record for cricket, which I take shows his inability to produce one. I agree with the suggestion of College Youth that he should show his ability as a change-ringer by standing in a peal. I am a constant reader of this paper but have never seen his name in a peal-record. If he has not taken part in a peal he will find it a bit trying if it is on a heavy ring. With reference to the expected reply from the man in the street, I quite agree with Mr. Macfarlane what the answer would be, but he did not ask for the opinion of the man in the street when he wrote his letter.

A CHANGE-RINGER.

[This correspondence is now closed.]

## A SUGGESTION.

SIR,—Saturday, April 20th, being Cup Final Day, cheap trips to London will be run from all parts of the country, and probably a number of ringers will take the opportunity of spending a day in the metropolis. I feel sure many of them would like to have a pull at one of the London churches, and if it could be made possible for any tower to be opened to visitors for an hour or so on that day, and the particulars as to time, number of bells, etc., published in your valuable paper, it would be greatly appreciated, and no doubt taken advantage of by many ringers.

STEDMAN CATERS.

## A GOOD PROPOSAL.

SIR,—I have been staying in the town of Royston, in Hertfordshire, and was very much struck with the musical ring of six bells. I wondered if the inhabitants of that town knew what magnificent music they were losing through not having a ring of eight bells. I understand from enquiries that the frame is all ready in the tower waiting for the additional two bells. I heard that this is the thirtieth year of the Vicar's (Rev. J. Harrison's) ministry in the parish. I think, in commemoration of this, the two bells wanted ought to be placed in the tower, as a memorial of the Vicar's excellent work. Perhaps some may think eight bells would make more noise than six, but this is wrong. I shall look in your valuable paper for a notification that Royston tower contains a peal of eight. I hope some one in Royston will take the matter in hand.

A PASSER-BY.

## Obituary.

## EDGAR COLLINS.

Many of our readers will hear with much regret, of the death of this well-known ringer on the 5th inst., in his 63rd year, at the West London Hospital, Hammersmith Road, W., from exhaustion following an operation for sarcoma of the leg, succumbing to the first real illness of his life. He was a native of Worlingworth, Suffolk, and learned his ringing in that neighbourhood. He will be much missed by all who were associated with him. His company was always desired, as, besides, his ability as a ringer he was always cheerful, full of anecdotes relating to his favourite pastime, and straightforward in all his dealings. He was, indeed, a fine specimen of an English working man, and it will be a long time before his cheery face is forgotten. He was always pleased to attend any meeting of the Fulham Society, and his friend Mr. Driver was with him the day previous to his death, when he spoke of his old ringing days and some of his old friends, particularly mentioning Mr. James Motts, of Ipswich, and Mr. W. Crickmer, of Earl Soham. For the past three years he had been a regular member of the St. Peter's (Staines) society, and he will be a great loss to that district. His most notable peal was the 16,608 of Oxford Treble Bob rung at Debenham, Suffolk, on June 5th, 1892, in 10 hrs. 32 mins., when he rang the 7th, and in his chats about this peal he always claimed it to be the best long peal ever rang, taking into account the quality of the striking. As lately as February 11th, 1905, he rang 10,208 of Plain Bob at Ashted, for the Surrey Association. He was very keen on always having good striking, and always impressed on young ringers that he never booked a peal himself if the striking was not good, and that he would rather ring a good touch than a bad peal.

The funeral took place at Barnes new cemetery, East Sheen, on Saturday, the 9th inst. After the committal a course of Kent Treble Bob (his favourite method) was rung over his grave by E. V. Harvey, 1-2; W. E. Judd, 3-4; J. W. Driver, 5-6; L. Attwater, 7-8; also a course of Grandsire Triples, these representing the Fulham society. The members of St. Peter's society, Staines, sent a very nice wreath, and during the time of the interment rang half-muffled touches on the church bells. Mr. T. Beadle and Mr. T. Spencer represented the Isleworth society, and Mr. J. Merrick the Feltham society.

A. J. R.

NOTE TO THE IPSWICH PEAL.—The bells were rung with half-muffled clappers as a last tribute of respect to their late brother-ringer, who took part in the 16,608 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Debenham on Whit Monday, June 6th, 1892.

## THE FEWEST NUMBER OF CALLS.

A peal of Bob Major has recently been published with fifty-seven calls, which is claimed as a record for the least number of calls, and a complaint is made that "yet" it was rejected from the C.C. Collection. Now apart from the number of calls, which is not a very important matter, this peal was totally unworthy of being among a collection of the best peals in the method, and further the collection does at present contain a peal with a few bobs and singles. But does fifty-seven calls represent the fewest number you can get in a peal in the method? In a peal of Bob Major, 5040 changes, you have forty-five courses; what is the least number of calls which will join these forty-five together? I start by saying that these forty-five must be forty-five *whole* courses, not pieces of a larger number of courses which together make up the same length. For this reason. When you join whole courses by bobs you run the extreme distance between the calls, but when you join pieces of courses your bobs must be at intervals apart less than a whole course. Thus in the following touches—

W R		W R	
A		B	
5 2 4 3 6	-	4 5 2 3 6	- -
3 5 4 2 6	-	3 4 2 5 6	-
4 2 3 5 6	- -	2 5 3 4 6	- -
3 4 2 5 6	-	4 2 3 5 6	-
2 3 4 5 6	-	3 5 4 2 6	- -
		2 3 4 5 6	-

The three bobs w in A affect the same three bells, and are a whole course apart, but in B your first wrong switches you into the course 52436. This you ring only as far as the R, and consequently these two calls are one lead short of a course apart. Of course in touch A the two bobs in the third course are only six leads apart, but you have already rung the whole of the plain course, and you must call a bob R or come round; whereas in touch B you lose altogether that part of the course 52436 lying between the R and the following w.

Well then you have for your peal forty-five whole courses. Now if you call a bob at R in each of these three courses, they will fall into fifteen groups of three courses each, similar to the following.

R		R	
4 2 3 5 6	-	6 3 4 2 5	-
3 4 2 5 6	-	4 6 3 2 5	-
2 3 4 5 6	-	3 4 6 2 5	-

This will take forty-five calls. Again if you have two groups as the following—

R		R	
4 2 3 5 6	-	2 4 3 5 6	-
3 4 2 5 6	-	3 2 4 5 6	-
2 3 4 5 6	-	4 3 2 5 6	-

by substituting a single for a bob in each, you can join the six courses into one block.

R	
x 4 2 3 5 6	-
3 4 2 5 6	-
3 2 4 5 6	s
4 3 2 5 6	-
2 4 3 5 6	-
2 3 4 5 6	s

If we treat fourteen out of our fifteen three-course blocks in this way, we shall reduce the number of blocks to eight, and still have used only forty-five courses.

Now assume that our eight blocks are the following—

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

Each of these, except one, consists of six courses joined together by B B S B B S as block x and the other of three courses joined by three bobs. Next call a bob w in course 23456. This will gather into one block the three 23456, 35426, and 52436. We have now six blocks, and made forty-eight calls. Next call a bob M in course 52436. This will join to the large block we have already got, the two six-course blocks 42635 and 62534. We have now four blocks, and have made fifty-one calls. Next call a bob w in course 42635; this will add to our large block the six-course blocks 34625 and 23645. We have now got one large block of thirty-nine courses, and one smaller block of six courses, which contains all the 4-6s. And we have made fifty-four calls. Now as we have two blocks, we cannot join them by bobs, so we must use singles. If in the course 62345 we call a single at M, that will switch us into course 52346. We can now ring through the whole of the six 4-6s, and then another single will bring us back to where we left the course 62345. We have now joined into one whole all the forty-five courses, and as we have never used a call which was not absolutely necessary, we may conclude that the number we have used—fifty-six—is the lowest possible number.

We may write out the peal in full.

5040.					
2 3 4 5 6	W	M	R		
4 2 6 3 5	-	-	6		
3 4 6 2 5	-		6		
6 2 3 4 5	-		-		
5 2 3 4 6		s	6		
2 3 6 4 5		s	2		
6 2 5 3 4	-	-	6		
5 2 4 3 6	-		6		
3 5 4 2 6	-		6		
2 3 4 5 6	-		6		

Each of the courses marked "6" consists of Bob, Bob, Single, Bob, Bob, Single.

In selecting the first forty-five courses I paid no particular attention to musical qualities, but it may be noted that this peal has the 6th twenty-four times at home, and 2-3 never in 6th place.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

## THE HENRY JOHNSON ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION DINNER.—MARCH 2, 1907.

So many years have elapsed since this annual function was first initiated, that it naturally happens that a great deal of sameness attaches to each successive one, but the increasing popularity of the festival bears ample testimony to the wisdom of the Guild in thus perpetuating the memory of their illustrious member. Although not an absolute record in point of numbers the attendance was larger than anticipated, and truly representative of the ringers of England. The chairman of the gathering, Mr. A. T. King, of the Middlesex Association, was supported by the Guild's presiding ringing master, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, of the Yorkshire Association, the churchwardens of St. Martin's, the Rev. H. H. McNeice, of Harborne, and other gentlemen.

An excellent and well-served dinner was provided by the

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management of Ye Olde Royal hotel, and at its close the chairman, who was received with hearty enthusiasm, rose to propose the usual toast of "King, Church, and State." Reminding his audience of the close connection existing between ringers and this toast, in that they were so often called upon to give expression by their ringing to the National feelings in connection with King and State, he paid a short tribute to the character of our deservedly beloved King. He then went on to refer to the numerous ringers of the Kingdom as a large army of church workers, whose loyal assistance might be of so much value to the Church in any crisis she had to undergo, and especially at the present time when the Church seemed more bent than ever on availing herself of the intelligent assistance of laymen.

The speaker's remarks were listened to with the greatest attention, and the toast was honoured as might have been expected.

After a short selection on the piano by Mrs. Davies, the hon. secretary, Mr. W. H. Godden, referred to the many letters of apology he had received for non-attendance, reading extracts from the more interesting ones—from Sir Arthur Heywood, Dr. Cherry, Rev. Canon Sutton, and the Mayor of Sutton Coldfield.

The chairman then rose to propose the toast of the evening, "The memory of the late Henry Johnson." Prefacing his remarks by saying how greatly he felt the honour the Guild had done him in inviting him there that evening, he referred to the fact that so many of those meetings had been previously presided over by chairmen from all parts of the country, that his audience could hardly expect to hear anything from him on the subject which would be new to them. However, by enquiry, and reading up, he had been able to arrive at an understanding of the character of the late Henry Johnson, whom he had not known personally, like his friend on the right Mr. Hattersley had. Assuring them that they did well to continue to honour the memory of one who was pre-eminently simple and kind-hearted, with a keen sense of honour, absolutely truthful, and never tired of encouraging others, he looked upon the late Henry Johnson as the noblest and truest type of a bellringer. With a zeal that was never ending, but ever beginning, he had devoted the leisure of an exceptionally long life to the best interests of his beloved exercise. He understood that among other things striven for by Mr. Johnson had been change-ringing for Sunday services, thereby identifying himself with the sacred side of his calling, and shewing that he looked upon the services of the Church as stepping stones to higher things. He called upon the audience to rise and drink in reverent silence to the memory of the late Henry Johnson.

In proposing "Continued prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild," Mr. J. S. Pritchett was in particularly happy vein, and convulsed the company by a suggestion that as he had on so many previous occasions been so actively associated with these gatherings, some of this continued prosperity must naturally be due to his eloquence. In giving a short *résumé* of various occurrences in the life of the Guild during the previous year, he mentioned the loss sustained by the death of one of their members, Mr. William Wakley, of Burton-on-Trent, paying a high tribute to his worthy character and the work he had done in furthering the more abstruse branches of ringing. He then looked round and congratulated many of them present upon various feats accomplished during the past year, e.g. the first peal rung at Solihull by a purely local band; Mr. James George on ringing his 333rd peal, one of Stedman, conducted by himself; and Mr. John Carter on ringing two peals of Stedman Cinques, one conducted by himself. He referred to the excellent services rendered by Mr. A. Walker as ringing master at St. Martin's, and the character of the ringing he had been able to maintain there, not only on the usual practice nights, but for the regular Sunday services. With the toast he coupled the health of their Honorary Secretary, Mr. Godden, who always performed his duties so well.

The various points in this speech were evidently much relished, and the toast was enthusiastically received.

Mr. Godden, in responding, thanked the company for the way in which they had drunk his health. When first joining the St. Martin's Society of that day, at the commencement of his ringing career, he had been proud to become acquainted

with the many good men in its ranks, and although during the lapse of time many of them had fallen out, there were still capital fellows left, and he was yet more proud to-day to recognise them as his own personal friends. To be able to count such men his friends, as an outset, was far more than any little he had been able to accomplish as their Secretary. He then proceeded to give the toast of "Kindred Ringing Societies," emphasising the fact of their mutual prosperity being so intimately bound up together. He referred to the pleasure it gave him to see present that evening their friend Mr. C. H. Hattersley, who had probably known the late Henry Johnson better than any one then present. He believed that this was the first time Mr. Hattersley had attended such a meeting since the occasion on which he had presented Mr. Johnson with his portrait, subscribed for by the ringers of England. He also coupled with this toast the names of Messrs. Newman and John Smith, the present and past Secretaries of the Worcester Association, and Mr. F. Cope, of the Stafford Archdeaconry Association.

Mr. Hattersley, in responding, was in a most interestingly reminiscent mood, instancing episodes of his early acquaintance with the late Henry Johnson over 40 years ago. He bore eloquent testimony to the worth of Mr. Johnson, his abilities in composition, and the wonderful fund of anecdote he was ever relating. He also referred to Mr. Johnson's contemporaries with whom he became acquainted about the same time, notably with the late William Chattell, and William Hallsworth, of Walsall. After referring to the excellent feeling which had always existed between Sheffield and Birmingham ringers, he instanced some of Mr. Johnson's anecdotes, and wound up by saying that he looked upon the late Henry Johnson as the premier parent of the success of the St. Martin's Guild.

Mingled with the speeches were many excellent musical and ringing performances. Capital songs were rendered by Messrs. T. Davies, R. T. Hughes, and F. Cope, jun., while Mr. H. Withers, on the dulcimer, was as usual quite a host in himself. Courses of Stedman Triples, Superlative Surprise and Kent Treble Bob Major most admirably tapped by him were vociferously applauded, and led to his giving by particular desire a beautiful rendering of "Robin Adair." Other members of the Guild, Messrs. A. P. Smith, T. Russam, T. Miller, A. Walker, H. Withers, W. Short, and J. Carter were responsible for courses of Grandsire Cinques and Caters, and Stedman Cinques and Caters on handbells, retained in hand; while Messrs. Short, Miller and Withers, accompanied by Mr. Walker on the piano, gave examples of tunes upon the handbells.

Mr. Pritchett, in proposing "The health of the Chairman," referred to the pleasure he had given the meeting that evening by the admirable way in which he had performed his duties, and then referred to Mr. King's services to the Exercise at large by becoming responsible for the production of the annual peal analysis. This toast was honoured with stirring applause, and the usual vocal compliment; after which Mr. King responded in a few words expressive of the pleasure given him by his reception, and going on to inform the audience that his colleagues on the Analysis committee—Messrs. Borrett, Trollope and Griffin—had now practically worked up the arrears, and got the upper hand of their work.

Shortly afterwards the proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the Nottingham District was held at Beeston, on Saturday, March 2nd, members being present from Long Eaton, Sandiacre, Sawley, Ilkeston, Stanton, Bulwell, Eastwood, Cotgrave, Lenton, Mansfield and Beeston, also a few friends from Gainsborough and Derby. The following were elected officers for 1907-8: W. Clifford, sen., chairman; R. Clarke and W. Clifford, jun., committee; R. Clifford, local hon. sec. Monthly meetings for the Nottingham district will commence on April 27th, notice of which will appear in "THE BELL NEWS."

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1907.

THE discussion upon football as contracted with ringing which has found vent in our columns, we have thought proper to bring to an end. Very little interest has been exhibited by our readers in the correspondence; perhaps they thought that an attempt at a comparison between change-ringing and football came very near to the height of gross absurdity. The latter game may be all, or more, than its votaries say it is, but there will be a difficulty to make sensible people believe that it errs on the side of refinement. The attempted comparison with our Art is unfortunate. Ringing is carried on under such different conditions, that the slightest breath of a contrast between the two can only be made at the risk of being thought light-headed, or something worse. We pursue our Art generally in quiet, without the applause or otherwise of the mob, and without fear of the results of success, or failure. May change-ringing always be carried on under such conditions. But we need not pursue the question beyond saying

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that we know of no game, or pastime, or recreation, which can compare with change-ringing, if the mental faculties are considered.

In our last number there appeared the figures of a peal of Treble Bob Major, the composition of Mr. E. TIMBRELL, of Chipping, Lancashire. This peal has the extraordinary number of 17,120 changes, the longest of Treble Bob Major yet produced. We have received no hint whatever from any one questioning its correctness, so we may assume its truth. In fact, the composer is no novice in such matters, as is well known. Shall we be likely to hear shortly that some ringing company will attempt this peal, and thus break the record? There was a period when such a composition as this would not have been left alone for a week.

Good Friday coming next week, this paper will be published a day earlier than usual. All reports, etc., should reach us not later than the first post on Tuesday morning.

### The Metropolis.

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On Tuesday, March 12, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

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ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. .. 4.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This composition now rung for the first time, has the full combinations of 4, 5, and 6, with each of these bells sixteen consecutive courses in 5ths place without the 2nd being in 5 6.

### OXHEY, HERTS.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE OXHEY SOCIETY)

On Saturday, March 16, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

#### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALFRED D. BATES* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 5.
THOMAS L. SIMMONS* .. .. 2.	HUBERT EDEN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM G. MOORE† .. .. 3.	HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR W. DIX* .. .. 4.	FRANK W. BRINKLOW .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by G. N. PRICE.

\*First peal in the method. \*First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells, all the band being members of the local company.

## EYNSFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BROWNING† .. Treble.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.† .. 2.	†REUBEN BALDWIN .. 6.
THOMAS BOOKER† .. 3.	†HUBERT J. BLACKWELL .. 7.
ALBERT BATES† .. 4.	†ISAAC EMERY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FRED A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by ISAAC EMBRY.

For calling see K.C.A. report 1906, page 79. †First peal of Major. †First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

## ERITH, KENT.

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

On Saturday, March 16, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST LINCOLN .. .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.)

On Saturday, March 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minute,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 6½ cwt.

THOMAS L. ALLEN .. .. Treble.	JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. 5.
GEORGE CLEAL .. .. 2.	FREDERICK H. DEXTER .. 6.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 3.	JOSEPH S. NEEDHAM .. 7.
ALFRED MILLIS .. .. 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

This peal has the extent of the 4th, 5th, and 6th.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

HENRY HUTTON .. .. Treble.	HENRY L. GARFATH .. .. 6.
FRANK BLONDELL .. .. 2.	GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. 7.
CHARLES HAZELDEN .. 3.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. 8.
ROBERT ROFFEY† .. .. 4.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 9.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 5.	*WILLIAM LOADER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

†First peal of Stedman Caters. \*First peal on ten bells. For figures of peal see page 89 of "Stedman."

## EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. Treble,	ALFRED CLAYTON .. .. 5.
ASTHUR B. CARPENTER .. 2.	*THOMAS STEERS .. .. 6.
HARRY LAST .. .. 3.	ALBERT CALVER .. .. 7.
CHARLES DEAN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIE A. P. HEYWOOD, and

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

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

## WESTBROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

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

On Saturday, March 16, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ELIJAH PAGETT .. .. Treble.	REUBEN HALL .. .. 5.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. 2.	JESSE SCREEN .. .. 6.
ALFRED ROWLEY .. .. 3.	*JAMES HARE .. .. 7.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM COOPER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

\*First peal in the method.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 2.	DAVID COLLINS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 3.	WILLIAM GRIMES .. .. 7.
EDWARD SHERWOOD .. .. 4.	FREDERICK TILLET .. .. Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Reference elsewhere.

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE PERRY .. .. Treble.	†STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 5.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 2.	JOHN CREASY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BALLS† .. .. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 7.
EDGAR HICKS .. .. 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, and Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

†First peal in the method.

## BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

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

REES JAMES .. .. Treble.	RICHARD BUNSTONE .. 5.
JOHN BULLEN .. .. 2.	JOHN W. JONES .. .. 6.
THOMAS J. EVANS .. .. 3.	JOHN COX .. .. 7.
RICHARD EVANS .. .. 4.	JOHN EVANS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. Treble.	JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 6.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 2.	ALFRED WINDSOR .. .. 7.
FREDK. R. BARRACLOUGH* 3.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 8.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 4.	†FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. 9.
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. 5.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters. †Fiftieth peal.

**FRIESTON, BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, March 16, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Being one 720 of Kent Treble Bob, three of Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

ENOS CLAYTON .. .. Treble.	CHRISTOPHER STAFFURTH .. 4.
ALFRED O. BARBER .. .. 2.	ALEXANDER SHARP .. .. 5.
ALAN E. STAFFORTH .. .. 3.	JOHN SHARP .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN SHARP.

Rung, partly, as a farewell to Mr. C. Staffurth, on his departure for Argentina, South America; and partly on the occasion of the 65th birthday of Mr. A. O. Barber, who has now completed fifty years of bellringing.

**DARLINGTON, DURHAM.**

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 16, 1907, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, Wells and London Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt

WALTER MOUNTFORD* .. Treble.	ROBERT B. WILSON .. .. 4.
WILLIAM WOOKEY* .. .. 2.	G. J. LUNGLEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE W. PARK .. .. 3.	CHARLES TODD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. TODD.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob Minor ever rung in Darlington, and the first by all the band.

**DARLINGTON, DURHAM.**

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
(THE ST. JOHN'S GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 16, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

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

RICHARD MONCASTER* .. Treble.	†JAMES BAXTER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM D. LISTER* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. PORTER .. 6.
THOMAS CLARK .. .. 3.	*THOMAS SCOLLOCK .. .. 7.
ALBERT HUNTER .. .. 4.	*JOHN W. MOSCROP .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. PORTER.

This is the quickest peal on the bells, and the first of Stedman in Darlington by an entirely local company. It was rung in honour of the 60th birthday of the treble ringer. \*First peal in the method. †60th peal.

**BACUP.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, March 16, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRED HOWARTH .. .. Treble.	STANLEY PICKUP .. .. 5.
GEORGE BROWN .. .. 2.	Z LORD .. .. 6.
JAMES LOMAS† .. .. 3.	*FRANK GEE .. .. 7.
ARTHUR W. WHITWORTH .. 4.	*RICHARD WOODRUFF .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by Z. LORD.

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

**DEFECTIVE REPORT.**—A peal of Grandsire Triples rung at West Hartlepool has been sent without any date.

**PEAL CORRECTION.**—The ringer of the treble in the peal at Hailsham, recorded last week, was George H. Howse.

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

**Miscellaneous.**

**THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

**PLYMOUTH.**—On Sunday, March 3rd, at Charles Church, for morning, afternoon and evening services, several courses of Grandsire Triples were rung by G. H. Marsh, R. Dobson, W. Niles, G. Charley, C. Roach, F. Hockaday, G. Stroud, E. W. Marsh, W. Hiscott, W. Greenwood, Rev. H. A. Fleetwood. On Monday, March 4th, for practice, 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Hiscott, F. Dunaway, J. Tyler, G. Charley, E. W. Marsh, G. Stroud, W. H. Marsh conductor, W. Greenwood. 120 Stedman Doubles. F. Dunaway, W. Hiscott, F. Hockaday, E. W. Marsh, W. H. Marsh conductor, G. Stroud. Another 120. C. Roach, W. Hiscott, E. W. Marsh, G. Stroud, W. H. Marsh conductor, W. Greenwood.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

**MALDON (Essex).**—On Wednesday, March 6th, on the occasion of a Confirmation Service, 720 Double Court, conducted by H. Mansfield, and 720 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by A. Gozzett. E. Finch, A. Mansfield, W. Brinkley, T. Gozzett, H. Mansfield, A. Gozzett.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—On Sunday, March 10th, at St. Chad's Hall, Bath Street, on handbells, six courses of Grandsire Triples. J. Smallwood, T. Miller conductor, J. E. Groves, E. Mullins. And 210 in the same method. R. Ducker, J. Smallwood, J. E. Groves, E. Mullins conductor.

**BEDFORD.**—On Thursday, January 24th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Stapleton, A. Robinson, L. Harlow, C. R. Lilley, R. Nicholls, W. Stapleton conductor. On January 27th, 360 Bob Minor. A. Robinson, J. Jones, W. Stapleton, C. Bates, C. R. Lilley, C. Stapleton conductor. On January 31st, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Bates, C. R. Lilley conductor, R. Nicholls, L. Harlow, P. Cooke, C. Stapleton. And 720 Bob Minor. F. G. Horpin, L. Harlow, J. Jones, P. Cooke, C. R. Lilley, C. Stapleton conductor. On February 3rd, 600 Canterbury Minor. A. Bates, J. Bates, W. Stapleton, P. Cooke, C. R. Lilley, A. Robinson conductor. On February 10th, 360 Kent Treble Bob. J. Jones, E. J. Gale, C. R. Lilley, A. Robinson, P. Cooke, W. Stapleton conductor. 360 Kent. J. Bates, C. Stapleton, W. Stapleton, E. J. Gale, P. Cooke, C. R. Lilley conductor. And 720 Kent. W. Stapleton conductor, C. Stapleton, E. J. Gale, A. Robinson, P. Cooke, C. R. Lilley. On February 14th, on handbells, 120 each of Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire. J. Bates, P. Cooke, C. R. Lilley conductor, L. Harlow. On February 17th, 720 College Single. C. Bates, P. Cooke, W. Stapleton conductor, C. R. Lilley, C. Stapleton, A. Robinson. 720 Bob Minor. W. Stapleton, J. Jones, C. R. Lilley, P. Cooke, J. Bates, A. Robinson conductor. On February 20th, on handbells, 120 each of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Canterbury. J. Bates, P. Cooke, C. R. Lilley, A. Robinson conductor. On February 23rd, 720 Bob Minor. J. Bates, J. Jones, C. R. Lilley, P. Cooke, A. Robinson, C. Stapleton conductor. On March 3rd, 360 Double Court. J. Bates, C. Stapleton, W. Stapleton, A. Robinson, P. Cooke, C. R. Lilley conductor.

**HEMINGBROUGH (Yorks).**—On another page will be found a report of the "opening." The first 720 on the bells was a 720 of Kent. F. Cryer, F. G. Burleigh, J. W. Taylor, J. Wells, F. W. Stokes, Rev. W. P. Wright conductor. 720 Plain Bob. A. Dobson, F. W. Stokes, F. Cryer, A. Hall, H. Fairlam, Rev. W. P. Wright conductor. Another 720 Plain Bob. Rev. W. P. Wright, A. Fairlam, M. Tune first 720, A. Hall, F. Cryer, F. W. Stokes conductor. A 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. A. Dobson, H. Fairlam, F. Cryer, A. Hall, F. W. Stokes, A. Hudson.

**SOLIHULL (Warwickshire).**—On Sunday, March 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. W. Meeks, R. Bragg, J. Bragg, W. Shepherd, G. Martineau, S. N. Bragg, H. Withers conductor, S. Bragg, A. Walker, S. Jessop.

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## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—A business meeting will be held at The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, on Tuesday, March 26th, at 9 p.m. A district meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, April 20th. Ringing from 3 to 7.30 p.m., after which there will be a social gathering at The Green Dragon, when all members and friends will be most heartily welcomed.

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

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, March 30th, at Leeds. Bells (12), will be available for ringing. Business meeting will be held at The Royal Oak hotel at 7 p.m. Election of all officers for coming year. A good attendance of members requested.

FRED R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. 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. Chappell. 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 Hertford County Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Towers open at 2 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with address by the Dean. Tea in the Corn Exchange at 5.45, followed by business meeting. We have four peals of bells—10, 8, and two peals of 6.

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 Allhallows Lane, at one o'clock, followed by business meeting. The bells of St. Paul's (10), and St. Peter's (6), will be available during the day. Service at St. Paul's at 5 o'clock. A room at the Church House, St. Paul's Square, will be available for handbell ringing.

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. Service in St. Andrew's at 3.30, preacher—Rev. C. D. P. Davies. 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 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock in St. Andrew's schools, 1s. each to those who give notice, and 1s. 6d. to those who do not give notice of their intention to be present. 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 use of 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.*  
Hinnton, Saffron Walden.

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.**—The usual monthly meeting will take place at Wortley on Easter Monday instead of the Saturday following. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Committee meeting at 6 p.m.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Easter Monday, April 1st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m.

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

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Havant on Easter Monday, April 1st. Bells available the whole of the day. There will be a short service in the parish church at 5 o'clock. Tea at the Parish Institute at 5.30. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly inform me by the 27th inst.

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

**The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—East Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Swanage on Easter Monday. Further particulars next week.

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

**The Surrey Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at the Church Room, near All Saints church, Carshalton, on Easter Monday, preceded by tea at 6 o'clock. The bells will be available from about 3 p.m.

CHARLES DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Easter Monday, April 1st. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards. Five minutes walk from Clay Cross, Midland Railway.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Aylsham (10

bells) on Easter Monday, April 1st. The recently-restored ring of eight at Marsham (7 cwt.), will also be open. Dinner at The Black Boys hotel at 1.30 p.m. Those intending to be present at dinner must send notice by March 28th.

C. E. BORRETT, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, Chester Street, Norwich.

**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 Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—A meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, April 6th by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Siddans. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m., and if a sufficient number of members notify their intention of being present, the Hon. Secretary will endeavour to make arrangements for a plain tea on the usual terms. Members are reminded that subscription for 1907 are now due.

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

**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.

FRED WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*  
55, Lutterworth Road, Northampton.

## Situations Wanted.

**BLACKSMITH IMPROVER** requires situation. Used to all general work. Engineers shop preferred. Surprise ringer on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells. Ringer of London Major and Royal. WALTER APPERLEY, 20, Charles Street, St. James', Bristol.

**CLERK** seeks situation in Builder or Builder's Merchant's office. Good refs. Age 21. Ringer on 8 or 10 bells. Apply—EDSER, 132, Ingrave Street, York Road, Battersea, S.W.

**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, Lillington Street, Pimlico.

**SITUATION** wanted as Groom, or Groom-Gardener. Ringer. Would like to join a band of ringers. Good references. Apply—W. MARKWELL, High Street, Haddenham, Ely.

**WANTED** Situation as single-handed Gardener. Good references. Good at poultry; also change-ringer on eight bells. Apply—F. WHITEMAN, Wooburn Town, Wooburn, Bucks.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, February 28th, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob with the tenor covering. G. Jordan, G. Gray, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts condnctor, A. Jordan. On Sunday, March 3rd, for morning service, 448 New Cambridge Surprise Major. H. Little, T. J. Watts, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, H. J. Tucker, J. Luckey, W. T. Prior, W. Watts condnctor.

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.

**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.

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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.

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General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the  
31st December, 1906.

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

H. A. HARBEN, *Acting Chairman.*  
J. W. SIMMONDS, } *Directors.*  
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.

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## TREBLE BOB.

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MAJOR—5181.

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26435	2	x	I	2
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Twice repeated.

By using alternate calling IM 2H to second course of either two peals, the changes are reduced to 5056.

ROYAL—5120.

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24536	2		I	

32546			I	
24653	I	2	I	
23456	2		I	

If the first part of the calling is twice repeated, the changes are 7460; Maximus 9792.

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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.

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DOVER. (Kent).—On Sunday evening March 3rd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 336 Grandsire Triples. R. Saunders, C. R. Millway conductor, E. Turner, E. Potter, H. Saywell, G. H. Carter, F. Fairbeard, C. Sheaf. On Friday March 8th, for practice at St. James church, 720 Bob Minor. A. Goodbourn, H. Saunders, E. Potter, J. B. Saunders, C. Turner, G. H. Carter.

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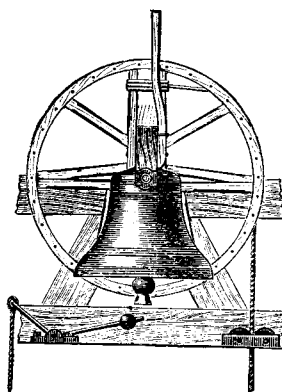
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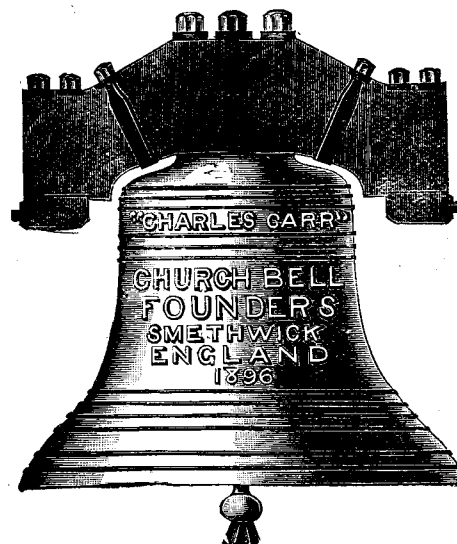
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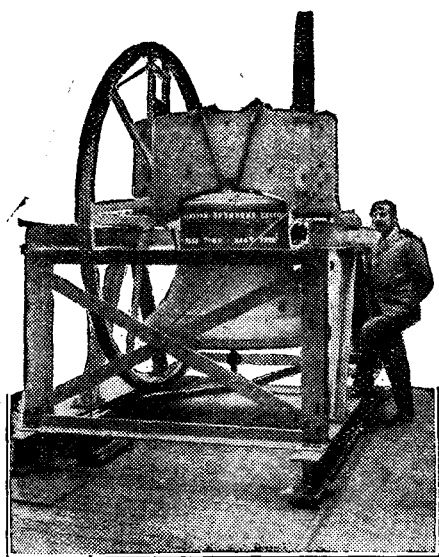
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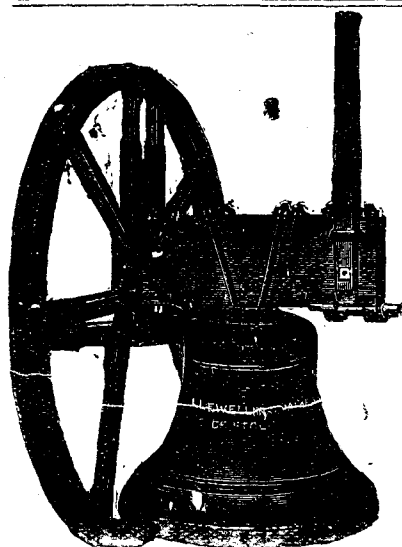
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# The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

No. 1304.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1907.

[Vol. XXVI.]

## THE FEWEST NUMBER OF CALLS.

In my article of last week I find I have made a slight mistake. I left out of my consideration five-part peals, and they have had their revenge by upsetting some of my calculations. I was wrong when I said that a peal with the fewest number of calls must consist of whole courses. Here is a touch made up of broken courses of the length of fifteen courses, which is produced by only twenty calls:—

2	3	4	5	6	W	M
4	3	6	5	2	-	-
5	4	6	3	2	-	-
6	5	2	4	3	-	-

Four times repeated.

It would take twenty-one calls to get a round block the same length in whole courses. By singles this touch may be extended to a peal, and you get the following:—

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6	5	2	4	3	-	-

Four times repeated.

This has only fifty calls: thirty bobs and twenty singles, and is, I think, the minimum. So far as I at present remember, I have not seen another five-part peal without a bob at R. Not that I think this peal a good one, for I consider the use of singles where they are not absolutely needed to turn the course of the changes an abomination.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

## MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

A large striking clock with three dials is to be erected upon the new Co-operative Society's buildings here, and is being made by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

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## NEW ZEALAND.

The bellringers of St. Paul's church, Papanai (Christchurch, New Zealand), visited the families in and around the parish on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, ringing carols on the handbells, and collected £8 in aid of the tower building fund. The church has a fine ring of five bells by Warner, cast in 1880, tenor 7 cwt., but for the past three years they have only been chimed, owing to the state of the state of the tower. The vestry not yet being in a position to raise funds for a new tower, the ringers have taken the responsibility upon themselves, and so far with satisfactory results, though further contributions are required before a start can be made.

A. C. SETON-KELLAWAY, *Hon. Sec.*

## "AMONG THE BELLS."

Another number of this unique publication—part 15—has just appeared. It is fully equal to its predecessors, the illustrations profuse, and the matter of absorbing interest. If the Rev. F. E. Robinson—whose ringing career this work so succinctly sets forth—had only published the illustrations of the churches where he has rung peals, he would have merited the thanks of the Exercise. For there is no publication extant, nor is there likely to be at any time, which gives ringers such a wealth of illustration as this work does, of the churches all over England which possess bells. And remarkable edifices they are, in every conceivable style of architecture; some of them quaint, but more possessing that grandeur which only the churches of our land seem to have. There is, among other good things, a splendid photograph of the collegiate church of St. John, Cirencester, which, as every one knows, contains one of the older peals of twelve.

We understand that several back numbers of these parts are still obtainable, though they may not be for long. Whoever misses the chance of obtaining these interesting parts quickly, will in a short time be unable to do so. They should be eagerly sought for by all who are interested in bells and ringing, and find a place in every ringer's library.

**INCORPORATED CHURCH BUILDING SOCIETY.**—This Society held its monthly meeting on Thursday last at the Society's House, 7, Dean's Yard, Westminster, Canon C. F. Norman in the chair. Grants of money were made in aid of enlarging or otherwise improving the accommodation in the churches at Douglas, St. Matthew, Isle of Man, 50l.; Greenside, St. John the Evangelist, Co. Durham, 55l.; Liscard, St. Mary, Cheshire, 20l.; Lower Halstow, St. Margaret, near Sittingbourne, Kent, 25l.; Marton, St. Margaret, near Lincoln, 20l.; Mere, St. Michael, Wilts, 15l.; Newcastle-on-Tyne, St. Augustine, 60l.; Onecote, St. Luke, near Leek, Staffs, 20l.; Silk Willoughby, St. Denis, near Sleaford, Lincs., 30l.; and West Walton, St. Mary, near Wisbech, Norfolk, 40l. Grants were also made from the special Mission Buildings Fund towards building Mission churches.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Since our last confab. the "B.N." has been filled with plenty of *technique*. (I fear this is not a good word, but let it go). We have had a lot of Surprises—Minor, Major, and I know not what. That was a truthful remark made the other day by some one (I think it was the football champion) to the effect that the Art of change-ringing was (or is) never thoroughly learned. It used to be a fixed and unalterable belief that double-handed peal-ringing on handbells was the top of the tree, but that belief has been shattered by our friend Washbrook, who got higher up. Now, no matter what is done in hand or upon church bells, it is "knocked" by the searchers into the nature, compilation, and anatomy of methods. We are treated one week to a long and learned dissertation of how a method should be named, and how it should not be named. The next week some flaw is found in the argument, and a Surprise is discovered to be no Surprise at all. Thus: "Colledge Bob" is something else, and Richard the Third is found to be Hamlet (figuratively, of course). Of a truth we have some puzzles exhibited to our befogged minds. Some of us have been accustomed to look with small favour upon these researches, frequently condemning them in no measured terms. But evidently they comprise the classical side of the Art, and we must yield the palm to those who write about them. May be some of us will never understand all, or even a moiety of what is written, but that cannot be helped.

There is a hint abroad conveying the impression that a well-known gentleman has in hand a paper which will put the kibosh (or quietus) upon many of the present *advanced* ideas upon methods. If this is so every one will hope that the day of hieroglyphics is over. We want something easy to our mediocre understandings, so that we can follow up clearly, without too much taxation of the brain, the idea of the writer. At any rate we do not want to call in the X-rays to assist us. If this is so, much of the *new* method business will be done away with, I hope. For it is getting a nuisance. Some one takes hold of a method, makes two bells lie still instead of dodging, or such-like trivial alteration, and then dubs it Misery Surprise, or any other name that takes his fancy. Then another says that such a method has been well known for years as *Annable's Disgust*, and so the contention goes on as other claimants appear. If the writer above alluded to clears a lot of these things away with his besom of destruction, he will be doing good service.]

The above allusion to the word "brain" brings to my mind something I recently read in the papers. At some scientific meeting the Master of Eton—the Rev. Canon Lyttelton—said that to develop the brain properly ambidexterity must be inculcated, and then much of our colossal national stupidity would disappear. and Sir Oliver Lodge added that it was a nuisance not to be able to do things with the left hand. Can we not say that ambidexterity is possessed by double-handed ringers? Has not J.W.W. got it in an immense degree? I think so. Should the above remarks from such eminent men be considered, let it not be lost sight of that ambidexterity is the use of both hands equally well; not being merely able to use the left hand to the neglect of the right. Our ambitious young ringers may hope to be equal to any of the giants of the Exercise now that they will begin to practice the use of both hands. What does the prophet

Sevier—Sevier the magician, the soothsayer, etc., etc. say to this?

There has been a lot of twaddle and very little else, written about the merits or demerits of that display of acrobaticism which is known by the appellation of "football." Those of you who have been disgusted by the attempt made to put this on a level with ringing, need not fear I shall say much concerning it. I'll say nothing beyond this: that ringers don't suffer from the betting plague about their performances; they don't require an umpire whose life may be in jeopardy; they don't collect the tag-rag and bobtail together to see what they are going to do; they don't take leave of their senses while ringing.

There is a small advt. to be found in a bottom corner of a page to the effect that the first twenty-four volumes of this paper are for sale. A regrettable circumstance is attached to this. The volumes are the property of Mr. George Baker, who for so many years was associated with Mr. Attree in the compilation of the Analysis. Mr. Baker is retiring altogether from the Exercise, and it will know him no more. I am not the only one who will be sorry for this determination. Mr. Baker was a talented composer, and skilled in the analysis of methods.

We have heard a lot of talk lately about peal-ringing; I refer to that sort of peal-ringing which is said to be below the mark. According to what we read, much of it is below; more than we know of. If this is not altered, the peal columns of "THE BELL NEWS" will come to be regarded as a delusion and a snare. I write this advisedly, for I have heard a great deal lately about several recorded performances which are not worth their salt. There is a certain ringer who has three initials. He will understand. Does he recollect calling (save the mark) a peal of Caters at Leatherhead with the *entire* figures before him? We know there are conductors who always say to the company before starting, "Whatever you do, don't stop." We know perfectly well what this means.

Most of the enquiries which have been held from time to time respecting the truth or falsehood of a performance have been unsatisfactory. The latest is the one on the Mottram peal, and certainly no one is satisfied with that decision—not even the ringers of it, for they must feel uncomfortable at the idea that no one esteems the performance, and the bad odour of it will ever remain. The detection of falseness in peal-ringing by a committee sitting in judgment after it has been rung is a very difficult thing, but that fact makes the matter worse, and does not redound to our credit as ringers. No matter how we may preach, I think that until the time arrives when the peal-snatching fever is on the wane, we shall not alter in this unfortunate respect.

"Peal-snatching!" I fancy I hear some one exclaim, "What do you mean?" This: When the coming-home course is approached, in Stedman Caters say, one ringer after another wanders astray, and something like firing ensues. The conductor is busy, and after some terrible struggles gets up rounds. Then what follows? Do the company there and then take into consideration whether the peal shall be recorded or *not*, on account of the falsity of the last course? O dear no. Is there one honest man among them who will say "No Peal?" Sometimes there

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is, I admit, but the occasion is rare. The conductor will give an account of what one member did, and what another did not, and then will chuckle at the idea that the peal has been "snatched" at the last moment. And then the peal-board records "A true and complete peal." With what face can they look upon such a record!

It is admitted on all hands that the loss of a peal in the last course is annoying. But that annoyance must be borne. Imagine one band getting through this last course without one single badly-struck change, every blow as clear as crystal. Then think of another band who has "fired" throughout such course. "No peal" should be the latter's verdict, any other shows an assurance the reverse of complimentary.

What a lot of veterans we have amongst us. The daily and weekly papers have had several accounts lately of these old fellows. Whether they are all change-ringers, or not I cannot tell, but their names don't guarantee that they are. There is our old friend Henry Burstow, of Horsham in Sussex, who has been honoured by a portrait, and lots of notices in various papers. Some years ago a good portrait of him appeared in our paper. He has taught a great many ringers, and is fond of Oxford Bob Triples (I hope for his sake that that is a legitimate method), and is a great pal of Joe Parker, the renowned change-ringer, conductor, composer, and musician, of Farnham Royal. Well you see both are of the same trade—both cordwainers, which pursuit was followed by many of the "thinking" men of the Exercise. Harry Burstow it seems shines as a ballad singer, and all day long while at work he sings like a lark. He knows a song for every day, or every half-day in the year, and is always singing when he is not ringing or sleeping. I expect he will go to see Joe Parker next Monday.

My last paragraph. If what I hear is right, the increased practice of the "higher" methods is not a blessing altogether. It is said there are towers where anything lower than London is looked upon with contumely, and any ringer wanting a touch of Stedman therein can't have it. "Only the higher methods here Sir." It this is true, no Bumbletonian sexton never acted worse: "My tower, my bells, my church. This tower is closed till further orders from me;" and so on, as these gentry used to say. The "higher method" conductor spoken of is surely a creature of that kind which the original Bumble applied to the law. And to formulate such a dictum is to display ignorance. London, Bristol, are not *high* methods; they are only difficult. The high and classical method of the science is STEDMAN—the highest of all. And whoever lightly esteems this Queen of methods, has an unequally-balanced mind.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday, March 3rd, at Charles Church, or morning, afternoon and evening services, several courses of Grandsire Triples were rung by G. H. Marsh, R. Dobson, W. Niles, G. Charley, C. Roach, F. Hockaday, G. Stroud, E. W. Marsh, W. Hiscott, W. Greenwood, Rev. H. A. Fleetwood. On Monday, March 4th, for practice, 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Hiscott, F. Dunaway, J. Tyler, G. Charley, E. W. Marsh, G. Stroud, W. H. Marsh conductor, W. Greenwood. 120 Stedman Doubles. F. Dunaway, W. Hiscott, F. Hockaday, E. W. Marsh, W. H. Marsh conductor, G. Stroud. Another 120. C. Roach, W. Hiscott, E. W. Marsh, G. Stroud, W. H. Marsh conductor, W. Greenwood.

## MUSICAL COMPETITION.

At the Theatre Royal, Stratford, E., on Saturday, March 23rd, the final of an amateur musical competition took place, under the direction of Captain Norton and the manager, Mr. Fredericks. The first prize was awarded to two members of St. Saviour's ringing society, Walthamstow, namely Messrs. H. F. Hull and G. B. Lucas, jun., who gave a splendid selection of chimes, changes, and popular airs on handbells.

The winners were registered according to the manner in which each competitor was applauded by those present and, says our correspondent, "we think we are fully justified in saying that the above mentioned deserved their victory."

The prize consisted of a splendid gold watch. The second prize was awarded to Mr. J. Newton for the capital rendering of "Alice, where art thou," upon the pianoforte, while the third prize went to Mr. Owen Williams for a piccolo solo entitled "Blue Bells of Scotland."

## NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT HARWICH (RUNG ON MARCH 2ND).—Messrs. J. Motts, W. C. Gillingham, and C. H. Clarke are members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich; the rest are local men. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the forty-seven officers and crew and eighty passengers, who lost their lives on the s.s. *Berlin* off Harwich, in that terrific gale off the Hook of Holland, within sight of land, on February 21st, only five of the crew and ten passengers being saved.

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave;  
Who bids't the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea.

THE PEAL AT BATH.—This is the first on the bells since the rehanging of the 7th and tenor by Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, the "go" being everything that can be desired. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Seers, who attained his twenty-first birthday the day previous.

THE PEAL AT CLIFTON, BEDS.—This peal was rung as a farewell to the Messrs. Harlow who have removed to Goldington, Beds. This composition is now rung for the first time in the county of Beds.

THE PEAL AT BERKSWELL.—This is the first peal on the bells, also the first peal of Doubles by all except the ringer of the tenor. First peal by the ringers of the treble and 2nd; also the first peal as conductor.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, January 24th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Stapleton, A. Robinson, L. Harlow, C. R. Lilley, R. Nicholls, W. Stapleton conductor. On January 27th, 360 Bob Minor. A. Robinson, J. Jones, W. Stapleton, C. Bates, C. R. Lilley, C. Stapleton conductor. On January 31st, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Bates, C. R. Lilley conductor, R. Nicholls, L. Harlow, P. Cooke, C. Stapleton. And 720 Bob Minor. F. G. Horpin, L. Harlow, J. Jones, P. Cooke, C. R. Lilley, C. Stapleton conductor. On February 3rd, 600 Canterbury Minor.

SOLIHULL (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, March 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. W. Meeks, R. Bragg, J. Bragg, W. Shepherd, G. Martineau, S. N. Bragg, H. Withers conductor, S. Bragg, A. Walker, S. Jessop.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, March 10th, at St. Chad's Hall, Bath Street, on handbells, six courses of Grandsire Triples. J. Smallwood, T. Miller conductor, J. E. Groves, E. Mullins. And 210 in the same method. R. Ducker, J. Smallwood, J. E. Groves, E. Mullins conductor.

## Compositions.

## STEDMAN CINQUES.

By G. T. DALTRY, Bristol.

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## STEDMAN CATERS.

By H. F. HULL, Walthamstow.

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## WESTMINSTER COURT BOB ROYAL.

By F. DENCH, London.

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64352 2 2 1

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25634 2 2 2

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52436 2 1

54326 1 2

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Call single for last bob and repeat.

## TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By H. DAINS, London.

5184.

23456 M B W H

35426 2 2

26543 2 - 2 2

25463 1 - 2 2

25634 2 2 1

24536 2 1

Twice repeated.

## TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

6000.

23456 M W H

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23564 2 2 2

25634 1 2

24536 2 1

Twice repeated.

By calling the first course of either part 2M, 1W, 1H, the second course-end is produced and changes reduced to 5000 exact.

## SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

By F. DENCH, London.

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Mr. Arthur Knights sends the following :-  
SIR,—The peal of 5184 Treble Bob, published on page 12 of your last issue, was composed by me on November 25th, 1883, and was first rung at Pulham St. Mary, Norfolk, on December 27th, 1895, conducted by James Tann, and will be found under No. 653 in the annual report of the Norwich Diocesan Association for that year. It will also be found under Nos. 1059 and 1146 in the Yorkshire Association Reports, and under No. 982 (April 12th, 1902), Midland Counties report. The 7460 Treble Bob Royal is the same peal with the alternate calling used in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th courses.

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## DIALOGUE OF THE PASSING BELL AND DEATH.

"The passing bell is a survival that we could well dispense with."—"BELL NEWS," December 29th, 1906.

DEATH: Ah, Madame Bell! Still airing thy lamentations like one crying in the wilderness of an unintelligible world. Women, I suppose, will have their tears?

BELL: Oh, is it thee, grim and powerful monarch! Pray add not insolence to thy crimes nor irony to fate. Man was made to mourn. A sorry world this at best.

D.: The fountain of thy tears must be shallow indeed, for but yesterday thou wert celebrating the nuptials of a happy pair, who, touched by Hymen, consummated their love in marriage.

B.: Think not I am insensible to the few quirks of joy that life affords, nor blind to the many ills and penalties attached to them.

D.: More ills than joys think you?

B.: That is my conclusion.

D.: Then should not escape from suffering be good? Why not rejoice?

B.: The love of life dispels its darker shades, and the dread of something after quickens the fear of change.

D.: The righteous knoweth no fear, while the wicked fleeth where no man pursueth. Besides, does not the sacred writer affirm "The day of a man's death is better than the day of his birth?"

B.: Oh, yes, I have read the words of Solomon, and heard all the metaphysicians have advanced—that nothing is annihilated in nature, but please tell me why thou addresseth thyself to me instead of the bell-ringer in the belfry below?

D.: I have already looked in upon the bell-ringer, and find him held fast a prisoner by my twin brother, Sleep.

B.: Ah, thy brother has mercy in giving his subjects release, but thou enchaineth thy victims to the doom and bondage of eternity.

D.: What! dost thou consider a release from sleep a blessing?

B.: The living do certainly, or I should not at this hour be recording the consequences of thy guilt.

D.: Did man but understand the wisdom of the Divine will, I should be seen a benefactor.

B.: As a wolf among sheep in filling his rapacious jaws, devouring those who cannot escape thee; stealing into the cottage and palace, blighting the bud and blossom of youth, withering the sap and fruitfulness of age, and accelerating the "bitter vintage of tears."

D.: In the economy of creation, man has little reason for complaint. Do not the ephemera of a summer's evening breathe ont existence in one short hour?

B.: And the tortoise lives centuries!

D.: Then it is not of life but of its short duration thou dost grieve?

B.: Life would be a glorious inheritance but for thee, tyrant; life creates warmth and desire, but thou freezeth the springs of love, shatterest the fair portals of hope and joy, and rideth on the wings of despair.

D.: Then thou accountest me evil?

B.: Most assuredly.

D.: And sleep a blessing?

B.: Undoubtedly.

D.: Remember, they who are asleep or dead take not account of time, so that a thousand years or a few hours of unconsciousness alters not their condition, but upon the awaking.

B.: Thou art much too subtle for my comprehension. Do not attempt thy sophistries upon me. Than dost but confound the mysteries—

SLEEP (interrupting): Enough of this contention. See to yourselves, for I have released the bell-ringer, who rages furiously as the tempest that I held him so long in captivity.

B.: Then out of my path immediately. Friends or foes, thou

comest in such a questionable shape that I would have thee both begone to thy silent halls, at least for a season.

D. (aside): With what tenacity do the living cling to life, though it satisfy them not. With the symbol of the Cross ever before their eyes, yet do they not perceive that in the renunciation of the world's pleasures and in the denial of the will to live lies the secret pass to joy—from earth to heaven.

WOODFORD.

## 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 METHODS.

SIR,—In your issue of March 2nd last I observe Mr. Severn's renewed claim. I am satisfied that that gentleman is not at all sensitive, or he would not have dared to put in a claim without more tangible proof of its previous publication by himself; up to now we have nothing but his mere statement. I wonder if Mr. Severn had composed a piece of music, and obtained a copyright for same, what he would think of a person claiming it with similar evidence to that he produced, even though it was not a production to his own satisfaction. He also refers to King Edward Surprise, which he states I transposed from Primrose, although I definitely stated in this paper of the 9th of February last when introducing same, that I took it from Cambridge Surprise. Thus that little sarcastic comment of his was quite out of place. Had he quoted the truth, and as to inserting 4ths place in London, Cambridge, etc., it is very common knowledge that these methods can be slightly altered. Thus the original plain lead becomes the bob lead. I refer Mr. Severn to the latter part of his article wherein he states he will give one more Surprise, and that a double one—St. Giles. Well it is a double one, because it fails as a Surprise behind, and Southwark, which he previously introduced, fails before. But I hope he is not too tired to examine his antique list, and should it contain a perfect one to publish the same at once, and so save some one the trouble of reproducing it. Returning to the subject I observe in Mr. Snowdon's second article on Surprise Minor, his apology for not having laid down in the first instance the full and correct basis for a Surprise method, but personally I feel my thanks are due to Mr. Snowdon for having introduced this subject, and thereby creating a stimulus in the ringing world. Although not extensively laid hold of from a practical point of view, yet I feel it is only because the Exercise have been waiting for Mr. Snowdon's final definition of a Minor Surprise peal in his last article. And now feeling that I have already taken up sufficient space in your valuable paper, I conclude by adding two compositions, viz.: Cuneceastre Surprise, which I have just composed, and Dunelm Surprise, which I have had in my possession for six years.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1907.

THE Easter holiday has always been a favorite period for ringers' meetings. In the old times, when the Exercise did not have the benefit of a medium of communication, when 'phones were unknown, and railway communication was precarious, the Easter Monday gathering was a prominent feature all over the country, and the present Easter season in this year of grace 1907, is likely to be one of the old-fashioned sort, if our notice page is any criterion. The number of meetings next Monday is as great as any we can recollect. At these gatherings, a great amount of ringing will be done, and an attempt is to be made for a long peal at a place called Thornham Magna, in Suffolk. The band attempting this will do well to make provision beforehand, sufficient to prevent that future unpleasantness which seems generally to dog the fortunes of lengthy attempts. We beg to ask our kind friends, the various Secretaries, to let us have their various reports as early next week as possible.

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## 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.

## THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD AND RICHARD BAXTER.

In his Lenten address at St. Mary Woolnoth, the Bishop of Hereford expressed his indebtedness to the Puritan Divine. He said: "If Richard Baxter had remained in the Church of England to the end of his days what a difference there might have been in the Church to-day! The Act of Uniformity in 1662 which drove that good man out of the Church to become a leader of Non-conformity was one of the greatest misfortunes that had befallen the Church of England. He had seen it described by a great man as one of the greatest misfortunes which had befallen our English life, a misfortune which had never been retrieved, which made us into two nations instead of one—two nations in religion, two nations in politics—and which divided class against class. Its evil consequences were amongst us to-day in all our religious and political life, and in all our unhappy divisions."

On Saturday, April 13th, a group photograph of the company who rang the first peal of Maximus on the bells of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, London, will be published.

## The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, March 23 1907, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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Conducted by GEORGE B. LUCAS.

## Handbell Peal.

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

On Tuesday, March 19, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT 19, OLD JEWRY, E.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. 1-2.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 3-4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7-8.
REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.  
Umpires—I. G. Shade and A. T. King. The above is R. Charge's 150th peal.

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THOMAS MAYNARD* .. .. Treble.	FRANK BLONDELL .. .. 5.
HENRY L. GARFATH .. .. 2.	GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. .. 6.
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Composed by W. WILLSON, and Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\*First peal in the method.

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On Saturday, March 2, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. Treble.	BERTIE WILSON .. .. 5.
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Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, it being his first peal of Triples. \*First peal. The conductor has called this peal round now.

## WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

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

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

Conducted by S. T. WRIGHT.

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

## ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

WILLIAM F. WEBB* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS COLLINSON .. .. 6.
JOHN F. PERRY .. .. 2.	RICHARD HACKLEY .. .. 7.
JAMES JONES .. .. 3.	†WILLIAM G. ELLIS .. .. 8.
JOHN SMALLWOOD* .. .. 4.	GEORGE A. TAYLOR .. .. 9.
ALFRED T. HYLAND .. .. 5.	*GEORGE ELLIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM G. ELLIS.

Messrs. Smallwood, Taylor, and G. Ellis were proposed members of the above Association previous to starting. \*First peal. †First peal of Caters as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to James Jous, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## COWESBY, THIRSK, YORKS.

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On Saturday, March 23, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

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Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

J. WATSON .. .. Treble.	JAS. W. NEESAM .. .. 4.
R. BROWN .. .. 2.	G. NEESAM .. .. 5.
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RICHARD WHATLEY† .. .. Treble.	WALTER J. EAMES .. .. 5.
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HERBERT LEWIS .. .. 3.	†RICHARD J. COUSINS .. 7.
ALBERT SEERS* .. .. 4.	*HAROLD WARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD J. COUSINS.

\*First peal. †First peal on eight bells. ‡First peal away from the tenor. Further reference elsewhere.

## TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(ROCHDALE BRANCH)

On Tuesday, March 19, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

L. SUTHERS .. .. Treble.	J. RICHARDS .. .. 5.
F. SUTCLIFFE .. .. 2.	J. WHITEHEAD .. .. 6.
J. WHITTAKER† .. .. 3.	W. CRARTREE .. .. 7.
D. F. GIBBONS* .. .. 4.	J. CROWTHER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. CRARTREE.

†First peal. \*First peal in Lancashire.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 14½ cwt.

A. WHATMORE .. .. Treble.	W. POTTER .. .. 5.
HERBERT SHEPPARD .. .. 2.	*ARTHUR E. WHATMORE .. 6.
ERNEST PERKINS† .. .. 3.	HARRY PRICE .. .. 7.
JOHN PIPER .. .. 4.	*G. GUEST .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR E. WHATMORE.

†First peal with a bob bell. \*First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half muffled for the Rev. J. J. Slade.

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On Saturday, March 23, 1907, in Four Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6816 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES PRICE .. .. Treble.	HENRY DEW .. .. 5.
JOHN TOMLINSON .. .. 2.	JAMES DILLON .. .. 6.
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G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.* .. Treble.	J. KNAPP .. .. 5.
H. HOLIFIELD .. .. 2.	G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. 6.
H. WHEELER .. .. 3.	N. SPINDLOW .. .. 7.
J. F. COLE .. .. 4.	W. H. HOLIFIELD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

\*First peal.

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On Saturday, March 23, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

CHARLES WILKINS .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. 5.
FREDERICK BARKER* .. 2.	*HENRY SIMMONS .. .. 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 7.
RICHARD MORGAN* .. 4.	*JOSEPH SPOONER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

\*First peal of Stedman.

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5024 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE RADLRY .. .. Treble.	THOMAS CARD .. .. 5.
JAMES SAXBY .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 6.
JOHN T. KENTISH .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
JOHN H. BENSTEAD .. 4.	GEORGE PAIGE .. .. Tenor.

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H. MANSFIELD .. .. 2.	F. BROWN .. .. 4.
W. EUSDEN .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by W. EUSDEN.

## BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Treble.	JOHN BASS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 2.	HARRY PRICE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. 3.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 7.
GORDON CHECKETTS* .. 4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. J. B. LATES, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. This was the quarterly peal for the Association. Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. J. J. Slade, for 29 years Rector of the parish church of Kingwinford at Wordsley.

## TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 23, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM PRITCHARD* .. Treble.	†LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS .. 4.
WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS* .. 2.	ROBERT MOY .. .. 5.
REV. J. T. DAVIES* .. 3.	*HENRY HARRISON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by the local hand. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. J. T. Davies who is leaving the neighbourhood.



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Fifty-eight Minutes,  
BAPTIST,  
40 CHANGES;  
15 cwt.  
J. FBENCH .. 5.  
MONS .. 6.  
NETT, SEN. .. 7.  
DNER .. ..Tenor.  
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and Ten Minutes,  
WRENCE,  
E MAJOR,  
19 cwt.  
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CARD .. .. 6.  
E .. .. 7.  
R .. .. ..Tenor.  
PARKER.

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rbury, St. Simon's,  
Tenor 20 cwt.  
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Thirty Minutes,  
ANGELS,  
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14½ cwt.  
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EWS .. ..Tenor.  
R. MATTHEWS.  
Association. Rung  
Slade, for 29 years

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.. .. ..Tenor.  
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**HALIFAX, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Saturday, March 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,*  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,  
**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5200 CHANGES;**  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES BARRACLOUGH .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM WOMERSLEY .. 6.
JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 2.	*JOSEPH HY. BRAZRY .. 7.
JOHN E. JENKINSON .. .. 3.	THOMAS POLLITT .. .. 8.
JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 4.	JOHN MCKELL .. .. 9.
JOE HARDCASTLE .. .. 5.	JOHN WM. CUNDALL .. ..Tenor.
	FRED SALMONS .. ..

Composed by THOMAS POLLITT, and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL  
\*First peal of Royal.

**CLIFTON, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Saturday, March 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**  
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ..Treble.	ARTHUR W. DANIELS .. 5.
WILLIAM STAPLETON .. 2.	HERBERT J. HARLOW .. 6.
FREDERICK PRATT .. .. 3.	JOHN HARE .. .. 7.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 4.	JAMES BLOTT .. ..Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.  
First peal of Bob Major by all except the ringers of the treble, 4th and 7th. Further reference elsewhere.

**BERKSWELL, WARWICKSHIRE.**  
*On Saturday, March 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 17 cwt.

ALLEN JAMES .. ..Treble.	REUBEN BOSWORTH .. 4.
WILLIAM WHITEHEAD .. 2.	FREDERICK VILES .. 5.
JOHN SMALLWOOD .. .. 3.	JOSEPH H. WHITE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK VILES.  
Reference elsewhere.

**Date Touch.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
BECCLES (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, March 5th, for practice at St. Michael's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1907 changes, in 1 hr. 17 mins. \*T. Holmes, \*A. J. Cornish, \*H. Reynolds, C. E. Parnell, H. Hopson, \*W. Spalding, G. E. Symonds, E. Etheridge. Composed and conducted by G. E. Symonds. \*Longest length.

**Miscellaneous.**

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
NORTH STONEHAM (Hants.)—On Saturday, March 23rd, for practice at St. Nicholas church, a 360 each of College Single, Oxford Single Bob, Double Court and Double Oxford. E. Dumper, W. H. George, C. Tray, C. Valentine, W. T. Tucker, W. Rowe, sen., G. Williams conductor. Also on Sunday, March 24th, for divine service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 22 mins. G. Williams conductor, A. Marks, C. Fray, \*W. H. George, C. Valentine, W. T. Tucker. \*First 720 of Oxford Treble Bob.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, March 7th, for practice, 360 Stedman Triples. J. Luckey, G. Gray, T. Jordan, W. Watts, H. J. Tucker, G. Jordan, T. J. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. On Thursday, March 14th, for practice, 448 Cambridge Surprise. G. Gray, H. Little, G. Jordan, W. Watts, H. J. Tucker, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, G. Jordan, conductor. On Sunday, March 13th, for morning service, 384 Cambridge Surprise Major. H. Little, G. Gray, J. Luckey, W. Prior, G.

Jordan, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. Tenor 13 cwt.

MALDON (Essex).—On Tuesday, February 19th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Gozzett, E. Finch, A. Gozzett, T. Gozzett, H. Mansfield, F. Chalk conductor. Also 720 Plain Bob. E. Finch, L. Gozzett, H. Mansfield, A. South, F. Chalk, A. Gozzett conductor. Also on February 26th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, E. Finch, A. Mansfield, W. Craumer, A. Gozzett, W. Brinkley, F. Chalk conductor.

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

STREATHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, February 10th, at the parish church, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. J. Waldoek, C. J. North, J. Webb, L. Attwater, R. Blanchard, L. C. Ferrige, W. Smith conductor, H. Bryant. On Sunday, March 3rd, a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1344 changes, in 45 minutes. C. J. North, J. Waldoek, Vere Harvey, G. Huggett, W. Judd, L. Attwater, W. Smith, R. Blanchard conductor.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

BECCLES (Suffolk).—On Friday, March 1st, at the residence of Mr. Baxter, 1056 Bob Major, on handbells. H. Reynolds 1-2, C. E. Parnell 3-4, G. E. Symonds conductor, 5-6, G. Baxter 7-8. Longest length on handbells by Parnell and Baxter.

KELSALE (Suffolk).—On Saturday, March 9th, for practice, 640 Superlative Surprise Major, William Fleming, William Drew, Sidney Bailey, Gordon Thompson, George Berry, Norman Bailey, Charles Bailey conductor, William Baldry. First touch in method on the bells.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, March 10th, for evening service at St. John's, Lewisham High Road, S.E., a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. S. T. White, F. W. Richardson conductor, A. Bennington, H. E. White, A. J. Ramsey, J. Law, W. J. Jeffries, C. D. Letzer. Tenor 14 cwt. First quarter peal as conductor.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

BASINGSTOKE.—On Thursday, March 14th, on the occasion of the annual Confirmation service, a quarter peal, 1260, of Grandsire Triples. W. Leavey, Miss D. White, H. White conductor, J. E. Bloxham, J. Ward, A. Burgess, J. E. Ballard, —. Dibben.

DENTON (Lancs.).—On Sunday, March 17th, for evening service at St. Anne's church, 240 Duke of York, 240 Woodbine, 240 Kent, and 144 Oxford in 32 mins. E. Walters, A. E. Marshall, J. Pollitt, J. Heckingbottom conductor, H. Ellis, W. Wright. First touch in four methods by all, except Marshall and Heckingbottom.

HERNE HILL, KENT.—On Saturday, March 6th, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. W. Sorrell conductor, A. Stemp, E. Slingsby, J. Doorne, G. Simpson, C. Holman. Also 144 Bob Minor. E. Holman, W. Goldfinch, A. Stemp, G. Simpson, W. Sorrell, E. Slingsby conductor. Also two courses of Minor. W. Sorrell conductor, G. Simpson, J. Doorne, J. Bubb, —. Slingsby, C. Holman.

HEMINGBROUGH (Yorks.).—On Monday, March 11th, at the parish church, on hand-bells, 720 Bob Minor. \*G. Terry, W. H. Laycock, G. Lee, M. Tune, Rev. W. P. Wright conductor, A. Hudson. \*First 720. First 720 by a local band, who only began Minor in January.

RIPLEY (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, March 3rd, at the church of All Saints, 420 Stedman Triples. F. Hill, H. Day, A. Haslam, J. Pagett conductor, G. Goodwin, W. Frost, H. George, J. Bennett.

**A NEW HYMN FOR RINGERS' FESTIVALS.**—Words by Rev. H. C. WILDER. Music by Rev. J. H. MATTHEWS. EXTRACTS FROM RINGERS' LETTERS:—"Your most excellent hymn." "Very suitable for its purpose."

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## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—A district meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, April 20th. Ringing from 3 to 7.30 p.m., after which there will be a social gathering at The Green Dragon, when all members and friends will be most heartily welcomed.

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

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The annual meeting will be held to-day, Sat., March 30th, at Leeds. Bells (12), will be available for ringing. Business meeting will be held at The Royal Oak hotel at 7 p.m. Election of all officers for coming year. A good attendance of members requested.

FRED R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. 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. Swithun's (6); St. Nicholas (6); and St. John (6).

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

Bransford, Worcester.

**The Hertford County Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Towers open at 2 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with address by the Dean. Tea in the Corn Exchange at 5.45, followed by business meeting. We have four peals of bells—10, 8, and two peals of 6.

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 Allhallows Lane, at one o'clock, followed by business meeting. The bells of St. Paul's (10), and St. Peter's (6), will be available during the day. Service at St. Paul's at 5 o'clock. A room at the Church House, St. Paul's Square, will be available for handbell ringing.

REV. A. RUST, *Hon. Sec.*  
I. HILLS, *Asst. 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 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. Service in St. Andrew's at 3.30, preacher—Rev. C. D. P. Davies. 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 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock in St. Andrew's schools, 1s. each to those who give notice, and 1s. 6d. to those who do not give notice of their intention to be present.

W. E. WHITE, *Hon. 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 use of 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.*

Hinxton, Saffron Walden.

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.**—The usual monthly meeting will take place at Wortley on Easter Monday instead of the Saturday following. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Committee meeting at 6 p.m.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Easter Monday, April 1st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m.

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

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Havant on Easter Monday, April 1st. Bells available the whole of the day. There will be a short service in the parish church at 5 o'clock. Tea at the Parish Institute at 5.30. Meeting after. J. W. WHITING, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Surrey Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at the Church Room, near All Saints church, Carshalton, on Easter Monday, preceded by tea at 6 o'clock. The bells will be available from about 3 p.m.

CHARLES DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Easter Monday, April 1st. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards. Five minutes walk from Clay Cross, Midland Railway.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Aylsham (10 bells) on Easter Monday, April 1st. The recently-restored ring of eight at Marsham (7 cwt.), will also be open. Dinner at The Black Boys hotel at 1.30 p.m. Those intending to be present at dinner must send notice by March 28th.

C. E. BORRETT, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Chester Street, Norwich.

**The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—East Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Swanage on Easter Monday. Ringing from noon. Service at 4. Tea in the school at 4.50, followed by general meeting. The towers at Wareham and Corfe Castle will be open for ringing.

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

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—An interim meeting, without allow-

ances, 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 Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—A meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, April 6th by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Siddans. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m., and if a sufficient number of members notify their intention of being present, the Hon. Secretary will endeavour to make arrangements for a plain tea on the usual terms. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1907 are now due.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**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.

FRED WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

55 Lutterworth Road, Northampton.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, April 7th. Bells at 3.30. Tea at 5.45 (small charge). Service at 7.15. Members who intend to be present at tea must give notice to Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, 14, West Street, Milton, not later than Thursday, April 4th.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Midhurst on Saturday, April 6th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. All members intending to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Thursday, April 4th.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, April 13th, at All Saints church, West Bromwich. The bells will be available from 2 o'clock and during the evening. A short service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock. The bells at Christ Church will be available from 2 till 4 in the afternoon, and from 7.30 till 9 o'clock in the evening. Tea will be provided in the schools at All Saints at 6 p.m., at 1s. per head for all those sending in their names not later than the 9th inst. to

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

20, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, April 13th. Bells ready at 5.30.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

**The Keni County Association.**—Canterbury District.—An extra meeting will be held at St. Andrew's church, Wickhambreaux, on Saturday April 13th. The Rector (Rev. G. Hyde Smith), has kindly invited those attending to tea at the Working Men's Club at 5.30 p.m. Members intending to be present must send their names to me on or before Wednesday, April 10th.

G. DENNE, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Clement's church, Hastings, on Saturday, April 13th. The towers of Christ Church, St. Leonards, All Saints and St. Clement's, Hastings, will be open in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rector—Rev. H. B. Foyster—and the churchwardens) at 5 o'clock, followed by the

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G. WATSON, Hon. Sec.  
Vale Road, St. Leonard's.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be

held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Business meeting in the vestry at 5 p.m., the Ven. the Archdeacon of Lewisham in the chair. All overdue subscriptions should be paid at this meeting so that a true report can be read at the annual meeting. Visitors are welcome.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, March 24th, at St. Chad's Cathedral, 335 Grandshire Triples. W. Hunt, R. Ducker, T. Collinson conductor,

W. Webb, A. Hackley, C. Mackenzie, E. Mullins, F. Hales. And 168 in the same method. W. Hunt, B. Ducker, C. Mackenzie, W. Webb, T. Collinson, T. Miller conductor, F. Hales, A. Hackley. On handbells in St. Chad's hall, 224 in the same method, R. Ducker, W. Ellis conductor, J. Smallwood, E. Mullins. And 120 Grandshire Doubles, J. Smallwood conductor, R. Ducker, E. Mullins. Another 120, W. Ellis, J. Smallwood, F. Mullins. Also another 120, W. Ellis conductor, J. Smallwood, G. Rastall.

## PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CHIEF OFFICE: HOLBORN BARS, LONDON.

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 £4,297,971, 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 28,024.

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 sum 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.				ASSETS.			
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Shareholders' Capital	.. .. .	1,000,000	0 0	British Government securities	.. .. .	3,415,976	13
Reserve Funds	.. .. .	2,300,000	0 0	Indian and Colonial Government securities	.. .. .	6,156,247	4
Life Assurance Funds	.. .. .	60,470	4 1	Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks, and gold and sterling bonds	.. .. .	7,743,842	19
Claims under life policies admitted	.. .. .	116,576	18 11	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	.. .. .	257,971	11 10
				Bank of England stock	.. .. .	202,756	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

THOS. C. DEWEY, General Manager.

FREDK. SCHOOLING, Actuary.  
D. W. STABLE, Secretary.

H. A. HARBEN, Acting Chairman.  
J. W. SIMMONDS, } Directors.  
J. 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.

## THE F. MAUDE FUND.

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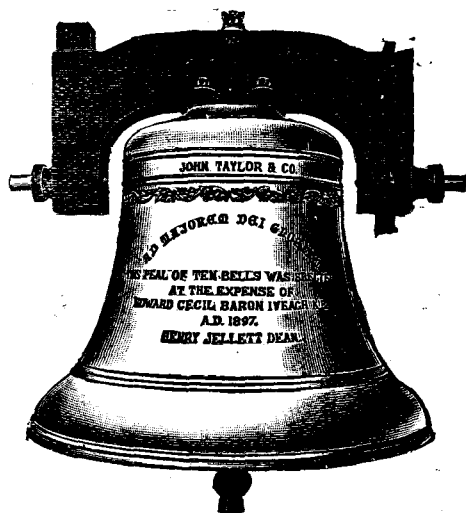
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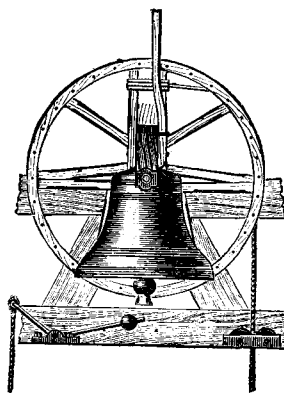
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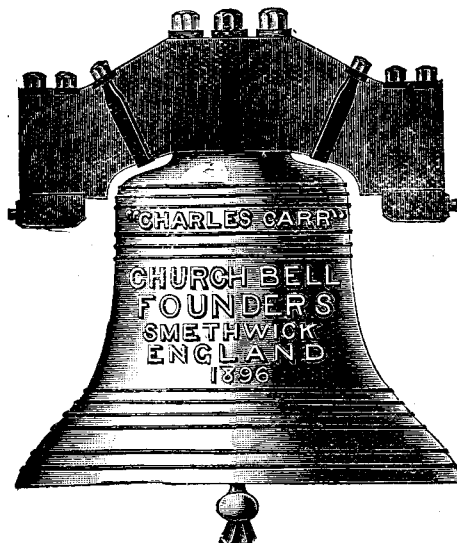
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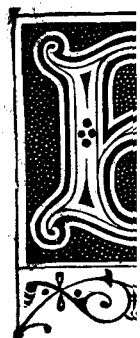
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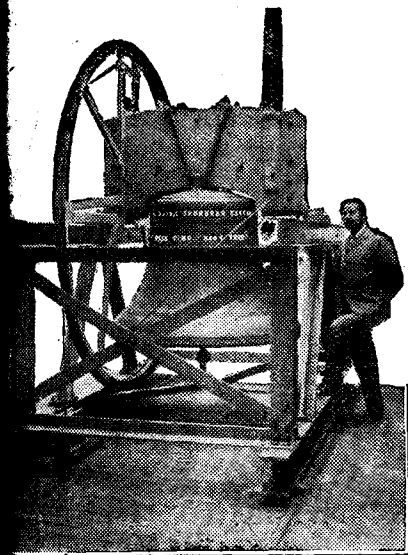
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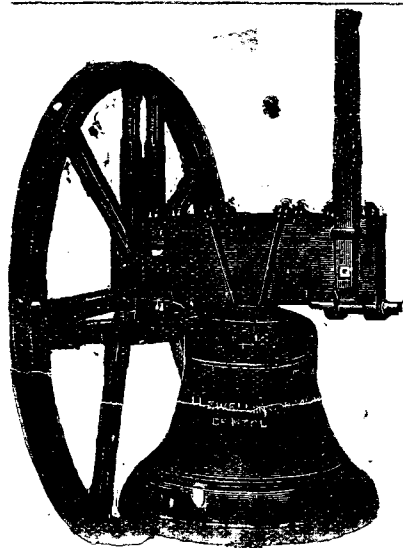
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*Member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London.*

In the year 1788, Paul Revere, patriot and versatile craftsman of keen artistic sense, established a furnace for heavy castings at his foundry on Lynn Street, now Commercial Street, corner of Foster Street, in Boston, where within a few years he undertook the production of church bells. This business was successfully prosecuted until his death, in 1818, at the age of eighty-nine years, during which period more than 200 bells were turned out. The original foundry having been damaged extensively by the memorable gale of October 9th, 1804, which carried away the steeple of Christ Church and the roof of the present tower of King's Chapel, the work of casting was transferred to Revere's estate in Canton, still in the possession of his descendants.

Early in the eighteenth century bell-founding had attained a high degree of perfection; long practical experience having led to the adoption of a uniform design, or pattern, corresponding very nearly in contour to the quadrant of an ellipse, the mathematical curve which harmonizes with the law of acoustics. In theory an instrument moulded in this shape should emit a series of sounds called the tonic, or fundamental; its third and 5th; its octave above, called nominal; and its octave below, or hum-note. In practice, however, founders had learned the advantage of shortening the bell and thus sharpening, or raising, the hum-note in order to prevent the overpowering of the sub-notes by its prolonged drone, or nasal twang, which in the Spanish bells, designed of greater height, affects the ear so unpleasantly. This defection from the chord does not, as might be expected, convey a sense of discord; on the contrary, by the deflection of the modified note into a separate plane, as ingeniously suggested by Canon Simpson, the more tuneful fundamentals and nominals are rendered prominent, especially when the bells are struck in rapid succession, each making a complete revolution to each blow. At the same time the ear is delighted by the frequent resolution of these discords into concords, which must take place if a ring of bells is correctly attuned. It is this sequence of striking harmonic effects that constitutes the ground plan of scientific change-ringing, wherein melody is relegated to the background. This principle of advanced music, always appreciated by the English ringing guilds, has been expanded in the art of constructing counterpoint, in which, under certain conditions, discords are admitted with beautiful effect; and the application of this same theory of harmonics has imparted brilliancy and endurance to many of the best classical compositions.

It is desirable to explain that these harmonic effects are not produced by the system of chiming as commonly practised in America, in accordance with which psalm-tunes are slowly hammered out by means of an electrical or other mechanical makeshift, the bells being rigidly bolted mouth downward to an immovable beam. It is only in change-ringing, when the bells are moved

with velocity upon the principle of the pendulum rather than that of the cart-wheel, and each managed by a separate ringer, that the carrying power and harmonic blending of the sound waves is fully developed. This fascinating art, at one time cultivated in Boston, New York, and Philadelphia, became lost and virtually forgotten in this country after the Revolution.

As to the component parts of bell metal, the proper proportion of copper to tin (about 13 to 4) necessary to ensure the maximum resonance consistent with safe brittleness was well known to founders of the seventeenth century, although the law of atomic weights or chemical equivalents had not then been discovered. A knowledge of these fundamental laws, however, was not alone adequate to secure the production of a superior instrument; and if many of Revere's early bells must be allowed to be of inferior quality, this would be the natural result of his want of practical experience and early training; for without such qualifications he could hardly have evolved the various empirical rules and delicate processes by which the English had learned to mould that homogeneous, tenacious and elastic amalgam essential to the production of perfect vibration. For instance, it would appear that in fusing his metals he did not at first appreciate the importance of maintaining a comparatively low temperature in order to throw off, in the form of scoria or dross, certain impurities which are reduced by greater heat and thus retained within the amalgam, to the detriment of its sound-producing qualities. Nor could he have appreciated what has since been demonstrated, viz.: the marked difference which exists in the brittleness and sonorous properties of both copper and tin from individual mines. Moreover, none of his bells show traces of any attempt to correct errors of tone by grinding, now accomplished by machinery.

Before this venture of Revere's the art of bell-founding was practically unknown in America, though a few bells had been cast in the colonies, notably the second Liberty bell, made by Pass and Snow, in 1753, for the Provincial Assembly of Pennsylvania, and weighing 2089 lbs. And yet the first New England colonists had brought from the "Ringing Island" a love for the sound of musical bells, and their churches were supplied with bells of a light calibre imported from England. Thus Prince speaks of a bell on the first house for public worship in Newtown, now Cambridge, in 1632; and there exist records of others, viz.: in Salem, 1638; in Boston on the First Church, 1641; Watertown, 1648; Charlestown, 1657; Malden, 1658; and Hadley, 1670.

While many of the delicate details essential to the creation of a musical bell were therefore unknown to Revere, no better models could have been found than those at his command in the towers and steeples of Boston and vicinity. With the sweet-toned ring of Christ Church, distant but a few hundred feet from his foundry, he had long been familiar, having been one of the ringers of that tower; and within the radius of half-a-mile were the fine bells of Brattle Square Church (3694 lbs.), the gift of Gov. Hancock in 1772; of King's Chapel (2475 lbs.), hung June

12, 1772; and of the Old South Church (1200 lbs.), bought with a legacy of £200 from Captain Timothy Cunningham.

It was doubtless with a consciousness of deficiencies in methods that, in 1804, Joseph Warren Revere, who four years before had become associated with his father in business, visited England and the Continent in order to acquire all available information pertaining to the manufacture of brass and copper. After his return, it is certain that finer castings were produced, until, in 1816, a heavy bell was made for King's Chapel, which for homogeneous casting, power, grandeur and mellowness of tone can hardly be surpassed. Its minor chord, or harmonious discord, gives it distinct identity, and the writer recalls that often on a quiet night, when the bells of the city were being rung for fire, its ponderous boom could be distinguished above all others. As shown, however, by the late H. P. Munroe, who was endowed with a phenomenal perception for delicate musical sounds, this bell could form no part of a ring, or chime; since, by the resolution of its harmonics by the consonant vibration of other bells attuned to the same key, the most dissonant, doleful combinations would result.

It is a curious fact that inferior bells when placed in a favorable environment may emit a pleasing sound; hence some of Revere's bells, hung in a lofty belfry, upon a hill top, or in a plain surrounded by hills, have attained a fair reputation, though in reality their nominals, or tonics, may vary widely from a true chord. As a practical ringer Revere excelled in his hangings and fittings, and his bells being therefore evenly adjusted and swinging with velocity, were easily managed and their sounds fully brought out. To Revere is to be accorded the honour of introducing a new handicraft into Massachusetts, while his meritorious endeavour to excel in all branches of campanology should endear his name to the devotees of that art. After his death, the business was carried on by his son Joseph until in 1828 it passed to the Revere Copper Company, which never undertook bell-casting.

In connection with the loss of many historic bells, we must deplore the frequent manner of their destruction at the hands of a bungling sexton by clapping, or striking a heavy blow when the instrument is at rest in a fixed position, a malpractice not permitted by English ringing guilds. It was by such an abuse that the first Liberty bell was cracked, shortly after it had been raised to the steeple; and its successor was likewise broken, while being tolled on July 8, 1835, as a mark of respect to the memory of Chief Justice John Marshall, of Virginia, then lying dead in Philadelphia. By some American founders an especial instrument for the speedy destruction of their bells is supplied in the shape of a supplementary tolling hammer, which is quite superfluous, inasmuch as tolling is in reality easily performed by swinging the bell. On occasions of mourning, a still more impressive effect is secured by the half-muffled peal of six, eight, or ten bells, in which the clappers, reinforced on one side by a disk of leather, emit alternately a series of full and then suppressed tones. The twelve heavy bells of St. Paul's, London, were thus pealed by the College Youths upon the decease of the late President McKinley, in 1902.

The following list is believed to include every bell inscribed with the name of Paul Revere as founder. All bells made later were probably marked Paul Revere and Son, or Revere and Co.

1. 1792. For the Second church on Hanover Street, Boston, called the New Brick, and later the Cockerel church. It bears

the inscription; "The First Church Bell cast in Boston, in 1792, by Paul Revere." Many porosities may be seen in its haunch, while its sound is of short duration, harsh and panny. Hung in a lofty belfry, it was very noisy, and though rung for fire, the less discordant bell of the New North Church was swung at morning, noon and night. After the destruction of the steeple in the gale of 1869, on which occasion the swaying of the Hollis Street church spire was watched by the writer, the bell was removed in 1871 from the tower and stored until sold in 1901, to the St. James Church, in Cambridge. The original bell of the New Brick Church, raised in 1743, was sold in 1780, and bought in 1783 by John Hancock for the Third Church in Jamaica Plain. It bore the inscription; "Thomas Lester, of London made me, 1742." Its weight was 342 lbs.; it cost, 333.333 dollars. It was replaced by a larger bell in 1821. The larger bell of the Old North Meeting House, weighing 400 lbs., removed from this church when, during the winter of 1775, it was unnecessarily pulled down for fuel by permission of the British commander, was hung in the New Brick, and cracked in 1792. Incidentally it may be mentioned that in this same year, 1792, a bell, still in use, weighing more than one ton, was cast at the Hope furnace, in Rhode Island, for the First Baptist Meeting House in Providence.—912 lbs.

2. 1793. The Town of Amherst.—638 lbs.
3. 1793. For Capt. Lane.—50 lbs.
4. 1793. The Town of Westford.—675 lbs.
5. 1793. The Academy of Westford.—120 lbs.
6. 1793. The Church at Hallowell.—160 lbs.
7. 1794. The Church at Marshfield.—673 lbs.
8. 1795. The Church at Cohasset.—735 lbs.
9. 1795. The Frigate building in Boston.—150 lbs.
10. 1795. The Town of Newburyport, afterward sold to the town of Bradford.—750 lbs.
11. 1795. The Town of Groveland, Mass., bearing the familiar inscription;  
"The living to the church I call,  
And to the grave I summon all."—695 lbs.
12. 1795. The Town of New Bedford.—756 lbs.
13. 1796. The Town of Portland.—1073 lbs.
14. 1796. The Town of Dover, N. H.—892 lbs.
15. 1796. The Town of Sudbury.—695 lbs.
16. 1796. The Town of Falmouth.—821 lbs.
17. 1797. The Town of Boston; Rev. Mr. Kirkland's Society, or New South, at Church Green.—1125 lbs.
18. 1797. The Town of Thomastown, a present from General Knox, recast in 1822.—683 lbs.
19. 1797. The Town of Ipswich. According to tradition, Abram Perkins with his team hauled this bell from the foundry.—827 lbs.
20. 1797. The Town of Providence, for a school.—52 lbs.
21. 1797. The Town of Sandwich, for the Academy.—112 lbs.
22. 1797. For St. John's Church, Portsmouth, N. H. The original bell, weighing 600 lbs., was given to the society in 1745, by the officers of the New Hampshire regiment, having been brought, with much other loot, from Louisbourg after the capture of that stronghold in the same year. It was hung in the steeple at the western end of the wooden edifice built in 1732. Broken in 1797, it was recast by Revere in the same year. On the morning of December 24th, 1806, when the church was destroyed by fire, the font of Porphyritic marble, taken by Capt. John T. Mason at the capture of Senegal, from the French, in 1758, and given in 1761 to the church by his daughters, was saved by the personal efforts of Alexander Ladd; but the bell was damaged, and was therefore again recast by Revere in 1807. For a third time it was recast by the Blake Bell Co., in 1896.
23. 1798. The Frigate *Constitution*.—242 lbs.
24. 1798. The Town of Northfield, Mass.—944 lbs.
25. 1798. The Town of Petersham, Mass.—1150 lbs.

26. 1798. The Town of Dedham, for the Court House.—224 lbs.
27. 1798. The Town of Roxbury, recast by Revere and Co. in 1819.—862 lbs.
28. 1798. The Town of Worcester.—1181 lbs.
29. 1798. The Town of Bridgewater, for a school.—72 lbs.
30. 1798. The ship *Eliza*.—52 lbs.
31. 1798. The ship [unknown].—
32. 1798. For General Moultrie, South Carolina.—75 lbs.
33. 1799. The Town of Wenham.—500 lbs.
34. 1799. The Town of Haverhill.—689 lbs.
35. 1799. The Town of Boscawen, N. H.—510 lbs.
36. 1799. The Town of Greenfield.—250 lbs.
37. 1799. The Town of Exeter, N. H.—868 lbs.
38. 1799. The Town of Brookfield.—683 lbs.
39. 1800. The Town of Pownalborough, now Wiscasset, Me. On August 3rd, 1900, anniversary of the raising of this bell to the belfry of the First Church, erected on the site of the present edifice, when its history was related in an address given by R. K. Sewall, of Wiscasset. It was brought from Boston in a ship of which Captain Joseph Choate was master. It cost, at 28. 6d. per lb., 416 dols. Bills for hanging, as well as for liquor used on the occasion, are preserved among the town records.—958 lbs.
40. 1800. The Town of Walpole, N. H.—936 lbs.
41. 1800. The Town of Warren, R. I.—1292 lbs.
42. 1800. The Town of Sunderland.—958 lbs.
43. 1801. The Town of Greenland, N. H.—720 lbs.
44. 1801. The Town of Weston.—968 lbs.
45. 1802. The Town of Amherst, N. H., the gift of Perkins Nichols, a merchant of Boston, son of General Moses Nichols, of Amherst, N. H.—
46. 1802. The Town of Milford, N. H., the gift of Perkins Nichols; removed in 1871 to the town house.

For many details relating to Colonel Revere, as well as for the record of the early bells of Massachusetts, the writer is indebted to the valuable researches of Elbridge H. Goss, Esq., of Melrose.

### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

May I remind Honorary Secretaries of Affiliated Guilds and Associations, Members of Committees, and all others whom it may concern that the time for payment of affiliation fees is fast drawing to a close, and that within a fortnight of the publication of this notice, in accordance with the preliminary notice published at the beginning of the year, the period for receiving Reports of Committees, Notices of Motion, and other official communications will come to a close, April 20th being the final day for their reception? Affiliation fees are coming in very slowly, only twenty out of thirty-six having as yet been paid. In this connection may I refer to my letter in the issue of 9th March, in which (on p. 579) I intimated that one letter with its enclosed fee had been mislaid? I shall be thankful if the Hon. Secretary concerned (who has not received his receipt) will kindly communicate with me.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,

Freiherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.  
Easter Eve.

Hon. Sec.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The date of the peal at Holy Trinity, Guildford, reported in our last issue, should have been March 22nd, instead of February 22nd.—The peal at Todmorden parish church on March 19th, and recorded in our last issue, was the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' transposition of Holt's six-part peal.

### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of this Association, which has about 1000 members, was held in St. Mary's parish hall, Bridgewater, on Saturday afternoon, March 9th, when the Master (the Rev. Claude C. Parker, of Corston Vicarage, Bath), presided over a very large attendance of members, which included representatives from the following deaneries: Axbridge, Bath, Bridgewater, Cary, Chew, Crewkerne, Dunster, Frome, Glastonbury, Ilchester, Merston, Pawlett, and Taunton. The Master was supported by the late Master, the Rev. G. de Y. Aldridge (Kingweston), Mr. E. Burgess, Taunton (hon. secretary), Mr. Boutflower (Bristol), and Mr. A. E. Coles (Bridgewater), late hon. secretary.

The meeting opened with prayer. The hon. secretary read the minutes, which were confirmed. A number of new members having been enrolled, it was decided that Wells should be the place of the next annual meeting.

The meeting proceeded to discuss the question of the payment of Secretary, and the following resolution standing in the name of Bath was moved by Mr. Richardson, of Bath: "That the hon. Secretary be given an honorarium according to the amount of subscriptions in hand to be voted at the annual meeting in June, 1907."

The Rev. G. de Y. Aldridge moved an amendment to substitute the words "in June of each year" in place of "June, 1907."

Mr. Maddock, of Taunton, seconded the amendment. In the course of a lengthy discussion it was pointed out that the effect of the amendment would be to make the Secretary a paid official. It was generally considered, however, that the work of the Secretary had become so heavy that it was unfair to expect any member to discharge the duties without some monetary acknowledgment.

Eventually the amendment was lost, and the resolution carried by a large majority.

The meeting devoted a considerable time to the revision of the rules of the Association. On the proposition of the Midsomer Norton branch it was agreed to add to the objects of the Association the words "to encourage ringing for Divine Service," and also to add to the object "to cultivate the art of change-ringing," the words "especially by giving instruction to those guilds of ringers in the diocese desiring it."

A lengthy discussion ensued upon the question of making the General Committee more representative, the Taunton branch suggesting that each deanery should appoint one of its members on the General Committee. Exception was taken to the suggestion on the ground that whilst such a course might be desirable a large number on the general committee would destroy its usefulness, and add to the expenses of the Association. Eventually Taunton's recommendation was adopted, an amendment proposed by the committee being defeated.

A new rule, proposed by the Midsomer Norton branch, that a branch representative should be required while in office to visit each tower in the district during practice at least once a year, and to report on the general efficiency thereof to the executive committee at their yearly meeting was considered. It was however felt that whilst the suggestion was a good one, it was not altogether practicable. The proposition was lost by a large majority.

Midsomer Norton branch proposed that "no person should be admitted to the Association as a performing member until the branch was satisfied that he was capable of taking the treble through 120 half-pull changes."



The proposition was strongly opposed on the ground that it would do away with the status of probationer, and the recommendation was lost.

The revision of the rule in regard to the payment of subscriptions was advocated by Taunton, Bath, Midsomer Norton and Bridgwater, but eventually the following recommendation by the committee was unanimously carried: "That all subscriptions shall become due on the 1st of January of each year, and that members who have not paid their subscriptions by the 31st of January in the following year be considered to have left the Association, and that no peals be recorded in the Association peal book or annual report unless all members taking part in the peal have paid their subscriptions as provided by the rule."

Rule vii. "That the expenses incurred by members in attending meetings may, as far as the funds will admit, be defrayed by the Association," was discussed at length, Taunton suggesting the striking out of the rule, and Midsomer Norton proposing the insertion of the words "except travelling expenses." Eventually it was decided that the old rule should stand.

Rule ix. "That, funds permitting, the Association shall assist any local company to secure the services of an instructor," was advocated to be deleted by the Midsomer Norton branch, but was strongly opposed, and the old rule was allowed to stand.

In the rules for local branches Taunton suggested that the local expenses must not exceed one third, instead of one half, of the total amount of the subscriptions of the branch. The amendment was carried.

The Chairman at the close said they had two very pleasant tasks to perform. First, on behalf of the members, he had the greatest pleasure in presenting to the Rev. G. de Y. Aldridge, their late Master, a silver-mounted walking stick as a slight recognition of the splendid work that he had done for the Association. He hoped that the stick would serve as a pleasant recollection to Mr. Aldridge of his connection with the Association.

The Rev. G. de Y. Aldridge, in thanking the members for their handsome gift, said his four years' mastership were years thoroughly enjoyed by him, and it was a grief to him when he felt compelled to relinquish the post. When Mr. Coles, however, told him that he was giving up the secretaryship he (the speaker) felt that he should be a great distance from the new Secretary, and for that reason he came to the conclusion that in having a new Secretary it would be better also to have a new Master. Although no longer their Master he should continue to do his best for the Association. His connection with the Association had been of the most friendly character, and if at any time he left the diocese he should like to become an honorary member of the Association. He thanked the members exceedingly for their very handsome gift, which he should always treasure and prize.

The Chairman said he had another very pleasing task to perform, and that was to present, on behalf of the members, a gold watch to their late honorary Secretary, Mr. E. A. Coles. He knew that nothing that they could give Mr. Coles could equal the labour and time that he had expended for the benefit of the Association. For five years Mr. Coles had discharged the onerous duties of the post with great assiduity, and the least they could do was to give him some slight recognition of his able work. Mr. Coles had been an invaluable help to them in carrying forward the work of the Association.

Mr. A. E. Coles, in acknowledging the gift, said it was

four years that he had the privilege of being their hon. Secretary. When he accepted the post he realised that there was a great deal of work to be done, for matters had gone behind, and many peals had been recorded that never ought to have been seen. He had merely done his duty, and no one was entitled to praise for simply doing his duty. He took it that in making him such a handsome gift that they were quite satisfied with the work that he did as their Secretary. If the Association prospered during his term of office there were a great many reasons for it. In the first place he was privileged to be their Secretary during the time that the Rev. G. de Y. Aldridge was the Master, and Mr. Aldridge had done far more for the Association than most of the members knew. In the second place there were in existence at the time he took office several vigorous branches with capable officers. He had the interests of the Association very much at heart, and anything he could do to promote its welfare he should only be too pleased to do. In conclusion Mr. Coles thanked the members for their handsome gift, which he should highly regard in the years to come.

The members then attended a service at St. Mary's church, where the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Powell) gave an appropriate address.

After the service the company returned to St. Mary's parish hall, where they sat down to an excellent tea, at which the Rev. Dr. Powell presided. During the afternoon and evening several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. The best thanks of the Association are due to Dr. Powell for his great kindness in welcoming the members to Bridgwater.

#### THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at North Wingfield on Easter-Monday, members being present from Ashover, Blackwell, Bolsover, Crich, Clay Cross, Selston, South Normanton, Swanwick, Pentrich, Tibshelf, and North and South Wingfield.

Service was held in church at 4.30 p.m., and a very instructive sermon was preached by the Rev. E. F. Crosse, Vicar of Chesterfield and rural dean.

After tea at 5.39, the business meeting was held in the school, the Rev. C. J. Boden, Rector, presiding. The minutes were read, also balance-sheet, the latter showing a balance of upwards of £14 in hand, which was considered very satisfactory, and was unanimously confirmed. Considerable discussion followed on the desirability of an instructor, which was referred to a committee meeting to be called for the purpose. It was also unanimously decided that 10s. 6d. be sent to the Taylor Memorial Fund.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. E. F. Crosse, President; Mr. J. Smith, Treasurer; Mr. T. Allibone, Secretary. Clay Cross was selected for the 1908 annual meeting; Swanwick, Wingerworth, and Tibshelf for the quarterly meetings.

Hearty votes of thanks to retiring officers, and the Rev. E. F. Crosse for his sermon: also to the Rector of North Wingfield for use of room and bells, brought a very successful meeting to a close. Ringing in various methods was kept up until 9.15 p.m.

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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. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap side, on Tuesday, April 9th, at 8 p.m.; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, April 18th, at 7.30 p.m. A district meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, April 20th. Ringing from 3 to 7.30 p.m., after which there will be a social gathering at The Green Dragon, when all members and friends will be most heartily welcomed.

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

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—A meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, to-day, Sat., April 6th by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Siddans. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1907 are now due.

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

**The Central Northamptonshire Association.**—A special ringing meeting by kind permission of the Rev. J. Morley, will be held at Rotwell on the new ring of eight bells to-day, Sat., April 6th. Tea at 5 o'clock.

FRED WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*  
55 Lutterworth Road, Northampton.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Norton to-day, Sat., April 6th. Bells at 3.30. Tea at 5.45 (small charge). Service at 7.15.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Midhurst to-day, Sat., April 6th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*  
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

**The Devonshire Guild.**—Practice at Exeter Cathedral April 10th, at 7 p.m.

EDWIN SHEPHERD, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
160, Sidwell Street, Exeter.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, April 13th, at All Saints church, West Bromwich. The bells will be available from 2 o'clock and during the evening. A short service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock. The bells at Christ Church will be available from 2 till 4 in the afternoon, and from 7.30 till 9 o'clock in the evening. Tea will be provided in the schools at All Saints at 6 p.m., at 1s. per head for all those sending in their names not later than the 9th inst. to

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*  
20, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, April 13th. Bells ready at 5.30.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—An extra meeting will be held at St. Andrew's church, Wickhambreau, on Saturday, April 13th. The Rector (Rev. G. Hyde Smith), has kindly invited those atten-

ding to tea at the Working Men's Club at 5.30 p.m. Members intending to be present must send their names to me on or before Wednesday, April 10th.

G. DENNE, *Hon. Sec.*  
61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

**The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Clement's church, Hastings, on Saturday, April 13th. The towers of Christ Church, St. Leonards. All Saints and St. Clement's, Hastings, will be open in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rector—Rev. H. B. Foyster—and the churchwardens) at 5 o'clock, followed by the usual business meeting. There will be a short service in the church at 6 o'clock. The bells of St. Clement's and Christ Church Blacklands will be available for further ringing from 6.30 till 8.30. Members intending to be present are requested to notify the same to me not later than the Wednesday previous to the meeting.

G. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
Vale Road, St. Leonards.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Batley on Saturday, April 13th. Meeting-house—The Fleece inn. Meeting to commence at 5.30.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

**The North Notts. Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at West Retford on Saturday, April 13th. Business meeting in West Retford school at 3.30 p.m. Divine Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at Howard's Rooms at 5 p.m.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hartlip on Saturday, April 13th. Tower open at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 6 p.m. sharp.

A. OSBORNE, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, April 13th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Business meeting in the vestry at 5 p.m.; the Ven. the Archdeacon of Lewisham in the chair. All overdue subscriptions should be paid at this meeting, so that a true report can be read at the annual meeting. Visitors are welcome.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**ST. HELEN'S, THORNBY.**

On Easter Eve at evensong was held a service of dedication of an oak altar and reredos, the munificent gift of Mrs. Bennett, of Thornby Hall, and of certain memorial offerings in the form of altar-candlesticks, vases, and an alms-dish, all in brass, together with a lectern-Bible and an Office-book for the Holy Table, presented by relatives and friends of the Rector. The lesson was read by Canon Hichens, Rural Dean, the forms of dedication being intoned by the Rector. The Bible is a gift in memory of the late Canon Raven, D.D., formerly Head Master of Great Yarmouth Grammar School, and Vicar of Fressingfield, Suffolk.

**HANDBELL COUPON.**—(No 1.) The second will appear next week.

**Compositions.****BOB MAJOR.**

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THE PEAL AT HUGHENDEN. — G. Martin's 50 Peals. — Two Minor methods 1, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples 8, conducted 2; Caters 2; Oxford Bob Triples 2; Stedman Triples 11, conducted 2; Plain Bob Major 6, conducted 5; Kent 5, conducted 3; Double Norwich 9, conducted 3; Superlative 3, conducted 2; London 3. Total 50—conducted 18.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1907.

At a meeting of the Bath and Wells Association held last month at Bridgwater, the retiring Hon. Secretary, in acknowledging the receipt of a testimonial for past services, made a statement which is very opportune at the present moment. He said that when he accepted the post of Secretary he realised that there was a great deal of work to be done, for matters had gone behind, and many peals had been recorded that never ought to have been seen. As a great deal has been said lately about the recording of unworthy peals, we need not enlarge upon the question here, but when a Secretary of a large Association makes such a statement as this, assuredly trustworthy evidence is given that the remarks made recently in these pages on the crying evil were not unnecessary. The evil is greater than most people imagine. Those of our readers who are greatly interested in this important subject, and know the existence of this prevailing deleterious custom, will be looking forward with some amount of anxiety for the appearance of the Council's agenda, to see if it embraces some resolution attacking, unsparingly and with vigour, the conduct of those who foist upon the Exercise

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performances which never ought to be recorded. We know people are to be met with who condemn and disregard all advice which is unpalatable, and persist in having their own way. But the utterance of energetic and indignant opinion, coupled with pointed and forcible remonstrance, repeated again and again, may do some amount of good, if the improvement desired cannot be gained all at once.

Next week, as before announced, a group photograph of the band of College Youths who rung the first peal of Twelve-in on Bow Bells, will be given with this paper. Every one should take care to secure this by ordering previously of their booksellers, as a reprint is impossible. There will also appear a scientific paper on Surprise Minor methods by the Rev. H. Law James; and the opening chapter of a short series, entitled "A Review of Stedman Caters and Cinques," by Mr. C. H. Hattersley. In this number there is the first of a set of Handbell Coupons, about which further particulars will be given. Our lady friends will find that they have been considered in this last.

## The Metropolis.

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

On Monday, April 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

HENRY E. BALAAM .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADR .. .. 2.	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 6.
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Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.  
J. Holman, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Sheffield.

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

On Monday, April 1, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
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#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

C. CAREW COX .. .. Treble.	JOHN P. KENT .. .. 5.
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ALBERT WHITTINGTON* .. 4.	GEORGE W. COOMBS .. Tenor

Conducted by C. CAREW COX.

First peal as conductor. \*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Hunt and Whittington were elected members of the Association before starting for the peal.

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ALBERT DARVIL* .. .. Treble.	*E. LILLYWHITE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	J. E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
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\*First peal in the method. For calling see K.C.A. report 1905. E. Lillywhite was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting.

## The Provinces.

### HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 20, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS MANSBRIDGE .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
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GEORGE H. STURT .. .. 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. 7.
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Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

### STEYNING, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT BARTLETT* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE PHILLIPS .. .. 5.
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GEORGE SEARLE .. .. 3.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 7.
ARTHUR HUTCHINGS† .. 4.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS, and Conducted by F. BENNETT.

\*First peal. †First peal of Major.

### CAPEL, SURREY.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 31, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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Conducted by F. R. TULETT.

### WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 31, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

FRANK BENNETT .. .. Treble.	JOHN HOWES .. .. 5.
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5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES POTHECARY .. Treble.	HARRY F. DAWKINS.. .. 5.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 2.	JOHN HOLMAN .. .. 6.
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Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

J. Holman, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Sheffield. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## TODDINGTON, BEDS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

HARRY SEAR .. .. Treble.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 5.
FREDERICK WEBB .. .. 2.	*HARRY HOPKINS .. .. 6.
FRED WILFORD .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN MONK .. .. 4.	WILLIAM STONE.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. \*First peal of Stedman. This is the 400th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

## SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. Treble.	EDWIN LAMBERT .. .. 5.
ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 2.	*FRED BUTCHERS .. .. 6.
WALTER W. MARSHALL*.. 3.	FRED J. LAMBERT .. .. 7.
JIM BEACH* .. .. 4.	JAMES WEEKES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

\*First peal in the method. First on the bells since rehanging by Taylor, the "go" being excellent.

## DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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Tenor 20½ cwt.

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GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 3.	HARRY WAKLEY .. .. 7.
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IN THE KENT VARIATION.

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THOMAS M. BARKER .. 2.	JAMES JACKSON .. .. 6.
WILLIAM P. BROOK .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PEARSON .. .. 7.
FREDERICK MOODY .. .. 4.	*ARTHUR WALKER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by A. WALKER.

\*First peal of Treble Bsb. †First peal as conductor.

## HEADCORN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

ERNEST E. HUTCHINSON* .. Treble.	PHILIP HODGKIN .. .. 5.
ISAAC EMERY .. .. 2.	†HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHERY 6.
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CHARLES H. SONE .. .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by FRED A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal of Bob Major.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. Treble.	*JESSE MOSS .. .. 6.
GEORGE HOLLIS.. .. 2.	*HARRY MOSS .. .. 7.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 3.	GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. 8.
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SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 5.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

\*First peal on ten bells.

## SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 1, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Treble.	†WILLIAM HOLLINGSWORTH 5.
WILLIAM BARKER* .. .. 2.	ARTHUR HOLMES .. .. 6.
CHARLES F. SKELTON* .. 3.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 7.
JAMES OSBORN* .. .. 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

†First peal. \*First peal of Treble Bob. Rung on the 21st birthday of the ringer of the 5th.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT COX .. .. Treble.	JESSE ELDRIDGE .. .. 5.
THOMAS PRICE .. .. 2.	MAURICE SMITHER .. .. 6.
JAMES LITTLE† .. .. 3.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR MARTIN .. .. 4.	GEORGE MARTIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

†First Surprise peal. This is the conductor's fiftieth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

## OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 1, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

JOHN H. B. HESSE .. .. Treble.	*CHARLES T. HAMBLIN .. 5.
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On Monday, April 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM J. SMITH.

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On Monday, April 1, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty five Minutes,

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## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Belag twelve 6-scores of Bob Doubles, and thirty 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles.

THOMAS ATHERTON .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK DERRICK .. .. 4.
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THOMAS WYATT .. .. 3.	EDWARD BESSANT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS WYATT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. W. Horne, M.A., Rector of this parish, who was 70 years of age on March 31st, 1907.

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## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE RUMSEY† .. .. Treble.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 5.
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Composed by J. S. WILDE, and Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

†First peal in the method.

## Date Touch.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUTTON-ON-HULL (Yorks).—On March 22nd, at the parish church, a date touch of 1907 Treble Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 3 mins., being 467 Oxford, 720 Duke of York, and 720 Kent. C. Jackson conductor, R. Rodmell, H. Rodmell, G. Bayston, A. E. West, L. Rodmell.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

KNIGHTON (Radnorshire).—On Sunday, March 10th, for evening service at the parish church, several 120s of Grandsire Doubles and a course of Bob Minor was rung by the Leintwardine ringers. The local ringers were also got through a 120 of Doubles.

LEINTWARDINE.—On Friday, March 22nd, on the occasion of a Confirmation at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1260 Grandsire Doubles. H. Hunt, L. Williams, C. L. Sadler conductor, J. Newman, J. Evans, S. Roberts. Recently, for practice, several 120s of Grandsire Doubles, touches of Bob Minor, and courses of Grandsire Triples on handbells by the above, Miss C. E. Colvin, F. Davies and P. Malpas taking part.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DAGENHAM (Essex).—Recently, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. R. Ward, D. Carrier, A. Carter, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, J. Dale. On February 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. R. Ward, E.

Hawkins, R. Miles, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, J. Dale. On February 7th, 720 Minor. R. Miles, E. Hawkins, A. Carter, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, J. Dale. On February 17th, 720 Minor. R. Ward, E. Hawkins, I. Dear, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, J. Dale. On Sunday, February 24th, 720 Minor. R. Ward, E. Hawkins, R. Miles, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, J. Dale. After evening service 720 Minor. On Sunday, March 3rd, another 720, standing as before, all conducted by J. Dale.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Thursday, March 7th, at Christchurch, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. C. Harfey, A. Gower, E. Gower, J. Sharp, G. H. Howse, G. Penfold conductor. Rung in honour of the 75th birthday of Archdeacon Sutton, Vicar of Pevensey.

ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA.—On Sunday, March 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. T. Thorpe, C. Hill, F. Medhurst, W. Alcock, J. Curtis first quarter-peal of Stedman, F. Kennett, G. Watson conductor, H. Denman.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HESSLE (Yorks).—On March 23rd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. C. Jackson conductor, H. Rodmell, E. W. Speck, G. Bayston, F. Merrison, L. Rodmell.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRADING (Isle of Wight).—On Thursday, February 28th, 447 Grandsire Triples. E. Simmonds, M. Squibb, F. Jolliffe, P. Dowden, S. W. Pain, G. Wilkins, H. Jennings conductor, A. White. On Sunday morning, March 10th, for Divine Service, 503 Grandsire Triples. E. Simmonds, M. Squibb, F. Jolliffe, P. Dowden, S. W. Pain, G. Wilkins, H. Jennings conductor, A. White. For evening service 336 Grandsire Triples. R. J. P. Burberry, M. Squibb, F. Jolliffe, E. Simmonds, T. W. Pain, P. Dowden, H. Jennings conductor, A. White. On Sunday morning, March 17th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Simmonds, M. Squibb, F. Jolliffe, P. Dowden, S. W. Pain, G. Wilkins, H. Jennings conductor, A. White. For evening service 630 Grandsire Triples. E. Simmonds, M. Squibb, F. Jolliffe, P. Dowden, S. W. Pain, G. Wilkins, H. Jennings conductor, A. White.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WICKHAM SKEITH.—Recently, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Rose, G. Kemp, A. J. Berry, T. Davy, J. Rose, F. Watling conductor. For practice 720 Woodbine, 720 Plain Bob and 360 Kent. E. Rose, T. Davy, A. J. Berry, J. Rose, G. Kemp, F. Watling conductor.

EYE (Suffolk).—Recently, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, an attempt for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. H. Day, E. F. Poppy, E. Broom, A. J. Beery, W. Stannard, G. Day, D. Whiting, W. E. Bason.

THORNHAM MAGNA.—On a recent Monday evening, at St. Mary's church, 720 each of College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet Treble Bob, and New London Pleasure. C. Rose, E. Youngs, A. J. Berry, G. Kemp, G. Cattermole conductor, F. Watling.

THORNDON.—Recently, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 360 Plain Bob. C. Rose, E. Nunn, C. Rolfe, A. J. Berry, F. Alderton, F. Watling conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, March 17th, at St. Chad's (R.C.) school, 336 Grandsire Triples. R. Ducker, J. Smallwood, J. Perry conductor, E. Mullins. On Wednesday, March 20th, 720 Bob Minor. E. Mullins first 720, R. Ducker first 720 with a bob bell, W. Webb, C. Mackenzie, J. Collett, T. Miller conductor.

CUCKFIELD (Sussex).—On Easter Sunday morning, at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. A. Robinson, F. Hounsell, W. Gibson, L. Attwater conductor, P. E. Morfee, F. Attwater, E. Attwater, H. Mitchell.

PEVENSEY (Sussex).—On Thursday, March 7th, at the parish church, six 6-scores of Doubles, being three of Grandsire and

WORDSLEY (Staffordshire). — On Thursday, March 21st, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Plain Bob. G. Husselbee, J. Bass, W. Lawrence, W. Bretherton. R. Matthews conductor, H. Jones. On Friday, March 22nd, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Husselbee, R. Matthews conductor, H. Jones, W. Bretherton, J. Bass, C. F. White. On Sunday, March 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Faulkner, H. Price, H. Jones, J. Bass conductor, R. Matthews, C. F. White. All the above were rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Rev. J. J. Slade, who for twenty-nine years was Rector of this church.

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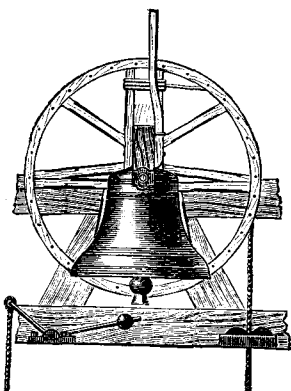
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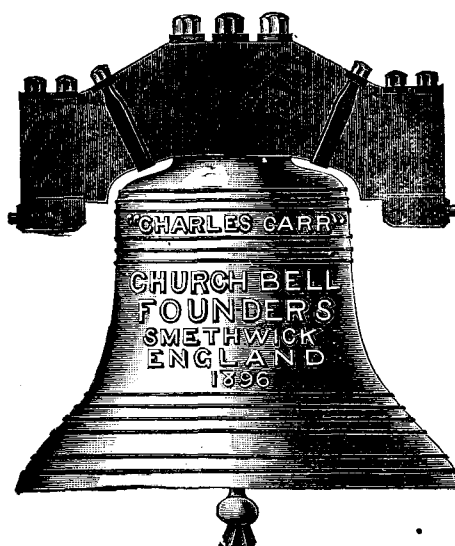
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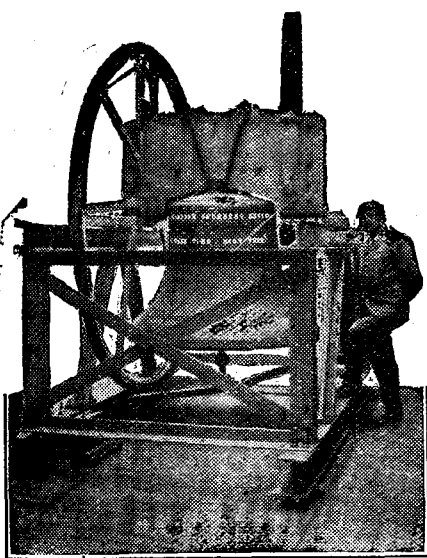
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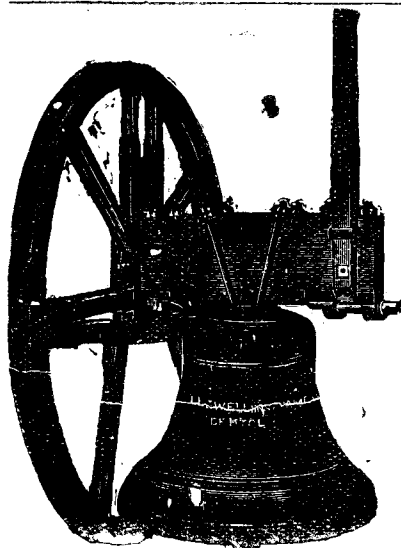
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## A REVIEW OF STEDMAN CATERS AND CINQUES.

By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

### Preface (Article No. 1).

As a preface to my remarks I may state that I have decided to write this article for the benefit of those who have not had the same opportunities presented to them as those of which I have had experience, therefore I address myself more to the middle generation of ringers, some of whom have often been interested in the earlier doings of a past generation. I trust what I may state will be taken in a spirit of friendliness, and that it will not be thought for one moment that I am assuming to give advice or intimating to control others beyond the expression of my own opinions and ideas. Brought up at an early age amongst a company of Stedman ringers, and at a period when one was expected to do something more than the mere pulling of a rope through a peal of 5000 changes, the youth of the past had to be equal in striking, etc. to his superiors, or else he was roughly told to mend his ways.

Being constantly amongst men of whom some few were quite half a century older than myself, I became, so to speak, associated with their ideas for strict bell-ringing. Later on in the course of business (early in 1867), I made frequent visits to Birmingham, and became friendly acquainted with the ringers of that famous town, and even more so with the late Mr. Henry Johnson, whose social intercourse naturally increased my interest in the method. I may further state that I am pleased of this opportunity to acknowledge his ever ready and willing answers to my numerous and perhaps tiresome questions. In further dealing with this subject, I shall only take those peals which has one or more of the bells working their extent in their respective positions, and also those that start in the usual way, viz., 2, 3, 1, as in Stedman Triples. Unless there is some superior merit in the body of a peal, I don't see the necessity of starting 1, 2, 3 quick six, etc. etc., as such a proceeding is not over burdened with originality. I have seen such peals that could just as well have commenced in the usual way. The ordinary nine and eleven-course peals will only for reference require very little attention, as by the aid of "Stedman" (a further reference is reserved for a subsequent page), such peals can very easily be produced with little claim to originality.

(END OF ARTICLE No. 1).

### ARTICLE No. 2.

Peals with all the 9-7-8s and 8-7-9s with the 6th in 5ths and the treble a 2nds place bell.

Some little time ago when I submitted a 5127 of this class in the least number of changes with a 2 3 1 start, I intimated that these peals, including the opening course, which had frequently been made use of by modern composers, were receiving a moderate share of attention without any special degree of originality, and the peal in question came under this category. I feel justified in coming to this conclusion for the following reasons. Early in the year 1874 I composed a 5175 on this plan (of which I have ocular proof), and personally submitted it to Mr. Johnson, who informed me that he had a peal with the same qualities, and I understood it to be the first peal so produced, therefore I never considered my 1874 peal in any other light than a variation, and most peals of recent date to my mind come under this heading. The mere fact of fixing a different starting and turning course, and also to slightly vary the calling in the body of a peal, cannot by any stretch of imagination be considered original. The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer held similar views (see "BELL NEWS" vol. viii., page 178). I also feel certain that the late Jasper Snowdon with his keen observance of peal-snatching would have supported the same ideas.

To have peals decidedly original is to get all the forty-eight in natural courses, the least number that I find, to do this in the whole is in fifty-six. The merit of such peals are that all the forty-eight courses are obtained without disturbing the treble and the tittum position of 9-7-8, and also the 8-7-9s. Sir Arthur P. Heywood produced some novel peals with alternate 9-7-8 and 8-7-9 course-ends (see "BELL NEWS" August 1891, page 229). The following three peals are given as examples. No. 1 is I believe the original in extents, and first composed by Johnson. I cannot give the date, but it was rung at St. Philip's church, Birmingham, in 1868. I am in possession of the original letter giving the figures, and also the date of its performance. No. 2 is a distinct variation of my 1874 peal, and commenced from the same course-end. It will be observed that the course-ends of the front bells in this peal are of the same consecutive order in each half. No. 3 is an example showing the forty-eight courses without disturbing the treble, 7th, 8th, and 9th. It has also the same consecutive order of course-ends in each half of the peal. With the aid of "Stedman" as previously mentioned, it is quite easy to get a large variety of peals from No. 1 and No. 2 by fixing a different starting course, etc. etc. Such peals however would only be variations, for the originals don't admit of any improvements worth speaking of.

No. 1.	5175.	
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412365*	5 16 214563†	5 16
415263	213465	—
413562	215364	—
314265	512463	—
315462	513264	—
513264	315462	—
514362	312564	—
512463	314265	—
215364	413562	—
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213465	415263	—
312564	514362	—
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312465	513462	—
315264	512364	—
314562	215463	—
413265	213564	—
415362	312465	—
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513462	314562	—
512364	413265	—
215463	415362	—
213564	412563	—
214365	214365	—
412563		

\*12, 13, 16. 2, 4, 6, 7, 10. †15, 16. 2, 5, 8, 9.

H. J.

No. 2.	5175.	
231456	<i>Continued—</i>	
412365*	5 16 412365†	5 16
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514362	514362	—
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312465	213564	—
213564	314562	—
314562	412563	—
412563	214365	—
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\*19, 20. 1, 6, 13, 15. †11, 13, 14. 4, 5, 6, 8.

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No. 3.	6039.	
231456	<i>Continued—</i>	
615423*	4 5 16 615423†	4 5 16
	513264	—
513264	315462	—
315462	312564	—
312564	314265	—
314265	413562	—
413562	412365	—
412365	415263	—
415263	514362	—
514362	512463	—
512463	612354	—
612354	214563	—
214563	213465	—
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513462	514263	—
512364	415362	—
514263	412563	—
415362	612345	—
412563	215463	—
	213564	—
612345	214365	—

\*13, 17, 18. 1, 3, 7, 10, 11. †8, 10, 14. 2, 3, 5, 6.

C. H. H.

These three peals are very distinctive in their composition. To call the first course of No. 2 peal as No. 1, reduces it to 5151, twenty-four changes less than the one by Johnson.

(To be continued.)

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful quarterly meeting was held at Bridgend on Easter Monday at 3.30 p.m., at which the Rev. D. Phillips, the Vicar of Bridgend, kindly presided. There was a good attendance of members present. The Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were accepted as correct. Instructors reports were next read, and afterwards new members were elected from Bridgend, Penyfael, and Newton Nottage Porthcawl. The place for the next Glamorganshire quarterly meeting was discussed, and it was eventually decided that it be held at Penarth. The next Monmouthshire meeting takes place at Caldicot.

Subscriptions were next taken. Mr. Pritchard, the donor of the new ring of eight bells at Bridgend was present, and on the proposition of the chairman, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his great kindness.

Mr. Pritchard, in reply, thanked the Association for coming to Bridgend, and said that what he had done as regards the bells, gave him the greatest pleasure. He then very kindly invited all who were present to tea. Previous to the meeting a short service was held in the church, and a very able address was given by the Vicar,

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## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, April 18th, at 7.30 p.m. A district meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, April 20th. Ringing from 3 to 7.30 p.m., after which there will be a social gathering at The Green Dragon, when all members and friends will be most heartily welcomed.

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

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held to-day, Sat., April 13th, at All Saints church, West Bromwich. The bells will be available from 2 o'clock and during the evening. A short service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock. The bells at Christ Church will be available from 2 till 4 in the afternoon, and from 7.30 till 9 o'clock in the evening.  
S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*  
20, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rainford to-day, Sat., April 13th. Bells ready at 5.30.  
WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—An extra meeting will be held at St. Andrew's church, Wickhambreaux, to-day Sat., April 13th. G. DENNE, *Hon. Sec.*  
61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Clement's church, Hastings, to-day, Sat., April 13th. The towers of Christ Church, St. Leonards, All Saints and St. Clement's, Hastings, will be open in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rector—Rev. H. B. Foyster—and the churchwardens) at 5 o'clock, followed by the usual business meeting. There will be a short service in the church at 6 o'clock. The bells of St. Clement's and Christ Church Blacklands will be available for further ringing from 6.30 till 8.30.

G. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
Vale Road, St. Leonard's.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Batley to-day, Sat., April 13th. Meeting-house—The Fleece inn. Meeting to commence at 5.30. WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

**The North Notts. Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at West Retford to-day, Sat., April 13th. Business meeting in West Retford school at 3.30 p.m. Divine Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at Howard's Rooms at 5 p.m.  
B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hartlip to-day, Sat., April 13th. Tower open at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 6 p.m. sharp.  
A. OSBORNE, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles to-day, Sat., April 13th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7.  
W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Business meeting in the vestry at 5 p.m., the Ven. the Archdeacon of Lewisham in the chair. All overdue subscriptions should be paid at this meeting, so that a true report can be read at the annual meeting. Visitors are welcome.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Lawton on Saturday, April 20th. Members intending to be present at tea (free), please notify Mr. J. Pierpoint, sen., Scholar Green, Odd Rode, Cheshire, not later than Wednesday, April 17th.  
D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Nottingham District.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bulwell on Saturday, April 20th, from 5.30 to 9.30.  
REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Local Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Bolton Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, April 20th, at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.  
G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open at 3.30. The business meeting will be held at The Castle inn at 5.30, at which the Rector will preside.  
W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, April 27th. Tea (free) to members producing receipts for 1907. Service in the Cathedral. Towers open as usual. Will non-resident life members who require a copy of the annual report kindly forward me their addresses.  
P. O. BIRBY, *Hon. Sec.*

Thorofare, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea at the Village Hall at 5.30, sixpence each to those who let me know by Wednesday, April 24th.

ROBERT J. DAWE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
15, Priory Street, Lewes.

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The members of this society will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, April 27th, at their headquarters, St. Michael's parish church. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers invited.

**The London County Association** late the St. James's Society.—A periodical meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at the parish church of St. Paul, Hammersmith. W. The tower will be open from 4.30 to 9 p.m. A social will be held afterwards. All ringers will be made welcome.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next general meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, May 11th. Local Hon. Sec.—Mr. A. Walker, Englands Yard, Pontefract. For further details see Association circular.  
JNO. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

Bramley, Leeds.

**HANDBELL COUPON.**—(No 2.) The third will appear next week.

## FAREWELL GREETING.

On Saturday evening, March 23rd, the Stony Stratford ringers met at The Crown inn to wish God-speed and farewell to one of their number, Randall V. Plumb, who is leaving the neighbourhood for Winnipeg, Canada. Mr. Plumb was the recipient of a handsome briar pipe, which was presented by the leader of the town ringers, Mr. E. Yates, who spoke a few very appropriate words, and Mr. Plumb suitably acknowledged the same. The rest of the evening was devoted to harmony, songs being sung by Messrs. Yates, Cowley, Greenwood (host), Warr (a young man who is accompanying Mr. Plumb to Winnipeg), Hawkins and Hopkins. Messrs. Bowell (Ipswich), and R. V. Plumb gave a selection on the handbells which was very much enjoyed by the company. The evening's proceedings terminated by singing Auld lang syne, and bidding farewell to Mr. Plumb. On the day, March 24th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung as a final farewell, the participants being A. Clark, E. Yates, H. J. Tucker, W. Bonham, R. V. Plumb, W. G. Cowley (conductor).

## ROTHWELL CHURCH, NORTHANTS.

A large clock with Westminster chimes has just been fixed in the parish church here by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. The clock is fitted with all the latest improvements, and has been made generally to the designs of the late Lord Grimthorpe. The same firm recently made a large clock and chimes at Irthlingborough church in the same neighbourhood.

## NOTE TO PEAL.

**THE PEAL AT ALL SAINTS, NORTHAMPTON.**—This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, also the first peal on the bells for fifty-five years. It is also the first peal since the bells were re-hung by Messrs. Webb and Bennett, of Kidlington, the "go" of the bells being excellent.

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## METHODS ON THE TREBLE BOB PRINCIPLE ON SIX BELLS.

(Being all the possible Legitimate Surprise, Delight, and Treble Bob Minor methods, collected into nine Tables.

By the REV H. LAW JAMES, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

TABLE I.

5th & 6th	3rd & 4th	3rd & 6th	1 2 3 4 5 6			
c	b	a	{ - 1 - - - - }	3rd & 6th	3rd & 4th	5th & 6th
5th & 6th	3rd & 4th	3rd & 6th	{ 1 - - - - - }	A	B	C
f	e	d	{ - 1 - - - - }	1st & 4th	1st & 6th	
		5th & 6th	{ - - 1 - - - }	D	E	
		g	{ - - - 1 - - }	1st & 2nd	5th & 6th	
	5th & 6th	1st & 2nd	{ - - 1 - - - }	F	G	
	i	h	{ - - - 1 - - }	3rd & 6th	1st & 6th	
3rd & 4th	1st & 4th	1st & 2nd	{ - - - - 1 - }	H	I	
l	k	j	{ - - - - - 1 }	1st & 4th	3rd & 4th	1st & 2nd
	3rd & 4th	1st & 4th	{ - - - - 1 - }	J	K	L
	n	m	{ - - - - - 1 }			
			{ - - - - - 1 }	1st, 3rd, or 5th		

TABLE II.

When the Treble lies behind, 1st, 3rd, or 5th must be made, and in order that the method may be legitimate the following rules must be obeyed:—

If the 2nd makes the place, 3 must change with 4.

		5	"	"	6.
"	3rd	2	"	"	5.
		4	"	"	6.
"	4th	2	"	"	6.
		3	"	"	5.
"	5th	2	"	"	4.
		3	"	"	6.
"	6th	2	"	"	3.
		4	"	"	5.

TABLE III.

When the Treble lies a whole pull in front, 2nd place or 6th must be made.

If the 2nd makes the place when the treble is behind, 6th place only can be made when the treble leads. If the 6th makes the place when the treble is behind, 2nd place only can be made when the treble leads.

TABLE IV.—SURPRISE METHODS.

All these methods must contain D and H.

TABLE V.—DELIGHT METHODS.

All these methods must substitute E for D or I for H.

TABLE VI.—TREBLE BOB METHODS.

All these methods must use E and I and not D or H.

TABLE VII.—BOB METHODS.

All methods having 5th with the treble behind, or 2nd with the treble leading are Bob methods.

TABLE VIII.

## IMPERIAL METHODS.

All methods having any of the following groups of places, are Imperial methods:

b c e f g h i j l n B C F G K

TABLE IX.

## COURT METHODS.

None.

No combination of places may be used which causes a bell to strike more than two blows in in the same place.

Fourths place is made at a bob in all methods.

Methods containing places marked with a capital letter only are pure Minor methods in which the changes are alternately Triple and Double.

720. If 2nd at plain lead call tenor w r w twice repeated.

If 6th at plain lead call tenor 1 o 1 twice repeated.

## EXAMPLE OF USE OF TABLES.

## OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR.

1 2 3 4 5 6	
2 1 4 3 6 5	} B
1 2 4 3 5 6	
2 1 3 4 6 5	} E
2 3 1 6 4 5	
3 2 6 1 5 4	} F
3 2 1 6 4 5	
2 3 6 1 5 4	} I
2 6 3 5 1 4	
6 2 5 3 4 1	} L
6 2 3 5 1 4	
2 6 5 3 4 1	} Table ii.
2 5 6 4 3 1	
	2nd makg plac.
	or
	Table ii.
6 2 3 5 4 1	4th makg. plce.

With this number is given the group photo. of the company who on the 19th January last, rang the first peal of Maximus upon the famed Bow Bells, conducted by W. T. Cockerill. The day of publication (April 13th) happens to be this gentleman's birthday, and we wish him "many happy returns."

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The Twenty-Fifth Annual Meeting was held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 1st, and was a most successful gathering. During the morning a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Andrew's by eight of the original members of the Association, and at Chesterfield a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, 5040 changes, was successfully brought round to celebrate the 25th anniversary. The bells at All Saints and St. Peter's were also available for ringing throughout the day.

In the afternoon the Rev. C. D. P. Davies (Hon. Secretary of the Central Council and Rector of Fretherne, Gloucestershire) conducted a special service in St. Andrew's church, which was particularly well filled, the rev. gentleman basing his address upon the necessity of punctuality, patience, perseverance, and self-denial of the bellringer, and the great help to spiritual life these should afford.

The members then adjourned to the schoolroom for tea, 105 members and friends sitting down. Subsequently Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., the President of the Association, took the chair at the general meeting. The annual report was submitted by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. E. White. This showed that during the year there was a record of peals very similar to those of the two previous years. The number of peals rung in 1906 was 91 as against 92 in 1905 and 94 in 1904. There was a matter which was engaging the serious attention of the committee, and that was the marked diminution of the balance standing to the credit of the Association. As intimately connected with that the committee desired that members should notice the reduction that had taken place in honorary members, whereby, of course, the funds materially suffered. It was to be hoped that local secretaries and all members interested in the well-being of the Association would make an earnest endeavour to obtain additional support in this direction, particularly from churchwardens and landowners.

The Loughborough, Derby, Chesterfield, Bolsover, and Burton bands were congratulated both on the number of peals and on the variety of methods rung, but it was still to be regretted that the peals rung during the past year were for the most part of an ordinary kind, and except in one or two cases the high methods appeared to be totally neglected. The committee appealed to the members to bestir themselves during the coming year to prevent the M.C.A. from falling into a second rate position among the kindred Associations.

The Committee, before concluding their report, desired to express their sense of the great loss the Association has sustained—a loss which every member must feel—in the death of Mr. Wm. Wakley, one of the founders of the Association, and hon. treasurer for so many years; and also in the death of their old and valued friend, Mr. J. W. Taylor.

The Rev. J. P. Hales moved the adoption of the balance-sheet as printed. This was scconded by Mr. A. R. Aldham, and carried.

Sir Arthur Heywood read particulars of the peals during the present year, and appealed to the younger members of the Association to look after its welfare, and to take a greater interest in the art of change-ringing. He also urged them to take notice of the remarks of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies on "perseverance, patience, and self-denial." It was most essential that those points should be looked after by the members if they wanted to attain any success, or derive any benefit from the Art. In conclusion, Sir Arthur expressed his pleasure at being present at the gathering, and admired the peal rung in honour of the meeting.

Thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. R. A. H. Hay for the use of the schools, was proposed by Mr. J. W. Taylor, seconded by Mr. A. Wakley, and supported by the chairman, the latter thanking them and the clergy present for this evidence of their interest in the welfare of the Association. In acknowledging the vote, Mr. Hay said that it had been a great pleasure to him to assist the Association in any way.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston referred to the deep interest in the Association taken by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and moved a vote of thanks to him for his excellent address. This was seconded by Mr. E. D. Taylor, and carried unanimously.

The Rev. C. D. Davies acknowledged the remarks, and congratulated the Association on the splendid gathering.

The retiring officers were thanked for their services, and unanimously re-elected, with Mr. A. Wakley as Hon. Treasurer. Two honorary and twenty-two ringing members were admitted.

The chairman said the Wakley Memorial was now in the hands of Lord Burton, the Vicar of St. Paul's (Burton), and the St. Paul's ringers, and would be a brass on the lines of the design now shown. In all probability it would be unveiled during September, and the committee recommended the holding of the second quarterly meeting at Burton for that purpose.

It was decided that the quarterly meetings for the year should be at North Wingfield, Burton-on-Trent, and Lutterworth, the next annual meeting being at Nottingham.

A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding was carried with acclamation, and the meeting concluded.

## 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."

BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—Owing to the pressure of Eastertide work I have only just seen your issue of the 30th ult. and Mr. Trollope's statement therein that "so far as he at present remembers" he has "not seen another five-part peal without a bob at R." May I give Mr. Trollope's memory a jog. In January 1905 I wrote to him with respect to two errors in the Section II. of the Central Collection of Peals, viz., on page 185, peal 97, where in the last course but one the bob should be at M instead of R, and on page 170, peal 65, where the heading should be W R M instead of W B R. In his reply dated January 13th, 1905, Mr. Trollope wrote with regard to the latter error; "The putting W B R for W B M in your five-part peal is an unpardonable error on my part, as that peal was, I believe, composed in response to a statement of mine that there was no five-part peal in existence without a bob R." The peal was in fact composed for Mr. Trollope as he says, on November 18th, 1896. In the same letter he wrote; "I don't know if you still are interested in composition, but there is no five-part Bob Major with calls at W M only." This naturally set me to work, and on January 19th, 1905, I sent him the two following peals, to which he referred in an article in "THE BELL NEWS" of July 29th, 1905.

BOB MAJOR.

5040.

23456	W	M
42635	-	-
62534	-	-
52436	-	-
65423	-	S
46352	-	-
36254	-	-
46253	S	-
24365	-	-
62345	-	-

BOB MAJOR.

5040.

23456	W	M
42635	-	-
64523	-	-
56342	-	-
45362	-	-
25346	S	S
32654	-	-
63425	-	-
46532	-	-
34562	-	-

Four times repeated. Four times repeated.

Composed Jan. 18th, 1905. Composed Jan. 19th, 1905.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1907.

THE Annual Report of the Midland Counties Association, read by the Hon. Secretary to the members at the annual meeting on Easter Monday, had a pointed reference to a most important matter affecting the well-being and stability of the Association. It is well-known that ringing organizations are only able to carry out their liberal programmes which they do, by the subscription, of honorary members, generally persons of good position in life, who derive, we hope, some pleasure in being connected in this way with local ringing Associations. The Hon. Secretary of the "Midland" intimated to the members that a reduction was taking place in the number of hon. members, whereby, of course, the funds of the Association materially suffered.

We think that all that was wanted was that the attention of the members should be drawn to such an important matter. The leaders and Secretaries of the various branches will, assuredly put their shoulders to the wheel, and enlist the aid and co-operation of gentlemen in their midst by becoming honorary members at the earliest moment. The hope is that when Mr. WHITE brings forward his next report he will be able to announce that the action of the various secretaries has resulted in a vast increase of hon. members, and that the finances of the Association have improved accordingly.

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\*First peal.

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\*First peal of Cinques.

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IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED HARDWICK .. Treble.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 5.
SAMUEL B. NORFOLK .. 2.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. 6.
THOMAS MURRAY .. .. 3.	FREDERICK W. HIRD .. 7.
JOHN B. JACKSON .. .. 4.	FRANCIS BARKER .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by FREDK. W. DIXON.

## PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Monday, April 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

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

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

It is over 40 years since the last peal of Stedman Triples was rung on these bells. The above was rung after meeting short for Double Norwich Caters.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 1, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Brook's Variation. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR J. BARTLETT .. Treble.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. 5
THOMAS ATTWELL .. .. 2.	ERNEST C. BONIFACE .. 6.
GEORGE MARRINER .. .. 3.	GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. 7.
ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. 4.	FREDERICK BENNETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

This and the following peal were rang as a birthday compliment to A. H. Winch.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 1, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.  
Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. Treble.	FREDERICK BENNETT .. 5.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. .. 2.	THOMAS ATTWELL .. .. 6.
ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. 3.	HARRY MILLARD .. .. 7.
GEORGE MARRINER .. .. 4.	ERNEST C. BONIFACE .. Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Thurstan's One-Part. Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM H. WOOD* .. Treble.	HARRY BARTON .. .. 5.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 2.	CHARLES W. BRETT .. 6.
CHARLES W. PLAYER* .. 3.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. 7.
FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 4.	ARCHIBALD C. KAY .. Tenor.

Conducted by PHILIP H. PIERCE.

\*First peal of Stedman.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 1, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM TICKNER .. Treble.	ARTHUR LURCOCK .. 4.
GEORGE EASTMAN .. .. 2.	ALBERT EASTMAN .. 5.
JAMES NYE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM NYE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 1, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.  
A THREE-PART PEAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS HAMMOND, SRN... Treble.	JAMES MARTIN .. .. 5.
EDWIN BREEZE .. .. 2.	ALBERT LOVELL .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BOOTH .. .. 3.	EDWARD CAUNCE .. .. 7.
JOHN ASPINWALL .. .. 4.	*RICHARD WALKER .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES MARTIN, and Conducted by EDWARD CAUNCE.

\*First peal.

DITCHLING, SUSSEX.

On Monday, April 1, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

J. DRIVER .. .. Treble.	W. HORNER .. .. 4.
J. STANDING .. .. 2.	J. PARSONS .. .. 5.
E. E. BISH .. .. 3.	S. WELLS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. DRIVER.

First peal by all the band.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HALEY'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

HERBERT RAINBOW .. Treble.	ARTHUR O. STEWART .. 5.
JOHN T. HENSMAN .. .. 2.	HENRY BLUNDELL .. 6.
JOHN METHERELL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FAREY .. 7.
ALFRED P. HENSMAN .. 4.	WILLIAM J. ALLEN .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FAREY.

Reference elsewhere.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, April 3, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Groves's Variation of Parker's 12-Part. Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT .. Treble.	HENRY FARLOW .. .. 5.
DANIEL JONES .. .. 2.	ALFRED FALLON .. .. 6.
ROBERT PICKERING .. 3.	JAMES E. GROVES .. 7.
HENRY BENTLEY .. .. 4.	ALFRED MILLS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung to celebrate the coming of age of A. Fallon.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 4, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

ERNEST A. BUTLER .. Treble.	EDGAR HUMFREY .. .. 5.
ALFRED R. BOSLEY .. .. 2.	EDMUND BANNISTER .. 6.
RICHARD G. PRICE .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WALTER HITCHMAN .. 4.	JOSEPH E. BUTLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

BRAMFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, April 4, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight 6-scores each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Morning Star, and April Day; and ten 6-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT .. Treble.	*AUSTIN LEECH .. .. 4.
EDWARD CHATTEN .. .. 2.	JOSEPH WALKER .. .. 3.
JOHN PUNCHARD .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

\*First peal.

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## SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Duke of York, and three of Kent.

Tenor 13 cwt.

C. JACKSON †	.. .. Treble.	*G. BAYSTON	.. .. 4.
R. RODMELL*	.. .. 2.	*A. E. WEST	.. .. 5.
H. RODMELL*	.. .. 3.	*L. RODMELL	.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. JACKSON.

First peal on the bells. \*First peal. †First peal on six.

## TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, April 6, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BIDDLESTONE'S TWELVE-PART.

HARRY SMITH*	.. .. Treble.	WILLIAM HINTON	.. .. 5.
WILLIAM R. SMALL	.. .. 2.	JESSE SCREEN	.. .. 6.
REUBEN HALL	.. .. 3.	ALFRED ROWLEY	.. .. 7.
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.	.. .. 4.	RICHARD SPEAKMAN	.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JESSE SCREEN.

\*First peal.

## HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWARD E. FOREMAN	.. Treble.	GEORGE G. JENKINS	.. 5.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE	.. 2.	PHILIP H. PIERCE	.. 6.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN	.. 3.	CHARLES W. BRETT	.. 7.
FREDERICK G. BRETT	.. 4.	STANLEY J. GIBBS	.. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. BRETT.

First peal as conductor, and rang on the anniversary of his wedding day.

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

On Saturday, April 6, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

F. SPARKS*	.. .. Treble.	*L. GOSWELL	.. .. 4.
C. DOE*	.. .. 2.	*A. PAYNE	.. .. 5.
H. WATTS	.. .. 3.	†J. MOTH	.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. MOTH.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

## EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1907, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HUMPHREY BISH*	.. Treble.	NORMAN WAKEFIELD	.. 5.
JOSEPH KENWARD	.. 2.	KEITH HAHT	.. 6.
JOSEPH WREN	.. 3.	PETER ETHERIDGE	.. 7.
JOHN SHERLOCK	.. 4.	*FRANK DAY	.. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HAHT.

\*First peal. The ringers were afterwards entertained by the Rev. C. W. P. Crawford to an excellent tea.

## HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1907, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE WHITING	.. Treble.	EDGAR HICKS	.. 5.
ERNEST E. LANHAM	.. 2.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN	.. 6.
WILLIAM BALLS	.. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN	.. 7.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	.. 4.	†HARRY LAST	.. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

†First peal in the method.

## MORETON-IN-THE-MARSH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 6, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

STANLEY GREEN	.. Treble.	GEORGE LARGE	.. 4.
FRED RANDALL	.. 2.	WALTER LARGE	.. 5.
ERNEST WEBB	.. 3.	ALFRED PARDINGTON	.. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER LARGE.

## SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK RING, JUN.	.. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN	.. 5.
FREDERICK RING, SEN.	.. 2.	WILLIAM LANE	.. 6.
GEORGE HAYES	.. 3.	WILLIAM HARPER	.. 7.
JOHN WHEADON*	.. 4.	ALFRED BROOM	.. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

\*First peal of Stedman.

## TUE BROOK, LIVERPOOL.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 6, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT LOVELL	.. Treble.	EDWARD CAUNCE	.. 5.
JOHN ASPINWALL	.. 2.	CHARLES E. STEWART	.. 6.
GEORGE R. NEWTON	.. 3.	J. E. SYKES	.. 7.
W. F. HARTSHORNE	.. 4.	SAM W. STEWART	.. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by SAM W. STEWART.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble man, who is the tower keeper at the above church.

## OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1907, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 24½ cwt.

SAMUEL GROVE	.. Treble.	HORACE F. STREET	.. 6.
FRANK WITHERS	.. 2.	JAMES E. GROVES	.. 6.
WILLIAM SHORT	.. 3.	JAMES DOWLER	.. 7.
JOSEPH PIGOTT	.. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER	.. Tenor.

Composed by JOSEPH PIGOTT, and Conducted by ARTHUR E. PEGLER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## HODDESDON, HERTS.

## THE ESSEX AND HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

CHARLES MATTHEWS .. Treble.	*WILLIAM IRONS .. .. 4.
JESSE PUPLETT .. .. 2.	ISAAC CAVILL .. .. 5.
HENRY G. ROWE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM CAVILL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM CAVILL.

\*First peal in seven methods. Rung after meeting short for Major. All the above belong to the local band.

## TETBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 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 16 cwt. in F.

ERNEST BISHOP .. .. Treble.	THOMAS ROBINSON .. .. 5.
ALFRED LAWRENCE .. .. 2.	OLIVER NORMAN .. .. 6.
CHARLES J. GARDNER .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
THOMAS RICKETTS .. .. 4.	ALFRED W. HARRINGTON Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 7, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT MITCHELL† .. Treble.	HARRY PEARLESS .. .. 5.
OLIVER SIPPETTS* .. .. 2.	JOHN RICE .. .. 6.
RICHARD SIPPETTS .. .. 3.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. .. 7.
PETER TYLRR .. .. 4.	ALFRED D. MILLS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN RICE.

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

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY).

On Monday, April 8, 1907, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JOSEPH TURNER .. .. Treble.	*SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. 7.
GEORGE TURNER .. .. 2.	*A. E. WREAKS .. .. 8.
JOSEPH MELLOR .. .. 3.	*JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. 9.
GEORGE LONGDEN .. .. 4.	*RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 10.
JAMES WOOD .. .. 5.	SAMUEL WOOD .. .. 11.
EDWARD CASH* .. .. 6.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Rang to celebrate the 50th birthday of S. Wood. \*First peal of Treble Twelve In.

NEXT WEEK.—List of peals rung during an Easter outing in Kent by members of the K.C.A.

## Date Touch.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Monday, March 25th, at Christ

Church, a date touch of 1907 changes in the following methods: 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 467 Plain Bob. E. A. Lebbon, W. Smith, A. H. Doherty, F. Squires, W. Keeble conductor, B. Marks. Rung after the induction of the Rev. Canon Corbett to the living of Wanstead.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

RIPLEY (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, April 7th, for evening service at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. F. Hill, H. Day, J. Bourne, G. Goodwin, H. George, W. Frost, J. Pagett composer and conductor, T. Stimpson. And 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Bowmer, T. Stimpson, H. Day, A. Haslam, J. Bourne, W. Frost, J. Pagett conductor, G. Goodwin.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Tuesday, April 2nd, at St. Edward's church, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Bradley, B. Keeble, H. Catterwell, J. Moule, A. J. Perkins conductor, W. Keeble, G. Hayden, W. Watson. The above was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples upon the diamond jubilee birthday of Mr. B. Keeble. A birthday peal for the brothers Keeble was rang in the same tower on Easter Monday, April 2nd, 1898.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

REDENHALL (Norfolk).—On Sunday, March 31st for Divine Service in the morning, 672 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Keeley, F. Borrett, R. Whiting, W. Mobbs, E. Evans, H. Adcock, F. Smith, J. Betts.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Tuesday, March 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Woodley, E. A. Butler, W. Grace, R. G. Rice, M. E. Caudwell, J. E. Butler, E. Bannister conductor, W. Warwick. Composed by R. G. Rice.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LAWTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday, March 24th, at the parish church, with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Booth, who died very suddenly, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Hancock, E. Harper, J. Wildblood, W. F. Hartshorne conductor, J. Pierpoint, J. Massey, W. Rigby, S. Dinelow.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Tuesday, February 12th, for practice at the Cathedral, 503 Grandsire Caters. H. Anson, E. G. Lampard, W. Andrews, F. Smith, L. Lampard, G. Noice, W. T. Tucker, W. C. Lampard, W. H. George conductor, D. Froome. On Sunday morning, March 10th, in honour of the King's wedding day, 503 Grandsire Caters. F. Smith, E. G. Lampard, J. W. Elkins, L. Lampard, W. T. Tucker, G. Noice, C. A. Valentine, W. H. George, W. C. Lampard conductor, D. Froome.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EWELL (Surrey).—On Sunday, March 24th, for evening service, 672 Stedman Triples. T. Miles, J. Beams conductor, S. S. Wilson, C. E. Read, E. T. Grove, H. Greenhill, H. G. Beams, F. Lauer.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DONCASTER.—On Sunday, March 31st, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins. H. Fevre, W. Bellamy, A. E. Ashe, H. Marwood, C. Scott, A. C. Fearnley, G. Halksworth conductor, W. Howard.

BARTHOMLEY (Cheshire).—On Sunday, March 24th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 29 mins. T. Latham, J. Austin, J. Barrington, J. Matthews, A. Allman, J. Bradshaw conductor.

Fray, A. Marks, W. Rowe, sen., W. T. Tucker. On Thursday, February 28th, 360 Bob Minor. E. Mundy, C. A. Valentine, E. Dumper, C. Fray conductor, W. Rowe, W. T. Tucker. Also 360 Double Court. E. Dumper, C. Valentine, C. Fray, G. Williams conductor, W. Rowe, W. C. Tucker. On Sunday morning, March 3rd, for Divine Service, 360 Double Court. E. Mundy, G. Williams conductor, W. T. Tucker, C. Fray, W. Rowe, C. A. Valentine. For evening service 360 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Williams conductor, W. H. George, C. Fray, A. Marks, C. A. Valentine, W. S. Tucker. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob. W. T. Tucker, W. H. George, A. Marks, C. A. Valentine.

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**Obituary.****EDWARD BENTHAM, OF WIGAN.**

On March 21st, the death occurred of this ringer after an illness of only two days' duration. His remains were interred at the Wigan Cemetery on March 25th. As the cortege left the residence of the deceased every manifestation of respect was shown en route to the parish church, where the first part of the funeral service was conducted by the Rector, Canon Matthew, assisted by the curate. Mr. Arthur Simpson presided at the organ, and the hymns "Ye servants of the Lord," and "Let Saints on earth in concert sing," were sung. The mourners then proceeded to the Cemetery, where borne on the shoulders of his fellow-ringers, the remains were committed to the earth, the Rev. W. E. Kingsbury conducting the remaining portion of the burial service.

Several beautiful wreaths were received, amongst them being one from the widow and family, relatives and personal friends of deceased, and a beautiful one from the ringers in the form of a bell. On Sunday, March 24th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a mark of respect.

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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.

BRANSFORD (near Worcester).—On Wed-

nesday, March 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, on handbells. J. R. Newman (conductor), 1-2-3-4; F. M. Newman, 5-6. Longest length on handbells by either.

BRIDGWATER (Somerset).—On Sunday evening, March 31st, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Gardner, C. Evans, E. C. Sweet, H. Boobier, A. O. Major, A. Burn, A. E. Coles conductor, G. Shepherd.

MISTLEY (Essex).—On March 12th. at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Webb, J. Tippins, F. Souer, T. Steward, W. Honeywood, F. Warner.

**GREAT CHURCH EXTENSION.**

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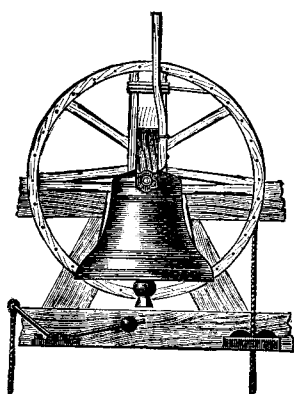
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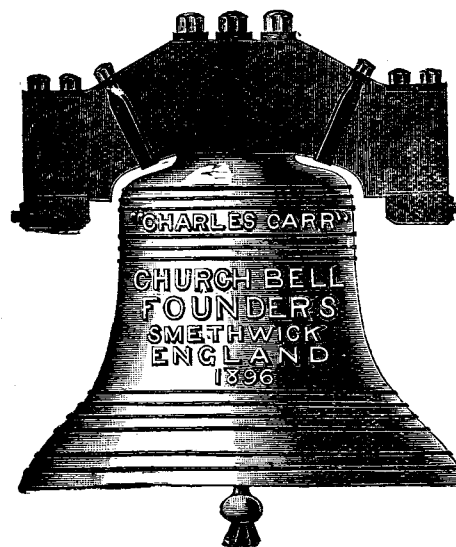
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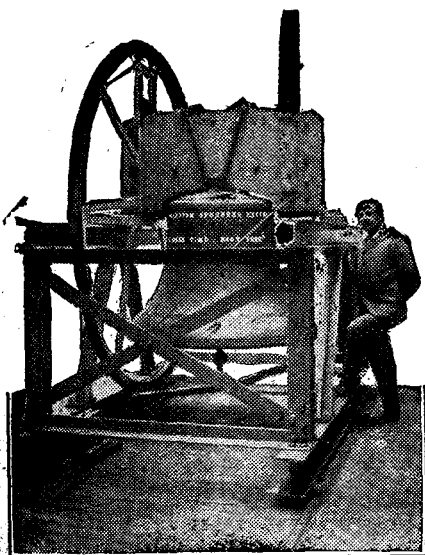
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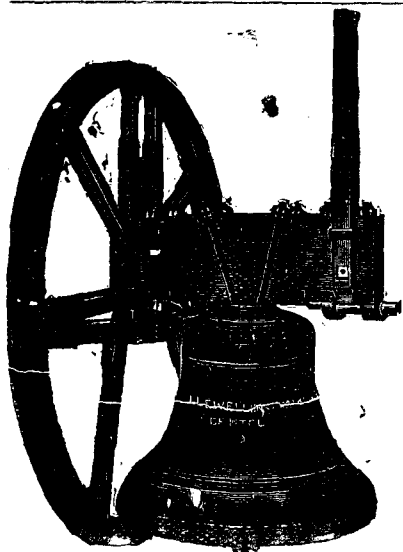
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By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

Peals with the 6th her extent Wrong and Right.

### ARTICLE No. 3.

Very few peals have been composed with the 6th in these positions. The late Henry Johnson was the first to produce such peals on a very excellent short course plan, having the 6th forty times wrong and right. The only minor disadvantage, if one cares to think it so, is the home-coursing order of 7-8-9, otherwise we may very correctly consider it on the top grade of composition. It is quite apparent that such peals don't admit of a fixed bell in 2nds place, see peal No. 4 (re-published from "BELL NEWS," July 1891, per Sir Arthur Heywood). In 1885 I composed peal No. 5 (re-published from "BELL NEWS," March 1888), having the 6th twenty-four times each way in 5-6, with the treble in 2nds place. Rung at Rotherham, February 14th, 1888, conducted by the writer.

In this peal the tittum coursing of 6-7-8-9 is not interfered with, and the same bells are free from obstruction in forming the course-ends. The only objection is in having four calls together in each course, otherwise it is a very musical composition. A variation of this peal is to have the 6th in 2nds place, and the 5th its extent each way in 5-6. I rather favour this idea, as the 6th is behind at the four consecutive bobs.

The next peal, No. 6, has also the 6th her extent each way in 5-6, and is produced in natural courses without disturbing the working order of the treble and 7-8-9, and is the first peal produced on this plan.

No. 4.

5016.

231456

Continued—

132465\*

523416†

423165 2 4 7 9

432516 2 4 7 9

543162 1 3 5 8

142536 1 3 6 8

134562 2 4 7 9

524136 2 4 7 9

214563 1 3 5 8

354126 1 3 6 8

541263 2 4 7 9

145326 2 4 7 9

351264 1 3 5 8

215346 1 3 6 8

215364 2 4 7 9

351246 2 4 7 9

425361 1 3 5 8

431256 1 3 6 8

352461 2 4 7 9

213456 2 4 7 9

\* 1, 3, 14, 16, 19. † 3, 14, 16, 19.

Three times repeated. Omit the bob at 1 in the first course, and substitute B for S in the 2nd and 4th parts, produces 231456978. Round in two courses by a bob at 1 in each.

H. J.

No. 5.

5000.

123456

Continued—

416352\*

214536

365421†

415236

631425 5 6

512436

314265 4 5 6 7 9 10 11 12

314256

412365

412356

413562

513246

315462

312546

514362

215346

513264

413526

312564

315426

215364

514326

213465

213456

214563

314526 S

415263

415326

512463

513426

514263 S

214356

412563

413256

412563

512346

415362

213546

513462

315246

315462

412536

315264

215436

512364

514236

213564

312456

215463

214365

413265

312465

\* 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18.

† 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14.

Round with bobs at 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 14.

C. H. H.

No. 6.

6453.

231456

Continued—

615423\*

413265 4

513264 4

314562 5

315462 5

312465 16

312564 16

315264 16

314265 16

513462 5

413562 5

512364 16

412365 16

514263 16

415263 16

412563 16

514362 5

612345 4

512463 16

4 5 16

612354 4

215463 4

214563 4

213564 16

213465 16

214365 16

614523 S4

415623 4

16

## Continued—

514326 4  
412356 4

512643 4 5 16  
213456 4 16  
315426 4  
512436 4

312654 4 5 16  
214536 4 16  
413526 4  
312546 4

412635 4 5 16  
415236 16  
513246 4  
314256 4

## Continued—

514236 4 5 16  
413256 4  
315246 4

415632 4 5 16  
512346 4 16  
214356 4  
415326 4

215643 4 5 16  
513426 4 16  
312456 4  
215436 4

315624 4 5 16  
314526 16  
412536 4  
213546 4

\* 1, 3, 7, 10, 11, 13, 17, 18.

Round at 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13.

C. H. H.

By calling the first course of peal No. 6, 4, 8s, 9, 11, 13s, 14, the thirteenth course-end is produced. and changes reduced to 5133, having the 6th twelve times wrong and twenty-four times right.

## ARTICLE No. 4.

Peals with the working bells their extent behind the 9th.

To speak moderately these peals are meritorious compositions when the extents are obtained in natural courses, and very far supersedes the ordinary nine and eleven course-peals. I don't wish it to be understood that these remarks should set aside the earlier compositions of a past generation, or even those of more recent date, as some of these show considerable care in the starting and homing courses, and the uniform manner in constructing the parts, but still we find the main body of such peals as far back as Shipway, and now with the publication of "Stedman" for the opening and finishing courses, very little skill is required to form such peals, therefore those with the working bells their extent are certainly more preferable, of which the following peal, No. 7, is an example. It has the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th, without the 2nd being in that position, and in the least number of courses possible. The first 5000 on this plan was rung at Sheffield in 1890, composed and conducted by the writer. It will be needful to refer to this (No. 4) Article when submitting the sixty course-end peals, and also some of those with the 6th in 2nds place, as the construction will be found very similar.

## No. 7.

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(To be continued.)

ERRATA.—The figures of the opening and turning courses of the three peals published in last week's issue, should be read in consecutive order, and not as printed.

## STOKE-UPON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE

On Friday, April 12th, an interesting event took place in St. Peter's belfry, Stoke-on-Trent, Mr. F. Goldstraw, who is leaving for Canada, being made the recipient of a miniature silver bell, hanging on a pedestal, with two gold bands round the bell, and a suitable inscription upon it.

Mr. S. Churton, the leader of the ringers, in the course of his remarks alluded to the loss they were about to sustain in losing Mr. Goldstraw, who was a good all-round ringer and regular in his attendance, and one whom it would be hard to replace. However he trusted that he would be successful in his new venture, and that they would have the pleasure of seeing him again at some future time. He then called on Mr. Page to make the presentation.

Mr. Page said he was very pleased to be with them on that occasion, though at the same time he wished it was for a different purpose. He was only expressing the feelings of all when he said how sorry they were that Mr. Goldstraw was leaving them, for he was a good ringer, and had done a great deal in bringing young members on, sparing no time or trouble. His brother ringers thought they would like to make some small present to him, and had willingly subscribed towards this bell, which he now would cheerfully present him with. They all trusted that it would put him in mind of the many happy hours they had spent together in that belfry, and if at some future time he came back to the old country, he was to be sure and give them a look-up and have a pull in memory of old times.

In responding, Mr. Goldstraw thanked the company for all their kindness. He felt he had only done his duty, in trying to instruct young members, and it had given him great pleasure to do so. He should greatly prize the present they had given him, and if ever he should return they would be sure to see him among them.

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## STEBBING, ESSEX.

On Saturday, April 6th, a meeting of ringers was held at St. Mary's church, the object of the gathering being to unveil a tablet recording two peals, the first being a 5040 of Doubles rung in two distinct methods, in honour of the jubilee of Queen Victoria, June 21st, 1887. This was rung in 3 hrs. 1 min., and was commenced at 6 a.m. The second peal records the first peal of Minor on the bells; the ring of five being rehung, and a new treble added in 1902. This increase was mainly due to the untiring energy of the then new Vicar, the Rev. E. Clapton, who set to work, and £180 was raised for the purpose, and the work has been excellently carried out by Mears and Stainbank. The unveiling ceremony was performed by the Rev. L. Hurd, curate-in-charge. At 5.30 about twenty sat down to a capital meat tea in the schoolroom. It was much regretted that the Vicar was unable to be present, owing to his not having recovered from a serious attack of typhoid. The tea was splendidly managed by Mrs. Clapton and the wives of the ringers.

After the unveiling, touches in various methods were rung. The following towers were represented: Braintree, Dunmow, Bardfield, and Rayne. With handbells and songs a most enjoyable time was spent.

## ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society was held on Saturday, April 13th, at All Saints church, West Bromwich, the following towers being represented: Wednesbury, Wombourn, West Bromwich, Tipton, Darlaston, Walsall, Smethwick, Handsworth, Bloxwich, Coseley, Wolverhampton, and Miss M. Gilbanks, of Wollaston. The bells of Christ Church as well as those of All Saints were available for ringing, and some good touches in various methods were rung.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. M. M. Connor, in the parish church, the organist and choir being present. The singing of the special psalm and hymns was shared with the members, who seemed to sing as well as they could ring, several of those present being members of choirs, as well as ringers.

The Vicar gave a most practical address. He said the office of a ringer was a very important one, when they remembered that the church was God's church, and the work they did was God's work. It did not matter so much what they did, as how they did God's work. If only they worked with simplicity—i.e. with the aim to please God, with diligence, i.e. with love towards God, and with cheerfulness, rejoicing in their duties as God's workmen, they would be rewarded with the Master's approval, when He would say to each earnest worker, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

A committee meeting was held in the vestry, when some new members were elected. It was also decided to hold the annual meeting in June, at Lichfield.

An adjournment was made to the schools, where a knife and fork tea was found to be in readiness, ample justice being soon done by the forty-six members present to the many good things provided.

A vote of thanks was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address in church, and for his kindness in conducting the members round the chancel, and explaining the Mosaic figures on the floor also to the ladies who so kindly pre-

pared the tea, and attended to the wants of all present. Then the members dispersed, some to the parish church, and some to Christ Church, for more ringing.

## STOKE-UPON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting took place at Norton on Saturday, April 6th. Members attended from Tunstall, Kingsley, Fenton, Burslem, Hucknall, Biddulph, and Brown Edge. There were also present the Revs. E. J. Bromley Kingston and E. V. Cox, Mr. D. Preston (lay secretary), and Mr. G. Ryles (churchwarden). The belfry was open for ringing at 2.30, when touches in various methods were rung, after which tea was partaken of in the girls' school room. The tables were presided over by the following ladies: Miss Jack, Miss Taylor, Miss Holdcroft, Miss Tabernor, and Mrs. Mosedale.

The Rector gave a most interesting and humorous address on the ancient mode of ringing bells both at home and in the Canary Islands. He was pleased to welcome the Association to Norton, and gratefully acknowledged the good work which its members were doing in the way of belfry reform, etc., and he was very glad to report that everything was going on very satisfactorily in his own belfry at Norton, under the guidance of Mr. J. C. Wheeldon, and he sincerely hoped that this state of affairs would long continue.

The Rev. E. V. Cox thanked the Rector for the excellent address he had delivered, and also the ringers of Norton for their kindness in entertaining them, and making their visit so enjoyable. Ringing was kept up until nine o'clock.

## Correspondence.

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

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

BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—The Rev. J. Holme Pilkington is quite right. He was the first to get a five-part peal of Bob Major with only calls at W and M. I hope he will forgive me for momentarily forgetting it.  
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

## INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Could you, Mr. Challis Winney, or Mr. William Pye, give me the following information, as I want outside opinion:

In "non-conducted" peals should there be any movement of the head, such as nodding, or any talking whatsoever? My opinion is that peals rung in the above fashion are not non-conducted peals. An answer in your valuable paper will greatly oblige  
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## ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Saturday, April 6th, a special ringing meeting of the Central Northamptonshire Association was held at Rothwell. Touches of Superlative, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire, and Plain Bob were rung on the new ring of bells. Tea was provided in the schools at 4.30, to which over one hundred members sat down. The chair was taken by the Vicar (Rev. J. A. M. Morley), who in a neat speech gave the Association a very hearty welcome, saying how pleased he was to see the ringers there to ring on the new bells. He then called on the Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne) to address the meeting.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge said that there were two things that he would like to impress upon them. The first was their Churchmanship. It was absolutely essential that all ringers should be good and thorough Churchmen. Make a man a good Churchman first, and a good ringer afterwards. A man who was a ringer and not a sound, thorough, good Churchman, was nothing more or less than an impostor, and not worthy of the name of a ringer. The second thing he would like to speak to them about was that every ringer should be a member of an Association, whose aims were the greater glory of God, the promotion of belfry reform, and the instruction and cultivation of the art of change-ringing. He was convinced in his own mind that what a great amount of good this and other Associations and Guilds were doing all over the country.

The Rev. E. C. Channer (President of the Association) and Mr. J. W. Taylor (Loughborough) also made a few suitable remarks.

Mr. T. R. Hensher moved that a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded the Vicar for the invitation given to the Association to try the new bells so soon after their dedication, also for the excellent arrangements made for the tea.

The Vicar, having asked Mr. Lane (churchwarden) to reply, that gentleman said it was due to the zeal of their former Vicar and to the untiring zeal of their present vicar they were there that day. Something like fourteen years ago their church was in a very dilapidated condition, but now the west end had been rebuilt, a new clock and chimes had been provided, two new bells had been secured, two bells recast, and the whole peal of eight rehung in new fittings and H frames. Although the work of restoration was not quite complete, yet they had now one of the finest old churches in Northamptonshire.

The two new bells and the work of rehangng has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor, the go of the bells being pronounced by the ringers as excellent.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

Once again have the inhabitants of Worcester, a city renowned for centuries for loyalty to its Sovereign, and recently for other matters, been enlivened, during the Easter holiday, by the sound of some of its fine rings of bells, it being regretted that the splendid ring of ten at All Saints (the best ten in the county) were unable to be rung owing to the unsafe condition of the tower.

The annual meeting of this Association being held there on Easter Monday, the bells available were raised in good time in the morning, and various touches before 1.15, when the usual service was held at St. Helen's church, the address being delivered by the Rev. W. H. Chappell.

At 2.30 the business meeting was held in the fine old

Chapter-House of the Cathedral, where, the Dean of Worcester (President of the Association) presiding, supported by the Revs. Canon Claughton, E. H. Tupper, J. F. Hastings, and J. S. Pritchett, esq., the usual business was transacted. The next meeting was fixed to be held at Selly Oak, the band there having recently joined the Association; and it was decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Worcester, at the Cathedral if possible; Mr. G. Checketts being appointed conductor. The officers were all re-elected with the exception of the treasurer, Mr. H. Mason, who handed in his resignation, which was accepted with much regret, Mr. W. H. Johnson being elected in his place. After the usual vote of thanks an adjournment was made to The Angel hotel, Sidbury, where a most enjoyable tea was provided, about one hundred members being present to do justice to it.

The Cathedral bells being available from 5 to 6.30, a move was made there, and several courses of Stedman Caters, Bob Royal, and Grandsire Caters were rung.

Throughout the day the bells of St. Helen's, recast in 1706, from a former peal of five, by Richard Sanders, of Bromsgrove, and having inscriptions commemorative of Marlborough and his victories, were in great request, and some exceedingly good touches of London, Cambridge, and Superlative Surprise, Stedman, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, and Grandsire were rung.

Altogether it was a most enjoyable day, both as regards the business and the ringing, and memorable in the annals of the Association, inasmuch as a lady member took part in a course of Bob Royal on the Cathedral bells.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Midhurst on Saturday, April 6th. Ringing commenced about 4.30 p.m., and touches in various methods of Minor were rung till 5.30. A move was then made to the Coffee Restaurant, where a capital meat tea was provided by the Vicar. Among those present were the Vicar, the Rev. F. Tatchell, and Messrs. G. F. Attree, Master (who presided) A. B. Bennett, Hon. Sec., E. C. Merritt (Brighton), Dr. Bailey (Midhurst), and H. Evans, divisional Secretary; and representatives from the following towers: Goring, Rogate, and Midhurst, numbering eighteen. A telegram was received from Mr. Tompkins expressing regret at not being able to be present. Tea over the usual business followed. The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed. Three new members were elected. The next quarterly peal to be attempted at Littleworth, provided the bells can be obtained.

A discussion then ensued as to the proposed alteration of the rules, but the meeting was of a unanimous opinion that no alteration was necessary.

Mr. Bennett proposed a most hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for providing the tea. The rev. gentleman replied, and said he was pleased to give the ringers a welcome to Midhurst. Dr. Bailey proposed a vote of thanks to the Master for attending and presiding, to which the Master replied.

The ringers' service was then held, and conducted by the Vicar, after which the tower was again visited, and ringing continued till nearly eight o'clock, which ended a very enjoyable meeting.

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**Notices.**

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637).—A district meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey, to-day, Sat., April 20th. Ringing from 3 to 7.30 p.m., after which there will be a social gathering at The Green Dragon, when all members and friends will be most heartily welcomed. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd, and at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 25th both at 8 p.m.; also at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, May 2nd, at 7.30 p.m.

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

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, to-day, Sat., April 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Business meeting in the vestry at 5 p.m.; the Ven, the Archdeacon of Lewisham in the chair. All overdue subscriptions should be paid at this meeting, so that a true report can be read at the annual meeting. Visitors are welcome.  
T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Lawton on Saturday, April 20th. D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Nottingham District.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bulwell to-day, Sat., April 20th, from 5.30 to 9.30.  
REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Local Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open at 3.30. The business meeting will be held at The Castle inn at 5.30, at which the Rector will preside.  
W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, April 27th Tea (free) to members producing receipts for 1907. Service in the Cathedral. Towers open as usual. Will non-resident life members who require a copy of the annual report kindly forward me their addresses  
P. O. BIXBY, *Hon. Sec.*

Thorofare, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea at the Village Hall at 5.30, sixpence each to those who let me know by Wednesday, April 24th.  
ROBERT J. DAWES, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

15, Priory Street, Lewes.

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The members of this society will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, April 27th, at their headquarters, St. Michael's parish church. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers invited.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Midsomer Norton, on Saturday, April 27th. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Evensong at 6.30 p.m. Bells available all day.  
I. B. HOLMYARD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 27th, at Southport. The bells (8) of Christ Church, will be at liberty from 2 p.m. till 8 p.m., and those at Emmanuel Church (also 8), from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Meeting in Christ Church Parish Room at 6 p.m.

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

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above meeting will be held at Sunbury on Saturday, April 27th. The bells will be available from 3 to 5, and from 6.30 to 9. All members are asked to make an effort to attend.  
J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, April 27th, at Burley. Bells (6), available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Cardigan Arms at 7 p.m.  
GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Selisbury Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will be held at Sherborne, Dorset, on Thursday, May 2nd. Service in the Abbey, 12.15. Sermon by Canon Lyon, Vicar. Dinner, 1.0, at Mr. Tuffin's restaurant; 2s. each. Business meeting immediately after dinner. The following towers will be available for ringing—The Abbey (8); Bradford Abbas (6); Compton (5); Thornford (5); Yetminster (5). One shilling is allowed members towards rail fare.  
H. E. TILNEY BASSETT, *Hon. Sec.*

**The London County Association** late the St. James's Society.—A periodical meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at the parish church of St. Paul, Hammersmith. W. The tower will be open from 4.30 to 9 p.m. A social will be held afterwards. All ringers will be made welcome.  
T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*

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

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Pinner on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea at The Queen's Head at 5.30, 7d. per head. All members and friends invited.  
H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec. West Division.*

**The Essex Association.**—South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held in Jeffrey's schoolroom, Great Baddow, on Saturday, May 4th. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 9d. per head. Meeting following. The towers of Sandon and Darbury (5 bells) will also be open for ringing. Members intending to be present kindly notify me not later than May 1st.  
HY. F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*

County Offices, Duke Street, Chelmsford.

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—The annual of this district will be held at Birchington on Saturday, May 4th. The parish church tower (8 bells) will be open. The Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, will also be open, but members visiting there are requested to enter the park by the footpath leading from the National Schools. Tea at 5 p.m. at The Queen's Head hotel. Business meeting after tea. Members intending to be present must let me know by Wednesday, May 1st. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at once.  
G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—A joint

meeting of the Northern and Eastern districts will be held at Bennington on Saturday, May 4th, when the tower will be open from 3 p.m. A free tea will be provided by the Rector (Rev. W. Mills). Business meeting after. It is hoped a good number will avail themselves of this opportunity of visiting this quaint old world village, which used to be so famous to the ringing world. Without a doubt those attending will enjoy the visit. Will those intending to be present for tea kindly notify W. H. Lawrence, Little Mundon, Ware, a week previous. Nearest station—Knebworth, G.N.R., four miles.

W. H. LAWRENCE, *Little Mundon.*  
J. F. FOSTER, *Hitchin.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Horsham on Saturday, May 4th. The tower of the parish church will be open at 10.30 a.m., and Warnham (if required) at 9 p.m. Luncheon at 1.45 p.m. at The Black Horse hotel; Chairman—the Vicar of Horsham. Members tickets 1s. 3d. each. Business meeting at 3 p.m. Special service at 4.30 p.m.; Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon of Chichester. Members intending to be present at the luncheon are requested to notify the same to me not later than Wednesday, May 1st.

A. B. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*  
78, Abingdon Road, Kensington.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next general meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, May 11th. Local Hon. Sec.—Mr. A. Walker, Englands Yard, Pontefract. For further details see Association circular.

JNO. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Bramley, Leeds.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Shirfield English (4½ miles from Romsey), on Saturday, May 11th. The belfry will be opened at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at The Hatchet inn at 5 o'clock. Arrangements can be made to convey members from Romsey Abbey to Shirfield English and back for 1s. per member, if the secretary be informed by Thursday, May 9th, and members requiring tea should also let him know by that date. The conveyance will leave the Abbey at 2 o'clock. The bells of the Abbey church will be available from 1 p.m. to 2 o'clock.  
JAMES W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*

3, Culver Villas, Winchester.

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—The next annual meeting will be held at Chippenham on Monday, May 20th. Service will be held at noon in the parish church, followed by a cold luncheon at 1 o'clock at Mr. Perkins, The Vaults. Both towers will be open for ringing. One shilling allowed for luncheon to those members sending notice on or before Wednesday, May 15th, to  
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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 1907.

MR. EDWIN SHEPHERD, of Exeter, naively asks in another column for certain information. At a first glance his request seems simple enough, but at length we are drawn to the conviction that "nodding the head," and so forth, are acts which he has seen, and which have raised his ire a little. This is his gentle way of putting it: by asking a naive question. We think the term "non-conducted" is hardly the correct one to use in any case; why not say "non-called?" Calling and conducting are very different things, and it is a pity the former word has become obsolete, so far as records are concerned. It has occurred before and will occur again, that a peal is called by one who is positively unable to keep any of the band from going wrong. He merely calls the bobs, and when a hitch arises, another of the company prevents it spreading. A peal so rung would not be disallowed, therefore in a "non-called" peal should similar tactics be condemned? We are conscious that we are only dealing with one-half of the question, but we will see what this brings forth.

**The Metropolis.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 13, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

BERTIE MILLER .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 5.
HARRY WARNETT .. .. 2.	ALBERT JAMES RAMSEY .. 6.
THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. 3.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON 7.
JOSEPH LAW .. .. 4.	FREDERICK H. GOOCH .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. THORNTON.

Rung as birthday compliment to J. Law on the completion of his 65th birthday.

**The Provinces.****HAVANT, HANTS.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, April 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PENNING'S ONE-PART.

JOSCELYN TURNER* .. .. Treble.	JAMES ARTHUR .. .. 5.
HENRY NORTHFIELD* .. .. 2.	MATTHEW ELLSMORE .. 6.
WILLIAM LEBBON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. READ .. .. 7.
ADAM SMALL* .. .. 4.	HENRY MELLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. LEBBON.

\*First peal.

**ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, April 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 15 cwt.

WM. ALLSOP .. .. Treble.	GEO. PIPES .. .. 5.
J. HALL .. .. 2.	SAML. HALL .. .. 6.
THOS. SHIMPSON .. .. 3.	FRED WATKINSON .. .. 7.
W. G. CHRISTIAN .. .. 4.	FRANCIS KAY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by FRED WATKINSON

**BIRMINGHAM.****ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Wednesday, April 10, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,**AT ST. CHAD'S (B.C.) CATHEDRAL,***A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK WITHERS .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. .. 5.
THOMAS BALDWIN* .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
ALF PADDON SMITH .. .. 3.	JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by A. E. PEGLER.

\*First peal in the method. This peal was arranged for Mr. Baldwin, who hails from Gloucester.

**KINGS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.****WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 13, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,***A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 5.
FRANK WITHERS .. .. 2.	*ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 6.
JOHN WITHERS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and

Conducted by A. E. PEGLER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Short, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

**WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, April 10, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:**

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

ROBERT WOOD .. .. Treble.	ERNEST H. COPPIN .. .. 5.
THOMAS LINCOLN .. .. 2.	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON .. 6.
ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. 3.	HENRY F. COOPER .. .. 7.
FREDERICK G. RADLEY .. 4.	WILLIAM LINCOLN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

Arranged as a farewell peal for E. H. Coppin, who is leaving for Toronto, Canada, and also as a birthday compliment to H. F. Cooper. The ringers wish the first God speed, and many happy returns to Mr. Cooper.

**BIRCHINGTON, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, April 10, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,**AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

BEN REED .. .. Treble.	LIONEL SHOOBRIDGE .. .. 5.
GEORGE WILLSHIRE .. .. 2.	ERNEST BURGESS .. .. 6.
PERCY REED .. .. 3.	BEN REED, JUN. .. .. 7.
FRANK REEVES* .. .. 4.	ERNEST WILSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLSHIRE.

\*First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a farewell peal to Ben Reed, jun., who is leaving for America. His brother ringers wish him every success.

**DUNSTER, SOMERSETSHIRE.****BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, April 11, 1907, in Three Hours,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 21 cwt.

S. SAMS .. .. Treble.	T. ELLIOT .. .. 5.
W. HOYLE .. .. 2.	G. ATKINS .. .. 6.
J. HOLE .. .. 3.	H. MOORE .. .. 7.
C. T. COLES .. .. 4.	J. R. PASSMORE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by H. MOORE.

This is the conductor's 50th peal. Mr. Coles hails from London, and was elected a member previous to starting.

**ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, April 11, 1907, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,**AT CHRIST CHURCH,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

W. ALCOCK .. .. Treble.	F. LOCK .. .. 5.
F. MEDHURST .. .. 2.	F. A. KENNETT .. .. 6.
F. BENNETT .. .. 3.	G. WATSON .. .. 7.
J. CURTIS* .. .. 4.	H. DENMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. WATSON.

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

**EYNSFORD, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, April 12, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

REUBEN BALDWIN* .. Treble.	ROBERT BRETT .. .. 5.
ISAAC EMERY .. .. 2.	THOMAS HARFORD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM J. BROWNING* 3.	ROBERT BRETT SMITH .. 7.
GEORGE H. KITE .. .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

\*First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

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

On Saturday, April 13, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 30½ cwt.

HORACE F. STUBBS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PERVIN .. .. 6
ERNEST COULSON .. .. 2.	HORACE W. ABBOTT .. .. 7.
RICHARD F. LANE .. .. 3.	EDWARD READER .. .. 8.
BETTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. .. 9.
ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT .. 5.	JOSEPH POWELL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by F. G. BURLEIGH.

Mr. B. Prewett, for whom this peal was arranged, was proposed a member of the above previous to starting.

LUTON, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1907, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

BEN GUTTEBRIDGE .. .. Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 5.
BERT WILSON .. .. 2.	*GEORGE FREEMAN .. .. 6.
JOHN HARE .. .. 3.	FREDERICK BONNER .. .. 7.
ALFRED KING .. .. 4.	HARRY SHAW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

\*First peal.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PENNING'S TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:  
HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN F. PENNING .. .. Treble.	JOHN LUCKEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE JORDAN .. .. 2.	THOMAS J. WATTS .. .. 6.
THOMAS JORDAN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WATTS .. .. 7.
WALTER PRIOR .. .. 4.	ARTHUR JORDAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

This is the first peal ever rung in the method, which was composed by John F. Penning, of Saffron Walden, and was published in "THE BELL NEWS" of October 10th, 1896.

HURWORTH-ON-TEES, DURHAM.  
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, DARLINGTON.)

On Saturday, April 13, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, Cambridge, London, and Wells Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

WALTER E. MOUNTFORD Treble.	G. JAMES LUNGLEY .. .. 4.
WILLIAM WOOKEY .. .. 2.	CHARLES TODD .. .. 5.
GEORGE PARK .. .. 3.	GEORGE W. PARK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. W. PARK.

\*First peal of Treble Bob Minor. This is the first peal of Treble Bob Minor rung on these fine toned bells.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSEPH TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH BOWELL .. .. 4.
WILBY J. HAZELL .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. ANDREWS .. .. 5.
GEORGE LANCASTER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. NEVARD.

First peal on the bells

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 13, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE MARTIN .. .. Treble.	MAURICE SMITHER .. .. 5.
JAMES LITTLE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WALKER .. .. 6.
ARTHUR WALKER .. .. 3.	*ARTHUR MARTIN .. .. 7.
JESSE ELDRIDGE .. .. 4.	THOMAS PRICE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR MARTIN.

\*First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the bells by an entirely local band.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 13, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

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

RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 7.
SAMUEL J. BIRD .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung on the fiftieth anniversary as parish clerk of James Bedford at the above church.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 14, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. Treble.	GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. GROOM .. .. 2.	WILLIAM GRIMES .. .. 6.
JAMES G. RUMSEY .. .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 4.	GEORGE ROWE, SEN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Quickest peal on the bells.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 14, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ONSLOW J. FOREMAN .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 4.
WILLIAM SPICE .. .. 2.	JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 5.
THOMAS JULL .. .. 3.	ALBERT J. DAY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY,

This peal was especially arranged and rung as a farewell peal to J. E. Grensted, who is leaving for Canada, the band wishing him Godspeed and every success.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 15, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES STANNARD* .. Treble.	*JAMES BARTRAM .. .. 5.
ERNEST POPPY .. .. 2.	GEORGE DAY .. .. 6.
ELIJAH BROOME .. .. 3.	FREDERICK DAY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM STANNARD .. 4.	DAVID WHITING .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by ERNEST F. POPPY.

\*First peal.



The following peals were rung by the PYE party during their Easter outing in Kent:—

QUEX PARK, BIRCHINGTON, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 6.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 2.	JOHN HOLMAN .. .. 7.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 3.	HARRY BARTON .. .. 8.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 9.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. .. 5.	BERTAM PREWETT .. .. Tenor.

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

QUEX PARK, BIRCHINGTON, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 31, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER,

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

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 2.	BERTAM PREWETT .. .. 6.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and  
Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

CANTERBURY, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5023 CHANGES.

EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. Treble.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 6.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 7.
EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 8.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 9.
CHARLES W. BRETT .. .. 5.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. Tenor.

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

BORDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt

GEORGE R. PYE .. .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 5.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 2.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 6.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 3.	J. R. SHARMAN .. .. 7.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and  
Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt. 15 lbs. in E flat.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 5.
JAMES TULLETT .. .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HAIGH .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

The following peals were arranged for the Rev. F. E. Robinson:—

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, April 8, 1907, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 29 cwt.

SAMUEL REEVES .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK J. COPE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. 2.	JOHN NEAL .. .. 6.
JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 4.	J. H. GALLIMORE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. Treble.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. 5.
FRANK SHEPHERD .. .. 2.	HENRY WAKLEY .. .. 6.
JOHN H. SWINFIELD .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
GEORGE BULL .. .. 4.	RICHARD W. LOGIE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. P. E. ROBINSON.

LITCHURCH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 11, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5340 CHANGES;  
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt.

HAROLD INCKLE* .. .. Treble.	WALTER WALLACE .. .. 5.
CHARLES E. HART .. .. 2.	EDMUND WILLIS .. .. 6.
ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
C. W. CLARKE .. .. 4.	SAMUEL MASKREY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman away from the tenor.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 12, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Treble.	CHARLES E. HART .. .. 5.
SAMUEL MASKREY .. .. 2.	EDMUND WILLIS .. .. 6.
WALTER WALLACE .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 4.	*GEORGE TOMLINSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

Handbell Peal.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 13, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT 14, WELLGATE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

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

Umpire—John Thorpe.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Grandsire Triples, rung at Longton, Staffordshire, has been sent without any date.

**Date Touch.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**TUNSTALL (Kent).**—On Easter Day, a date touch of Minor, 1907 changes, being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 467 of Plain Bob. O. J. Foreman, W. Spice, A. J. Day, W. H. B. Wilkins, T. Jull, J. E. Grensted composer and conductor.

**Miscellaneous.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**DORKING (Surrey).**—On Saturday, March 30th, for Divine Service at St. Martin's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. E. C. Dodd, G. F. Marriner, A. C. Otway, J. White, A. H. Winch, H. Boxall, A. Dean conductor, W. Lynch.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

**PAULTON (Somerset).**—On April 7th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles, being ten 6-scores, each called differently, in 48 mins. J. R. Adams, G. Maggs, C. Smith, J. Hunt, G. R. Hall, E. Goodwin. Longest length of Stedman on the bells and by all the band, who are all local. Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. George Ashman, under Manager of the Old Mills Collieries, the ringers offering him their hearty congratulations.

**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).**—On January 25th, as a last token of respect to the late President of the Association, the Rev. Canon Wigram, 720 Double Oxford, with the bells fully muffled. A. Carter, G. H. Barker, C. Gale, F. Elliott, A. Phillips, W. H. Lawrence conductor. 360 Double Court. On February 17th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob. W. H. Lawrence, 1-2; Arthur Phillips, B. Patmore, Albert Phillips, F. Elliott conductor. On March 19th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. Arthur Phillips, C. Gale, E. Overall, F. Elliott, A. Phillips conductor, W. H. Lawrence. On April 9th, 720 Duke of York. Arthur Phillips, C. Gale, E. Overall, F. Elliott, A. Phillips, W. H. Lawrence. On April 11th, 720 College Single. A. Carter, A. Phillips, W. H. Lawrence, Albert Phillips, E. Overall, F. Elliott conductor.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**EALING.**—On February 17th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. F. G. Goddard, J. Walsom, J. Basden conductor, A. J. Tabor, E. Harris, H. Folkard, H. Browning, G. Spencer. Rung in honour of Messrs. Goddard and Basden's birthday.

**ISLEWORTH.**—On April 7th, for the Men's Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Merrick, J. Basden, W. Besumont, W. E. Judd conductor, T. Beadle, F. Skevington, A. Harding, G. Spencer.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD  
(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH).**

**OLD WOLVERTON (Bucks).**—On Sunday evening, March 24th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. C. Beal, A. Howell, G. Horwood, H. Welham, E. Beckitt, E. Eales. On Saturday, March 30th, for practice, 480 Doubles. C. Beal, G. Horwood, W. Bull, E. Perser, E. Beckitt, H. Clark. On Sunday, March 31st, for early service, 360 Doubles. C. Beal, A. Phillips, W. Bull, E. Perser, G. Horwood, H. Clark.

**ASHOVER (Derbyshire).**—On Wednesday, April 3rd, at the parish church, a quarter-peal, 1264 Bob Major. J. Hopkinson, H. Hopkinson, Rev. R. P. Farrow (curate), Rev. J. B. Nodder (Rector), G. Beardon, W. Buxton, W. Hopkinson, T. Dent. Conducted by Rev. R. P. Farrow.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—On Easter Sunday afternoon, at the church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, 720 Kent Treble Bob, with the 6th and tenor covering. T. W. A. Dickerson, T. R. Dennis, J. Stalley, G. Taylor, P. Taylor, W. B. Kempton, F. E. Kempton

conductor, B. B. Freeman. Tenor 32 cwt. First 720 on the bells.

**CRAWLEY (Sussex).**—On Sunday, March 31st, at the church of St. John the Baptist, for the 7 o'clock Communion Service, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. A. Mitchell, O. Sippetts, R. Sippetts, P. Tyler, H. Fearless, J. Rice conductor, A. Mills, A. Thornton. Also 504 for evening service. A. Mitchell, O. Sippetts, A. Mills, P. Tyler, H. Fearless, J. Rice, T. Scarlett conductor, E. Pierce.

**EASTWOOD (Notts).**—On Sunday, March 17th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples, E. Manners, J. T. Pollard, A. Wyld, J. P. Pollard, F. Rowley, W. Robinson, A. Parker conductor, F. Crich. In the evening 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Parnham, J. T. Pollard, A. Wyld, E. Manners, F. Rowley, J. P. Pollard, A. Parker conductor, W. Robinson. On Monday, March 18th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. E. Manners, J. T. Pollard, A. Wyld, J. P. Pollard, F. Rowley, W. Robinson, A. Parker, F. Crich. Composed by Reuben Clifford, and conducted by A. Parker.

**EDENHAM (Lincolnshire).**—On a recent Saturday evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles, in 43 mins. C. Neaverson, H. Reed, J. Lake, J. Osborne, A. Holmes conductor. First in the method on the bells and by all the band.

**GREAT MUNDEN (Herts).**—On Monday, April 15th, at the church of St. Nicholas, 360 Plain Oxford Bob. W. Wilds, W. Oliver, E. Sagers, N. Wallace, Rev. A. G. Langdon, H. Wallace conductor. 360 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Oliver, E. H. King, E. Sagers, N. Wallace, H. Wallace, A. Phillips conductor. 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Oliver, E. H. King, A. Phillips, F. Elliott, Rev. A. G. Langdon, H. Wallace conductor.

**HENFIELD (Sussex).**—On Monday evening, April 1st, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. W. Markwell, S. Burt, E. Lish, G. Payne, C. Tyler, A. Heasman, L. Payne conductor, A. Hodges.

**HUGGLESCOTE (Leicestershire).**—On Sunday, April 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. Allen, J. Cadle, W. Martin, G. Walker, F. Weston, J. T. Rippin, E. W. Rands conductor, H. Powdrill. Arranged for Messrs. Rippin and Martin, of Nuneaton, and also a birthday compliment to G. Walker.

**KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, April 7th, 672 London Surprise Major. F. Sumner, F. Withers, A. Pritchett, T. Pritchett, W. S. Pritchett conductor, J. Withers, W. Palmer, H. Withers. Also 432 Stedman Triples. W. S. Pritchett, F. Sumner, A. Pritchett, F. Withers, J. Withers, W. Palmer, W. Shepherd, H. Withers conductor.

**LOUGHBOROUGH (Leicestershire).**—On Sunday evening, April 14th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1263 changes. E. Coulson, B. Prewett, F. G. Burleigh, J. Davies, E. W. Abbott, W. Pervin, W. H. Inglesant, H. W. Abbott, E. Reader conductor, H. F. Stubbs.

**MORTON (Lincolnshire).**—Recently, 720 York Surprise, first in the method on the bells and by all the band, and four courses of Chester Surprise. H. Reed, J. Lake, C. Neaverson, A. Holmes, J. Osborne, T. L. Bainbridge conductor.

**PASSENHAM (Northants).**—On Sunday, March 31st, 720 Grandsire Doubles. C. Hopkins, W. G. Cowley, A. Clark, C. A. Valentine conductor, A. Giles. This is the first 720 on the bells, which have been rehung by Messrs. Howell and Son, of Ipswich. The "go" is all that can be desired, and reflects great credit on them.

**SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).**—On Sunday morning, March 31st, at Christ Church, Brook's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. S. Wade, J. E. Miller, N. A. Tomlinson, J. Armstrong conductor, E. E. Tomlinson, H. E. Balaam, F. G. Tegg, F. Budd.

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**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 £4,293,971, 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.

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General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1906.

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

**Obituary.**

**JAMES WILLIAM MARJORAM,**  
OF EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

On April 2nd the death occurred of this ringer in his 35th year. Deceased was first attacked with lung trouble some ten years ago, and for several months before the fatal termination of his illness was confined to his bed. He will be much missed by all who were associated with him. Besides his ability as a ringer, he was always cheerful, full of anecdotes relating to his favourite pastime, and the welfare of the St. Nicholas' company. His remains were interred in Dereham Cemetery on April 8th, the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Arnold, officiating. The remains were borne to the grave on the shoulders of his brother ringers. A large number of floral tributes were laid upon the handsomely furnished coffin, including a beau-

tiful one from his brother-ringers. After the committal to the grave a muffled touch of 1680 of Major was rung on the bells of St. Nicholas' church by C. Bloy, B. White-side, D. Tye, M. Jarvis, J. G. Miles, J. Wells, W. Miller, F. Adcock. The deceased had rang two peals, which are recorded in the tower, viz., the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' 5-part peal of Grandsire Triples, and a peal of Bob Major.

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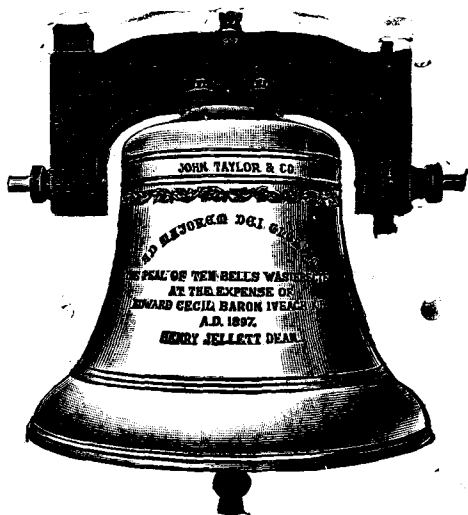
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**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

OSSETT (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, April 14th, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. F. Sykes, A. Audsley, J. R. Wilby, F. Cole, E. Marsden, J. Bennett conductor.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

GREAT BROMLEY (Essex).—On Thursday, April 14th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Humm, J. Bowell, G. Lancaster, J. Taylor, W. J. Hazell conductor, W. J. Nevard.

MISTLEY (Essex).—On March 12th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Webb, J. Tippins, F. Souer, T. Steward, W. Honeywood, F. Warner.

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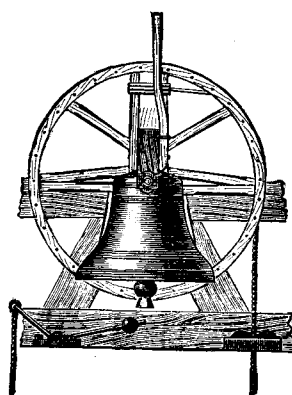
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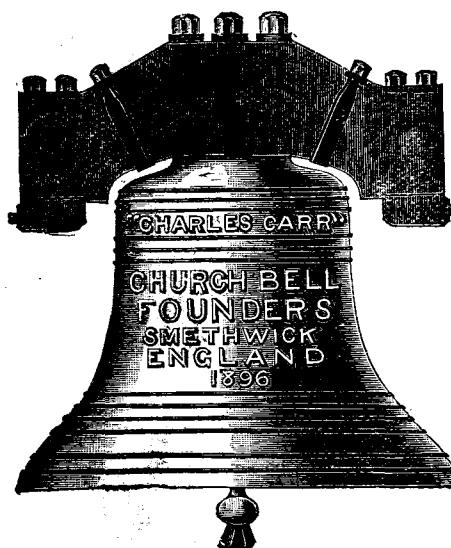
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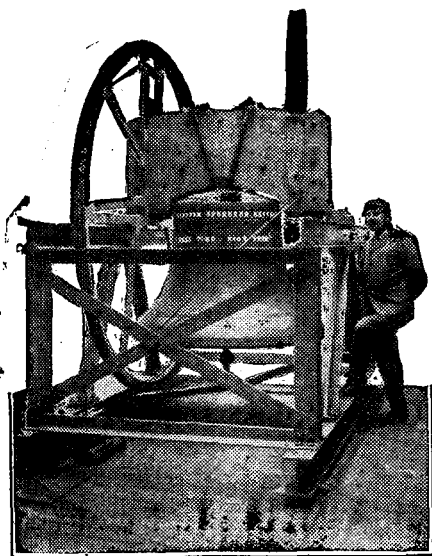
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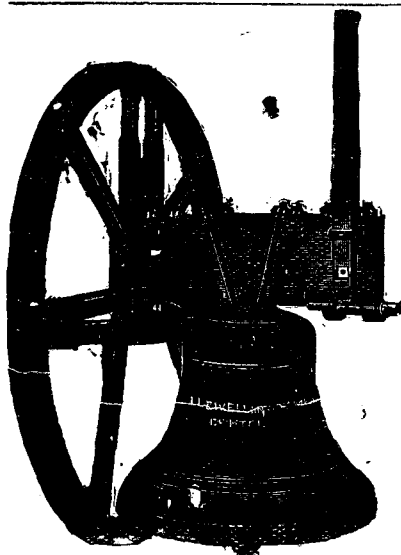
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## THE CONDITION OF OUR CHURCH BELLS.

*Revised and condensed report proposed to be communicated to the Church Press, in accordance with the resolution of the Council.*

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, in view of the dilapidated condition of many rings of Church bells, decided some time ago to institute an inquiry with the object of ascertaining, as far as possible, the number of cases of neglect, and also of collecting information in regard to belfries and ringing generally. The results are given below. It should be stated that the enquiry only extended to rings of eight bells and upwards, these being by far the most important. To have included rings of five and six bells would have been too extensive an undertaking, but it may be concluded with a fair probability of accuracy that at least as great a proportion of the smaller rings are in need of attention as has proved to be the case with the larger.

It is by no means certain that there are not some rings of eight which have escaped the attention of the Council, as they have had to rely mainly upon lists of towers furnished by the various County and Diocesan Ringing Associations, whose areas, although fairly covering all the English dioceses, yet do not wholly do so. The omitted towers, however, cannot be more than a small fraction.

The Council issued circulars addressed to the representative ringers of 1055 towers. Each circular contained a list of questions with a request that these should be carefully answered, and the accuracy of the answers vouched for by the signatures of two of the leading ringers of the tower.

To the 1055 circulars, 940 replies were received. The information thus obtained is tabulated below.

1. In 89 per cent. of towers the bells are "pealable" (i.e. can be rung through 5000 changes).

In 11 per cent. of towers the bells are not "pealable."

In 6 per cent. of towers the bells are unringable.

2. In 22 per cent. of towers "clocking" is allowed. (This consists in pulling the clapper against the bell whereby innumerable bells have been cracked.)

3. In 4 per cent. of towers one or more bells are reported dangerously worn by clapper, and consequently need quarter-turning.

4. In 8 per cent. of towers repairs have been urged on the Church authorities. (In only 27 per cent. of the cases where repairs have been urged, has anything been done.)

5. In 3 per cent. of towers the authorities are reported to look thoroughly after the bells and belfry.

6. In 3 per cent. of towers workmen who were not pro-

fessional bell-hangers have been employed on repairs, usually with injurious results.

7. In 21 per cent. of towers the bells are in iron frames, which are in all ways preferable, particularly in regard to economy of repair.

8. In 7 per cent. of towers a chiming apparatus is fitted.

9. In 77 per cent. of towers there is scientific change-ringing.

10. In 58 per cent. of towers there is Sunday ringing for two services.

In 10 per cent. of towers there is Sunday ringing for one service only.

In 13 per cent. of towers there is Sunday ringing occasionally.

In 19 per cent. of towers there is Sunday ringing never.

11. In 77 per cent. of towers there is a regular practice night.

In respect of the above particulars it may be remarked on No. 1 that experience unfortunately shews that, of rings returned as fit for peals, not a few can scarcely be properly deemed so. The magnificent and historic ring of twelve at St. Saviour's, Southwark, is an instance in point; for although it is, or was, just possible to ring the bells, yet the expenditure of a large sum of money is required to put them into anything like proper ringing order. Why the restoration of the belfry did not form part of the scheme which has so generously dealt with the rest of the Cathedral is a mystery.

Undoubtedly there is considerable ignorance on the part of Church authorities of the value of their bells, and of the risks incurred by neglect of proper repairs. Sixteen years ago the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers was formed, which now unites all the more important County and Diocesan Ringing Associations, to the number of thirty-six. These latter are represented on the Council by nearly 100 delegates who meet each year to discuss all matters affecting bells and ringers. Under the auspices of the Council various pamphlets have been published on the care of bells, the art of change-ringing, and the management of ringers. Yet the above returns shew that, while matters have greatly improved, there remain many cases where apathy, impecuniosity, and want of technical knowledge, either singly or collectively, are permitting fine rings of bells to fall into decay, and even where some attempt at repair is made, too often it is forgotten that ringers in their Sunday clothes deserve a clean, well-lit, and properly ventilated ringing-chamber, and that the sound exit of the belfry should be so adjusted as to give an even and modulated harmony, in place of the far more

frequent ear-piercing din which is the result of the ignoring by nearly all architects of the fact that a bell gives out its note when mouth upwards, and of the desideratum that this note shall be directed towards the sky, and not have a chance of exit at the level of the inverted bell, or below it.

ARTHUR HEYWOOD, *President*.

NOTE.—At the last meeting of the Central Council the Rev. Maitland Kelly enquired whether a list could be furnished to each Association shewing the belfries within its district which had been reported in need of repair. This matter has been carefully considered, but it is found that, owing to the large number of returns which omitted mention of any Association, no reliable lists could be prepared; nor seeing that since the returns were obtained, some bells have been rehung, while others have deteriorated, would such lists now be accurate. The report presented to the Council at their 1906 meeting was, for these last mentioned reasons, unreliable in respect of individual towers. There is little doubt, however, that it represented with fair accuracy the general condition of things, which is materially better than had been expected. The fact is that the revived interest in the art of change-ringing, so marked during the last quarter of a century, has led to the rehabilitation of a vast number of old rings, and to the provision of many new ones; a result in the main traceable to the energy and perseverance of ringers. That in considerably more than half the towers there is ringing for two Sunday services is evidence that the first duty of ringers is being increasingly recognised by them.

A. P. H.

### THE CATHEDRAL OF THE FELDON.

Under this title has existed for many years a church which is of great interest to all, especially to lovers of bells. The parish of Brailes, in the south-west corner of Warwickshire, on the borders of the counties of Oxford and Gloucester, contains a church which is a very fine specimen of fourteenth century architecture, with a high and solid square tower, in which is one of the finest rings of six bells that can be found anywhere. The tenor, in the key of C., weighs 37½ cwt. and is a very old bell. This and the 3rd are stated to be 500 years old, but have been recast. The other bells have dates of the later years of the 15th century. The tone of the peal is of exceptionally good quality, but owing to the inaccessibility of the place, and the fact of there being only six bells, the tower is probably not well known.

On April 13th, a few members of the Warwick society visited Brailes, and were received with great politeness and some pity by the local sexton—a veteran ringer of the stony method—for the campanological mess in which they were about to find themselves. Contrary, somewhat to their own expectations and greatly to that of their hosts, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were successfully rung, and the visitors were informed that they were the first who had ever brought such an attempt to the satisfactory "That's all." The bells are well hung and go very well, and are well worth a visit from any one who appreciates a fine tone. Change-ringing is almost entirely unknown in this part. Eight bell rings are scarce, but there are several towers having six bells distinctly above

the average. At one of these, in the neighbouring village of Todenham a band of change-ringers is now in existence, and their conductor (Mr. W. Large), contributed to the success of the Warwick ringers. The tenor was rung by him in the Doubles with the assistance of a spare man at backstroke.

After leaving Brailes the party went to Cherington, where, after tea, Grandsire Doubles were rung on a peal of five, of which the tenor, by way of contrast, weighs 8½ cwt. At this village also, change-ringing was heard for the first time.

It is hoped that many more of the towers of this part of Warwickshire may be visited by the Warwick band in the course of the present summer.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the north-eastern district was held at Maldon on Easter Monday, when about thirty members attended from various towers. The bells of All Saints and St. Mary's were open all day, and also the neighbouring towers of Tollesbury d'Arcy, and Goldhanger, some good ringing being done. The tea was held in St. Mary's mission room, and presided over by the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Ward, who was afterwards elected an hon. member. The rev. gentleman warmly welcomed the Association to Maldon in a capital speech, and expressed his hope that all ringers were also good churchmen. It ought to be mentioned here what a loyal place Maldon is to the Association, having at the present time twenty-two ringing members and four honorary.

The hope was expressed that before the next visit of the Association one of the rings of six at Maldon may be increased to eight; there is room enough at Mary's for twelve.

The Rev. H. T. Eyre proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his presence at the tea and meeting, and for the use of the bells. The remainder of the evening was between the two towers.

### CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

On Monday evening, April 15th, a meeting of ringers was held at the Priory Church, the object of the gathering being the unveiling of a tablet which has been kindly presented by Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, of Ferndown, recording a peal of Bob Major, 5040 changes, which was rung on January 21st, 1907. A short dedication service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. T. H. Bush), after which they proceeded to the ringing-chamber where the unveiling ceremony was performed by Mr. Charles Wilkes (churchwarden), who spoke a few words congratulating the band on the feat they had accomplished, and expressed his wish that he may soon hear they had scored a peal of Bob Royal, in which a lady ringer had taken part.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and churchwarden, and also Mr. Stewart for his gift. Touches in various methods, were rung during the evening. The following towers were represented: Bournemouth, Lymington, and Ringwood.

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### Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, May 2nd, at 7.30 p.m.

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

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chiddingstone to-day, Sat., April 27th. Tower open at 3.30. The business meeting will be held at The Castle inn at 5.30, at which the Rector will preside.

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

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, to-day, Saturday, April 27th. Tea (free) to members producing receipts for 1907. Service in the Cathedral. Towers open as usual.

P. O. BIXBY, *Hon. Sec.*  
Thorofare, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at Cuckfield to-day, Sat., April 27th. Tower open from 3 p.m.

ROBERT J. DAWE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
15, Priory Street, Lewes.

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The members of this society will hold their annual meeting to-day, Sat., April 27th, at their headquarters, St. Michael's parish church. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers invited.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Midsomer Norton, to-day, Sat., April 27th. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Evensong at 6.30 p.m. Bells available all day.

I. B. HOLMYARD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above meeting will be held at Sunbury to-day, Sat., April 27th. The bells will be available from 3 to 5 and from 6.30 to 9. All members are asked to make an effort to attend.

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

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held to-day, Sat., April 27th, at Burley. Bells (6), available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Cardigan Arms at 7 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will be held at Sherborne, Dorset, on Thursday, May 2nd. Service in the Abbey, 12.15. Sermon by Canon Lyon, Vicar. Dinner, 1.0. at Mr. Tuffin's restaurant; 2s. each. Business meeting immediately after dinner. The following towers will be available for ringing—The Abbey (8); Bradford Abbas (6); Compton (5); Thornford (5); Yetminster (5). One shilling is allowed members towards rail fare.

H. E. TILNEY BASSETT, *Hon. Sec.*

**The London County Association late the St. James's Society.**—A periodical meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at the parish church of St. Paul, Hammersmith, W. The tower will be open from 4.30 to 9 p.m. A

social will be held afterwards. All ringers will be made welcome.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Pinner on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea at The Queen's Head at 5.30, 7d. per head. All members and friends invited.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec. West Division.*

**The Essex Association.**—South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held in Jeffrey's schoolroom, Great Baddow, on Saturday, May 4th. Tea at 5.30 p.m. 9d. per head. Meeting following. The towers of Sandon and Darbury (5 bells) will also be open for ringing. Members intending to be present kindly notify me not later than May 1st.

HY. F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*  
County Offices, Duke Street, Chelmsford

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—The annual of this district will be held at Birchington on Saturday, May 4th. The parish church tower (8 bells) will be open. The Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, will also be open, but members visiting there are requested to enter the park by the footpath leading from the National Schools. Tea at 5 p.m. at The Queen's Head hotel. Business meeting after tea. Half railway fares up to 2s. will be allowed. Members intending to be present must let me know by Wednesday, May 1st. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at once.

G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—A joint meeting of the Northern and Eastern districts will be held at Bennington on Saturday, May 4th, when the tower will be open from 3 p.m. A free tea will be provided by the Rector (Rev. W. Mills). Business meeting after. It is hoped a good number will avail themselves of this opportunity of visiting this quaint old world village, which used to be so famous to the ringing world. Without a doubt those attending will enjoy the visit. Will those intending to be present for tea kindly notify W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden, Ware, a week previous. Nearest station—Knebworth, G.N.R., four miles.

W. H. LAWRENCE, *Little Munden*  
J. F. FOSTER, *Hitchin.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Horsham on Saturday, May 4th. The tower of the parish church will be open at 10.30 a.m. and Warnham (if required) at 9 p.m. Luncheon at 1.45 p.m. at The Black Horse hotel; Chairman—the Vicar of Horsham. Members tickets 1s. 3d. each. Business meeting at 3 p.m. Special service at 4.30 p.m.; Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon of Chichester. Members intending to be present at the luncheon are requested to notify the same to me not later than Wednesday, May 1st.

A. B. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*  
78 Abingdon Road, Kensington.

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.**—The annual meeting will take place at Sheffield on Saturday, May 4th. The bells of St. Marie's (8 bells), and the parish church (12), will be available from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Business meeting at The Sportsman inn, Cambridge Street, at 7.30 p.m.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Gnildford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Seale and Puttenham on Saturday, May 4th. 2.30—Bells available, 5.0—Service

at Seale Church, 5.45—Tea at Jubilee Room. Tickets 6d. each; Visitors 1s. The Rector of Seale will be pleased to welcome members to his garden during the afternoon.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Dagenham on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.

GEO. A. BLACK, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

Z. LORD, *Branch Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Brown Edge on Saturday, May 4th. Bells at 4. Tea at 5.30. Service at 7 p.m. Members intending to be present at tea please notify Mr. G. Redfern, Brown Edge, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Wednesday, May 1st.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Leatherhead District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service in church at 5.30. Tea at the Crown Coffee Tavern at 6 p.m., price 6d. each to members. Meeting to follow.

T. G. DEVITT, *Hon. Sec.*

**St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street Birmingham, on the evening of Tuesday, May 7th, when the attendance of every member who can make it convenient is earnestly requested. Chair will be taken at 8.30 p.m.

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

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next general meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, May 11th. Local Hon. Sec.—Mr. A. Walker, Englands Yard, Pontefract. For further details see Association circular.

JNO. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Bramley, Leeds.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Shirfield English (4½ miles from Romsey), on Saturday, May 11th. The belfry will be opened at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at The Hatchet inn at 5 o'clock. Arrangements can be made to convey members from Romsey Abbey to Shirfield English and back for 1s. per member, if the secretary be informed by Thursday, May 9th, and members requiring tea should also let him know by that date. The conveyance will leave the Abbey at 2 o'clock. The bells of the Abbey church will be available from 1 p.m. to 2 o'clock.

JAMES W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*

3, Culver Villas, Winchester.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield on Saturday, May 11th. Bells at 4. Meeting at 7. Cars from Deansgate every ten minutes. W. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—The next annual meeting will be held at Chippenham on Monday, May 20th. Service will be held at noon in the parish church, followed by a cold luncheon at 1 o'clock at Mr. Perkins, The Vaults. Both towers will be open for ringing. One shilling allowed for luncheon to those members sending notice on or before Wednesday, May 15th, to

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*  
30, Broad Street, Bristol.

## A REVIEW OF STEDMAN CATERS AND CINQUES.

BY CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

## ARTICLE No. 5.

Peals with the 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th.

These peals are uncommon productions, and unfortunately don't admit of a large variety being composed. To fix different starting and homing courses is only a shallow proceeding, and has not any claim to originality. I readily admit that such has been done so in the past, but we are living in a more enlightened age, and now with the assistance of "Stedman" such peals could only be considered variations, unless the number of changes were still further reduced. I believe the late J. B. Lates was one of the first to produce such peals. I had the opportunity of ringing a 5271 on this plan at Aston, Birmingham, in October 1869, conducted by the late W. Chattell, who was a close friend of Lates. Chattell was a famous ringer, and I can testify to his abilities as a conductor. This peal had the 3rd a 2nds place bell instead of the treble, which is of little or no consequence to its construction. Other peals have been produced, varying in the number of changes only. Peal No. 8 is constructed somewhat different to others, and thereby reduced to 5218 changes. By calling the first course 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, and substitute bobs in lieu of the two singles in the twenty-fifth course, produces the same course-end, and the peal further reduced so far in the least number of changes, 5206, with the usual 2 3 1 start.

No. 8.

5218.

231456			Continued—		
	5	16		5	16
213465*			613254†		
315462	—		314256	—	
512463	—		416253	—	
215364	—	—	614352	—	—
514362	—		412356	—	
415263	—	—	214653	—	—
513264	—		413652	—	
314265	—		312654	—	
413562	—	—	213456	—	—
312564	—		316452	—	
214563	—		612453	—	
412365	—	—	216354	—	—
214365	—	s	612354	—	s
415362	—		214356	—	
512364	—		416352	—	
215463	—	—	614253	—	—
513462	—		413256	—	
315264	—	—	314652	—	—
514263	—		412653	—	
413265	—		213654	—	
314562	—	—	312456	—	—
412563	—		216453	—	
213564	—		613452	—	
312465	—	—	316254	—	—

Round with calls at 2, 4, 7, 9, 10, 13.

\* 4, 8s, 9, 11, 13s, 14. † 1, 2, 4, 6s, 10s, 11, 13.

C. H. H.

## ARTICLE No. 6.

Peals with the 6th a 2nds place bell.

There seems a growing idea amongst the middle generation of ringers that the fixing of the 6th in 2nds place is something very much out of the general order of composition, and that such peals are more difficult to produce. To suppose this to be so is an exaggerated notion, for it is as easy to have the 6th as have the treble, in fact it is a matter of indifference to any one having knowledge of composition which of the two bells shall be fixed in 2nds place, and will always be a matter of individual opinion. The only difficulty, if one considers it so, is the false course-end so fatal to this position, and which necessitates distributing the tittum position of 7, 8, 9 in the opening courses, or else in eliminating it altogether as in Hubbard's 5074 peal (see "Stedman," page 87). It is well to remember that peals of this description were composed by Hubbard over sixty years ago, and he was the first to publish such peals on the nine and eleven course plan. Referring to this 5074 peal, if Hubbard had manipulated the opening courses differently, his peal would have come round true with the calls he already makes at 3 and 8 in the homing course without the additional calls which makes it false. I merely mention this for the following reasons, and to give credit to those who I justly consider are entitled to it. Some years ago I was interested in a discussion on the short homing courses with calls at 3 and 8, and also 3, 5, 8, which was the result of a paragraph which had recently appeared in "THE BELL NEWS." The conclusions at the time were very much divided, and not sufficiently interesting to write about. However since the publication of "Stedman," and considering that Hubbard died at a great age in 1882, I think we may generously give the palm to him for being first in producing these short homing courses, as the treble and 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 are at home in the last course of his peal at the second change in the ninth six, with the calls at 3 and 8. It is reasonable to suppose that Hubbard must have seen the position of these bells, although difficult to account why he did not make the improved use of them. There is an interesting variety of homing courses on this plan, as in some instances the same calling produces rounds as from other distinct course-ends. Very decided improvements began to be made about 1854, as a peal containing all the 6-5s and 5-6s in 2nds and 5ths place course-ends, was rung at St. Philip's church, Birmingham, in 1858, composed by Lates and conducted by W. Chattell. I have heard the late John Day and also Johnson state that Lates was one of the first to produce such peals. The late John Cox, Johnson, and also Sir Arthur Heywood, and others, have produced such peals, but in an extended number of changes. Peal No. 9 is by Johnson, and the first composed in this number (5198) of changes. It was rung at Aston, Birmingham, in 1890, conducted by B. Witchell. It will be seen that to obtain this number Johnson had recourse to three extra broken courses which interferes with the tittum coursing of 7, 8, 9.



which to my mind is not recommended. Peal No. 10 is by the same writer with the calling reversed in the second half, and with better results insomuch that it contains the extent of the tittums in the same number of changes, and from the opening course the large bells are undisturbed in the body of the peal.

No. 9.	123456	5198.	Continued—	516
	254361*	5 16	362451†	5 16
	251463	—	361254	—
	253164	—	364152	—
	352461	—	463251	—
	351264	—	461352	—
	153462	—	164253	—
	152364	—	163452	—
	154263	—	162354	—
	451362	—	261453	—
	452163	—	263154	—
	453261	—	264351	—
	354162	—	462153	—

\* 2, 4s, 6, 8, 9s, 15, 18.

† 3, 5, 7, 8s, 10, 14.

Repeat calling first course 3, 5, 7, 10, 14 produces 361452. Round at 3, 5, 8. H. J.

No. 10.	123456	5198.	Continued—	516
	354261*	5 16	163452†	5 16
	351462	—	362451	—
	352164	—	261453	—
	253461	—	162354	—
	251364	—	264351	—
	152463	—	462153	—
	153264	—	263154	—
	154362	—	364152	—
	451263	—	463251	—
	453162	—	361254	—
	452361	—	164253	—
	254163	—	461352	—
	254361	— s	164352	— s
	251463	—	462351	—
	253164	—	261354	—
	352461	—	162453	—
	351264	—	263451	—
	153462	—	362154	—
	152364	—	264153	—
	154263	—	463152	—
	451362	—	364251	—
	452163	—	461253	—
	453261	—	163254	—
	354162	—	361452	—

\* 1, 2, 4s, 5, 6, 11. † 5s, 6, 8s, 11s, 13s, 16s.

Round at 3, 5, 8.

C. H. H.

(To be continued.)

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#### RINGERS' DINNER AT WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.

To celebrate the ringing of his 333rd peal at Tipton parish oburch on the 15th February last, when Mr. James George of Rugby scored in his first peal of Stedman Triples as conductor, that gentleman on Saturday last—the 20th (inst.—invited some of his ringing friends, and especially those who had been in the various attempts for this peal, to meet him at the festive board.

Meeting at the tower of Christ Church in the afternoon, an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, composed for the occasion by Mr. George, and successfully accomplished in 51 mins., by A. L. Coleman, S. Reeves (conductor), J. E. Groves, A. Rowley, W. R. Small, W. Cooper, R. Ball, J. Screen, T. H. Reeves, W. Painter.

Shortly afterwards the ringers, accompanied by others, among them being such wellknown faces as those of Messrs. John Carter (Birmingham), John Smith (Tipton), F. N. Cope (Lichfield), and W. H. Godden (Handsworth), met at 320, High Street, where an excellent and bountiful supper had been provided, and was duly accounted for in a most businesslike style.

With Mr. S. Reeves as chairman, and Mr. W. Small in the vice-chair, a very pleasant and convivial time was afterwards spent in social harmony, handbell ringing and music.

The usual toasts were given and heartily responded to, while that of the health of the giver of the feast gave opportunity for interesting and amusing reminiscences and anecdotes.

The company generally were very appreciative of Mr. George's hospitality, while too much praise cannot be bestowed upon Mr. S. Reeves for all the local arrangements so excellently made. Thanks to are due to the Vicar and authorities at Christ Church for so readily granting the use of the bells.

#### Correspondence.

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

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

REPLY TO MR. SHEPHERD.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Shepherd, re non-conducted or non-called peals, a non-conducted peal of course should be rung without a word being spoken or a signal of any kind being given, otherwise it cannot be called a non-conducted peal. I have never heard of a non-called peal. My experience is that a ringer who is capable of ringing without calling would need no correcting while ringing.

W. PYE.

#### THE PEAL OF MAXIMUS AT BOW.

We gaze on the picture with pleasure,  
To think all our comrades have done;  
And whisper sincere admiration  
For laurels deservedly won.  
And though the world passes them heedlessly by,  
We know where their merit and genius lie.

We thought how the spirit of honour,  
Pervading each manly brow,  
Illumined their eyes with a glamour,  
Which ignorance never can know;  
There's stern resolution on every face,  
Like giants refreshed from sports of the chase.

The group shows a "Youth" I remember,  
When manhood had not reached its prime;  
He is getting on to December,  
P'raps hoping a brighter spring-time,  
He has rung many changes, part-ends there must be,  
But we hope he'll ring on and has years yet to see.

Let's cherish the picture, dear readers,  
Pay homage to this gallant band,  
We'll forget not the Treble Bob Maximus,  
But proclaim it throughout all the land!  
Just echo your praises, your favours bestow,  
On the twelve noble bells and the ringers of Bow.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1907.

THIS week our attention is drawn to two different places, far apart from each other, where augmentations of rings of bells would be very appropriate and in keeping with all the surrounding circumstances. One of these is the village of Brailes, situate in a quiet and quaint corner of the county of Warwick. The spot is not unknown to us, nor are the particulars about the bells which a correspondent sends this week, entirely new. There has always been a feeling of mystery, accompanied with awe, concerning the bells at Brailes. Their weight has been said to equal, if not surpass, the bell of Moscow, and other traditions, alike mythical, has hovered continually around them. Our correspondent has done good in publishing the result of his knowledge and experiences, and now all we have to hope is that this very heavy six may be increased to ten at least. The church is worthy of such a peal, and the bells are worthy of the augmentation. If four more bells could under efficient advice be added, the Brailes bells would be among the most glorious in the land.

The other place is Maldon, a town in Essex. Here are

two rings of six bells at the two churches in the town. The fitness of things would appear to be that one of these rings should be augmented to eight at least. We are told that at St. Mary's church the tower is large enough for a peal of twelve! How puny and inappropriate does six bells seem in such a tower. The capacity of the edifice is half the battle won, should any increase of bells be considered.

It may, as is generally the case, be said that superhuman difficulties, almost, stand in the way of such augmentations as we suggest. That may be so. But greater difficulties of the kind have been surmounted more than once. We could point out instances where the bare mention of what was required in such cases have led people of influence to consider what could be done. By suggestions of the sort our journal has repeatedly proved its usefulness.

Our readers will have seen that a series of handbell coupons, to obtain gifts of handbells, has commenced. The gifts will comprise two peals at least, one of them being for the special behoof of lady ringers, many of whom seem to have suddenly become attracted to ringing. It is thought that this may lead to many more of the gentler sex becoming enamoured of the Art, and that we may hear of bands of handbell ringers among them all over the country. Will all our friends do their best to circulate the fact that this scheme of handbell coupons is in existence? It is well known that repeated and continued attention has to be drawn before most ringers see advantages or benefits which are pointed out to them. That is the reason why this notice is reprinted, but it cannot be continued after this week.

### The Metropolis.

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

On Wednesday, April 17, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 2.	HORATIO GUMMER .. 6.
FREDK. G. PERRIN .. 3.	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. 7.
RICHARD BEVAN .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS.. .. Tenor.

Composed by E. BARNETT, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

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#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM TRUSS .. Treble.	JOHN MOULE .. 5.
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SAMUEL HAYES .. 3.	*GEORGE HAYDEN .. 7.
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Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

### The Provinces.

#### LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

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Conducted by ARTHUR LATHAM.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. G. Ray, one of the local band to Miss E. Thompson.

#### MINEHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.

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On Monday, April 15, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5058 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt.

J. REED .. Treble.	SYDNEY MASON .. 6.
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\*First peal on ten bells.

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Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\*First peal in seven methods. †Fiftieth peal; reference elsewhere. First peal on the bells.

#### STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 16, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

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SIDNEY CHURTON .. 3.	THOMAS AUSTIN .. 7.
FREDERICK PAGE .. 4.	JOSEPH LIMESTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY CHURTON.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the occasion of the golden wedding of the Right Rev. Bishop and Lady Stamer.

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

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Tenor 41 cwt.

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JOHN HENRY BOWER .. 2.	JOHN THORPE .. .. 8.
WILLIAM BURGAR .. .. 3.	*GEO. O. DIXON .. .. 9.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 4.	GEORGE HOLMES .. .. 10.
SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 5.	SAM THOMAS .. .. 11.
CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY .. 6.	*WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.

\*First peal of Stedman Cinques. This peal has the 6th bar extent at home with all the titum course ends in that position, and is supposed to be the first rung on this plan.

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WILLIAM STORY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 8.
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Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WM. H. BARBER.

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**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

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ROBERT DAVIES .. .. 3.	RICHARD NEWTON .. .. 7.
FREDERIC DERBYSHIRE .. 4.	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

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

On Thursday, April 18, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 of Grandsire, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. Treble.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 4.
JOHN THORPE .. .. 2.	†WALTER COATES .. .. 5.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\*First peal on six bells. Rung on the light six after meeting short for Stedman Caters, to oblige Mr. Wesley, of Nottingham.

**CARHAMPTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.**

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 20, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 17 cwt.

J. FAEMER* .. .. Treble.	*E. PARKER .. .. 4.
A. W. SULLY* .. .. 2.	J. WATTS .. .. 5.
J. SULLY* .. .. 3.	*G. TAYLOR .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. W. SULLY.

†First peal. First peal as conductor.

**Longborough, Gloucestershire.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, April 20, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

ALFRED PARDINGTON .. Treble.	THOMAS WILLIAMS .. .. 4.
CECIL LLOYD .. .. 2.	WALTER LARGE .. .. 5.
GEORGE LARGE .. .. 3.	FRED WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. LARGE.

**YOULGREAVE, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 20, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qrs. 7 lbs.

WILLIAM H. FROST .. Treble.	WILLIAM FOX .. .. 5.
WILLIAM TAYLOR .. .. 2.	BENJAMIN GREATORIX .. 6.
HENRY GREGORY .. .. 3.	HENRY GEORGE .. .. 7.
JOHN SIDDALL .. .. 4.	ROBERT M. BLACKWELL .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATORIX.

Reference elsewhere.

**HUNSLET, LEEDS, YORKS.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 20, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS MORAN .. Treble.	JOSHUA WOODHEAD .. .. 5.
PERCY JOHNSON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM E. H. ASH .. 6.
MARK MELIA .. .. 3.	GEORGE MCHALE .. .. 7.
PATRICK LABVAN .. .. 4.	MICHAEL KILLORAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. MCHALE.

**CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 20, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

FRANK HOLDER .. Treble.	HENRY BROOKER .. .. 5.
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. 2.	ALFRED TRAPPITT .. .. 6.
ALFRED BOXALL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 7.
ALFRED CLAYTON .. .. 4.	JAMES WIGNELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

**ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 20, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

JOHN HOYLE .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. CORBETT .. 5.
ALFRED H. WINCH .. 2.	JOHN WYATT .. .. 6.
GEORGE MARRINER .. 3.	ARTHUR C. OTWAY .. .. 7.
JOHN WHITE .. .. 4.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

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**HERNHILL, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 20, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.**

RICHARD STAINES .. .. Treble.	CHARLES W. BRETT .. .. 5.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. .. 2.	CHARLES LUERY .. .. 6.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. .. 3.	FREDERICK G. BRETT .. .. 7.
PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. 4.	STANLEY GIBBS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. BRETT.

**KELSALE, SUFFOLK.***On Saturday, April 20, 1907, in Four Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 7040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM FLEMING .. .. Treble.	HENRY PHILLIPS .. .. 5.
CHARLES THOMPSON .. .. 2.	HENRY THOMPSON .. .. 6.
GORDON THOMPSON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM DREW .. .. 7.
JOHN W. AVIS .. .. 4.	GEORGE HARDY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by W. DREW.

Longest peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Hardy and G. Thompson.

**TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.***On Saturday, April 20, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,

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

PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

BENJAMIN MIDGLEY .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR CROSSLEY .. .. 5.
ERNEST SUTCLIFFE .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM MIDGLEY .. .. 6.
FRANK FIELDEN .. .. 3.	ERNEST STANSFIELD .. .. 7.
WM. HY. STANSFIELD* .. .. 4.	*HERBERT STEVENSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR CROSSLEY.

Rung in honour of the marriages of Messrs. Crossley and W. Midgley. \*First peal. First peal as conductor.

**MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.****THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(CREWE BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, April 20, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

FRANK MONTFORD* .. .. Treble.	ERNEST WEATHERBY .. .. 5.
THOS. W. PEAKE* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WEATHERBY .. .. 6.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. .. .. 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. .. .. 7.
WILMOT TAYLOR* .. .. 4.	GEORGE HALL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN.

\*First peal. Rung in honour of the marriage of Katherine Maud Tayleur, of Buntingdale, to Henry Eardley Whitmore, Esq., of Abernaut, Builth.

**KEMPSFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.****GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 20, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being forty-two 6-scores.

JAMES TAZWELL .. .. Treble.	GEORGE LAWRENCE .. .. 4.
ERNEST BOULTON .. .. 2.	HENRY HATTON .. .. 5.
THOMAS RICKETTS .. .. 3.	ARCHIE DOBSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. RICKETTS.

First peal on the bells.

**Peal-Boards** made by JAMES HUNT, Change Ringer, of 19 Dapdune Road, Guildford, meet with great favour**STEYNING, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, April 22, 1907, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT C. PRIDGEON* .. Treble.	LAZARUS PAYNE .. .. 5.
HENRY DAINS .. .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 6.
GEORGE SMART .. .. 3.	JOHN SMART .. .. 7.
ARTHUR HUTCHINGS† .. 4.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

**APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, April 23, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM H. HOLIFIELD .. Treble.	HENRY HOLIFIELD .. .. 5.
FRANK TUBB .. .. 2.	JOSEPH E. BUTLER .. .. 6.
RICHARD G. RICE .. .. 3.	RICHARD WHITE .. .. 7.
ALFRED R. BOSLEY .. .. 4.	FREDERICK WHITE, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK TUBB.

**HARPENDEN, HERTS.****THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, April 15, 1907, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED KING* .. .. Treble.	HERBERT BAKER .. .. 5.
REV. W. S. WILLETT .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM IRONS .. .. 6.
JOHN C. DICKEN* .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. NEWELL* .. 4.	*BENJAMIN JARMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman.

**HERTFORD.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, April 17, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.**

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	THOMAS CARD .. .. 6.
JOHN C. TRUSS .. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
GEORGE F. MARGETSON* .. 3.	HERBERT BAKER .. .. 8.
REV. W. S. WILLETT .. .. 4.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 9.
GEORGE H. BARKER* .. 5.	ERNEST S. POLL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and  
Conducted by REV. F. E. ROBINSON.This was the first time these bells were rung. A full account will appear later.  
\*First peal of Stedman Caters.**BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, April 19, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. Treble.	HERBERT BAKER .. .. 5.
BERTRAM PERWETT .. .. 2.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. .. 6.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM C. WHITEHEAD .. 4.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

**Miscellaneous.****BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

**PAULTON (Somerset).**—On Wednesday, April 11th, at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles, in 46 mins. R. I. Adams conductor, G. Meggs, C. Smith, J. Hunt, G. Hall, E. Godwin. First in the method by all the band, and believed to be the first quarter-peal in the deanery. Rung as a compliment to Mr. George on the occasion of his silver wedding.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**

**NORTON (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday, March 31st, for morning service, 720 Woodbine. J. Ryles, J. E. Wheeldon, W. C. Lawrence, B. Pegg, E. E. Johnson, A. E. Ryles conductor. For Evensong 720 Oxford. W. P. Deane, H. B. Harding, W. C. Taylor, B. Pegg conductor, J. E. Wheeldon, F. T. Dawson. On Sunday, April 14th, 720 Kent. W. P. Deane, F. Goldstraw, W. C. Lawrence, J. E. Wheeldon conductor, B. Pegg, F. T. Dawson conductor. Rung as a farewell to F. Goldstraw, who is leaving for Canada.

**UTTOXETER.**—On Sunday, April 7th, for evening service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. H. Willisford, G. Ball, J. Richardson, F. Richardson, W. Lunn, C. Smith conductor, S. J. Kynnerley, E. Green. First quarter-peal on the bells by a local band. On April 9th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Willisford, W. Lunn, E. Roberts, F. Richardson, G. Ball, C. Smith, S. J. Kynnersley conductor, E. Green.

**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**ROYSTON (Herts).**—On January 13th, for evening service, 720 Double Oxford. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On January 15th, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise. B. Bowskill, S. Roberts, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On January 20th, for morning service, 720 Merchants' Return. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson R. King. On January 22nd, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. H. Wilkerson, B. Bowskill, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On January 27th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob. B. Bowskill, E. Bonnett, A. King, A. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, R. King conductor. On February 3rd, for morning service, 720 Single Court. B. Bowskill, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, A. Wilkerson conductor. For evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. B. Bowskill, W. Darlow, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, S. Roberts, A. Wilkerson conductor. On February 17th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. B. Bowskill, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, A. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, R. King conductor. On February 18th, 2520 Treble Bob Minor, being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford and 360 Merchants' Return. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar on his completing thirty years' ministry in the parish. On March 3rd, for morning service, 720 Double Court. B. Bowskill, E. Bonnett, A. Wilkerson, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, W. Darlow conductor. For evening service 720 College Single. H. Wilkerson, W. Darlow, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, E. Bonnett conductor. On March 5th, for practice, 720 Duke of York. A. Gilbert, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, W. Darlow, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On March 19th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. F. Griffin, B. Bowskill, W. Darlow, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson, E. Bonnett conductor. And 720 City Delight. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**HERSHAM (Surrey).**—On Sunday, March 31st, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 1296 changes. J. Emery, J. Howes, A. H. Winch, A. Woodrow first quarter-peal in the method, F. Bennett, C. Hamblin first quarter-peal in the method, J. S. Goldsmith, C. Woodiss.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**DRAYTON (Berks).**—On Monday, April 1st, 720 Grandsire

Minor. F. James, W. Grace, R. G. Rice conductor, M. E. Caudwell, J. E. Butler, E. Bannister. First by ringers of treble and 2nd.

**MILTON (Berks).**—On Monday, April 1st, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. H. C. Mulford, R. G. Rice, F. James, W. Grace, J. E. Butler, E. Bannister conductor. First 720 on the bells, which were augmented from five to six in November last.

**HAGBOURNE (Berks).**—On Monday, April 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45½ mins. F. James, E. E. Napper, W. Grace, R. G. Rice conductor, M. E. Caudwell, J. E. Butler, E. Bannister, G. Warwick.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

**CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday evening, April 14, for Divine Service, 1260 Bob Royal, in 50 mins. H. Kirk, B. A. Knights conductor, C. W. Nuttall, A. Knights, G. Davies, S. Price, G. Thompson, W. J. Thyng, R. W. Collier, G. Hollis. Rung to commemorate the 22nd birthday of the conductor. On Monday, April 15th, 2352 Bob Major, with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. James Hunt, who was interred in the Chesterfield Cemetery on the above date. D. Farthing, C. W. Nuttall, H. Kirk, A. Knights, G. Hollis, W. J. Thyng, W. Collier, B. A. Knights conductor.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**CRAWLEY (Sussex).**—On Sunday, April 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. A. Mitchell, O. Sippetts, R. Sippetts, H. Pearless, P. Doick, J. Rice conductor, P. Tyler, A. Thornton.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—On Sunday, March 17th, at Bishop Ryder's church, 1008 Grandaire Triples. H. J. Bluck, J. F. Smallwood, T. Collinson, J. Porter, R. Hackley, J. Perry conductor, A. Hackley, W. Ellis. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Bluck, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. On Sunday, March 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. H. Bluck, J. Perry, J. Porter, W. Webb, J. Smallwood conductor, W. Ellis, T. Collinson, G. W. Restall. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Collinson.

**NORTON (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday, April 7th, for evening service at St. James's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. Oates, J. Goacher, W. G. Rose, G. Butcher, A. Slater, W. Biggin conductor. On Sunday, April 14th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Oates, J. Goacher, W. G. Rose conductor, G. Butcher, A. Slater, W. Biggin. Rung as a farewell to G. Rose, who is leaving the neighbourhood for His Majesty's Forces.

**LATE NOTICE.**

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting of members of this Association will be held on Saturday, May 25th at St. Sepulchre's church, E.C., by kind permission of the Rev. Edgar Rogers. The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m. The Vicar will give a short address to ringers at evensong, which will be said at 6.30, and it is particularly requested that all ringers will attend this service. The Hon. Secretary will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.  
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## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT YOULGREAVE.**—The attempt to obtain a peal on this difficult ring was brought to a successful issue through the indomitable pluck and energy of Messrs. George and Blackwell, who handled the tenors in a most determined manner. Messrs. Frost and George very kindly provided special lubricators for the heavier bells, and efficiently supervised the preliminary arrangements. It is over twenty years since a peal was rung in this tower, the late Mr. Wakley conducting one of Stedman Triples in August 1886.

**THE PEAL AT HAWARDEN.**—G. R. Newton's 50 Peals.—Five Minor methods 2; Seven Minor methods 7, conducted 6; Grand-sire Triples 11, conducted 4; Caters 2, conducted 1; Oxford Bob Triples 1, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 9, conducted 1; Bob Major 5, conducted 2; Kent Major 8, conducted 1; Oxford 1, conducted 1; Double Norwich Major 3, conducted 1; Bristol Major 1. Total 50; conducted 18. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for giving permission for the attempt to be made, and Mr. Wright for having everything in readiness, and for his kind hospitality.

## PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CHIEF OFFICE: HOLBORN BARS, LONDON.

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 £4,297,971, 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 £44,320 those of 1905.

The increase granted early in the year under the 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	
Reserve Funds	..	..	..	2,300,000	0	0	Indian and Colonial Government securities	..	..	..	6,156,247	4	
Life Assurance Funds	..	..	..	60,470.43	1	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	
							Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates	..	..	..	14,091,357	12	4
							Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties	..	..	..	4,501,678	8	13
							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	..	..	..	202,756	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

THOS. C. DEWEY, General Manager.

FREDK. SCHOOLING, Actuary.  
D. W. STABLE, Secretary.H. A. HARBEN, Acting Chairman.  
J. W. SIMMONDS, }  
J. H. LUSCOMBE } Directors.

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, &amp; Co., Chartered Accountants.

**Obituary.****ARTHUR COLE.**

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Arthur Cole, who passed away on Tuesday, the 16th inst. at the age of fifty-five. The deceased ringer was an old Poplar inhabitant, and a member of the All Saints' company for many years. He had been ailing for some time past, but did not take to his bed until a few weeks ago. He was greatly respected by all who had the privilege of knowing him, and his loss will be keenly felt by the church he served so faithfully and well. He was one of the most regular attendants in the bell-fry, and was closely associated with most of the parochial concerns of All Saints. The funeral took place on Tuesday, the 24th inst. The first part of the funeral service was read in the parish church by the Rector (Rev. A. Mosley), and the body

of the church was filled to overflowing by a reverent congregation. On the Sunday evening previously special reference was made to the sad incident, and after service the bells were rung deeply muffled as a mark of respect to our brother-ringer. Several members from neighbouring towers joined us, and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung muffled. W. H. P.

**SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.**

The Swaffham ringers, under the leadership of Mr H. Heyhoe, had an Easter outing to Wells-by-the-Sea, accompanied by Mr. A. Markwell and Mr. J. Sedgley of King's Lynn, Mr. J. E. Miles of East Dereham, and others from Thetford and Marsham. Arriving at Wells church, the party were met by that veteran ringer, Mr. J. Skinner. Some good touches of Oxford Treble Bob Major were rung. A pleasant

half-hour with the local company, and then on to Fakenham, where an excellent dinner was had at The Crown. An excellent touch of Grandsire Triples was conducted by A. Markwell. A stroll round, and then train for East Dereham, where some touches of Major were rung, bringing a most enjoyable bank holiday to a close.

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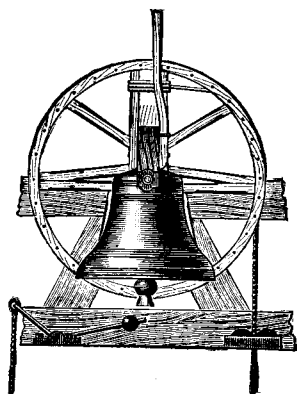
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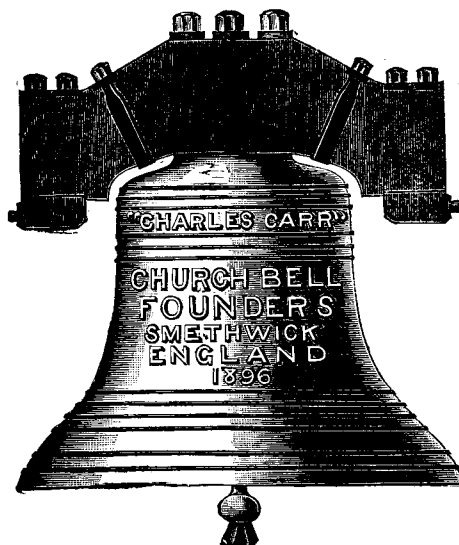
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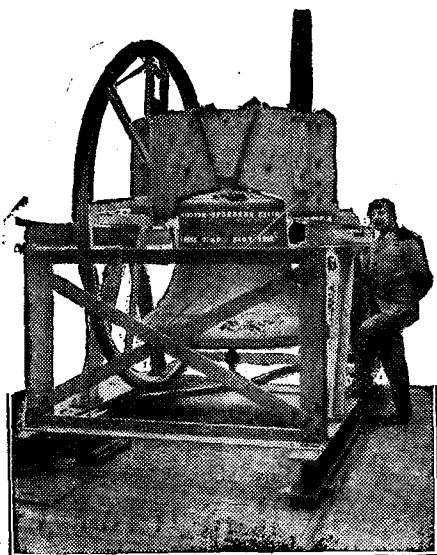
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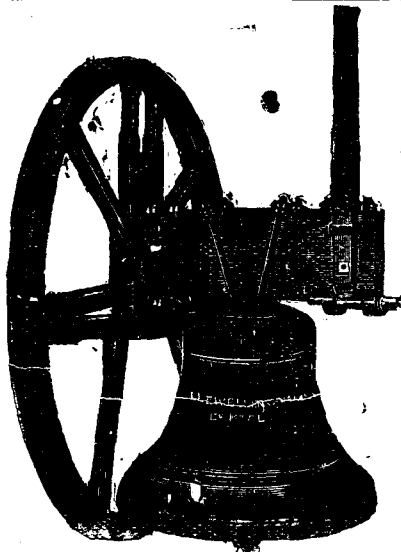
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## THE NEW RING OF TEN AT ALL SAINTS, HERTFORD.

The ancient and royal borough of Hertford once more possesses a church with a ring of ten bells second to none in the county.

The church itself, designed by Messrs. Paley and Austin, is a magnificent and well-proportioned edifice of Runcorn stone in the late Perpendicular style. It consists of a chancel 42-ft. long, a nave of five bays 73-ft. long by 26-ft. wide, north and south aisles 20-ft. and 18-ft. wide respectively, north transept and hexagonal north porch. There is a clerestory of double two-light windows running the whole length of the church. The tower, which is about 26-ft. square, rises to a height of 115-ft. to the top of the parapet, and this is surmounted by a turret on the north side, terminated by a spirelet which carries the height up to 140-ft. The old church was destroyed by fire on December 21st, 1891. The foundation stone of the new church was laid by the Countess Cowper in March, 1893, and the church was opened for public worship two years later, on the completion of the main part of the building. In 1904 a commencement was made with the tower, and now, some sixteen years after the destruction of the old church, the new All Saints is completed, and contains one of the finest rings of bells ever produced by the Whitechapel Foundry. The total cost, including bells, approaches £30,000.

On Wednesday, April 17th, the church was besieged by hundreds of townspeople anxious to witness the marriage of Miss Mary Kathleen Evans, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Evans, of Hertford, and Mr. Brettle Evans Jollands, elder son of the late Mr. William Jollands and of Mrs. Jollands, of Vale House, Hertford. The bride and her parents being so well known and esteemed, great local interest was taken in the event, and although the bells had not been consecrated, they were to be rung for the first time by special permission of the Bishop. The keen interest displayed in the new bells had been noticeable for weeks past; quite a large assembly had anxiously watched the process of hauling them up to their present resting places. "Would they equal the beautiful peal lost in the disastrous fire of 1891? To-day we shall hear." There was no occasion for anxiety, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank promised they should be, and so they are. The founders have justified the confidence placed in them, and the inhabitants of Hertford are grateful to the donors for their great generosity in making the town such a handsome gift.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson is no stranger to Hertford; he had conducted the last peal in the old tower, a 5079 of Stedman Caters by the late Henry Johnson. What could be more fitting to the occasion than this venerable Father of ringing should, after a lapse of eighteen years, conduct the first peal in the new.

The ringing arrangements were entrusted to Mr. H. Baker, and his task of selecting a band was not an easy

one, so many wanted to take part in the first peal; therefore it is not surprising that disappointment has been evinced by many. The company assembled at the Shire Hall at 12.30, and were entertained at luncheon by Mrs. E. R. Evans, mother of the bride. The ringers were received in the Mayor's parlour by the Mayor (W. Graveson, esq.), the luncheon being served in the council chamber. There were present in addition to the Mayor, who presided, the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Rainsford), the churchwardens (Messrs. J. R. Cocks and W. F. Andrews,) the band who rang the peal, Mr. A. Hughes, representing Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the founders of the bells, and Mr. S. Knight, who kindly attended as a reserve man.

The luncheon over the inevitable photograph was taken, and all were in the tower by 2 p.m. the time of the wedding. A few rounds were rung when the bride and bridegroom repaired to the vestry, and then, the ropes being adjusted, a start was made for the peal at 2.40, as the happy couple was leaving the church, and by 6.10 the first peal (5079 Stedman Caters) had been rung on the new bells, much to the delight and satisfaction of not only the ringers, but everybody who heard it, for Hertford is proud of its new church and bells. After the peal the ringers again adjourned to the Shire Hall, and were entertained at tea by Mrs. Herbert Baker, the party being joined by Mr. T. J. Sworder, the donor of the first six bells, and who has also done much valuable work as Treasurer of the building fund. Mr. W. F. Andrews (churchwarden), presented the 7th bell, and Mrs. A. Thornton the last three.

In the evening the ringers spent a very pleasant hour together in the Mayor's parlour, five of the band being members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and five of the Royal Cumberland Youths. All had done their best to maintain the credit of these two famous Societies, whose many years of rivalry is a matter of history. This day they were at peace, the wolf was lying down with the lamb, they had a child to lead them, they were all members of the Hertfordshire Association, and they had rung a peal together without even having to pay five shillings to the steeplekeeper.

"LONG LIVE THE KING."

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The February meeting was held at Stokesley on a very wintry day, and consequently the attendance was only small. Several 720s of Minor were nevertheless rung in good style. Unfortunately the Rector was unable to join the company as it was hoped he would have done, nor the Rev. Kyle, Vicar of Carlton-in-Cleveland, a village close by, who is straining every nerve to raise the funds for a peal of eight bells for his church at the foot of the Cleveland hills.

GROCERY AND PROVISIONS. An assistant wanted. Experienced at both counters and soliciting. Family Trade. C. H. HOWARD, 37, Bank Street, Braintree.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Second Session of the Sixth Council will be held, by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, in the Chapter House of Exeter Cathedral on Whitsun-Tuesday, May 21st, commencing punctually at 11 o'clock a.m. The morning sitting will be adjourned at 1 p.m. until 2.30 p.m., from which hour the Council will sit if necessary until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet in the Chapter House at 9.45 a.m. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Sec.*  
*Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.*

The Annual Meeting of the Devonshire Guild will take place at Ottery St. Mary on Whitsun-Monday, tea being at 4.30 p.m., and the Guild, through the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. F. Mollneux, makes the kind offer that they will gladly welcome as guests any members of Council who wish to attend.

The Dean and Chapter have kindly made arrangements for members of the Council and their friends to be shewn over the Cathedral at 5.30 p.m. on Whitsun Tuesday, and the Cathedral tower will be open for ringing from 6 p.m. to 7.30.

A selected band of members of the Central Council will start for a peal of Stedman Caters on the Cathedral bells at 4 p.m. on Whitsun-Monday.

## REPORT OF PEAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE (APPOINTED IN 1906).

We, the undersigned, being a Committee appointed by the Central Council last year, desire to report that we have dealt with the arrears, and have succeeded in bringing the Peal Analysis up to date, the figures for 1904 and 1905 having been published in "THE BELL NEWS" last year, and those for 1906 having been completed and forwarded for publication on the 15th of March last.

The experience gained, and the difficulties encountered, have convinced us that no ordinary debt of gratitude is due to Messrs. Attree and Baker for their labours in past years; and we regret, if in the discussion which ended in the transfer of the work to us, there seemed to be any lack of appreciation of the valuable work done by our predecessors. That work was admirably performed, and our belief in its excellence is shown by our having followed, in almost every respect, their method of tabulating and bringing into prominence the salient features of the information at our disposal.

We desire to place before the Council certain points upon which we ask for guidance.

i.—It would assist the compilers of these statistics, if conductors and others would forward their peals for publication as soon as rung, and, if any are obliged to send a corrected report, to head it as such. We even think that the imposition of a time limit in this respect would be desirable. Belated peals published long after they have been rung, tend to create confusion, and very effectively thwart the compilers in their endeavour to verify month by month the number of peals rung. Some reports of peals are incomplete. They frequently leave out the name of the conductor or composer. Others are guilty of want of clearness as to the Association for which they intend the peal to be reckoned. One other source of confusion is the publication of peals twice over, of which there are no less than four instances in the year 1906.

ii.—The Rules and Decisions of the Central Council

seem to require some amendment, when we read that peals having 7,000 to 10,000 changes count as two, and those having 10,000 to 12,000 changes count as three peals and so forth. The word "over" is omitted from the second 10,000, and as the wording stands it is impossible to say whether 10,000 changes constitute two, or three peals.

iii.—The Forward method is dealt with in the Rules under Surprise methods, and 20 points are assigned to it, while no additional points are allowed for peals of Royal or Maximus in this method. Mr. Baker in his analysis for 1903, evidently felt that there was something inconsistent in this assignment of points; for his scale, in 1903, was altered to—Forward Major, 12 points; Royal, 14 points; Maximus, 16 points; which we are inclined to think is much nearer the value; but for lack of authority, we have reverted in our Analysis to the original 20 points. It would be advisable, we think, to refer this matter to the Points Committee for settlement.

iv.—Doubles only count two points in however many points rung. Although there may be little difference between Gog Magog and Dream, yet occasionally five-bell peals are rung in several methods which are distinctly different, and appear to be deserving of some more liberal encouragement. This is a question, however, for the Points Committee.

v.—Yorkshire and Peterborough Surprise are not in the Central Council's list of Surprise Methods for which points are awarded; but we have allowed 30 points, pending further directions.

vi.—We should be glad if a list of six-bell methods could be supplied, coming under the title of "Broken Leads," in respect of which Mr. Bolland asked for and obtained from the Points Committee more generous treatment.

vii.—We have a scale for six-bell peals in Plain Methods enabling us to allot distinguishing points where the methods range from one to seven; but no corresponding scale is forthcoming for Treble Bob or Surprise Methods on six bells. One plain method among seven, the others being Treble Bob or Surprise Methods, is, under the present system, reckoned as seven plain methods only; Six Treble Bob methods or six Surprise methods would count no more than six plain Minor methods; nothing less than seven Minor methods receiving the enhanced value of 15 or 36 points respectively. We think that in the interest of six-bell ringers, some modification of the present Rules would be desirable.

(Signed) CHARLES E. BORRETT.  
JOSEPH GRIFFIN.  
ARTHUR T. KING.  
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

15th April, 1907.

## A REVIEW OF STEDMAN CATERS AND CINQUES.

BY CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

## ARTICLE No. 7.

Continuing peals with the 6th in 2nds place, I shall pass by the eleven course peals, as they usually involve the treble being behind the 9th in two or more courses, or otherwise avoided by the use of singles. A number of such peals have been composed, but they don't call for any special remark. One of the first peals without the treble being so placed, and without singles, was rung at Rotherham in 1889, composed and conducted by the writer.

Some twenty years ago Sir Arthur Heywood produced

produced a musical composition on a new plan (see "Stedman" page 90). I may state the first time I saw this peal it was shown to me by the late W. Wakley, of Burton-on-Trent. I cannot give the exact date, but up to that time I don't remember having seen any other on the same plan. I have the information from Sir Arthur that he composed it in June 1887. As pointed out in Article No. 2, the mere fact of varying the opening courses to peals of this class and to others which I shall eventually point out ought not to be encouraged, as being original compositions. Peal No. 11 has the 4th twelve times behind the 9th, and the 5th its extent in the same position, all in natural courses. It is obtained without disturbing the tittum position in the opening course, and by having the false one for the coming-home course. If this was placed in any other position it would cause a repetition of changes. Peal No. 12 has the 4th its extent in 6ths place, and produces the most musical combination that it is possible to have in this method, as 4, 6, 8 are in coursing order in the middle of those courses with the 4th so placed.

## ARTICLE No. 8.

## Peals with the sixty course-ends.

I was informed by Mr. Johnson that the late John Cox was one of the first to produce a peal of this class (see Hubbard, 1854, page 26). By having recourse to sixty-two courses all the possible changes are obtained with the treble and 7-8-9 working together. It is an excellent composition, and displays a thorough knowledge of the method. The late Mr. Haley, and also Johnson produced good specimens of the sixty course-ends. The writer composed one having all the possible changes with the treble and 7-8-9 together, having recourse to sixty-one courses, and the first peal having one bell twelve continuous courses behind the 9th (see "Stedman" page 91, and "BELL NEWS" 1889, page 179). Peal No. 13 is a variation of it, shewing the 6th in 2nds place instead of the treble. It admits of another variation, and in pointing this out I hope to be excused for going outside the preface of my remarks. Let the reader assume any course-end either with the treble or 6th in 2nds place, and fix it the twelfth course, then take up the calling at the thirteenth course and continue the same calling to the end of the peal; at this point call the usual eleven course-part by commencing with a 4-16 or 4-5-16, the result will be the sixty course-ends. It is to be understood irrespective of any comment to the contrary, that such a proceeding is only a variation of the peal from which it is taken, and has not any claim to composition, as the greatest novice may be taught such an undesirable practice. Such a variation however as I have mentioned, was rung at Fulham in 1896, and conducted by W. Garrard. (The figures of this peal or variation appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" at the time, and stated to be composed by Mr. J. P. Bradley). There are other ways of butchering peals (as the late Jasper Snowdon used to call it), which is more skilful, and would baffle ninety per cent. of the Exercise, but for the benefit of the science I don't think it wise to point out. The body of these peals, and also those of a less number of courses, should be entirely re-constructed before they can be admitted as being original, for as previously stated, the fixing and varying the open courses is too absurd to be considered.

The 120 course-ends, containing 13,054 changes, was rung at Cheltenham, May 1888, in which the writer took part, in 8 hrs. 16 mins., composed by the late Mr. Johnson, and conducted by W. T. Pates.

## No. 11.

## 5081.

231456	4	5	16	Continued—	4	5	16
361524*				462351			
164523				461253			
463521				164352			
				162453			
361245				562314			
163542							
162345				264153			
165243				263451			
561342				261453			
562143							
563241				561324			
365142							
362541				164253			
				461352			
462135				462153			
				463251			
265341				364152			
261543				362451			
263145				361254			
				163452			
465123				162354			
564321				562413			
561423							
				263154			
163254				264351			
361452				261453			S
362154							
364251							
463152							

\* 1, 4, 6, 16.

Round at 2, 5, 7, 8, 9.

C. H. H.

## No. 12.

## 5069.

231456	4	5	16	Continued—	4	5	16
364125*				265314			
465231				561324			
365142				162354			
				562413			
365241		S		563214			
361542				361254			
362145				165234			
263541				365214			S
261345				561234			
162543				163254			
163245							
165342				563412			
561243				362154			
563142				265134			
562341				563124			
265143							
563421				263451			
				361524			
263154				162534			
365124				263514			
562134							
				163425			
362451				165324			
261534				562314			
163524				261354			
362514							
162435							

\* 2, 4, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16.

Round at 2, 5, 7, 8, 9.

C. H. H.

No. 13.	6591.			Continued—		
231456	4	5	16	4	5	16
365421*				162534	-	-
563124	-	-		164235	-	-
564321	-	-				
561423	-	-		465312	-	-
165324	-	-		564213	-	-
164523	-	-		563412	-	-
163425	-	-		562314	-	-
361524	-	-		265413	-	-
364125	-	-		263514	-	-
463521	-	-		264315	-	-
461325	-	-		462513	-	-
465123	-	-		463215	-	-
563241	-	-		163542	-	-
463152	-	-		362415	-	-
462351	-	-		365214	-	-
461253	-	-		364512	-	-
164352	-	-				
162453	-	-		462135	-	-
163254	-	-		465231	-	-
361452	-	-				
362154	-	-		365142	-	-
364251	-	-		362541	-	-
				263145	-	-
461532	-	-		265341	-	-
				261543	-	-
361245	-	-		162345	-	-
				165243	-	-
165432	-	-		561342	-	-
561234	-	-		562143	-	-
564132	-	-				
562431	-	-		263451	-	-
265134	-	-		261354	-	-
264531	-	-		264153	-	-
261435	-	-				

\* 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 15, 16, 18.

Round at 2, 7, 8, 9.

C. H. H.

ERRATA. The single at 16 in the first column of No. 10 peal in our last issue should be at 5 which the figures indicate.—Peal No. 6 in the issue of April 20th, add another course with a bob at 16 six following course—end 213465.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A happy party of about twenty-five of the Manchester branch, representing eight towers, was present at Eccles on a recent Saturday, the occasion being the monthly meeting of the branch. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob were rung on the church bells till eight o'clock, when the club-room at The Grapes was reserved for our us. On arriving we were agreeably surprised to find that some one had been there before us, and left a plentiful supply of bread, cheese, and pickles, which had to be attended to before business, which was presided over by Mr. Barratt, in the absence of the Vicar at a vestry meeting. Several topics of interest were discussed, and touches on the handbells of Cinques, Royal, Major, and Triples were rung. The meeting concluded with thanks to the donors of the supper, for the use of the bells and to the chairman of the evening. Since our last meeting the Eccles tenor has been rehung by Messrs. Taylor, and the church is now undergoing extensive repairs at the hands of the masons.

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#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

##### (CENTRAL DIVISION.)

The usual quarterly meeting of this Division was held at Cuckfield on Saturday, April 27th, which was attended by about 30 members from the towers of Lindfield, Burgess Hill, Bolney, Burstow, Hurst, Brighton, Lewes and Cuckfield, with Mr. A. B. Bennett, Hon. Secretary, and Mr. G. F. Attree. After attending the usual evening service, at which the Rev. H. Knatchbull-Hugessen officiated, an adjournment was made to the village hall for tea. After tea Mr. Attree (Master), was voted to the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting being passed several new members were elected. It was resolved that the next quarterly peal should be attempted at Cuckfield.

The Hon. Secretary then read a letter relating to the proposed new rule of the Association, which matter is on the agenda of the annual meeting to be held shortly at Horsham. After having had a fair discussion it was resolved that the proposed amendments were not necessary.

Mr. A. B. Bennett proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Cooper for allowing the use of the bells and attending the meeting. After this the tower was again visited and touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob were rung till about 8.30.

#### THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Portmadoc on Easter Monday, April 1st. Members from Buckley, Bangor, Dolgelly, Llandudno, Machynlleth, Rhyl, and Wrexham arrived during the morning, and several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. At 11 o'clock a service was held in St. John's church, conducted by the Rev. J. E. Williams, of Portmadoc, and a stirring address was delivered by the Rev. T. A. Williams, Vicar of Bryncoedifor, who took his text from Ephesians 3, verse 7.

Dinner time arriving, the members sat down in The Royal Commercial hotel to an excellent dinner provided by the President of the Portmadoc ringers (N. S. Percival, esq.) and a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded the donor, and to the Rev. T. A. Williams for his stirring address. The business was then proceeded with in Mr. Barnard's rooms. The Rev. T. Lewis Jones, of St. David's, Bangor, occupied the chair. All the officers were unanimously re-elected, and one new tower (Machynlleth), and twelve new members were admitted to the Association.

It was decided that the next half-yearly meeting be held at Beaumaris, and the next annual meeting be held at Llangollen, or at Buckley in the event of circumstances preventing it being held at Llangollen.

After a hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Barnard for the use of the room, tea was partaken of in the Church Room, which was much enjoyed by all present. Tea over, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar of Portmadoc for the use of the bells, and to the Portmadoc members for making such splendid arrangements. The members then adjourned to the tower, where they rang several touches of Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Train time arriving found everybody of the same opinion that they had had a splendid day out.

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## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Tuesday, May 7th, at 8 p.m.; at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, May 21st, at 8 p.m.; and at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays, May 16th and 30th at 7.30 p.m.

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

**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., May 4th, at the parish church of St. Paul, Hammersmith. W. The tower will be open from 4.30 to 9 p.m. A social will be held afterwards. All ringers will be made welcome.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Pinner to-day, Sat., May 4th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea at The Queen's Head at 5.30, 9d. per head. All members and friends invited.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec. West Division.*

**The Essex Association.**—South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held in Jeffrey's schoolroom, Great Baddow, to-day, Sat., May 4th. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 9d. per head. Meeting following. The towers of Sandon and Dabbury (5 bells) will also be open for ringing.

HY. F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*  
County Offices, Duke Street, Chelmsford.

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—The annual of this district will be held at Birchington to-day, Sat., May 4th. The parish church tower (8 bells) will be open. The Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, will also be open, but members visiting there are requested to enter the park by the footpath leading from the National Schools. Tea at 5 p.m. at The Queen's Head hotel. Business meeting after tea. Half railway fares up to 2s. will be allowed.

G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—A joint meeting of the Northern and Eastern districts will be held at Bennington to-day, Sat., May 4th, when the tower will be open from 3 p.m. A free tea will be provided by the Rector (Rev. W. Mills). Business meeting after. It is hoped a good number will avail themselves of this opportunity of visiting this quaint old world village, which used to be so famous to the ringing world. Without a doubt those attending will enjoy the visit.

W. H. LAWRENCE, *Little Munden.*  
J. F. FOSTER, *Hitchin.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Horsham to-day, Sat., May 4th. The tower of the parish church will be open at 10.30 a.m., and Warnham (if required) at 9 p.m. Luncheon at 1.45 p.m. at The Black Horse hotel; Chairman—the Vicar of Horsham. Members tickets 1s, 3d. each. Business meeting at 3 p.m. Special service at 4.30 p.m.; Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon of Chichester.

A. B. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*  
78, Abingdon Road, Kensington.

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.**—The

annual meeting will take place at Sheffield to-day, Sat., May 4th. The bells of St. Mario's (8 bells), and the parish church (12), will be available from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Business meeting at The Sportsman inn, Cambridge Street, at 7.30 p.m.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Gnildford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Seale and Pottenham to-day, Sat., May 4th 2.30—Bells available. 5.0—Service at Seale Church, 5.45—Tea at Jubilee Room. Tickets 6d. each; Visitors 1s. The Rector of Seale will be pleased to welcome members to his garden during the afternoon.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Dagenham to-day, Sat., May 4th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.

GEO. A. BLACK, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, to-day, Sat., May 4th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

Z. LORD, *Branch Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Brown Edge to-day, Sat., May 4th. Bells at 4. Tea at 5.30. Service at 7 p.m. D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Leatherhead District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Leatherhead to-day, Sat., May 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service in church at 5.30. Tea at the Crown Coffee Tavern at 6 p.m. price 6d. each to members. Meeting to follow.

T. G. DEVITT, *Hon. Sec.*

**St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street Birmingham, on the evening of Tuesday, May 7th, when the attendance of every member who can make it convenient is earnestly requested. Chair will be taken at 8.30 p.m.

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

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next general meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, May 11th. Local Hon. Sec.—Mr. A. Walker, Englands Yard, Pontefract. For further details see Association circular.

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

Bramley, Leeds.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Shirfield English (4½ miles from Romsey), on Saturday, May 11th. The belfry will be opened at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at The Hatchet inn at 5 o'clock. Arrangements can be made to convey members from Romsey Abbey to Shirfield English and back for 1s. per member, if the secretary be informed by Thursday, May 9th, and members requiring tea should also let him know by that date. The conveyance will leave the Abbey at 2 o'clock. The bells of the Abbey church will be available from 1 p.m. to 2 o'clock.

JAMES W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*

3, Culver Villas, Winchester.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield on Saturday, May 11th. Bells at 4. Meeting at 7. Cars from Deansgate every ten minutes. W. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting and combined practice will be held at Weybridge (not Chertsey as previously announced) on Saturday, May 11th. Bells available at 3. Tea in Parish Room at 5.30. Meeting after. Those

intending to be present at tea should inform me by the 8th inst.

CHAS. H. PEARCE, *Dis. Sec.*

Vale Road, Yorktown.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 6. WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, May 18th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 5 o'clock.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Liversedge on Saturday, May 18th, instead of the 11th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house—The Albion hotel.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—The next annual meeting will be held at Chippenham on Monday, May 20th. Service will be held at noon in the parish church, followed by a cold luncheon at 1 o'clock at Mr. Perkins, The Vaults. Both towers will be open for ringing. One shilling allowed for luncheon to those members sending notice on or before Wednesday, May 15th, to

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

30, Broad Street, Bristol.

**The Devonshire Guild.**—Annual meeting at Ottery on Whit-Monday, May 20th. Tea in the Town Hall at 4 o'clock. Service in the parish church at 6 o'clock. Representatives attending the Central Council meeting in Exeter are cordially invited.

F. MOLINEUX, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Rochester on Whitsun Monday, May 20th. Members will attend the Cathedral service; address by the Very Rev. the Dean. Tea at 5.15 p.m. in the Town Hall. Business meeting after tea. Application for tickets to be made to the Hon. Secretary. Further particulars next week.

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

Canterbury.

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—North and East District.—A meeting of members of this Association will be held on Saturday, May 25th, at St. Sepulchre's church, E.C., by kind permission of the Rev. Edgar Rogers. The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m. The Vicar will give a short address to ringers at evensong, which will be said at 6.30, and it is particularly requested that all ringers will attend this service. The Hon. Secretary will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

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

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1907.

## ELING, HAMPSHIRE.

On Saturday, April 20th, several members of the North Stoneham band, in conjunction with several members of the Dibben band (who had walked a distance of six miles), paid a visit to the church of St. Mary, Eling, where they received a most hearty welcome from the Vicar and the local ringers. The bells were raised in peal, and a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor was rung by H. Payne, G. Williams conductor, E. Dumper, C. J. Fray, C. A. Valentine, W. T. Tucker. (This appears to be the first known 720 on the bells.) A 360 of Kent Treble Bob and several 120s of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung during the evening. The Vicar (Rev. J. Thistle) came into the tower, and with a hearty shake of the hand said how pleased he was to welcome them, and invited them all to partake of refreshments at The Anchor before starting homewards. Needless to say this was very much appreciated, and after lowering the bells in peal, a move was made to this hostelry, where tables were found laid out with a bountiful repast. Mr. G. Williams was voted to the chair, and after this repast a very pleasant evening passed off all too quickly in toast and song. The toasts



given were "The Vicar," "The Local Ringers," and "The Visitors," which were duly responded to, while the songs included "Our Jack's come home to-day," "Queen of the Earth," "Loch Lomond," and "The Old Arm-chair," etc.

### TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

In connection with the dinner given by Mr. J. George at West Bromwich, duly reported last week, a few of the Tipton ringers decided to have a social over the same peal, it being rung at Tipton parish church. Accordingly invitations were sent to a few old ringing friends to meet at the Court House inn, Tipton, on Saturday last, to partake of supper. In the afternoon a peal of Stedman Triples was rung (recorded in its proper place), being A. Rowley's first peal as conductor in the method, the band congratulating him on its accomplishment. The members who took part, with the local company, joined their friends at the above house, where a substantial repast was enjoyed.

On the removal of the cloth the chair was occupied by Mr. W. R. Small, Mr. S. Spittle vice. The chairman gave "The Health of His Majesty the King," and this was followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

During the evening courses of Stedman Triples, Grand-sire Cinques, Caters, and Triples were rung upon handbells. Songs and recitations were given by several of the company, and altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.

The vice-chairman said it was a great pleasure to him to be present at that gathering, with so many of his old friends. He could not part without moving a hearty vote of thanks to those members of the Tipton and who had been the means of their gathering that night, and providing such a bountiful spread, and spending such a pleasant and social evening together.

Mr. James George suitably responded, and it was carried with acclamation. The usual thanks being passed to the chairman, vice-chairman, host and hostess, a memorable evening was brought to a close.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.—The Bulwell meeting met with a good attendance of thirty-six members. The bells were kept going from 5 o'clock to 9 o'clock in various methods; also tunes on the handbells were indulged in, viz., "Blue Bells of Scotland," three variations; "Spanish Chant," three variations; "Home, sweet home," three variations; all under the conductorship of Mr. C. Chester. The next monthly meeting will be held at Eastwood on May 25th, notice of which will appear in due course.

### The Metropolis.

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

On Thursday, April 25, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

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

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK SKEVINGTON .. .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HEWETT* .. .. 2.	HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM MILLER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
C. CAREW COX .. .. 4.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

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

On Saturday, April 27, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

HARRY FLANDERS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	CHARLES POTHECARY .. .. 7.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. .. 8.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 4.	REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 9.
JAMES HUNT .. .. 5.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1907, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. Treble.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 2.	HARRY WARNETT .. .. 6.
HORATIO GUMMER .. .. 3.	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. .. 7.
FREDK. G. PERRIN .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

### The Provinces.

#### CLOPTON, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 22, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 of Bob Minor, 720 of Woodbine, two 720s of Kent and three of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER BRUCE .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK CRAPNELL .. .. 4.
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GEORGE ABLITT .. .. 3.	CHARLES KING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES KING.

#### BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1907, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK WITHERS* .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 2.	*ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. 3.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 8.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. .. 4.	HARRY WITHERS .. .. 9.
HORACE F. STREET* .. .. 5.	*OLIVER JAMES .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal of Stedman Caters. The previous peal of Stedman Caters on these bells was rung on Easter Monday, 1880, by the St. Martin's Youths, Birmingham.

#### ASHSTEAD, SURREY.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 20, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

JOHN HOYLE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. CORBETT .. .. 5.
ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. 2.	JOHN WYATT .. .. 6.
GEORGE MARRINER .. .. 3.	ARTHUR C. OTWAY .. .. 7.
JOHN WHITE .. .. 4.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by A. DEAN.

This was the quarterly peal for the above district.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Tuesday, April 23, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM C. GILLINGHAM .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 2.	EDWARD EVANS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 3.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 7.
EDWARD SHERWOOD .. .. 4.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Reference elsewhere.

## WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

H. GEORGE ROWE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE RADLEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 2.	GEORGE CARTER .. .. 6.
GEORGE F. MARGETSON .. 3.	GEORGE DENT .. .. 7.
GEORGE A. BLACK .. .. 4.	GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN. .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, and

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

## FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, April 24, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs.

JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. Treble.	THOMAS BRADLE .. .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 6.
ROBERT E. STAVERT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 4.	JAMES MERRICK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 24, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM MARKWELL .. Treble.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 5.
SAMUEL BURT .. .. 2.	ALBERT HEASMAN .. .. 6.
ERNEST LISH .. .. 3.	LAZARUS PAYNE .. .. 7.
GEORGE PAYNE .. .. 4.	ARTHUR HODGES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by LAZARUS PAYNE.

\*First peal. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. E. Wakeford, only son of the Vicar of Henfield, and Miss Annie West Thornton, eldest daughter of W. W. Thornton, Esq., the Manor, Southwick.

## EYE, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 24, 1907, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST POPPY .. .. Treble.	FRANK CULLUM .. .. 5.
CHARLES NUNN .. .. 2.	FREDERICK DAY .. .. 6.
ELIJAH BROOME .. .. 3.	DAVID WHITING .. .. 7.
ALPHAUS BERRY .. .. 4.	FREDERICK WATLING .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by FREDERICK WATLING.

## DARTFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 25, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 5.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 2.	ROBERT BRETT .. .. 6.
JOHN WHEADON .. .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 4.	HENRY SIMMONS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

## CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CIRENCESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 25, 1907, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANCIS W. BOND .. .. Treble.	FREDK. PROTHEROUGH .. 5.
HARRY LEWIS .. .. 2.	CHARLES E. BARTLETT .. 6.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS .. .. 3.	JOHN J. JEFFERIES .. .. 7.
H. CHARLES BOND .. .. 4.	WILFRED COOK* .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN J. JEFFERIES.

\*First peal. First peal as conductor.

## FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 27, 1907, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES LITTLE .. .. Treble.	MAURICE SMITHER .. .. 5.
ARTHUR WALKER .. .. 2.	THOMAS PRICE .. .. 6.
JESSE ELDRIDGE .. .. 3.	GEORGE MARTIN .. .. 7.
HERBERT COX† .. .. 4.	*ARTHUR MARTIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by ARTHUR MARTIN.

†First peal of Double Norwich. \*First peal in the method as conductor.

## COLERNE, SOMERSET.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

ALBERT E. ALEXANDER * Treble.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 5.
WILLIAM T. ALEXANDER* .. 2.	F. KING .. .. 6.
JOHN OLDEY .. .. 3.	CHARLES W. BELL .. .. 7.
HERBERT E. HOLDER .. .. 4.	EDWARD J. ALEXANDER* .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. BELL.

\*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE PEREY .. .. Treble.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 5.
EDGAR HICKS .. .. 2.	JOHN CREASY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 3.	WILLIAM GRIMES .. .. 7.
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On Saturday, April 27, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM DAY .. .. 4.
FREDERICK BENNETT .. 2.	ERNEST C. BONIFACE .. 5.
THOMAS STREETER .. .. 3.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Henry J. Chandler to Miss Amelia C. L. Garfath, which event took place at St. Andrew's church, Farnham, on this date.

## SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF GREAT ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM SABAN* .. .. Treble.	WALTER HOBBS .. .. 5.
REV. W. S. WILLET .. .. 2.	WALTER TARLING .. .. 6.
THOMAS SABAN† .. .. 3.	HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. 7.
REV. H. W. PARKER* .. 4.	*ROBERT WHITE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS SABAN.

\*First peal in any method. †First peal as conductor.

## TEWIN, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 6-scores of Plain Bob, and thirty of Grandsire.

A. WILLSHIRE* .. .. Treble.	G. CLARK .. .. 3.
H. GEEVES .. .. 2.	A. LYLES .. .. 4.
J. W. NEW .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by J. W. NEW.

\*First peal.

## TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 27, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. Treble.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 5.
THOMAS REEVES .. .. 2.	SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 6.
JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 3.	ALFRED ROWLEY .. .. 7.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

First peal in the method as conductor. This composition is given in "Stedman," page 67.

## KINGSWINFORM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN BASS .. .. Treble.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 4.
ALFRED DAVIES† .. .. 2.	FRED BRACE .. .. 5.
HARRY PRICE* .. .. 3.	HARRY JONES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal of Minor. †First peal in seven methods with a bob bell. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

## TRING, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

HUBERT EDEN .. .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 5.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 2.	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 6.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. .. 3.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. .. 7.
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 4.	FREDERICK WHITE .. .. Tenor.
	JOHN WELLS .. ..

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

## WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 27, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5063 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 23 lbs.

WALTER E. BUTTAN .. Treble.	GEORGE HUGHES .. .. 6.
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 2.	JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 3.	FREDERICK J. COPE .. .. 8.
HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 4.	HORACE BELCHER .. .. 9.
ALFRED J. WALLATER .. 5.	JAMES H. GALLIMORE .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

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

On Monday, April 29, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

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Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal.

## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 29, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE H. HOWSE .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
ARTHUR MILES .. .. 2.	GEORGE WATSON .. .. 6.
GEORGE PENFOLD .. .. 3.	GEORGE GALLAND .. .. 7.
FRANCIS A. KENNETT .. 4.	ERNEST GOWER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal of Stedman. The band wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the St. Mary's ringers for having everything ready.

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

On Tuesday, April 30, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS EAST .. .. Treble.	EDGAR HUMFREY .. .. 3.
ALFRED R. BOSLEY .. .. 2.	EDMUND BANNISTER .. .. 6.
RICHARD G. RICE .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
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TABLES CONTAINING ALL PLAIN METHODS ON SIX AND EIGHT BELLS.

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### PLAIN MINOR METHODS.

TABLE I.

<u>5th &amp; 6th</u>	<u>3rd &amp; 4th</u>	<u>3rd &amp; 6th</u>	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6 \\ -\ 1\ -\ -\ -\ - \end{array} \right\}$	<u>1st &amp; 4th</u>	<u>1st &amp; 6th</u>
c	b	a		A	B
		<u>5th &amp; 6th</u>	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -\ -\ 1\ -\ -\ - \\ -\ -\ -\ 1\ -\ - \end{array} \right\}$	<u>1st &amp; 6th</u>	<u>3rd &amp; 4th</u>
		d		C	D
<u>3rd &amp; 4th</u>	<u>1st &amp; 4th</u>	<u>1st &amp; 2nd</u>	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -\ -\ -\ -\ 1\ - \\ -\ -\ -\ -\ -\ 1 \\ -\ -\ 1\ -\ -\ - \end{array} \right\}$		
g	f	e			
				1st, 3rd, or 5th	

TABLE II.

This is the same as Table II. in the Treble Bob Tables given in "THE BELL NEWS" of April 13th last, and is to be used in the same manner.

## PLAIN MAJOR METHODS.

TABLE I.

<u>7th &amp; 8th</u>	<u>5th &amp; 8th</u>	<u>5th &amp; 6th</u>	<u>3rd &amp; 8th</u>	<u>3rd &amp; 6th</u>	<u>3rd &amp; 4th</u>	{ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 - I - - - - - }	<u>1st &amp; 4th</u>	<u>1st &amp; 6th</u>	<u>1st &amp; 8th</u>	
f	e	d	c	b	a		A	B	C	
			<u>7th &amp; 8th</u>	<u>5th &amp; 8th</u>	<u>5th &amp; 6th</u>	{ - - I - - - - }				
			i	h	g	{ - - - I - - - }	<u>1st &amp; 8th</u>	<u>1st &amp; 6th</u>	<u>3rd &amp; 8th</u>	<u>3rd &amp; 6th</u>
			<u>3rd &amp; 4th</u>	<u>1st &amp; 4th</u>	<u>1st &amp; 2nd</u>	{ - - - - I - - - }	D	E	F	G
			l	k	j	{ - - - - - I - - }	<u>1st &amp; 8th</u>	<u>3rd &amp; 8th</u>	<u>5th &amp; 8th</u>	
<u>5th &amp; 6th</u>	<u>3rd &amp; 6th</u>	<u>3rd &amp; 4th</u>	<u>1st &amp; 6th</u>	<u>1st &amp; 4th</u>	<u>1st &amp; 2nd</u>	{ - - - - - I - }	H	I	J	
r	q	p	o	n	m	{ - - - - - I }				
						{ - - - - - I }	1st, 3rd, 5th, or 7th			

TABLE II.

When the treble lies her whole pull behind, 1st, 3rd, 5th, or 7th must be made as shown in table i., according to the following rules:—

If the 2nd makes the place, 3 must change with 4, 5 with 6, and 7 with 8.

3rd	"	2	"	5, 4	"	7, and 6	"	8.
4th	"	2	"	6, 3	"	8, and 5	"	7.

TABLE III.

When the treble leads a whole pull 2nds or 6ths must be made according to the following rules:—

If the 2nd made the place when the treble was behind, 6ths must be made when the treble leads.

If the 6th made the place when the treble was behind, 2nds must be made when the treble leads.

If any other bell made the place when the treble was behind.

Either 2nds or 6ths may be made with the treble in front, thus giving two different methods.

TABLE IV.—BOB METHODS.

All methods containing 5th place treble behind, or 2nd place treble in front are Bob methods.

TABLE V.—IMPERIAL METHODS.

All methods containing places b, c, d, e, g are Imperial methods.

TABLE VI.—COURT METHODS.

All methods not containing any of the places in tables iv. and v. are Court methods.

If the 5th makes the place, 2 must change with 8, 3 with 7, and 4 [with 6.

6th	"	2	"	7, 3	"	5, and 4	"	8.
7th	"	2	"	4, 3	"	6, and 5	"	8.
8th	"	2	"	3, 4	"	5, and 6	"	7.

TABLE III.

If the 2nd make the place when the treble was behind 8th must be made when treble leads.

If the 8th made the place when the treble was behind 2nd must be made when treble leads.

If any other bell made the place when the treble was behind either 2nd or 8th may be made when the treble leads, giving two different methods.

These tables contain all Plain Methods on 6 or 8 bells which ever have been produced, or ever can be.

Every Minor method obtainable from these tables can be written out

in Triples, and every Major method in Caters by the rules given in the Report on Classification of Legitimate Methods.

TABLE IV.

Bob methods contain 7th with treble behind or 2nd with treble leading.

TABLE V.

Imperial methods contain a, d, f, g, i, j, l, m, p, r.

TABLE VI.

Court methods contain none of the places named in Tables IV. and V.

### Date Touches.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—On Monday, April 22nd, a date touch of Grandsire Caters in 1 hr. 22 mins. Miss C. E. Sparshott, V. Street, S. Best, P. Sparshott, R. C. Street, G. H. Plummer, A. Best, T. Best, G. Preston conductor, C. W. Goodenough. Composed by R. C. Street.

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Herts).—On Tuesday, April 23rd, at the church of Great St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 47 mins. W. Saban, A. Brown, T. Saban conductor, Rev. M. W. Parker W. Tarling H. Saban, H. J. Tucker, R. White.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANDOVER (Hants).—On Sunday, March 24th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Barber, E. Mills, R. C. Mayo conductor, W. Butt, G. Samway, H. Smart, O. Smart, F. Padwick. On Sunday, April 7th, 350 Grandsire Triples. A. Barber, H. Smart, R. C. Mayo conductor, W. Butt, O. Smart, G. Samway, E. Mills, P. Padwick. On Wednesday, April 17th, 672 Grandsire Triples. W. Povey, W. Butt, O. Smart, E. Mills, G. Samway, H. Smart, R. C. Mayo conductor, A. Barber. On Sunday morning, April 28th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Barber, E. Mills, W. Butt, G. Samway, O. Smart, H. Smart, R. C. Mayo conductor, F. Padwick. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Povey, E. Mills, H. Smart, W. Andrews, O. Smart, G. Samway, R. C. Mayo conductor, F. Padwick.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Monday, April 29th, for practice at the parish church, 1280 Bob Major. F. J. Fuller, C. H. Howard, H. E. Hammond, H. J. Collins, S. K. Roper conductor, H. Coote, G. H. Seutance. Composed by J. George, of Rugby.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WRAYSBURY (Bucks).—On Wednesday, April 24th, at St. Andrew's church, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. J. Gutteridge, L. Stilwell, W. C. Parker, G. Williams, T. W. Gosling, E. Harwood conductor, W. Welling, J. Guttridge.

OLD WINDSOR (Berks).—On Sunday, April 28th, after evening service at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. F. J. Gutteridge, J. Guttridge, L. Stilwell, T. W. Gosling, G. Williams, E. Harwood conductor, W. Welling, W. Ralph.

SONNING (Berks).—On Thursday, April 25th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. S. Franklin, A. Savage, G. J. Wright, J. Wadhams, A. W. Pike, A. E. Reeves conductor, L. Russell. Longest touch of Stedman by all except Messrs. Pike and Reeves.

### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

EXETER.—On Saturday, April 27th, at St. David's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. E. Shepherd, A. Richards, H. Richards, F. Murphy, T. Laver, J. R. Sandover, F. J. Shepherd conductor, W. Acreman.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Sunday, March 25th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Clark, J. Netley, G. Balchin, G. Weller, E. Mills, J. H. Blake, C. Blackman conductor, F. Hammond. On Sunday, March 31st, 504 Grandsire Triples with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Churchwarden Lasseter. F. Hammond, C. Blackman, G. Clark, G. Weller, J. Netley, G. Balchin conductor, E. Mills, A. Wareham

EAST DEREHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, April 28th, for evening service, 720 Bob Major. C. Bloy, P. Beckett, M. Jarvis, W. Miller, B. Whiteside, J. G. Miles, W. Burrows, F. Adcock. On handbells a touch of Bob Major, J. G. Miles, M. Jarvis, B. Whiteside, F. Adcock. Rung as a farewell touch to B. Whiteside, who is leaving for Yorktown, Camberley, Surrey.

NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On Tuesday, April 2nd, at the church of St. Nicolas, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Williams conductor, C. J. Fray, W. Rowe, jun., A. Marks, W. Rowe, W. T. Tucker. 360 College Single. W. G. Rowe, C. J. Fray, W. T. Tucker, A. Marks, W. Rowe, G. Williams conductor. On Thursday, April 11th, 390 Double Court. E. Dumper, G. Williams conductor, C. Valentine, C. Fray, W. Rowe, W. Tucker.

STOKESLEY.—On Saturday, February 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. J. Clarkson, N. Newton, R. Robinson, W. Newton, R. Greenwood, T. Stephenson. Conducted by G. J. Clarkson. 720 in the same method. H. K. Bowes, W. Clarkson conductor, A. C. Bowes, W. J. Wright, H. H. Bowes, S. A. Mellanby. 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. H. D. Bowes, R. Robinson, A. C. Bowes, R. Robinson, \*N. Newton, G. J. Clarkson conductor. \*First in the method. 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Newton, R. Robinson, N. Newton, W. Clarkson, R. Greenwood, T. Stephenson conductor.

### NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT IPSWICH.—This was arranged and rang as a farewell peal to Mr. William C. Gillingham, who is leaving England for Winnipeg, Canada, on Thursday, May 2nd, accompanied by his father, Mr. William C. Gillingham, wife and family, everyone wishing them God-speed when settled at their respective destinations. Their removals will be keenly felt at both St. Mary-le-Tower church, and also at St. Margaret's church, where Mr. William Gillingham, sen. had chimed the bells for Divine Service on Sundays for a period of twenty-eight years.

THE PEAL AT HAMMERSMITH.—A. F. Harris' 50 Peals.—Grandsire Triples 5, conducted 1; Caters 5; Stedman Triples 9; Caters 12; Cinques 1; Treble Bob Major 3; Royal 2; Double Norwich Major 6; Caters 4; Superlative 1; on handbells; Grandsire Triples 2.

**Obituary.****THOMAS FULCHER.**

We have to announce the death of Thomas Fulcher, of East Dereham, Norfolk, who passed away after a long illness on Tuesday, the 23rd ult. The deceased ringer was an old Dereham inhabitant and a member of the St. Nicholas company for many years. The funeral took place on Saturday, the 27th ult., in Dereham cemetery, the Vicar, Rev. Canon Arnold, officiating. After committal a muffled touch was rung on St. Nicholas' bells. The deceased had rung one peal of Oxford T. B. Major, recorded in the tower. "Peace, perfect peace, with loved one far away."

**ARTHUR WILLIAM BEVAN.**

The death of the above-named, of Stourbridge, Worcestershire, took place on Wednesday, the 10th ult., after a painful

illness, at the early age of 26, being a victim to consumption. He was buried at the cemetery on the following Sunday, the funeral being attended by his fellow-ringers and a large number of members of the Foresters. The Rev. H. Sherrard performed the service after which the Foresters' service was read by Brother G. H. Pagett P.C.R. Much sympathy is felt for the friends of the deceased in their bereavement. He had been a member of the St. Thomas's company for ten years, where he first learnt to ring, and had rung a peal of Bob Triples and a peal of Bob Major. On Sunday morning, for service with the bells muffled, was rung as a last mark of respect, a 720 of Bob Minor. Some beautiful wreaths were sent by friends and family of the deceased.

PRESENTATION AT GLODICK.—On Friday evening, April 13th, the ringers of St.

Mark's church and a few friends assembled in the tower for the pleasure of presenting one of their members (Mr. Beaver) with an artificial leg, a complete outfit, and a bag containing £14 in gold. Owing to the absence of the Vicar the chair was occupied by the curate, Rev. B. Bevan. Mr. Councillor Gilliat (sidesman) in making the presentation, said he was delighted to see that the ringers of Lancashire had responded so liberally to the appeal, and he hoped that Mr. Beaver, new in possession of this member, would be long spared to use it, and continue to ring, as he had done for upwards of 30 years. He heartily thanked every one who had contributed to the fund. Mr. Beaver, in responding, thanked everyone, and said he had wished for an artificial leg, but had never been in the position to buy one for himself.

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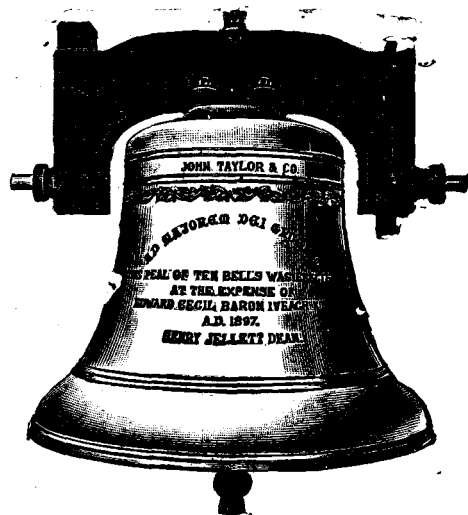
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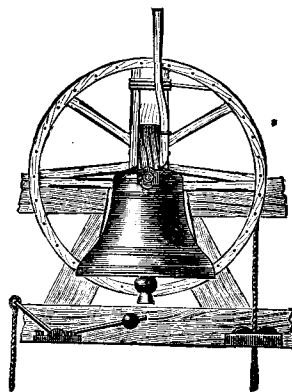
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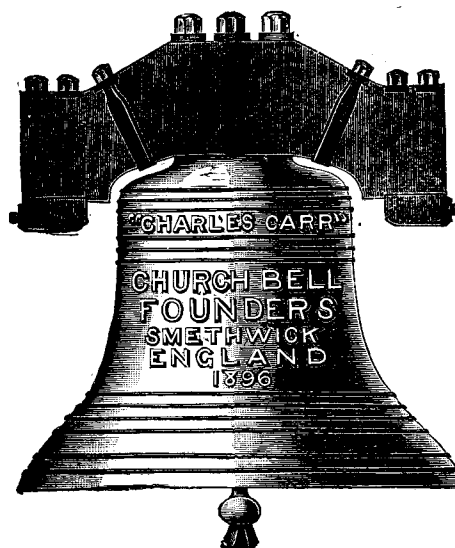
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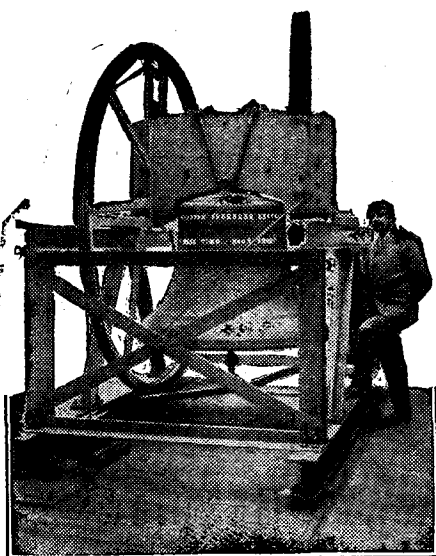
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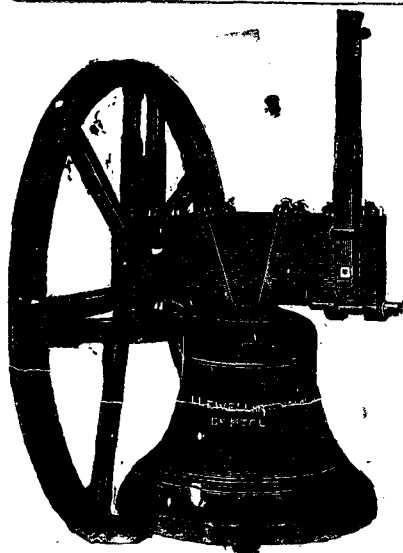
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## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South Eastern District was held in Jeffrey's school room, Great Baddow, on Saturday, the 4th inst., and members in addition to the local company, journeyed from Boreham, Chelmsford, Danbury, Maldon and Gt. Totham. Twenty-six took their seats at the tea tables, and the Hon. Secretary, Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, having said grace, the District Secretary, Mr. H. F. Cooper, read a card of apology from the District Master, Mr. W. H. Judd, for his absence through illness. A substantial tea served in grand style by the worthy T. Shorten, of the King's Head, was got through without mishap, and the meeting commenced by the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre being voted to the chair, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Judd. The minutes of the meeting held at Boreham were passed as read. Seven new members were elected, including the new company of Danbury. Prittlewell was selected as the place for the annual meeting to be held in September, and on the application of the Danbury Company for an instructor, the District Secretary was given power to appoint a suitable man at a sum not exceeding 30 per cent.—this ended the business. The Rev. Eyre then rose and moved a vote of thanks to the Vicars of Baddow, Danbury, and Sandon for the kind way they had opened their towers for the use of the ringers, carried unanimously. Mr. Rowland, sen., here proposed that the District Secretary convey to the District Master the members' sympathy during his illness with a hope that he would soon be restored to good health again. A vote of thanks to the ladies by the Secretary for their services at the tea tables brought a very good meeting to a close. Ringing at Sandon and Baddow was then indulged in, Danbury having been visited during the afternoon. Time arriving all too soon caused the members to take once more a farewell shake of the hand and seek their respective homes, thus ended a pleasant gathering.

## SOUTH WESTERN DIVISION.

A meeting for practice was held at Dagenham on Saturday, the 4th May, when there was a fair attendance of members from Barking, Hornchurch, Romford, Poplar, West Ham, Leytonstone and Woodford.

It was a great pleasure to see the great progress in the art of change ringing made by the local band since the last meeting of the Association at Dagenham, about two years ago. Grandsire Doubles were then the order of the day, but on Saturday three of the local band succeeded in ringing their first 720 of Treble Bob, a fact which reflects great credit on their perseverance. The progress made is very largely due to the kind help extended by Messrs. A. J. T. Carter and J. Dale, of Hornchurch, who have been regularly going over to Dagenham and giving instruction, and the thanks of the Association should be extended to these gentlemen. One is rather apt at times to forget that one of the main objects of the Association is to spread a knowledge of change ringing, and by holding meetings in various parts of the county, encourage the spread of the art. It is very satisfactory to reflect that in

the South Western Division of the county of Essex there are only two or three towers left where change ringing is not regularly practised. Peal ringing is certainly a test by which one can see whether an Association is succeeding or not, but peal ringing is not or ought not to be, the only goal or aim of an Association, and a far truer test would be an answer to the question—are the bells of the various churches connected with the Association regularly rung by skilled change ringers for Sunday services?

But to return to our meeting. The bells were kept going in various methods from 3.30 to 9 o'clock, and several 720s were rung, which will be found reported in their proper place.

It is hoped that the Dagenham Company will have every success, and always remember that the only way to attain this is for all to stick well together.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, April 27th, and was well attended, members from the towers of Tunbridge Wells, Westerham, Seal Chart, Hever, Edenbridge and Chiddingstone being present. Ringing commenced at 3.30 and continued until about 5.30, when a business meeting was held at the Castle Inn. The chair was taken by the Rector of Chiddingstone (the Rev. G. A. Lewis), who warmly welcomed the members of the Association. Three members of the Speldhurst band were elected members of the Association. This concluded the business, and the District Secretary (Mr. W. Latter) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding. An adjournment was then made to the tower, where touches in the following methods were successfully accomplished: Grand-sire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. The local band took this advantage of attempting some fresh methods, which, it is hoped, will enable them to rise in the art.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of this Guild was held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 27th, and touches were rung at the various churches both in the afternoon and evening. About 180 members took tea in the Corporation Hall, and afterwards the business meeting was held under the Presidency of Mr. F. F. Linley, Gainsborough, who was supported by the Master, The Rev. H. Law James, the Hon. Secretary, The Rev. J. F. Flowers, Messrs. P. O. Bixby, Geo. Chester, J. Watson and others. The Northern Branch reported a balance in hand of £54 19s. 7d. The Southern Branch's finances showed an improvement. The Eastern Branch's finances stood fairly well. The report and balance sheet were adopted. The several officers were re-elected and votes of thanks were accorded the Dean, the Rev. Canon Hicks, and the various incumbents for the use of their bells. Subsequently the members adjourned to the Cathedral for service, and were addressed in the morning chapel by the Rev. Canon Hicks.

After service the members of the Northern Branch

assembled in the ringers' chapel for their annual meeting. Mr. F. F. Linley (President) presided. The Minutes having been confirmed, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. P. O. Bixby, presented the report and balance sheet for 1906, which showed the Branch to be in a flourishing condition both numerically and financially. The President said that he was sorry to announce that they were about to lose the services of their Hon. Secretary, Mr. P. O. Bixby (who has left the diocese to reside in Suffolk, and who had travelled 150 miles in order to be present at the meeting) who felt that he would not be able to give the necessary time and attention required to do justice to the Branch. He personally, (and he felt sure all the members were one with him) regretted that Mr. Bixby had left, because he had worked very hard and given a great deal of time to further the interests of the Branch and benefit change ringing in Lincolnshire. Mr. Bixby briefly responded, wishing the Branch continued success, and thanked the members who had helped to make the work so pleasant and easy by their kind assistance, and genial ways. Mr. W. J. Seamer, of 83 Winteringham-road, Grimsby, was elected to succeed Mr. Bixby.

The remaining officers were re-elected, and Grimsby was the place chosen at which to hold the half-yearly meeting. The usual votes of thanks brought to a close a most successful and enjoyable meeting.

### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

The Second Session of the Sixth Council will be held, by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, in the Chapter House of Exeter Cathedral on Whitsun-Tuesday, May 21st, commencing punctually at 11 o'clock a.m. The morning sitting will be adjourned at 1 p.m. until 2.30 p.m., from which hour the Council will sit if necessary until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet in the Chapter House at 9.45 a.m.

#### AGENDA.

- 1.—Apologies for absence (if any).
- 2.—Minutes of the last meeting.
- 3.—Statement of Accounts and of Sales of Publications.
- 4.—Election of Honorary Members.
- 5.—Introduction of New Members.
- 6.—To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees:—
  - (a)—Peal Collection.
  - (b)—Church Press.
  - (c)—Peal Values.
  - (d)—Legitimate Methods.
  - (e)—Peal Analysis.

To consider the following:—

- 7.—To discuss, and if approved, to add to the definition of a "Surprise" Method as defined in the Glossary.
- 8.—That a Committee be asked to discuss the practicality of a Benevolent Fund for Ringers.
- 9.—Is too much stress laid upon peal ringing by ringers of the present day?
- 10.—To fix the place of Meeting for next year.
- 11.—Vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter.
- 12.—Any other business.

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at 4.30 p.m., and the Guild, through the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. F. Molineux, makes the kind offer that they will gladly welcome as guests any members of Council who wish to attend.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly most kindly invites the Members of the Council to tea at 5 p.m. on Whitsun Tuesday, (or as soon after that hour as the Council adjourns) at the Cathedral Café at the corner of St. Martin's Lane in the Cathedral Yard.

At 5.30 p.m. any Members of Council and their friends will be shown over the Cathedral by Rev. W. J. Edmonds, Canon and Chancellor of the Cathedral, and we feel sure that many will be only too glad to avail themselves of his kindness.

The Cathedral Tower will be open for ringing from 6 p.m. till 7.30.

A social gathering will be held in the evening, at the Half-Moon Hotel, commencing at 9 p.m.

A selected band of members of the Central Council will start for a peal of Stedman Caters on the Cathedral bells at 4 p.m. on Whitsun-Monday.

#### REPORT OF THE PEAL VALUES' COMMITTEE.

The question of the number of points due for double-handed peals rung upon handbells was referred to us at the last Meeting of the Council, and we have concluded that they are of the same value as the same performances on tower bells.

#### SURPRISE METHODS.

In the list of Agenda at the forthcoming Meeting of the Central Council will be found a resolution (to be moved by Mr. Snowdon) to add to the Glossary definition of a Surprise Method. The full terms of the resolution, being too long for insertion in the Agenda, are given here, as it has been thought that Members of Council might like to be in possession of them before the Meeting.

They are—To discuss, and if approved, add to the Glossary the following definition of a Surprise Method.

"A Surprise Method has a Treble Bob hunt, and demands the following places, viz. :—

- (a)—Places with the treble before and behind.
- (b)—When she dodges.
- (c)—And when she moves from one dodging place to another.

Further, these places shall cause—

- (d)—At least four bells—taking a Minor example—to divide the work in front between them, there being no slow bell.

- (e)—No bell to be detained in the middle for a whole lead.

- (f)—And at least four bells to take part in the work behind, between the visits of the treble."

All these are in accordance with the three Standard examples of Superlative, Cambridge and London.

(Definition.—Surprise places do not embrace one bell at the lead with another behind).

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## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford district was held at Seale and Puttenham on Saturday, May 4th. Between fifty and sixty members were present; some went by train to Tongham station, the large majority cycled (one well-known member bringing his better half on a tandem from a distance of twenty miles), some by horse and trap, and yet a few enthusiastic walkers made the round trip via Puttenham, returning along the Hog's Back (about fifteen miles.)

The usual service was held at Seale church, with an eloquent address by the hon. chaplain (the Rector of Seale). Tea took place at the Jubilee Hall, where the Rector again welcomed the members, who were also addressed as "brother-ringers" by the Rev. E. Bramwell, of Shalford, who described himself "as a mighty poor ringer at present," but hoped to make greater progress in the Art.

The District Secretary (Mr. John J. Jones), read the arrangements for the Guild Festival at Winchester on June 8th, at which Canon Papillon will preach at Festal Evensong at 4 p.m. in the Cathedral.

It was announced that £9 12s. 6d. had been promised toward the £12 required for the Garfath Memorial, which was decided should take the form of a marble tablet, to be placed at the base of Farnham tower, recording the Trafalgar peal of 1805, and the centenary one of 1905, the latter being conducted by Mr. Garfath. Various suggestions were made as to the balance, but it was felt that the District ought to complete it without appealing to the Central Funds, and that the order should not be placed till the amount was nearer completion.

The Rector humorously said his was a very poor living, but he would start a collection with half-a-crown if the meeting approved. They evidently did so, as 17/11 was immediately subscribed, and the balance was guaranteed on the understanding that collections would be made for the object at Dunsfold Meeting in August, and Guildford in November if necessary. The Secretary explained that the Committee had felt it necessary to make a charge of 6d. for tea at that meeting, as the Godalming tea cost the Guild £5 12s. It was unanimously carried that the charge of 6d. to members should be made at each quarterly tea in future. The Rev. H. N. L. O'Rorke, Rector of Farnham, Mrs. Rushton, Mr. Cripps, and Mr. Trew (of Guildford) were elected Hon. members. It was reported by the Peal Secretary (Mr. A. H. Pulling) that one peal of Stedman Caters, one of Stedman Triples, one of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, one of Bob Major, and one in seven methods on six bells had been rung during the quarter. It was decided the next quarterly attempt should be at Chiddingfold for Bob Major, and that peals recorded as being rung by the Guildford District should be rung in the District by men resident therein. Notice was given of a motion for the next meeting that the conductor should choose his own band, but should include one or two new peal-ringers. The proceedings concluded with hearty votes of thanks to the organist (Mr. Charman) and the choir-boys for their attendance and to the Rector for all his kindness to the men, not the least being the fact that he had flung open his beautiful gardens of nearly six acres for the men to wander at will during the beautiful afternoon.

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## BELATED PEAL RECORDS.

Of two peal records sent this week by J. Parker, of Edmonton, one is purported to have been rung so far back as April 1st. No explanation is accorded why this peal has been delayed so long; we cannot think it is merely accidental. The Report of the Analysis Committee, published last week, laid great stress upon delay in the publication of peal records, and hinted, very wisely we think, that a time-limit in this respect would be desirable. "Belated peals published long after they have been rung, tend to create confusion, and very effectively thwart the compilers in their endeavour to verify month by month the number of peals rung." If for no other reason, the gentlemen who compile the Analysis should have everything made as easy as possible for them, but this cannot be done if those whose duty it is to forward records fail to do so in good time.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

One of the very best meetings ever held in the county was that at St. Clement's, Hastings, on Saturday afternoon, April 13th, representatives being present from the following towers:—Christ Church, Eastbourne; All Saints, Eastbourne; Brighton, Pevensey, Battle, Rye, Hellingly, Christ Church, St. Leonards; Christ Church, Blacklands; All Saints, Hastings, and the local Tower.

The bells of Christ Church, St. Leonards, All Saints, and St. Clement's, Hastings, were available for ringing in the afternoon, and good practice was had in various methods, especially in the two former towers.

At five o'clock the visitors, numbering upwards of fifty, were entertained to tea by the Rector, the Rev. H. C. B. Foyster, and the Churchwardens, the tea being laid in the new Church House. The tables, which were very tastefully decorated, were presided over by various ladies connected with the congregation.

Following the tea, a short business meeting took place, the Rector presiding, supported by the Churchwardens, Messrs. Foster and Stanger, and by the Hon. Secretary of the Division, Mr. G. Watson.

The Secretary mentioned that the peal which had been arranged to be rung at Bexhill had apparently fallen through, and that the recommendation of the previous meeting, that the Association should pay a part of the cost of the tea at the quarterly meetings had been sanctioned by the Committee. The Secretary then proposed the election of Mr. Harvey du Cros, J.P., M.P., as a life member of the Association, and this was carried with much enthusiasm. The Rector and the two Churchwardens were elected annual honorary members.

It was arranged that the next quarterly peal should be one of Grandsire, to be rung at St. Clement's and conducted by the Hon. Secretary.

A short discussion took place upon some proposals to

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—CENTRAL COUNCIL VISIT.

## TIMES OF RINGING ON WHIT-SUNDAY.

Cathedral	10 Bells.	5.45 a.m.	1.0 p.m.	5.0 p.m.
St. Sidwell's	10 "	9.0 a.m.	(5.0 p.m. if wanted).	
Heavitree	8 "	10.15 a.m.	5.15 p.m.	
St. David's	8 "	7.0 a.m.		
St. Thomas	6 "	8.0 a.m.		

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be brought before the annual meeting by Mr. Goldsmith. It was generally felt that it would be most unwise to alter the constitution of the Association at any meeting other than at one held in the centre of the county. The previous question was moved by Mr. Penfold and seconded by Mr. Lock, and carried nem. con.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, the Churchwardens, and the ladies present for the hospitality shown, was proposed by Mr. Howse, seconded by Mr. Merritt, supported by the Hon. Secretary and carried. A few words in acknowledgment by the Rev. H. C. B. Foyster brought the business meeting to a close.

A short Evensong was then held in the church. In a brief address the Rector commended the work of this and kindred Associations, at the same time pointing out to ringers their duties and their privileges as church workers.

Service over, the members adjourned to All Saints and Christ Church, Blacklands, a few staying on at the local towers for further ringing, which was kept up till 8.30.

The officials of the Association are extremely grateful to the Rector and his co-workers at St. Clements for their arduous labours towards making the meeting so great a success.

## A REVIEW OF STEDMAN CATERS AND CINQUES.

BY CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

### ARTICLE No. 9.

#### STEDMAN CINQUES.

In the earlier years, and for many afterwards, peals of Stedman Cinques with a few exceptions have been on the nine and eleven course plan, and usually brought round at backstroke from the tittum course-end with three bobs on 11, 9 x; also by calls at the 22nd six, and at the first and twenty-second six following, which Johnson used to call the London style. It was seldom that peals in the earlier days were brought round at hand, when so, they were often by two bells laying still at the start (see Shipway and also Hubbard 1854). I believe one of the first hand-stroke homing courses from 7 8 0 9 x was published to a peal (composed in 1873), rung at Sheffield, and conducted by the writer, see "BELL NEWS," April 1882. There are other homing courses, but not such a variety as in Caters, and none less than with three calls. One of the first peals separated as it were from the ordinary plan was rung at Birmingham in 1848, composed and conducted by Mr. H. Johnson. This peal contains 7392 changes. The composition shows Johnson's superior knowledge of the method in those earlier years. Up to this time, 1848, there had not been so many peals rung as one would imagine, compared with the increase of recent years. I have heard Johnson estimate the probable number, even in my younger days they were rare performances. Some twenty years ago the writer produced a peal having the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in the least number of courses possible, viz., thirty-six. It was first rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, 1893, conducted by Bernard Wiltchell. Also about this time Sir Arthur Heywood produced a very distinct composition altogether on a new plan. This was very correctly rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham (in which the writer took part), and was conducted by Sir Arthur (see "BELL NEWS" 1888, page 437.) I find various opinions expressed on the construction of this peal (as on all others for that matter), but one must admit to the musical variations as from those of the musical kind. Another composition of which none has been published

(see No. 14), has the 6th twenty-four courses at home; it is on the same plan as the peal of Caters No. 6. The tittum coursing of 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 in Cinques is to speak moderately, a musical position. It was rung at Sheffield, April 16th, see "BELL NEWS" April 27th. The homing course contains the least possible number of calls, and was first rung to a peal also at Sheffield (see "BELL NEWS" 1887, page 434. The figures of this peal was shown to a prominent member of the London Exercise last November, and afterwards sent to him giving the date of its composition, viz., 1894. I need not have stated these details, only from the fact that since the peal was rung, Mr. Arthur Knights (in whom I have the greatest confidence) sent me a similar peal, and practically on the same plan in so far as having the 6th its extent, which he composed some three years ago.

Peal No. 15 is contrary in position, having the 6th twenty-four times wrong in natural courses.

### ARTICLE No. 10.

There is an inclination to ring peals of Cinques with the turning course half-way, which to the ideas of some is to avoid any risk with having it at the end. From this point of view I should prefer having all the tittum course-ends, and take the risk of the homing course (greater difficulties increase merit in bell-ringing). The plan is acceptable in Caters, but in Cinques the two extra bells makes too much round-ringing, and deprives half the peal of its richness of the tittum courses. It also diminishes the merit of composition, and are over-estimated, as only half-peals need be composed. The first peal so rung was in Birmingham in 1891, thus showing that with the older generation the plan was not a favourite one. Peal No. 16 is on this plan with the same consecutive order of course-ends in each half. Peals with the 6th in 2nds place; not the two-fold position to recommend them as in Caters; any ordinary peal however can be so varied if anyone has the desire.

No. 14.	5019.	Continued—
231456	5 6 19	312546 — — s
516324*	—	214536 —
514623	—	413526 —
213654	—	213645 — — —
513426	—	315426 — — —
312456	—	512436 —
215436	—	213456 —
315624	—	513624 — — —
514236	—	314256 — — —
413256	—	415236 —
315246	—	513246 —
415632	—	413652 — — —
512346	—	412356 —
214356	—	215346 —
415326	—	514326 —
215643	—	416253 — — —
213546	—	613542 — — —
314526	—	412563 — — —
412536	—	214365 — — —

\* 1, 4, 5, 17, 19.

Round with calls at 2, 13s, 15s.

C. H. H.

No. 15.	5019.	Continued—
231456	5 6 19	5 6 19
315624*		612435
513426	-	215364
		214563
316254	-	213465
314652	-	614523
413256	-	
416352	-	413265
412653	-	415362
214356	-	412563
216453	-	
		612345
613524	-	
		215463
314265	-	512364
413562	-	514263
412365	-	513462
415263	-	315264
514362	-	314562
512463	-	312465
513264	-	213564
315462	-	214365
312564	-	

\* 1, 5, 6, 7, 19.

Round at 2, 13s, 15s.

C. H. H.

No. 16.	5007.	Continued—
231456	6 19	6 19
215463*		215463†
213465	s	213465
312564	-	312564
314265	-	314265
315462	-	315462
513264	-	513264
514362	-	514362
415263	-	415263
413562	-	413562
412365	-	412365
214563	-	214563
213564	s	213564
312465	-	312465
315264	-	315264
314562	-	314562
413265	-	413265
415362	-	415362
412563	-	412563
214365	-	214365

\* 2, 5, 7, 8, 10s, 16, 17, 18, 20. † 2, 13s, 15s, 19.

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ERRATA.—Remarks for peal No. 10 should read "is by the writer."

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## TO MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

As announced last week a peal of Stedman Caters will be attempted at Exeter Cathedral at 4 p.m., on Whit-Monday. Unavoidable circumstances have caused two, or possibly three vacancies in the selected band. Members of the Council, accustomed to heavy bells, and desirous of taking a rope should apply *at once* to the Rev. G. F. COLERIDGE, The Vicarage, Crowthorne, Berks.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The belfry of St. David's church, Exeter, was on a recent Saturday afternoon the scene of a couple of interesting presentations. The first consisted of a handsome oak board—framed illuminated and inscribed—given by the Rev. G. F. Molineux, Vicar of Harptford, and Hon. Sec. of the above Guild, recording a silent peal of Grandsire Triples rung on January 27th, 1906. After a few pleasant remarks from the Rev. M. Kelly, the other business was proceeded with, and

The Rev. M. Kelly presented to the Rev. G. Molineux, on behalf of the Exeter Ringers' Cycling Club, the certificate granted by the Ancient Society of College Youths on the occasion of his scoring his first peal. The certificate had been framed by the club as a little token of the esteem and appreciation in which the members held him. Mr. Kelly said that since Mr. Molineux had been Secretary the work of the Guild had received a great impetus, and he discharged the duties in a most businesslike manner. He congratulated the Cycling Club on the work done by its members for change-ringing, and the success achieved, and urged the members to hold together for further triumphs.

The Rev. G. F. Molineux said he had given the board to show his appreciation of the excellent work of the Cycling Club, and co-operation and sympathy extended towards himself personally in promoting the welfare of the Guild. He had the greatest respect for men who threw themselves whole-heartedly into the work of ringing, which he regarded as one of the most important offices in connection with the church.

## 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."

## TABLES OF METHODS.

SIR,—The tables which you have published in your last issue, and on April 18th, seem most valuable. But cannot we induce the Rev. H. Law James to give us a little more descriptive letter-press? No doubt in the spacious days in which Fabian Stedman wrote, one could enjoy spending a few hours in deciphering the puzzles of conciseness. But nowadays, when one has so many interests in one day, we should be so thankful if Mr. James would expend a few minutes of own time in explaining these tables—or are they formulæ?—and so save some hours of perhaps hundreds of your readers' time. This would add to our gratitude for the labour which has compiled this system.

H. DRAKE.

## THE PEAL OF BRISTOL AT WALTHAM.

SIR,—Will you allow me space in your paper to draw attention to the footnote to the peal of Bristol rung at Waltham Abbey on March 23rd, and published in this paper, to say that it was rung at the second attempt, and not the first, as stated. I was outside the tower when they started first, and they rung about twenty minutes, and I was near at hand until the finish. I am rather surprised that this has not been corrected before.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 1907.

THE Agenda paper of the Central Council, issued in this number, comprises no less than twelve items, and doubtless will be scanned with interest by many of our readers. The actual subjects for consideration number only four the rest being matters of business. It was hoped that some allusion would have been made to the insidious practice, all too prevalent just now, of defective peal-ringing. It may be thought that the Council would have no *locus standi* relative to such a subject; and it must be confessed that it bristles with difficulties. But we might have seen a line of admonition, about such a great evil, to those who record such unworthy performances with a light heart, and persist in it. Not a month passes without receiving information that such-and-such a peal is bad, and the sorting-out process has been again to the fore. Perhaps when the 9th article of the Agenda is considered, some allusion to these defective peals may be made.

The information from various quarters concerning the meeting of the Council seem very complete, and point to a well-attended session.

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Composed by JOSEPH FLEMING, and Conducted by T. H. GELDER.

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## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 4, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE MARRINER* .. .. Treble.	†FREDERICK BENNETT .. .. 6.
REV. G. F. COLEBRIDGE .. .. 2.	*HENRY L. GARFATH .. .. 7.
CHARLES GILES .. .. 3.	*ERNEST C. BONIFACE .. .. 8.
ALFRED H. WINCH* .. .. 4.	*FRANK BLONDELL .. .. 9.
GEORGE F. HOAD .. .. 5.	*ALFRED H. PULLING .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

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

## SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK RING, JUN. .. Treble.	GEORGE HAYES .. .. 5.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM LANE .. .. 6.
JOHN WHEADON .. .. 3.	FRANK BELSEY .. .. 7.
FREDERICK RING, SEN. .. 4.	WILLIAM HARPER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band, and by the Association.

## ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

MORRIS A. TURNER .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT .. 5.
ARTHUR E. PAYNE* .. .. 2.	*JOSEPH C. SHATFORD .. 6.
ROBERT F. TURNER .. .. 3.	DAVID J. NICHOLS .. .. 7.
CHARLES W. BIRD* .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM HORDEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

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

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 5, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES!

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE H. HOWSE .. .. Treble.	ERNEST GOWER .. .. 5.
GEORGE WATSON .. .. 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 6.
ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. .. 3.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	THOMAS STROUD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS STROUD .. .. Treble.	GEORGE WATSON .. .. 5.
GEORGE H. HOWSE .. .. 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 6.
ERNEST GOWER .. .. 3.	JOHN COOK .. .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

## STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 6, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR .. .. Treble.	JOHN LUCKEY .. .. 5.
ARTHUR F. JAMES .. .. 2.	THOMAS J. WATTS .. .. 6.
GEORGE JORDAN .. .. 3.	THOMAS JORDAN .. .. 7.
ERNEST A. PITSTOW* .. 4.	WILLIAM WATTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by WM. WATTS.

\*First peal in the method.

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



## WATFORD, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 7, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 5.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 2.	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 6.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 3.	EDWARD WHITEHEAD .. 7.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. 4.	FREDERICK WHITE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. It is 83 years since a peal was last rung on these bells.

## Handbell Peal.

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

On Wednesday, May 1, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT 14, WELLGATE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

WILLIAM J. THYNG* .. 1-2.	WALTER COATES .. .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3-4.	*ALBERT NASH .. .. 7-8.

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

Umpire—Fred Coates. \*First handbell peal in the method.

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

On Tuesday, May 7, 1907, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT 14, WELLGATE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

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

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—Fred Coates.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Treble Bob Minor rung at Oxenhope, Yorks., has been sent without any date or time being mentioned

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DAGENHAM (Essex).—On Saturday, May 4th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob. J. Bradley, E. Hawkins, R. Ward, A. J. Perkins conductor. G. A. Black, H. Torble. 720 Cambridge. R. Fenn, H. Torble, J. Moule, S. Bird, S. Hayes conductor, T. Faulkner. 720 Kent. R. Ward, R. Fenn, S. Hayes, H. Torble, A. J. Perkins conductor, J. Moule. 720 Oxford. R. Ward, S. Bird, A. J. Neale, A. J. T. Carter, G. Black conductor, G. Faulkner. 720 Kent. S. J. Bird, E. Hawkins, T. Faulkner, S. Hayes conductor, G. Playle, H. Torble.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—On Easter Sunday morning, at 6 o'clock, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. R. Bacon, B. Miller, A. Bennington, H. E. White, F. W. Richardson, J. Law, W. J. Jeffries conductor, C. D. Letzer.

TENTERDEN.—On Tuesday, April 16th, on the occasion of the institution of the Rev. J. A. Babbington as Vicar of the parish, 720 Grandsire Doubles, with 7-6-8 covering. G. Cramp, H. B. Baker, J. W. Unwin, J. J. Mankelow, C. Tribe conductor, C. C. Tribe, H. Baker, A. R. Snelling. On Wednesday, April 24th, after the Induction ceremony, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. B. Baker, C. Tribe, J. W. Unwin, A. R. Snelling, J. J. Mankelow, G. Cramp, G. Neve conductor, F. Mitchell. On Sunday, April 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins. H. B.

Baker first quarter-peal, R. Edwards, J. W. Unwin, F. Bennett conductor, W. H. Lambert, C. W. Player, G. Neve, C. Tribe. And 336 in the same method. H. B. Baker, J. W. Unwin, W. Baker, C. Tribe, J. J. Mankelow, H. Baker, G. Neve, S. Hook. On Thursday, April 18th, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Croydon to hold a Confirmation Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Billings conductor, G. Cramp, J. W. Unwin, C. Tribe, J. J. Mankelow, A. R. Snelling, G. Neve, H. Baker. On Sunday, April 21st, for Divine Service, 350 Grandsire Triples. J. W. Unwin, S. White, J. Walter, G. Cramp, J. J. Mankelow, A. R. Snelling, C. Tribe conductor, F. Mitchell.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

SELLY OAK (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, April 4th, four courses of London Surprise Major. A. Chambers, H. F. Street, F. Withers, J. Withers, W. Short, S. Grove, J. Dowler, A. E. Pegler conductor.

## THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM.—On Monday, April 22nd, for practice, in the tower of All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1263 changes, was rung on handbells, in 42 mins. L. Attwater, 1-2; E. V. Harvey, 3-4; W. E. Judd, 5-6; J. W. Drive, 7-8; J. W. Kelley (conductor), 9-10.

AMESBURY (Wilts).—On Saturday, April 27th, at the Abbey Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 30 mins. J. S. Rumming, L. Harris, Sergt. Major A. Pye, R. P. Knight, S. Macey, W. W. Gifford conductor. First 720 on the bells.


CLAPHAM.—On Sunday, April 28th, for evening service at St. Mary's (R.C.) church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Chapman, F. Perrin, F. Hairs, W. G. Matthews, E. Brett, R. F. Deal, H. Gummer conductor, C. Curran. Composed by G. H. Daynes. First quarter-peal by ringers of 3rd and tenor.

ISLINGTON.—Recently, for practice at St. Mary's church, the first 518 of Holt's ten-part. J. M. Hoffmeister, C. Potheary conductor, H. May, jun., J. Barry, R. F. Deal, C. T. Coles, A. W. Coles, A. Riley. At the London County meeting, 640 Kent. J. W. Chandler, A. J. Perkins conductor, G. F. Margetson, R. F. Deal, W. Weatherstone, D. S. Simons, C. F. Winney, W. Pickworth. For Good Friday services, 630 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled. J. M. Hoffmeister, T. H. Taffender, W. Hewett, H. Frauks, C. Potheary, H. May, jun., R. F. Deal conductor, A. Riley. And 518 Grandsire Triples. H. W. May, sen., J. M. Hoffmeister, C. Potheary conductor, J. Barry, H. W. May, jun., T. H. Taffender, R. F. Deal, A. Riley. On April 24th, at St. James's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. W. May, sen., G. Gains, J. Barry, H. W. May, jun., R. F. Deal, C. Potheary conductor. On Sunday, May 5th (Dedication Festival) for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. W. May, sen., G. Gains, A. Turner, C. Potheary, H. W. May, jun., R. F. Deal conductor. And 720 Grandsire Doubles. H. W. May, jun., G. Gains, A. Turner, R. F. Deal, C. Potheary conductor, A. Riley.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, March 24th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. L. Willars, T. W. Chapman conductor, W. Martin, J. Clarke, J. T. Rippin, J. Willars, J. Goodyer, W. Cure. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble (aged 12), the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Tuesday, April 23rd, at St. Mary's church, 1260 of Grandsire Caters, in 55 mins. J. H. Wilkins, E. S. Poll, G. Grimwade, R. Maynard, sen., H. J. Maynard, F. C. Maynard, W. Manning, W. Pinsent, F. E. G. French, Miss C. Beasley first quarter-peal. Composed by J. Bradley, and conducted by W. Manning. Rung in honour of Miss McCall's wedding.

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**Notices.**

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, May 21st, at 8 p.m.; and at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays, May 16th and 30th at 7.30 p.m.

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

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next general meeting will be held at Pontefract today, Sat., May 11th. Local Hon. Sec.—Mr. A. Walker, Englands Yard, Pontefract. For further details see Association circular.

JNO. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Bramley, Leeds.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Shirfield English (4½ miles from Romsey), to-day, Sat., May 11th. The belfry will be opened at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at The Hatchet inn at 5 o'clock. The bells of the Abbey church will be available from 1 p.m. to 2 o'clock.

JAMES W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*  
3, Culver Villas, Winchester.

**The Lancashire Association—Manchester Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield to-day Saturday, May 11th. Bells at 4 Meeting at 7. Cars from Deansgate every ten minutes. W. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild—Yorktown District.**—A quarterly meeting and combined practice will be held at Weybridge (not Chertsey as previously announced) to-day, Sat., May 11th. Bells available at 3. Tea in Parish Room at 5.30. Meeting after.

CHAS. H. PEARCE, *Dis. Sec.*  
Vale Road, Yorktown.

**The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.**—A meeting will be held at Walton to-day, Sat., May 11th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 6. WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, May 18th Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 5 o'clock. J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Liversedge on Saturday, May 18th, instead of the 11th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house—The Albion hotel.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Kids Grove on Saturday, May 18th. Bells at 4. Tea at 5.45 (small charge). Members intending to be present at tea, please give notice to Mr. A. Archer, Hyde Terrace, Kids Grove, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Thursday, May 16th.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—The next annual meeting will be held at Chippenham on Monday, May 20th. Service will be held at noon in the parish church, followed by a cold luncheon at 1 o'clock at Mr. Perkins, The Vaults. Both towers will be open for ringing. One shilling allowed for luncheon to those members sending notice on or before Wednesday, May 15th, to

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*  
30, Broad Street, Bristol.

**The Devonshire Guild.**—Annual meeting at Ottery on Whit-Monday, May 20th. Tea in the Town Hall at 4 o'clock. Service in the parish church at 6 o'clock. Representatives attending the Central Council meeting in Exeter are cordially invited.

F. MOLINEUX, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Rochester on Whitsun Monday, May 20th. Members will attend the Cathedral service; address by the Very Rev the Dean. Tea at 5.15 p.m. in the Town Hall. Business meeting after tea. Application for tickets to be made to the Hon. Secretary. Further particulars next week.

FRED J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Canterbury.

**Cleveland and North Yorks. Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Thirsk on Whit-Monday, May 20th. The arrangements when completed will be communicated to the members in the usual way.

G. J. CLARKSON, *President.*

**The Essex Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, May 20th. 11.30 a.m.—Divine Service at St. Mary's church with address by the Rev. Canon Papillon, Master of the Association. 12.15—Annual Meeting at Vestry Hall. 1.30.—Dinner at Victoria Bcys' school. Tickets 1s. each to members; non-members 2s. Notice of intention to dine should be sent to me not later than May 15th.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*

Great Totham, Witham.

**The Central Northamptonshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 20th. Service at St. Giles' church 12 noon Luncheon and business meeting at The Peacock hotel. Market Square, at 1 o'clock. Usual ringing arrangements.

F. WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—A meeting will be held at West Hartlepool on Whit-Monday, May 20th. St. Oswald's bells (10, tenor 21 cwt.), will be open all day. Luncheon at 1 o'clock at The Grand hotel; members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. Committee at noon, same place. Those wishing for luncheon should notify the Secretary immediately.

ARTHUR M. C. FIELD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—North and East District.—A meeting of members of this Association will be held on Saturday, May 25th, at St. Sepulchre's church, E.C., by kind permission of the Rev. Edgar Rogers. The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m. The Vicar will give a short address to ringers at evensong, which will be said at 6.30, and it is particularly requested that all ringers will attend this service. The Hon. Secretary will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

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

**Westerham (Kent).**—Practices will in future be held on Tuesdays instead of Thursdays, commencing May 21st. GRO. B. SELBY, *Sec.*

**Excursion to Devon.**—On Whit-Monday a special train will run to Ottery St Mary, leaving Waterloo at 12.5 m'dnight (Sunday), and return to reach Waterloo at 11.10 p.m. Monday. Fare 6s. return. This excursion is organised by Devonian Ottregians in London, and tickets may be obtained from Mr. S. H. Godfrey, 22, Merton Avenue, Chiswick, W. The annual meeting of the Devonshire Guild will be held at Ottery on that day. There is also to be an attempt for a peal of Caters at Exeter Cathedral.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**LEWISHAM (Kent).**—On Sunday, May 5th, for morning service at St. John's church 12.48 Double Norwich Major in 44 mins. F. W. Richardson, W. Shimmans, F. G. Perrin, H. Gummer, jun., W. J. Jeffries, W. Berry, G. H. Daynes, J. E. Davfs composer and conductor.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

**CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).**—On Friday, May 3rd, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 50 mins., with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. John Ellis who was interred at the Chesterfield Cemetery on the above date, aged 80 years. Mr. Ellis was an old member of the local band. A. Knights, D. Farthing, G. Davis conductor, S. Price, G. Thompson, R. W. Collier, B. A. Knights, G. Mee.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

**ROMFORD (Essex).**—On Sunday, May 5th, for evening service, 1280 Double Norwich. H. W. Catterwell, T. E. D. Loosemore, G. R. Pye, A. J. Perkins conductor, A. J. Carter, H. F. Dawkins, W. Watson, D. Carrier.

**Daily Sea Trips Down the River Thames.**—On Saturday, the 18th instant, the New Palace Steamers Company will start their Southend, Margate and Ramsgate Sailings with their well-known steamers "Royal Sovereign" and "Koh-i-noor," from Old Swan Pier (West Side), London Bridge, at 9 a.m., and Sundays 9.20 a.m., which have been very carefully overhauled, and have been passed by the Board of Trade Officials for their passenger certificates. The sailings to Deal and Dover and the Husbands' boat will commence on June 22nd, and as this year the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Company have granted extra facilities for the circular bookings down by boat and up by rail at a very moderate fare, it is certain that the New Palace Steamers will prove to be as popular as ever.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—W. H. Fussell has removed to 3, Herschell Street, Slough.

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**HANDBELL COUPON.**—(No 5) The sixth will appear next week.

**Obituary.****JAMES HUNT.**

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of the above-named ringer, of Chesterfield, which took place on the 15th of April, at the age of 72. His death was somewhat sudden, although he had been in failing health for some months, and in consequence was not able to take part in any ringing during that time. He had been a member of the parish church company for 21 years, during which time he had taken part in upwards of 30 peals in various methods. He was a member of the Yorkshire, Midland Counties, and Old East Derbyshire Associations. Always a good striker, a jovial fellow, and a regular attendant for Sunday ringing, he will be greatly missed, as he was much respected by all who came in contact with him. The funeral took place at the General

Cemetery (the first portion of the burial service being read in the church by the Vicar, Rev. E. Francis Crosse), and was attended by a large number of relations and friends, among them being two old ringing friends from Staveley (Messrs. Worthington and Palmer). He was carried to his last resting-place by six of the parish church ringers, and after the interment a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Messrs. Hollis, Thyng, Davies, and Collier; also the bells were rung muffled in the evening to a long touch of Bob Major.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A Quarterly Meeting of the Leatherhead district was held at Leatherhead on Saturday, May 4th. During the afternoon touches Bob Minor and Major were rung, and also some courses on the handbells.

At 5.30 a service was held in the parish church, an appropriate address being given by the Rev. C. Sumner. At 6 o'clock came tea at The Crown coffee tavern, followed by the meeting. It was reported that Mr. A. H. Winch had brought off a successful quarterly peal of Bob Major at Ashted, and Mr. J. Hoyle undertook to raise a band to attempt an 8 or 10-bell peal, and Mr. C. Taylor for a band for a 6-bell peal. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Newdigate and Capel, if possible on August 10th. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Ven. Archdeacon Utterton for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. C. Sumner for his address. A general regret was expressed that the Archdeacon was so soon to leave the district. The meeting then closed, and subsequently touches of Kent, Bob Major, and Grandsire Caters were rung.

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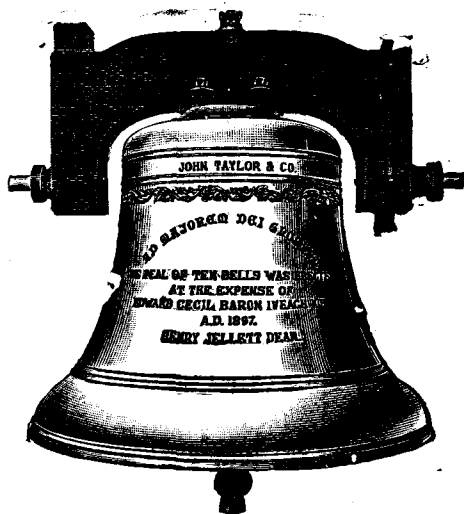
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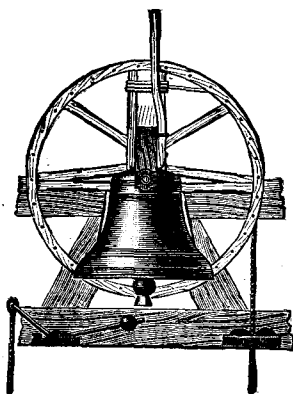
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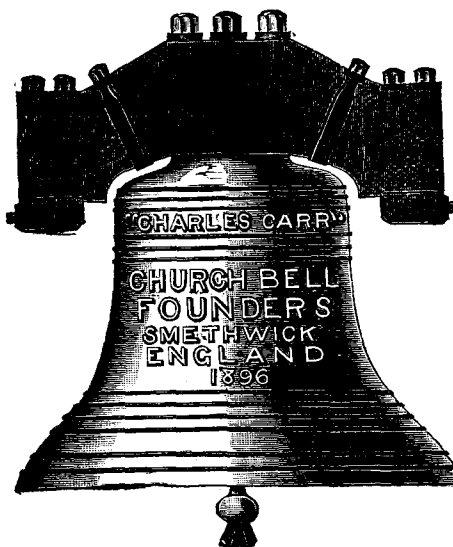
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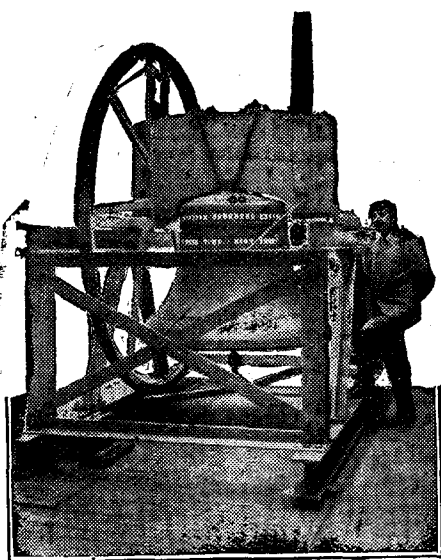
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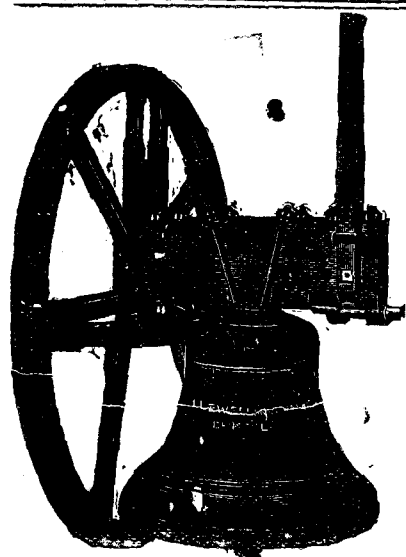
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## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

There was an unusually large assembly of ringers at St. Albans on Easter Monday for the annual festival of the Hertfordshire Society of Change-Ringers. The afternoon was spent in visiting the towers of the various churches in St. Albans and in ringing various touches of Stedman Caters, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal, London Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major and Bob Minor.

At five o'clock, the members attended divine service in the nave of the Cathedral, when the Very Rev. the Dean of St. Albans delivered an address.

The annual tea, supplied by Messrs. Fisher and Son, of St. Albans, took place in the Corn Exchange afterwards, to which over 90 sat down, Mr. H. J. Toulmin presiding. Supporting him were Mr. Frank Shillitoe (Hitchin), Mr. E. P. Debenham (hon. treasurer), Mr. Henry Lewis and Mr. G. W. Cartmel (hon. sec.)

Apologies were read from Canon Nairne, Canon the Hon. Kenneth F. Gibbs, the Rev. R. A. Squires, and Mr. E. Hildred Carlile, M.P.

Over the annual business meeting, which took place subsequently, the Dean of St. Albans presided, and in his opening remarks welcomed the members to St. Albans again. He had never seen so large an attendance of ringers at the service in the Abbey nor at the tea. This was very satisfactory.

The following new members were elected:—Honorary members: The Rev. H. E. Jones, Vicar of Hitchin, and Messrs. W. O. Times and G. E. Spurr (Hitchin). Ringing members: Messrs. R. H. Kirby, B. Brewer (St. Albans), W. S. Inwood, A. W. Mansfield, W. J. Simpson, T. E. Mead (Aldenham), G. Croft, A. Dobbs, A. Beal (Great Wymondley), M. Blake (Hoddesdon), J. Wing (Watton), W. Mansfield, A. E. Dallow (Barley), C. Wing, J. Davies (Luton), T. Dobbs, S. Lake, J. Randall, A. Squires (Hitchin), A. R. Jacob (Hornsey), and G. A. Card (Edmonton) (provisional election confirmed).

The Honorary Secretary then read the twenty-second annual report. The importance and length of this report can only be dealt with by a perusal of the document itself. In connection with the late President, the hon. secretary said he must pass to a sadder contemplation, and report to you the death of our President, the Rev. Canon Wigram, which occurred at Watling House, St. Albans, on January 19th, 1907. Succeeding our President, Mr. Leonard Proctor, in the year 1895, the Canon proved, during his long tenure of office, a most worthy successor, at all times showing the deepest enthusiasm in the welfare of the Association. He loved to preside at our annual meetings, and to sum up the year's work, in a way that showed that his utterances were not mere idle words, but were the outcome of deep-rooted indelible conviction. Many letters have reached me from all parts of the country, testifying to the esteem of our dear friend, and mourning his departure from our midst. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies writes: "No one who knew him would fail to be attracted by his warmth and kindness of heart. . . His society

was always delightful. Many a young ringer of the present day, I fully expect, knows but little of the debt which the Exercise owes to the Canon for his work in years gone by. When ringing was at a very low ebb he was one of the first to take it up, and did more than many knew by his writings and by his example to bring about a better state of things." The report was adopted.

According to the balance-sheet presented by Mr. E. P. Debenham, the year started with a balance of £2 7s., subscriptions from ringing members amounted to £10 12s., and from honorary members £5 15s., the total income for the year being £20 1s. After meeting all expenses, a balance remained at the close of the year of £2 7s. 5d. "Therefore," commented Mr. Debenham, "we have cut our coat according to our cloth." The reserve fund stands at £11 19s. 8d.

Mr. Cartmel reported that at a committee meeting held on March 16th, it was unanimously decided to recommend that Mr. E. P. Debenham, who had been interested in the Association from the very beginning, and one to whom they all felt most grateful for his hearty interest and valuable work, should be asked to become President of the Association.

Mr. Eden thereupon proposed, and Mr. W. A. H. Newell seconded the election of Mr. Debenham to that position.

The proposition was put to the meeting and carried amidst hearty applause.

Mr. Bertram Prewett was elected as representative to the Central Council, and was also re-elected honorary auditor.

When proposing the re-election of Mr. G. W. Cartmel to the office of honorary secretary, which proposition was unanimously agreed to, Mr. H. J. Toulmin spoke of Mr. Cartmel's excellent work for the Association for many years.

Mr. Cartmel, replying, said he was thoroughly satisfied with the past year's work when he looked round and saw that large gathering; it was the largest meeting of the Association they had had. He would be pleased to do his best to carry on the work of the Association in the future.

Mr. Henry Lewis proposed, and Mr. J. J. Cawdell seconded, the re-election of Mr. E. P. Debenham as honorary treasurer, Mr. Lewis speaking of him as an able ringer, conductor and instructor. The proposition was carried. The district secretaries were re-elected as follow:—Northern Division, Mr. Foster (Hitchin); Eastern Division, Mr. Lawrence (Little Munden); and Western Division, Mr. Eden (Oxley). Mr. J. H. Toulmin, proposing a vote of thanks to the officers, to the clergy of St. Albans for allowing the use of their towers, and to the Dean for presiding, expressed pleasure at seeing so many young men in that gathering. The vote of thanks having been heartily accorded, the Dean replied, recalling the long period of years during which he had addressed the bell-ringers at their annual gathering.

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The annual business meeting followed, the Master presiding. Expressions of regret at inability to be present were received from the Ven. Archdeacon of Lewes, the Rev. Canon Masters, and the Rev. A. H. Simpson (Rogate). Mr. Alex. Evans, of Trotton, and Mr. John Gasson, of Balcombe, were elected independent members of the Association. The election of officers being proceeded with, the Bishop of Chichester, as president, and the vice-presidents were elected en bloc. Mr. Harvey du Cros, M.P. for Hastings, was added to the list of vice-presidents.

The Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen proposed the re-election of Mr. Attree as Master. Mr. Attree had served the Association admirably.

The Rev. J. Bond added that his acquaintance with Mr. Attree had lasted from the far-off days, when he had been a curate at Brighton; and when he had the acquaintance of Mr. Attree's honoured father. The proposal was unanimously and enthusiastically carried.

Mr. Attree said unfortunately during the last year or two he had been unable to ring, but he was thankful to say he could now ring as well as ever he had done in his life. It was not want of interest, but infirmity, which had kept him from the rope, but he hoped in future to add a few pages to the present list of peals which he had taken part in.

Mr. F. Blagden was re-elected Hon. Treasurer, and modestly disclaiming any credit for the improved financial position of the Association, which he attributed to Mr. A. B. Bennett, he proposed that gentleman be re-elected as General Hon. Secretary. The proposal was warmly carried.

Mr. Bennett said he was rather a roving bird, but he would take the office for another year.

Divisional Secretaries were elected as follows: Eastern—Mr. G. Watson; Central—Mr. R. Dawe; Western—Mr. H. Evans. The Hon. Auditors (Messrs. Fuller and Baker), were re-elected.

The twenty-second annual report shewed the financial position of the Association to be satisfactory. There had

been an increase in the amounts received for subscriptions from the bands and from the honorary members, and in the balance in the Treasurer's hands, viz., £29 15s. 10d. The sum standing to the credit of the Association in the reserve fund is £20 6s. 1d. The Association includes 817 members, of whom 104 are honorary members, and 713 active members. Since the last report the Heathfield band joined the Association, while Waldron has resigned, though five of the band remained as independent members. Eleven district meetings have been held, and eight quarterly peals arranged. Instruction has been given by Mr. Howse at Heathfield, and Mr. W. Franks at Brightling, good progress being recorded in each instance. The peals rung by the Association during the year were fewer than in any year during the past twenty years. St. Peter's branch won the challenge bell with 93.1 points. Work done during the year comprised the re-casting of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th bells, and in the rehanging of the peal in an iron frame at Salehurst, and the recasting of the 2nd bell, the overhauling of the frame, and necessary adjustments and repairs at Wivelsfield.

This the chairman considered highly satisfactory, the present balance in hand amounting to £29 15s. 10d. The adoption was unanimous. A hearty expression of thanks having been made to the Vicar of Horsham for presiding at the luncheon (the Vicar being compelled to leave early), a considerable time was spent in a discussion of proposed alterations in the rules, but little change was effected.

The members, at 4.30, attended a special service at the parish church, where the preacher was the Ven. Archdeacon of Chichester, who chose for his text, Psalm 81, verse 3. In an interesting discourse, the preacher traced the history of the various methods of calling people to worship, from the trumpet referred to in the text, through the earliest days when a "messenger" was employed for the purpose, till the introduction of bells, 300 years or more after the birth of Christ. The bell, he said, was a symbol and allegory of the Gospel story, the sound going out into all the land and to the ends of the world. While using the bell as a Gospel message, the preacher exhorted his hearers to so shape their lives as by their influence also to give out the same Gospel message.

After the service the belfry was again resorted to, and for a period of three hours hearty peals were rung.

## CASTERTON, NEAR KIRKBY LONSDALE, YORKSHIRE.

The interior of the tower of this church is being put in good repair, and the order for a new clock with Cambridge chimes has been given to Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, May 8th, the Tamworth company paid a visit to Grendon for the purpose of promoting the art of change-ringing at Grendon. On arrival at the church the ringers were met by the Rector, the Rev. H. Hanmer, who gave them a hearty welcome and opened the meeting with a collect. After inspecting the bells they were raised in peal and 120 Grandsire Doubles and a 720 Bob Minor were rung, being the first ever rung on the bells, only being augmented to six last year, a new tenor being added by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and the others re-hung, the go of the bells leaving nothing to be desired,

which reflects the greatest credit upon Messrs. Taylor and Co. After ringing several touches, on the invitation of the Rector, the ringers adjourned to the rectory, where a substantial tea was provided by the Rev. H. and Mrs. Hanmer, to which ample justice was done, the course ends coming up quite true and to time. On the proposition of R. P. Brindley a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector, and the ladies who presided, which was seconded by W. Chapman. The Rector, in replying to the vote, said that nothing should be wanting on his part to encourage the young ringers to take an interest in the art of change-ringing and welcome them as church-workers in the parish. Mr. Brindley gave the local band a few words of advice as to the position of the ringers in the church, and invited them to become members of the Association of Ringers in the diocese, after which the ringers adjourned to the tower and rang rounds, etc., with the local band, 120 of Stedman Doubles brought all too soon time for returning home, which, after wishing the local band "good-night," was reached about 9.45, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Sherfield English on Saturday, May 11th. By the kind permission of the Rector the musical ring of eight bells (tenor 10 cwt.) was available from two o'clock. At five o'clock members from Romney, Winchester, N. Stoneham, Southampton, Eastleigh, and Sherfield found an excellent tea ready for them at The Hatchett, at which the Vicar of Romsey (Rev. J. C. Yarborough) presided. Apologies for being absent were received from the Master of the Guild (Rev. C. E. Mathews), Rev. Canon Braithwaite, Rev. W. J. Long (Rector of Sherfield), and Mr. H. White (Basingstoke), and sincere regret was expressed at the absence, through illness, of Mr. W. H. George, who is a regular attendant at these meetings. The hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Elkins) announced that the annual meeting of the Guild would be held at Winchester on the 8th June, and that the cathedral belfry would be opened for ringing at 11 o'clock, also that the Dean had given permission to members to view the interior of the cathedral free of charge on that day. Mr. G. Williams informed the meeting that six ringers at Dibden were qualified and wished to become members of the Guild, and wished their tower to be included in the Winchester district. At a subsequent committee meeting the six ringers were admitted to membership, and the hon. secretary promised to take the necessary steps to have the tower transferred from the Christchurch district.

In responding to a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. W. Andrews (Winchester) the chairman said he was very glad to be able to be present, as just now they were very busy at Romsey preparing for the forthcoming pageant, and he hoped arrangements would be made by which ringers in the district would, by coming in bands, be accommodated with seats at a reduced charge. He also congratulated the Romsey ringers on having rung a peal by the local band during the past year. Rev. J. N. Saunders, curate of Romsey, who was introduced by the chairman, expressed himself as being much interested in bells and ringers, and hoped some day he might be in the enviable position of being a change-ringer himself.

Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were conducted by Messrs. Andrews, Williams, Valentine, Elcombe, Paskins and Elkins.

#### 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."*

#### SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

SIR,—The following peals of Superlative Surprise Major, as will be seen, are variations of one another, by adding or omitting bobs, as footnotes will shew. The calling of each peal to be twice repeated, and each one is reduced to 5024 changes by omitting the H bobs bracketted.

					5472.									
No 1.					No. 2.					No. 3.				
23456	M	B	W	H	23456	M	B	W	H	23456	M	B	W	H
64352	-				42356					42356				
64523		x			35426			†		54326				
56423					64523	-				63425	-			
45623					64235		x			63254		x		
32654	-				26435					26354				
					42635					32654				
					53624	-				45623	-			
32546		x												
53246				*										
25346					53246		x			45236		x		
42356					24536			†		24536				

A casual glance will show how a bob at H in the last course may be added, when 3 4 2 5 6 would be the part-end. Also how a bob w at \* can be added, and that 4 2 3 5 6 part-end would remain.

This peal is taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of October 10th, 1885, given by Jasper W. Snowdon over my name in his collection of that date.

This peal is obtained from No. 1 by commencing the calling at last but one course. In it the additional bobs noted in No. 1 peal are added.† It appeared elsewhere on Jan. 19th last over the name of W. H. Inglesant.

By commencing calling as directed, the 2nd is never in 6th place at the course-ends of peals Nos. 2 and 3.

This peal, like No. 2, is obtained from No. 1 peal by starting calling as directed in No. 2. It is given as an example of how bobs can be cut out again and yet retain a family likeness of the parent composition.

I have written Mr. Inglesant privately, claiming the peal No. 2 as a variation of No. 1. He replies saying there are no peals given by Snowdon on date mentioned, and sees no reason why he should give up peal claimed.

HENRY DAINS.

P.S.—In your issue for 30th March this year Mr. Knights claims the 5184 Treble Bob Major published by me in your issue of March 23rd, and points out when it was given in the Norwich Association report. This reference I have confirmed, and so willingly give up all claim to this peal and the peals of Royal belonging thereto. I felt almost sure it was too good not to have been previously discovered, but not knowing who to question I published it, with result already known.

H. D.

#### SURPRISE METHODS.

SIR,—Mr. Snowdon's definition for a Surprise Method will not do. There is no Method better qualified as a Surprise Method than "Bristol Surprise" by the Rev. E. B. James, which has no adjoining places, but this by Mr. Snowdon's definition would be disqualified, unless 7ths and 2nds place are added when the treble is behind and before, thus doing away with a qualification only found in Bristol Surprise, and at the same time adding places that are totally unnecessary, and considered by all up-to-date method-builders much better left out than employed. "Brighton Surprise" by Mr. G. Baker, would also require 7ths and 2nds places added, which are also totally unnecessary, and as in Bristol Surprise would only produce an inferior variation.

G.

## A REVIEW OF STEDMAN CATERS AND CINQUES.

BY CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

Peals with 6-7-8-9 and 7-6-8-9 course-ends.

I thought to have concluded with Caters in Article No. 8, but quite recently I received a peal from the Midlands, which must be my excuse for going outside the consecutive order of the subject, and by one who has already made himself famous by his aural gifts and other talents. In addition to my commendable remarks to him on his endeavours, I pointed out that the construction of these peals were introduced to the Exercise by a bygone generation, for one was rung at Sheffield in 1842, composed and conducted by William Hudson. In this peal there are six specially prepared singles, which to my mind are not consistent with the method (see Hubbard, 1854, page 183). Speaking of Hudson's peal, Mr. Johnson told the writer that these special singles were unnecessary, and twenty-five years ago sent me peal No. 17 (I retain the original figures), with two ordinary singles; I find he has others on the same plan. It will be seen that Johnson has recourse to four interloping courses, and thereby gains his point by dispensing with the special singles. The plan however was never a favourite one in Birmingham, and I very much question if more than one or two were ever rung. It was always a keen point with the old composers in making as little use of the ordinary singles as possible, as the too frequent use of them has a detractive influence on the merits of composition. I have heard this opinion expressed over and over again, and seen instances where a multiplicity of singles has been introduced into peals where the result had already been obtained by the use of not more than two. Whilst on this general topic I may state that quite recently I have had the privilege of looking over Johnson's peal of Caters, and find several having the 6th its extent home similar to those in peal No. 6. They are not absolutely the same set, but practically on the same plan; therefore my remarks in Article No. 9 become superfluous, as the idea in so far as fixing the 6th originated with Johnson many years ago. The construction of such peals, however, require care, and are worthy compositions even more so than the variations we are occasionally treated with in the columns of this journal, and the various Association reports. It is to be regretted that Johnson did not send more than the one solitary peal for insertion in Hubbard's 1854 book, mentioned in Article 9. I have had evidence years ago for his reasons in not doing so, but it would be bad form on my part to detail it here.

## ARTICLE NO. 12.

## The publication of "Stedman."

On the issue of this work, the Editor, Mr. William Snowdon, kindly presented the writer with a copy, and I cannot close my contribution on the method without testifying to its general worth. While paying this just compliment to the compilers, I think an equally just compliment is due to Dr. A. B. Carpenter for his valuable specimens of the starting and homing courses, which must have taken up a great deal of time to prepare. It is admitted that many of them are re-produced, but at the same time there are those that have not been previously published, and very few remain that have not now been made public. By the aid of those courses very little skill is now required to fix up peals on the ordinary nine and eleven course plan. Noting those courses marked with

an asterisk as being dangerous, there are a few others equally so, which are those finishing with a bob on 7-9-8, and brought about by two superfluous calls at 1 and 19 sixes, which are false to course-end mentioned below. In speaking of this to Mr. Snowdon some time ago, he thought that this should be mentioned in this part of the subject, therefore I will only give one instance how the two superfluous calls would affect the truth of a peal. Take the homing course, 412365, which is brought round at 2, 5, 9, 10, 16, 17 (this calling I had with others many years ago), and is a safe one if however the two additional calls are made at 1 and 19. Thus 1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 16, 17, 19 would be false with course-end 413256978 occurring in the body of a peal. The writer remembers a peal stated to have been rung with such two added calls, which at the time caused a little contention. I wish it to be distinctly understood that I am in no way suggesting that Dr. Carpenter and also the Rev. C. D. P. Davies were not aware of the dangerous results of these superfluous calls. I attribute it to an oversight on their part in not calling attention to them along with others marked with an asterisk. With this reference to the Editor of "Stedman," I bring my review of the method to a close. I dare say it has been somewhat imperfect, and probably I may have made some errors brought about for want of care; however that may be, I will conclude as I began by stating that I have no desire whatever to control those who hold different views from mine own. I commenced with the idea that to keep green a few of the old composers who are long since dead, would not prove uninteresting to the middle generation and admirers of this popular method.

No. 17.

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2453176 2 7 11

2134567 2 6 11

2541376 2 6 11

3512467 2 7 11

3425176 2 6 11

3154267 2 6 11

2143576 2 7 11

2531467 2 6 11

2415376 2 6 11

3452167 2 7 11

3124576 2 6 11

3541267 2 6 11

2513476 2 7 11

2435167 2 6 11

2154376 2 6 11

3142567 2 7 11

Continued—

2534176†

2145367 2 6 11

3152476 2 7 11

3421567 2 6 11

3514276 2 6 11

2543167 2 7 11

2135476 2 6 11

2451367 2 6 11

3412576 2 7 11

3524167 2 6 11

3145276 2 6 11

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2431576 2 6 11

2514367 2 6 11

3542176 2 7 11

3125467 2 6 11

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2413567

Once repeated.

H. J.

\* 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10S, 12, 14, 17. † 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 17.

ERRATA.—In No. 11 peal add single for bob at 16 in course-end 261453 which figures indicate: also the last course-end should read 261354.

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## THE GOSCOTE AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

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The Standing Committee will meet in the Chapter House at 9.45 a.m.

## AGENDA.

- 1.—Apologies for absence (if any).
- 2.—Minutes of the last meeting.
- 3.—Statement of Accounts and of Sales of Publications.
- 4.—Election of Honorary Members.
- 5.—Introduction of New Members.
- 6.—To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees:—

- (a)—Peal Collection.
- (b)—Church Press.
- (c)—Peal Values.
- (d)—Legitimate Methods.
- (e)—Peal Analysis.

To consider the following:—

- 7.—To discuss, and if approved, to add to the definition of a "Surprise" Method as defined in the Glossary.
- 8.—That a Committee be asked to discuss the practicability of a Benevolent Fund for Ringers.
- 9.—Is too much stress laid upon peal ringing by ringers of the present day?
- 10.—To fix the place of Meeting for next year.
- 11.—Vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter.
- 12.—Any other business.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1907.

IT is very likely that the surroundings attendant upon the Council's meeting next Tuesday will go a very long way to make such occasions more popular than ever. We do not recollect such an amount of preparation being made before for the convenience and pleasure of those attending. Every possible arrangement for the visitor's gratification appears to have been made. Particulars of train and other travelling facilities will be found on another page, also a list of towers open for peals. Many more than those given can be heard of if necessary. Some interest is centred in the proposed peal of Stedman Caters on the famed bells at Exeter Cathedral, on account of the band being all members of the Council. We hear that our old friend JOHN CARTER is to call this performance, and every one will wish it complete success.

Mr. GEORGE BOLLAND, of Tong, Yorks., accompanied by a few other change-ringers, intends being in Warwick (Globe Hotel) on Saturday and Whit-Sunday; Stratford-on-Avon (Black Swan) on Monday, and will be pleased to meet any devotee of the art.

## COLLINGHAM, BRIDGE, YORKS.

Saturday, May 4th, 1907, will long be remembered by the inhabitants of this pretty Wharfedale village as the occasion of the dedication of their beautiful ring of eight bells which the church now possesses. The bells are to serve as a memorial to the late Sir Robert Gunter, Bart., late M.P. for the Barkston Ash division, the entire cost being borne by the family of the deceased.

The Selby Abbey ringers were in attendance to ring the opening touches on the new bells, at the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. H. Medhurst. The company, with one or two ringing friends from York, were met with wagonettes at Wetherby station and driven to Collingham just in time for the service at 3 o'clock. The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Richmond in the presence of a crowded congregation, and a collection was taken in aid of the Selby Abbey Bell Fund, which will benefit thereby to the extent of £10. After the service the ringers proceeded to the belfry, and the bells, which were at first rung half-muffled, were soon sending forth their melodious music, delighting all within hearing. The bells are from the famous Loughborough foundry, tenor 8 cwt., and are a fine example of a perfectly tuned ring. They are admirably hung in an iron frame or cage, the "go" being excellent. A 1008 Grandsire Triples was rung during the afternoon. The ringers were entertained at the vicarage to a splendid tea, after which the tower was again visited and touches rung until train time came round.

The tower formerly contained only three bells. These, with more metal added, were cast into the ring of eight. Cambridge chimes have also been added to the existing clock.

## The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, May 11, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. Treble.	*ALFRED J. T. CARTER .. 6.
CHARLES POTHECARY .. 2.	RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. 7.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 8.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 4.	REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 9.
ROBERT E. STAVERT* .. 5.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal on ten bells. Rung on the fourth anniversary of the 14,112 of London Surprise.

## Handbell Peal.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 8, 1907, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT 26, ELLINGHAM ROAD, STRATFORD, E.,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Umpires—H. Torble and T. Cranfield. Rung as a birthday compliment to S. J. Bird, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

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

## The Provinces.

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

On Saturday, April 13, 1907, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of Violet, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHARP .. .. Treble.	*ERNEST MYNARD .. .. 4.
WILLIAM FREEMAN .. .. 2.	EDWIN MYNARD .. .. 5.
JOHN LOVELL .. .. 3.	FREDERICK MYNARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK MYNARD.

\*First peal. Rung in honour of the safe return of the Rev. G. F. Sams, Rector of the parish, who had been to Egypt for five months.

## WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, May 3, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

ALFRED J. WALLATER .. Treble.	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 5.
EDWIN J. TYLER .. .. 2.	GEORGE HUGHES .. .. 6.
JAMES TYLER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM DEVEY .. .. 7.
ALBERT BLUNDELL* .. 4.	HORACE BELCHER .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

\*First peal in the method.

## PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1907, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lbs. in E.

GEORGE EDWARD TURNER Treble.	WILLIAM HENRY SHUKER .. 5.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 2.	ALBERT EDWARD WREAKS .. 6.
JOSEPH TURNER .. .. 3.	JOSEPH GREGORY .. .. 7.
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

Reference elsewhere.

## OXENHOPE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS BANCROFT .. Treble.	WILLIAM B. SMITH .. .. 4.
CHARLES A. PAWSON .. 2.	JAMES RILEY .. .. 5.
JOHN W. HARTLEY* .. 3.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

\*First peal.

## HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Monday, May 6, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK FAY .. .. Treble.	HENRY GROSVENOR .. .. 5.
GEORGE HITCHMAN .. .. 2.	ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. .. 6.
ALBERT BEACHAM* .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7.
SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\*First peal of Stedman.

## LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 8, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY CARTER .. .. Treble.	FRED W. ELLIOTT .. .. 4.
EDWARD H. KING* .. .. 2.	ALBERT PHILLIPS .. .. 5.
ERNEST A. OVERALL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT PHILLIPS.

\*First peal of Minor.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 8, 1907, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. Treble.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 5.
JAMES THOMPSON .. .. 2.	JOHN P. TARTON .. .. 6.
JOSHUA MILNER .. .. 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. THYNG .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.

## SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 10, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT TURNER .. .. Treble.	HARRY COOMBES .. .. 5.
WALTER LONGSHAW .. .. 2.	ROBERT MILES .. .. 6.
GEORGE BARTLETT .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY MILES .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM HARTLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

JOHN FLINT .. .. Treble.	THOMAS RILEY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 2.	JESSE MOSS .. .. 6.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 3.	GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. 7.
HARRY MOSS .. .. 4.	SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. LAMBERT.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

## BEDALE, YORKSHIRE.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor about 24 cwt. in E flat.

DR. PAULI .. .. Treble.	J. W. NEWTON .. .. 5.
G. HANDLEY .. .. 2.	W. NEWTON .. .. 6.
R. ALCOCK .. .. 3.	G. J. CLARKSON .. .. 7.
J. WALLER .. .. 4.	T. METCALF .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by G. J. CLARKSON.

Reference elsewhere.

## WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 11, 1907, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERPILERS, 5075 CHANGES.

FRED H. TROTH .. .. Treble.	ERNEST A. PARISH .. .. 6.
JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 2.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 7.
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 3.	THOMAS H. REEVES .. .. 8.
JAMES HARES .. .. 4.	ALFRED ROWLEY .. .. 9.
JESSE SCREEN .. .. 5.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by THOMAS H. REEVES.

This is W. Painter's 100th peal.

## CARDINGTON, BEDS.—THE WARDEN SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 11, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES STAPLETON* .. Treble.	FRANK YORK .. .. 5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 2.	JOHN HARE .. .. 6.
GEORGE W. NEWTON† .. 3.	WILLIAM MAYES .. .. 7.
WILLIAM STAPLETON .. 4.	FREDERICK WELLS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\*First peal on eight bells. †First peal of Bob Major.

## ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 11, 1907, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs.

GEORGE MARRINER .. .. Treble.	GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. 5.
HENRY L. GARFATH .. .. 2.	ERNEST C. BONIFACE .. 6.
CHARLES GILES .. .. 3.	REV. G. F. COLBRIDGE .. 7.
ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. 4.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES HUNT, and Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Beadle, of the Isleworth company.

## CAPEL, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CAPEL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Being 720 each of London Treble Bob, London Scholars' Pleasure, Superlative Surprise, Kent, Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise and Oxford Treble Bob.

GEORGE WALES .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR W. TULLETT .. 4.
EDWIN JORDAN .. .. 2.	ARTHUR LINTOTT .. .. 5.
CHARLES TAYLOR .. .. 3.	FREDK. R. TULLETT, SEN. Tenor.

Conducted by F. R. TULLETT.

## LYMINGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURGA,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT TANTON .. .. Treble.	EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. .. 2.	ERNEST CHEESMAN .. .. 6.
JABEZ WALTER .. .. 3.	HARRY BARTON .. .. 7.
JAMES ANDREWS .. .. 4.	SIDNEY WALTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,  
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES.

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

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by A. E. PEGLER.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method away from the treble Rung on the fourth anniversary of the record peal of London Surprise, which was rung at the above church on May 11th, 1903. Also as a birthday peal to F. Wither, who received the usual compliments.

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lbs.

VIVIAN D. LAURENCE* .. Treble.	CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 5.
GEORGE BILLENNESS† .. 2.	†HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY .. 6.
EWART G. JOHNSON* .. 3.	*WILLIAM J. THOMAS .. 7.
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 4.	WALTER FRANKS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by G. BILLENNESS.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major as conductor. †Elected a member previous to starting.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

HERBERT WORMWELL* .. Treble.	HARRY ENTWISTLE .. .. 5.
ROBERT FOULDS, JUN. .. 2.	WILLIAM MALLINSON .. 6.
JOHN P. FOULDS .. .. 3.	SAMUEL CORNISH .. .. 7.
DAVID CAMPBELL .. .. 4.	RENNIE HARTLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. PATRICK, and Conducted by RENNIE HARTLEY.

\*First peal.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1907, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt

W. HENRY JONES .. .. Treble.	JAMES HOPKIN .. .. 6.
JAMES JONES .. .. 2.	REUBEN HALL .. .. 7.
EDMUND J. HYLAND .. .. 3.	WILLIAM COOPER .. .. 8.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS .. .. 4.	GEORGE A. TAYLOR .. .. 9.
JOHN CARTER .. .. 5.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal has the 5th twelve courses at home in the titlums position, also the 6th twenty four courses at home, both in the titlums and handstroke home positions, and is the first time it has been rung.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR LEWIS* .. .. Treble.	JOHN BUTLER .. .. 5.
JOHN BULLEN .. .. 2.	JOHN W. JONES .. .. 6.
ARTHUR E. MORGAN .. 3.	JAMES PIPPIN .. .. 7.
FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES .. 4.	SAMUEL BAISS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

\*First peal. The best thanks are due to Mr. Lewis, who is the leader of the local company, for having everything ready, and who kindly rung the treble in consequence of meeting one short.

BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 13, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

ROBERT E. STAVERT .. Treble.	JOHN E. MILLER .. .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 6.
FRANK A. MILNE .. .. 3.	SIDNEY WADE .. .. 7.
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON .. 4.	ARTHUR T. KING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Quickest peal on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, May 14, 1907, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES.  
Tenor 36 cwt.

JAMES E. GROVES .. .. Treble.	EDMUND J. HYLAND .. .. 7.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 2.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. 8.
FREDERICK DICKENS* .. 3.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 9.
JOHN NEAL .. .. 4.	ALF PADDON SMITH .. 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 5.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 11.
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 6.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

\*First peal of Cinques. This peal has the 5th twenty times right and sixteen times wrong, and the 6th sixteen times right and eighteen times wrong, and has the whole of the twentyfour 5 6 7 8s and 6 5 7 8s, both in the titlums and handstroke home positions.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal rung at Colerne on Saturday, April 27th, should read "Colerne, Wilts.," not Somerset. The name of the ringer of the 6th was Thomas F. King, not F. King.

Miscellaneous.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN  
ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON (Wilts).—On Sunday, February 3rd, for morning service at the parish church, three courses of Bob Major. S. Palmer, R. W. Hyner, A. Lawrence, O. W. Layng, T. Robinson, O. Norman, R. Thompson, C. J. Gardiner conductor. On Tuesday, February 12th, for practice, 1008 Double Norwich. R. Thompson, R. W. Hyner, A. Lawrence, S. Palmer, T. Robinson, O. Norman, C. J. Gardiner, E. Bishop conductor. On Monday, March 18th, for Confirmation Service, 742 Grandsire Triples. H. W. L. Wells, R. Thompson, A. Lawrence conductor, S. Palmer, R. W. Hyner, O. Norman, C. J. Gardiner, A. W. Harrington. On Sunday, April 7th, for evening service, two courses of Kent Treble Bob, L. A. Wilson, R. W. Hyner, A. Lawrence, S. Palmer, T. Robinson, O. Norman, C. J. Gardiner conductor, E. Bishop. On Tuesday, April 9th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. A. Lawrence, T. Ricketts, R. W. Hyner, R. Thompson, T. Robinson, O. Norman conductor, C. J. Gardiner, T. Lawrence. On Tuesday, April 30th, for practice, 336 Double Norwich. A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, R. Thompson, S. Palmer, T. Robinson, O. Norman, C. J. Gardiner, E. Bishop conductor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRADING (Isle of Wight).—On Sunday, April 7th, at St. Mary's church, 447 Grandsire Triples. E. Simmonds, M. Squibb, F. Jolliffe, P. Dowden, S. W. Pain, G. Wilkins, H. Jennings conductor, A. White. For evening service 573 Grandsire Triples. E. Simmonds, M. Squibb, F. Jolliffe, P. Dowden, S. W. Pain, G. Wilkins, H. Jennings conductor, A. White. On Thursday, April 11th, 168 Grandsire Triples. J. R. F. Burbery, M. Squibb, F. Jolliffe, E. Simmonds, P. Dowden, G. Wilkins, H. Jennings conductor, A. White. On Sunday morning, April 14th, 378 Grandsire Triples. E. Simmonds, M. Squibb, F. Jolliffe, P.

Dowden, S. W. Pain, G. Wilkins, H. Jennings conductor, A. White. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. E. Simmonds, M. Squibb, F. Jolliffe, P. Dowden, S. W. Pain, G. Wilkins, H. Jennings conductor, A. White. On Thursday, May 2nd, for practice, 224 Grandsire Triples. F. Jolliffe, M. Squibb, H. Jennings conductor, P. Dowden, S. W. Pain, G. Wilkins, E. Simmonds, A. White. 392 Grandsire Triples. J. R. P. Burberry, M. Squibb, E. Simmonds, P. Dowden, S. W. Pain, F. Jolliffe, H. Jennings conductor, A. White. And 168 in the same method. R. J. P. Burberry, M. Squibb, E. Simmonds, P. Dowden, S. W. Pain, G. Wilkins, F. Jolliffe conductor, A. White.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Easter Sunday, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for early service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, composed by G. Astbury. G. Jordan, T. Jordan, J. Luckey, W. Prior, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. For morning service 672 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, H. Little, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, J. Luckey, W. Watts. T. J. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. On Wednesday, April 3rd, for practice, 504 Penning's Triples. G. Gray, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. 216 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, W. Prior, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, J. Luckey, W. Watts conductor, Rev. A. H. Thorold. On Sunday, April 14th, for morning service, 588 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, W. Watts, J. Luckey, W. Prior, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. On Wednesday, April 24th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, W. Prior, T. J. Watts, J. Luckey, W. Watts conductor, Rev. A. H. Thorold. On Sunday morning, April 28th, 672 London Surprise Major. H. Little, G. Jordan, A. F. James, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EMBERTON (Bucks).—On Friday, May 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Mynard, C. W. Smith, J. Lovell, J. Higgins, E. Mynard, F. J. Mynard conductor. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Lovell, C. W. Smith, F. J. Mynard conductor, E. Mynard, J. Higgins, F. W. Booth.

#### ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, April 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. L. Derrick first quarter-peal, R. Fenn, C. Fenn conductor, G. Cottis, G. W. Faulkner, J. Norris, E. G. Fenn, E. A. Davis. On Sunday, April 28th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. Beard first quarter-peal, H. E. Parker conductor, E. G. Fenn, C. Fenn, D. Simons, R. Fenn, G. W. Faulkner, J. Irwin.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STAINES (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, April 7th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Bates, W. E. Butler, W. C. Parker, F. Richardson, A. C. Wicks, A. J. Redman conductor, J. Phillips, A. Butler.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

PRITTLEWELL (Essex).—On Sunday, May 5th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. Bedwell, W. S. Judd, C. Collins, G. E. Wilson, H. T. Wilson, W. H. Judd, W. Dudley conductor, H. Kibley, 8. Rung on the occasion of the Rev. T. O. Reay resuming his duties after a severe illness.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, April 21st, at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. J. Corrigan, J. Porter, E. Mullins, W. Webb, C. Mackenzie, J. Perry conductor, A. Hackley, A. Scrivens. On Wednesday, April 24th, 518 of Holt's ten-part. J. Corrigan, R. Ducker, E. Mullins, O. Lang, W. Webb, J. Porter, T. Miller conductor, A. Hackley.

BECKENHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, May 5th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.

C. Terry, G. Clarke, A. Terry, F. King, W. Smith, W. Dennis, F. Terry first quarter-peal as conductor, C. Austin.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Tuesday, April 23rd, at St. Peter's church, in commemoration of St. George's Day, various touches were rung during the day in the following methods: Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Button, F. L. Bumpstead, W. Chalk, G. W. Dixon, F. G. Manning, H. T. Pye, A. Rivers, E. W. Stannard, W. J. Schofield. The last three conducting.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Sunday, 5th May, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. C. C. Cox, E. F. Cole, G. C. Iles, F. Skevington, J. W. Kelly, C. Charge, W. T. Elson conductor, G. W. Coombes. On Sunday, April 14th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. F. W. Todd, E. R. Mackrill, W. H. Stevens, C. C. Cox, A. Whittington, F. Skevington conductor, G. C. Iles, G. W. Coombes.

PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, May 1st, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Borrett, E. Whiting, C. Baker, R. Whiting, C. Cutting, A. Smith.

WROTHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday, April 23rd, for practice, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Miss R. Banfield, G. Barham, W. Taylor, R. Goodbourn conductor, J. Acott, F. Banfield. On Sunday, April 28th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob, in 27 mins. F. Terry, G. Barham, W. Taylor, H. Hogben, J. Acott, R. Goodbourn conductor, F. Banfield. F. Terry's first 720, age 15.

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I love it, I love it, and who shall dare  
To chide me for loving the old church tower;  
The happiest moments of my youth were given  
In that lofty chamber 'twixt earth and heaven.

The sailor may love his ship very well,  
But who can fathom my love for a bell;  
Her soft tone stealing gently o'er my heart,  
Brings a sweet peace that shall never depart.

I oftentimes sit by my old cottage door,  
And list to my treasures I shall handle no more;  
For I'm very old, and the time draws nigh,  
When the poor old ringer must lay down and die.

But when I'm laid on my bed of pain.  
Stricken, ne'er to rise again;  
May the bells that I love with all my soul.  
Ring sweetly to cheer me as I go.

Abingdon.

KATHLEEN HOLIFIELD.

#### ELIHU YALE AND WREXHAM.

At the sitting of the Royal Commission on the Church in Wales at Westminster on Wednesday last. Canon William Henry Fletcher, Vicar and Rural Dean of Wrexham, Denbighshire, stated that Elihu Yale, the man who gave his name to Yale University, was buried in Wrexham churchyard. Mr. Morgan Gibbon said that Yale was the man who invented sales by auction. Witness continued that Wrexham parish church had the finest perpendicular tower in the country, and was one of the wonders of Wales.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. KNIGHTS.—Next week.

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## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, May 21st, at 8 p.m.; and at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, May 30th, at 7.30 p.m.

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

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale to-day, Saturday, May 18th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 5 o'clock.  
J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Liversedge to-day, Sat., May 18th, instead of the 11th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house—The Albion hotel.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Kids Grove to-day, Sat., May 18th. Bells at 4. Tea at 5.45 (small charge).  
D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—The next annual meeting will be held at Chippenham on Monday, May 20th. Service will be held at noon in the parish church, followed by a cold luncheon at 1 o'clock at Mr. Perkins, The Vaults. Both towers will be open for ringing.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*  
30, Broad Street, Bristol.

**The Devonshire Guild.**—Annual meeting at Ottery on Whit-Monday, May 20th. Tea in the Town Hall at 4 o'clock. Service in the parish church at 6 o'clock. Representatives attending the Central Council meeting in Exeter are cordially invited.

F. MOLINEUX, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Rochester on Whitsun Monday, May 20th. Committee Meeting in the Chapter Room at 3 p.m. Members will attend evensong at the Cathedral at 4 p.m.; address by the Very Rev. the Dean. Offertories for the Belfry Repairs Fund. Tea at 5.15 p.m. in the Corn Exchange. Business meeting after tea. An allowance of 1s. will be made to each member present at the service. Application for tickets to be made to the Hon. Secretary. Towers open for ringing—Cathedral (8); St. Margaret's (8) ?; St. Mary's, Chatham (8); St. Mary Magdalen, Gillingham (8); and St. George's, Gravesend (8).

FRED J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Canterbury.

**Cleveland and North Yorks. Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Thirsk on Whit-Monday, May 20th. The arrangements when completed will be communicated to the members in the usual way.

G. J. CLARKSON, *President.*

**The Essex Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, May 20th. 11.30 a.m.—Divine Service at St. Mary's church, with address by the Rev. Canon Papillon, Master of the Association. 12.15—Annual Meeting at Vestry Hall. 1.30—Dinner at Victoria Boys' School. Tickets 1s. each to members; non-members 2s.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Great Totham, Witham.

**The Central Northamptonshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 20th. Service at St. Giles' church 12 noon Luncheon and business meeting at The Peacock hotel, Market Square, at 1 o'clock. Usual ringing arrangements.

F. WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—A meeting will be held at West Hartlepool on Whit-Monday, May 20th. St. Oswald's bells (10, tenor 21 cwt.), will be open all day. Luncheon at 1 o'clock at The Grand hotel; members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. Committee at noon, same place.

ARTHUR M. C. FIELD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—North and East District.—A meeting of members of this Association will be held on Saturday, May 25th, at St. Sepulchre's church, E.C., by kind permission of the Rev. Edgar Rogers. The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m. The Vicar will give a short address to ringers at evensong, which will be said at 6.30, and it is particularly requested that all ringers will attend this service. The Hon. Secretary will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

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

**The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Smethwick on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Eastwood on Saturday, May 25th, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Local Hon. Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, May 25th, at Guiseley. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Red Lion at 7 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Leigh, on Saturday, June 1st. Bells open for ringing from 5 to 8. Meeting at 7.30.

G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting will take place at All Saints, Sheffield, on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild—North Bucks. Branch.**—The annual meeting will be held at Newton Longville, Bucks, on Saturday, June 1st. Dedication service of two new trebles by the Bishop of Oxford at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow.

F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

**Westerham (Kent).**—Practices will in future be held on Tuesdays instead of Thursdays, commencing May 21st. GEO. B. SELBY, *Sec.*

**Excursion to Devon.**—On Whit-Monday a special train will run to Ottery St. Mary, leaving Waterloo at 12.5 midnight (Sunday), and return to reach Waterloo at 11.10 p.m. Monday. Fare 6s. return. This excursion is organised by Devonian Ottregians in London, and tickets may be obtained from Mr. S. H. Godfrey, 22, Merton Avenue, Chiswick, W. The annual meeting of the Devonshire Guild will be held at Ottery on that day. There is also to be an attempt for a peal of Caters at Exeter Cathedral.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT PENDLETON.**—This is the first peal on the bells since they were recast in 1906 by Messrs. Taylor, and was rung in honour of the visit of the Colonial Premiers to Manchester. This peal is H. Chapman's 200th, and is also the 150th Lancashire Association peal by A. E. Wreaks, both of which are recorded below. It is also worthy of note that the last peal on the old bells was H. Chapman's 150th.

**H. CHAPMAN'S 200 PEALS.**—Seven Minor Methods 6; Bob Triples 1; Major 9; Royal 9; Grandsire Triples 10, conducted 1; Caters 17, conducted 1 (including 6011); Cinques 8; Stedman Triples 22; Caters 8; Cinques 3; Kent Major 59, conducted 24 (including 6080); Royal 11, conducted 2; Maximus 6; Oxford Major 1, conducted 1; Royal 1; Darlaston Bob Triples 1; Duffield Major 1; Double Norwich Major 8; Superlative Major 21, conducted 13 (including 9312); Cambridge 1, conducted 1; New Cambridge 1; London 4 (including 14,112 record). Total 200; conducted 43. Rung in 61 different towers.

**A. E. WREAKS'S 150 PEALS.**—Grandsire Triples 44, conducted 25; Major 3, conducted 3 (including a 6000); Caters 16, conducted 13; Royal 1; Bob Major 21, conducted 12 (including three of 6048); Royal 3, conducted 2; Duffield Major 2; Stedman Triples 8; Caters 3; Kent Major 37, conducted 19 (including 6048, 6144, 7104, and 10,176); Royal 11, conducted 5; Maximus 1. Total 150; conducted 79. Rung in 33 different towers.

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**HANDBELL COUPON.**—(No 6.) The seventh will appear next week.

## WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth district was held at Havant on Easter Monday, when members attended from Fareham, Wickham, Swanmore, North Stoneham, Petersfield, Portsea, Gosport and Havant. The proceedings started with a peal of Grandsire Triples duly recorded, and the bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening. The Rev. Canon S. G. Scott gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Havant, and conducted a short service in the church at 5 o'clock, afterwards shewing the members all the things of interest in his church, which was much appreciated by all. The Canon invited all to tea at the Institute, to which all the ringers did full justice. The Rev. C. W. Scott, on behalf of the visitors, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Scott for entertaining the ringers as he had done that day. The

Canon said it happened to be on an off day with him, and so he was able to be amongst them. The meeting followed, which was of the usual routine character, Rev. Canon Scott presiding, and the officers present were Rev. C. W. Scott, hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Whitney, hon. div. secretary, G. E. Chappell, assistant secretary, Mr. J. Harper, representative on central committee, Mr. E. I. Harding, auditor. Votes of thanks were accorded the Canon for the use of the bells and for being amongst them as he had been that day. Replying he said he would endeavour to do what he could in his deanery to promote the future welfare of the ringing generally. Thus ended a most pleasant day at Havant.

## THE HERTS ASSOCIATION.

On May 4th a joint meeting of the Northern and Eastern Districts was held

at Bennington, and was attended by a goodly number of members from St. Albans, Bennington, Bedford, Hitchin, Knebworth, Great Munden, Little Munden, Luton, Wymondley, Bengeo, Ware, Tottenham and Kensington. The Rector, Rev. W. Mills, kindly provided tea free to all, to which over forty sat down. The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding; several new members were made, including the Rector as an honorary member. The Rev. A. G. Langdon, in a nice speech, proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. W. Mills for so kindly providing tea, and for the warm welcome extended to the Association, which, needless to say, was carried. Touches were rung in the methods of Grandsire, Stedman Plain and Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Superlative, all seemingly enjoying the visit to this quaint old-world village.

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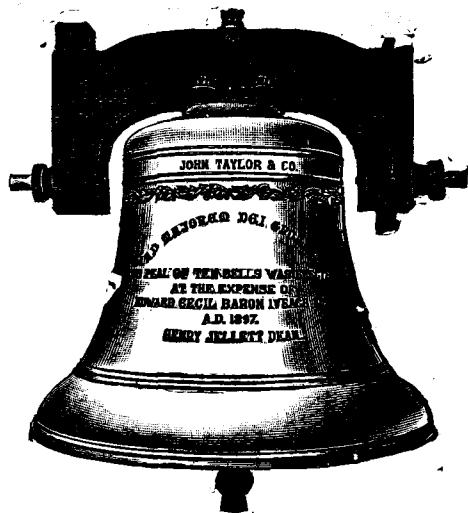
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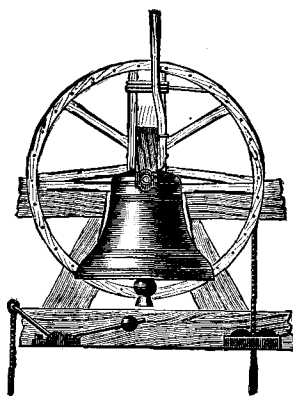
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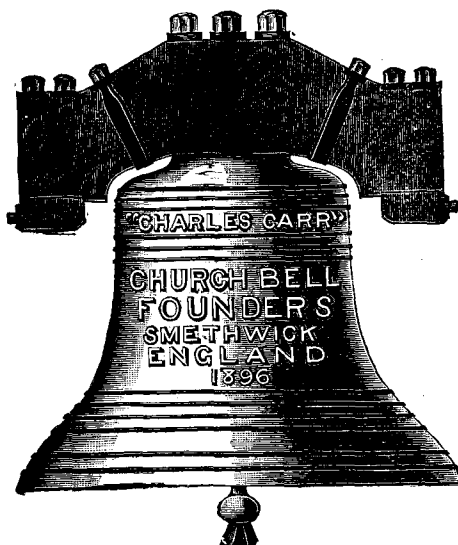
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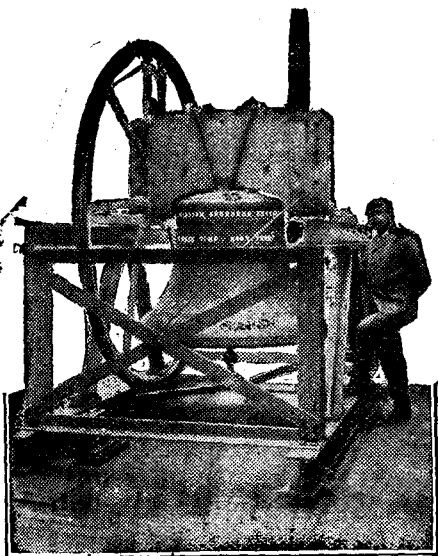
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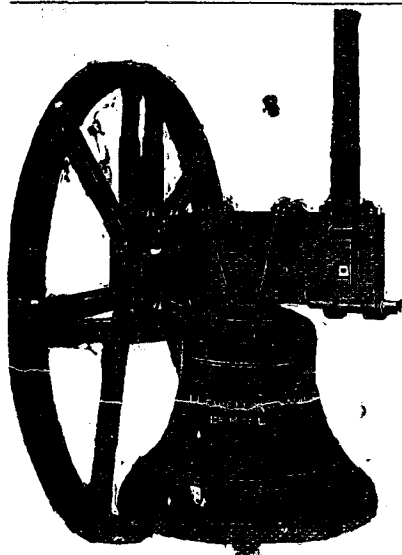
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## THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the above Society took place at Sheffield, on Saturday, May 4th, upwards of sixty members being present. The bells of the parish church (twelve) and St. Marie's (eight) were at the disposal of the members from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The business meeting was held at the head-quarters of the Society at 7.30 p.m., the following towers being represented, viz.: Barnsley, Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Chesterfield, Doncaster, North Wingfield, Ranmoor, Rotherham, Treeton, and All Saints, Parish Church, and St. Marie's, Sheffield. The president (Mr. Sam Thomas) occupied the chair. Messrs. J. T. Rew and G. Lewis were elected auditors, and whilst these gentlemen were inspecting the accounts, the members were regaling themselves with substantial refreshment, kindly provided by the various Sheffield companies.

This part of the business having been disposed of, the minutes of the last meeting were read and duly passed. The accounts for the past year were then read out in detail by the hon. secretary, and on a proposition by the auditors they were passed as read and placed on the table. The balance in hand was slightly less than last year, but several large items of expenditure were exceptional, and fully explained by the hon. secretary.

A review of the work done by the Society during the year was given by the president, which compared very favourably with the last few years, although the number of peals accomplished suffered somewhat in quantity, which, however, was not caused by any lack of interest, but by an unusual amount of bad luck. The total amounted to forty-two, as against sixty-nine last year, but considerable improvement had been made by the recording of more peals in the higher methods, Grandsire Triples on the tower having fallen out altogether.

The full list is as follows:—

Minor (four methods)	...	...	...	1
Bob Major	...	...	...	5
Kent Treble Bob Major	...	...	...	10
" " Royal	...	...	...	1
Grandsire Caters	...	...	...	3
Stedman Triples	...	...	...	5
" Caters	...	...	...	4
" Cinques	...	...	...	1
Double Norwich Major	...	...	...	6
" " Royal	...	...	...	1
(Distributed over 15 towers)	...	...	...	37

On hand-bells.

Grandsire Triples	...	...	...	3
Stedman "	...	...	...	1
Bob Major	...	...	...	1

5

With regard to the membership, the president said he was pleased to remark that great strides had been made during the last few years, the total now numbering 228 members as against 186 and 158 respectively for the past two years, whilst the Society had more than doubled itself

since 1904, therefore he had reason to believe that it had now become well established, and hoped it would continue so. Respecting the recommendation from the committee that an effort should be made to re-open the peal of eight bells at Rawmarsh, by asking for the Society to be allowed to pay a visit there on Whit-Tuesday, he was sorry to inform the meeting that the hon. secretary, after making repeated applications to the Vicar, had received a curt reply stating the bells were out of repair and cannot be rung.

The following officers were unanimously re-elected:—

President	...	...	Mr. Sam Thomas
Vice-President	...	"	James A. Dixon
Hon. Treasurer	...	"	David Brearley
Hon. Secretary	...	"	Sidney F. Palmer

No advice of alteration having been received from any of the towers in union, the whole of the committee were re-elected en bloc.

Two new rules were put to the meeting, and passed unanimously. Considerable discussion then took place respecting the fee paid by the Society for peal recording, some members being of opinion that the figure was insufficient for the work done, and should be paid by the actual peal ringers, but the motion was eventually ruled out of order owing to proper notice not being given as per rule. A vote of thanks to the clergy, and the local companies brought the meeting to a close.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The monthly meeting of the Crewe Branch was held at Lawton, on Saturday, May 11th. Ringing commenced at four o'clock, and continued during the afternoon. The ringers were pleased when they saw the vice-president, Mr. V. B. Cooke, arrive in his motor, and after a good look round the old church, he rang a touch of Grandsire Triples, which was brought round very satisfactorily. Mr. Cooke was much pleased with the go of the bells, and as regards the situation of the church he said there should be many applications for peal-ringing at Lawton.

A move was then made to the Gate School, where the vice-president was introduced to Miss B. Rigby, who is an hon. member of the Guild, and shortly after the Rector, Rev. S. Nunn, joined them, grace was sung. Then about 35 sat down to tea, including Mr. Welch, his wife and a few sidesmen, the local ringers' wives waiting at the tables. After tea was over the vice-president thanked the Rector for the interest he took in ringing and for the use of the bells, also Miss Rigby for providing the excellent tea, and for the hospitality which the ringers had received.

The Rector responded and welcomed the ringers once more to Lawton. He gave great praise to the ringers for the progress they had made, and he hoped at the next meeting held at Lawton there would be a larger attendance.

A new member was enrolled, and the ringers again returned to the tower, where touches of Grandsire, Bob Major, and Stedman were rung. Thus concluded a most enjoyable meeting.

## GOUDHURST CHURCH BELLS AND THEIR RINGERS.

A meeting, convened by the Vicar and the churchwardens, was held on Wednesday evening, April 24th, at the Parish Room, to make arrangements to enable the Goudhurst Ringers to join the Kent County Association of Change Ringers. Major-General Fitz-Hugh, who presided, said he had been asked to see if they could make some arrangements for joining the Kent Association. He did not think they ought to hurry over things, but he should like to bring before them the question of getting up a band of change ringers for Goudhurst. They had an excellent peal of bells, which he was assured by experts, and by those who had rung upon the bells, were in excellent order, as the captain of the Goudhurst ringers could testify. The first thing to clear up definitely was as to whether the present ten ringers really wished to join the County Association. When a similar proposal had been made some time ago, the bells were in such a state that the Association would not have admitted them into their ranks. Upon that, with the Vicar's permission (for it was the Vicar and the churchwardens who had authority over the bells), he (the speaker) got up a little bazaar, and wrote a good many letters, and succeeded in getting money for the object, enough to have the bells strengthened in a most efficient manner, and the bells re-hung and rendered fit to be rung, and capable of having these wonderful "changes." He had done his part, and had to thank many others for the help they had given him, and the result was that the bells were in good and perfect order. Did the ringers and the parish generally wish change-ringing to take place at Goudhurst? Would the present captain tell them if the ringers all wished it? [Answer: "I don't think they would mind trying."] They might take it for granted then that, if the arrangements could be made, the Goudhurst Ringers and the members of the Goudhurst church would like to join the Association. He was himself profoundly ignorant of bell ringing, but they were to have a little address on the subject during the evening. He thought that they should hear the rules of the Society, and then they would know what they were committing themselves to. In the course of a few months they could find out those who were really willing to learn, and on what terms they could become members of the Association; and in time they would be able not only to do well at home, but also go to other places, and do as well there as anybody else and perhaps better than many others.

Mr. W. Latter (hon. secretary of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association) then gave what might be styled "a homely chat about bell-ringing generally." Apologising for the unavoidable absence of the general secretary of the Association, Mr. Latter said that he would rather be up in the tower practising than talking about ringing; but he would do his best to give them a little insight into the mysteries of the art of change-ringing. He then went into technicalities, such as "hunting," "place-making" and "dodging," "bobs," &c. A change-ringer, he said, required a quick eye, a good ear, a clear head, and a still tongue, and had got to be entirely "on his own," while at the same time all the ringers depended upon one another. A man with very little general education could become a proficient change-ringer, while a gentleman highly educated might find himself unable to grasp and get hold of the art. There was a lot of

drudgery, but they must stick to it. It was not all learned in the belfry—a good deal might be figured out at home with a slate or paper and pencil, and the rules learned. The theory could be mastered in this way, and the practical part learned in the tower. During the last 20 or 30 years the art of change-ringing had made great strides—to a great extent through these Associations. There were County Associations or Diocesan Guilds all over the country.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

This Association held its ninth annual meeting at Thirsk on Whit-Monday, being the third time the annual meeting has been held there. The towers represented were Darlington, St. John, Guisborough, Robin Hood's Bay, Sharow, Stockton and Thirsk, and as visitors Hemingborough and Selby. Touches of Kent Treble, Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung at Thirsk, and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Felixkirk. At 12 noon a special service was held in the parish church, the Vicar of Thirsk officiating. An excellent address on "Unity" was delivered by the Rev. W. Parker Wilton, of Northallerton, the preacher emphasising the importance and beneficial effects of bands of ringers uniting together in promoting their artistic share in the work of the church rather than each band restricting its efforts and sympathies to the narrow limits of its own particular parish and ring of bells. Indeed such unity was requisite in all good work, and acted with beneficial effect both upon the individual and the local band or organization. At the conclusion of the service a committee meeting was held at which the financial report was submitted by the secretary and treasurer, the Rev. R. Hodgson, showing a balance in hand of £1 3s. 11d. on the year's working. The secretary also stated the most encouraging reports had come in from the various branches. It was decided for the coming year to hold the September meeting at Richmond, to omit the February meeting, and to accept the invitation from Robin Hood's Bay to hold a meeting there on Easter Monday, the annual meeting to be held at Stockton in conjunction with the Durham and Newcastle Association, from whom a wire was received accepting the arrangement. The dinner followed, the chair being occupied by Mr. G. J. Clarkson, supported by the Rev. E. Perkins, Vicar of Thirsk, and the Rev. W. Parker Wilton, the vice-chair being occupied by the Rev. W. P. Wright, supported by the Rev. R. Hodgson. After the loyal toast and that of the Bishops and Clergy, the secretary read an interesting and carefully digested report which was unanimously adopted on the proposition of Mr. Clarkson, who alluded to several towers where a marked advance was in progress. The representative from Selby, Mr. F. Cryer, expressed his gratitude for the sympathetic reference to the Selby bells, and explained that provision had already been made for four of the new bells. After the election of some new members the officials were all re-elected. At the close of the meeting a brake was chartered for Felixkirk, which Mr. A. J. Walker, of Mount St. John, generously paid for, instead of allowing it to be charged to the funds of the Association. Thirsk is to be congratulated upon having a band of young ringers of great promise.

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**LATE PEALS.****STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
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IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17½ cwt.**

GEORGE BOLLAND .. .. Treble.	THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 5.
WALTER POPPLEWELL .. 2.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. 6.
JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 3.	GEORGE McHALE .. .. 7.
PERCY JOHNSON .. .. 4.	HENRY ODDY .. .. Tenor.

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

First peal of Major on the bells.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, May 20, 1907, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.**

JOHN A. WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	JOHN T. RIPPIN .. .. 5.
WALTER MARTIN .. .. 2.	JOHN CLARKE .. .. 6.
DAVID TAYLOR .. .. 3.	JOHN WILSON .. .. 7.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 4.	FRANK COX .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS W. CHAPMAN.

F. Cox was proposed a member before starting his first peal; it also being his birthday, the ringers wished him many happy returns.

**Miscellaneous.****THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

DONCASTER (Yorks).—On Sunday, April 21st, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Marwood, R. Bayles, H. Brock, W. F. Hartshorne, C. Scott, A. E. Ashe, G. Halksworth conductor, W. Howard. 1008 Double Norwich. H. Fevre, C. Scott, A. E. Ashe, H. Brock, W. F. Hartshorne, G. Halksworth conductor, H. G. Wilson, R. Bayles.

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

CLUNBURY (Salop).—On Sunday, April 28th, the Leintwardine ringers visited the above place, and rung for evening service at St. Swithin's church, several 120s of Grandsire Doubles and touches of Bob Minor. An attempt for a quarter-peal failed after ringing 20 mins., owing to the second bell slipping rope off the wheel, time not permitting another start.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

HARWELL (Bucks).—On Wednesday, April 17th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. H. C. Mulford, A. R. Bosley, E. Humphrey, R. G. Rice conductor, M. E. Caudwell, W. Hitchman. On Saturday, April 27th, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. H. C. Mulford, H. Holifield, A. E. Lock, R. G. Rice conductor, M. E. Caudwell, W. Hitchman. First 720 in the method on the bells for about eight years.

CHOLSEY (Berks).—On Sunday, April 28th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. G. C. Rice, W. Grace, F. James, R. G. Rice, G. Caudwell, E. Bannister conductor. First by the ringers of the treble and 5th.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Thursday, April 25th, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. A. Wiggins, one of the late ringers of Boyn Hill, the following touches of Double Norwich were rung in his honour. 192: J. Little, J. Aldridge, A. Walker, H. Cox, C. Smith, T. Price conductor, W. Walker, G. Martin. And 1232, M. Smither ringing the 5th, the others as before, conducted by G. Martin.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Sunday, May 5th, for Divine Service at St. Luke's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. H. Knight conductor, H. Farlow, S. Baker, W. Fisher, A. Smith, D. Jones, R. Pickering, W. Palmer.

**THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**

PORTMADOC.—On Tuesday, April 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. S. Williams, S. Roberts, C. Williams, S. Owen conductor, A. McMillan, H. Wakefield, W. H. Evans, E. Brown.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, May 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Wilson, C. Lockwood, F. Gaunt, J. Peacock, M. Broadbent conductor, J. Thackray.

AUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Saturday, April 13th, at Christ Church, 1816 Grandsire Triples. W. Larkey, E. Caunce, J. Aspinwall, T. Hammond, jun., J. Gardner, C. Sharples, A. Lovell conductor, R. Walker. On Sunday morning, April 14th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Larkey, E. Caunce, G. Dickinson, T. Hammond, jun., conductor, S. W. Stewart, W. Twist, A. Lovell, R. Walker. For evening service 503 Stedman Triples. W. Larkey, J. Aspinwall, G. Dickinson, A. Lovell, T. W. Stewart, W. Twist, J. Martin conductor, E. Caunce. At 82, Rosebery Street, on handbells, a silent 720 Bob Minor. T. Hammond, sen., J. Aspinwall. Rung as a compliment to J. Aspinwall on his 70th birthday. On Sunday evening, April 21st, for Divine Service, 672 Stedman Triples. E. Caunce, J. Aspinwall, G. Dickinson, A. Lovell, S. W. Stewart, W. Twist, J. Martin conductor, R. Walker.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, April 21st, at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Corrigan, J. Porter, E. Mullins, W. Webb, C. Mackenzie, J. Perry conductor, A. Hackley, A. Scrivens.

BURSTOW (Surrey).—On Monday, April 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 44 mins. H. Payne, F. Sadler, S. Kenward conductor, G. Illman, P. Etheridge, J. Sherlock. On Wednesday, April 10th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Sadler, J. Sherlock, G. Illman, P. Etheridge, N. Wakefield, S. Kenward conductor.

DENTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday, May 12th, at St. Anne's church, (for Sermon Sunday, which is similar to the Sunday School anniversary), for afternoon service 720 Oxford. E. Walters, A. E. Marshall conductor, J. Pollitt, J. Heckingbottom, H. Ellis, W. Wright. For evening service 120 Duke of York, and 240 Oxford. E. Walters, A. E. Marshall, J. Heckingbottom, conductor, F. Chadwick, F. Chadwick, H. Ellis, W. Wright. After ringing these touches the company was disbanded, particulars of which may shortly be given.

EDINBURGH.—12th May, 1907, at St. Cuthbert's parish church, for service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. T. S. Thom, R. J. G. Thom, W. C. S. Heathcote, conductor, T. J. Ades, J. S. McCulloch, D. Stocks, A. Thomson, J. Ewart.

LONDON.—On Tuesday, May 14th, at St. Botolph's church, Bishopsgate, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Dorrington, T. Loosemore, A. Scambler, E. J. Webb, A. J. Perkins composer and conductor, W. Truss, J. Scholes, A. Pettitt.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, April 21st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. G. Fegg, J. E. Miller, S. Wade, H. Miller, M. Fensom, N. A. Tomlinson, J. Armstrong conductor, W. Harris (first quarter-peal).

TUE BROOK (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, April 7th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Larkey, E. Caunce conductor, M. Harris, G. Dickinson, W. Twist, C. Stewart, A. Lovell, R. Walker.

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

## SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

SIR,—I am greatly obliged to you for publishing my letter last week upon the above subject, for special reasons. One is, it enabled me to successfully vindicate my claim, after being denied in another quarter. Another being to publish an extract from your own columns of over twenty years ago, which it was said did not exist; and a third was to illustrate the question by means of figures, the only clear way to give examples of such variations.

Here Sir I could well stop, except for an insinuation by Mr. Inglesant that he had several other compositions which I might like to claim. Well of course I don't presume to know the extent or quality of this gentleman's ms. I only know what he thinks proper to expose by publication, but I hope he can do better the next time he ventures to publish.

In the publication wherein his remarks appeared, Mr. Inglesant had a 6144 peal of Superlative, which really belongs to the late Mr. John Thorp, and curious to say, this very peal is also given in your paper almost side by side the one I claimed, for October 10th, 1885, and is also in the list compiled by the late Jasper W. Snowdon, of that date.

The following are the figures of the peal mentioned. In it there are no additional bobs and none omitted, but Sir, one peal is a simple variation of the other, and you will see in this case I am defending the property of another person, but as this is a simple and not a complex variation one, the gentlemen concerned may perhaps more easily discover the error they have previously made.

Each peal to be twice repeated, and each is reducible by the same process, mentioned below:—

6144.

23456	M	B	W	H
64352	-	-	-	-
36452	-	-	-	-
36524	x	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-	-
32546	x	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-	-

JOHN THORP.  
October 10, 1885.

This peal is given with two parts shortened, as 5248, but can be used same exactly as the other composition.

23456	M	B	W	H
42356	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-	-
46253	x	-	-	-
24653	-	-	-	-
62453	-	-	-	-
45623	-	-	-	-
45236	x	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-

W. H. INGLESANT.  
April 1, 1907.

By omitting four bobs bracketted in one part changes are reduced to 5696, in two parts to 5248.

SIR,—With reference to the peal of Superlative, which Mr. Dains asserts to be original, I fail to see why I should relinquish my claim, considering that Mr. Dains's peal contains inferior qualities to the one I published. It was not given as stated, on October 10th, 1885, in "THE BELL NEWS."

W. H. INGLESANT.

## STEDMAN CINQUES AND CATERS.

SIR,—After publishing Mr. Hattersley's peal of Stedman Cinques No. 14, on page 88, I think that it would be only fair to publish the following peal which Mr. Hattersley mentions in Article No. 9. I composed the peal on June 23rd, 1903, and sent it to a prominent conductor in London, shortly after I obtained it, I also gave it to Mr. F. G. May, of Bristol. Mr. James Motts, of Ipswich, saw the peal in July, 1905, and about twelve months

ago I gave the peal to Mr. Clement Glenn, of Rotherham, so it will be seen that I made no secret of the figures of the composition. The following peal of Caters, with others containing the 6th the extent wrong and right in 5-6 were composed in May, 1903.

## STEDMAN CINQUES.

5002.

231456 5 6 19

216435\*  
613425 -  
213564 - - -  
314562 -  
412563 -  
214365 - - -  
614523 - - -

413526 -  
312546 -  
214536 -  
314625 - - -  
315426 - -  
512436 -  
213456 -  
513624 - - -  
514326 -  
412356 -  
215346 -  
415623 - - -  
513246 - -  
314256 -  
415236 -

315246 - - S  
514236 -  
413256 -  
513642 - - -  
512346 -  
214356 -  
415326 -  
215643 - - -  
213546 -  
314526 -  
412536 -  
312645 - - -  
215436 - -  
513426 -  
312456 -

Round with Bobs  
at 2, 3, 5, 16, 18, 19,  
20.

\*1, 4, 5, 7, 148, 17.

## STEDMAN CATERS.

6579.

231456 4 5 16

413256\*  
315246 -  
514236 -  
314652 - - -  
412536 - -  
213546 -  
314526 -  
214635 - - -  
415326 - -  
512346 -  
214356 -  
514623 - - -  
513426 - -  
312456 -  
215436 -

315426 - - S  
512436 -  
213456 -  
513624 - - -  
314256 - -  
415236 -  
513246 -  
413652 - - -  
312546 - -  
214536 -  
413526 -  
213645 - - -  
215346 -  
514326 -  
412356 -

Repeated; calling the first course 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, and 14, produces 412356879. Round with Bobs at 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12.

Has the 6th her extent right in the tittums, and inverted Home positions.

If the first course is called 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, the 15th course end (215436) is brought up, and the peal reduced to 5043.

\*3, 5, 8, 12, 14, 16, 21.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1907.

THE amount of ringing performed during the holiday, so far as our reports teach us, seem, on the whole, to be satisfactory. There was one great disappointment—the proposed peal at Exeter Cathedral, solely by members of the Council. Almost at the eleventh hour, the fiat went forth—"No Peal." Only one hour's ringing allowed, on account of the illness of one of the Canons, who could not bear any greater length. The Rev. G. F. COLERIDGE, who had "the getting-up of the band," had no less than twenty-one acceptances for the proposed peal, but, with his usual alacrity, telegraphed to every one concerned intimating that the peal was "off." Our friend, Mr. PREWETT, who called a peal on the grand bells at Heavitree, wrote: "You would like to hear that we started for a Council peal at St. Sidwell's, last night (May 20th) (Stedman Caters) but lost it after two hours fifteen minutes." The Heavitree peal, however, was a fair set-off.

Another affair deserving of mention was the peal of Stedman at Sherborne Abbey, where the tenor is more



than 46 cwt. Here a select band, headed by the celebrated CHALLIS WINNEY, disported themselves. This was a good performance upon such metal. Sherborne was not at one time considered a gay place for a peal. The 7th, a long-waisted bell, had a bad repute for "going," but in these days everything can be got over by the bell-engineer. We suppose our friend JAMES GEORGE thought the 7th the place of honour on account of its being considered "a hard shop."

The Yorkshire visitors to Stratford-on-Avon were lucky in taking home the record of a peal with them. We suppose that each of them inscribed their autograph in the book for that purpose at the poet's house in Henley Street. To anyone knowing such a locality it seems a pity that among the many objects of interest which abound therein, more was not explored, even by ringers who yearn for a peal. GEORGE BOLLAND and some of his friends must be acquainted with SIR WALTER'S "Kenilworth," and doubtless they would visit the classical ruins of that ancient keep.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury district was held at Birchington, on Saturday, May 4th, and the weather being fine, a fair number of members attended. No ringing took place at the parish church during the afternoon, owing to a funeral being held there, but the tower in Quex Park was well attended, Stedman Caters being the prevailing method, and a course of Stedman Cinques was brought round, only two of the band having pulled off in the method before. Tea was served at "The Queen's Head" hotel, to which 50 members sat down, Mr. Ernest Jones, the host, giving great satisfaction. At the business meeting, held after the tea, the hon. secretary, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, presided. Eleven new members were elected, and four others passed to full membership. The district representative, Mr. E. E. Foreman, of Hernhill, and the district secretary, G. Denne, of Deal, were re-elected.

The chairman having to leave early to catch a train, Mr. Foreman took the chair. Canterbury was chosen for the next annual meeting, and Teynham and Lydinge for bye-meetings. The Vicar of Birchington, the Rev. H. A. Serres, came up into the room before the meeting closed, and said that he was glad to meet the Association, and they could have the use of the parish bells on any reasonable occasion.

### The Metropolis.

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On Saturday, May 18, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.

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Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE <i>Treble</i> .. .. .	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. .
CHARLES T. COLES .. .. .	†ALBERT W. COLES .. .. .
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. .	ERNEST PYE .. .. .
SAMUEL J. BIRD .. .. .	FREDERICK SQUIER .. .. .

Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

\*First peal of Stedman away from the tenor. First peal on the bells which have been augmented from five to eight by Mears and Sainbank, and the whole peal hung in an iron frame, the "go" of them being excellent.

### The Provinces.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELISABETH,

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ALFRED BARNES† .. .. .	<i>Treble</i> .. .. .	*WILLIAM ECKERSLEY .. .. .
ARNOLD BOOTH* .. .. .	.. .. .	GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. .. .
WILFRID J. MOSS .. .. .	.. .. .	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. .
HIRAM MEAKIN .. .. .	.. .. .	ROBERT DAVIES .. .. .

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by ALFRED BARNES.

\*First peal as conductor. \*First peal. Runz to celebrate the 21st birthday of A. Booth the band wishing him the usual compliments.

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Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

\*First attempt for a peal.

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Conducted by W. FITCHFORD

\*First peal. Runz to celebrate the wedding of Miss Winn, sister to the Vicar of Wolstanton; also as a farewell to W. F. Miller, who is leaving the district.

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GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. .	.. .. .	SIDNEY MACEY .. .. .

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

\*First peal.

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Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

\*†First peal. †First peal on eight. First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

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Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.

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ARTHUR G. BASON* .. Treble.	WILLIAM BASON .. 4.
ALAN GARNHAM .. 2.	WILLIAM E. BASON .. 5.
JAMES BASON .. 3.	FREDK. DRIVER .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. BASON.

\*First peal, age 12 years.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1907, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN BASS .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. 5.
JAMES R. NEWMAN .. 2.	ALFRED DAVIES .. 6.
JOHN SMITH .. 3.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 7.
GORDON CHECKETTS .. 4.	JOHN WOODBERRY .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 19, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM PAGE .. Treble.	JAMES REYNOLDS .. 5.
JOHN BASS .. 2.	GORDON CHECKETTS .. 6.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. 3.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 7.
JOHN SMITH .. 4.	CHARLES BEAMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

SHERBORNE, DORSETSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 20, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 46 cwt. 23 lbs. in B flat.

HENRY HODGETTS .. Treble.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 5.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 2.	ALFRED B. PECK .. 6.
SIDNEY MACKY .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. 4.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. It is worthy of note that the tenorman has now rung a peal on the heaviest ring of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England. In a previous attempt for this peal on the same day, the 2nd bell slipped wheel after ringing for over 2½ hours.

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

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 20, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ERNEST F. POPPY .. Treble.	FRANK CULLUM .. 5.
CHARLES NUNN .. 2.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. 6.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 3.	DAVID WHITING .. 7.
ALPHAEBUS J. BERRY .. 4.	WILLIAM BASON .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ERNEST F. POPPY.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Monday, May 20, 1907, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERES, 5041 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by THOS. BALDWIN.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Monday, May 20, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 20, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 22 cwt.

SAMUEL J. KYNNESELEY* .. Treble.	THOMAS MOUNTFORD .. 5.
ALEXANDER TAILYOUR .. 2.	*CHARLES SMITH .. 6.
SIDNEY CHURTON .. 3.	GEORGE WOODS .. 7.
FREDERICK PAGE .. 4.	*EDWARD GREEN .. Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY CHURTON.

\*First peal. Arranged for the ringers of the treble, 6th, and tenor; also for A. Tailyour, Esq., J.F., late of Arklow, Ireland.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, May 20, 1907, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING .. Treble.	JAMES E. GROVES .. 5.
JOHN BASS .. 2.	JOHN C. ADAMS .. 6.
DANIEL JONES .. 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. 7.
JOHN PERRY .. 4.	THOMAS PERRY .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung in honour of the Foresters' Friendly Society fetes. The band were very kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. John Perry after the peal.

## DUNSTER, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 20, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT WALKER .. .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM D. WENTE* .. 2.	*JAMES BURGE .. .. 6.
GEORGE WHITE .. .. 3.	*EDWARD WYATT .. .. 7.
ERNEST A. W. POOLE* .. 4.	*GEORGE WEAVER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal of Stedman Triples. Messrs. Watson and Bennett were proposed members of the Association before starting for the peal.

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 20, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

HAWKINS ENGLISH* .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM DREW .. .. 5.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 2.	JOHN CREASY .. .. 6.
F. GORDON THOMPSON* .. 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 7.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

\*First peal in the method.

## GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH)

On Monday, May 20, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

H. RUSHBY .. .. Treble.	W. H. HEYHOE .. .. 5.
P. C. LONG .. .. 2.	J. HICKMAN .. .. 6.
F. H. DEXTER .. .. 3.	J. W. SEAMER .. .. 7.
A. W. LONG .. .. 4.	A. B. SHEPHERD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. H. DEXTER, and Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

It was intended to ring 7008, but owing to the tenor going badly the last hour the bells were brought round.

## HEAVITREE, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, May 20, 1907, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

ARTHUR RICHARDS† .. .. Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 5.
JOHN ASPINWALL .. .. 2.	RICHARD RIDYABD .. .. 6.
HERBERT V. RICHARDS† .. 3.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 4.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

†First peal of Stedman.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY).

On Monday, May 20, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 5.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 2.	*JESSE MOSS .. .. 6.
GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. 3.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 7.
HARRY MOSS* .. .. 4.	JOHN FLINT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

\*First peal in the method.

## ROTHERHAM, YORKS

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, May 20, 1907, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt

ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. Treble	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 6.
GEORGE HALKSORTH .. 2.	JOHN THORPE .. .. 7.
FRED COATES .. .. 3.	GEORGE LEWIS .. .. 8.
JOHN W. J. COTTAM .. .. 4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 9.
WALTER COATES .. .. 5.	ALBERT NASH .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

This is the conductor's 100th peal, Reference elsewhere.

## WORCESTER.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 20, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST HELEN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN MORRIS* .. .. Treble.	†CLAUDE GIBBS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PAGE .. .. 2.	ERNEST GIBBS .. .. 6.
J. R. NEWMAN .. .. 3.	HERBERT T. KNOWLES .. 7.
FREDERICK VILES .. .. 4.	GORDON CHECKETTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WILDE, and Conducted by GORDON CHECKETTS.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major with a bob bell. This is the quarterly peal of this Association.

## BEAMINSTER, DORSETSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 20, 1907, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

CHARLES H. JENNINGS .. Treble.	T. HARVEY BEAMS .. .. 5.
FRANK A. SPARSHOTT .. 2.	GEORGE PRESTON .. .. 6.
FRANK UPHILL .. .. 3.	CHARLES GOODENOUGH .. 7.
GEORGE H. PLUMMER .. 4.	JOHN BENDER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

First peal on the bells.

## Handbell Peals.

## ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY).

On Thursday, May 16, 1907, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT 14, WELLGATE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

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

Umpire—Fred Coates.

## ROTHERHAM, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

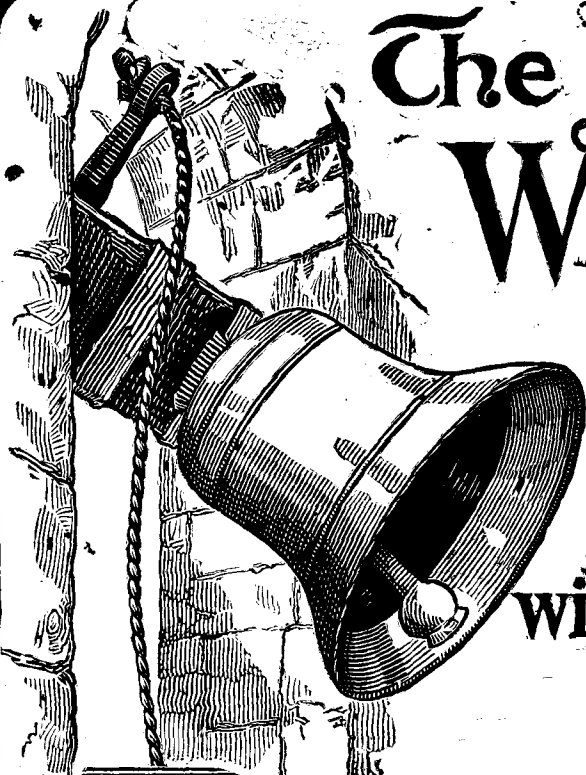
IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

GEORGE LEWIS .. .. 1-2.	WALTER COATES .. .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3-4.	REV. B. H. T. DRAKE .. 7-8.

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—Sidney F. Palmer. This composition, now rung for the first time, has the full combination of 4, 5 and 6 in 5 6.




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**Notices.**

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, May 30th, at 7.30 p.m.

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

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—North and East District.—A meeting of members of this Association will be held to-day, Sat., May 25th, at St. Sepulchre's church, E.C., by kind permission of the Rev. Edgar Rogers. The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m. The Vicar will give a short address to ringers at evensong, which will be said at 6.30, and it is particularly requested that all ringers will attend this service. The Hon. Secretary will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

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

**The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Smethwick to-day, Sat., May 25th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Eastwood to-day, Sat., May 25th, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Local Hon. Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held to-day, Sat., May 25th, at Gnuiseley. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Red Lion at 7 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Leigh, on Saturday, June 1st. Bells open for ringing from 5 to 8. Meeting at 7.30.

G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting will take place at All Saints, Sheffield, on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Newton Longville, Bucks., on Saturday, June 1st. Dedication service of two new trebles by the Bishop of Oxford at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow.

F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, June 1st. Bells at 4. Tea at 5.45. Service at 7 p.m. Members intending to be present please notify Mr. P. Preston, 3, Red Hill, Church Street, Stone, not later than Thursday, May 30th.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The next meeting will be held at Halsall on Saturday, June 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, *Hon. Secs.*  
W. BENTHAM,

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Annual Festival at Winchester, Saturday, June 8th. Bells of Cathedral available at 11 a.m.

Annual meeting at 1.30 in the Guildhall. Service at Cathedral 4 o'clock. Tea at 5.15. Application for tea tickets ((price 1s.) must be made to the District Secretaries before June 1st.

C. W. SCOTT, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above district will be held at Appledore on Saturday, June 15th. Tower open at 3.15 p.m. No allowances. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to attend.

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

### A NEW METHOD.—HASLEMERE SURPRISE.

By J. MADGWICK, *Haslemere.*

123456

213546

125364

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251634

526143

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265431

624513

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456213

542631

524613

254163

521436

254136

521463

512436

152346

513264

153624

156342

BOB

135642

### NOTE TO PEAL.

**THE PEAL AT ROTHERHAM.**—This composition, now rung for the first time, has the 6th the (out of course) extent right in the home position, the extent right in the tittums, and the (in course) extent wrong in the inverted home position.

**C. GLENN'S 100 PEALS.**—On tower bells: Three Minor Methods 1, conducted 1; Four Minor Methods 2, conducted 2; Bob Minor 3, conducted 2; Bob Major 8, conducted 5; Bob Royal 2, conducted 2; College Single Major 2; Kent Major 8 (including 6208 and 11,232), conducted 1; Royal 3, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples 10, conducted 8; Caters 8, conducted 8; Cinquas 1; Stedman Triples 18, conducted 7; Caters 8, conducted 2; Cinquas 3; Double Norwich Major 2; Royal 1; Yorkshire Major 1. On handbells: Grandsire Triples 12, conducted 12; Bob Major 6, conducted 6; Stedman Triples 1, conducted 1. Total 100; conducted 58. Rung in twenty-four towers and four counties.

### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**APSLEY END.**—On Monday, April 1st, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 43 mins. A. E. Weeden conductor, G. W. Perry, J. Frost, E. Rogers, R. Patterson, J. Burles. Rung in honour of the wedding of H. Holmes, a member of the band.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BLACKBURN.**—On Thursday, April 23rd, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. H. Walker, W. Briggs, E. Walmsley, J. Edwards, W. E. Wilson conductor, E. Dnteson, J. Watson, F. Hindle. Rung to commemorate the twenty-first birthday of H. Walker.

### NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**THETFORD.**—On Sunday evening, April 7th, for Divine Service, 742 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. E. Carter, L. Dickerson, C. Carter, H. Hawes, G. Flatt, T. Fitzjohn conductor, W. Everett, J. Deeks. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**HORHAM (Suffolk).**—On a recent Saturday evening, 720 Bob Minor. H. Witton, G. Fisk, G. Allum, A. Whatling, R. Ruth, sen., J. Noller conductor. There has not been a 720 rung upon these bells by a local company for about forty years.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—F. G. Perrin has removed to 167, Merrow Street, Walworth, London, S.E.

### 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 to Great Britain; Philippines to U.S. America; Manchuria to Japan; Damaraland to Germany. These great events were gloriously forecasted correctly by William John Sevier, City of Gloucester, England.—*Adv.*

### Situations Wanted.

**CLERK** seeks situation in Builder or Bailder's Merchant's office. Good refs. Age 21. Ringer on 8 or 10 bells. Apply—EDSER, 132, Ingrave Street, York Road, Battersea, S.W.

**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 verger. Carpenter by trade. Willing to instruct young band.—H. R. NEWTON, 43, Lillington Street, Fimlico.

**SITUATION** wanted as Groom, or Groom-Gardener. Ringer. Would like to join a band of ringers. Good references. Apply—W. MARKWELL, High Street, Haddenham, Ely.

**FISHMONGERS and FRYERS**—9 stone Cod, Ling, Rocksalmon, Haddock, 10s. Frying fish 1s. per stone.—Kippers, Bloaters, Smoked Haddocks, 2s. 6d. per box.—Bass selected fish 2s. 6d. carriage paid. Please mention paper.—WILLIAM LIGHTFOOT, Fish docks Grimsby.

**BRAINTREE, ESSEX.****PRESENTATION TO A RINGER.**

After ringing for the early service on Whit-Sunday the members of St. Michael's Guild presented an enlarged and framed photograph of themselves to Mr. Geo. H. Sentance, who is leaving Braintree, much to the regret of all the members of the Exercise in the neighbourhood. Mr. F. J. Fuller, in making the presentation, referred to the enthusiastic services of Mr. Sentance as a ringer and hon. secretary of the Guild. On Monday evening 1344 Bob Major was rung at Braintree as a farewell touch. F. G. Fuller, F. Webb, W. Grimwade, W. Sadler, S. R. Roper, conductor, C. H. Howard, H. Coote, G. H. Sentance, and at St. Mary's, Bocking, on Wednesday, 1280 Kent Treble Bob. N. Smith, W. Sadler, F. Webb, G. H. Sentance, F. Radley, C. H. Howard, S. R. Roper, W. Grimwade (conductor).

**HENFIELD, SUSSEX.**

The Henfield bell-ringers had their annual outing on Tuesday, May 7th. They left Henfield at 7.46 a.m., reaching Hastings via Brighton and Lewes, at 10.47. Proceeding at once to Christ Church, Blacklands, they rang two 504s of Stedman Triples, and then partook of an excellent luncheon at the Criterion, Queen's Road. The afternoon was spent in sight-seeing—visiting the Castle, St. Clement's Caves, and touring the town by the excellent system of tramways. Leaving Hastings at 6.40, a stop was made at Lewes (Southover Church) where touches of Stedman, Bob Major and Graudsire Caters were rung. Henfield was reached at 11. Thanks are due to the incumbents of the above churches and to Messrs. Lock and Turner, the steeple-keepers. The Vicar (Rev. W. Wakeford) accompanied the party. The successful arrangements for the day were made by Mr. W. Markwell, the secretary.

**ST. ANDREW, CHESTERTON.**

The following circular has been sent out:—

DEAR SIR,—Some years ago the five bells in Chesterton church, which are famed for their richness of tone, were rung, and provision was then made for a treble bell to complete the peal, but owing to circumstances this bell was never procured. We are very fond of bell-ringing and are trying to see if we can raise the money, £80, to provide this bell which is so much needed to enrich the peal. Our father is Vicar of the parish, and as we desire to try to do something for the church, we are asking for subscriptions from sympathetic helpers to defray the cost. We will contribute one guinea and shall be so grateful for the kind assistance of all ringers, and others who will help us. —Faithfully yours, Oscar W. M. Shelton (16), Lawrence H. Shelton (15), Ambrose T. Shelton (12).

Chesterton Vicarage, Cambridge.

P.S.—Cheques should be made payable to the "Chesterton Treble Bell Fund," and crossed Lloyd's Bank, Cambridge.

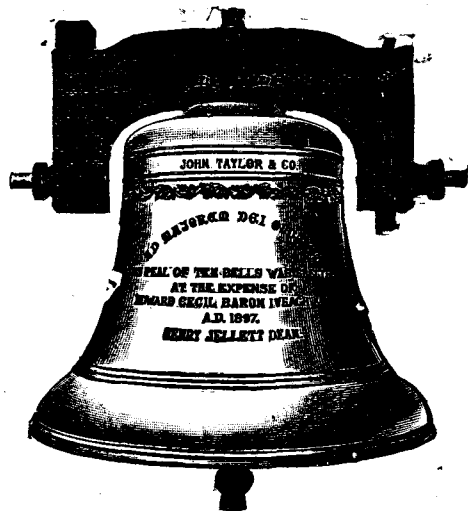
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Oxenhope company (per C. A. Pawson) ...	0	15	6
Mr. W. Swires (Knaresbro) ...	0	2	6
J. T. R. ...	0	1	0
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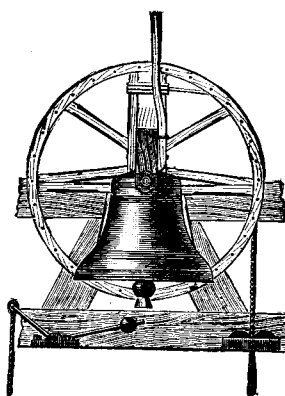
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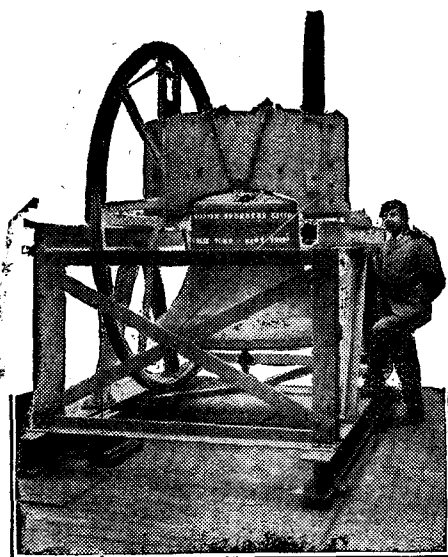
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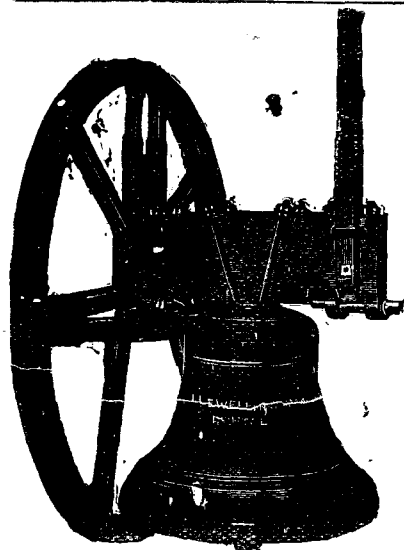
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## THE RE-OPENING OF THE BELLS OF CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, LONDON, E.

On Thursday evening, the 16th May, we were privileged to attend a service at the above church, at which, after the third collect at Evensong, the Bishop of Trinidad dedicated the new bells, pulpit and vestry. The service was fully choral, and was attended by a large congregation. The bells have been re-hung in an iron framework, three new bells having been added to complete the octave. In the course of the ceremony of dedication, the local ringers rang a few changes; when it at once became evident from the sweet tone of the bells that the work placed in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank had been very skilfully done, and the parishioners must have felt proud in their possession of one of the handiest and most tuneful ring of bells in the whole Diocese of London. The weight of the tenor bell is about 12½ cwt. The Bishop at the close of the dedication gave an eloquent and impressive address from 1 Cor. xiv. 10. "There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification." We can only hope that those who listened to the Bishop's stirring eloquence on the message of the bells, ringers and congregation alike, will lay them to heart, so that they may become to each and all a stepping stone to higher things.

At the close of the service, the bells were kept going in a variety of methods by the assembled ringers, and gave general satisfaction. An arrangement was made for ringing a peal of Stedman Triples on the following Saturday, consisting of 5040 changes. This was successfully accomplished under the conduct of Mr. Ernest Pye, and a report of the peal appeared in our last issue. It was rung by members of the Middlesex County Association of ringers, whose thanks are due to the Vicar (Rev. Edgard Hartley) for his courtesy in giving them permission to attempt it.

## GOUDHURST BELLS.

In last week's "BELL NEWS" there was an account of the inauguration of change-ringing at Goudhurst Parish Church. And this we see has been made possible by the fact that this grand old peal have once more been put in proper ringing order.

The work of re-hanging and quarter-turning the whole ring of eight was begun early in the present year, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The tenor is a D bell and weighs 28 cwt., and on Saturday, April 13th, a strong muster of ringers from the surrounding district, including the towers of Horsmonden, Kilndown, Lamberhurst, Tenterden, etc., marshalled together for the occasion by Mr. E. C. Lambert, met to ring the first changes on the bells. And, with the exception of an hour for tea and smokes, the bells were going strong from 3.30 in the afternoon till 9.30 at night to the tune of Grandsire, Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Treble Bob, whilst the ringers present all expressed their approval of the "go" of the bells, and particularly the heavier bells in the peal.

Mr. A. A. Johnston, from Croydon and C. F. Johnston, were also present on the occasion, and took part in the ringing.

We understand that the Croydon firm are very busy at the present time, in the way of founding and hanging; amongst other jobs on hand they are now under contract to remove the peal of Leek Parish Church, Staffs.; Wool Church, Dorset; and Twyford, Bucks., to their foundry for additions, tuning, etc., and re-hanging in new steel and iron frames on the most modern principles.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The Annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday. Prior to the business gathering a service was held at St. Mary's Church, where an address was given by the Rev. Canon Papillon, Master of the Association. The meeting afterwards took place at the Vestry Hall, under the presidency of Canon Papillon.

The annual report stated that the members had decreased from 676 to 640, but the accounts showed a balance in hand of £10 17s. 8d., after placing £20 to the reserve fund, which now amounts to £77 os. 3d. The Association still held a high place in peal ringing, but there had been a drop from last year's record of 76 peals to 57 peals on church bells and three on hand-bells. They might have claimed more credit for peals, if peals rung in towers that were in union with the Association, by ringers largely composed of their own members, had not been rung in the name of other Associations. This was to be deprecated; and it was only fair that the credit of peals rung in Essex towers, by bands largely composed of Essex men, should belong to the Essex Association. Twenty-three members had acted as conductors; and the Bentley and Gestingthorpe Companies had joined during the year, whilst Ardleigh had fallen out. At Colne Engaine and Tolleshunt D'Arcy rings of five bells had been re-hung, with the addition of a new treble in each case; and the ring of five at Epping had been re-hung in a new iron frame, with space left for a treble.

A committee reported in favor of all peals being numbered; they were divided with reference to a proposal that the number of peals rung by each member be recorded; and in favor of the annual report being issued earlier than hitherto. It was decided to number each peal, and to record the number of peals rung by each member. It was suggested that the number of peals should be placed after each member's name. Mr. G. W. Faulkner: It will be taken for a member's age. The chairman: That would make you appear a very old man. Mr. B. Keeble: And me a very young man. The suggestion was adopted.

The Bishop of St. Albans was re-elected president; Canon Papillon, Master; and Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, hon. secretary. The auditors, Messrs. C. Howard and B. Keeble, were re-elected. Several new members were elected. A proposal in favor of the hon. secretary collecting all the honorary subscriptions was lost, the

matter being left to an arrangement between the hon. secretary and the district secretaries.

Dinner was afterwards served by Messrs. Hicks, Son, and Co., of Chelmsford, at the St. Mary's Boys' School.

The Master presided, supported by the Bishop of Barking. Canon Papillon proposed the health of His Majesty and expressed the pleasure it was to the Association to have the presence among them of the Bishop. In a short reply the Bishop referred to the many peals he had the pleasure of listening to in various parts of the county, and the pleasure it was to him at all times to be among ringers. Mr. B. Keeble moved that the Association offer its hearty congratulations to Canon Papillon upon the distinction and honor conferred by the Bishop of the Diocese during the past year. Whatever further honour might be forthcoming the Association could rest assured that Canon Papillon would always be found to take a deep interest in the welfare of the Association and attend its annual meeting. The Master suitably replied. Ringing followed at the surrounding towers.

### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The annual meeting was held at Ottery St. Mary, on Whit-Monday, May 20th, and was attended by about 160 members, representing 19 bands. At four o'clock the church was filled to its utmost limits by the members of the Guild, for whom seats had been reserved, and Otterrians, who had arranged an excursion from London for the day. An interesting ceremony preceded the special ringers' service, the Bishop of Exeter dedicating and setting in motion the old Grandison clock in the south transept, which, dating from 1340, had, for many years been only a clock in appearance, the internal mechanism being stowed away in a cupboard. The special ringers' service was fully choral, the Bishop giving the address on the ministerial nature of the ringers' work. After the service an excellent photograph was taken of the members of the Guild in Lord Coleridge's grounds. An adjournment was then made to the Town Hall where tea was provided, the tables being tastefully decorated with flowers, and presided over by the wives and friends of the local band of ringers at the meeting. The president, the Rev. M. Kelly, was supported by the Bishop, Chancellor Edmonds, the Rev. W. E. Pryke (Vicar) etc. A vote of thanks was passed with acclamation to the Bishop for his presence on the occasion, and for the interest he took in the work of the Guild. The Rev. F. Molineux, hon. secretary, moved the adoption of the report which showed that the progress of the work of the Guild in recent years was fully maintained: 10 peals had been scored, 73 associate and performing members had been elected, and three meetings held during the year. The Rev. M. Kelly was again elected president, the Rev. F. Molineux, hon. secretary and treasurer. The names of the Rev. T. A. Chapman, Vicar of Charles, Plymouth, and Mr. A. E. Spender, Plymouth, were added to the list of vice-Presidents. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Barnstaple. A vote of thanks to the incumbents who had placed their bells at the disposal of the members, and to the ladies who had kindly assisted at the tea, was heartily accorded.

### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Central Council was held at the Chapter House, Exeter Cathedral, on Whit-Monday,

May 21st, when there was, as shown in our last issue, a good attendance of representatives from the various Associations.

#### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Letters were read apologizing for non-attendance from Canon Papillon, Rev. A. H. Boughy, Rev. C. E. Matthews, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Mr. J. Carter, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Mr. C. E. Borrett, and other Norwich Association representatives, and Mr. A. W. Searle (Exeter).

The Hon. Secretary said Mr. Searle was unfortunately prevented through illness. Mr. Searle had assisted in making the arrangements and no doubt had been looking forward to be able to attend the meeting.

#### ACCOUNTS.

The Hon. Secretary submitted the statement of accounts, which was as follows: balance from last year £42 3s. 10d., subscriptions from Associations, £11 5s., sale of publications, £2 2s. 4d.; total, £55 11s. 2d. The expenditure had been: expenses of last meeting, £3 17s., printing, 12s., expenses of committee, 15s.; leaving a balance of £50 7s. 2d. Net value of publications in hand, £81 11s. 6d.; making the total assets £131 18s. 1d.

The Hon. Secretary said it would be interesting to members of the Council to learn that another Association—Llandaff—had joined the Council during the year, although at present no representative had been elected. The Standing Committee had audited the accounts and found them correct.

On the proposition of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by Mr. W. Snowdon, the accounts were passed.

In reply to Dr. Carpenter the Hon. Secretary said the actual increase in the funds of the Council for the year was £8 3s. 4d.

#### HON. MEMBERS.

The President said the two retiring hon. members were the Rev. A. H. F. Boughy and Mr. W. H. Thompson. The Standing Committee recommended that these should be re-elected. Members of the Council were well aware of the great interest taken in ringing by the Dean of Trinity, and Mr. Thompson had interested himself in the mathematical side of change-ringing. The Standing Committee were not prepared to recommend any addition to the list of hon. members. It was not desirable to fill up all the vacancies, in the event of it being found desirable to elect any gentlemen, non-members, who were of service to the Exercise. If, on the other hand, any member of the Council had the name of any gentleman he was desirous of proposing as an hon. member, the Standing Committee did not offer any objection.

On the proposition of Mr. Griffin, seconded by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker the two retiring members were re-elected.

On the proposition of the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, seconded by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Mr. Harold S. T. Richardson, of the Cambridge University Guild, who would shortly be ordained and take up his abode at Darlington, was elected an hon. member.

Mr. B. Prewett, representing the Herts. County District, and Mr. J. Clark, of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, were then introduced to the President, and took their seats as members of the Council, as was also Mr. E. Burgess, of Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, at the commencement of the afternoon session.

#### AN APPEAL TO RINGERS AS CHURCHMEN.

The President said last year he ventured to address the Council upon a subject which closely concerned the Church of England, viz., the Education Bill which was then before the House of Commons. As ringers their interests were so inextricably bound up with the interests of the Church of England, that he had no hesitation on the present occasion in again making a few remarks respecting the critical state of things which still supervened in regard to the Church. In fact he did not think he should be justified in not making some reference to what had taken place during the past year. These present at last year's Council meeting would remember that in speaking of the Education question, he pointed out how vitally it affected the well-being of the Church of England. On that occasion he ventured to express an opinion that the Education Bill was but a beginning of a great campaign against the Church. Had not such an anticipation proved to be well-founded? Within the



present session of Parliament a resolution had been carried by a large majority in the House of Commons confirming the desirability of the Disestablishment and Disendowment of the Church of England. This proved that he was not wrong in condemning the Education Bill of last year as an attack on the Church. Now there was an intimation from the Government that next session a Bill for disestablishment and disendowment of the Welsh church would be brought forward. Surely every one would realise that if such a Bill was passed it would be but an instalment of the disestablishment of the Church of England. This year the House of Commons had before it a Bill introduced by Mr. McKenna, under which, should it become law, the Voluntary Schools would have to pay the teachers for such part of the time as they occupied in giving religious instruction. This Religious Instruction Bill might, he considered, be well called, the "Religious Destruction" Bill. The Managers of Voluntary Schools were already charged with the repair of the schools which they themselves had built at their own expense, and now it was proposed to add a charge of one-thirteenth or one-fifteenth of the salaries of the teachers for the time devoted to denominational teaching. It would be seen how grave was the question, more especially in some of the large towns of the North. Take Manchester for example, where 72 per cent. of the children were in the Voluntary Schools. While they as Churchmen were to be called upon under this Bill to pay for the religious instruction of their own children in the faith of the Church, they as members of the Church were not relieved of the necessity of paying for the denominational teaching of which they as Churchmen did not approve. As Churchmen they only asked for fair treatment. He was doubtful if the Bill would pass into law. If it did they would in effect have to pay three times over for religious teaching. At the present time there was great doubt if the Bill would become law. Some of those present had no doubt recently seen a cartoon in *Punch* in which the Prime Minister is seen leading a large elephant labelled "Session," upon which are seated a number of children labelled as the numerous bills before Parliament. Notwithstanding that the elephant is overlaid, the keeper calls "Step up; lots of room," to other children who are climbing the ladder; but aside, speaking to the animal, he says "Don't you worry; most of 'em will drop off presently." He believed *Punch's* view was not far wrong, and there could not be much doubt that Mr. McKenna's so-called religious instruction bill would be one of the bills to drop. It became them as Churchmen to use their energy on behalf of the Church and other schools. It was a matter which affected them as ringers, who he believed helped to contribute to that great victory which was won last year in the effort to preserve, by Churchmen, the Voluntary Schools belonging to the Church. It was because it was their duty at such stirring times to be up and doing that he had ventured to again address them on the subject, and he trusted all would endeavour to secure their rights as Churchmen with equality of treatment.

#### PEAL COLLECTION.

Dr. Carpenter said he was sorry to say that the report he had to present was no better than that of last year. It was chiefly due to the fault of the printer that no progress in the work had been made. He had two undated letters in which there was a promise that the work should be pushed on. Last year it was reported that two sheets had been printed, and that two others were in the press. This year it was the same thing; there had been a revise of the last two sheets, and that was all. Speaking on behalf of himself, he could only say that unless some change was made, he should not be able to carry on the work.

The President said the Standing Committee had considered the matter that morning, and he thought it would be the best to leave it in their hands. The patience of the Council was exhausted, and it was necessary to put an end to such an unsatisfactory state of things. The suggestion of the President was adopted.

#### A DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE.

Mr. R. A. Daniell submitted the draft copy of a descriptive catalogue, the preparation of which had been in the hands of the Church Press Committee. Mr. Daniell said some progress had

been made with work which was now nearly complete. There had been some question as to what the catalogue should comprise, but this difficulty had been got over. The work had been chiefly done by Mr. Dains and himself, neither of whom had had any previous experience in this line, and there had been a considerable amount to do. There were two or three references still wanting—these, when complete, could be added. He thought the best course that could be adopted would be to publish the draft in "THE BELL NEWS," with the opinions of the Exercise upon it, and bring the whole up at next year's Council meeting. There was almost sure to be some difference of opinion as to the descriptions given, and by publishing the draft in "THE BELL NEWS" criticisms would be invited. The reason for the work having been done, to a great extent, by Mr. Dains and himself was that, both living in London, they had better opportunities than the rest of the Committee. Mr. Dains' thorough knowledge had been very valuable. The draft had been approved by the other members of the Committee.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey supported Mr. Daniell's suggestion as to the publication of the draft copy in "THE BELL NEWS."

The Rev. Maitland Kelly considered the catalogue would be most interesting and valuable.

Mr. Dains asked if it would not be desirable to have the whole complete before publishing the draft.

Mr. Daniell said the remaining portion of the work would not be of such a technical nature and need not, therefore, lead to much criticism.

The President said the result had been arrived at after a very long period. The inquiry was for some years in the hands of a gentleman connected with the South Kensington Museum, but as nothing resulted, it was taken in hand by this Committee. He was sure that all would recognise the importance of such a catalogue.

On the proposition of Mr. Daniell, seconded by the Rev. Maitland Kelly it was resolved that the draft copy be published in "THE BELL NEWS."

On the proposition of Mr. F. Bennett, seconded by Mr. F. Wilford, it was resolved that the draft be also published in *The Bellringer*.

#### "POINTS" COMMITTEE REPORT.

Mr. Story submitted the report upon Peal Values as already published in these columns on May 11th.

The Rev. H. Law James called attention to the reading of the last sentence, viz., "same performances on tower bells," remarking he was not aware of double-handed tower bell performances.

The report was amended so as to read "same value as performances in the same method on tower bells."

Mr. Barnett considered it a pity for so much time to be wasted on the question of points.

Mr. H. White pointed out that those who did not agree with points could abstain from voting.

The Rev. H. Drake said the question to be considered was:—were not double-handed performances of more value than a peal upon the tower bells.

Mr. H. Dains said those not agreeing with the question of points could vote against the motion. He thought a peal on handbells double-handed of more value than one upon tower bells.

Mr. Snowdon said it would be a sorry day for the Exercise when it became the practice to go and ring a peal just for the sake of points. The Council however had a Committee who had been asked to fix the points to be allowed; they had done so, and the Council should work with the Committee. But it was good sterling peals in some of the more difficult methods that the Council should encourage rather than for a company to ring London just for the points. Having appointed the Committee, their report should be accepted.

Mr. Barnett said he was prepared to acknowledge the work that the Committee had done, but he did not see where the question of points came in.

The President said the Committee arranged the value of points for the sake of the Analysis.

On the proposition of Mr. Story, seconded by Mr. Attree, the report as amended was adopted.

# ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1906 AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER. TABULATED ACCORDING TO VALUE IN POINTS.

VALUE IN PTS. PER PEAL	Treble Bob.				Grandsire.				Plain Methods.				Minor Methods.										Db. Mtds.			Surprise Methods.					Ford.	Stedman.			Total value in points.	Average value in points per peal.				
	16	14	12	15	11	9	8	7	10	8	7	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	16	28	22	16	50	50	30	30	30	25	50	20	28			24	24		
Total Feals.	Maximus	Royal.	Major.	7 T. B. M. M.	Cit ques.	Caters.	Major.	Triples.	Royal.	Major.	Triples.	Doubles.	1 Minor mthd	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	16	Dbl. Nor. Royal.	Dbl. Nor. Caters.	Dbl. Nor. Major.	London S. Maj.	Bristol S. Major.	Cam. Sur. Major.	New Cam. S. Maj.	Sup. Sur. Major.	7 S Minor mthds	14 S Minor mthds	Major.	Cinquus.	Caters.	Triples.		
1 Middlesex Cty. Assn....	85	—	—	1	—	—	—	8	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	10	2	—	14	—	—	—	—	4	17	19	2198	25 858
2 Norwich Dio. Assn.....	118	1	1	26	7	—	1	2	—	11	1	a3	2	2	6	2	3	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	2	—	1	11	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	7	1715	14 533	
3 Kent County Assn.....	105	—	2	8	—	—	—	22	—	6	2	b1	4	1	—	—	1	1	3	1	1	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	32	1573	14 980		
4 Yorkshire Association...	79	—	1	22	4	—	3	12	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	21	1227	15 531		
5 Midland Cties. Assn....	90	—	—	17	—	—	4	24	—	13	1	c1	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	4	17	1186	13 177		
6 Oxford Dio. Guild.....	69	—	—	1	4	—	4	17	—	3	—	d7	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	27	984	14 260			
7 Essex Association.....	59	—	2	9	—	—	3	6	—	5	—	e1	—	—	1	1	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	3	3	1	—	—	—	14	920	15 593		
8 Lancashire Association..	61	1	—	10	—	—	1	14	—	9	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	1	10	790	12 950	
9 Chester Dio. Guild.....	47	—	—	15	3	—	—	8	—	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	781	16 617			
10 Winchester Dio. Guild..	47	—	—	3	5	—	—	13	1	5	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	8	627	13 340		
11 Ancient Soc. Coll. Yths..	25	1	1	2	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	7	590	23 600		
12 Durham & Newcstl. Ass.	28	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	17	586	20 928			
13 Gloucester & Bristol Ass.	33	—	—	3	—	1	1	3	—	1	—	f4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	4	10	571	17 303		
14 Worcs. & Dists. Assn...	40	—	—	4	—	2	—	4	—	5	—	—	—	—	1	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	9	561	14 025			
15 Stoke Achdl. Assn.....	25	—	—	1	1	—	—	7	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	6	522	20 880			
16 Hertford County Assn...	31	—	—	1	1	—	—	8	—	1	—	g1	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	11	512	16 516			
17 Sussex County Assn.....	38	—	1	5	—	2	—	9	1	1	—	h4	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	6	510	13 421			
18 Royal Cumberland Yths.	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	450	34 615		
19 St. Martin's Guild Birm	20	1	1	1	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	1	2	4	423	21 150		
20 London County Assn....	24	—	2	1	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	407	16 958			
21 Soc. Archdy. Staffs....	28	—	—	2	—	5	—	9	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	7	398	14 214		
22 Centl. Northamp. Assn..	22	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	i2	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	6	343	15 590			
23 Surrey Association.....	25	—	—	2	—	4	—	5	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	324	12 960			
24 Ely Diocesan Assn. ....	32	—	—	1	—	—	—	5	3	13	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	319	9 968			
25 Lincoln Dio. Guild.....	25	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	6	—	—	1	—	7	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	271	10 840				
26 Bath & Wells Assn.....	30	—	—	—	—	—	1	9	—	2	—	j14	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	191	6 366				
27 Devonshire Guild.....	11	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	181	16 454				
28 Irish Association.....	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	143	17 875				
29 Cleveland & N. Yorks....	12	—	2	4	—	1	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	135	11 250			
30 Hereford Dio. Guild....	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	h2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	67	8 375			
31 Liverpool Dio. Guild....	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	52	10 400			
32 Bedford Association....	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	49	9 800				
33 Camb. University Guild	3	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	48	16			
34 North Wales Assn. ....	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	43	14 333			
35 Llandaff Dio. Assn.....	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42	7			
36 Salisbury Dio. Guild....	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	31	15 500			
37 Salop. Arch. Soc.....	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	7 666			
38 West Wales Assocn.....	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	7			
39 Halifax and Dist. Assn..	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	12			
40 North Notts. Assn.....	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	5			
41 East Derbyshire Assn...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3			
Independent Societies...	42	—	1	5	—	2	1	16	—	4	—	l2	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	432	10 285		
	1313	4	14	152	28	1	37	1	245	6	108	9	42	27	4	18	4	13	2	40	1	1	2	2	2	97	26	3	14	4	46	3	1	1	12					

The peals in Plain Methods comprise; Bob Royal 6; Bob Major 107; College Single Major 1; Oxford Bob Triples 3; Bob Triples 3; Union Triples 3.

The peals of Doubles were as follows: (a) four methods 2 six methods 1; (b) one method 1; (c) one method 1; (d) one method 6, two methods 1; (e) seven methods 1; (f) one method 4; (g) one method 1; (h) one method 4; (i) one method 2; (j) one method 14; (k) one method 2; (l) one method 2.

The 42 peals by Independent Societies were rung in the following Counties, viz.: Buckinghamshire 1; Derbyshire 1; Essex 1; Gloucestershire 4; Hampshire 2; Lancashire 7; Leicestershire 1; Lincolnshire 1; Middlesex 4; Nottinghamshire 1; Oxfordshire 3; Somersetshire 1; Staffordshire 2; Surrey 2; Sussex 1; Warwickshire 1; Worcester-shire 1; Yorkshire 1.

The greatest number of changes in one peal was 16,800 Kent Treble Bob Major rung by the Chester Diocesan Guild. One peal contained 12,000 changes, one peal over 11,000 changes, one peal over 10,000 changes, one peal 8,000 changes, one peal over 7,000 changes, four peals over 6,000 changes, one peal 6,000 changes, under 6,000 changes, 1,302 peals.

The 170 peals of Treble Bob were rung as follows: in the Kent Variation 135; in the Oxford Variation 54; in the London Variation 1.

The 245 peals of Grandsire Triples were: Holt's Original 50; Holt's Ten-part and Variations 66; Holt's Six-Part 5; Parker's Twelve-Part and Variations 33; Parker's Six-Part 3; Parker's Five-Part 1; Parker's One-Part 1; Taylor's Bob and Single 24; Carter's Twelve-Part and Variations 15; Rev. C. D. P. Davies' peals 8; Hollis' Five-Part 7; Biddlestone's Twelve-Part 6; Rev. E. B. James' peals 5; H. Moore's peals 4; other peals 17.

The 289 peals of Stedman Triples are accounted for thus: Thurstans' One-Part 9; Thurstans' Four-Part and Variations 254; Thurstans' Five-Part 1; Carter's peals 8; Washbrook's peals 6; Lindoff's peals 4; Heywood's peals 3; Lates' One-Part 2; Parker's peals 2.

Conductors of four peals and upwards were: Rev. F. E. Robinson 91; William Pye 53; James Motts 23; William Short 22; Frank Bennett and Clement Glenn 20; James E. Davis 18; Alfred H. Pulling 16; John Austin and John H. Cheesman 13; Frederick Borrett 12; Robert Matthews and James Parker 11; Bertram Prewett and Isaac Sidebottom 10; E. G. Buesden, Egbert Borrett, Charles R. Lilley, George N. Price,

Edward Reader and Challis F. Wigney 9; Edwin Barnett, George Cattermole, Frederick W. Dixon, Joseph Griffin, Benjamin A. Knights, and Samuel Reeves 8; Edmund C. Chasty, James E. Groves, Arthur E. Pegler, John R. Sharman, Sam. Thomas, William Watts, and George Williams 7; John Basden, Charles W. Clarke, George F. Hoad, William Keeble, George R. Pye, William Rose, and James W. Washbrook 6; William H. Barber, Harry Barton, David Elliott, William Fitchford, Frederick A. Holden, William H. Judd, Ernest C. Lambert, Fred G. May, Harold S. T. Richardson, William C. Rumsey, Harry Sear, Fred. Salmons, Frederick Tullett, William Willson, and Albert Walker 5; Charles Bailey, William Bason, Robert Brett, Frank G. Burleigh, George D. Coleman, William Crabtree, George Dent, William Freeman, Charles Giles, C. W. Goodenough, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Richard T. Holding, senr., George Holfield, William Mallinson, William H. Newell, George R. Newton, Ernest Poppy, Harry Roberts, J. W. Seamer, John Souter, Sidney Wade, Bernard W. Mitchell, and Thomas Wyatt 4. In addition to these 44 persons conducted 3 peals; 99 conducted 2 peals; and 278 conducted 1 peal; making a total of 500 persons who acted as conductors during the year the names of three of whom were omitted from the peal record as published in "THE BELL NEWS." Two "Silent Peals" of Grandsire Triples were rung, one by the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and one by the Devonshire Guild.

Three peals were found to be false after publication, and three peals have been disowned by the Chester Diocesan Guild and, therefore, excluded from this analysis. Four peals were also published twice in "THE BELL NEWS."

The number of peals rung on Church bells was 1263; on hand-bells 50.

The peals on hand-bells were as follows: Kent Treble Bob—Major 1; Grandsire—Triples 13; Doubles 1; Plain Methods—Bob Royal 2; Bob Major 14; Stedman—Cinques 2; Caters 4; Triples 13; Total 50.

The 1313 peals equal in number the total rung in 1902, and are 206 less than 1905, they were distributed as follows: January 110; February 160; March 110; April 115; May 111; June 102; July 57; August 78; September 77; October 119; November 125; December 151.

In reckoning points for peals, those over 7,000 and under 10,000 changes count as two peals; over 10,000 and under 12,000 count as three peals; and so forth, viz., over 12,000 changes is reckoned as four peals; over 14,000 as five peals; and over 16,000 as six peals.

The following table gives the first twenty Societies and their relative positions since 1895.

	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906
1 Middlesex County Association	..	..	25	18	9	4	1	1	1	1	2	1
2 Norwich Diocesan Association	..	3	4	5	9	5	6	6	2	2	1	2
3 Kent County Association	..	..	5	7	7	8	3	3	4	6	9	3
4 Yorkshire Association	..	..	4	6	9	11	8	14	12	9	3	4
5 Midland Counties Association	..	..	6	3	8	6	6	13	11	13	10	5
6 Oxford Diocesan Guild	..	..	2	1	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	8
7 Essex County Association	..	..	16	16	11	10	12	9	10	9	8	6
8 Lancashire Association	..	..	8	10	4	5	7	7	8	14	19	22
9 Chester Diocesan Guild	..	..	27	19	24	22	23	21	20	19	22	28
10 Winchester Diocesan Guild	..	..	8	9	14	12	15	10	13	16	23	18
11 Ancient Society of College Youths	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1899
12 Durham and Newcastle Association	7	5	2	4	4	2	5	5	5	4	10	11
13 Gloucester and Bristol Association	9	8	18	19	31	18	16	10	13	10	11	12
14 Worcester and Dis. Association	19	12	6	3	10	15	18	21	20	23	17	14
15 Stoke Archidiaconal Association	..	21	24	29	31	29	19	25	31	34	36	25
16 Herts. County Association	..	29	25	19	13	18	20	14	8	12	12	13
17 Sussex County Association	..	..	1	2	1	1	2	5	3	7	3	7
18 Royal Cumberland Youths	..	15	11	17	23	24	22	23	20	25	19	23
19 St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham	..	14	21	13	20	16	8	7	11	11	15	12
20 London County Association	..	28	40	34	37	35	27	34	32	28	21	19

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1883	330	..	1888	..	759	1893	..	705	1898	..	1002	1903	..	1469			
1884	419	..	1889	..	797	1894	..	859	1899	..	912	1904	..	1512			
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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1907.

At the recent meeting of the Central Council the President gave a short address to the members upon a very important subject, a subject which is agitating the public mind at the present time. The Education question is one upon which many people need light and leading, and the remarks of SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD effected that object with the majority of his hearers. He alluded also to the proposal for the disestablishment of the Church in Wales. There is a very true saying that "threatened men live long;" and we may apply this to the attack on the Church. It is thought if the Church in Wales can be overthrown, an attack upon the Church in England may be rendered less difficult. But whoever may be the man to bring forward a measure of disestablishment, he must be better acquainted with the sentiments and feelings of the people than the one who not many years ago introduced a Bill for that purpose into the House. That Bill was a miserable failure, as it deserved to be. We think the nation at large will strongly object, as it did before, to any measure of the kind which proposes the secularisation of our churches; or allow them to be open for the use of all denominations. Many who infrequently attend the Church's service from year to year, and apparently are uninterested in her work, strongly decry the faintest idea of opening her portals for the preachments of all and sundry. The time may arrive when confiscation may take place, but that time is not yet. And even then Churchmen will present a bold and successful front to prevent the desecration of those ancient fabrics reared by the piety of our forefathers for the celebration of true Christian worship.

**The Metropolis.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, May 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.*

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Conducted by HARRY WARNETT.

\*First peal of Stedman.

**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.***On Saturday, May 25, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.**

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE <i>Treble.</i>	FRANK BENNETT .. 5.
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AT 17, HARLESDOWN ROAD, FULHAM,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5555 CHANGES.**

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 1-2.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 5-6.
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**The Provinces.****BRISTOL.****GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 11, 1907, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. <i>Treble.</i>	WILLIAM KNIGHT .. 6.
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Composed by the late REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

†First peal of Stedman. First peal.

**HERTFORD.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 18, 1907, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.**

HENRY S. REEVES .. <i>Treble.</i>	GEORGE H. BARKER .. 5.
JOHN T. KENTISH .. 2.	HERBERT BAKER .. 6.
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**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 18 cwt

SAMUEL WATKINS .. <i>Treble.</i>	SAMUEL BROOKS .. 5.
FREDERICK STEDMAN .. 2.	GEORGE HARDWICK .. 6.
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Conducted by GEORGE HARDWICK.

\*First peal as conductor. Rung as a complimentary peal to the Rev. Edward Latham Bevan, Vicar, and President of the local society, on his preferment to the Archdeaconry of Brecon.

**WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 18, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES H. RIDYARD .. <i>Treble.</i>	FREDERIC DERBYSHIRE .. 5.
ARTHUR RIDYARD .. 2.	TITUS BARLOW .. 6.
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Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

**LINGFIELD, SURREY.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 18, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being forty-two 6 scores each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

A. SONGHURST .. <i>Treble.</i>	S. KENWARD .. 3.
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Conducted by S. KENWARD.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Being 720 each of Oxford, Kent, Violet, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, and College Pleasure. Tenor 12 cwt.

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Conducted by RALPH BAGSHAW.

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

THOMAS MANNERING .. <i>Treble.</i>	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 2.	ALFRED H. WINCH .. 6.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN* .. 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 7.
WILLIAM LATTER .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. <i>Tenor.</i>

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN., and Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

\*First peal of Double Norwich.

## LENHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 19, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 23 cwt.

EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM LATTEB .. .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 3.	ALFRED PALMER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 4.	ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## MAIDSTONE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 20, 1907, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5005 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt. in C.

EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Treble.	*ARTHUR F. ASHMAN .. .. 6.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM LATTEB .. .. 7.
THOMAS MANNERING .. .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 8.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 9.
ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. 5.	*CALEB BASSETT .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and  
Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

\*First peal of Stedman Caterers.

## PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, May 20, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

F. R. BARRACLOUGH .. Treble	*J. E. MATTHEWS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM P. BROOK† .. 2.	WILLIAM PEARSON .. .. 6.
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. 3.	WILLIAM CHILD .. .. 7.
ARTHUR WALKER .. .. 4.	FREDERICK MOODY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. CHILD.

\*First peal of Stedman.

## PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 20, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

BERNARD MOODY .. .. Treble.	GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. 5.
F. R. BARRACLOUGH .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PEARSON .. .. 6.
WILLIAM P. BROOK .. .. 3.	ARTHUR WALKER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM CHILD .. .. 4.	FREDERICK MOODY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM PEARSON.

## SHERE, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 20, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 5.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. .. 2.	GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. 6.
THOMAS W. RADFORD .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	JAMES HUNT .. .. Tenor.

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

Tenor 21½ cwt.

REV W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	WALTER HOBBS .. .. 5.
FREDERICK PALMER .. .. 2.	ISAAC CAVILL .. .. 6.
GEORGE RADLEY .. .. 3.	HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. 7.
GEORGE DENT .. .. 4.	WALTER PERKINS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. PERKINS.

## WICKHAM, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 21, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HENRY F. SMITH* .. Treble.	*NORMAN WELCH .. .. 4.
WILLIAM SINGLETON .. 2.	WILLIAM F. CHURCHER .. 5.
HENRY W. MERRETT .. 3.	GEORGE E. CHAPPELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE E. CHAPPELL.

\*First peal. This is the first peal ever sung by a local band.

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(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, May 21, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM GOSLING, JUN .. 5.
GEORGE W. MOSS† .. .. 2.	JESSE J. MOSS .. .. 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 7.
HARRY MOSS .. .. 4.	THOMAS BETTISON .. .. Tenor.

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Quickest peal on the bells. †Fiftieth peal. \*102nd peal; reference elsewhere.

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## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 21, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lbs.

WILLIAM SMITH .. .. Treble.	GEORGE W. PEVEBELL .. 5.
EDWARD HIND† .. .. 2.	THOMAS WICK .. .. 6.
THOMAS J. BROWN* .. .. 3.	ROBERT B. ROBINSON .. 7.
WALTER H. METCALFE .. 4.	JOHN H. LENTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD, and Conducted by JOHN H. LENTON.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung with the bell's half muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. F. Adamson, for many years sidesman at the above church.

## ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 23, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. Treble.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 5.
ERNEST MILLS* .. .. 2.	JOHN NETLEY .. .. 6.
GEORGE F. WELLER .. .. 3.	JAMES H. BLAKE .. .. 7.
CHARLES BLACKMAN .. .. 4.	G. HAMMOND .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.

\*First peal with a bob bell. G. Holifield was elected a member of the above Association before starting.



**HEAVITREE, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.***On Thursday, May 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

FRANK J. DAVEY .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM S. LETHBRIDGE .. 5
EDWIN SHEPHERD .. .. 2	JOHN SANDOVER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM MOGRIDGE .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS LAVER .. .. 4.	*RICHARD HAMILTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal in the method.

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(THE EXETER RINGERS' CYCLING CLUB BRANCH.)

*On Friday, May 24, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. in F sharp.

THOMAS LAVER .. .. Treble	EDMUND SARGENT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM MOGRIDGE .. .. 2.	FRANK MURPHY .. .. 6.
FRANK J. DAVEY .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 4.	ALFRED MONKLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal in the method on the bells. Only one peal—Grandsire—has been rung on these bells, and that 27 years ago.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIES NORFOLK ROW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

GEO. LEWIS .. .. Treble.	WM. BURGAR .. .. 5.
G. O. DIXON .. .. 2.	†R. HARRISON .. .. 6.
GEO. BRADSHAW* .. .. 3.	J. A. DIXON .. .. 7.
JNO. HOLMAN .. .. 4.	S. F. PALMER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. HARRISON.

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

**TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.****STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 25, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JOHN DARLINGTON .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM RIGBY .. .. 5.
GEORGE A. SMITH .. .. 2.	JOHN MORLEY .. .. 6.
JOHN JOHNSON .. .. 3	ARTHUR A. CLAY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. 4.	*TOM SHONE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FITCHFORD.

\*First peal. The conductor has now called this peal from each bell.

**NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, May 25, 1907, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. Treble.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 2.	GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. 6.
JESSE MOSS .. .. 3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 7.
HARRY MOSS .. .. 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

REV. C. B. HULTON .. Treble.	*E. S. MYNARD .. .. 5.
F. BOSWELL .. .. 2	F. J. MYNARD .. .. 6.
J. LOVELL .. .. 3.	SYDNEY SMITH .. .. 7.
W. ROBINSON .. .. 4.	WM. FREEMAN .. .. Tenor.

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

First peal on the bells after rehanging of the ring and recasting of the tenor by Messrs. Bowell. The "go" is excellent. First peal in the method by all except ringers of 6th and tenor. \*First peal on eight bells.

**BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.****THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, May 25, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN OVERTON .. .. Treble.	B. HEAD .. .. 5.
ALBERT T. BAKER .. .. 2.	WILFRED OVERTON .. .. 6.
JOHN ELCOCK .. .. 3.	HORACE W. OVERTON .. 7.
ERNEST FOXALL .. .. 4.	HARRY JONES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. OVERTON.

First peal as conductor. First peal in the method by all the band. First peal of Stedman Triples by an entirely local band in the Hereford diocese, also in the county of Salop.

**PULHAM, NORFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, May 23, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

\*First peal in the method.

**BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, May 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

J. WARDLEY .. .. Treble.	J. STARLING .. .. 4.
C. E. FISHER .. .. 2.	R. SMY .. .. 5.
H. PUTTOCK .. .. 3.	W. SAWYER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

**WITNEY, OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

*On Monday, May 27, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr.

ALBERT BROOKS .. .. Treble.	*JOSEPH LARDNER .. .. 5.
HARRY BROOKS .. .. 2.	JOHN MONK .. .. 6.
WILLIAM TANNER* .. .. 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 7.
THOMAS BULL .. .. 4.	LEONARD TIDLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

\*First peal. Rung to accommodate Messrs. Lardner and Tanner, who hail from Bampton.

## MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

ERNEST NASH* .. .. . Treble.	†GEORGE BURGESS .. .. . 4.
OSCAR GILBEY .. .. . 2.	ERNEST G. FRANKUM .. .. . 5.
CHARLES FRANKUM* .. .. . 3.	†ARTHUR NASH .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by E. G. FRANKUM.

\*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. First peal on the bells by the local band.

## KIDLINGTON, OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 28, 1907, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 26 cwt.

NOBLE SPINDLOW .. .. . Treble.	FREDERICK WHITE .. .. . 5.
WILLIAM HINTON .. .. . 2.	JAMES FRANKLIN .. .. . 6.
WILLIAM STONE .. .. . 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. . 7.
HARRY JUDGE .. .. . 4.	MAURICE SMITH .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The ringers of the 2nd and 3rd in the peal of Stedman Triples at Dunster reported last week, should read William D. White, 2; George Watson, 3.

## NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT LENTON, NOTTS.—J. Flint's 102 Peals.—Minor—in one method 1; two methods 3; in three methods 1; in seven methods 5; Bob Triples 1; Major 8; Royal 1; Kent Major 18; Royal 8; Oxford Major 4; Royal 1; Double Norwich Major 19; Royal 1; Grandsire Caters 2; Stedman Triples 5; Caters 5; Cinques 2; Superlative Surprise 8; Yorkshire 5; Peterborough 2; Cambridge 1; London 1. Total—102.

## Date Touches.

LONG STRATTON (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, May 23rd, a date touch of Plain Bob Minor in 1 hr. 8 mins. G. Grimble, R. Grimble, J. Wilson, C. Whitham, E. Potter, W. Steele conductor. Rang as a farewell touch to Messrs. G. Grimble and Whitham, who started for Canada the following day.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRADING (Isle of Wight).—On Sunday evening, April 14th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. E. Simmonds, M. Squibb, F. Jolliffe, P. Dowden, W. Pain, G. Wilkins, H. Jennings conductor, A. White. On Thursday, April 18th, the last 742 of Holt's Original, standing as above. On Wednesday, April 24th, on the occasion of Miss Seymour's wedding, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but lost after ringing 4740 changes in 3 hrs. 2 mins. E. Simmonds, M. Squibb, F. Jolliffe, P. Dowden, W. Pain, G. Wilkins, H. Jennings (conductor, A. White. Longest by all except the conductor.

## THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

WICKEN (Northants).—On Sunday, May 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Doubles, consisting of Antelope, Grandsire and Plain Bob called differently. C. Tyrrell, J. Green, J. Read, jun., F. Cashmore, J. Read conductor, G. Green. For evening service 360 Bob Minor. G. Green, J. Green, C. Tyrrell, F. Cashmore, J. Read, J. Read, jun., conductor.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Sunday, April 28th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. P. Carter, W. Thomas, F. Mathis, J. Sinden, W. Eldridge, J. Curtis, W. Franks conductor, A. Rideout conductor. Composed by H. Franks, of London.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRECON.—On Sunday morning, May 5th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. S. Watkins, W. Evans conductor, G. Giblin, G. Hardwick, S. Brooks, F. Stedman, W. Hargest, D. Price. For evening service 168 Stedman Triples by the same band.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HAVERING (Essex).—On Whit Monday, by kind invitation of the Vicar, the Romford and Dagenham ringers visited this place, and rang the following touches. 720 Bob Minor. A. J. Perkins conductor, R. Miles, R. Ward, H. W. Catterwell, G. Playle, W. Watson. 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. P. Bradley, A. J. Perkins, G. Jay, H. W. Catterwell, R. Miles, W. Watson conductor. Also 120 Stedman Doubles, and two 120s of Grandsire Doubles.

GOSPEL OAK (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, April 21st, for Divine Service at St. Martin's church, 720 Woodbine. H. Ellis, N. Alderman, J. Nixon, R. Bevan, E. Youag, W. J. Nudds conductor. For evening service 720 College Single. H. Ellis, N. Alderman, R. Bevan, J. Nixon, E. Young, W. J. Nudds conductor. On Sunday morning, April 28th, for Divine Service, 720 Double Court Minor. H. Ellis, N. Alderman, W. J. Nudds, J. Nixon, E. Young, R. Bevan conductor. On Sunday evening, April 28th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. W. Miles, R. Bevan, E. Young, E. Chapman, W. J. Nudds, J. Nixon conductor. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARWELL (Berks).—On Monday, May 20th, 120 Stedman Doubles, W. Hitchman, A. R. Bosley, R. G. Rice, E. Bannister, W. Newell, H. C. Mulford. On handbells three courses of Grandsire Triples. R. G. Rice, W. Hitchman, V. R. Hitchman, L. Hitchman. On Saturday, May 4th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. H. C. Mulford, H. Holifield, W. Grace, A. E. Lock, R. G. Rice, W. Hitchman conductor. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HENFIELD (Sussex).—On Tuesday evening, May 14th, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. C. S. Dunlop, widow of the late Vicar of Henfield, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. W. Markwell, S. Burt, E. Lish, G. Payne, L. Payne, A. Heasman, C. Tyler conductor, A. Hodges.

WEST CLANDON.—Recently for practice at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Woodbine. R. Blake, H. Blackman, J. Goacher, C. Willshire, sen., W. Day, F. Bennett conductor.

At CAMPSALL, Doncaster (eight bells), a meeting is being arranged for Saturday afternoon, June 15th. Will Hull and Selby kindly note. F. B. Frank, Esq., Campsall Hall, has kindly granted permission for a walk through his pleasure grounds. Any visitors will be heartily welcomed. Cheap fares from Askern, L, and Y., 1½ miles; Smeaton, 2 miles.—W. P.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Next quarterly meeting at Marple, Saturday, June 8th.  
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### A FINE PERFORMANCE—STEDMAN TRIPLES AT SHERBORNE ABBEY.

On Whit-Monday, May 20th, a party of eight of some of England's finest change-ringers visited Sherborne, and gave an exhibition that will not be easily forgotten by the inhabitants of Sherborne, or by the many holiday makers who were fortunate enough to be in Sherborne that day. After the Abbey bells had been raised singly and all got ready, they started off. After the first few blows, it was a pleasure to listen to the rounds. The gigantic peal of eight was heard for the first time by the writer rung as it should be.

I have made it a religion, whenever I have had the chance, to try and show indifferent ringers the musical effect of a properly kept "open lead," and for the first time for some 16 years, I heard those Abbey bells rung by musicians, it was the first time I have ever heard *real* ringing on them.

It reminded me of the superb ringing I have heard at Cheltenham and Duffield and Burton by picked local men. I have rung pretty nearly the length and breadth of Old England and I never heard big bells handled better.

For about 1½ hours it seemed as if some gigantic clock-work machine was manipulating the bells. All this time they were going about 22 changes a minute. Hibbert was on the 7th, and George the tenor. After that the time quickened a bit to some 24 changes a minute, and though the ringing was good, the musical effect was a bit marred. For ideal striking these bells should not be rung much above 21 a minute.

After 2½ hours one of the ropes hitched up and they came to a stop. These plucky fellows must needs try again. It's men like this make you feel proud you are an Englishman. The writer has rung Sherborne tenor to two attempts for peals and knows what she is; well, she is a brute, and on this occasion she was behaving better than usual.

After a short interval for lunch the band again stood in the tower; this time George at the 7th, and Hibbert at the tenor, it being deemed almost inhuman to expect the tenor man to have another "dosing," but at that he did not have a happy time on Mademoiselle la 7th, and Hibbert's job was "out of the frying-pan into the fire."

Well, they started again after a bit, the same rope caught again, so they stopped, and started afresh, and this time, after 3 hours 35 minutes, rang a good peal.

A good peal, aye, a really good peal!

They were averaging 24-25 a minute; it would have been better if it had been slower, and it was not quite equal to the magnificent exhibition in the morning as regards minute execution of detail; but considering the band were tired out, it was a splendid performance, and ought to take its place among the great achievements in change-ringing.

I listened to those bells from every point of vantage, and it was as good music as some of Gilbert and Sullivan's lovely operas, or some pretty bits of French and Italian music.

The townspeople were delighted and took enormous interest in the proceedings, and all were heartily anxious for the ringers' success.

Ringers kindly bore in mind these facts about Sherborne bells:—

The ringing chamber is a black hole lit by gas jets; the sallies go through the ceiling, there is no natural light and no ventilation worth speaking about; the bells make far

more noise than is pleasant, and you have to shout to make yourself heard.

I have seen better circles of ropes and more room for the treble man. The bells do not go too well on the whole, and pretty nearly every one of them is as false struck as bells can be, brutally false struck.

They are deceiving in their swinging, the tenor swings slowly, and the other bells quickly, and they want a great deal of holding off the tenor, especially the small ones.

And the band that scored this peal had practically never seen them before, and they tapped them about like a piano.

Incidentally the Exercise should give credit to the members of the Salisbury Guild who rang the first peal on these bells some time ago; N.B.—a peal of Grandsire Triples. I did not hear it, so cannot speak about the striking; but we all ought to speak up for the "heavy end boys."

It will always reflect credit on anybody standing through a peal at Sherborne at the heavy end; by the way the man who rang the tenor on that occasion (Osman of Sherborne) is a very son of Anak, standing I believe over six feet, and is enormous in proportion; they told me he had arms like my body, chest like a barrel, etc.; we could do with more of them in the Exercise; ringers as a race do not seem to be deteriorating anyhow, whatever the rest of England may be doing.

We had a decent fall in peal after the Stedman peal, with a mixed band, a pretty finish to good work. All the tower and bells were open to the public (except the ringing-chamber) during the peal, and many visitors took advantage of the fine view from the top of the tower, and the commanding aspect one got of the bells, when ringing, from the iron spiral stairway in the bell-chamber.

The latter especially was a very fascinating sight, like a ship's engine-room when she is under weigh: one could not help looking at that stupendous tenor revolving without a feeling of admiration for the man at her rope. D.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Nottingham district was held at Eastwood, on Saturday, May 25th. Members present from Bulwell, Nottingham, Daybrook, Lawley, Long Eaton, Stanton-by-Dale, Ilkeston, Heanor, Ripley, Sandiacre, Mansfield, Beeston and Eastwood, 37 members being present. The next monthly meeting will be held at Lockington, 6 bells, 5.30 in the afternoon, at Kegworth, 6 bells. Tea will be provided at a small rate at Kegworth, to all who send in their names to the secretary. After tea journey on to Lockington. The date will appear in "THE BELL NEWS" later.

**STRUGGLE FOR A CATHEDRAL.**—Several populous places in Essex claim precedence in the matter of the proposed new bishopric. On behalf of West Ham it is stated that Bishop Mellitus was sent there by St. Augustine; Barking urges that since the Conquest it has had thirty-one Abbesses, including two Queens, within its boundaries.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on June 4th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, June 13th, at 7.30. St. Paul's Cathedral, June 18th, St. Dunstan-in-East, June 20th, St. Magnus Lower Thames Street, June 27th, at 7.30.

WILLIAM T. COCKEFILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
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**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting will take place at All Saints, Sheffield, to-day, Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—North Bucks.

**Branch**—The annual meeting will be held at Newton Longville, Bucks., to-day, Sat., June 1st. Dedication service of two new trebles by the Bishop of Oxford at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow.

F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Store to-day, Saturday, June 1st. Bells at 4. Tea at 5.45. Service at 7 p.m.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The next meeting will be held at Halsall on Saturday, June 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, *Hon. Secs.*  
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**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Annual Festival at Winchester, Saturday, June 8th. Bells of Cathedral available at 11 a.m. Annual meeting at 1.30 in the Guildhall. Service at Cathedral 4 o'clock. Tea at 5.15. Application for tea tickets (price 1s.) must be

made to the District Secretaries before June 1st.

C. W. SCOTT, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above district will be held at Appledore on Saturday, June 15th. Tower open at 3.15 p.m. No allowances. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to attend.

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

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Swanwick on Saturday, June 8th, at 5.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 15th, at Aughton. Bells ready at 4.30.

WALTER HUGHES.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Wells, on Saturday, June 22nd. Particulars later.

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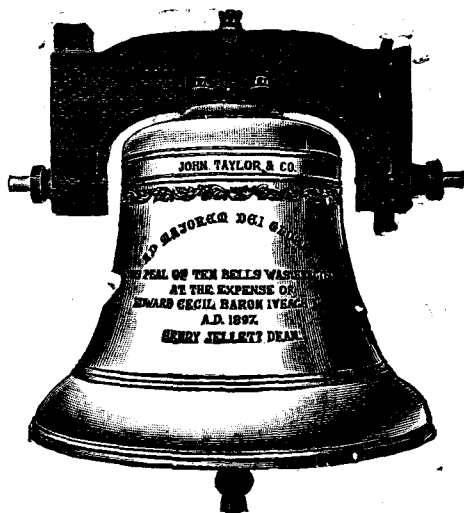
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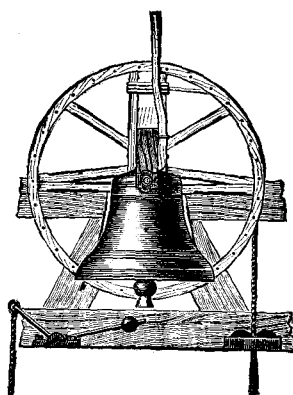
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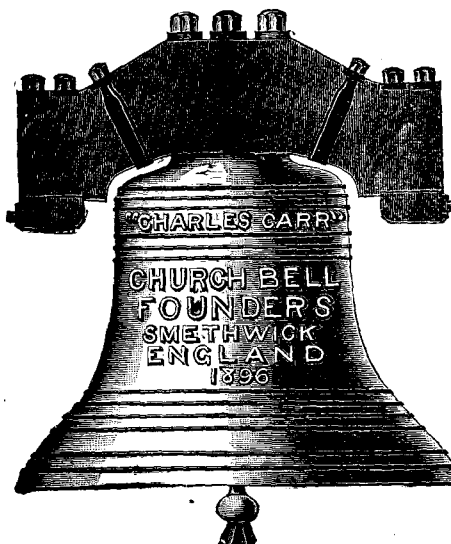
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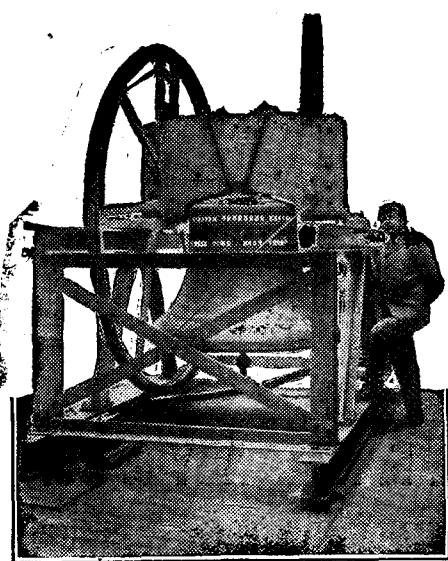
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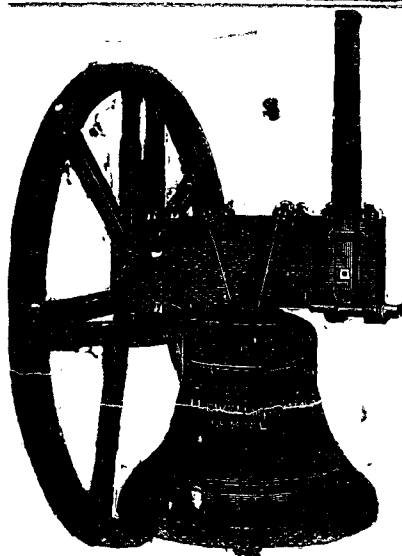
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## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Association was held on Whit-sun-Monday, May 20th, at Rochester, and turned out to be the largest and one of the most successful gatherings held since its foundation twenty-seven years ago. The towers of the Cathedral, St. Margaret's, St. Mary's, Chatham, St. Mary Magdelene's Gillingham, and St. George's Gravesend, were all open for ringing during the day, and a good many touches in various methods were successfully brought round. A peal of Stedman Caters was rung at All Saints', Maidstone, in the morning. At 3 p.m. a meeting of the Central Committee was held in the Chapter Room of the Cathedral; and at 4 p.m. a goodly number of ringers were present at Evensong, at which the Canticles were sung to Basil Harwood's beautiful setting in A flat, and a new Whitsuntide anthem by the organist, Mr. Luard Selby, was performed. The Very Rev. The Dean gave a short and appropriate address, taking as a text i. Cor. xiv. 7. "Even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?" It was not easy, he said, to find words in Holy Scripture on the subject of bell-ringing. The word "bells" appeared only twice in the whole of the Bible, but it was noticeable that in both cases the expression "Holiness to the Lord" was used in connexion with them. It was profitable for them to remember that bells were connected with the most sacred service of God Himself. Bells were hung upon the High-Priest's robes in order that the congregation assembled outside might know that he was performing his and their service to God. Hung as it were between earth and heaven, the bells in our church steeples were guided by the ringers, telling out to the world that they were performing the service of God, that they were calling to the nations of the world, that they were living agents to the holiness of the Lord. In ringing he contended they performed an exclusively national service. No nation and bells in that respect as much as or in exactly the same way as did the English in their churches. The Dean then alluded to the moral training to be gained in the belfry; how the ringers could learn self-restraint, obedience, humility, and then went on to shew how they served God with their bodies as well as in their spirit and character.

The collection for the Belfry Repairs Fund, taken during the singing of the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," amounted to £1 17s. 6d. There were over 220 present at the tea in the Corn Exchange, where the Dean presided, being supported by the Mayor (Alderman Charles Willis, J.P.), Councillor E. W. Uist, J.P., the Hon. Secretary (Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Precentor of Canterbury Cathedral), A. Osborne (Hon. Sec. Rochester District, T. Groombridge (Hon. Sec. Lewisham District), W. Latter (Hon. Sec. Tunbridge District), members of Committee, C. H. Drake (Faversham), H. Barton (Deal), E. E. Foreman (Hernhill), Rev. A. L. Clarke (St. Alphege, Canterbury), and others.

At the conclusion of the tea, one verse of the National Anthem was sung, and then the Dean proceeded to what

may perhaps be called the special event of the evening, to wit, the presentation of a handsome oak writing-table to the Secretary, in recognition of many years faithful and valued service. The table was well placed, being almost immediately behind the chairman, and on the centre panel in front was a replica in silver of a church bell, with a suitable inscription. The Dean, uncovering the table, presented it to the Secretary in the name and on behalf of the members of the Association. He was glad to tell them—he had it from their Secretary's own mouth—that it came as a complete surprise to him; and a more appropriate selection could not have been made to present to a Secretary who had worked so long and so well for the advancement of ringing and their County ringers' Association.

The Hon. Secretary requested that time might be given him to collect his thoughts a bit. This presentation was so totally unexpected that it almost took his breath away, and he felt rather in the predicament of the costermonger whose truck was upset, and whose stock of perishable goods was scattered about in a crowded street in London, who could only say, "There ain't no words for it." He wished now to call their attention to the fact that they enjoyed to-day the privilege of having at their table both ecclesiastical and civic dignitaries. They had already listened to the Dean in the Cathedral, and hoped to profit by his sound and helpful advice, and they wished to thank him most heartily for that and all the other ways in which he had helped to make the meeting a success. They had also with them the Mayor, who after a long and busy day did them the honour of joining them at their tea, and had, since entering the room, become one of their Honorary Members.

The Mayor said it was a great pleasure to be with them. The peals of bells they had heard coincided most happily during the morning with the visit of the French and Belgian firemen who had been visiting the neighbouring town of Gillingham. When the foreign visitors were in the Cathedral they were highly delighted. Proceeding, His Worship said he was glad to be of any assistance, and to extend a welcome to their ancient city, and spoke of the advantages to be gained by these annual meetings, when they could compare notes, so to speak, and talk over past and future.

The Dean entirely agreed with the Mayor's remarks as to the benefits of these annual meetings. There were two essentials, it seemed to him, to a successful annual meeting; and they were sameness and change; sameness inasmuch as they met, generally speaking, the same people, the same neighbours, and perhaps the same strangers; and change, inasmuch as there was a change of places, speakers, and subjects of speaking. He thought all ringers should recollect how they were connected with the nation's joys and sorrows, victories and losses, how they were connected with almost every family in every parish, town or city, with family sorrows and family joys. They held in their hands, as it were, a certain link between heaven and earth, between time and eternity, that scarcely any other service of God contained.

The Hon. Secretary then rose to read the Report for the year, but before doing so he would try, he said, to thank the members for the magnificent and totally unexpected present they had made him. The Report shewed a tendency still to go forward, a condition of things symbolised by the successful accomplishment recently of the first peal of Forward Major by the Swanscombe band. The number of members was now 1084 (twenty-nine more than last year), and the towers in union, 91. The balance-sheet for last year shewed that after putting £50 aside as a reserve fund, they still had a balance of £23 5s. 8d. The Belfry Repairs Fund had a balance in hand of £63 6s. 8d. 106 peals were rung in 1906.

On the proposition of Mr. J. O. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. R. Goodbourn (Wrotham), the Report and balance-sheet were passed.

Mr. W. Haigh (Gillingham and Rochester Cathedral), proposed the re-election of the officers, adding the name of the Rev. D. A. Williams (Farningham), which was seconded by Mr. W. Latter (Hon. Secretary Tonbridge District), and carried.

Mr. Denne proposed a vote of thanks to the Hon. Secretary, who in reply said he hoped to be able to carry on the work of the Association for some years longer, but, as time went on, it did not grow less. He hoped they would bear in mind that they had in their own districts an admirable officer who gave very valuable assistance to the Central Secretary, and he took it that in thanking him they were also thanking the District Secretaries.

A vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Latter, and seconded by Mr. C. Tribe (Tenterden), was accorded to the Rochester District Secretary, who had so admirably carried out the arrangements for the presentation to the Hon. Secretary, and was largely responsible for the capital arrangements for the Association's visit to Rochester.

Mr. Osborne, in thanking the members, felt happy that they were satisfied with what he had done. He hoped that though the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore had held the office of Secretary for sixteen years, it was only, as it were, "half-time" now, and that he would go in for the other half, and that even then it would be a case of "drawn game," and he would still have to go on a bit longer in order to bring things to a successful issue.

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

At St. Andrew's church, Grimsby, on Monday, May 20th, an interesting ceremony (to local ringers at least) was performed, that of unveiling a peal-board recording the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major ever rung in Grimsby.

There were present Rev. Barnes (curate) Messrs. Toogood and Hooton, churchwardens; Mr. F. H. Dexter, of Leicester; Mr. J. Hickman, Nottingham; Mr. W. H. Heyhoe, representing the St. James' Ringers, and the St. Andrew's company. An apology was received from Rev. R. Meddings (Vicar), who was to have unveiled the board, regretting his inability to be present.

After Rev. Barnes had said prayers, Mr. Seamer called upon Mr. Toogood to unveil the board, saying that although several attempts had been made by visitors to ring a peal in that method it remained for Grimsby ringers to do so on the occasion of the visit of F. H. Dexter last September.

Mr. Toogood, thanking the ringers for the honor they

had done him in asking him to unveil the board in the absence of the Vicar, said it gave him great pleasure to do so. He considered it a credit to the ringers to be able to say that although many men had tried to do what they had done, it remained for them to be successful. Mr. Hooton, responding, fully endorsed Mr. Toogood's remarks, and hoped it would not be the last record that would be placed in the tower, and that if the churchwardens could do anything to assist them it would be their pleasure to do so.

Mr. Dexter, proposing a vote of thanks to churchwardens and visitors for being present that day, said it gave him great pleasure to do so, as he had the honor of conducting the peal. Afterwards a peal of Bob Major was successfully brought home, thus bringing to an end a very successful day. The board, which is lettered in gold, was executed by Mr. W. H. Heyhoe, one of the participants in the peal.

J. W. S.

#### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 123).

##### THE CLASSIFICATION OF PEALS.

The Rev. H. Law James, in submitting the draft of the Classification of Methods, said that Doubles, Minor, and Triples had been completed. These comprised a long list. New Doubles were included in Doubles; the draft had been round to the Committee, and New Doubles had been passed, although he was not sure it should be included, as only one pair of the bells changed at a plain lead, so that it was not strictly Doubles. He should ask the Council to accept the draft copy so far as Doubles, Minor, and Triples, but, as regarded Major, the work would occupy some considerable time, and he was doubtful if it would be completed by next year. There were 159 legitimate Minor methods in the plain principle and Treble Bob principle. In the plain hunt principle there were: Bob methods 11; Imperial methods 11; Court methods 4; total, 26. In the Treble Bob principle there were: Treble Bob methods 24; Delights (with 4th at sections), 28; Delights (with 3rds at sections), 39; Surprise 42; total, 159. In Triples there were 10. He should be pleased to continue the work, and when completed to hand over the ms. to the Council. He moved that the work so far as completed, viz., Doubles, Minor, and Triples, be printed in pamphlet form.

Mr. Cartwright seconded.

Mr. Snowden said he was against such publication, especially if it gave forty-two Minor Surprise methods, as some would not be worth looking at.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey considered such a publication would sell better than the Collection of Peals, which only concerned conductors, whereas the proposed list would be of interest to the whole of ringers.

Mr. Dains asked if it would not be better to wait for the issue of the whole as a complete work.

The Rev. H. Law James was afraid it would be impossible to complete the other portion even by the next Council meeting.

The Hon. Secretary said ringers who purchased the peal collection did so in small sections.

Mr. H. White thought the sale depended chiefly upon the price.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey proposed, and the Rev. H. Drake seconded, that if possible 1000 copies be printed.

Mr. Attree supported the view expressed by Mr. H. White.

The President thought the question of price and the number to be printed might be left with the Hon. Secretary. He considered it very important that the work should be issued promptly. Thus the Council by printing all the possible methods in tabular form, would be doing something to prevent the production of the rubbishing efforts of untutored persons. Carried.

##### THE ANALYSIS.

Mr. King said he was glad to say that the arrears had been brought up to date, and with the exception of last year's

analysis, had been published in "THE BELL NEWS." He would like to say that when the Committee undertook the preparation of the Analysis it was to carry out the work to the best of their ability. This had been done. Those who had taken part in the work found it required great care, accuracy, promptitude, and neatness, all of which his three colleagues had exercised, leaving him to act as their chairman. He thought there should be some further instructions as to six bell peals; and he further thought it most desirable that the Committee should be in touch with the Points Committee, as there were matters in which the assistance of that Committee would be valuable. He should have been pleased to have sent a copy of each year's Analysis to *The Bellringer*, but that was for the Council to decide, as also in regard to whether the work should go on, the Committee having completed the task for which it was appointed. "THE BELL NEWS" was the official journal of the Council, and therefore had a prior claim to the copy. The Analysis for the last year had been completed and sent in March last to "THE BELL NEWS," and would no doubt shortly appear. If the work was to go on he thought the Analysis might appear at an earlier date. The amount of work that the Analysis entailed showed how much the Council was indebted to Messrs. Attree and Baker for their services in the past.

The Rev. H. Law James said Mr. King had called attention to the question of points for six bell peals. Personally he was not in favour of points at all. He considered the aim should be good sound sterling ringing. At the same time six bell ringers were not fairly treated. If Bob Major was taken as the standard and each other method referred to it in value, each would be placed in its right place, which was the only proper way to do it.

The President asked that the question which had been brought forward by the Committee should be kept to.

Mr. King said it was of absolute importance that the Committee dealing with the Analysis should be in communication with the Points Committee, although the Committees were distinct from each other. If the Committee were to go on with the Analysis the members would like to have the power to refer to the Points Committee for information during the year whenever they thought it necessary to do so.

Dr. Carpenter thought that the Points Committee might inform the Analysis Committee direct of their decision upon any matter referred to them, and the Analysis Committee might act upon it.

The President said it appeared that the Analysis Committee wanted the power to refer to the points Committee if necessary. He failed to see any reason why this should not be done, provided it was reported to the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. Chapman asked what points were given to the Mottram peal?

Mr. King replied that, so far as he could remember, it was considered as five peals, as the schedule of points laid down "Peals having 7000 to 10,000 count as two, and those having 10,000 to 12,000 changes count as three peals," and so forth.

Mr. Chapman said it was understood that a black board and chalk were used. He did not consider that the performance should have been recognised in any way as a record peal, in fact there was a doubt about the whole thing. He personally heard some six-and-a-half hours of the ringing, and therefore ought to know something about it.

Mr. Griffin said that so far as the Analysis Committee were concerned this question did not arise. The Committee were bound to take cognizance of a published peal unless it was disallowed by the Association under whose name it was rung.

Mr. Chapman said that when a Committee was appointed some six or eight months afterwards to ascertain if the peal should be allowed to stand or not, it did not say much for the peal.

Mr. King said the information given to the Analysis Committee was that it was not so long as six or eight months. He made certain inquiries for his own satisfaction, and from what he was told in confidence he did not see what else the Committee could have done. As to calling from MS. it appeared there was some amendment required, as the decision of the Council read: "The use of visible aids to memory in conducting peals is undesirable." After having all the information obtainable, and looking at every point brought forward, the Committee

could only conclude that the peal as they understood it, had been rung.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said the matter was discussed at a meeting of the Lancashire Association, and it was considered that it was a question for the Council to decide if the performance was worthy of being accepted as a record peal. No one had anything but admiration for those who rang the peal. The question was if it was to be treated as a record peal. Had the performance complied with the decisions of the Council who had laid down certain regulations in which the word "undesirable" appeared?

Mr. Holding read a full report of the proceedings of a Committee which sat to investigate the matter, and which finally came to the conclusion to allow the peal to stand.

The President said he had permitted some latitude, as there was a strong feeling on the subject of this peal. He would remind them that Mr. King and his committee wanted some further information upon certain points. He could not see how they could take anything else but the peals as they appeared in "THE BELL NEWS." With regard to this particular peal, it was a question for the Association to which the band belonged, to decide if it should stand or not. The Association had officers who were men of honour, who must decide the matter; the Council was not a Court of Appeal. It might be that the decisions they had laid down might require some amendment, but that was a matter for a future meeting. It did not appear very clear how long the Committee were appointed for. Hitherto Committees had generally gone on during the term of the Council, and he trusted the Committee would consent to continue.

Mr. King said the Committee would be pleased to do so.

On the proposition of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Snowden, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Committee for the work already done.

It being now 1.10 p.m., the Council adjourned till 2.40.

### Correspondence.

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

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

#### THE PEAL OF STEDMAN AT BRIDGNORTH.

SIR,—I was pleased to read in your last issue that after many attempts and much perseverance, the Bridgnorth local band had been successful in ringing their first peal of Stedman. I must however ask them to withdraw their claim to its being the "first peal of Stedman by an entirely local band in the county of Salop," because there have been several peals of Stedman Triples completed at Shifnal in the same county by "entirely local bands," and below I give particulars of one rung on December 10th, 1844, by the following, viz.: G. Porter, *Treble*; W. Kitson, 2; T. Yates, 3; T. Clarke, 4; R. Williams, 5; C. Beetlestone, 6; J. Heskey, 7; R. Beetlestone, *Tenor*; all being well-known Shifnal men, and I could give particulars of others rang since the above date if necessary. JOHN BRADNEY.

HAVERING (Essex).—On Whit Monday, by kind invitation of the Vicar, the Romford and Dagenham ringers visited this place, and rang the following touches. 720 Bob Minor. A. J. Perkins conductor, R. Miles, R. Ward, H. W. Catterwell, G. Playle, W. Watson. 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. P. Bradley, A. J. Perkins, G. Jay, H. W. Catterwell, R. Miles, W. Watson conductor. Also 120 Stedman Doubles, and two 120s of Grandsire Doubles.

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# ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1906 AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER. TABULATED ACCORDING TO VALUE IN POINTS.

VALUE IN PTS. PER PEAL	Treble Bob.				Grandsire.				Plain Methods.				Minor Methods.											Db. Mtds.			Surprise Methods.					Ford	Stedman.			Total value in points.	Average value in points per peal.			
	16	14	12	15	11	9	8	7	10	8	7	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	16	28	22	16	50	50	30	30	30	25	50	20	28	24			24		
Total Peals.	Maximus	Royal.	Major.	7 T. B. M. M.	Cinques.	Caters.	Major.	Triples.	Royal.	Major.	Triples.	Doubles.	1 Minor mtd	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	16	Dbl. Nor. Royal.	Dbl. Nor. Caters.	Dbl. Nor. Major	London S. Maj.	Bristol S. Major.	Cam. Sur. Major.	New Cam. S. Maj.	Sup. Sur. Major.	7 S Minor mtds.	14 S Minor mtds.	Major.	Cinques.	Caters.	Triples.		
1 Middlesex Cty. Assn....	85	—	—	1	—	—	—	8	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	10	2	—	14	—	—	—	—	4	17	19	2198	2'858
2 Norwich Dio. Assn.....	118	1	1	26	7	—	1	2	—	11	1	a3	2	2	6	2	3	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	7	1715	14'533	
3 Kent County Assn.....	105	—	2	8	—	—	—	22	—	6	2	b1	4	1	—	—	1	1	3	1	1	—	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	32	1573	14'980	
4 Yorkshire Association...	79	—	1	22	4	—	3	12	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	21	1227	15'531	
5 Midland Cttes. Assn....	90	—	—	17	—	—	4	24	—	13	1	c1	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	4	17	1186	13'177	
6 Oxford Dio. Guild.....	69	—	—	1	4	—	4	17	—	3	—	d7	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	27	984	14'260	
7 Essex Association .....	59	—	2	9	—	—	3	6	—	5	—	e1	—	—	1	1	2	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	3	3	1	—	—	—	—	14	920	15'593	
8 Lancashire Association..	61	1	—	10	—	—	1	14	—	9	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	1	10	790	12'950	
9 Chester Dio. Guild.....	47	—	—	15	3	—	—	8	—	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	781	16'617		
10 Winchester Dio. Guild..	47	—	—	3	5	—	—	13	1	5	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	8	627	13'340		
11 Ancient Soc. Coll. Yths..	25	1	1	2	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	7	590	23'600	
12 Durham & Newcstl. Ass.	28	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	17	586	20'928		
13 Gloucester & Bristol Ass.	33	—	—	3	—	1	1	3	—	1	—	f4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	4	10	571	17'303	
14 Worcs. & Dists. Assn...	40	—	—	4	—	—	2	4	—	5	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	9	561	14'025		
15 Stoke Achdl. Assn.....	25	—	—	1	1	—	—	7	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	6	522	20'880		
16 Hertford County Assn...	31	—	—	1	1	—	—	8	—	1	—	g1	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	11	512	16'516		
17 Sussex County Assn....	38	—	1	5	—	—	2	9	1	1	—	h4	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	2	—	3	—	—	—	3	6	510	13'421		
18 Royal Cumberland Yths.	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	450	34'615	
19 St. Martin's Guild Birm	20	1	1	1	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	4	423	21'150		
20 London County Assn....	24	—	2	1	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	407	16'958		
21 Soc. Archdy. Staffs....	28	—	—	2	—	—	5	9	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	7	398	14'214	
22 Centl. Northamp. Assn..	22	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	i2	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	6	343	15'590		
23 Surrey Association.....	25	—	—	2	—	—	4	5	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	324	12'960		
24 Ely Diocesan Assn. ....	32	—	—	1	—	—	—	5	3	13	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	319	9'968		
25 Lincoln Dio. Guild.....	25	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	6	—	—	1	—	7	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	271	10'840			
26 Bath & Wells Assn ....	30	—	—	—	—	1	—	9	—	2	—	j14	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	191	6'366			
27 Devonshire Guild.....	11	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	181	16'454			
28 Irish Association .....	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	143	17'875		
29 Cleveland & N. Yorks...	12	—	2	4	—	—	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	135	11'250	
30 Hereford Dio. Guild....	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	h2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	67	8'375	
31 Liverpool Dio. Guild....	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	52	10'400	
32 Bedford Association....	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	49	9'800		
33 Camb. University Guild	3	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	48	16.
34 North Wales Assn. ....	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	43	14'333
35 Llandaff Dio. Assn.....	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42	7.
36 Salisbury Dio. Guild....	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	31	15'500
37 Salop. Arch. Soc.....	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	7'666
38 West Wales Assocn....	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	7.
39 Halifax and Dist. Assn..	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				



The peals in Plain Methods comprise: Bob Royal 6; Bob Major 107; College Single Major 1; Oxford Bob Triples 3; Bob Triples 3; Union Triples 3.

The peals of Doubles were as follows: (a) four methods 2 six methods 1; (b) one method 1; (c) one method 1; (d) one method 6, two methods 1; (e) seven methods 1; (f) one method 4; (g) one method 1; (h) one method 4; (i) one method 2; (j) one method 14; (k) one method 2; (l) one method 2.

The 42 peals by Independent Societies were rung in the following Counties, viz.: Buckinghamshire 1; Derbyshire 1; Essex 1; Gloucestershire 4; Hampshire 2; Lancashire 7; Leicestershire 1; Lincolnshire 1; Middlesex 4; Nottinghamshire 1; Oxfordshire 3; Somersetshire 1; Staffordshire 2; Surrey 2; Sussex 1; Warwickshire 1; Worcester-shire 1; Yorkshire 1.

The greatest number of changes in one peal was 16,800 Kent Treble Bob Major rung by the Chester Diocesan Guild. One peal contained 12,000 changes, one peal over 11,000 changes, one peal over 10,000 changes, one peal 8,000 changes, one peal over 7,000 changes, four peals over 6,000 changes, one peal 6,000 changes, under 6,000 changes, 1,302 peals.

The 170 peals of Treble Bob were rung as follows: in the Kent Variation 135; in the Oxford Variation 54; in the London Variation 1.

The 245 peals of Grandsire Triples were: Holt's Original 50; Holt's Ten-part and Variations 66; Holt's Six-Part 5; Parker's Twelve-Part and Variations 33; Parker's Six-Part 3; Parker's Five-Part 1; Parker's One-Part 1; Taylor's Bob and Single 24; Carter's Twelve-Part and Variations 15; Rev. C. D. P. Davies' peals 8; Hollis' Five-Part 7; Biddlestone's Twelve-Part 6; Rev. E. B. James' peals 5; H. Moore's peals 4; other peals 17.

The 289 peals of Stedman Triples are accounted for thus: Thurstans' One-Part 9; Thurstans' Four-Part and Variations 254; Thurstans' Five-Part 1; Carter's peals 8; Washbrook's peals 6; Lindoff's peals 4; Heywood's peals 3; Lates' One-Part 2; Parker's peals 2.

Conductors of four peals and upwards were: Rev. F. E. Robinson 91; William Pye 53; James Motts 23; William Short 22; Frank Bennett and Clement Glenn 20; James E. Davis 18; Alfred H. Pulling 16; John Austin and John H. Cheesman 13; Frederick Borrett 12; Robert Matthews and James Parker 11; Bertram Prewett and Isaac Sidebottom 10; E. G. Buesden, Egbert Borrett, Charles R. Lilley, George N. Price,

Edward Reader and Challis F. Winney 9; Edwin Barnett, George Cattermole, Frederick W. Dixon, Joseph Griffin, Benjamin A. Knights, and Samuel Reeves 8; Edmund C. Chasty, James E. Groves, Arthur E. Pegler, John R. Sharman, Sam. Thomas, William Watts, and George Williams 7; John Basden, Charles W. Clarke, George F. Hoad, William Keeble, George R. Pye, William Rose, and James W. Washbrook 6; William H. Barber, Harry Barton, David Elliott, William Fitchford, Frederick A. Holden, William H. Judd, Ernest C. Lambert, Fred G. May, Harold S. T. Richardson, William C. Rumsey, Harry Sear, Fred. Salmons, Frederick Tullett, William Willson, and Albert Walker 5; Charles Bailey, William Bason, Robert Brett, Frank G. Burleigh, George D. Coleman, William Crabtree, George Dent, William Freeman, Charles Giles, C. W. Goodenough, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Richard T. Holding, senr., George Holifield, William Mallinson, William H. Newell, George R. Newton, Ernest Poppy, Harry Roberts, J. W. Seamer, John Souter, Sidney Wade, Bernard W. Mitchell, and Thomas Wyatt 4. In addition to these 44 persons conducted 3 peals; 99 conducted 2 peals; and 278 conducted 1 peal; making a total of 500 persons who acted as conductors during the year. The names of three of whom were omitted from the peal record as published in "THE BELL NEWS." Two "Silent Peals" of Grandsire Triples were rung, one by the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and one by the Devonshire Guild.

Three peals were found to be false after publication, and three peals have been disowned by the Chester Diocesan Guild and, therefore, excluded from this analysis. Four peals were also published twice in "THE BELL NEWS."

The number of peals rung on Church bells was 1263; on hand-bells 50.

The peals on hand-bells were as follows: Kent Treble Bob—Major 1; Grandsire—Triples 13; Doubles 1; Plain Methods—Bob Royal 2; Bob Major 14; Stedman—Cinques 2; Caters 4; Triples 13; Total 50.

The 1313 peals equal in number the total rung in 1902, and are 206 less than 1905, they were distributed as follows: January 110; February 160; March 110; April 115; May 111; June 102; July 57; August 78; September 77; October 119; November 125; December 151.

In reckoning points for peals, those over 7,000 and under 10,000 changes count as two peals; over 10,000 and under 12,000 count as three peals; and so forth, viz., over 12,000 changes is reckoned as four peals; over 14,000 as five peals; and over 16,000 as six peals.

The following table gives the first twenty Societies and their relative positions since 1895.

	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906
1 Middlesex County Association	..	..	25	18	9	4	1	1	1	1	2	1
2 Norwich Diocesan Association	..	3	4	5	9	5	6	6	2	2	1	2
3 Kent County Association	..	5	7	7	8	3	3	4	4	6	9	3
4 Yorkshire Association	..	4	6	9	11	8	14	12	9	3	4	4
5 Midland Counties Association	..	6	3	8	6	6	13	11	13	10	5	5
6 Oxford Diocesan Guild	..	2	1	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	8	6
7 Essex County Association	..	16	16	11	10	12	9	10	9	8	6	7
8 Lancashire Association	..	8	10	4	5	7	7	8	14	19	22	9
9 Chester Diocesan Guild	..	27	19	24	22	23	21	20	19	22	28	9
10 Winchester Diocesan Guild	..	8	9	14	12	15	10	13	16	23	18	10

	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906
11 Ancient Society of College Youths	7	5	2	4	4	2	5	5	5	4	10	11
12 Durham and Newcastle Association	9	8	18	19	31	18	16	10	13	10	11	12
13 Gloucester and Bristol Association	10	13	12	7	11	11	9	6	7	11	14	13
14 Worcester and Dis. Association	..	19	12	6	3	10	15	18	21	20	23	17
15 Stoke Archidiaconal Association	..	21	24	29	31	29	19	25	31	34	36	25
16 Herts. County Association	..	29	25	19	13	18	20	14	8	12	13	16
17 Sussex County Association	..	..	1	2	1	1	2	5	3	7	3	7
18 Royal Cumberland Youths	..	15	11	17	23	24	22	23	20	25	19	23
19 St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham	..	14	21	13	20	16	8	7	11	11	15	12
20 London County Association	..	28	40	34	37	35	27	34	32	28	21	19

The number of peals rung annually since the publication of "THE BELL NEWS" are shown by the following Table.

1881	156	..	1886	..	556	1891	..	878	1896	..	791	1901	..	1194	1906	..	1313
1882	244	..	1887	..	646	1892	..	802	1897	..	909	1902	..	1313			
1883	330	..	1888	..	759	1893	..	705	1898	..	1002	1903	..	1469			
1884	419	..	1889	..	797	1894	..	859	1899	..	912	1904	..	1512			
1885	500	..	1890	..	699	1895	..	766	1900	..	924	1905	..	1519			

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1907.

At the annual meeting of the Kent County Association, held on Whit-Monday last at Rochester, a very interesting and appropriate ceremony took place. This was a presentation to the Hon. Secretary—the Rev. F. J. O. HELMORE, of a very useful article, to wit, an oak writing table properly embellished with a bell, in silver. The Association has in this presentation wisely recognised the many years' faithful and valued services of the Hon. Secretary, one of the most talented among clerical ringers, whose business aptitude and energy has brought the Association to its present high position. The report of this Annual Meeting will be found elsewhere, and all our readers will be interested in its perusal. We compliment the rev. gentleman, who has worked so long and so well for the advancement of ringing, upon the appreciation by the members of his great services.

The writer of the sketch on the peal at Sherborne Abbey informs us that the 7th bell there is a new one

cast by Warner, the old long-waisted bell having been recast, and the new bell does not go so badly as the old one. Mr. OSMAN, who was mentioned in the sketch, writes to say he is not a native of Sherborne, but of Wimborne.

According to custom we have printed the Analysis again. This re-publication has been commended by various influential members of the Exercise.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA.

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED B. PECK .. .. Treble.	HERBERT W. STANLEY .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS .. .. 2.	SIDNEY H. WRIGHT .. .. 7.
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Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

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

On Saturday, June 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR,

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

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN WARNECKEN .. .. Treble.	RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. 5.
ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN. .. .. 2.	ALBERT W. COLES .. .. 6.
RICHARD G. RICE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. .. 7.
CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM PARTISS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN.

\*First peal of Triples.

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

On Saturday, June 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

HARRY FLANDERS .. .. Treble.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 6.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 7.
CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 8.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.	FREDERICK SQUIRES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

The above is H. Flanders' 150th peal.

### The Provinces.

#### UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

On Monday, May 20, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

A. COSHAM, SEN. .. .. Treble.	W. REED .. .. 4.
W. BURRELL .. .. 2.	J. A. HART .. .. 5.
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Conducted by J. A. HART.

First peal as conductor. First peal by all the band except the conductor. Rung on the back six.

#### BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE QUEX PARK SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, May 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

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

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

BEN REED .. .. Treble.	LIONEL SHOOBRIDGE .. .. 5.
GEORGE WILLSHIRE .. .. 2.	ERNEST BURGESS .. .. 6.
STANLEY TWYMAN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM COLLISON .. .. 7.
WALTER TRUSLER .. .. 4.	ERNEST WILSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLSHIRE.

Rung on the occasion of the home coming of Major and Mrs. Powell Cotton, after their journey in Africa.

#### DEANE, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

ASPINWALL'S. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WORSLEY .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM RUDD .. .. 5.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. .. 2.	TITUS BARLOW .. .. 6.
WILLIAM TEBAY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PENNINGTON .. .. 7.
JOSEPH PENNINGTON .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM HOLT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

\*First peal.

#### MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MOTTRAM, STOCKPORT, AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 27, 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 12½ cwt.

I. SIDEBOTHAM .. .. Treble.	B. GODDARD .. .. 5.
W. BRADLEY* .. .. 2.	F. HALL .. .. 6.
J. J. PEMBERTON .. .. 3.	J. GODDARD .. .. 7.
R. WALKER .. .. 4.	C. MARSLAND .. .. Tenor.

Composed by T. NICHOLLS, and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

\*Was elected a member before starting. Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. F. Hall, who has left the village.

#### BOCKING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 28, 1907, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK WEBB .. .. Treble.	WALTER SMITH .. .. 5.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. .. 2.	WILLIAM GRIMWADE .. .. 6.
LEWIS WISEMAN .. .. 3.	ERNEST NEWMAN .. .. 7.
WALTER SADLER .. .. 4.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

#### BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 29, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN J. PANNETT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WHEELER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM VINCENT .. .. 2.	THOMAS GASSON .. .. 6.
ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 3.	GEORGE WALDER, JUN. .. .. 7.
GEORGE W. WALDER .. .. 4.	GEORGE PACKHAM .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WALDER, JUN.

This peal was arranged for Messrs. Pannett and Turner, who are members of the Lewes Branch of the Association.

# **SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** (WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 31, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## **A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;** A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qrs. 6 lbs.

ALBERT BROOKS .. .. Treble.	JOHN MONK .. .. 5.
HARRY BROOKS .. .. 2.	*LEONARD FIDLER .. .. 6.
REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
THOMAS BULL .. .. 4.	JESSE BROOKS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman: Further reference elsewhere.

# **HENLEY, SUFFOLK.**

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

On Saturday, June 1, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	EDWARD SHERWOOD .. .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2.	WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 6.
DANIEL PRENTICE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 7.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. Tenor.

Composed by T. GORTON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

# **Longborough, Gloucestershire.**

## **THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, June 1, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

WILLIAM MACE* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE LARGE .. .. 4.
FRED RANDALL .. .. 2.	WALTER LARGE .. .. 5.
STANLEY GREEN† .. .. 3.	ALFRED PARDINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. LARGE.

W. Mace was elected a member previous to starting. \*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

# **SWANSCOMBE, KENT.**

## **THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, June 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE HAYES .. .. Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 5.
FREDERICK RING, JUN.* .. 2.	WILLIAM LANE .. .. 6.
JOHN WHEADON .. .. 3.	*FRANK BELSEY .. .. 7.
FREDERICK RING, SEN. .. 4.	WILLIAM HARPER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

\*First peal of Treble Bob Major.

# **BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, June 1, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## **A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S.

FRANK HOLDER .. .. Treble.	JOHN PLOWMAN .. .. 5.
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. .. 2.	EDWARD R. J. DUNK .. .. 6.
ALFRED BOXALL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 7.
ARTHUR B. CARPENTER .. 4.	WILLIAM F. MEAD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

# **HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, June 1, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM Treble.	GEORGE ARNOLD .. .. 5.
DAVID LEGGETT .. .. 2.	ERNEST NEWMAN .. .. 6.
HORACE COOPER .. .. 3.	ARTHUR SAUNDERS .. .. 7.
LEWIS WISEMAN .. .. 4.	ERNEST RIDGWELL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and

Conducted by ERNEST RIDGWELL.

# **SWINDON, WILTS.**

## **GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(CIRENCESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## **A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

THOMAS LAWRENCE .. .. Treble.	ROBERT W. HYNER .. .. 5.
ROBERT THOMPSON .. .. 2.	OLIVER NORMAN .. .. 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE .. .. 3.	THOMAS ROBINSON .. .. 7.
OWEN W. LAYNG .. .. 4.	CHARLES J. GARDINER .. Tenor.

Composed by HORACE HOWLETT, and

Conducted by ROBERT THOMPSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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## **THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**

On Saturday, June 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## **A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER WHITAKER* .. Treble.	WILLIAM PEARSON .. .. 5.
JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 2.	FRANCIS BARKER .. .. 6.
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. 3.	WILLIAM CHILD .. .. 7.
JOSEPH BENNETT* .. .. 4.	ROBERT SQUIRES* .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM CHILD.

\*First peal in the method.

# **BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.**

## **THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, June 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES GOODENOUGH .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM DYER .. .. 6.
PHILIP W. DAVIES .. .. 3.	WALTER INGHAM .. .. 7.
A. F. MARTIN STEWART* .. 4.	CECIL VALENTINE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Messrs. Dyer and Ingham were elected members previous to starting.

# **NEWTON LONGVILLE, BUCKS.**

## **THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, June 1, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## **A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PITSTOW'S VARIATION Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD NICHOLLS .. .. Treble.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 5.
HARRY SEAR .. .. 2.	HARRY HOPKINS .. .. 6.
FREDERICK WEBB .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
EDGAR HUMFREY .. .. 4.	ERNEST J. DICKENS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 3, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three 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.
FREDERICK BORRETT .. .. 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE .. .. 6.
FREDERICK REEVE* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 7.
ALFRED SMITH .. .. 4.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. H. E. BULWER, and  
Conducted by A. ROOPE.

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

On Tuesday, June 4, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

EDGAR HUMFRY .. .. Treble.	HARRY HOLIFIELD .. .. 5.
ALBERT E. LOCK .. .. 2.	FREDERICK WHITE .. .. 6.
FRANK BARRETT .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WALTER HITCHMAN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM STONE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

## Handbell Peals.

## OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1907, in Three Hours and One Minute,

IN THE PARISH ROOM,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES.

HUBERT EDEN .. .. 1-2.	HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 5-6.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 3-4.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 7-8.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 9-10.	

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and  
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—Francis A. Smith.

## ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, June 4, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT 14, WELLGATE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 1-2.	WALTER COATES .. .. 5-6.
ALBERT NASH* .. .. 3-4.	†ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 7-8.

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—Sidney F. Palmer. \*First handbell peal with an inside pair. †First handbell peal in the method.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The name of the ringer of the tenor in the peal of Grandsire Triples at Witney, recorded last week, is Leonard Fidler, not Tidler.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—The peal of Treble Bob Minor in seven methods rung at Taxal, near Whaley Bridge on Saturday, May 18th, was rung under the auspices of the Chester Diocesan Guild, Stockport Branch.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Friday, May 10th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 168 and 896 Grandsire Triples. F. Radley, E. Newman, H. W. Smith, H. Emery, J. S. Basker, A. Shufflebotham conductor, E. Clayton, H. Smith.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 11th, 704 Oxford Treble Bob. R. H. Hayward, Rev. J. H. Pilkington, F. Ling,

J. Self, W. Burgess, F. Warner, W. Floy, W. G. Crickmer conductor. This is the longest length on the new ringing floor.

MONNEWDEN (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 11th, at the parish church, 240 each of London and Cambridge Surprise. H. Bedingfield, G. Wightman conductor, E. Hicks, W. Wightman, W. G. Crickmer, F. Warner.

PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Friday, May 31st, for practice at the church of St. Mary Magdalen, 1008 Stedman Triples. C. Baker, F. Borrett, A. Roope, F. Roope, C. Roope, W. Roope, E. Borrett, E. Whiting.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

COLLINGHAM (Yorkshire).—Recently, on the occasion of the new ring of eight, 1008 Grandsire Triples. T. Haigh conductor, A. C. Fearnley, F. W. Stokes, A. Hall, F. Cryer, A. Haigh, H. Fairlam, Rev. W. P. Wright.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON.—On May 5th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalen, 855 Stedman Caters. W. White, E. Lloyd, J. Routley, E. Poole, J. Fowler, J. Burge conductor, F. Sadd, P. Merson, E. Wyatt, G. Weaver. On May 19th, 805 Stedman Caters. J. Maddock, A. Walker conductor, P. Merson, F. Bennett, C. Dean, J. Burge, Dr. Carpenter, E. Wyatt, W. White, G. Weaver.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION:

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, May 12th, at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, 1008 Grandsire Triples, in honour of the birthday of Bishop Ilsey, R. C. Bishop of Birmingham. J. Corrigan, B. Ducker, E. Mullins, T. Miller conductor, C. Mackenzie, J. Porter, A. Hodson. On Sunday, May 19th, for morning service, 518 of Holt's ten-part. J. Corrigan, R. Ducker, E. Mullins, T. Miller conductor, C. Mackenzie, W. G. Ellis, A. Hackley, G. Ellis. For evening service 1036 Grandsire Triples. B. Ducker, J. Porter, E. Mullins, T. Miller conductor, C. Mackenzie, W. G. Ellis, A. Hackley, W. G. Ellis. On May 20th, 1008 Grandsire Triples. T. Miller, J. Corrigan, E. Mullins, J. Perry, G. Mackenzie, W. G. Ellis conductor, A. Hackley, G. Ellis.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HERSHAM (Surrey).—On Ascension Day, for evening service, 1371 Stedman Triples. G. Edser, sen., G. Woodiss conductor, A. Woodrow, A. Shepherd, J. Emery, C. J. Hamblin, W. Shepherd, E. Hamblin. On May 17th, after a Confirmation Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Hamblin, G. Edser, A. Woodrow, J. Emery conductor, T. Cutforth, C. J. Hamblin, G. Woodiss, R. J. Polley. On Whit Monday the local band attempted Heywood's ten-part No. 2 peal of Stedman Triples, but it came to grief in the 54th course. F. G. Woodiss, G. Woodiss conductor, A. Woodrow, G. Edser, jun., J. Emery, J. Hamblin, W. Shepherd, R. J. Polley.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Sunday, June 2nd, at St. Peter's church, for evening service, 720 Stedman Triples. G. Williams conductor, T. Green, S. Phillips, H. Forfit, E. Waters, C. Goodenough, W. Ingham, T. Mansfield.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, May 12th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. F. Russell, G. W. Faulkner, G. Cottis, C. Fenn, E. Fenn, J. Norris, D. S. Simons conductor, J. W. Tween.

CROSTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, May 14th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. W. Dalton, T. Whittle, W. Bannister, T. Dalton conductor, J. Hough, J. Ascroft, P. Ascroft, J. Cottam. This is supposed to be the longest touch in the method on the bells, and they are all local men.

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### A SHORT TOUR IN THE SHAKESPEARE COUNTRY.

"Meet 10 a.m. Bradford Exchange Station, Saturday, May 18th." Such was the final message given to our party at the preliminary meeting at Pudsey on the Wednesday evening previous, the original and invited members being Messrs. T. Maude (President, Pudsey), J. Broadley (Committee, Bradford), G. Bolland and H. Oddy (Tong), J. Moorhouse (Wakefield), T. B. Kendall (Shipley), P. Johnson and G. McHale (Holbeck), W. Popplewell and C. Pratt (Calverley), and J. Cotterell (Halifax); and with the exception of Mr. Moorhouse (who to our regret was unable to obtain leave), boarded the train for Rugby, the journey being enlivened by the handbells and lunch through the thoughtfulness of Mr. Maude. We therefore arrived in good trim, and made our way to the parish church of St. Andrew, where we were met by Messrs. Fenton, Hessian, and Coleman of the local band. Ascending this fine tower we found a grand peal of 8, tenor 25 cwt., and rang two courses of Treble Bob and a touch of Stedman with the local men standing in, with whom a pleasant hour was spent, and then forward by train to Milverton for our headquarters at Warwick. We were met by Mr. Dickens, who piloted us to the car, and were soon with our hostess—Mrs. Bell—at The Globe hotel, and settled down to a high tea, to which we did full justice.

Next move found us at St. Mary's parish church testing the fine peal of 10, tenor 25 cwt., on which we brought round two courses of Royal and a course of Grandsire Caters, with Mr. E. H. Adams, of Warwick, conducting, which finished our first day's programme.

Sunday morning at 9.15 found us with Mr. Adams at St. Mary's again, who as guide took us round the church to view the fine historic relics which it contains. These proved to be exceedingly interesting, and well worth a special visit. Afterwards we ascended the tower, and a two course touch of Treble Bob Royal with Mr. Adams on the tenor-box, was rung for the morning service. After dinner a mile walk with our guide, Mr. Adams, brought us to All Saints church, Emscote, where we were met by Mr. Penfold, and found a nice peal of 8, tenor 15 cwt., in an 8 ft. 6 in. tower, Mr. Kendall conducting two courses of Treble Bob Major, and Mr. Adams a touch of Stedman. Then continuing our journey for two miles, we arrived at Leamington, where we were booked to ring at the parish church for evening service. Being met by Mr. Hall, we ascended the tower and rang 960 Treble Bob Major with Mr. Bolland conducting in fine style, and were complimented on our ringing by Dr. Miles Atkinson (churchwarden). Change-ringing being almost unknown, we had evidently provided a treat which was appreciated.

Monday morning at 9.15 found us in a waggonette for a drive to Stratford, to make our only attempt at peal-ringing, on the way calling at the village of Sherbourne, which contains one of the prettiest churches in the kingdom. Here is a handy sweet-toned peal of six, tenor 12 cwt., and after getting the Vicar's (Rev. —. Sedgwick) consent, brought round 2-score each of Violet and Oxford, and before leaving a photograph was here taken of the party in group, then forward on our drive through a lovely country, seeing pheasants here, deer there, etc., and drove into Stratford, viewing Marie Corelli's house, Anne Hathaway's cottage, and forward to The Black Swan hotel, where a substantial dinner was in readiness, and as the party was in good trim for it, the courses were knocked off in fine style. After a ramble we again met at the

church of The Holy Trinity, and viewed the nation's relics of that great Englishman—Shakespeare, which seemed to put new energy into one to do his level best, which I think was the case by the way we were all received on all hands. After the completion of the peal in 3 hrs. 13 mins., as recorded in the peal columns, which turned out to our surprise to be the first peal on the bells with the tenor turned in, and is evidently about to be recorded in the tower by a suitable peal-tablet. We adjourned to tea to find our friend Mr. Adams from Warwick, again with us, and with Mr. Haines, Mr. Lloyd, and others of the local company, spent a pleasant hour with the handbells before making the return journey. After wishing our Stratford friends good-bye, an hour's drive brought us to our headquarters, where a social evening was spent, touches in various methods being rung on the handbells. During the proceedings votes of thanks were tendered to the various Vicars and local ringers who had kindly placed the bells at our disposal, and for their presence and kindly welcome which one and all had appreciated; and to our friend, adviser, and guide, Mr. E. H. Adams. It was unanimously carried on the proposition of Mr. Broadley, seconded by Mr. Bolland, to elect and present him with the life membership of the Yorkshire Association in honour of our visit to Warwick, and in remembrance of gratefulness in meeting such a thorough gentleman and ringing friend.

Mr. Adams responded, thanking the party for the honour bestowed upon him, and assured the company how pleased he had been to meet a party of Yorkshire ringers, and would only be too pleased to repeat the welcome.

Votes of thanks to the President (Mr. Maude), and Mr. Broadley as Committee, for bringing the arrangements to such a fine pitch, were duly honoured, and replied to at some length, and in the small hours the party broke up, with orders for a final ring with Mr. Adams at 9 a.m. at St. Mary's.

True to time on Tuesday morning the company were again at St. Mary's, when Mr. Adams again turned the tenor in for two courses of Treble Ten, and after being welcomed to Warwick, with a pressing invitation for another visit by Mr. Tibbitts (Parishioners' Wardens) on behalf of the Vicar (Canon Bailie), and a farewell handshake with Mr. Adams, our Warwick friend in need, boarded the car, *en route* to Kenilworth for a look at the castle, thence for a five-mile walk to Coventry, where we just caught a train for Rugby, when we were again met by Mr. Fenton and a few Leicester ringers, amongst whom was Mr. Fowler, of record peal fame. After a good tea, an hour's chat and handbell ringing with our Rugby friends, brought us to call the last course-end up and make tracks for our train home again. And here we would fain ask all with whom we came in contact, to accept our best thanks for the hospitality and kindness one and all showered upon us, which will not soon be erased from the memory of the eleven Yorkshire tykes during their stay in the Shakespeare country. J. C.

At CAMPSALL, Doncaster (eight bells), a meeting is being arranged for Saturday afternoon, June 15th. Will Hull and Selby kindly note. F. B. Frank, Esq., Campsall Hall, has kindly granted permission for a walk through his pleasure grounds. Any visitors will be heartily welcomed. Cheap fares from Askern, L. and Y., 1½ miles; Smeaton, 2 miles.—Please write William Pearson, Plumber, Pontefract.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, June 13th, at 7.30. St. Paul's Cathedral, June 18th, St. Dunstan-in-East, June 20th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, June 27th, at 7.30. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**  
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The next meeting will be held at Halsall to-day, Sat., June 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.

**Rev. W. T. BULPIT, Hon. Secs.**  
**W. BENTHAM,**

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Annual Festival at Winchester, to-day Sat., June 8th. Bells of Cathedral available at 11 a.m. Annual meeting at 1.30 in the Guildhall. Service at Cathedral 4 o'clock.

**C. W. SCOTT, Hon. Sec.**

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Swanwick to-day, Sat., June 8th, at 5.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards.

**T. ALLIBONE, Sec.**

North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Stockport Branch.—Next quarterly meeting at Marple. to-day, Saturday, June 8th.

**A. T. BEESTON, Hon. Branch Sec.**

**The Hereford Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will be held at Brecon and Talgarth on Thursday, June 13th. Service at Talgarth church at 11 a.m., preacher—Rev. G. W. Turner, Vicar of Madley. Business meeting afterwards in the vestry. Dinner at 12.30 p.m., tickets 2s. Train to Brecon at 2.3 p.m. Ringing at Brecon (8), Talgarth (6), Glasbury-on-Wye (8), Clifford (8), Llandefaelog-fach (6). **AUGUSTUS C. LEE, Hon. Sec.**

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above district will be held at Appledore on Saturday, June 15th. Tower open at 3.15 p.m. No allowances. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to attend.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 15th, at Aughton. Bells ready at 4.30.

**WALTER HUGHES.**

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Kingsley on Saturday June 15th. Bells at 4. Tea at 5.45 p.m. Members intending to be present please notify Mr I. Moreton, Kingley, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Wednesday, June 12th.

**D. PRESTON, Hon. Sec.**

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Chipping, on Saturday, June 15th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30 in the belfry.

**R. SANDERSON, Hon. Sec.**

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's church, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock sharp.

**Z. LORD, Branch Sec.**

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rochdale parish church on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

**E. SCHOFIELD, Branch Sec.**

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—The next meeting will be held at Huntingdon on Saturday, June 22nd. Tea at 4.30. The towers of St. Mary's and All Saints will be available.

**J. M. CLARKSON, Hon. Dis. Sec.**

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The annual meeting in connection with this society will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 22nd. Service in the Cathedral at 4 o'clock at which all members are expected to be present. Tea will be provided in the Pool Walk schools at 5.45. to be followed by the general meeting, during which the bells of the Cathedral will not be rung. Ticket for tea will be sixpence each to those only who have paid their subscriptions, to others one shilling. Kindly let me know on or before the 18th inst. if you wish tea to be provided.

**S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.**

20, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Wells, on Saturday, June 22nd. The Cathedral bells are available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. St. Cuthbert's bells available all day. Street bells available all day. Dinner at Wickenden's restaurant, High Street, at 12.45 sharp. Meeting to follow. Service will be held in the Cathedral in the afternoon.

**Taunton. E. E. BURGESS, Hon. Sec.**

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bedford (6 bells), on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Cycling friends please note.

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

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, June 22nd. The six bells at Clay Cross, and the 8 at North Wingfield will be available for ringing from 1.0 p.m. until 9.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.0 p.m. Tea at 4.45, followed by general meeting in the schoolroom (or rectory grounds if fine). Tea, 1s. each. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. J. T. Butler, Hepthorne Lane, North Wingfield, not later than the 20th inst. Visitors are advised to book to Clay Cross station.

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

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting of the above will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open at 3. Tea (6d. each) at 5, followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present should notify same to me by Wednesday, June 26th.

**G. WATSON, Hon. Sec.**

St Leonards.

**Lavenham.**—Notice.—The church bells will be at the disposal of any visiting ringers on Friday, June 21st.

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25463 - - -  
64352 - - -  
25346 - - -  
42356 - - -

Once repeated produces—

34256

52643 - - -  
46325 - - -  
52364 - - -  
35264 - - -  
62453 - - -  
35426 - - -  
23456 - - -

5152.

23456 M W H

45236 - - -  
62534 - - -  
53624 - - -  
26435 - - -  
53462 - - -  
24365 - - -  
63542 - - -  
25346 - - -

Once repeated produces—

24536

52436 - - -  
34625 - - -  
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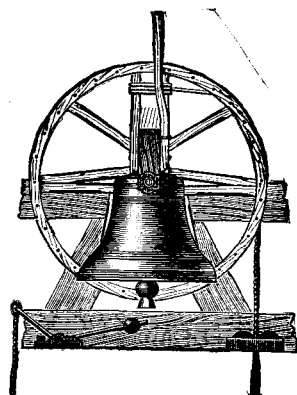
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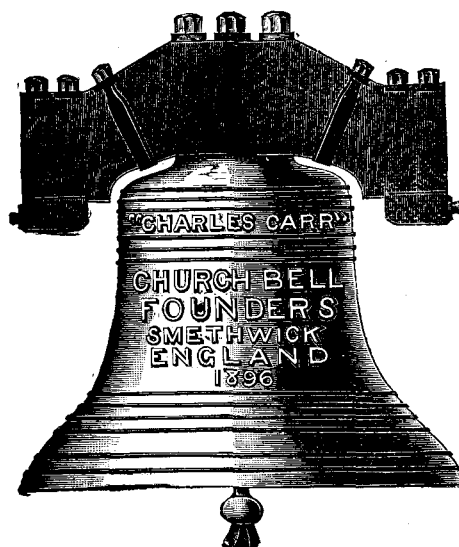
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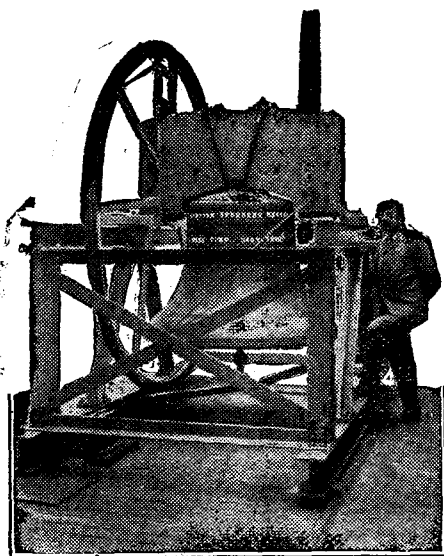
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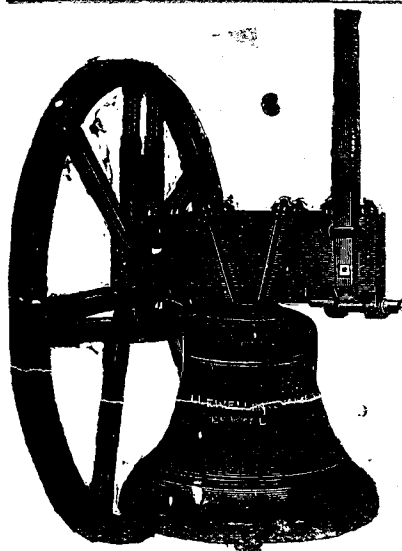
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## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The spring meeting of the Chipping Norton branch of this Guild was held on Saturday, May 11th, at the picturesque village of Spelsbury, where the members received a very hearty welcome from the Vicar. The attendance was an unusually large one, owing partly to the fine and bright afternoon, and also to the fact that this was the first visit of the branch to Spelsbury. The tower is one of the finest in the diocese, and is possessed of a pretty ring of six bells. It seems a pity that it cannot have the advantage of twelve bells, as there is ample room for this number. It is evident that in former days this was a more important edifice than perhaps it is to-day, as the chancel of this church has been taken away. The towers of Charlbury and Chadlington were thrown open to the members, and advantage of these facilities was taken. There was plenty of ringing at Spelsbury, and it is pleasing to note that the Vicar of Great Tew (the Rev. J. P. Malleson) and the curate of Milton-under-Wychwood (the Rev. R. L. C. Newhouse) took part in the same. Among those present were the rural dean, the rev. the Master of the Guild, and other clergy. The following towers were represented: Chipping Norton, Charlbury, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Spelsbury, Enstone, and Toddtenham. A service was held at the parish church at 4.30, the sermon being preached by the Vicar of Enstone, which was most helpful and instructive to those present. Photographs of members were taken after the service. Following the tea, the business meeting was held under the presidency of the Master of the Guild. Apologies for non-attendance were announced from several members, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been read, and the balance in hand on the 30 December reported (£4 13s 2d.) a number of qualified and associate members were elected.

It was appointed that the annual meeting of the whole Guild would be held on Saturday, July 30th, at Abingdon, and the annual meeting of the branch was fixed to be held at Great Tew.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Spelsbury for welcoming the members to the parish, to the organist and choir, to the Vicar of Enstone for preaching, to the Vicar of Charlbury for throwing open the towers of Charlbury and Chadlington for ringing, to the Master of the Guild for his willingness to attend the branch meeting, and to the Chairman for presiding.

## TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 30th, the fourteenth annual festival was held, by the kind permission of Canon Seymour Coxe, at Stoke Bruerne. The balance-sheet showed a balance in hand of £36 9s. 19d.

A festival service was held in Stoke Bruerne church in the morning, when the preacher was the Rev. R. F. Rumsey, Rector of Calverton, who delivered a most appropriate sermon from Rom. xii. 4 (and following verses). The collection, which amounted to £1 16s., was in aid of the fund for the restoration of Pattishall church bells.

A business meeting followed in the reading room. The

Rev. R. A. Kennaway presided. The Rev. A. Wake proposed that the chairman be re-appointed President of the Association. The vice-presidents—Rev. Canon Hulbert, Rev. J. B. Harrison, Rev. W. H. Chapman, and the Rev. W. H. Barry, were also re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. A. Wake. Several new members were elected. An adjournment was then made to a barn kindly lent by Mr. Savage, where a capital repast was served to about 150 members and friends. The Rev. R. A. Kennaway presided. The loyal toasts were received with the customary honours. It was decided that Eydon should be fixed on for the festival next year.

Mr. Groom, in proposing "The Bishops and Clergy," said he thought the bishops had a difficult time before them. What was wanted was a unanimous lead, and then the people would be prepared to follow. They wanted no spirit of compromise on the Education question; they wanted their rights, and they were going to have them. He coupled with the toast the name of the Vicar of Pattishall (the Rev. G. Gibson). That gentleman, in reply, said they had done wonders for their schools notwithstanding the great demands now made on managers by the inspectors. He hoped that God would protect the bishops and clergy from such things as the New Theology.

The Rev. S. Lidbetter (Vicar of Lois Weedon) proposed a vote of thanks to the preacher of the day for his very striking sermon, a sermon thoroughly to the point. They hoped the ringers present would take the lesson to heart of practising what they preached—not getting other people to church and not attending themselves.

The toast of "The Towcester and District Association" was proposed by the Rev. A. Wake, who said that of the fourteen festival services he had been at they had never had such a comfortable dining place, or such a good day's enjoyment as that day. With regard to the note that had been struck about the bellringers not attending the services, in his experience—he had been at Courteenhall about twenty years—he found all the ringers in his district attended the services if they could get there. He hoped the ringers in the different parishes would, during the winter evenings, get the services of the instructor provided by the Association, and practise well.

Mr. Joseph Reed, an old ringer, in reply, gave a lot of good sound advice to the young ringers present, intimating that if they wanted to be of any good they would have to practise.

The Rev. W. H. Barry (Rector of Blisworth) proposed "The Health of the President," which was received with musical honours; and in responding the rev. gentleman thanked the Association for the donation made at the last festival towards the restoration of the bells at Greensnorton. He was sorry to say that when the bells were being seen to it was discovered that the spire wanted re-pointing.

Other toasts followed.

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

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at Smethwick on Saturday, May 25th. A service was held in the old church at 5 o'clock, and an interesting address given by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Astbury, who also presided at the business meeting, which was held in the church room. The minutes of the annual meeting were read and confirmed, and several new members were added to the roll. Coseley was selected as the place to hold the next quarterly meeting. The Secretary reported that two peals had been rung by members of the Guild during the quarter and several attempts had failed. It was resolved to attempt the unsuccessful peals again during the ensuing quarter.

Mr. John Smith read an interesting paper on the Workmen's Compensation Act, which comes into operation on July 1st. He stated at the outset that his information was at present incomplete, but he hoped to be able to give full details of the working of the Act at the next meeting.

A substantial tea was provided for the members by the Vicar, who waited upon his visitors, his good lady presiding at the urn.

A hearty vote of thanks was given the Vicar for his kind hospitality, the address in church, the use of the bells, and his presence at the meeting; to Mrs. Astbury for presiding at the tea; and the organist for his help in the services.

At the close of the proceedings the Vicar invited the members to take a walk round his well-kept garden, which contains one of the finest copper beech trees in England, under which several courses were rung on the handbells. The church bells, which were raised at four o'clock, were made good use of during the evening.

### THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The Leeds and District Society held their usual monthly meeting on Saturday, May 25th, at Guiseley, this being their first visit since 1894. The attendance of members was much below the number expected. The bells being available from 3 p.m., it was the intention of some of the members to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples, but in consequence of two interments it had to be abandoned. Before the business meeting, which was held at The Red Lion, touches on the church bells were rung by mixed bands from the following places; Headingley St. Chad, Shipley, Drighlington, Bradford, and the local company. At the meeting the usual business was transacted, and six new ringing members were elected, which is a very healthy sign for the future of change-ringing in this village.

A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Broadley, was replied to by Mr. Dixon in a very few words. Touches of Major and Triples on handbells brought a very pleasant day to a close.

### THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Swanwick, on Saturday, June 8th. Members present from Alfreton, Clay Cross, Crich, Horsley, Morton, Selston, Swanwick, Tibshelf, North and South Wingfield and Ripley.

It was unanimously resolved that Mr. H. Hanbury, (Churchwarden) take the chair. It was also carried unanimously that minutes be confirmed as read. Mr. J.

T. Butler proposed and Mr. J. W. Scott seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the local ringers, for providing tea, etc., which they had provided by saving their usual Christmas remunerations, and putting them towards this tea, for which they deserve the highest praise, as the tea was all that could be desired both for quality and quantity. The ladies who waited at the tables were also duly thanked for their services. The local ringers deserve every credit for the way this meeting was carried out. Mr. F. H. Kay and his brother strings sparing no time or trouble in making it a success. The bells, a peal of five in F (waiting three treble sisters) are the pride of the district, and reflect great credit on the founders (Taylor and Co.) It is to be hoped they may soon be increased to eight.

The bells were kept going merrily till 9 p.m. to Stedman, Manchester, Grandsire and several other five-bell methods. This being one of the best meetings held under the E.D.A. for many months past, one and all enjoyed the meeting, and hope Wingerworth may be as good. T. A.

### RINGERS' GATHERING AT TIPTON, STAFFS.

At the kind invitation of Mr. Wm. Painter, of Birmingham, ringers and friends from Birmingham, Dudley, Handsworth, Lichfield, Oldbury, Rugby, Shifnal, Tipton, and West Bromwich, assembled at the Church House, Church Lane, Tipton, on Saturday last, and were most hospitably entertained by him to celebrate the ringing of his 100th peal. Dinner was served in the Old School-room, at 6.30, to which ample justice was done to the good things provided. Grace having been sung, the company adjourned into the Dorcas room for a convivial evening. Mr. W. H. Godden (Handsworth) was unanimously elected chairman, and Mr. S. Reeves (West Bromwich) his vis-a-vis.

The chairman, in submitting the Toast of "the King," remarked that in their position as ringers they should be loyal subjects of His Majesty, and also loyal to the church of which they formed a part. The toast was honoured with the singing of the National Anthem. The chairman then proposed the toast of the evening, viz., "success to our host, Mr. Wm. Painter." He had known Mr. Painter a good number of years, and still found him somewhat about the same genial person, always agreeable and ready at any time to assist in accomplishing a peal, and could be relied upon when ringing a heavy bell. His meeting them there that evening and providing such a substantial repast, of which they had just partaken, was a proof of the interest he took in the art, and ringers generally; he trusted he might be spared to take part in many more peals in years to come. This was seconded by the Vice-chairman and supported by Mr. George (Rugby) and drunk with musical honours. In replying, Mr. Painter thanked Mr. Godden for his kind remarks, and those friends present for meeting him at that gathering, and hoped each one would spend a pleasant evening. Some capital songs, etc., were given during the evening by Messrs. J. Bradney, H. Faulkes, J. Hares, J. Jaggar, W. Micklewright, S. Reeves, S. Spittle and J. Smith. Courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples, and a capital rendering of "Blue Bells of Scotland" by Messrs. J. Carter and J. E. Groves on the hand-bells.

Mr. Spittle moved that the best thanks be given to Mr. Godden who so ably presided over them that evening. He was sure that upon all occasions his kindness and courtesy was sufficient proof of the chairman's character; he could not speak too highly of his many virtues, for the

more one knew of him, the more you appreciated him. The toast having been seconded, was drunk with musical honours. The chairman, in returning thanks, thanked Mr. Spittle for the kind words he had said of him, and those present for the hearty manner in which they had received them, and gave some past reminiscences of ringers and ringing which was much appreciated. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith for the able manner in which they had catered and served the dinner in such an excellent manner. Mr. Smith suitably responded. Shortly afterwards one of the most pleasant and enjoyable evenings that it is possible to take part in terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

#### CELEBRATION AT ROTHERHAM.

A very interesting event took place at Rotherham, on Saturday, May 25th, the occasion being the celebration of Mr. C. Glenn's 100th peal, which was duly accomplished at Rotherham on Whit-Monday morning.

As soon as the peal had become an accomplished fact, invitations were issued by Mr. Glenn to the participators and a few friends, requesting their attendance at a dinner in honour of the auspicious event. Needless to say, no difficulty was experienced in obtaining a "band" for this performance, and when the time appointed duly arrived, everyone was in his place, fully prepared for any "extent" that Mr. Glenn might feel disposed to call upon them to perform.

An excellent dinner was served at Messrs. Horsfall's Restaurant, twenty-four sitting down.

The "composition," although only a "five part," had some sterling qualities in each part, such as the majority of ringers rarely indulge in, only on this occasion, the "full extent" was worked on the little bell (\*\*)s first, leaving the big bell (\*\*)s to roll home one by one, the tenor bell (\*) (manipulated by a well-known local ringer) eventually falling into position with the rest in something just over the hour.

Mr. Glenn having said grace, an adjournment was then made to The Mail Coach, the head-quarters of the Rotherham company, where a musical evening was arranged under the chairmanship of Mr. Walter Coates.

The proceedings opened with a few bell selections on the gramophone, and some touches on the hand-bells, after which the chairman called upon Mr. C. H. Hattersley to give the toast of the evening.

The latter gentleman, in an excellent speech, said it gave him very great pleasure to be present on this auspicious occasion, more so, as it was to celebrate the ringing of Mr. Glenn's one hundred peals, which he understood had only taken him just over four years to accomplish. Looking back to the olden days, Mr. Hattersley remarked that such performances were considered very big, and of great importance, but nowadays, ringing was a great deal more advanced, and such things did not receive quite so much attention. In the present instance, however, he would say that Mr. Glenn, as a conductor, had done some very clever things, which the ordinary ringer did not know anything about, and the Rotherham company ought to be proud they possessed such a young and clever member. Personally speaking, his only regret was that Mr. Glenn did not exist fifty years ago. In concluding, Mr. Hattersley asked the company to rise and drink Mr. Glenn's very good health, which was done with musical honours.

In reply, Mr. Glenn thanked Mr. Hattersley for the

kind words he had just spoken, and also coupled his name with those of Messrs. Fred and Walter Coates, and Sam Thomas, thanking them for advice in connection with knotty problems that arose from time to time. Also he took this opportunity of thanking those ringers who had given their assistance to enable him to score his hundred peals, and in return he could truthfully say that, so far as he knew, every peal was a perfectly true one, and he only hoped that all would be spared to meet him again when he had scored another hundred peals.

Songs were then given by Messrs. Ericson, Geo. Lewis and J. F. Palmer, interspersed with more gramophone records and touches on the hand-bells.

Mr. Geo. Oakes gave the toast of "The Visitors," to which Messrs. Sam Thomas and S. F. Palmer (Sheffield) A. C. Fearnley (York), Geo. Halksworth (Doncaster), A. Nash (Wath), and Geo. Lewis (Ecclesfield), in complimentary speeches suitably replied.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to more harmony, and finally concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman, and "Time, gentlemen, please."

#### ST. ANNE'S, DENTON, NEAR MANCHESTER.

It is with regret we have to report that the company of ringers at this church has been disbanded. The salary paid to them was £12 per year, the membership being seven full ringers and one auxiliary.

A meeting was recently held of Church officials, with a view of (among other things) cutting down expenses, as the church was about £29 in debt. In order to do this a resolution or motion was passed that during the next twelve months the ringers' salary along with others be suspended (mark the word). The wardens were instructed to convey this to the ringers. The latter on being informed felt aggrieved at the resolution being passed without their having been previously consulted. As the officials had taken this action, which meant that the ringers must do as they were told or resign, they agreed to ring on one condition, which was as follows: "That at the end of twelve months the money be paid as usual, and it should be handed back as a contribution towards the debt."

This was conveyed to the wardens, who declined to accept that condition. At the third meeting, as it was still declined, it was suggested that a meeting of ringers and officials, including the Rector (the latter not having been present at a meeting with the ringers), should be held to try and settle matters amicably, but the reply was "It is settled already." The wardens were then informed that after that day (which was Sunday), the ringing would cease.

The above has broken up a promising band of six-bell ringers. We are informed that if the ringers had been previously consulted, there would have been no need to carry any motion, as all would have given their services willingly, but it is looked upon as a piece of high-handed work on someone's part, especially as when a meeting of ringers and officials was denied them. K.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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## WHAT IS A SURPRISE METHOD?

Mr. Snowdon in moving to add to the definition of a Surprise method as defined in the Glossary, said it might appear that he ought to have communicated first with the Glossary Committee before attempting to make a correction, but as a Committee it did not now exist. When it existed it comprised the President, the late and the present Hon. Secretaries, together with Messrs. Pitstow, and himself. If any of these considered he might have approached them as to what he was about to do, he must plead the want of time, and he trusted it would not be considered in any way discourteous on his part. Being a member of the Glossary Committee when it existed, and having a not altogether sneaking wish to complete the broken programme of his brother's books by the issue of the "Surprise Peals," he thought he was fully entitled to ask for a patient hearing. His brother had laid it down that his work on "Grandsire" was to be followed by a work on "Stedman," and the "Surprise Methods" were to follow. In the preface to the second edition appeared: "Thanks to Mr. Davies; 'Stedman' has been added to the series, and there is a fair prospect yet of the 'Surprise Methods' taking their allotted place." This motion was not intended to restrict any one who might be soaring to greater heights, but simply to retain an old-world ringing term with its true historic meaning attached thereto, in contra-distinction to any modern term. He believed that Mr. James was to be his chief antagonist. He was ready to admire as others were the work that had been done by the rev. gentleman, but what he said was do let us keep in accordance with history. He desired to thank the Methods Committee, especially Mr. Dains, for the assistance that had been given in proving this matter. He remembered when the Glossary was in preparation, the late Mr. Bulwer wrote and asked him to define a Surprise Method. He replied that it would, he thought, generally be found in that there was no bell in the slow, and the work in front was completely broken up by a number of bells between the treble leads. Mr. Bulwer wrote back and said he could make no satisfactory headway with it. It was because he (the speaker) wanted to make good what the Glossary failed in, that he asked them to consider the historic meaning of the term "Surprise Methods." It might be well to call attention to that portion of the Report on the Classification of Legitimate Methods, which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of April 28th, 1906, page 39, and there duly set forth all the places to be made, first in ordinary Treble Bob, giving Kent Minor as its example, and afterwards in Cambridge, as a Surprise example. So far so good, as in Cambridge every place was made, including those with the treble fore and aft. This was all he was standing out for in the mere matter of places. Not to make a place is a mode of seeking to escape from a Surprise difficulty, or in other words, it was not playing the game. If Mr. James was going to work upon these lines thus laid down, it would be interesting to know how he could possibly get forty-two Surprise Minor Methods which he had told them he possessed. The first Surprise peal in print was to be found in the fourth edition of *Campanalogia* by J. D. and C.M., dated 1753. If we read the same it will prove to be in order with what Mr. James tells us in 1906, should be the complete number of places. So far so good, once more. In the same edition of *Campanalogia* appeared "Primrose," with a third's place when the treble is behind, but with sixth's place when the treble is at lead, such is not a Surprise method, nor is it given as such. It has on account of this lead-end no claim even on the ground of its other places which are otherwise complete and in order. On another page of the same book we have "Royal Bob"; this has 5ths place with the treble behind, and 4ths place with the treble at lead, but it is not termed Surprise, yet its places are complete.

Those who were at work in those days knew what they were about, and others dubbed it "Bob," and certainly, as he hoped to show, it was not Surprise. As recently as April 13th, Mr. James in his table of Legitimate Surprise Places, gives an absolute innovation on the historic description of a Surprise method by giving permission when the treble is behind for a treble to lie at the lead, which it was contended was not Surprise. A bell at the lead or behind when the treble is at the

other end of the row is not a Surprise place, as he (the speaker) held and defined it. Mr. James did not so place it in the Report of 1906; the first printed Surprise Method does not allow it, neither do any of the three great examples.

Cambridge, London, and Superlative, if allowed, makes chaos of everything, history included. On page 106 of the book from which he had quoted appeared "Westminster Bob," which was interesting. It had 3rds place when the treble was behind, and 2nds place when the treble was at the lead. This although orthodox in its lead-end order, and complete in its places, was dubbed "Bob," and in his opinion correctly. Now these three methods, Primrose, Royal Bob and Westminster Bob were all published in the editions of 1702, 1705, 1733, and 1753, of J. D. and C. M., and only in the last edition were they supplemented by Cambridge, with the figures as we know them to-day. Up to this period there had been no mention of Surprise, the term had not been invented.

Westminster Bob connects us very interestingly with Stedman's edition of 1677, for there we find in "Colledge Bob the fifth" the same rows (row for row) until we get behind, where 5ths is made instead of 4ths place. Now although this is not Surprise, it had even at that early date all the Surprise places including places and the treble fore and aft. These places apparently Mr. James considers superfluous, and would like to get rid of. In the same edition of "Stedman" we also have Colledge Bob III., and this although not a Surprise, is still more interesting, for behind we have 5ths place made, and also 2nds at the lead; this with all the places gives orthodox lead-ends, but still it is not Surprise. Reading Bob, which also appears in the same "Stedman" edition, is another method with the full complement of its places, and with orthodox lead-ends—as to the order of the bells—but as one might expect at that early date it was not a Surprise. The term "Surprise" came later in history, for in those days they liked more simple work. Now if these early methods were not Surprise—and they were not—what were they? The term he would apply to them is "Stagnation Bob," or in other words, a Treble Bob method in which every pair of bells is retained as far as possible in the same dodging position throughout the entire lead, accomplished by a disposal of as many places, carefully chosen as possible. True the term "Stagnation Bob" was a term invented by himself, and was intended as an aid to clear the mind of those who think that the making of every possible place entitles a method in the present day to be dubbed "Surprise." Let them listen to what Stedman had to say of this newly-named family, on page 190 of the 1677 edition we read respecting Reading Bob: "The treble has a dodging course, and when it moves up out of 2nds place the two first bells dodge until it comes there again; and when it moves down out of 5ths the two hind bells dodge until it comes there again, except only while it dodges in the 3rd and 4th places when the two hind bells lie still." Although nothing is said of the work in 3 4, the 4th and another bell practically hold the situation between them, so "Stagnation" is rife. The next page gives a variation "according to the Cambridge way, by which the bells behind" may dodge without intermission until the treble hindereth them. N.B.—Full "Stagnation" behind, aimed at, and obtained.

History repeats itself. All these early peals with their full number of places were good examples more or less of "Stagnation Bob," even Primrose, the best of them, held the same bell in the middle (3-4) for a whole lead. Here all was ready for the stroke of a pen of a master mind, "Stagnation" was to give place to "Surprise." Mr. Dains recently in "THE BELL NEWS," whether knowingly or not, transposed Primrose into Cambridge. This he did with the knowledge he now possesses. Some might put it down to the education of the ringer, who now no longer cares for prolonged dodging. It is however curious that Mr. Dains unconsciously proved this very point by his altering Primrose into Cambridge.

We must however go back to somewhere about 1730, so to find this done previously, for Benjamin Annable, the greatest man of his time, had just turned Primrose into Cambridge. Annable was born about 1680, and was therefore about twelve years old when the first edition of J. D. and C. M. came out in 1702. Annable joined the College Youths in 1724, and was much in evidence in 1733, when the third edition of the same book without any Surprise came out. From Hearne's diaries we get

the following: "Anno 1733, came out in London, a little book in 12's, being the third edition of *Campanalogia* on the Art of Ringing. One Annable is now putting out a new edition of the same work which 'tis said will be the best of its kind that ever yet was printed on that subject. He is judged to understand ringing as well as, if not better than, any man in the world." Annable was elected Master of the College Youths in 1746, rang his last peal in 1754, and, alas, died between 60 and 70 years old in 1756, without having published his book. In his ms. book however are given both Cambridge and London, and as he—the speaker—thought named by Annable "Surprise," for by a judicious arrangement of the places greater freedom was given to the bells in moving from one position to another, and "Stagnation" was at once entirely ended, even while the full complement of the places was attended to. In 1753, three years before Annable's death, J. D. and C. M. got hold of Cambridge Surprise Minor, but it would then be common as the "Ramblers" rang it, as they tell us in their verses. Jasper Snowdon gave the years 1733-4 as the date when these "Ramblers" were in existence. To show Annable's commanding mind, and his influence over his contemporaries, it should be noted that Cambridge Major only appeared in J. D. C. M. edition of 1766, and then it was in the undeveloped form in which Annable's ms. book gives it with unorthodox order of the bells at lead-ends, which showed how very little was going outside his own circle. Holt of course had his hands full; he was busy in Grandsire Triples.

When the *Clavis* came in 1788, Superlative Major appeared, and note, so like to Cambridge when it is turned into Minor that Superlative Minor is Cambridge reversed, not that it matters greatly, as they are both too complicated to ring—one from the other—by merely thinking over this relationship. In Minor Surprises the *Clavis* made itself ridiculous, which has proved a misfortune for us all. No one has followed them however, for taking Shipway, 1816, Hubbard, 1845, Banister, 1874, or Jasper Snowdon, 1881, all these four authorities take the three old standards as their examples and none other. Some one was now writing to "THE BELL NEWS" who had just that kind of muddle-headed idea that he wished everyone to avoid. The writer appeared to think that the object of the motion is to restrict up to date composers (as they are termed) in their advancement. No, but "up-to-date" composers must for their new methods coin up-to-date names. In conclusion let him say that it will be a sorry day for the Exercise generally if this generation does not seek to pass down unimpaired in their meaning the old world terms handed down to us by our forefathers. Anything to the contrary will only enhance the trouble of the future historian, and deprive those that follow us of a great amount of interest which is interwoven with the special surroundings and special terms of a past generation.

The Hon. Sec. formally seconded.

Mr. Attree asked if the resolution was intended to apply to Major as well as Minor.

The President referred to the last paragraph, which read—"Major bears co-ordinate relationship to Minor," therefore it would apply to both Minor and Major.

The Rev. H. Law James said the Council had been dealing with this question for sixteen years, and he ventured to think had at last gone to the root of the whole matter. Now Mr. Snowdon wanted to upset that which had been done. Mr. Snowdon in his definition said: "A Surprise method has a Treble Bob hunt, and demands the following places (a) places with the treble before and behind"; to adopt this "Wells" must be thrown out; but this was not all, for in section (b) Mr. Snowdon says "When she dodges"; this would mean throwing out London, Wells, York, and Durham.

Mr. Snowdon: No, not London.

The Rev. H. Law James: but it says "When she dodges." In London places are made at the treble's dodge, so it must go. Section (c) he would accept as correct. When however they came to (d) this would throw out both Superlative and Lincoln. Section (e) Mr. Snowdon said should read "No bell to be detained in the middle for a whole lead." This again would throw out Durham, one of the very best Minor Surprise methods. Section (c), as he had already said, he accepted. This, if kept to, would cover the whole ground and include all. To adopt these proposals would leave them with Cambridge only, and

cut out all the others; whereas leave matters as they were and the whole of the methods now included in the classification list would stand.

Mr. Snowdon thought Mr. James wanted to raise a quibble.

The Rev. H. Law James said it was not so, but simply a matter of fact. Let them take Kent as an illustration. When the treble was dodging in one-two, places were not going on.

Mr. Snowdon said places were made in the first four rows of Kent.

The Rev. H. Law James said: "Not when the treble was dodging in one-two."

The President asked if Mr. Law James desired to move an amendment to those sections of the proposal with which he did not agree.

The Rev. H. Law James said the whole matter was gone into so fully last year in the report upon Legitimate Methods that there was no necessity to do anything further. If Mr. Snowdon would study that report he would see that it embraced everything.

Mr. H. Dains said he should like to take the opportunity of explaining his action in order that it might not be misunderstood. His action in showing how to make up the number of Surprise methods was based upon the acceptance at last year's Council meeting of the places and cross sections by the report upon Legitimate Methods. This being so, he looked over the old methods containing the required beauty-spots or qualifying places. These, with a slight alteration to bring up the plain-bob lead ends, he worked up, with the result shewn. Other persons had done the same, putting new names to old figures—as it were—in fact the operation had been going on through the whole history of the Art. He must acknowledge that he felt somewhat flattered by Mr. Snowdon's complimentary remarks as to his knowledge. No one could do otherwise, especially so with respect to "Old Primrose" and other methods of similar date and standing. His only object was to supply a want, and the only way to do so was to look over the peals found in Annable, and Stedman's *Campanalogia*, and other old works. If what he did was not satisfactory he was sorry, as all was done with the best intention. In reference to the list of methods made up by the Rev. H. Law James for the Method Classification Committee, as a member he had looked over this, but would just mention that several of the old methods, with the slight alterations previously mentioned, might be found there. With respect to the point just raised between the Rev. H. Law James and Mr. Snowdon he considered there were four blows in a single dodge, as in two blows bells can only snap; therefore, to make places when the treble dodges, it must be done as at a bob in Kent Treble Bob, in which places are made while the treble is dodging in one-two.

At this point of the discussion a letter was read from Mr. Miller, of the Leytonstone (Essex) company, the chief points of which were that Mr. Snowdon's motion was too narrow.

The Rev. H. Drake said he was in sympathy with Mr. Snowdon in the great principle which underlaid his motion. Many of the old historical terms had existed as long as ringing had gone on. Were they, as practical men, bound to adhere to these old historical terms? If so, they must throw over all that Mr. James had said. It did not appear to him practicable to adhere to this old word "Surprise."

Mr. Snowdon said he would again ask Mr. James not to quibble. He appreciated all that the rev. gentleman had done, and no one knew better than Mr. James the ins-and-outs of the whole matter. He contended that, in the first four rows of Kent Treble Bob, places were made in 3-4. So it was in London, while in Primrose there were 3rds and 6ths places.

The President expressed an opinion that the subject had been sufficiently debated. He did not think it would be desirable to vote upon the matter at present as experts differed so much upon the subject.

Mr. Snowdon having pressed for his motion to be put, it was lost by a large majority.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1907.

At a meeting of the Towcester and District Association, a full report of which will be found on another page, an old friend again put in an appearance. In proposing a vote of thanks to the preacher of the day, the speaker hoped that the ringers present would take thoroughly to heart the lesson inculcated in the sermon, by practising what they preached—not calling the people to church and at the same time absenting themselves. No one whatever objects to such advice, but it must be conceded that a great deal of improvement has been made in this respect, and the time will shortly come when such advice will be superfluous, in fact out of place altogether. It is remarkable that at the same meeting the Rev. A. WAKE, evidently himself a ringer, spoke from personal experience when he said that all the ringers in his district attended the Church services if they could get there.

It is only right that ringers who officiate in calling the congregation to church should attend themselves. Such attendance is expedient, and shows consistency of behaviour. But we must have nothing like compulsion,



for therein lies the evil. The most regular churchgoer (outside the ringing community) would not be so frequent an attendant if he was coerced and occasionally preached at. Church attendance should be voluntary, even by those who ring for service. Constant and kindly persuasion will do much more good in this matter than proclaiming the laches of the ringer in connection with Churchgoing.

### WICKHAM, HANTS.

On Wednesday, May 29th, in honour of the local peal, Mr. G. Chappell, the captain and conductor of the peal, kindly entertained the Wickham band and a few friends to supper and an evening's harmony.

The function came to the guests in the form of a touch of "Knife and Fork" Surprise, a method universally popular. It will, therefore, cause no surprise to learn that the changes were tapped out faultlessly.

Host, hostess and guests all deplored the absence of the Rector, the Rev. E. Hungerford Duke, through illness, and expressed earnest wishes and hopes for his quick recovery. They also regretted the unavoidable absence of the veteran ringer, J. Whiting, of Fareham celebrity.

After supper, Mr. Chappell said it gave himself and Mrs. Chappell great pleasure to entertain so many old and tried colleagues and friends on such a celebrated occasion, which statement was promptly and warmly responded to, by the guests in grateful accents of pleasure.

The time was then given to music, vocal and instrumental. Songs were contributed by nearly all present, those of the ladies receiving rapturous encores.

**AN UNFORTUNATE OCCURRENCE.**—Mr. Francis E. Dawe, a well-known London ringer, attended a meeting of the Winchester Guild on Saturday last, the 11th inst. What happened to him may be related in his own words: "I attended the Diocesan Guild meeting at Winchester Cathedral, and unfortunately whilst there I lost my pocket-book, with name, etc. in it, and an abundance of ringing papers, touches, peals, etc., but the most unfortunate part is that the address on the front page is one of twenty years ago, and not now in existence. It is of course of value to me but to no one else; so if you will kindly word it in such a way that if it falls into the hands of a ringer, I shall be very grateful to get it back again." If this pocket-book has fallen into the hands of a ringer, he will of course return it without delay. Perhaps our Winchester friends will make some inquiries about it. Mr. Dawe's address is now—"Fern Bank," Hermitage Road, St. John's, Woking, Surrey.

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Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

## STREATHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 3, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. Treble.	EDWARD R. J. DUNK .. 5.
CHARLES J. NORTH .. .. 2.	ARTHUR G. FREEMAN .. 6.
ROBERT B. BLANCHARD .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 7.
LOUIS ATTWATER .. .. 4.	CHARLES WALLACE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Richard Cork, choir and schoolmaster of the parish for over fifty years. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## BATHEASTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 4, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being forty-two 6-scores each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

JESSE HALLETT* .. .. Treble.	JOHN TAYLOR .. .. 4.
THOMAS DAVIES* .. .. 2.	OLIVER DEBHAM .. .. 5.
ARTHUR CORDERY .. .. 3.	*THOMAS G. TAYLOR .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN TAYLOR.

First peal on the bells. \*First peal.

## STREATHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES J. NORTH .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 5.
JOHN C. MITCHELL .. .. 2.	LOUIS ATTWATER .. .. 6.
JOSEPH LAMBERT .. .. 3.	EDWARD R. J. DUNK .. 7.
GEORGE HUGGETT .. .. 4.	ROBERT B. BLANCHARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLANCHARD.

First peal on eight as conductor, and first peal of Major on the bells.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

(THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, June 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. Treble.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 6.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 2.	JOHN T. BUTLER .. .. 7.
HARRY KIRK* .. .. 3.	SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 8.
CHAS WM. NUTTALL* .. 4.	WILLIAM J. THYNG .. .. 9.
JOHN P. TARLTON .. .. 5.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\*First peal of Royal.

## ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. Treble.	ROBERT E. STAVERT .. 5.
THOMAS L. SIMMONDS .. 2.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. 6.
JOSEPH J. ALLEN .. .. 3.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 7.
JOHN C. DICKEN .. .. 4.	GEORGE WRIGHT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rune on the 65th birthday of J. Prewett, Esq., father of the conductor, and an hon member of the above Association.

## NORTH SHIELDS.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ANDREW TULLY .. .. Treble.	ROBERT M. HOGG .. .. 6.
JAMES SCOTT .. .. 2.	THOS. TEASDALE .. .. 7.
JOEL HERN .. .. 3.	GEORGE T. POTTER .. .. 8.
JOHN THOS. HOGG .. .. 4.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 9.
EDWARD HERN .. .. 5.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and

Conducted by THOS. TEASDALE.

This is a short course peal with ten sizes in a course, with alternate 9 7 8 and 8 7 9 course ends, and contains 312 bobs and two singles. First short course peal by the Association. This peal and the one at Newcastle were rung with the bells muffled at backstroke.

## SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 6, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt. in D flat.

WILLIAM DUFFIELD .. Treble.	OLIVER BROCK .. .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 6.
CHARLES BAKER .. .. 3.	FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 7.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 4.	JOHN SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by T. GOFTON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

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

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANBIEES BRANCH.)

On Friday, June 7, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM JUDGE .. .. Treble.	HARRY JUDGE .. .. 5.
FRANK WEBB .. .. 2.	FREDERICK WEBB .. .. 6.
JAMES FRANKLIN .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM THORPE* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM FRANKLIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman rung by Kidlington men only with the assistance of the conductor.

## SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 6, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Treble.	JOHN WITHERS .. .. 5.
HOBACE F. STREET .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
FRANK WITHERS .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by ARTHUR E. PEGLER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

GEORGE A. BLACK .. .. Treble.	JAMES RANN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. DORAN .. .. 2.	GEORGE CARTER .. .. 6.
GEORGE F. MARGETSON .. 3.	WALTER CLARK .. .. 7.
EDWARD A. BACON .. .. 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

**SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**  
**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 8, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,**

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

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

WILLIAM LEWIS* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM RANFORD .. .. 4.
THOMAS HOWELLS* .. .. 2.	JOHN WORMAN .. .. 5.
JOHN HOWELLS .. .. 3.	J. R. NEWMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. R. NEWMAN.

\*First peal.

**COLNE, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 8, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,**

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

**IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.**

ROBT. FOULDS, JUN. .. .. Treble	EDWIN TIMBRELL .. .. 5.
DAVID CAMPBELL .. .. 2.	JOHN P. FOULDS .. .. 6.
HARRY ENTWISTLE .. .. 3.	RENNIE HARTLEY .. .. 7.
WM. TIMBRELL .. .. 4.	WM. MALLINSON .. .. Tenor.

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

**ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.**

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

*On Saturday, June 8, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,**

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

**TAYLOR'S. Tenor 16 cwt.**

GEORGE GARRISON* .. .. Treble.	†HAROLD J. WITCHELL .. .. 5.
GEORGE PARSONS† .. .. 2.	*THOMAS WELLS .. .. 6.
THOMAS RUSSAM .. .. 3.	MARTIN MURPHY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. MRARS* .. .. 4.	†JONATHAN PRESTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS RUSSAM.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to M. Murphy.

**SHILDON, DURHAM.**

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 8, 1907, in Three Hours,*

**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,**

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

**IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lbs.**

MAURICE B. DALBY .. .. Treble.	JAMES BAXTER .. .. 5.
GEORGE W. PEVERELL .. .. 2.	THOMAS WICK .. .. 6.
EDWIN J. TITT .. .. 3.	ROBERT B. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 4.	JOHN H. LENTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by J. H. LENTON.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Mr. William Robinson, churchwarden of the above church, and father of the ringer of the 7th.

**EXETER.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

(THE ST. SIDWELL'S BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, June 8, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL,**

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.**

**Tenor 24 cwt.**

ALFRED MONKLEY .. .. Treble.	THOMAS MUDGE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM DRAKE .. .. 2.	FRANK MURPHY .. .. 7.
EDWIN SHEPHERD .. .. 3.	EDMUND SARGENT .. .. 8.
CHARLES CARTER .. .. 4.	JAMES MOSS .. .. 9.
WILLIAM MOGRIDGE .. .. 5.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Mabel Hems, daughter of H. Hems, Fair Park, Exeter.

**HILGAY, NORFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 8, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

**Tenor 17 cwt.**

EGBERT BORRETT .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. .. 5.
GEORGE COX .. .. 2.	JOHN MARDELL .. .. 6.
CHARLES SEDGLEY .. .. 3.	THOMAS FITZJOHN .. .. 7.
HENRY ROBINSON .. .. 4.	ALFRED FERGUSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and Conducted by E. BORRETT.

**HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 8, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,**

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

**Tenor 10 cwt.**

GEORGE HITCHMAN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 5.
FRANK WITHEES .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
FRANK FAY .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

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

**BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sunday, June 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

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

**TAYLOR'S.**

PERCY H. DOICK .. .. Treble.	ALFRED GREENFIELD .. .. 5.
ALBERT FEIST .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
HENRY BURSTOW .. .. 3.	GEORGE WOODMAN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM STANFORD .. .. 4.	W. JOHN RICE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

**Miscellaneous.**

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

THIRSK.—On Whit-Monday, 640 Kent Treble Bob. W. Newton, W. Stephenson, J. W. Newton, J. Waller, F. P. Howcroft, A. W. Barrett, Rev. A. P. Wright, T. Stephenson conductor, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Haswell, J. W. Newton, J. Clarkson, J. Waller, F. Cryer, J. W. Neesham, T. Stephenson conductor, Rev. W. P. Wright, 456 Bob Major. J. Clarkson, G. J. Clarkson conductor, F. Cryer, W. Pick, M. Tune, J. W. Neesham, Rev. W. P. Wright, F. P. Howcroft. First touch on eight bells by M. Tune. 546 and 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Jackson, G. J. Clarkson, J. Scott, J. Watson, R. Brown, H. Brown, J. W. Neesham conductor, F. P. Howcroft, 360 Bob Minor. J. Watson, R. Brown, H. Brown, J. Scott, W. H. Laycock conductor, M. Tune. 336 Bob Major. H. Jackson, R. Brown, H. Brown, J. Scott, M. Tune, Rev. W. P. Wright, R. E. Neesham, J. W. Neesham conductor.

FELSKIRK.—On Whit-Monday, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Newton, W. Stephenson, R. Haswell, J. Waller, A. W. Barrett, T. Stephenson conductor.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

PENDLETON.—On Sunday, June 2nd, for evening service at St. Thomas's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. J. R. Pritchard, E. Counce, J. Turner, J. Winterbottom, G. E. Turner, A. E. Wreaks, J. Martin conductor, H. Chapman. Messrs. Counce and Martin hail from Liverpool, and were highly delighted with the tone and go of these bells.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

BRAINTREE.—On May 24th, Empire Day, at 6 a.m., 1344 Ken

Treble Bob Major. C. H. Howard conductor, W. Sadler, F. Webb, H. E. Hammond, P. Holmes, F. Rudkin, H. Carte, S. R. Roper. And 1280 Bob Major. F. J. Fuller, the rest as before. Another 1280 Bob Major. W. Grimwade, 7; the rest as before. Both quarter-peals of Bob Major conducted by S. R. Roper.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THETFORD.—On May 14th, at St. Peter's church, 336 Bob Major. E. Carter, W. Westlake, W. Seeley, H. Hawes, G. Flatt, T. Fitzjohn, W. Everett, C. Carter. 1008 Grandsire Triples. E. Carter, W. Westlake, W. Seeley, C. Carter, G. Flatt, T. Fitzjohn, W. Everett, J. Deeks. 168 Grandsire Triples. E. Carter, W. Westlake, L. Dickerson, W. Westlake, T. Fitzjohn, G. Flatt, C. Carter, J. Deeks. All conducted by T. Fitzjohn. Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to Wm. Spalding, who had been captain of the company for many years.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, June 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, Islington, 608 Double Norwich, followed by a touch of Stedman Triples. J. Barry, A. R. Jacob, F. Bennett, T. Langdon, R. Bevan, H. Dains, W. Shimmans, W. Berry. Conducted by W. Shimmans and F. Bennett. Also a touch of Grandsire Triples in which G. Gains took part; conducted by J. Barry.

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

HARBORNE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, June 2nd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins. G. Hitchman, J. W. Tilley, A. E. Pegler, F. Fay, H. Grosvenor, S. Grove conductor, A. Beacham, J. Such.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BEESTON (Notts).—Recently for morning service 1260 Stedman Triples in 45 mins. P. Price, G. Oldham, F. S. Price, J. Ward, sen., A. Roberts, A. Lowe, R. Clifford conductor, E. J. Boot. For evening service 448 Grandsire Triples. E. J. Boot, R. Clifford conductor, L. Price, G. Oldham, W. Clifford, A. Lowe, P. Price, A. Roberts.

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

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, March 3rd, for Divine Service at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 1260 Stedman Triples. F. Edwards, W. F. Garrard, T. W. Borwick, H. G. Miles, A. F. Harris, E. G. Stibbons, J. R. Mackman conductor, F. J. Redknap. On May 19th, 1260 Stedman Caters. A. V. Selby, H. G. Miles, T. W. Borwick, J. R. Mackman, A. Cutmore, H. Richardson, W. M. Garrard conductor, A. F. Harris, F. J. Redknap.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On Tuesday, May 21st, 720 Kent. W. Leigh, C. Eastman, E. Leigh, G. Malyan, J. Heasman conductor, A. Belton.

HESSLE (Yorks).—On Tuesday, May 14th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. \*J. Peart, \*F. Green, C. Jackson conductor, \*C. Brown, E. W. Speck, \*C. Peart. \*First 720 in any method. On Saturday, May 18th, as a wedding compliment to E. Nurse, one of the local ringers, 720 Bob Minor. F. Merrison, C. Jackson conductor, H. Rodmell, T. Stockdale, T. Whitfield, L. Rodmell. Also 720 Bob Minor. F. Merrison, T. Stockdale, H. Rodmell, L. Rodmell, C. Jackson conductor, C. Peart.

HEVER (Kent).—On April 24th, 720 Kent. E. Seal, E. Longley, E. Harrington, T. Heasman conductor, A. Belton, C. Eastman. On May 8th, 720 Kent. J. Heasman conductor, E. Seal, C. Eastman, G. Malyan, A. Belton, E. Longley.

**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 MATTHWS, 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."

STEDMAN TRIPLES AT SHERBORNE ABBEY.

SIR,—The tenor at this Abbey weighs about 46½ cwt. and the 7th about 30 cwt., the latter being false at backstroke, but both go fairly well. Three attempts were made for the peal on the same day. In the first attempt we rung 2 hrs. and 35 mins., with Mr. Hibbert on the 7th and myself on the tenor. In the second attempt we rung twelve minutes, with Mr. Hibbert on the tenor and myself on the 7th. In both cases the peal was lost in consequence of the rope of the 2nd slipping wheel. In the third attempt we rung the peal in 3 hrs. and 35 mins., with Mr. Hibbert on the tenor and myself on the 7th, which was duly recorded in "THE BELL NEWS," and which in my opinion ought to have been sufficient information. More valuable performances than this have been achieved on heavier weight of metal, and as an ordinary ringer I attach no more importance to this peal than any other. I consider there are plenty of men able to do what Mr. Hibbert and myself did on the day in question, therefore I fail to see the necessity of the comments in "THE BELL NEWS" from Mr. Doddington, although I feel sure he did it with a good motive.

JAMES GEORGE.

#### TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By HENRY DAINS, Royal Cumberland Youths.

The first three of the following five peals have the 4th and 6th bells their extent in 6ths place at five course-ends, the 2nd never there, and are the first, I think, composed in two equal parts with these qualities.

5056.					5120.					5184.				
23456	M	B	W	R	23456	M	B	W	R	23456	M	B	W	R
26354	2			I	32654	2			2	35426	I	-		
26543	2		2	I	46253	2	-	I	I	24536	I	-		2
25463			I	2	26543			2	I	24365	2		2	I
56423			2		56423			2	I	23645			I	2
56234	-		I		56234	-		I		26435			I	2
52354			I	2	52364			I	2	52364	2		I	2
53624			I	2	53624			I	2	36524			I	I
25634	I	-	2		25634	I	-	2		25634	I	-		2

Repeated.

Repeated.

Repeated.

The two following peals have the 4th and 6th bells the extent at six course-ends in 6ths place. In the first the 2nd is never there; in the last once only in each part.

5504.					5056.				
23456	M	B	W	H	23456	M	B	W	H
26354	2			I	26354	2			I
26543	2		2	I	45362	2	-	2	I
25463			I	2	45623	2		2	I
45623	I	-		I	52436	-			
52436			-		56234	2			I
56234	2			I	52364			I	2
52364			I	2	53624			I	2
53624			I	2	25634			I	
25634			I						

Repeated.

Repeated.

By calling the second course of either part 2, I, I, the third course-end is brought up, and the number of changes reduced to 5152.

**Peal-Boards** made by JAMES HUNT, Change Ringer, of 99 Dapdune Road, Guildford, meet with great favour

**Notices.**

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on June 18th, St. Dunstan-in-East, June 20th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, June 27th, at 7.30. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**  
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above district will be held at Appledore to-day, Sat., June 15th. Tower open at 3.15 p.m. No allowances. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to attend.

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

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Kingsley to-day, Sat., June 15th. Bells at 4. Tea at 5.45 p.m.  
**D. PRESTON, Hon. Sec.**

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—The next meeting will be held at Huntingdon on Saturday, June 22nd. Tea at 4.30. The towers of St. Mary's and All Saints will be available.

**J. M. CLARKSON, Hon. Dis. Sec.**

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The annual meeting in connection with this society will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 22nd. Service in the Cathedral at 4 o'clock, at which all members are expected to be present. Tea will be provided in the Pool Walk schools at 5.45, to be followed by the general meeting, during which the bells of the Cathedral will not be rung. Ticket for tea will be sixpence each to those only who have paid their subscriptions, to others one shilling. Kindly let me know on or before the 18th inst. if you wish tea to be provided.

**S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.**

20, Bull Street, We t Bromwich.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Wells, on Saturday, June 22nd. The Cathedral bells are available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. St. Cuthbert's bells available all day. Street bells available all day. Dinner at Wickenden's restaurant, High Street, at 12.45 sharp. Meeting to follow. Service will be held in the Cathedral in the afternoon.

**E. E. BURGESS, Hon. Sec.**

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bedford (6 bells), on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Cycling friends please note.  
**J. J. PRATT, Hon. Dis. Sec.**

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, June 22nd. The six bells at Clay Cross, and the 8 at North Wingfield will be available for ringing from 1.0 p.m. until 9.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.0 p.m. Tea at 4.45 followed by general meeting in the schoolroom (or rectory grounds if fine). Tea, 1s. each. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. J. T. Butler, Hepthorne Lane, North Wingfield, not later than the 20th inst. Visitors are advised to book to Clay Cross station.  
**W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.**

**The Lancashire Association, Manchester**

**Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at Swinton on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7.

**W. H. SHUKER, Branch Sec.**

**The Saffron Walden Society.**—Established 1623.—The 284th anniversary will be held on Thursday, June 27th. Dinner at The King's Arms inn, 2s. 6d. **ERNEST A. FITSLOW, Sec.**

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting of the above will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open at 3. Tea (6d. each) at 5, followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present should notify same to me by Wednesday, June 26th.  
**G. WATSON, Hon. Sec.**  
St. Leonards.

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caldicot on Saturday, June 29th at 4.30 p.m.

**REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, Hon. Sec.**

**J. W. JONES, Asst. Hon. Sec.**

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Kegworth from 3 to 4; Lockington, 5.30 to 9 on Saturday, June 29th. Meat tea is will be provided at H. Price's to all who send in their names to me not later than June 28th. Any member of the Association is welcome to attend this meeting and tea. Tea at 4.30.  
**REUBEN CLIFFORD, Sec.**  
Bramcote Road, Beeston, Notts.

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, June 29th.

**REV. A. RUST, } Hon. Secs.  
L. HILLS, }**

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, July 6th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea will be provided at The George and Dragon inn at 5.30. By the kindness of the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon the rectory grounds will be thrown open to the members. All members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, July 3rd.  
**W. LATTEY, Hon. Dis. Sec.**  
26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**Lavenham.**—Notice.—The church bells will be at the disposal of any visiting ringers on Friday, June 21st.

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**NOTE TO PEAL.**

**THE PEAL AT LEWISHAM.**—E. Barnett, junr's 50 Peals.—Grandsire Triples 3; Union 1; Stedman 11, conducted 1; Bob Major 1; Kent 10, conducted 1; Double Oxford 1; Double Norwich 13; "Real" Double Norwich 3; Superlative Major 1; Kent Royal 2; Stedman Caters 4. Total—50; conducted 2.

Any ringing friends visiting York on the occasion of the Yorkshire Gala, June 19th, 20th, and 21st, will be welcomed at the Cathedral by the ringers, who will meet on the steps at the south entrance at 12.30 and 5.30 on Wednesday and Thursday, and at 12.30 only on Friday.  
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**Obituary.****JOHN WALKER, OF BLACKBURN.**

On June 1st the death of this ringer took place after an illness of twelve months, in his 65th year. His remains were buried in Ormskirk churchyard on June 6th, where he was formerly a ringer. The coffin was borne from Ormskirk station to its last resting place by his brother-ringers. After the funeral ceremony a muffled touch of 798 Grandsire Triples, the composition of the deceased, was rung by H. Walker, J. Sholicar conductor, J. Edwards, P. Harvey, E. Duteson, J. Watson, W. E. Wilson, F. Hindle. The deceased was captain of the Blackburn parish church belfry for a period of over twenty years, and many years President of the Blackburn branch of the Lancashire Association. He will be much missed by all who were associated with him. Besides his ability as ringer and conductor he was cheerful

and full of anecdotes. A large number of floral tributes were laid upon the handsomely furnished coffin, including one in the form of a bell from his brother-ringers.

**RINGER'S WEDDING.**

A wedding took place at the church of St. Matthew, Ipswich, on Wednesday, June 5, the contracting parties being Mr. Edward Evans, youngest son of Mr. T. Evans, of Harleston, Norfolk, and Ethel May, youngest daughter of James Jennings, of 333, Bramford Road, Ipswich. In the evening eight members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society assembled to celebrate the event by ringing Thurstan's four-part peal of Stedman Triples. After ringing 1 hr. 40 mins. a "shift" occurred. C. H. Clarke, W. Motts, E. Sherwood, W. P. Garrett, R. H. Brundle, L. W. Wiffen, J. Motts conductor, C. A. Catchpole.

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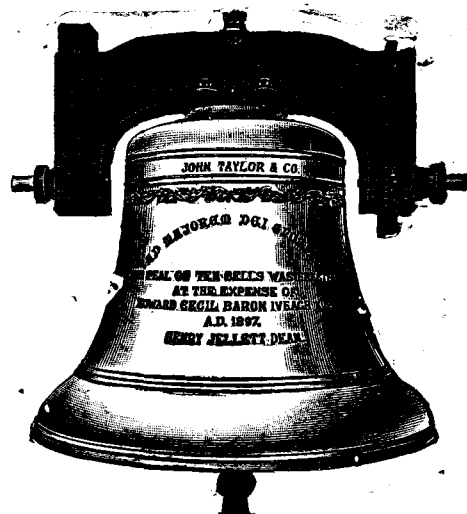
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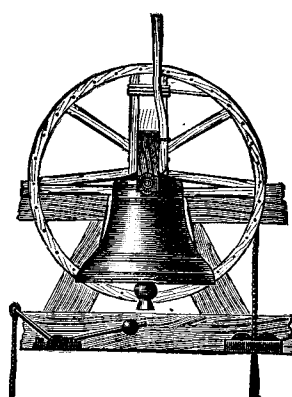
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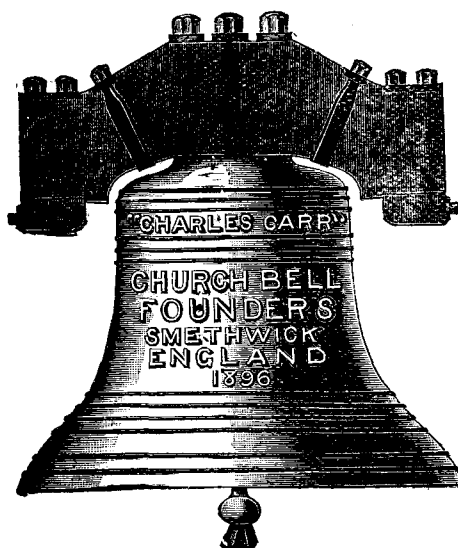
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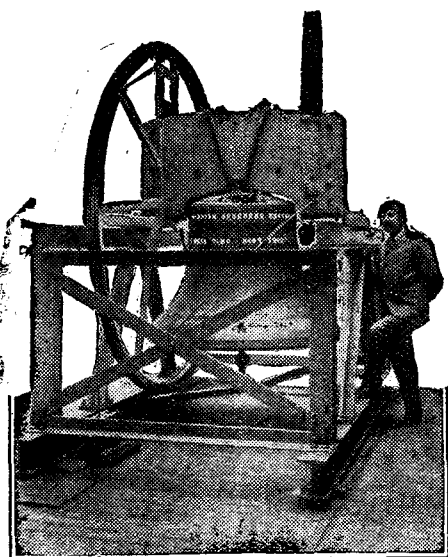
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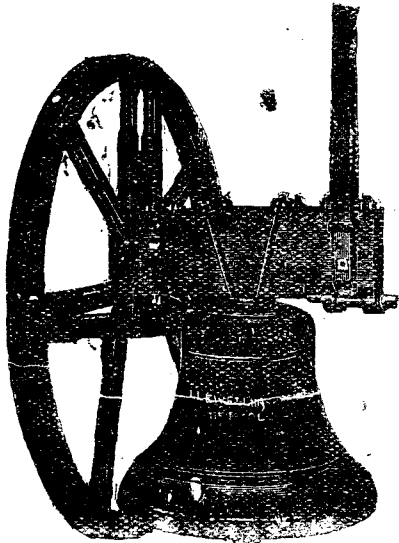
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## PUCKINGTON, SOMERSET.

On a recent Thursday evening, the bells of St. Andrew's parish church, Puckington, Ilminster, were re-dedicated by the Archdeacon of Taunton, after having been rehung and tuned. The work was entrusted to Mr. T. Doble, bellhanger, of Taunton, and carried out very satisfactorily. The renovation was badly needed, the beams on which the five bells hung being partly rotten. The parishioners are glad that the work is now completed, and that the music of the bells will again be heard in the village. A large congregation assembled for the dedication service, and the clergy present, in addition to Archdeacon Askwith, were very numerous. The specially-appointed service was used, and the Archdeacon delivered a very interesting address. He took as his text Proverbs viii. 4, and in the course of his remarks spoke of the inscriptions on the bells. The oldest bell was of pre-Reformation date, and dedicated to St. Andrew. In 1631 the then Rector (Rev. Humphries Sydenham) gave one of the bells, and in the same year Sir Hugh Portman gave another. Sir Hugh Portman, the Archdeacon incidentally observed, was an uncle of the famous William Portman, who captured the Duke of Monmouth at the battle of Sedgemoor. All the land in the parish of Puckington belonged to the Portmans, having been bought by that family from the Crown. It was forfeited to the Crown when Lady Jane Grey was beheaded. The head of the Portman family in the reign of King Edward VI. was Chief Justice of England. Referring to the 4th bell, the Archdeacon mentioned that it was inscribed "P.P." and dated 1632. He suggested that the initials might be those of other members of the Portman family. The last bell bore the date 1649, and had as an inscription "Give thanks to God." The donor must have been a very sanguine person, as those days were troublous times in the history of the Church of England.

The Archdeacon afterwards handed the bells over to the charge of the Rector, to be used only with his consent, subject to the authority of the Bishop of the diocese.

At the close of the service five members of the Bath and Wells Association raised the bells in peal and tapped off a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. Ringers were present from Barrington and Shepton Beauchamp as well as the local band, who took part in the ringing during the evening, all those present speaking in admiration of the excellent go of the bells. The cage erected is an iron one, and provision has been made for a new treble, which it is hoped will be put in to fill the empty pit before long, thus making the peal a musical ring of six in F.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of this Association was held at West Hartlepool on Whit-Monday, May 20th. Members began to arrive soon after 10 a.m., and the fine ring of ten at St. Oswald's were kept going throughout the greater part of the day, by the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. H. Robinson.

A committee meeting was held at noon, and at 1.30 an excellent dinner was served at The Grand hotel, the

President, Mr. G. T. Potter, being in the chair, supported by the Vicar of St. Oswald's and the Rev. B. Jealous and the officers of the Association. Thirty-six members and their friends sat down to dinner. In responding for "The Bishops and Clergy," the Rev. H. Robinson extended a very hearty welcome to the Association, and expressed the thanks of himself and his staff for the help that had been given in ringing matters; more especially he desired to thank Mr. Metcalfe for his untiring energy as Instructor, and Mr. R. S. Story, whose expert knowledge of bells and ringing had been of great service to him.

A letter was read from Mr. G. J. Clarkson, the President of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, inviting the members of the Durham and Newcastle Association to hold a meeting on Whit-Monday, 1908, at Stockton-on-Tees in conjunction with his Association. On the motion of the Secretary, seconded by Mr. C. L. Routledge, the invitation was unanimously accepted, and a telegram to that effect was despatched from the meeting to the Cleveland Association, who were holding their annual meeting at Thirsk that day.

A move was made to the belfry again, and an opportune touch of Stedman Triples was rung as a happy couple were leaving the church after their wedding. At 3 p.m., before the assembled members in the belfry, the Rev. H. Robinson requested Mr. Potter to unveil a handsome oak pealboard which had been put up to record a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in April, 1906, the first peal by the local company.

During the remainder of the day the bells were rung in Kent Treble Bob Royal and Major, Stedman Caters and Triples, Grandsire Triples, London Surprise, and Double Norwich.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-fourth annual meeting was held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 20th, and was a most successful gathering. Ringing at the churches of All Saints (8); St. Giles (10); St. Peter's (8); St. Sepulchre (8); and St. Edmund's (8), was indulged in during the day. Divine service was held at 12 o'clock (noon), when, owing to the indisposition of the Vicar, the Rev. W. E. Chadwick, M.A., B.Sc., the special preacher for the occasion, the sermon was very kindly taken by the latter's Curate, the Rev. E. Farquaharson, who took his text from the 145th Psalm and the 18th verse.

Subsequently the members and friends numbering about 120, adjourned to The Peacock hotel for lunch, presided over by the President, the Rev. E. C. Channer, Vicar of Ravensthorpe, and supported by the Rev. W. St. Geo. Coldwell, Rector of Islip (Vice-President). There was also present, among others, the Rev. R. Copeman (Stoke Albany); the Rev. Hugh Bryan (Stoke Doyle); the Rev. J. Morley (Rothwell); the Rev. E. Farquaharson (Northampton); Rev. A. K. Pavey (Brixworth); the Rev. E. L. Tuson (Kingsthorpe); Mr. W. Tomes, J.P. (Northampton); Mr. J. Barrow (Long Eaton); Rev. J. O.

Hichen, Guilsborough. Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. R. Tustin, the Rev. N. Goddard, the Rev. A. C. Ranger, the Rev. J. B. Fawsett, the Rev. C. Brookes, the Rev. P. M. Smythe, the Rev. W. B. Jacques, the Rev. G. Crossley, and from Messrs. Owen Parker, T. S. Agutter, J. Slarke, and James Marriott.

The annual balance sheet and report was submitted by the hon. secretary, Mr. F. Wilford, shewing a satisfactory balance in hand of £28 7s.

The secretary explained that they had rather a heavy expenditure that year, owing to the heavy expense incurred in writing the peals in the peal book, and they had also financially assisted four belfries.

The Kettering, Northampton All Saints, and Maidwell bands were congratulated on their ringing peals of Double Norwich and Stedman on their own respective bells.

The Secretary wished, on behalf of the Association, to express their sense of the great loss the Association had sustained in the death of Mr. J. Houghton, sen.

It was resolved that the estimate of Mr. Ashton, of Wellingborough, for writing the peals up to date be accepted.

The President next dealt with the subject of the emblem of the Association. One of his daughters had made a design for an emblem. The question for them to decide was, what churches should be printed. On behalf of the committee Mr. T. Hensher moved that the following be printed on the emblem:—

Raunds, All Saints Northampton, Kettering, Wellingborough, Irthlingborough, Higham Ferrers.

Mr. T. Hopper moved an amendment, seconded by A. Moore, that Brixworth take the place of Higham Ferrers, but the original proposition was carried.

The Rev. Hugh Bryan, of Stoke Doyle, in the course of a short and reminiscent speech, proposed that the 25th anniversary be held at Raunds, where the first meeting was held in 1883. Mr. Stubbs, of Raunds, seconded. Mr. F. Hopper moved as an amendment that Northampton should again be chosen. Upon being put to the meeting, Mr. F. Hopper's amendment was carried.

Rev. E. L. Tuson proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy and churchwardens who had lent their belfries for the members that day, also saying he was quite sure they could not come to a better place than Northampton for their annual meeting. Mr. A. Smith seconded.

Mr. W. Tomes, J.P., responded, wishing the ringers all future success and prosperity.

An additional guinea was given to Rothwell Bell Fund. Mr. T. R. Hensher moved that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the President, who feelingly returned thanks, closing a very successful meeting.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual festival was held at Winchester, on Saturday, June 15th, when some 150 ringers from all parts of the Diocese were present.

The annual meeting was held in the Guildhall at half-past one, the President, J. P. Stilwell, Esq., in the chair.

The election of officers for the ensuing year led to the same gentlemen being re-elected.

The annual report and balance sheet, which had been in the hands of the members for some time, was adopted. The sub-committee's report on the division of the Yorktown district was read and adopted. The committee recommended that the name be retained, but that the centre be at Woking.

Other matters of business included the price of teas at District meetings, the question of instructors and the transference of Dibden tower to Winchester district.

The Bishop of Dorking made a few remarks about ringing, and expressed his pleasure at being able to be present.

The place decided on for next year's festival was Dorking, if satisfactory arrangements could be made about the use of the bells there, and failing that, Leatherhead was decided upon. The question of a testimonial to their old secretary, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, was unanimously agreed to, and the central committee were empowered to make arrangements. A vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for throwing open the cathedral, and making the members welcome was unanimously carried.

The service in the cathedral was very well attended and the sermon was preached by Canon Papillon, of Writtle, an old ringer. He dwelt on the need of unity among ringers and the good which such an Association as this was doing. The service concluded with the singing of the special hymn, "The Sacred Bells of England," and the Blessing pronounced by the Dean.

Tea was served immediately after the service in the Guildhall, when some 150 men sat down, the Dean of Winchester presiding.

During the tea a vote of thanks was proposed to the Dean and he made a short speech in reply.

Mr. G. W. Elkins, to whose careful arrangements the success of the day was due, said a few words in answer to the vote of thanks passed to him, and the members then went back to the cathedral and college in order to ring a few touches, while some were shewn round the cathedral by Mr. Elkins.

It was agreed that the festival was a great success and will do a great deal to further that spirit of brotherly unity so ably referred to by the preacher in his sermon.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

In conjunction with the annual gathering of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the two new treble bells added to the Newton Longville parish church peal, a memorial gift by the Rev. C. Leslie Norris, M.A. (rector of the parish) and Mrs. Norris, were dedicated by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Oxford on Saturday afternoon, June 1st. The new bells were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, and they have been erected on an independent steel frame by Messrs. Webb and Bennett, of Kidlington (Oxon.) They measure respectively 2 feet 3 inches and 2 feet 2 inches in diameter, and are inscribed "In uemoriam, E.H.," and "In Memoriam A.M.H." This magnificent gift of Mr. and Mrs. Norris has been the means of providing Newton Longville with a fine peal of eight bells, and their munificence is greatly appreciated not only by their parishioners, but by the general body of bell-ringers in North Bucks. In the morning, at 11.30, a peal of Stedman Triples (a variation of Thurstans' four-part) of 5040 changes, was rung, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, a well-known and practical ringer.

The service for the dedication of the two new bells was fixed for 3.30, and at that hour the fine old church was filled.

The robed clergy and choir met the Bishop of Oxford at the entrance to the church, and the service, which was of a most hearty character, opened with the hymn "All people that on earth do dwell," sung as a processional.



The special lesson, taken from Revelation xxi., commencing at the 10th verse, was read by the Warden of New College. The prayers were intoned by the Rector, and as the Bishop and robed clergy proceeded to the belfry where his lordship dedicated the new bells, the congregation joined most heartily in the singing of that well-known hymn "Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him." The west door was thrown open, and with the customary dedicatory prayers, the bells were opened for use by the Bishop of Oxford. The bells were then rung for a couple of minutes, following which the Bishop gave a brief address from the words, "The perfect law of liberty."—St. James i. 25.

After the sermon, the hymn "Fight the good fight" was sung, and from the chancel the Bishop pronounced the Blessing. "Onward Christian Soldiers" was sung as a recessional and the service concluded. Lieut.-Colonel W. J. Levi, J.P., Woughton House, presided with marked ability at the organ.

Following the service the members of the North Bucks. branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild were entertained to a bountiful and well-provided tea in the schoolroom by the Rev. O. Leslie Norris, M.A. (Rector), and Mrs. Norris. It had been hoped that this function would have taken place on the rectory lawn, but the heavy and continuous downpour of rain in the afternoon made this impossible. Although driven to seek the shelter of the schoolroom, the repast was greatly enjoyed, and the kindness of the Rector and Mrs. Norris much appreciated.

Following the tea, the annual meeting of the North Bucks. branch of the Guild was held. The Rev. C. Leslie Norris, M.A., who with Mr. R. Nicholls, foreman of the Newton Longville company, was mainly responsible for the inauguration of the branch four years ago, presided, and among those present were: Rev. F. E. Robinson (Master of the Guild); Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Deputy-Master); Rev. F. B. Gunnery, Colonel P. Broome Giles (High Sheriff of Bucks.), Lieut.-Colonel W. J. Levi, with the Hon. Secretary of the branch, Mr. F. W. Booth (Emberton).

Colonel Giles proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Lord Bishop for so kindly and at great inconvenience coming to Newton Longville that afternoon to dedicate the two new bells, and for the excellent sermon which he had preached to them. That was but one of the many instances of the kindly interest which his lordship took in the welfare of their village churches.

Mr. F. W. Booth seconded the vote of thanks, which was carried with acclamation.

The Secretary's report showed that excellent work had been accomplished by the branch during the past year. It stated that the annual meeting was held at Newton Longville, whilst other meetings had taken place at Olney, Hanslope and Wing. The gains in membership during the year had been seven honorary members, twenty-five change-ringers, three life subscribers, and ten probationers, a total of thirty-nine; whilst the towers affiliated to the North Bucks. branch had increased by 3. Eight more peals had been rung during the past year than in the preceding twelve months, and the Master and Deputy-Master had each been with them on two occasions.

The balance-sheet, also presented by Mr. Booth, showed that the balance of £2 1s. 2d. with which the branch commenced the year had increased to £4 1s. 2½d.

On the motion of Mr. W. Freeman (Olney), seconded by Mr. V. Sear (Bletchley), the report and balance-sheet were adopted without discussion; the chairman, however,

paid a high tribute to the admirable and energetic manner in which Mr. Booth had discharged the secretarial duties, and to that officer a hearty vote of thanks was passed.

During the evening several touches were rung on the bells of the church. Despite the inclemency of the weather the whole of the proceedings were successful.

#### LATE PEALS.

##### PENDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 17, 1907, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

##### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lbs.

GEORGE LONGDEN .. .. Treble.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 5.
JOSEPH TURNER .. .. 2.	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. 6.
SAMUEL WOOD .. .. 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 7.
EDWARD CASH .. .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL, and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

This peal is adapted from E. Timbrell's longest length, 17,120.

##### HUNSDON, HERTS.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 18, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE H. BARKER .. .. Treble.	WALTER HOBBS .. .. 5.
GEORGE DENT .. .. 2.	ISAAC CAVILL .. .. 6.
WILLIAM IRONS .. .. 3.	FREDERICK PALMER .. .. 7.
REV. W. S. WILLETT .. 4.	SIDNEY LINDSELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE DENT.

##### CAERLEON, MONMOUTSHIRE.

##### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 18, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 7½ cwt.

EVAN DAVIES .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES .. 5.
JOHN BULLEN .. .. 2.	JOHN W. JONES .. .. 6.
ARTHUR E. MORGAN .. 3.	BENSON W. MILLARD .. 7.
MELBOURNE LEWIS .. 4.	SAMUEL BAISS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

It is six years since the last peal was rung on these bells.

##### HELMSHORE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 18, 1907, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

##### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by J. H. BANKS.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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## THE BENEVOLENT FUND QUESTION.

The Rev. H. Drake moved that a Committee be asked to discuss the practicability of a Benevolent Fund for ringers. The rev. gentleman said he might be told that his motion was out of date, the question of a benevolent fund having been discussed last year. He would like however to point out that the motion differed from that brought forward last year. His present motion was for a Committee to consider the practicability or impracticability of having such a fund for the benefit of ringers. It was a matter which he ventured to think might be well worth looking into, and for a Committee to say if it was desirable that should a fund should exist. He did not think it well that it should be said it was impracticable without a Committee having the opportunity of thoroughly going into the whole question. He had upon former occasions heard a great many objections raised against the proposal, but not any which he thought would hold good. Among the objections raised he had heard it said that such a fund was impossible, that it would not work because there would not be a sufficient number of members to make it an independent society. He was himself a member of the Clergy Friendly Society, which started with thirty members, now it had 405, and always had paid its way. He saw no reason why, if a benevolent fund for ringers were started on a business footing, it should not be successful. Possibly, if an attempt was made, some means might be found of attaching it to one of the existing Friendly Societies, such as the National Deposit Friendly Society, which to him appeared well adapted for the purpose. It was said that ringers were all members of some existing friendly societies; that might be so, but he could not help thinking that a benevolent fund would be of great benefit to a large section of the Exercise who would be willing to subscribe to such a fund.

Mr. Tompkins, in seconding, said there was a kind of freemasonry among ringers who generally stuck together, and he had no doubt but that such a fund would prove useful. He hoped the Council might see its way clear to appoint a Committee to thrash the matter out.

Mr. King said he had failed to hear of any new feature brought forward in support of the appointment of a Committee, or that such a Committee would be useful. He knew of few ringers that were not already members of some friendly society, and he thought that membership of such societies was far better than membership in a Ringers' Benevolent Fund could be. He was afraid that such a fund, if created, would cause some amount of jealousy in parts of the country, as those in one part would be dissatisfied with what those might receive in another part. He failed to see any necessity for such a fund.

Mr. Snowdon said the Yorkshire Association had had the matter under discussion, but did not take it up, not having the machinery to carry such a fund on. He failed to see the necessity for such a fund, but thought that the matter should be left in the hands of the friendly and thrift societies who were doing excellent work for the working classes. If an Association like the Yorkshire could not carry on such a fund he did not think the Council could, and therefore he could not see that anything could be done.

The President pointed out that the matter had already been previously discussed by the Council. It appeared, he said, to have been overlooked by the mover and seconder that a generous Government were going to provide old age pensions.

The motion was lost by a substantial majority.

## PEAL RINGING IN THE PRESENT DAY.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee, in bringing forward the question "Is too much stress laid upon peal-ringing by ringers of the present day," said there were many ringers who like to see that the Association of which they were members had brought round a good number of peals during the year, and he should not be surprised if some members of the Council thought he was preaching heresy, and he wondered what the Council would say to him for doing so. He thought there was too much stress put upon peal-ringing in the present day, and that as much, if not more, enjoyment could be obtained by ringing touches as by ringing peals;

not only would it be so to the ringers themselves but especially so to the public at large. He remembered a visit once paid by Squire Proctor and his band to a certain tower, and what thorough enjoyment it was to the band to ring touches. How often it was that the list of peals published in "THE BELL NEWS" contained many of the same names week after week; and then there was the modern ringing tour during which so many were rung. In the old days the ringing of a peal was a great accomplishment. A man who had rung thirty or forty peals in his life had done a great deal of peal-ringing. Now it appeared to be the ambition of some ringers to ring as many peals as they could. It would no doubt be contended that travelling not only by the railway but by the use of the bicycle was far more easy to-day than it was in times gone by. By placing peal-ringing, or, as some would say, peal scoring, as the highest object of a ringer's ambition, was it working on the right lines? Of course every young ringer desired to ring his first peal, which is a worthy ambition. Just the same with a company learning a new method. They should not be content till they had rung a peal in it. But was it working on the right lines to go on and on ringing peal after peal in the same method as the modern ambition appeared to be? He would ask: should there not be more done for the glory of God? Was this done by the many peals rung, not so much by companies in their own towers, but by mixed bands whose object appeared to be to ring peals in as many towers as could be obtained? In olden days peals were rare, and much thought of; now all was changed. What was the object in view? Was it for the enjoyment of the inhabitants who lived near a tower, or was it for the enjoyment or glorification of the individual in order that he might ring so many peals? He was not making the remarks in reference to one whom they all respected, and who had rung more peals than any other man, who undoubtedly had no other desire than to use the Art for the glory of God. Another question he would ask was: do we get or give the greatest enjoyment out of the Art by continued peal-ringing. "Almost certainly not" would be the answer; and although all complaints might not be well-founded, yet there were often just complaints from those resident near a tower in which there were frequent peal ringing, which would show that the greatest enjoyment to those who had to live near by was not given. The continuous ringing of bells often became wearisome, while ringing for a time, with intervals, gave pleasure to nearly all. Another point to which he would briefly refer was: Is peal-ringing the object for which the bells were put in the tower? He thought that many would agree with him that peal-ringing was not the real object, but a far higher object, viz., the glory of God. He believed all would agree in congratulating the Devonshire Guild upon the introduction of change-ringing into Devonshire, which had come to stay. He knew there was no method of producing the beautiful music of the bells so effective as that of change-ringing. Might they not however learn a lesson from the old west country ringing. These old ringers loved to go to the tower to ring rounds, simply giving their skill to the time in ringing rounds, and to the time in raising and falling the bells. So delighted with this kind of ringing were most of the old west country ringers that one night's practice in a week was not sufficient, and many would go a second and even a third night in the same week because of the enjoyment it was to them to handle the bells in such a skillful way. Might not many change-ringers learn something from this, for in the aim at frequent peal ringing some of the beauty of the Art was lost, besides also the loss of some of the best enjoyment and effects of an Art peculiarly an English pastime. There was, he must admit, a spirit of competition in the present day, and it affected ringers as well as those who entered into other arts. Apart from prize ringing, which none of them desired to see restored, it might be difficult to suggest how they were to enter into this competition except by peal ringing. As ringers they were trustees and exponents of a beautiful English Art. Were they, by too frequent peal ringing, so fulfilling their trust as to commend their Art to the public in the best way, or to give to the non-ringing community the greatest pleasure in the music of the bells?

The Hon. Secretary said that he agreed with much that Mr. Elsee had advanced. One could not help feeling that too much was nowadays made of scoring peals in numbers. It should not be forgotten that peal-ringing, admirable as it was, and by

all means to be fostered within certain limits, was not the be-all and end-all of change-ringing. In old times when peals were fewer he thought it was unquestionable that much more pleasure was got out of a peal than was often the case in the present day, when peals were so frequent that the pleasure of the recollection of them as individual events was lost in the haze of mere numbers. Then again the ringing of touches was a great pleasure, but that too seemed in danger of being lost, as there was no time left for touches.

Mr. Attree said the question was one which wanted looking at from different points of view. The band who only rang the bells for the services of the church were at a stand still, whereas the band who rang peals made progress and proved to be the best band. If peal-ringing was not done for the services of the Church then possibly it might be said that it was for the ringers' glorification, and as such he considered it was perfectly justifiable. If the band was one which made progress, it would generally be found that the bells were in good order as the ringers would take an interest in them. The band which simply kept to one method made very little, if any, progress, and took little interest in the bells. If however an attempt was made to master some superior method he saw no reason why there should not be some peal ringing.

Mr. King said if the bells were not rung for Divine Worship then they ought not to be rung at all. If, on the other hand, ringers did their duty by ringing on Sundays for the services of the Church, might they not have some enjoyment from peal ringing during the week? During the last few years a large number of peals had been rung, but last year there was a drop of 200. This might be due to some clergymen not permitting the use of the bells so frequently, and he thought it a matter which in time would right itself. Peal ringing was necessary in order to keep up an interest in the Art and to encourage ringers in doing their duty on Sundays.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson said he desired to thank Mr. Elsee for the remarks which had reference to himself. Peal ringing not only had its moral, mental, and physical advantages, but it was also a test of proficiency in skill and advancement. Peal ringing should be looked at especially for its physical advantages, for there was no better medicine in the world than three hours at the end of a bell rope twice a week, not that the three hours was always reached. In the matter of peal ringing many of the peals that he had taken part in were peals rung in order to help a young ringer, or it might even be a majority of the band, through their first peal in the method. It often brought out talent which would otherwise remain hidden, and no peal was rung without something fresh being found. It taught many to be forbearing, especially when there happened to be a bad striker. As to the complaints that sometimes were made, he did not find that there were many who had a cause for doing so.

Mr. Daniell said he did not consider there were many complaints made as to peal ringing from hospitals, theatres, and other similar buildings, many of which stood in close proximity to churches.

The President said he thought all who had listened to the discussion would have their own views on the matter, and that it would not be desirable to take any definite vote. He agreed with the opener that there was too much stress in the present day laid upon peal ringing. This might be due chiefly to the way in which many so-called peals were rung. Many were undoubtedly so badly struck that those who rang in them ought to be thoroughly ashamed to call the performance a peal. What should be the aim of every ringer was a good peal, and if many who took part in peals would but have that honesty inside the tower that they had when outside listening to other ringers, there would be a great improvement and not so many unworthy peals recorded.

#### LABOUR REGISTRATION OFFICE.

Mr. Daniell reported that during the year he had received half a dozen applications for employment but not one wanting an employee.

On the suggestion of the President a vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Daniell for the valuable experiment he had made.

#### A QUESTION OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey, asked whether, if a representative

of an association who was elected for a term of three years ceased to be a member of the Association which he represented, he ceased to be a member of the Council?

The Hon. Secretary said the point was not referred to in the rules of the Council. The opinion that he had held was that a member of the Council stood on the same footing as a member of Parliament, who was elected for a constituency. So long as that Parliament lasted, such member remained a member of the House, and no one else could occupy his seat. In the case of the Llandaff Association which had not elected a representative, an application was made by a gentleman to come and take part in the Council meeting; but he was obliged to inform the applicant that not having been elected as a representative of the Association he could not do so.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly considered that if a representative of an Association left and did not join an Association, he could no longer be a representative to the Council.

Mr. King said there was one very easy way in which any one who had been elected as a delegate to the Council, but was no longer a member of the Association for which he was elected, could be prevented from acting as its delegate, viz., by the Association not paying the subscription for that particular delegate.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly called attention to the second rule of the Council which reads "The Council shall consist of representative members," and asked how, if a delegate was no longer a member of the Association for which he was elected, he could still be its representative member?

The President thought the rule was clear and that a delegate having ceased to be a member of an Association could no longer be its representative to the Council.

#### NEXT YEAR'S MEETING.

The President said the Standing Committee recommended that, provided satisfactory arrangements could be made, the next year's meeting be held at Cambridge, but in the event of its being found that arrangements could not be made, the meeting be at Ipswich.

The recommendation was adopted.

#### VOTES OF THANKS.

On the proposition of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, a vote of thanks was passed to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Chapter House.

The President in submitting the same to the meeting remarked that notwithstanding the many places the Council had visited, this was the first opportunity it had had of the privilege of meeting in such a noble building.

On the proposition of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Maitland Kelly for the very satisfactory arrangements for the present meeting which he had helped to make.

On the proposition of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Snowden, a vote of thanks was accorded to the President.

Upon the invitation of the Rev. Maitland Kelly the members of the Council adjourned to the Cathedral Cafe for tea. A visit was afterwards made to the Cathedral, and in the evening there was a social gathering.

#### Correspondence.

##### STEDMAN TRIPLES AT SHERBORNE ABBEY.

SIR,—It is good in these days of haste and rush to read the generous tone and touch of your contributor "D," who by the way put off an engagement by telegram to listen to the ringing of Stedman Triples on lovely Sherborne Abbey bells. It is delightful to read his generous remarks on the clever tenor-man ("Yes, good Tom Hibbert"), when he must have had an ambition to ring her himself. I would to God that more ringers had such a soul to delight in the atmosphere of the treasures left by our pious ancestors. The thanks of the ringers are due to the good steeplekeeper for his kind attention in oiling the bells while the ringing was in progress; also to the local ringers who could not do too much to make us welcome. The thanks of the band is tendered to Mr. Gifford, one of his good old school, for the kind hospitality.

C. F. WINNEY.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 1907.

## Obituary.

CHARLES HOPKINS.

We have the unpleasant duty of announcing the demise of the above-named well-known London ringer, which event happened on Friday, the 14th inst., from consumption, in his 54th year. The deceased was a prominent member of the Cumberlands, and had been so for many years, and was one of that Society's best ringers. The following notice is sent for publication by the hon. secretary:—

ROYAL CUMBERLAND SOCIETY.—Will members kindly attend practice meeting Monday evening next, the 24th inst., usual time, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. A funeral peal, bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the memory of a highly respected old member of this Society, who passed away on the 14th instant.

A. R. JACOB, Hon. Sec.

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## DEFINITION OF A SURPRISE METHOD.

Mr. Snowdon sends the following:

SIR,—Although your report of the argument used by me in introducing this at the Central Council is substantially correct, and quite clear if taken as whole, still, I shall be much obliged if I may put a clerical error or two right. At the foot of the first column, on page 148, the sentence should read—"Those who were at work in those days knew what they were about, and they dubbed it 'Bob.'" And a few lines lower down read—"When the treble is behind for a bell to lie at the lead" (is not Surprise). Further at the top of the second column "the first printed Surprise method does not allow it (1st and 6th in Minor, with the treble fore and aft); neither do any of the three great examples, Cambridge, London, and Superlative; if allowed it makes chaos of everything, history included." Also seventeen or so lines lower—"all the Surprise places, including those with the treble fore and aft."

WILLIAM SNOWDON.

P.S.—By the way my thanks to Mr. Dains was in the way of probing, not proving.

**The Metropolis.**

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

On Wednesday, June 12, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. Treble.	WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	HORATIO GUMMER .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 3.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 7.
HENRY DAINS .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

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

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## MINEHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 10, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

A. SAMS .. .. Treble.	C. SUMMERS .. .. 5.
SYDNEY MASON .. .. 2.	J. R. JONES .. .. 6.
W. HOYLES .. .. 3.	H. MOORE .. .. 7.
G. ATKINS .. .. 4.	J. R. PASSMORE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. MOORE, and Conducted by G. ATKINS.

It was arranged to go for a peal of Grandsire Caters, but meeting short the above was rung. This peal was rung as a congratulatory peal to Mr. G. Slater, on his return from his honeymoon.

## BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, June 11, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK JAMES COPE .. 5.
WILLIAM JAMES SMITH .. 2.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. 6.
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## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, June 11, 1907, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES. Tenor 36 cwt.

EDMUND J. HYLAND† .. Treble.	*HORACE BELCHER .. .. 7.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 2.	JOHN NEAL .. .. 8.
THOMAS H. REEVES .. .. 3.	ALBERT WALKER .. .. 9.
FREDERICK DICKENS .. .. 4.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 5.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 11.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS† .. .. 6.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER

\*First peal on twelve bells. †Fiftieth peals (a list elsewhere). Thomas Reynolds' 60th peal of Stedman Cinques. Albert Walker's 30th peal of Stedman Cinques. This composition is now rung for the first time. Further reference elsewhere.

## ROMFORD, ESSEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 11, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

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

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

†First peal in the method.

## WESTBROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, June 12, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt.

SAMUEL REEVES .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 5.
THOMAS PIGOTT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
GEORGE HUGHES .. .. 3.	FREDERICK J. COPE .. .. 7.
GEORGE PIGOTT .. .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Alf. Paddon Smith, a respected member of this Society, with Miss A. Smith, both of Handsworth.

## SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR, WORCESTERSHIRE..

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 13, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being Plain Bob, Canterbury, and Grandsire.

WILLIAM MACE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE LARGE .. .. 4.
FRED RANDALL .. .. 2.	WALTER LARGE .. .. 5.
ERNEST WEBB .. .. 3.	STANLEY GREEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. LARGE.

First peal on the bells.

## MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 13, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES CARR .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM GOSLING .. .. 5.
WILLIAM GOSLING, SEN. .. 2.	HERBERT ALLSOPP .. .. 6.
GEORGE CLARK .. .. 3.	FRANK MAY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM G. CHRISTIAN .. 4.	THOMAS BETTISON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. WHITTLE, and Conducted by T. BETTISON.

\*First peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major by all except the ringers of the 4th and tenor.

## ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 13, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

CRCIL J. BAKER* .. .. Treble.	*ERNEST POXON .. .. 5.
JOSEPH H. ILIFFE .. .. 2.	HENRY HARRISON .. .. 6.
ARTHUR NICHOLSON* .. .. 3.	HENRY FLETCHER .. .. 7.
EDWARD GOBBY .. .. 4.	ALFRED T. BAKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY FLETCHER.

\*First peal.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

(THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 15, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT .. .. Treble.	DAVID BREABLEY .. .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. .. 7.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. .. 4.	DAVID FARTHING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.

Rung after meeting short for Cambridge.

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

On Saturday, June 15, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

G. HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. .. Treble.	G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. .. 5.
A. J. GREGORY* .. .. 2.	P. JONES .. .. 6.
A. GREGORY* .. .. 3.	†F. BUNCE .. .. 7.
CORPL. E. A. GREGORY, R.G.A. 4.	*C. LANG .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Corpl. Gregory was a member of the Guild several years before entering the Army, and rejoined on his return from India. All are Wantage men with the exception of the Holifields.

## PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
H. MOORE'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

W. WERRY, JUN.* .. .. Treble.	E. LINDUP .. .. 5.
G. H. LEE .. .. 2.	C. SMART .. .. 6.
H. EVANS .. .. 3.	A. GREENFIELD .. .. 7.
T. STROUD .. .. 4.	W. EVANS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

\*First peal on more than six bells. Rung after meeting short for Bob Major.

## HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, June 15, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALBERT PERCY WAKLEY .. Treble.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 5.
EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. 3.	HARRY WAKLEY .. .. 7.
FREDERICK HENRY DEXTER 4.	HARRY POWDRILL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## BLAKENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON.

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

On Saturday, June 15, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES.

JAMES E. GROVE .. .. Treble.	FRANK WITHERS .. .. 5.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
HERBERT KNIGHT* .. .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
FRANK FAY .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR E. PEGLER.

\*First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the opening of the bells. First peal of Surprise ever rung in Wolverhampton.

## MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MOTTRAM, STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 15, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

I. SIDEBOTHAM .. .. Treble.	I. SCHOFIELD .. .. 5.
F. HALL .. .. 2.	J. HARROP .. .. 6.
J. GODDARD .. .. 3.	J. HARRISON .. .. 7.
S. STOTT .. .. 4.	C. MARSLAND .. .. Tenor.

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

## CATTERICK, YORKS.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT BORROWS .. .. Treble.	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 5.
HENRY PARISH* .. .. 2.	GEORGE HANDLEY .. .. 6.
ANTHONY PEACOCK* .. .. 3.	GOULDEN J. LUNGLEY .. .. 7.
RICHARD MONCASTER .. 4.	GEORGE W. PARK .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. PLATTS, and

Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

\*First peal in the method. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rang on the third anniversary of Mr. Richardson's first peal of Treble Bob.

## CLEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GORDON CHECKETTS* .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 5.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 2.	ALFRED DAVIES .. .. 6.
JOHN BASS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. .. 7.
JAMES R. NEWMAN* .. 4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. WILLSON, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal in the method.

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

On Saturday, June 15, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

ALFRED CLARKE .. .. Treble.	WALTER BONHAM .. .. 4.
EDWIN YATES† .. .. 2.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM G. CAWLEY .. 3.	CECIL A. VALENTINE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. A. VALENTINE.

†First peal. First in the method as conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells. W. T. Tucker was elected a member previous to starting.



**KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, June 17, 1907, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.****Tenor 26 cwt.**

HARRY MILES .. .. .	Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. .	5.
WILLIAM JUDGE .. .. .	2.	WILLIAM STONE .. .. .	6.
MAURICE SMITH .. .. .	3.	HARRY G. JUDGE .. .. .	7.
WILLIAM THORPE .. .. .	4.	JAMES FRANKLIN .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by **BERTRAM PREWETT.****ASHLEWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.***On Sunday, June 16, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,***AT CHRIST CHURCH,****A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being thirty-two 6-scores of St. Dunstan's and ten of Grandsire.

**Tenor 18 cwt.**

THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. .	Tenor.	WILLIAM ETHERIDGE .. .. .	4.
JOSCELIN TURNER .. .. .	2.	BENJAMIN ETHERIDGE .. .. .	5.
SIDNEY D. ROBERTS* .. .. .	3.	*ALBERT DANCE .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by **BENJAMIN ETHERIDGE.**

\*First peal. First peal on the bells since 1881.

**Date Touches.**

**LAVENHAM (Suffolk).**—On Monday evening, May 12th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 18 mins. S. H. Symonds, H. Crick, T. Hollocks, J. Moore, H. Smith, F. Parker, L. Leeks, A. Symonds conductor. This touch was taken from "Hubbard's Campanalogia," 4th edition, the last 1907 changes of the last peal on page 91.

**Miscellaneous.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**BLACKBURN.**—On Sunday, June 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Walker, W. Briggs, E. Walmsley, J. Edwards, E. Duteson, J. Watson, W. E. Wilson conductor, F. Hindle.

**THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

**CARDIFF.**—On Whit-Sunday evening, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. Williams, W. B. Biss, H. Day, W. Miller, Sergt. Dawe, F. Chamberlain, A. Rowley conductor, G. Vinnecombe. First quarter-peal by F. Chamberlain, and was rung as a birthday compliment to him, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

**DAGENHAM (Essex).**—On Saturday, May 18th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Halls, A. Loosmore, R. Ward, I. Dear, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor. On May 29th, 720 Bob Minor. D. Chaplin first 720, R. Miles, R. Ward, A. Carter, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor. On Saturday, June 1st, 720 Bob Minor. J. Hawkins, E. Hawkins, R. Ward, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor. And another 720 standing as before, with G. Playle first 720 as conductor. Another 720. J. Hawkins, C. Rochester first 720, R. Ward, E. Hawkins, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor. On Sunday, June 2nd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (Pennings). J. Hawkins, E. Hawkins, R. Ward, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor.

**WEST HAM.**—On Saturday, June 1st, at Holy Trinity Barking Road, 720, London Surprise. W. Doran, H. Torble, S. Hayes, G. Dawson, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule. 720 Wells Surprise, standing as before. 720 Chichester Surprise. H. Torble, W. Miller conductor, W. Doran, G. Dawson, S. Hayes, J. Moule.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**YATELEY (Hants).**—On Sunday, May 12th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. G. Burch, C. Hilton, H. Tice,

F. Hagley, G. Bunch, W. Horne, S. Riddell conductor, H. Bunch. On Thursday, May 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Horne, W. B. Tice, H. Tice, J. Moth, F. Hagley, G. Bunch, S. Riddell conductor, H. Bunch. On Sunday, May 26th, the bells were rung half muffled, whole pull and stand, for morning and evening services, as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Hilton, wife of Mr. H. Hilton, parish clerk and foreman of the ringers. On Thursday, May 30th, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. G. Bunch, W. B. Tice, H. Tice, W. Horne conductor, F. Hagley, G. Bunch, S. Riddell, H. Bunch.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**KIDLINGTON (Oxon).**—On Sunday, April 7th, for evening service, 420 Stedman Triples. R. H. Judge, H. Judge conductor, W. Thorpe, J. Mathews, F. Webb, J. Franklin, T. Tolley. On May 5th, 720 Stedman. J. H. R. Freeborn, W. Judge, F. Webb, W. Thorpe, J. Mathews, H. Butler, H. Judge conductor, W. Franklin. On May 26th, 672 Stedman Triples. H. Judge conductor, W. Judge, W. Stone, W. Thorpe, J. Mathews, H. Butler, J. Franklin, W. Franklin.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

**BEDFIELD (Suffolk).**—On Sunday, May 26th, for afternoon service, 720 Oxford. D. Collins, J. Tarrant, W. G. Crickmer conductor, F. Ling, W. Burgess, F. Warner.

**EARL SOHAM.**—On Sunday, May 26th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob. B. Buckley, W. G. Crickmer conductor, F. Warner, J. Tarrant, J. W. Mallett, G. Balls.

**BECCLES (Suffolk).**—On Tuesday, May 28th, at St. Michael's church, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins. C. E. Parnell, A. J. Cornish, H. Reynolds, G. Baxter, H. Hopson, W. Spalding, G. E. Symonds conductor, H. Ling. Rung in honour of Mr. H. Hopson's 76th birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him the usual compliments.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**ISLEWORTH.**—On May 5th, for Men's Service at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Wheatland first quarter-peal, J. Basden, J. Merrick, J. Howes conductor, A. Harding, J. Tabor, W. Folkard, G. Spencer first quarter-peal. On Sunday, June 2nd, for Men's Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. E. Webb, G. Ransom, J. Tabor, T. Beadle, A. Harding, J. Basden conductor, W. Lidbetter, G. Spencer.

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**KNUTSFORD (Cheshire).**—On Sunday, May 26th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. J. Webb, J. Hamman, F. H. Cockran, J. Johnson, F. Potts, S. Hough. First 720 in the method by all.

**BRITFORD (Wilts).**—On Thursday, June 6th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Ormsby, J. S. Rimming, S. Macey, E. Sheppard, L. Harris, W. W. Gifford.

**DEPTFORD (Kent).**—On Sunday, June 9th, on the occasion of the visit to St. Nicholas church of the Mayor and Council of Deptford, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 44 mins. T. Taylor, T. G. Deal, C. H. Walker, A. E. Darvill, F. W. Thornton, H. Warnett, G. H. Daynes composer and conductor, F. Howell.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, June 16th, for Divine Service at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, a friendly party met and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. R. Green, A. Hughes, sen., D. Gibbons, J. Parrott, F. Andrews, M. A. Wood, H. Hills, H. Taylor. Composed and conducted by M. A. Wood.

**A TOUR IN BELGIUM.**

A short time ago two old bellringing friends having a chat together over a quiet glass, talking about old times, etc., decided to have another tour together, but where? they having had a few with many happy days and nights in ringing peals and other pleasure together in this ringing country and out of it also; so we decided to have a tour in Belgium. We arranged with the **At Co-operative Shipping and Tourist Society, Limited**, for tickets, etc., for the journey. Starting at 8.40 a.m. from Bir-

mingham on Saturday, May 18th, to London, leaving Holborn Viaduct Station at 12.25 for Dover, where we were met at the station by Mr. H. P. Macer, one of the company's guides, who conducted us to a reserved carriage, and travelled with us and conducted us all along our tour to the end. Arriving at Ostend where our baggage, etc. had to be examined by the Customs officials, we had some French rolls and coffee, and took our seats in a railway carriage to Brussels, where we arrived at 10.30 p.m. Arriving at our hotel we had supper, a short stroll about, and turned in early to the hotel again. Sunday morning, after breakfast, a walk along the Boulevards, and about the city of Brussels, which we consider a fine city, visited the Royal Museum, which is filled with most beautiful paintings, statuary, etc.; also the Royal Park with its fountains, avenues, etc., and another small park or gardens, around which is placed on pedestals, thirty-four bronze statues representing the various trade Guilds of the City. Placed also in the inside are statues of great men. We also had a look round the church of St. Marie, which is beautiful in the inside. There is here a fine pulpit, which is most handsomely carved, the subject being Adam and Eve being driven out of the Garden of Eden, with many carved figures of birch, etc. Afterwards we went to the Courts of Justice which is a fine building. After lunch at the hotel, a drive round the city to see many places of interest with its many statues, etc.; also the celebrated Manneken statue placed on the corner of one of the streets, which has an history of the past, from which is a continual stream of water running. Returning to the hotel to dinner, after which we went for a walk through the principal streets, which were crowded with people, theatres, concert halls, and all places of amusements, cafes, etc., where all were in full swing. Should not like to see a Continental Sunday in this country.

Monday, after breakfast, we left Brussels for Rochefort, about 2½ hours' ride by train, through a very nice country, arriving just in time for lunch at the hotel. Afterwards we went to the Grotto or Caverns, about two hours' walk under ground, some of it not very pleasant. It is lit throughout with electric light, but they have to carry lamps also, and when about half-way through the lights went out, and we did not feel very comfortable just then. After a time all things went right again. Before we left this place a fire balloon was sent up in the Salle du Sabat, said to be 250 feet high. The light was turned out, and it was a pretty sight, especially afterwards when a powerful light was shown on the place we got into daylight again all right, and well pleased. There were about thirty in the party; the river runs somewhere right through the mountain. Back again to the hotel to a good dinner, and a walk about this beautiful place found us fit for a good night's rest.

On Tuesday early breakfast and a walk through the beautiful woods gathering violets for the ladies of the party, and then took train from Rochefort to Han, about half-an-hour's ride by train, single line, through nice country road, rail and river all the way. Change trains here at Han for ride up the mountain; you have a grand view while going up. You take a short walk down and you are met here by the chief guide to the Grotto. You are then taken to where the river Lesse enters the mountains and then is gone. You start on your journey through the Grotto (which is the property of the Baron E. de Spandl), and is well-lighted with electric light, and has good walks and steps, through which it takes about two full hours, and is more than a mile through them. They are very interesting and grand; the stalactites and stalagmites are most beautiful and numerous. In one place which they call the concert hall, there is a small organ played, and the echoes are splendid. There is also a refreshment place in the cavern where you can get light refreshments. We still go on till at last we come to the river inside the Grotto, and the party, numbering about 100, get into boats, all lights are put out, and just as you are getting out into the light, a cannon is fired, and you hear the echoes about caves when outside. We walked back through the fields to the village of Han, where we got a good lunch at the Hotel Charpentier, and train again to Rochefort, and got our baggage. Taking train from here to Dinant, about two hours' ride through one of the most beautiful rail journeys in Belgium, we arrived in time for dinner at the hotel. This town is situated at the foot of picturesque cliffs; from the bridge and from the summit of the citadel a splendid panoramic view is obtained. The beautiful river Meuse runs along with its beautiful walks, etc.,

and there is a curious rock called the Roche a Bayard, which stands a great height, close to the river, apart from the mountain side with only space for carriages and carts to pass through.

On Wednesday we visited the Market Place, also the church, on which is a wooden tower, and in it are placed a small ring of bells, which play tunes every quarter of an hour, but being small cannot be heard far away. We also bought a ticket to admit us into the Citadel above the town on the rocks behind the church, reached by a flight of 400 steps cut in the rock, but after viewing all things of interest, especially the Museum, and such a grand view of the town and all round the country, we did not regret our journey. We came down by the zig-zag way into the town again. After lunch we went a drive nearly all the way through avenues of pines and lime trees to the Royal Chateau of Ardennes, an ancient royal mansion of nearly 10,000 acres of walks and hunting and shooting grounds, the drive taking us nearly four hours. Back to hotel, had dinner and a look round.

Thursday, a quiet morning here. After lunch took train from Dinant to Brussels, a beautiful ride from here along the side of the river Meuse to Namur, and on to Brussels, about three hours journey by rail. We arrived in time for dinner.

Friday, breakfast early. It was arranged for the party to make an excursion to the battlefield of Waterloo, but we two took train from Brussels to Antwerp instead, and visited the Cathedral, which is considered to be one of the finest Gothic buildings in Europe. It was begun in the year 1352 and finished in 1518. It is very fine inside with paintings and statuary, a most beautiful carved pulpit and many chapels. There is also a very fine trellis work tower in which are placed 99 bells, which play tunes every quarter of an hour. The smallest bell is fifteen inches in circumference, and the largest weighs eight tons. The height of the tower is 402 ft. and there are 616 steps leading to the top. We climbed 520 of the steps to see the bells, and that was enough for us. The tower was commenced in 1434 and was finished in 1520. We also visited St. Andrew's church, which is most beautiful inside. There is in this church a grand carved pulpit representing Christ walking on the sea with St. Andrew sitting in a boat with fishermen's nets, and another disciple on the water, and numerous carvings over the pulpit. From here we had a short look around the city, with its many statues and boulevards, and returned to Brussels satisfied with our visit to Antwerp. We had lunch, took train to Bruges, had a hurried look about this old city, visiting the Cathedral, and the church of Notre Dame. Here is a beautiful carved pulpit and many paintings and sculpture by Michael Angelo. Other places of interest were also visited. We heard tunes played on the famous bells of this place, 49 in number. The first chimes were played on these bells A.D. 1299. They are placed in a tower in the Museum Old Buildings. There is a spiral staircase with 402 steps. We did not go up these, we enough at Antwerp. The tunes are played every quarter of an hour. There is also a fine statue erected in a open space here to Simon Stevin, the inventor of the decimal system. We left this grand old place, taking train to Ostend, arriving in time for dinner at our last hotel in Belgium before returning home. Ostend is a fine place, with a promenade of more than three miles along the coast, which in season is specially noted for its bathing on its beautiful sands. There are fine hotels, cafes and residences, including the famous Kursaal, Royal Palace hotel and many other fine buildings. It is also the summer residence of the King of the Belgians, who has a fine villa on the promenade.

On Saturday morning, while we were on the promenade, the King, with four attendants, was taking his morning walk. We got up from our seats and he saluted us. We viewed many places of interest about here, and while seated outside a cafe having a quiet glass we heard the bells in the tower of the Town Hall play some very pretty tunes. Leaving Ostend by the night boat after wishing our guide good-bye, we had a pleasant journey to Dover. We got back to Birmingham on Sunday afternoon all right after our nine days' tour, and well pleased with all our doings. We may also say that we were well satisfied with our guide and interpreter in the way he interested himself in looking after our comforts at the various hotels and railway journeys.

W. R. S.  
J. C.

### Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, June 27th, at 7.30.

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

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—The next meeting will be held at Huntingdon to-day, Sat., June 22nd. Tea at 4.30. The towers of St. Mary's & All Saints will be available.

J. M. LARKSON, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**Society for Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The annual meeting in connection with this society will be held at Lichfield to-day, Sat., June 22nd. Service in the Cathedral at 4 o'clock, at which all members are expected to be present. Tea will be provided in the Pool Walk schools at 5.45, to be followed by the general meeting, during which the bells of the Cathedral will not be rung. Ticket for tea will be sixpence each to those only who have paid their subscriptions, to others one shilling.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

20, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Wells, to-day, Saturday, June 22nd. The Cathedral bells are available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. St. Cuthbert's bells available all day. Street bells available all day. Dinner at Wickenden's restaurant, High Street, at 12.45 sharp. Meeting to follow. Service will be held in the Cathedral in the afternoon.

Taunton. E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bedford (6 bells), to-day, Sat., June 22nd. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Cycling friends please note. J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, June 22nd. The six bells at Clay Cross, and the 8 at North Wingfield will be available for ringing from 1.0 p.m. until 9.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.0 p.m. Tea at 4.45, followed by general meeting in the schoolroom (or rectory grounds if fine). Tea, 1s. each.

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

**The Saffron Walden Society.**—Established 1623.—The 284th anniversary will be held on Thursday, June 27th. Dinner at The King's Arms inn, 2s. 6d. ERNEST A. FISTOW, *Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting of the above will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open at 3. Tea (6d. each) at 5, followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present should notify same to me by Wednesday, June 26th.

G. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
St. Leonards.

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caldicot on Saturday, June 29th at 4.30 p.m.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*  
J. W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Not-

tingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Kegworth from 3 to 4; Lockington, 5.30 to 9 on Saturday, June 29th. Meat tea 1s will be provided at H. Price's to all who send in their names to me not later than June 28th. Any member of the Association is welcome to attend this meeting and tea. Tea at 4.30.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Sec.*

Bramcote Road, Beeston, Notts.

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, June 29th.

REV. A. RUST, } *Hon. Secs.*  
I. HILLS.

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held at Fulbourne, near Cambridge, on Saturday, June 29th. Tea at 5 o'clock.

P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Shipley on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Sun hotel at 7 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**Central Northamptonshire Association.**—A special ringing meeting of the above will be held at Cranford on Saturday, June 29th, by permission of the Rev. R. C. Thursfield, on the new ring of six bells. Tea at 4.30 p.m. All members are requested to let me know not later than Monday, June 24th, if they will be at the tea.

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

110, Hawthorn Road, Kettering.

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday July 6th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea will be provided at The George and Dragon inn at 5.30. By the kindness of the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon the rectory grounds will be thrown open to the members. All members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, July 3rd.

W. LATTEP, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, July 6th. Cheap fares by 3.25 p.m. Midland train from Sheffield. SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Loughton on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.

GEO. A. BLACK, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will be held at Abingdon on Saturday, July 20th. Special service will be held in St. Helen's church at 12 noon; preacher—the Ven. T. H. Archer Houlton, D.D., Archdeacon of Oxford. Business meeting in the Town Hall at 12.45. Dinner in the Corn Exchange at 1.45. Tickets 2s. each, to be obtained not later than Monday, July 15th, from

A. E. REEVES, *Festival Sec.*

81, Radstock Road, Reading.

### NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT BIRMINGHAM.**—This peal was rang as a wedding peal to Mr. Alf Paddon Smith, a much respected and prominent member of the St. Martin's Guild, who was married at Handsworth that day, the company wishing him and his bride the best of health and happiness in their married life.

EDMUND J. HYLAND'S FIFTY PEALS.—IN

four Minor methods 1; seven ditto 11; Bob Triples 1; Major 1; Grandsire Triples 2; Caters 1; Stedman Triples 6; Caters 4; Cinques 9; Forward Major 1; Maximus 1; Kent Major 2; Superlative 5; Cambridge 5; total—50.

**ARTHUR CHAMBERS' FIFTY PEALS.**—Seven Minor methods 1; Grandsire Triples 9; Stedman Triples 13; Caters 3; Cinques 2; Kent Major 4; Royal 1; Oxford Major 1; Bob Major 2, conducted 1; Double Norwich Major 4; Double Oxford 1; Superlative 1; Cambridge 6; London 2; total—50.

### THE "JOHN BRADY" FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Already acknowledged .. ..	1	0	0
James Motts (Ipswich) .. ..	1	0	0
W. G. Crickmer (Earl Soham) .. ..	0	5	0
A Lady Ringer .. ..	0	2	0
W. H. Baldry .. ..	0	1	0

W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket, will gladly acknowledge further donations.

**THE NEW PALACE STEAMERS** announce that their full service will commence on the 22nd inst., and on the 23rd the "Koh-i-noor" will run from Tilbury to Southend, Margate, Ramsgate, Deal and Dover and back. Special trains from Fenchurch Street and St. Pancras, calling at intermediate stations to Tilbury connect with the boat. On Saturdays the "Koh-i-noor" will make two trips to Margate and back. The "Husbands' boat" to Margate and back, which has become so popular, will leave Tilbury at 4.5 p.m., special express trains from Fenchurch Street at 3.25 p.m., St. Pancras 2.45 p.m. The "Royal Sovereign" will run daily (except Fridays in June) to Southend, Margate and Ramsgate, and back, leaving Old Swan Pier at 9 a.m. week-days, Sundays 9.20 a.m.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The future address of John Monk is 17, Gloucester Place, Witney.

**SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, May 26th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Budd, S. Wade, G. Bester, A. R. Glasscock, N. A. Tomlinson, J. E. Miller conductor, H. Miller, W. Harris.

**SPALDING (Lincolnshire).**—On Tuesday, May 28th, at the church of SS. Mary and Nicolas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. T. Brown, Rev. J. S. Sturton, W. Bennett, J. Halifax, R. Mackman, R. Smith, J. W. Jarvis, H. Eley. The Rev. J. F. Sturton and J. Halifax hail from Fleet, and this is their first quarter-peal.

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## ST. MARK'S SOCIETY, SWINDON.

On Saturday, June 8th, the members of this Society had their annual outing. Accompanied by the Rev. H. C. Brocklehurst they took train to Oxford, and were received at the station by two ringing friends. We were soon on the way to St. Mary Magdalen belfry, and here we found a ring of six, tenor 8 cwt., which was soon swinging to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. Leaving here we wended our way to Holywell, where a ring of six, tenor 10 cwt., was at our disposal, Grandsire Doubles and two courses of Minor being rung. By this time the inner man required looking to, and a good tea was partaken of at St. Giles' parish room. Then to St. Aldate's, another ring of six, tenor 12 cwt. We rang 120 Grandsire Doubles only—they are not allowed to be rung after 6 o'clock. From here we paid a visit to several places of interest in the city. Having one more hour to spare we

went to St. Martin's and All Saints, and rang a few 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. To finish the afternoon's ringing we found ourselves at St. Ebbe's church, and on a sweet little ring of five, tenor 5 cwt., we rang some Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. The homeward journey was commenced at 9.40, Swindon being reached at 11.15, all being agreed that a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon had been spent. We wish to thank our friends for showing us round, also the clergy at each parish for the use of the bells. R.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE  
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WHITLEY BAY.—On Monday, June 3rd, the ringers at St. Paul's church rang 5040 changes in seven Surprise methods, with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Bishop of Newcastle. Unfortunately

the performance could not be scored as a peal, as the 4th tongue broke about ten minutes before the finish.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN  
GUILD.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On Wednesday, May 8th, in an attempt for a peal, 720 Grandsire, 1440 Plain Bob, and 720 Oxford Bob. On Wednesday, May 15th, in another attempt, 720 Grandsire, 1440 Plain Bob, and 720 Oxford Bob. H. J. Smith, W. Singleton, H. W. Merritt, N. Welch, W. F. Churcher, G. E. Chappell.

## THE F. MAUDE FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Already acknowledged ...	6	17	0
J. W. T. Holgate (Bramley) ...	0	2	6
J. Angus (Bradford) ...	0	2	0
R. W. Jennison (Keighley) ...	0	2	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.

The Shipley Society wishes to say that the fund will close at the end of June.

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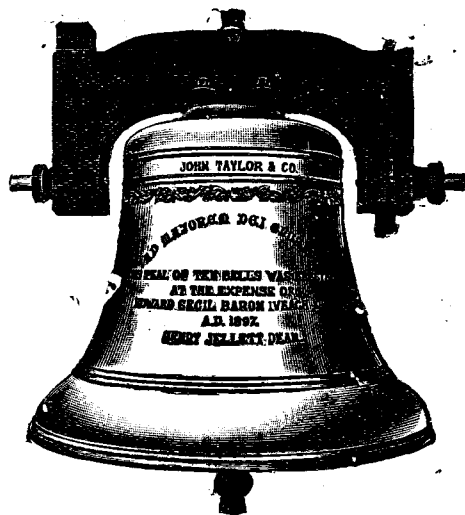
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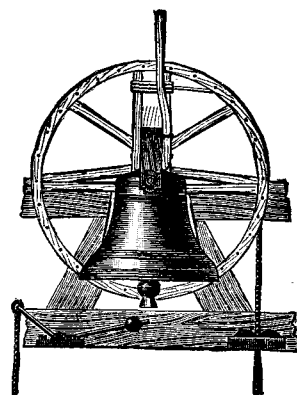
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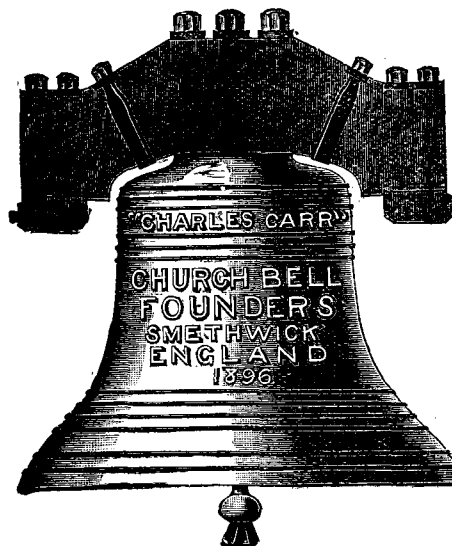
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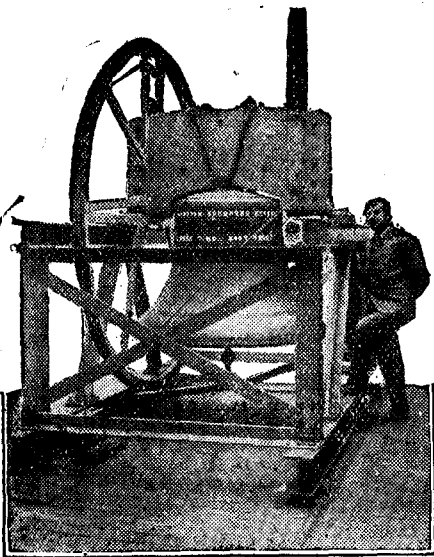
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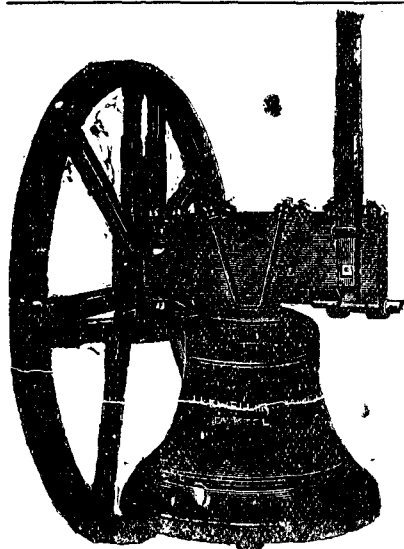
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## THE IN AND OUT-OF-COURSE OF THE CHANGES.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The following article was written some three or four years ago as one of a series on elementary composition. That series I have not been able to complete to my satisfaction, and I have not hitherto published this article because the subject has already been dealt with in a standard ringing work by Jasper Snowden in his "Treatise on Treble Bob." I nor nobody else can ever hope to improve on his treatment of the matter, but at the same time it seems that many people have not his work, and because this subject is one that every ringer ought to know something about, and because though really very simple it has always been surrounded by so much mystery in the eyes of ringers. I have thought that by publishing my article I may possibly bring some light to younger members of the Exercise. Of course to the older and more experienced I have nothing new to say.

If you go to an ordinary person and ask him the difference between odd and even numbers, he will in all probability have some little difficulty in putting his answer into understandable language. Of course he knows what the difference is. The difficulty lies not in the thing itself, but in the explanation. It is the same exactly with the in and out-of-course of the changes. The thing itself is quite simple. The difficulty is to make it understandable to average men not blessed with much knowledge of mathematics. The principle of the in and out-of-course of the changes is simply the principle of odd and even figures transferred to changes.

For simplicity we will henceforth adopt the newer term. In-course rows we will call even. Out-of-course rows we will call odd.

I will ask you to notice the following facts about numbers:—

If you take an even number, and add to an even number, the result is an even number.

If you take an odd number and add to an odd number the result is an even number.

If you add an odd number to an even number or an even number to an odd number the result is an odd number.

4 (even) added to 6 (even) gives 10 (even).

5 (odd) added to 7 (odd) gives 12 (even).

4 (even) added to 5 (odd) gives 9 (odd).

7 (odd) added to 2 (even) gives 9 (odd).

Now turn to changes. One change or row is produced from another by a certain number of bells changing places in pairs.

12 34 56 78

2 143 65 87

24 13 56 78

42 31 65 87

To get the second row 21436587 from the first 12345678,

the following pairs of bells change places:—1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8. That is four pairs.

To get the third row, 24135678, the following pairs change places:—1-4, 6-5, 8-7. That is three pairs. And so in every method on all numbers of bells, each and every row is obtained from the one next before it by a certain number of pairs of bells changing. It is on the number of these pairs of bells that the nature of the row depends. Rounds (12345678) is the foundation row and is in course or even. All rows which are obtained from rounds by an even number of pairs of bells changing place are even or in-course. All rows which are obtained from rounds by an odd number of pairs of bells changing places are odd or out of course.

12 34 56 78

21 43 65 87

21436587 is obtained from 12345678 by an even number of pairs of bells (4) changing places. 21436587 is therefore even or in-course.

1 23 45 67 8

1 32 54 76 8

13254768 is obtained from 12345678 by an odd number of pairs of bells (3) changing places 13254768 is therefore odd or out of course.

But of course only a very few rows are produced directly from rounds. The nature, odd or even, of the others depends on the nature, odd or even, of the one next before it. In this way: A row that is produced by changing an even number of pairs of bells in an even row, is an even row. A row that is produced by changing an odd number of pairs of bells in an odd row, is an even row.

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A row that is produced by changing an odd number of pairs of bells in an even row is an odd row.

It is the same as we saw in numbers. Even and even gives even. Odd and odd gives even. Even and odd or odd and even gives odd.

16 42 35 78

61 24 53 87

16423578 is even, 61245387 is produced from 16423578 by changing an even number of pairs of bells, viz., four, 61245387 is even.

42 1 63 8 75

24 1 36 8 57

42163875 is odd. 24136857 is obtained from 42163875 by changing an odd number of pairs of bells (3). 24136857 is therefore even.

2 31 5 78 64

2 13 5 87 46

23157864 is even, 21358746 is produced from 23157864

by changing an odd number of pairs of bells. 21358746 is therefore odd.

12 43 56 78  
— — — —  
21 34 65 87

12435678 is odd. 21346587 is produced from 12435678 by changing an even number of pairs of bells. 21346587 is therefore odd.

12345678 even.  
21436587 four pairs changed—even.  
12435678 three pairs changed—odd.  
21346587 four pairs changed—odd.  
23164857 three pairs changed—even.  
32168475 three pairs changed—odd.  
23614857 four pairs changed—odd.  
32618475 three pairs changed—even.

In the same way you can take any method on any number of bells and counting the number of pairs of bells that change places every row, find out the nature (odd or even) of every change.

But suppose you want to find what is the nature, odd or even, of a row, which is not capable of being produced directly from rounds, and when you do not know the nature of the row next before it. How shall we find out whether such a row is in-course or out-of-course?

Take 47356218.

Notice the position of 1 first and see how many bells it would have to change places with to get home. It is in 7th place. It would have to change places with six bells before it got to the lead. The other bells remaining in their places, we should then get—

47356218  
14735628

produced by one bell changing places with six bells. Now bring 2 home from 14735628. We get—

47356218  
14735628  
12473568

produced by one bell changing places with five bells. Now bring 3 home. Then 4. Then the others till all are at home and we get rounds. Now write down the successive stages by which we got 12345678 from 47356218, and as we get each bell home write down at the side the number of bells it changed places with as we did above.

47356218  
14735628 - 6  
12473568 - 5  
12347568 - 2  
12345768 - 1  
12345678 - 1

Now add up the figures at the side. If the result is an even number the original row 47356218 is even. If the result is an odd number the original row is odd. As a fact the result is 15. 47356218 is therefore odd.

Now suppose you start with rounds and changing one pair of bells each time you write out the whole of the 40,320 changes on eight bells. Each time you write down a row you change an odd number of pairs of bells (viz., one) consequently each row is different in nature (odd or even) to the one next before it. That is, the rows are alternately odd and even. You will, therefore, have 40,320 changes, exactly half of which are in-course and the other half out-of-course.

But it may possibly occur to some one that the same

row may be produced from different rows; in one case it may be produced direct from rounds, in another half-a-dozen rows may intervene. In one case the row may be produced by two pairs of bells changing places, in the other by two or three times as many. For instance—

(a) 12345678 (b) 12345678  
21345687 21436587  
24135678  
42315768  
24317586  
42137856  
24138765  
42318675  
43216857  
34126587  
31425678  
13246587  
12346578  
21345687

In case (a) 21345687 is produced directly from rounds. In case (b) twelve other rows come between. In (a) 21345687 is produced by two pairs of bells changing places, and is therefore even.

Is it possible, you may ask, for this row to be produced in (b) by an odd number of pairs from rounds changing places? No it is not. It is the same as with numbers. You add 2 (even) to 4 (even) and you get 6 (even) or you add 7 (odd) to 4 (even) and again add 6. Then take away 11 and you get 6. Whatever process you go through, whether the intermediate figures or rows are odd or even the result is always the same. You cannot produce an even row from rounds, either directly or through many rows by changing an odd number of pairs of bells. And you cannot produce an odd row from rounds by changing an even number of pairs of bells.

## DOUBLE NORWICH.

By JOHN CARTER.

Some time ago I promised Mr. Godden that I would publish my system of composition. Now as Mr. Trollope has given his on Plain Bob, I think it well to give Double Norwich, and therefore send one of my systems, which I think will be the best for the general public, although it is not the easiest, nor is it the best for peals of special quality.

With this first contribution I give the course-ends in full, numbered so that they will be together in order.

With the next I shall give my numerical system, and the bobs and singles for arranging them into long or short circuits for 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 parts.

Then I give circuits worked out by the numbers from my system, coupled with the ordinary manner of writing them out; and in the final contribution I shall give a little explanation to enable composers and conductors to work out short circuits for practice.

Following this in the first contribution are the course-ends in full referred to.

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5. 24536		5. 34592
6. 43526	5. 32465	6. 32465
7. 25346	6. 23564	7. 23645
8. 35426	7. 35264	8. 43652
9. 45236	8. 52364	9. 42635
10. 53246		10. 26435
11. 52436	9. 42635	11. 36452
12. 54326	10. 32654	12. 36245
	11. 25634	13. 62345
13. 32465	12. 53624	14. 64352
14. 24365		15. 64235
15. 43265	13. 26435	
16. 23564	14. 26354	
17. 42563	15. 36524	
18. 34562	16. 56234	
19. 35264		
20. 25463	17. 63425	
21. 45362	18. 63254	
22. 52364	19. 62534	
23. 54263	20. 65324	
24. 53462		
25. 23645		
26. 42635		
27. 34625		
28. 32654		
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31. 25634		
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42. 36452		
43. 36524		
44. 26543		
45. 46532		
46. 56234		
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48. 56342		
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50. 64235		
51. 63425		
52. 63254		
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4. 32546
5. 25346
6. 53246
7. 24536
8. 45236
9. 52436
10. 43526
11. 35426
12. 54326

## 12-Part Circuit.

1. 23456
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4. 54326
5. 43526
6. 35426
7. 43652
8. 36452
9. 64352
10. 54632

## SOMETHING NEW, VERY.

I embrace the opportunity to invite your criticism of a 120 Doubles in the Old Grandsire method and form. If you think it worthy of inspection, you will find that the 2nd bell does the work of the treble, while the work of the hunt bell is undertaken at first by the 4th. The treble (really, in this 120, the observation bell) makes third's and returns to lead to meet two bells before the 2nd, and make the call. The 5th finishes whole full behind, dodges down (with 3rd), and meets one bell before the 2nd. The 3rd goes out behind, dodges up (with 5th) and is turned from lead by the 2nd. Only the initial movements, and the remembrance that the 2nd is doing treble work are necessary to the ringing of the 120.

The idea (new or old as you may certify) contains possibilities, especially from a musical point of view. Lovers of the melody of the changes might experience the pleasure of hearing the treble in the dodges, and in thirds, and I dare venture to think that in the hands of one of the experts on your staff, the initial movements and the callings could be so manipulated and arranged that the treble might be heard in second's and in double-third's places,—and all this before entering on the more intricate study of the Treble Bob Methods.

I have not tried to apply the principle to Bob Doubles. Perhaps, unless you find yourself compelled to reject the idea as spurious, some of your officials or some of your readers may be induced to look into the matter.

I beg your pardon, Mr. Editor, for addressing you at so great length, and have the honour and gratification of being yours very sincerely,

WM. T. LANGFORD.

Wickham, Hants.

June 4th, 1907.

## 120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

123456	512346	451236	243516	543126
214356	153246	542135 S	423156	451326
241536	135426	524316	432516	415236
421356	314526	254136	345216	142536
412536	341256	254316	354126	124356
145236	432156 B	524136	531426	213456
154326	423516	542316	513246	231546
513426	243156	453216	152346	321456
531246	234516	435126	125436	312546
352146 B	324156	341526	214536	135246
325416	342516	314256	241356	153426
235146	435216	132456	421536	514326
253416	453126	123546	412356	541236
523146	541326	215346	143256	452136 S
532416	514236	251436	134526	425316
354216	152436	521346	315426	245136
345126	125346	512436	351246	245316
431526	213546	154236	532146 B	425136
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142356	321546	413526	253146	543216
124536	312456	431256	235416	534126
215436	134256	342156 B	325146	351426
251346	143526	324516	352416	315246
521436	415326	234156	534216	132546
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LONDON.—On Sunday evening, June 16th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's, Cornhill, 1323 Stedman Cinques, in 1 hr. 1 min. C. F. Winney, A. Jones, E. Gibbs, E. Horrex, T. H. Taffender, C. Lee, C. S. Burden, E. J. Webb, H. Langdon, A. B. Peck, W. T. Cockerill conductor, W. Prime.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at North Wingfield on Saturday, June 22nd, about forty members and friends attending, amongst those present being the Rev. C. J. Boden, Rector, Rev. A. J. A. Gollmer (curate), and the Rev. R. P. Farrow (of Ashover).

The bells at Clay Cross were at the disposal of the ringers, in addition to those at North Wingfield.

By the kindness of the Rev. C. J. Boden, tea had been arranged on the rectory lawn, but a rain-storm coming on a hasty move was made to the schoolroom, where after justice had been done to the good things provided, the vice-President took the chair, and called upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Mr. John W. Taylor said that the peal-book No. 3 would be completed when the entering of the peals for 1906 was finished, and that he would have the same bound at his own expense. Sir Arthur Heywood had promised to present a new book (No 4) to the Association.

Thanks were accorded to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., and Mr. J. W. Taylor for their kindness, on the proposition of Mr. W. C. Wakley, seconded by Mr. C. Draper.

The Rev. C. J. Boden and A. Tailyour, esq. were elected honorary members of the Association. Two life and nineteen ringing members were also admitted. Particulars of the peals rung by members of the Association since the Easter meeting, twenty-two in number, were read out by the vice-President.

Mr. W. E. White proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. C. J. Boden for the use of the bells, and for his kindness in welcoming the Association to North Wingfield, and to the incumbent of Clay Cross for the use of the bells at that place. This was seconded by Mr. A. Wakley, and carried with applause.

The Rev. C. J. Boden acknowledged the vote of thanks, and said he should be pleased for the Association to hold meetings at North Wingfield at any time.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The members of this Guild met on Saturday, June 8th, at Halsall, near Ormskirk. Representatives from the belfries of Wigan, Aughton, Ormskirk, Crosby, Sefton, Rainford, Crossens, and Southport, about seventy in number, attended, and some grand touches as well as an excellent peal were rung. At the Guild service the prayers were read by the Rev. R. E. E. Whitaker, and an address on "Vocation" was given by the Master of the Guild, the Rev. W. T. Bulpit. Afterwards an adjournment was made to the schools, where a bountiful collation had been prepared. Here the ringers were the guests of the Rev. Canon Leigh, Rector of Halsall, who was supported by the Revs. R. Markham, G. J. Howson, W. T. Bulpit, R. E. E. Whitaker, W. A. Pilson, and the churchwardens of Halsall. At "The Smoke" after tea, addresses were given. The Rev. Canon Leigh spoke words of welcome. The Rev. G. J. Howson, of Southport, told of his experiences in a belfry. The Rev. R. Markham, Rector of Aughton, gave some sound advice. Mr. John Martin of Liscard, set forth the financial position of the Guild. The wardens spoke of their appreciation and devotedness to their Rector. Mr. George Brown, of Wigan, proposed a hearty vote of thanks for the gracious hospitality of the day, and this being put to the meeting by the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, was carried with acclamation. Incidentally it was stated that Halsall church was never closed, but was open night and day; also that Mr. Jones, who presided at the organ, had done so during 53 years of office.

## TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By HENRY DAINS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

5024.					5260.				
23456	M	B	W	H	23456	M	B	W	H
35426			2		35426			2	
56423	2	-	1	2	56423	1			2
25634	2		2	2	25634		-		2
26354			1	2	26354			1	2
24564	1	-	2	2	23564	1	-	1	2
23645	2		2	1	23645	2		2	1
26435			1	2	26435			1	2
24365	1	-	2	2	24365			1	2
26543	2		1	1	Repeated.				
25463	1	-	2	2	Except that in the first and fourth courses alternate calling must be used. If the last course of the above part is called 2W 1R the above 24365 course-end is cut out; the first course-end of the second part is produced, and the number of changes reduced to 5024. Other variations are obtainable				
24653	1	-	2	2					
24536	2		2	1					
25346			1	2	This peal has the 2nd bell home at the last twelve course-ends.				
23456			1	2					

This peal has the 2nd bell home at the last twelve course-ends.

In Snowden's "Treatise on Treble Bob," page 79, three peals by Mr. Sottan-stall will be found, which have the 2nd at home at twelve course-ends, but not at the last twelve course-ends.

First rang by the Sussex County Association at Warnham, Sussex, on Sunday, May 5th, 1907, conducted by F. Bennett.

P.S.—I note if the alternate calling is used in the last course of either part of the 5120 of mine published on June 15th, the number of changes will be 5056; and I also note the first 5056 given does not quite hold up to the specification—it is one blow short in each part.

## TWO PEALS IN THE SAME METHOD.

By E. TIMBRELL, *Chipping, Lancashire.*

No. 1. 5120.					No. 2. 5120.				
23456	M	B	W	H	23456	M	B	W	H
26354	2			1	26354	2			1
26543	2		2	1	26543	2		2	1
25463			1	2	64523			2	
52364	-	1	2		23645	2		1	
53624			1	2	32546		-	1	2
32654	1	-			35426			1	2
56423	2	-	2		52436	1	-		
25634	-		2		25634	2			2

Each have the 4th and 6th their extent in 6ths place, the 2nd never there at a course-end. No. 1 first rung at Walkden on December 15th, 1902, conducted by Joseph Potter.

Mr. F. Dench writes: "Will you kindly state in your next that I was the first to publish a peal of Treble Bob Major with the 4th and 6th their extent at five course-ends in two equal parts without the 2nd in 6ths, about the year 1899. Mr. Dains' claim in your issue of June 15th is therefore incorrect."

CHERTSEY.—On June 13, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. G. Warrington, E. Warrington, A. F. Shepherd, J. Merrick, F. J. Shepherd conductor, A. E. Gray, J. B. Hesse, H. Stevens.



**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 July 2nd; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on July 11th; St. Paul's Cathedral on July 16th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on July 18th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on July 25th.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.**—A meeting of the above will be held at Salehurst to-day, Sat., June 29th. Tower open at 3. Tea (6d. each) at 5, followed by business meeting. G. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.* St. Leonards.

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caldicot on Saturday, June 29th at 4.30 p.m.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*

J. W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham District.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Kegworth from 3 to 4; Lockington, 5.30 to 9 to-day, Sat., June 29th. Any member of the Association is welcome to attend this meeting and tea. Tea at 4.30.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Sec.*

Bramcote Road, Beeston, Notts.

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sharnbrook to-day, Saturday, June 29th.

REV. A. RUST, *Hon. Secs.*

I. HILLS,

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held at Fulbourne, near Cambridge, to-day, Sat., June 29th. Tea at 5 o'clock.

P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Shipley to-day, Saturday, June 29th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Sun hotel at 7 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**Central Northamptonshire Association.**—A special ringing meeting of the above will be held at Cranford to-day, Sat., June 29th, by permission of the Rev. R. C. Thursfield, on the new ring of six bells. Tea at 4.30 p.m.

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

110, Hawthorn Road, Kettering.

**The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.**—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, July 6th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea will be provided at The George and Dragon inn at 5.30. By the kindness of the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon the rectory grounds will be thrown open to the members. All members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, July 3rd.

W. LATYER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

26, Duker Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, July 6th. Cheap fares by 3.25 p.m. Midland train from Sheffield. SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—South-Western

Division.—A meeting will be held at Loughton on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. GEO. A. BLACK, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Cheddleton on Saturday, July 6th. Bells at 4. Business at 5. Tea at 5.30. Service at 6.30 p.m. Members intending to be present please give notice to Mr. J. Gilbert, Rose Cottage, Cheddleton, near Leek, not later than Thursday, July 4th.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, July 6th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Business—Election of Branch Secretary and Committeeman for the next two years.

E. SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Selly Oak on Saturday, July 13th. Service at 4.15 p.m. As the Vicar (Rev. S. B. Sladen), has most kindly offered to provide tea, it is earnestly requested that all intending to be present will notify me before Wednesday, July 10th. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening.

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

Bransford, Worcester.

**The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.**—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 13th. Bells ready at 4.30.

WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will be held at Abingdon on Saturday, July 20th. Special service will be held in St. Helen's church at 12 noon; preacher—the Ven. T. H. Archer Houlblon, D.D., Archdeacon of Oxford. Business meeting in the Town Hall at 12.45. Dinner in the Corn Exchange at 1.45. Tickets 2s. each, to be obtained not later than Monday, July 15th, from

A. E. REEVES, *Festival Sec.*

81, Radstock Road, Reading.

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Ringers visiting Grimsby and Cleethorpes are welcome at St. Andrew's church (one minute from Grimsby Docks Station). Sunday ringing—10 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practices or peals arranged the Sunday previous. Intending visitors should write to J. W. Seamer, 83, Winttingham Road, to avoid disappointment.

**NOTES TO PEALS.**

**THE HANDBELL PEAL AT BARNSBURY.**—The handbells are a nice and comparatively new ring of seventeen by Messrs. Shaw. This is the second peal upon them; the first being one of Stedman Triples conducted by C. F. Winney in May 1904, and both upon an intermediate and musical ring in F sharp, which is very musical.

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**CHANGES OF ADDRESS.**—W. H. Barber has removed to 16, Sandringham Road, South Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The future address of A. W. Osborne, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Reading Branch (Oxford Diocesan Guild), is 17, Dorothy Street, Reading.

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**CHELMSFORD (Essex).**—On Sunday evening, June 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. A. Whight, W. Newman, A. Head, W. Rowland, jun., H. R. Dawson, H. F. Cooper conductor, R. H. Rolfe, H. Head.

**LEITH.**—Recently at St. James's Episcopal Church, for a special service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. E. Cowe, T. Thom, T. J. Ades, C. C. Ellis conductor, E. F. Price, R. Whitson, W. C. S. Heathcote, W. R. Fyfe.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday evening, June 9th, for Divine Service at St. Paul's church, Hammer-smith, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. F. W. Todd, C. F. Hunt, A. Hubbard, J. P. Kent, C. Cox, F. Skevington conductor, G. C. Iles, G. W. Coombes. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. T. H. Currie, ex-churchwarden and formerly captain of the local ringers.

**SELLY OAK (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, June 9th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major. F. Withers, J. E. Groves, F. Fay, H. Withers, A. Chambers, S. Grove, J. Dowler, A. E. Pegler conductor.

**SIMPSON (Bucks).**—On Thursday, June 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 39 mins. F. Baker, C. W. Smith, H. Smith, W. Pether, J. Higgins conductor. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and 4th. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

**SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).**—On Sunday morning, June 16th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Budd, J. A. Dart, G. Bester, N. Tomlinson, W. Pickworth, J. E. Miller conductor, S. Wade, W. Harris.

**SOUTHOVER, LEWES (Sussex).**—On Wednesday, June 19th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 2520 Grandsire Triples. E. J. Pannett, G. H. Sturt, F. S. Sturt, R. W. Hoather, E. C. Merritt, A. J. Turner, R. J. Dawe conductor, G. Richardson. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. William Godfrey Martin and Miss Bessie Bodle Lusted. Mr. Martin is a member of the local band, and Mr. J. R. Lusted, the bride's father, is one of the churchwardens of the parish.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 1907.

It will be well for those who wish to possess a good knowledge of what may be called the inner paths of the science, if they study the contributions of such masters as Messrs. TROLLOPE and CARTER. The former has written a very clear explanation of "in and out-of-course," which is complete in this number; and the latter gives the first instalment of his scientific enquiry, which will become plainer as it proceeds. Mr. TROLLOPE has also a further article under weigh, dealing with another branch of enquiry. Therefore we recommend all ringing students of the higher branch of the Art to take careful note of these productions, and sift them thoroughly, to their individual advantage and benefit.

What shall we say upon the other production, by a writer over the signature of W. T. LANGFORD? Perhaps it will be best to leave it to the criticism of those of our readers who are fond of reflecting upon new discoveries.

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

### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The annual meeting of this society was held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 22nd. There was ringing in various methods in the towers of the Cathedral and St. Michael's, and after joining in 4.0 p.m. evensong, when the society's prayers were intoned, a committee meeting was held in the Consistory Court, and nine new members were elected. After a good tea in the Pool Walk School the general meeting took place, being presided over by the Hon. and Right Rev. Bishop Anson. The Clerical Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (Rev. F. Tennison), read apologies from the Bishop of Lichfield, who regretted being unable to take the chair as had been arranged; from the Archdeacon of Stafford, and from the Rev. Prebendary Bolton, and others. The balance-sheet, shewing £12 19s. 3d. in the bank, and the Hon. Secretary's report, was presented and adopted, a foot-note being added to call the attention of hon. members to the small amount of £2 paid in hon. subscriptions. The number of peals rung during the year by the society shows a slight increase over last year, being thirty-one instead of thirty, which has been rung in seventeen different towers, and conducted by thirteen different conductors, but in the quality of the peals there was a decided improvement in the methods rung, as will be seen from the following list: Stedman Cinques 1; Caters 3; Triples 13; Grandsire Caters 2; Triples 6; Oxford Major 1; Cambridge Surprise 1; Double Norwich Major 2; Bob Major 2. The officers, including Mr. S. Reeves (Lay Hon. Secretary), and three Committee hon. members, were all re-elected. The quarterly meetings for the ensuing year were fixed to be held at Darlaston, Tettenhall, Burton-on-Trent (St. Modwen's), and Lichfield in the order stated. The two representatives at the Central Council read their report of the Exeter meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Dean and Chapter for arrangements permitted; to the Rev. Prebendary Bolton for the use of the school; to Messrs. Gallimore and Cope for help in the towers and at the tea; to Mr. James E. Rowley for kindly examining the accounts: and to Bishop Anson for presiding.

The Right Rev. chairman said he fully endorsed the objects of the society. The first was to recognise the Church ringers as Church-workers, for he felt that Church ringers were as really Church-workers as a choir or teachers, and ought to receive support and encouragement from Church people. There had come about a great improvement in the belfry, and to show his appreciation of their efforts, he would be glad to become an hon. member of the society, and he felt sure that if only Church people could be made to realise the good work the society was doing for the Church, it would receive more help.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 21, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH.

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES.

FRANK BENNETT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM FOREMAN .. .. 6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. .. 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BERRY .. .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 8.
HARRY HOSKINS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS .. .. 9.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 5.	THOMAS JAEEMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of W. Foreman, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

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

On Saturday, June 22, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

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

WILLIAM FOREMAN .. .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 6.
SAMUEL J. BIRD .. .. 3.	HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to William Foreman, his brother strings wishing him many happy returns.

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

On Saturday, June 22, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, CLAPTON.

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE B. LUCAS .. .. Treble.	C. CAREW COX .. .. 5.
GEORGE F. MARGETSON .. .. 2.	JOHN H. WILKINS .. .. 6.
FREDERICK RUMENS .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
RICHARD G. RICE .. .. 4.	HENRY J. MAYNARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal on the bells since the induction of the new Vicar.

### Handbell Peals.

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

On Wednesday, June 19, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. DAINS, 47, RICHMOND ROAD, BARNSBURY, N.

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

GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 1-2.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. .. 5-6.
ACKLAND J. PERKINS .. .. 3-4.	HENRY DAINS .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by ACKLAND J. PERKINS.

Umpires—H. W. Stanley (College Youths), and I. Barry (Royal Cumberland Youths), who ticked off the lead ends as they came up. Further reference elsewhere.

### The Provinces.

#### HORLEY, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 16, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

PETER TYLER .. .. Treble.	ALFRED D. MILLS .. .. 5.
JOHN RICE .. .. 2.	FREDERICK DENCH .. .. 6.
ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. .. 3.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

### EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 23, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

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

FRED. J. LAMBERT .. .. Treble.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. .. 4.
ANDREW MARSHALL .. .. 2.	FRED BUTCHERS .. .. 3.
WALTER W. MANSALL .. .. 3.	EDWIN LAMBERT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST C. LAMBERT.

\*First peal in more than one method. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Gillett and Johnston.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 14, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt.

ROBERT W. FALCONER .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY.. .. 5.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN.. .. 2.	EDWARD A. HERN .. .. 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 7.
GEORGE T. POTTER .. .. 4.	ERNEST E. FERRY .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.  
Rung after meeting short for Superlative.

## CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 17, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

WILLIAM BUCK .. .. Treble.	JAMES WIGNELL .. .. 5.
GEORGE HEATHER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 6.
JOHN WEBB .. .. 3.	FRANK HOLDER.. .. 7.
ALFRED CLAYTON .. .. 4.	FREDERICK BOULTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOLDER.

Rung with the bells halfmuffled as a token of respect to Edwin J. Hollands.

## DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(RIPLEY BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 19, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JAMES PAGETT .. .. Treble.	FRED HICKLING.. .. 5.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FROST .. 6.
FREDERICK W. HILL* .. 3.	HENRY GEORGE.. .. 7.
JOSEPH BOURNE .. .. 4.	JOSEPH E. SYKES .. Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal of Bob Major, and proposed a life member in the belfry.

## RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 20, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

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

Conducted by F. WATLING.

## CHERTSEY, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 20, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE WOODISS .. .. Treble.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. .. 5.
ARTHUR B. CARPENTER .. 2.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. 6.
REV. E. W. CARPENTER.. 3.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD.. 7.
CHARLES J. HAMLIN .. 4.	JOHN EMBRY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. B. W. Carpenter, who is leaving Thorpe, near Chertsey, for Boothby Pagnel, Lincolnshire.

## KELSEALE, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 21, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM FLEMING .. Treble.	NORMAN BAILEY .. .. 5.
CHARLES THOMPSON .. 2.	GORDON F. THOMPSON .. 6.
GEORGE BERRY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM DREW.. .. 7.
ERNEST S. BAILEY .. 4.	CHARLES BAILEY .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CHARLES BAILEY.

This is the quickest peal on the bells.

## HALIFAX, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 22, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5175 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS B. KENDALL* .. Treble.	GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. 6.
JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 2.	ALFRED WINDSOR .. .. 7.
JOHN BODDY* .. .. 3.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 8.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 9.
WALTER ALLWOOD .. .. 5.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by C. GLENN.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters.

## TWYFORD, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 22, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

MATTHEW ELLSMORE .. Treble.	EDWIN J. HARDING .. 5.
HENRY W. WILKES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 6.
CECIL VALENTINE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 7.
A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

## DRIGHLLINGTON, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

PRATT CORDINGLEY .. Treble.	EDWARD CRABTREE .. 5.
JOHN LAWSON .. .. 2.	ALBERT JAGGER.. .. 6.
JONAS AMBLER .. .. 3.	THOMAS H. GELDER .. 7.
GEORGE NAYLOR .. .. 4.	FRANCIS BARKER .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by J. LAWSON.

## LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.)

On Saturday, June 22, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES.  
Tenor 21½ cwt.

JAMES WILSON .. .. Treble.	JOHN BUTTERY .. .. 6.
FREDERICK H. DEXTER .. 2.	EDWARD E. SMITH .. 7.
THOMAS L. ALLEN* .. 3.	JOSEPH S. NEEDHAM.. 8.
GEORGE CLEAL .. .. 4.	ALFRED MARTIN .. .. 7.
SAMUEL COTTON .. .. 5.	THOMAS TAYLOR .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

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

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

ARTHUR CHAPMAN .. .. Treble.	JAMES HOUGHTON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. .. 2.	ARTHUR SMEATHERS .. .. 6.
LEWIS CHAPMAN .. .. 3.	JOHN J. MAWBY .. .. 7.
FREDERICK CAWBY* .. .. 4.	WALTER PERKINS .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method. Rung with the bells halfmuffled as a token of respect to Miss Fanny Horner, who was an ardent Churchworker, and who was interred that day.

## BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-cores. Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD WILLIAMSON* .. Treble.	MATTHIAS HOBBS .. .. 3.
THOMAS H. GARLEY* .. .. 2.	WALTER ROBINSON .. .. 4.
EDWARD CHAPMAN .. ..	.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

\*First peal.

## LYMINGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURGA,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

LOUIS HEAD* .. .. Treble.	HARRY BAREON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. .. 2.	ERNEST CHESMAN .. .. 6.
JABEZ WALTERS† .. .. 3.	HENEY C. CASTLE .. .. 7.
JAMES ANDREWS .. .. 4.	†EDWARD TRENDALL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by LOUIS HEAD, and Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

The composer is only 16 years of age, and is the youngest composer in the Association. This composition is now rung for the first time. \*First peal. †First peal of Bob Major.

## CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM STENNING .. .. Treble.	GEORGE TOMSETT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM GIBSON .. .. 2.	THOMAS GASSON .. .. 6.
GEORGE W. WALDER .. .. 3.	GEORGE WALDER, JUN. .. .. 7.
WARDEN WALDER .. .. 4.	HERBERT TOMSETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WALDER, JUN.

The above was the quarterly peal for the Central Division. It was also the birthday of H. Tomsett, who was heartily congratulated on the completion of the peal.

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

On Saturday, June 22, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

G. HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. Treble.	H. HOLIFIELD .. .. 5.
A. E. LOCK .. .. 2.	G. HOLIFIELD .. .. 6.
P. JONES .. .. 3.	CPL. E. A. GREGORY (R.G.A.) 7.
A. J. GREGORY .. .. 4.	W. HOLIFIELD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

## STOCKTON-ON-TEES, DURHAM.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 25, 1907, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 27½ cwt. in D flat.

REV. A. W. LISTER .. Treble.	J. W. NEWTON .. .. 5.
R. ALCOCK .. .. 2.	W. NEWTON .. .. 6.
F. P. HOWCROFT .. .. 3.	T. STEPHENSON .. .. 7.
J. WALLER .. .. 4.	T. METCALFE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. STEPHENSON.

First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells, and the first by all the band except the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, and tenor; also the Rev. A. W. Lister's first 5000. First attempt on the bells.

The following three peals were arranged for the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of Drayton, Berks.

## FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 17, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs. in F.

ROBERT H. HAYWARD* .. Treble.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 5.
REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON* 2.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 6.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 4.	*WILLIAM FLORY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

## BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, June 18, 1907, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

GEORGE DEBENHAM .. Treble.	†HORACE F. MOORE .. .. 5.
FREDERICK RANSOM* .. 2.	†HARRY R. MOORE .. .. 6.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WALTER RADLEY† .. .. 4.	†ALBERT V. MOORE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 19, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	EDGAR HICKS .. .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2.	JOHN J. CREASEY .. .. 6.
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SAWYER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

■ This is W. Wightman's 100th peal. Reference elsewhere.

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**Miscellaneous.****ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**

**SOLIHULL (Warwickshire).**—On a recent Sunday evening, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. G. Bragg, W. Meeks, G. Martineau, S. Bragg, J. Bragg, R. Bragg conductor, Stanley Bragg, A. Bragg. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor. On June 13th, 1386 Grandsire Triples, in 57 mins. G. Bragg, W. Meeks, G. Martineau, J. Bragg, S. Bragg, Stanley Bragg, R. Bragg conductor, R. Smith. Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Joseph Hillman, whose funeral took place on that day.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

**LEYTONSTONE (Essex).**—On Wednesday, June 19th, after evening service, as a last mark of respect to the late Charles Hopkins, the usual whole pull and stand with the bells muffled, followed by two courses of London Surprise. W. H. Doran, G. Dawson, S. Hayes, W. Miller conductor, H. Torble, J. Moule. Deceased had been closely connected with the St. John's Society for many years, never once missing the summer outings. He had arranged with his brother to join the party this year, but his last call came the day before the outing. May he rest in peace.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).**—On Saturday, June 15th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1263 changes, in 54 mins. R. Maynard, jun. composer and conductor, G. F. Margetson, R. G. Rice, F. J. Rumens, H. J. Maynard, W. B. Manning, F. C. Maynard, F. Rumens, E. S. Poll, F. E. G. French. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Chas. T. Hopkins, who was a ringer at the above church.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**PENDLETON (Lancashire).**—On Monday, June 10th, for practice at St. Thomas's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 30 mins. J. Turner, A. E. Wrecks, G. E. Turner, G. Harris, H. Chapman, R. Newton. This is the first 720 of Bob Minor on the bells, the first by G. Harris with a bob bell, and the first conducted by R. Newton.

**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**SALISBURY.**—On Saturday, June 15th, at St. Martin's church, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Dean of Salisbury, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples failed after over two hours' good ringing, owing to a change-course. G. K. Trowbridge, L. Harris, M. Calloway, J. S. Rumming, G. Williams conductor, W. H. George, W. W. Gifford, S. Macey. The bells were also rung muffled on Sunday, June 16th, a good touch each of Grandsire and 504 of Stedman Triples being brought round in the morning. G. R. Trowbridge, L. Harris, M. Calloway, S. Macey, E. Neale, G. Williams, W. W. Gifford, M. Sandford. In the evening another 504 Stedman, G. Doel and J. S. Rumming ringing in place of M. Calloway and G. Williams.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

**SWINDON (Wilts).**—On Sunday, May 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. O. W. Layng, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, S. Palmer, E. Bishop, O. Norman conductor, C. J. Gardiner, T. Lawrence. On Whit Sunday, for early morning service, 720 Bob Major. T. Lawrence, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, R. Thompson, T. Robinson, O. Norman, S. Palmer, C. J. Gardiner conductor. For morning service 588 Stedman Triples. T. Robinson, O. W. Layng, R. W. Hyner, R. Thompson, S. Palmer, O. Norman conductor, C. J. Gardiner, A. W. Harrington. On Sunday, May 26th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. O. W. Layng, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, R. Thompson, T. Robinson, O. Norman conductor, J. H. Shepherd, A. W. Harrington. On Sunday, May 26th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. O. W. Layng, R. W. Hyner, A. Lawrence, S. Palmer, T. Robinson, E. Bishop conductor, J. H. Shepherd, A. W. Harrington. On Tuesday, May 28th, for prac-

tice, 336 Double Norwich. T. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, A. Lawrence, S. Palmer, T. Robinson, R. Thompson, C. J. Gardiner, E. Bishop conductor. On May 18th, on handbells, 224 Grandsire Triples. C. J. Gardiner, 1-2; R. Thompson conductor, 3-4; R. W. Hyner, 5-6; O. W. Layng, 7-8.

**WOOTTON BASSETT.**—On May 25th, at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. L. A. Wilson, R. W. Hyner, R. Thompson, O. W. Layng, T. Ricketts. O. Norman conductor, S. Palmer, A. W. Harrington.

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**NORTON (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday, May 19th, for Matins, 720 Morning Star. J. F. Pyles, W. C. Taylor, H. B. Harding, W. C. Lawrence, B. Pegg, F. T. Dawson conductor. On Sunday, June 16th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. F. Ryles, W. C. Taylor, J. E. Wheeldon conductor, W. C. Lawrence, B. Pegg, F. T. Dawson. For evening service 720 Violet. H. B. Harding, F. T. Dawson, W. C. Taylor, W. C. Lawrence, B. Pegg, J. E. Wheeldon conductor.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**PULBOROUGH (Sussex).**—On Sunday evening, June 2nd, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. S. Stilwell, J. Blake, S. W. Corden, P. H. Doick, C. Smart, J. Smart, A. Greenfield conductor, C. S. Child.

**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**OXHEY (Herts).**—On Friday, June 21st, on handbells, in the belfry of St. Matthew's church, 1008 Double Norwich. H. Eden, 1-2; G. N. Price conductor, 3-4; H. Hodgetts, 5-6; F. W. Brinklow, 7-8.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

**PERRY BARR.**—On Sunday, June 16th, at St. John's church, 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 34 mins. C. Davis, W. Cooper, E. Mullins, T. Miller conductor, J. Porter, G. Mitchison, C. Williams, F. Williams. After service 518 from Holt's ten-part. C. Davis, E. Mullins, J. Porter, W. Cooper, W. G. Ellis, T. Verry, T. Miller conductor, C. Williams.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

**MALVERN LINK.**—On Sunday morning, June 23rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. R. G. Knowles, W. Chance, F. Staunton, E. E. Barber, F. Hall, R. McCann, H. T. Knowles, A. Richings. First quarter-peal of Stedman by all the band.

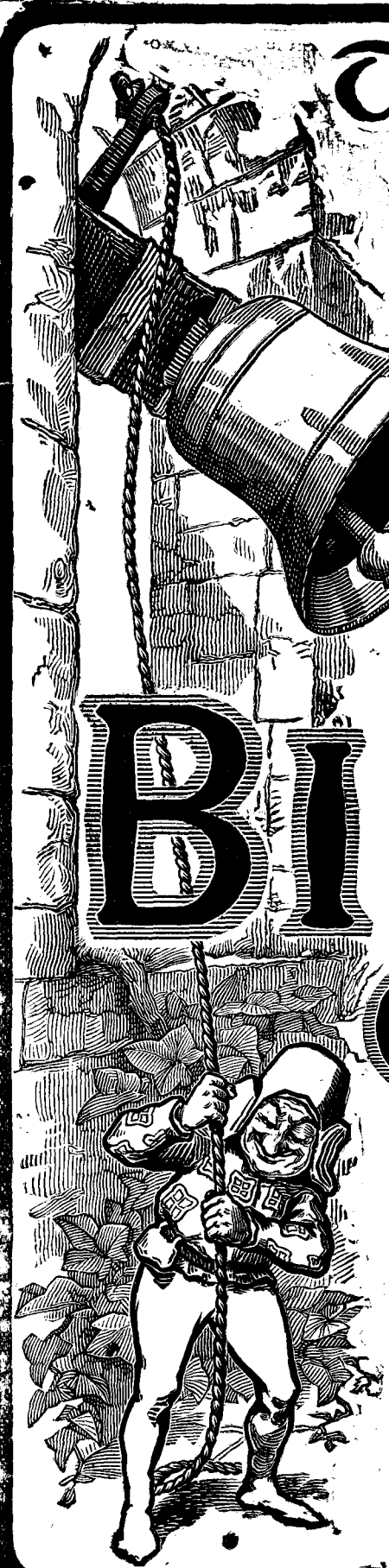
**BOURNEMOUTH.**—On Sunday, May 12th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Kirby, E. Green, W. Dyer, M. Stewart, T. Townsend, C. Goodenough conductor, W. Ingham, E. Waters.

**WORCESTER.**—On Wednesday, June 12th, at the Cathedral, 1259 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, J. Hill, B. Hill, J. Norris, W. C. Jones, J. Pardoe, J. R. Newman conductor, G. Checketts, E. Watkins, W. H. Johnson. On Monday, June 17th, three courses of Bob Royal. B. S. Hill, J. Hill, A. Hill, J. Norris, C. E. Ellis, J. R. Newman, W. C. Jones, R. G. Knowles, G. Checketts, W. H. Johnson.

**TUE BROOK (near Liverpool).**—On Thursday, June 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. A. Lovell, J. Aspinwall, G. Dickinson, W. Hargreaves, E. Caunce, W. Twist, J. Martin conductor, S. W. Stewart. On Sunday, June 9th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Larkey, E. Caunce, G. Dickinson, T. Hammond, jun. conductor, S. W. Stewart, W. Twist, A. Lovell, W. Mansell. On Sunday, June 9th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples.

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loss. The funeral took place on Monday, June 17th, at the parish church, amidst many signs of affection and floral tributes, amongst which was one in remembrance from his brother-ringers. As the funeral cortege approached the bells were rung deeply-muffled, and again as the mourners left. Mr. Sidney Preston kindly presided at the organ, and many ringers from neighbouring towers were present to render respect and assistance with the ringing. During the evening an attempt for a full muffled peal was brought to an untimely end owing to a muffle becoming loose. On Wednesday, June 19th, another attempt was successful, an account of which appears elsewhere.

**CHURCH BELL FELL.**

A singular accident occurred on Sunday week at St. John's church, Neath Abbey.

The bellringer had just finished his work, when the bell, weighing 5 cwt., fell from the masonry work in the roof supporting it and crashed on to the floor of the entrance to the church. Service was about to be commenced, and several people were entering the church at the time, one lady having a very narrow escape.

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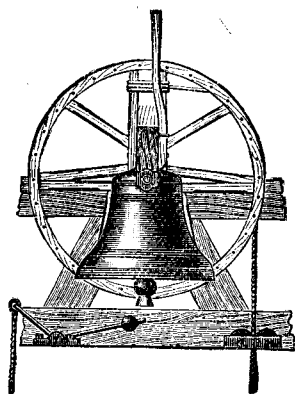
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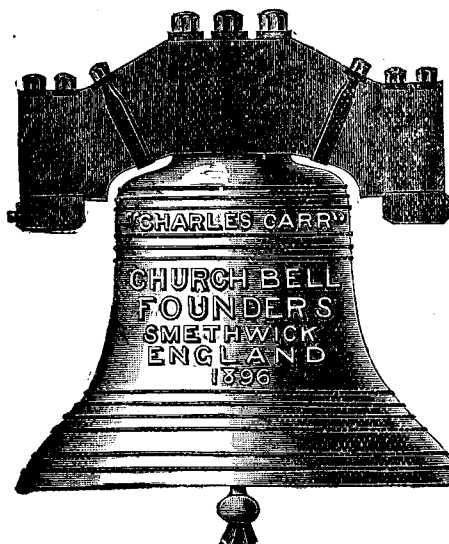
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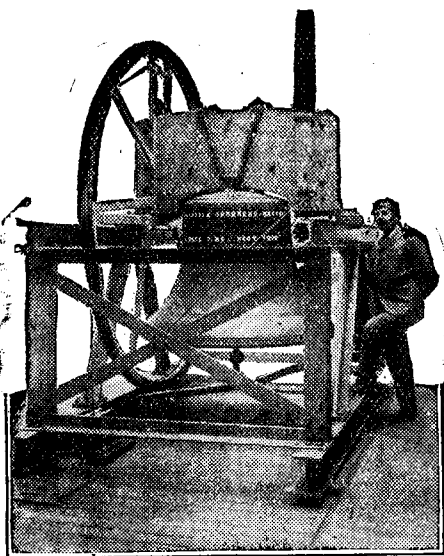
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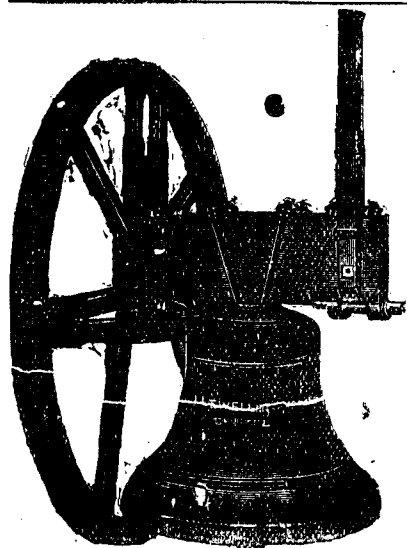
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## METHODS.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Mr. Law James's article in "THE BELL NEWS" of April 13th has settled once and for all any disputes that may arise as to the authorship of six bell methods. For he has worked them all out, and no longer may our budding composers hope to gain more or less fleeting honour as the producers of new methods. It is not only that Mr. James has prepared a table from which these methods may be got, he has written them out, and the detailed figures are before me now. I have no doubt that to the ordinary man these tables are not very intelligible, they are caviare to the general. Might I therefore suggest that Mr. James should write an explanation which should be easily understood of the people. Let him not assume that we know too much, but bear with the infirmities and woodenheadedness of ordinary men. If he will do this the cause of the scientific side of ringing will be advanced a great stride.

I should now like to point out how different is the way that Mr. James has approached this subject to the ordinary composer or would-be composer. To the latter a Method is a collection of rows which he gets by writing down row from row; and at the end of his treble's lead he looks at the result, and if good he thinks he has produced, made, created, something new. It may well be that those particular figures have never been so written out before, but your man who knows what a Method is will not talk as if he had created anything new. He knows that there are certain definite laws that govern the construction of a Method. That a Method is produced by the making of certain places. That the number and position of these places is strictly limited. It follows then that all that can be done is to get some scheme by which all the different positions of these places can be worked out. And when you have done that you have got every possible Method. This Mr. James has done. His knowledge of Method construction is unequalled, and he possesses more than any prominent ringer the gift of dealing with questions of scientific ringing in an exhaustive, mathematical manner. You have only to extend his tables to the higher number of bells and you can get every possible legitimate Method that can be rung. The number would be enormous, and I hardly think the result would be worth the trouble. But this is the lesson for us. It is not correct to talk of a Method (no nor yet to a lesser degree of a peal) as the property of an individual. When a man composes music or writes a book, or paints a picture, he puts into his work something out of himself, something his very own which he creates. But when a man composes a peal he supplies

nothing but the skill and knowledge (which often must be very great) to discover what already exists. Thus it is that two men so often hit upon the same peal. And it would save much unnecessary bad feeling if they would realise that this coincidence does not mean that one has stolen from the other. But that they two working on the same lines were almost bound to find the same results. Just as two astronomers searching the same part of the heavens may at the same time hit upon a hitherto undiscovered star.

## IDEN, SUSSEX.

On Friday evening last, several members of the Romney Marsh and District Guild congregated at the church of All Saints, Iden, which possesses a grand ring of six, cast by Mr. Thomas Mears in 1833. The object of the gathering was to inspect the work carried out by Mr. Alfred Bowell (of Ipswich). The tenor has been rehung with an iron headstock, and quarter-turned. The other five bells have had sundry repairs done to them, as the funds at Iden would not permit to have them rehung, but the Rector intends to have them at the earliest possible date.

A well-struck 720 of Bob Minor was rung during the evening, and a course of Kent Treble Bob. The towers represented at the meeting were Appledore, Tenterden, Rye, Stone, and Iden.

All those present considered that Mr. Bowell had done the work in an excellent manner. They are looking forward for the hour when the Rector will give him instructions to complete the restoration by rehanging the other five bells. Then will Iden possess one of the best rings of six in the county of Sussex.

It may be worthy of note that the above is the first change-ringing ever accomplished on Iden bells.

## THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

This Association held their quarterly meeting at Sketty on a recent Saturday, some forty-one members being present from Cadoxton, Duffryn, Morriston, Raglan, Swansea, Sketty, etc. Proceedings commenced with a service in church, when the Vicar (Rev. Cecil Lillingston) eulogised the duties of bell-ringers and choir members so long as they did not drop into a narrow groove and become mechanical.

The bells then rang out merrily from the tower from 3.0 until 5.30, while the members at liberty paid a visit to Singleton Grounds, where, guided by Mr. Trebble, head gardener, they were taken through the conservatories, and were pleased with what they saw.

A very agreeable time was on the whole spent.

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### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Caldicot on Saturday, June 29th, the Vicar of the parish, the Rev. F. W. Clarke, very kindly taking the duties of chairman. After a few opening remarks, welcoming the Association there, he called upon the Hon. Secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were accepted as correct.

New members were next elected from Newton Nottage, Porthcawl, All Saints Newport, and Caldicot, and afterwards subscriptions were taken.

A resolution was then unanimously carried that a membership certificate be presented to the Rev. F. W. Clarke, Vicar of Caldicot, as a mark of appreciation for his continued kindness to the Association.

Mr. Clarke in reply thanked the members, and said that what he had done had always given him the greatest pleasure. He hoped the Association would again visit Caldicot. He further hoped at the conclusion of the meeting to have the pleasure of entertaining them all to tea. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

The members then adjourned to an adjoining room, where a substantial tea was awaiting them, and at which Mrs. Clarke was soon busy seeing that one and all was well looked after.

There was also present after tea G. W. Cobb, esq., of Caldicot Castle, and at the conclusion he very kindly gave permission for those who wished to do so to visit the castle. He was also good enough to personally conduct the party all through it, at the same time describing the different parts as reached. The visit was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Steps were then made for the tower, and ringing again indulged in.

Previous to the meeting a short service was held in the church, and an address given by the Vicar. The meeting was one of the best in the history of the Association.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Nottingham district was held at Kegworth and Lockington on Saturday, June 29. There were eighteen members present; sixteen sat down to a splendid tea. The visitors came from Long Eaton, Sandiacre, Loughborough, Stanton-by-Dale, and Beeston. The local company of Kegworth also put in an appearance. The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 20th, at Cotgrave, from 2.30 to 4.0, and then proceed on to Colston Bassett. Notice will appear in this paper later.

### SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.

The Stow and District Amalgamated Society held their first quarterly meeting at Shouldham on Saturday, June 22nd. The membership numbers over fifty. Tea, which was laid at The King's Arms inn, was patronised by twenty-four of the members, and they were well catered for by Mrs. Preston. After tea, some touches of Bob Minor and Oxford Treble Bob were rung. From here the company proceeded to Marham, where they rung two 720s of Bob Minor and one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. Fincham was the third tower, where they again rang touches of Bob Minor and Oxford Treble Bob. Having done their best to enliven the three villages, the meeting dispersed after a most successful and pleasant time.

### WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

Thursday, June 13th, was a noteworthy day for the inhabitants of Wolverhampton: the inauguration of the open space at the west front of St. Peter's church, and celebration of the completion of the restoration of the tower of the church.

The proceedings commenced with a procession of clergy (including the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Stafford, St. Peter's, and many other clergy from neighbouring churches) and choir from the church to the town hall, and a recession—accompanied by the Right Worshipful the Mayor, and other members of the Corporation, preceded by the Q.O.R.R. of Staffordshire Imperial Yeomanry (Wolverhampton troop), under the command of Major Mander, and the band of the third batt. South Staffordshire Regiment—back to the church, where a special service was held.

The Lord Bishop delivered an address, in the course of which he announced that £200 was still owing of a sum of more than £5000. The collection at the service realised £125.

The service over, a move was made to the West Front, when, after explaining its objects, the Mayor declared the garden open, free of debt, the whole cost being defrayed by voluntary contributions. In the absence of the Lord-Lieutenant of the county (the Earl of Dartmouth) his deputy (Sir Alfred Hickman, Bart., D.L.) acted in his stead. Speeches were made by the Members of Parliament for the south and west divisions, and by Mr. Alderman Craddock.

After the ceremony, all the guests were invited to proceed to the town hall, where a reception was held by the Mayor and Mayoress.

The third vol. batt. South Staffordshire Regiment furnished a guard of honour, and the Church Lads' Brigade were also present.

The bells of St. Peter's were rung during the afternoon, when a touch of Stedman Caters, 453 changes, was rung by J. Purser, J. Jaggar, R. Pickering, W. Fisher, J. Perry, J. C. Adams, W. Smith, R. Cartwright, H. Knight (conductor), J. O'Connor. Also a course of Bob Royal, with W. Pardoe and D. Jones standing in.

It was a pleasure to hear the ten bells again, it being upwards of nine months since they ceased ringing. Sunday ringing and Monday practice will now be resumed.

### DRACOTT, DERBYSHIRE.

A large chiming clock with four illuminated dials is being fixed on the Victoria Mills, which will be of great use to the inhabitants. It is being made by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, to the designs of the late Lord Grimthorpe. The same firm made clocks for the neighbouring churches of Breaston and Sawley.

CHERTSEY.—On June 13, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. G. Warrington, E. Warrington, A. F. Shepherd, J. Merrick, F. J. Shepherd conductor, A. E. Gray, J. B. Hesse, H. Stevens.

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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 July 11th; St. Paul's Cathedral on July 16th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on July 18th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on July 25th.

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

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst to-day, Sat., July 6th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea will be provided at The George and Dragon inn at 5.30. By the kindness of the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon the rectory grounds will be thrown open to the members.

W. LATTEY, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Barnsley to-day, Sat., July 6th. Cheap fares by 3.25 p.m. Midland train from Sheffield. SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Loughton to-day, Sat., July 6th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. GEO. A. BLACK, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Cheddleton to-day, Sat., July 6th. Bells at 4. Business at 5. Tea at 5.30. Service at 6.30 p.m.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Milnrow to-day, Sat., July 6th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Business-Election of Branch Secretary and Committee-man for the next two years.

E. SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Selly Oak on Saturday, July 13th. Service at 4.15 p.m. As the Vicar (Rev. S. B. Sladen), has most kindly offered to provide tea, it is earnestly requested that all intending to be present will notify me before Wednesday, July 10th. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 13th. Bells ready at 4.30. WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

**The North Notts. Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Edwinstowe on Saturday July 13th. Members intending to take tea (at 5 p.m.) are requested to inform the Secretary by July 10th.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, July 13th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

Z. LORD, *Branch Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Wymondley on Saturday, July 13th. Tea 5.30. Will members intending to be present

kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, July 10th. J. F. FOSTER, *Dis. Sec.*  
82, Grove Road, Hitchin.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will be held at Abingdon on Saturday, July 20th. Special service will be held in St. Helen's church at 12 noon; preacher—the Ven. T. H. Archer Houlton, D.D., Archdeacon of Oxford. Business meeting in the Town Hall at 12.45. Dinner in the Corn Exchange at 1.45. Tickets 2s. each, to be obtained not later than Monday, July 15th, from

A. E. REEVES, *Festival Sec.*  
81, Radstock Road, Reading.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, July 20th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting at 7.30.

G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—North and West District.—A meeting of this Association will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, July 27th, by kind permission of the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. The bells of Harrow Weald church will also be available later. All members and friends of the Association will be welcome. It is requested that all outstanding subscriptions may be paid at any early date.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—There will be no meeting of the above society during July. WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Ringers visiting Grimsby and Cleethorpes are welcome at St. Andrew's church (one minute from Grimsby Docks Station). Sunday ringing—10 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practices or peals arranged the Sunday previous. Intending visitors should write to J. W. Seamer, 83, Winttingham Road, to avoid disappointment.

**NOTES TO PEALS.**

**THE PEAL AT SLOUGH.**—This peal was rung on the occasion of the Annual Church of England Garden Party at the Rectory, and celebrates the appointment of the Rector, the Rev. P. F. Elliot, M.A., to the Rural Deanery of Burnham, Bucks. T. Glanville who is one of the original founders of the Guild, has come to reside near the town at Colnbrook. This peal was arranged for him and Mr. Buckland, of Beaconsfield, the latter having called 11½ parts of the same composition at Slough last winter in 2 hrs. 50 mins. when the 5th rope broke.

**THE PEAL AT NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.**—This peal was arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin James who that day celebrated their silver wedding. It was the first peal of Treble Bob by the ringer of the 4th. After the peal the ringers were invited to the vicarage where an ample supply of refreshments were provided by the Vicar, the Rev. G. W. Hall, to which we needed no second bidding, all the band in addition to being good ringers were also good peckers, and appreciated to the full the Vicar's kindly thought.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—R. T. Hibbert has removed from Chester Street to 32, Cromwell Road, Caversham, Oxon.

**CHELMSFORD (Essex).**—On Sunday evening, June 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. A. Whight, W. Newman, A. Head, W. Rowland, jun., H. R. Dawson, H. F. Cooper conductor, R. H. Rolfe, H. Head.

**LEITH.**—Recently at St. James's Episcopal Church, for a special service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. E. Cowe, T. Thom, T. J. Ades, C. C. Ellis conductor, E. F. Price, R. Whitson, W. C. S. Heathcote, W. R. Fyfe.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday evening, June 9th, for Divine Service at St. Paul's church, Hammer-smith, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. F. W. Todd, C. F. Hunt, A. Hubbard, J. P. Kent, C. Cox, F. Skevington conductor, G. C. Iles, G. W. Coombes. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. T. H. Currie, ex-churchwarden and formerly captain of the local ringers.

**SEELY OAK (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, June 9th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major. F. Withers, J. E. Groves, F. Fay, H. Withers, A. Chambers, S. Grove, J. Dowler, A. E. Pegler conductor.

**SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).**—On Sunday morning, June 16th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Budd, J. A. Dart, G. Bester, N. Tomlinson, W. Pickworth, J. E. Miller conductor, S. Wade, W. Harris.

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**RIVER TRIPS.**—Now that the weather is becoming more settled, our readers will be considering what is the best and most enjoyable way of spending their holidays. For a day one of the most delightful outings we know of is that afforded by the splendid saloon steamer "Queen Elizabeth," which leaves Old Swan Pier, London Bridge, daily (except Fridays), at 10 a.m., and Westminster Bridge at 10.15 for Kew, Richmond, and Hampton Court, passing through some of the most picturesque scenery for which the upper reaches of the Thames are famous. Those of our readers who have a taste for the beautiful should certainly make this trip one of the items in their holiday programme. All kinds of refreshments are provided on board at reasonable rates, and the fares are very moderate.

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FOR 3 AND 6-PART CIRCUITS.

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FOR 4-PART CIRCUITS.

BOBS.					SINGLES.				
1	3	28	15	2	4	29	4		
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4	6	26	18	5	1	27	1		
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6	2	25	17	4	5	30	2		

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	I	4	5	6		I	4	6
27	7	18	19	14	12	4	2	
28	12	14	20	16	7	5	25	
29	11	15	23	17	8	1	27	
30	10	16	4	18	9	6	26	

FOR 8-PART CIRCUITS.

BOBS.					SINGLES.				
1	3	13	9	2	1	14	1		
2	1	14	7	3	3	13	3		
3	2	15	8	1	2	15	2		
4	11	6	1	5	14	4	4		
5	12	4	3	6	15	6	6		
6	10	5	2	4	13	5	5		
7	8	3	14	12	8	7	10		
8	9	1	15	11	7	9	11		
9	7	2	13	10	9	8	12		
10	14	11	4	15	11	10	7		
11	13	12	5	14	10	12	8		
12	15	10	6	13	12	11	9		
13	4	8	10	7	6	2	15		
14	6	9	12	8	4	1	14		
15	5	7	11	9	5	3	13		

FOR 5 AND 10-PART SETS.

BOBS.					SINGLES.				
1	11	11	6	2	9	8	2		
2	8	6	2	3	12	6	1		
3	5	8	8	1	6	11	3		
4	7	1	5	5	10	9	5		
5	12	10	12	6	8	10	4		
6	2	9	3	4	3	1	6		
7	10	5	11	8	7	3	11		
8	6	12	9	9	5	4	10		
9	1	2	1	7	1	7	12		
10	4	7	10	11	4	2	8		
11	9	4	4	12	11	12	7		
12	3	3	7	10	2	5	9		

FOR 12-PART CIRCUITS.

BOBS.					SINGLES.				
1	6	3	5	2	5	7	2		
2	4	9	1	3	4	9	1		
3	2	7	6	1	3	3	3		
4	3	10	8	5	2	4	5		
5	1	5	10	6	1	5	4		
6	5	4	7	4	6	10	6		
7	8	1	4	8	7	1	9		
8	10	2	3	9	10	8	8		
9	9	8	2	7	9	2	7		
10	7	6	9	10	8	6	10		

The foregoing is my numerical scale referred to in the last contribution. In using the same it will be seen that all the rows are numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, etc.

It should also be noted that although bobs are arranged under 1, 4, 5 and 6, only three places are really required, because 6 is not required when a bob is called at 5; and to distinguish this

the more readily I always mark such a bob, thus—

Now starting at the first row and wishing to call a bob at 1, you take the number appearing there, which is the figure 8. Then if a bob at 4 is required, turn to the row 8 and in the column 4 you will find the number 58. Also if a bob at 6 is required turn to row 58, and you find the number 34 under column 6, when you have the first course of bobs at 1, 4, 6, written thus—8 58 34.

Then suppose for the next course you wished to omit the bobs at 1, 4 and to call one at 5 only. You still take the number 34 and look in that row for what comes under column 5, which is 60, so that you now have two courses written thus—

8 58 34  
34 34 60

Now for the use of the singles. Take one at 6 for the following course, and looking along the row 60 under singles at column 6 you find the number 56, thus giving the three courses—

8 58 34  
34 34 60  
60 60 56s

Next week we will give contribution No. 3.

### TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By HENRY DAINS.

The two following peals are upon the same plan as those given on June 15th. The first given is the first 5056 in two equal parts having the 4th and 6th their extent in 6ths place each at six course-ends, and this is its first time of publication.

5056.				
23456	M	B	W	H
26354	2			I
45362	2	-	2	I
45623	2		2	I
52436		-		
56234	2			I
52364			I	2
53624			I	2
25634			I	

5056.				
23456	M	B	W	H
36452	2	-	I	2
26543	I		2	I
25463			I	2
56423	I	-		
56234		-		I
52364			I	2
53624			I	2
25634			I	

Each repeated.

### BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

By the same Author.

A 5024.				
23456	M	W	H	
52364	2	2	2	
64235	I	2	2	
36452	2	2	2	
52643	I	2	2	
25346	2		2	
34256		I	I	
45236		2		

The calling of peal B repeated completes this peal A.

B 5024.				
23456	M	W	H	
56342	I	2	2	
45623	2	2	2	
23564	I	2	2	
62345	2	2	2	
25346	I		2	
34256		I	I	
45236		2		

The calling of peal A repeated completes this peal B.

### DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By JAMES PAGETT, Derby.

5120.				
23456	I	4	5	6
35624	S	-	-	-
56324		-	-	-
23654	-	-	-	-
62435		-	-	-
34265	-	-	-	-
42365		-	-	-
34526		-	-	-
45326		-	-	-
53426		-	-	-
24356	-	-	-	-
43256		-	-	-
32456		-	-	-

Three times repeated; single for bob in the 9th course of the second and fourth parts.

By adding a bob at 4 in the seventh course of any one part, the eighth course is produced and the peal reduced to 5008. It has the 6th her extent home.

First rung as a 5008 at St. Andrew's, Derby, on June 26th, 1907, conducted by its composer.

5120.

By the same Author.

2345678	I	2	4	5	6	7
4325768	-	-	-	-	-	-
52347	-	-	-	-	-	-
3572468		-	-	-	-	-
7532648	-	-	-	-	-	-
23576	-	-	-	-	-	-
5263748		-	-	-	-	-
6253478	-	-	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-	-	-	-

Three times repeated; single for bob in the eighth course of the second and fourth parts. Contains queens and tittums.

### BOB MAJOR.

By JOHN CURTIS, St. Leonards-m-Sea.

5120.

3578264	2
7358264	7
3864725	2
7638542	6
8425637	3
2845637	7
5376842	3
3642587	2
8754236	4
3625487	4

Seven times repeated; single midway and end.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 1907.

This number is an holiday number, so far as the staff of this paper is concerned. And not only for this reason, for it would seem by the falling-off of reports many of our readers are taking their holiday also. Next week we shall be able to read the observations of our popular contributor "P.S." He will explain the *modus operandi* of the Coupon arrangement, to the satisfaction of all concerned. There will also appear a short sketch from the pen of Mr. Trollope. The next number should be eagerly sought for.

As was expected, some of our friends failed to secure a copy of that splendid photograph of the company who rang the first peal of Cinques on Bow bells. A few copies have been gathered, and some may now be obtained if early application is made.

## CORSE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The new ring of six bells was dedicated on Thursday, June 20th, the Ven. Archdeacon Scobell officiating, assisted by the Vicar and other clergy. The church was crowded, and the Archdeacon gave an interesting and instructive address on the subject of Church Bells, point-



ing out the definite place they take in parochial life, their sympathy whether in sorrow or in joy, and he earnestly exhorted his hearers to give heed to their summons, and to assemble themselves regularly together for the worship of God.

A public tea, to which all parishioners were invited, followed, to the accompaniment of the music of the bells. After tea, the Vicar, on behalf of the parish, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the benefactor. Mr. Hulls, who has undertaken at his own expense the whole work of recasting the four old bells, adding two new ones, and re-hanging all in a new iron frame, together with the fixing of the Ellacombe chiming apparatus, and doing other work necessary in the tower.

Mr. W. A. Butler, churchwarden, in a happily-worded speech, seconded, and after Dr. Johnstone had spoken, the people gave Mr. Hulls three rousing cheers to signify their appreciation of his generous gift.

Mr. Hulls responding, thanked the people warmly for the expressions of their goodwill and gratitude, and said he trusted the bells would be instrumental in helping forward the spiritual growth of the parish.

In the evening a supper was provided for the men of the parish, at which Mr. Hulls was again most warmly thanked for his most liberal and munificent gift. The Vicar again proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Hulls, and Mr. Bubb, in a few well-chosen words, expressed the sentiments of those present. Mr. Hulls again thanked the speakers and parishioners for their hearty approval of his gift.

The work was executed in their usual excellent manner by Messrs. Taylor and Co, of Loughborough, at a cost of £400.

The ringers who attended at this opening were:—

From Maisemore: B. Etheridge (conductor), W. Etheridge, jun., T. Taylor, W. Wicks, esq., Mr. Nemes, W. J. Sevier.

From Ashelworth: A. Dance, F. Roberts, S. Roberts, C. Prosser, G. Finch, T. Voyee.

From Hasfield: J. Finch, G. Arnold, H. Merchant.

From Staunton: H. Hayes, esq.

From Eldersfield: Mr. Bert Hartland.

Of Corse: Mr. William Ball.

All the above took part in the afternoon's ringing. Also the ringers from Harpurhey (next parish to Corse) where is one of the heaviest rings of five in the kingdom. Six-scores of Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles were rung, conducted by B. Etheridge, W. J. Sevier, and Bert Hartland.

W. J. S.

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#### DUNSTER, SOMERSETSHIRE.

##### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 25, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

A. SAMS .. .. .	Treble.	T. ELLIOT .. .. .	5.
W. HOYLES .. .. .	2.	J. HOLE .. .. .	6.
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PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

ALFRED C. FUSSELL .. .. .	Treble.	EDWIN T. HOOPER .. .. .	5.
ALFRED ANDREWS .. .. .	2.	RICHARD BUCKLAND .. .. .	6.
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Conducted by RICHARD BUCKLAND.

Reference elsewhere.

#### DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HAROLD INCKLE* .. .. .	Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. .. .	5.
CHARLES E. HART* .. .. .	2.	WALTER WALLACE .. .. .	6.
ALBERT H. WARD .. .. .	3.	EDMUND WILLIS .. .. .	7.
JOSEPH E. SYKES .. .. .	4.	JAMES PAGETT .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of H. Inckle. This peal is now rung for the first time, and has the 4th, 5th and 6th in 6th place with the 6th the extent at home. First peal of Double Norwich in Derby for twenty-two years.

#### GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

##### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 27, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

##### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

H. RUSHBY .. .. .	Treble.	P. C. LONG .. .. .	5.
J. E. KENNINGTON .. .. .	2.	W. WALMSLEY .. .. .	6.
R. S. LONG .. .. .	3.	E. BROWN .. .. .	7.
A. W. LONG .. .. .	4.	J. W. SEAMER .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by E. BROWN.

First peal as conductor. †First peal of Major, aged 15. Rung in honour of the visit of Admiral Lord Charles Beresford and the Channel Fleet to Grimsby.

#### NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

##### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, June 27, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

##### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN MULLIGAN .. .. .	Treble.	FRANCIS WARD .. .. .	5.
SAM THOMAS .. .. .	2.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. .	6.
EDWIN JAMES .. .. .	3.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. .	7.
GEORGE W. ROSE .. .. .	4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

Reference elsewhere.

#### KELSEA, SUFFOLK.

##### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 28, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM FLEMING .. .. .	Treble.	HENRY PHILLIPS .. .. .	5.
CHARLES THOMPSON .. .. .	2.	GEORGE BERRY .. .. .	6.
JOHN W. AVIS .. .. .	3.	*GORDON THOMPSON .. .. .	7.
SIDNEY BAILEY .. .. .	4.	WILLIAM DREW .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by G. THOMPSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Thompson, one of the local band, his brother ringers wishing him happiness and prosperity. \*First peal in the method as conductor.

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, June 29, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON <i>Treble</i> .	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 5.
EDWARD SHERWOOD .. .. 2.	*HAWKINS ENGLISH .. .. 6.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE.. <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\*First peal in the method.

## CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 29, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 11 cwt.

REGINALD BLAKE† .. .. <i>Treble</i> .	THOMAS MACK .. .. 5.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. .. 2.	THOMAS ATTWELL .. .. 6.
HENRY MULLARD .. .. 3.	ERNEST C. BONIFACE .. 7.
FREDERICK BENNETT.. .. 4.	HERBERT J. ELLIS .. .. <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

The age of the ringer of the treble is fourteen years, and his height is 6 ft. 2 in.  
†First peal on eight bells.

## FAREHAM, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 29, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSCELIN TURNER* .. .. <i>Treble</i> .	GEORGE E. CHAPPELL .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	†ALBERT D. STONE .. .. 6.
JOSIAH HARRIS .. .. 3.	†EDWIN J. HARDING .. 7.
FREDERICK BUBNETT* .. 4.	†CECIL E. VALENTINE .. <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal of Bob Major.

## HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, June 29, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM SHORT.. .. <i>Treble</i> .	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 5.
J. W. TILLEY* .. .. 2.	GEORGE HITCHMAN .. .. 6.
ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. 3.	ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. .. 7.
FRANK FAY .. .. 4.	ALBERT BEACHAM .. .. <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\*First peal of Stedman. Rang to celebrate the wedding of Mr. S. Bragg, of Solihull, which took place at Boldmere.

## COLERNE, WILTS.

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On Saturday, June 29, 1907, in Three Hours,

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ERNEST BISHOP .. .. <i>Treble</i> .	WALTER APPERLEY .. .. 5.
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LOUIS A. WILSON .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 4.	ALFRED W. HARRINGTON <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 1, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 11½ cwt.

FREDERICK BENTHAM* .. <i>Treble</i> .	GEORGE CALLAND .. .. 5.
FREDERICK THOMAS .. .. 2.	THOMAS GRIFFITHS .. .. 6.
GEORGE R. NEWTON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. 7.
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\*First peal. Rung in honour of the elevation to a canonry in the Liverpool diocese of the Rector, the Rev. F. B. Plummer, M.A.

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ALBERT CLEGG .. .. 4.	FRED H. BUCKLEY .. .. <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by GEORGE HY. BEEVER.

\*First peal.

## Handbell Peal.

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On Saturday, June 29, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

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CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 3-4.	THOMAS GROOMERIDGE 7-8.

Conducted by HERBERT P. HARMAN.

Umpire—Ernest B. Crowder.

DEFECTIVE REPORTS.—A peal of Double Norwich Major rung at Holbeck, Yorks., has been sent without any number of changes.—A peal of Superlative rung at Hoddesdon, Herts., has been sent without the name and address of the sender.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

KEA (Devon).—On Tuesday, June 18th, at the church of All Hallows, on the occasion of the annual festival, the following touches were rung by combined bands from Kea and Penzance, assisted by the Rev. M. Kelly. 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Tregonning, \*W. Davey, Rev. M. Kelly, T. Hicks, P. Hitchins, \*J. Thomas, J. Symons conductor, F. Kessell. \*First 500. 350 Grandsire Triples. Rev. M. Kelly, W. Davey, \*J. Dunstan, J. Symons, P. Hitchins, J. Thomas, \*W. Sandercock, \*F. Hall. \*Longest length.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEINTWARDINE.—On Tuesday, June 25th, 726 Bob Minor in 25 mins. S. Roberts, H. Hunt, L. Williams, J. Newman, C. L. Sadler conductor, J. Evans. Tenor 13 cwt. First 720 by all except the conductor, and first on the bells by a local company.

CLUNBURY (Salop).—On Sunday, April 28th, the Leintwardine ringers visited this place and rung for evensong at the parish church several courses of Bob Minor. An attempt for a quarter-peal of Doubles came to grief after ringing 35 mins., through the

2nd bell slipping rope. Two of the local ringers also got through a 120. The company were kindly entertained by Mr. Deacon.

#### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PLYMOUTH.—On Monday, July 1st, at Charles Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. G. Charley, W. Hiscott, C. Roach, E. W. Marsh conductor, F. Hockaday, G. Stroud, W. H. Marsh, W. Greenwood. First quarter and longest touch by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 5th, 6th and tenor.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

RIPLEY (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, June 10th, for the Children's Festival at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. A. Bowmer, T. Stimpson, F. Hill, Frank Hill, H. Day conductor, J. Bourne, F. H. Kay, T. Gamble first quarter-peal.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Thursday, May 16th, 720 Bob Minor. E. Bowditch, A. Baigent, T. Uphall, W. Lowman, E. Newell, C. Edwards conductor. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor. On Sunday morning, June 9th, for Divine Service, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Cranham, A. LeClercq, E. Bowditch, W. Lowman, A. Baigent, E. Clapshaw, T. Uphall, H. Kimber.

FRENSHAM.—On Saturday, May 25th, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. A. LeClercq, G. Uphall, T. Uphall, A. Baigent, E. Newell, C. Edwards conductor. This is the first 720 of Minor ever rang upon these bells, which are now a very nice ring, guides having recently been placed in the tower. The local ringers are also receiving instruction in change-ringing from Mr. C. Edwards.

BEVERLEY (Yorks).—On Wednesday, June 26th, at the Minster, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 55 mins. A. Naylor, G. T. Marshall, C. Bradley, T. Southwick, J. Rowell, J. E. R. Keen, B. Prewett, W. Gibson, C. Jackson conductor. G. Hare.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, June 30th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 896 Grandsire Triples in 33 mins. P. Hince, F. Houghton, H. Nuttall, T. Bleakley, P. Nuttall, F. Banks conductor, G. Pincott, J. Constantine.

BURGESS HILL (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, June 30th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. A. Wheale, W. Hart, T. Stringer, W. Vincent, W. Wheeler, W. Walder, A. Gravett first quarter-peal as conductor.

CARDIFF.—On Thursday, June 20th, at St. John's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Williams W. Biss conductor, H. Day, S. Dawe, W. Miller, F. Chamberlain, A. Rowley, —. Mason. Rung on the occasion of the birthday of the Marquis of Bute. On Sunday evening, June 23rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. W. J. Johnson, H. Day, W. Biss conductor, W. Miller, A. Rowley, J. Clutterbuck, S. M. Dodington, G. Vinningham. The ringer of the 7th was on a visit to Cardiff, and for whom this quarter-peal was arranged. Ringers visiting Cardiff can depend upon a hearty welcome by the St. John's society. Practice—Thursdays 7.30 to 9 p.m.

HOLSWORTHY (Devon).—On Sunday, June 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 47 mins. A. J. Metters conductor, C. Vanstone, J. Hockin, F. Rowland, W. Gerry, C. Binmore. First quarter-peal by all the band, who are local men, and only commenced to ring by method in November last, having been instructed by Mr. E. Shepherd, of Exeter. Rung on the Festival of the Dedication.

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

TREBLE BOB MAJOR, ETC.

SIR,—The statement made by Mr. Dench in your last issue concerning the quality of the peals I published with the 4th and 6th bells their extent at five course-ends in two equal parts is false, as some of them were published as far back as September 1896, three years or more before the date given by Mr. Dench, in the now defunct *Campanology*. Mr. Dench was not only a reader, but also a contributor to that paper at the time, and therefore ought to know of his mistakes. Now he reminds me I have a faint recollection of the peal he published, and the incorrect footnote in "THE BELL NEWS" for 1899, or about that year, but being busy at the time I let the matter slide.

This is not the first time Mr. Dench has laid claim to what belongs to me, but I should have let it go had it not been for this repetition, and I may just remind him of others. In the year 1898 he published in "THE BELL NEWS" a three-part peal of Superlative, having the 6th twelve course-ends at home, and claimed it to be the first produced with that quality. A friend of his took him to book at the time for the statement, but I don't remember Mr. Dench withdrawing this claim. I said nothing at the time, although a peal of mine had been published and rung with that quality some ten to twelve years previous.

Again in "THE BELL NEWS" a year or so before or after the above date, Mr. Dench published another three-part peal of Superlative, the very peal in fact I recently claimed of Mr. W. H. Inglesant, and Mr. Dench is the man I alluded to when I explained that that was the second time this composition had been reproduced: but you see, Mr. Editor, Mr. Dench remained silent; he did not even refute my claim of what he once published as his own composition, nor did he relinquish it, when he must have known his title was not clear.

Of course I can forgive his re-production of this old peal, published before he knew anything about ringing perhaps, but it is not so easy to pardon the silence he maintains, when the matter was so clearly pointed out and explained.

In conclusion let me say I don't know I should ever have troubled you on these matters, except that as Mr. Dench don't seem to mind chipping me, I don't see why I should not return the compliment, and advise him to be a bit more careful, and not to make such random statements in the future, and not lay claim to that which belongs to another person. H. DAINS.

SIR,—In your last issue appeared two peals of Treble Bob Major by Mr. Dains, neither of which can be claimed original. They are merely variations of two which were first published in your columns, the two-part on November 28th, and the one-part on December 5th, 1903. FRED. ROBINSON.

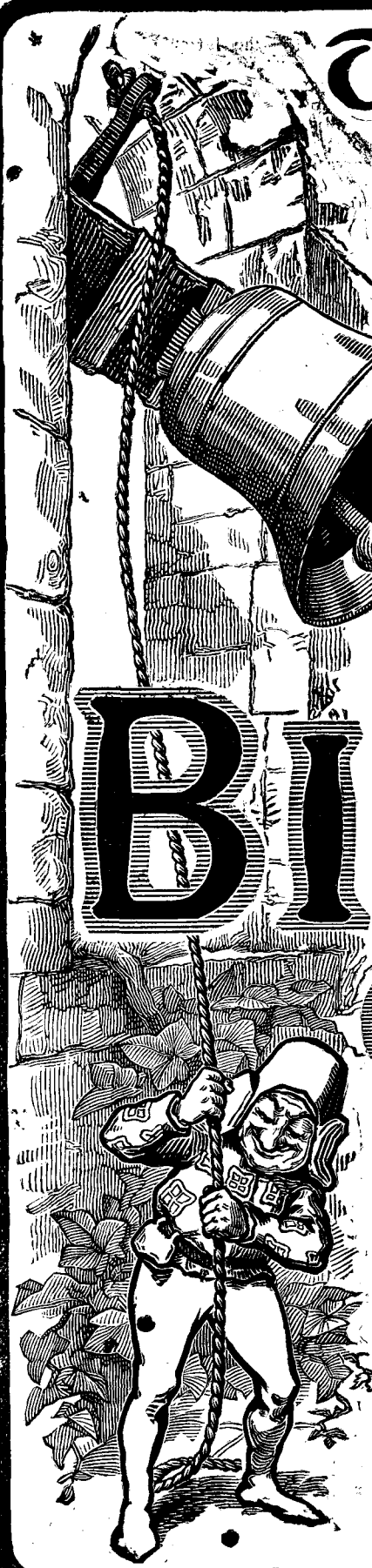
#### "SOMETHING NEW."

SIR,—Some twenty years ago in arranging forty-two 6-scores, I included a 120 exact as that given by Mr. Langford. In another 6-score the work of the treble and the work of the tenor were reversed. I understood the former was "Nightingale." I am not sure, but I think the latter was "York" Doubles. I fail to see anything new about the matter, especially as the same thing can be done by reversing the work of the treble with either the 3rd or 4th, and the same applies to Bob Minor or Bob Major. Possibly the Rev. H. Law James may have something to say upon another point. B. KEEBLE.

SIR,—Mr. W. T. Langford asks a question in your last issue. The following quotation from the Method Report will supply him his answer. "The Treble or Hunt need not theoretically be the highest in the musical scale, but as any method with any other bell as hunt or treble can easily be varied so as to have that bell as hunt or treble, it is recommended for the sake of the music that no method be published or rung which has any other bell as treble." J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

YORK TOWN (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, June 16th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples in 45 mins. C. Doe, H. W. Boyles, C. H. Pearce, F. Nye, B. Whiteside, C. Willshire, G. Miles conductor, J. Martin.

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The annual outing of the members of the above society took place on Saturday, June 29th, when a trip was made to Bath, the city being reached at 9.50 a.m. On arrival the party was met by Mr. Densley, who kindly showed them all the places of interest, including the beautiful park. At twelve noon they visited the church of St. Mary, and here two touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, but in the second touch a rope broke, which necessitated the bells being lowered, and it was then decided to have dinner. After the mid-day meal a visit was made to the towers of Bath Abbey, Christ Church, and St. Andrew's, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire were rung on the bells, Grandsire Caters being rung at the Abbey. Messrs. Densley and Prescott joining in the ringing at each tower. The ringers then had tea, and as time was getting short, the ringing at

Tiverton had to be cancelled, and Bath was left at 8.30 p.m., reaching the "Ever Faithful" at 10.30 p.m., after spending a most enjoyable day. The band wish to thank the clergy for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Densley for his trouble; and also to Mr. Prescott for making arrangements for the ringing at the various towers in the unavoidable absence of the local secretary, Mr. Richardson, through illness.

**THE SKIPTON COMPANY, YORKS.**

On Saturday, June 29th, the members of the above company along with friends to the number of fifteen, had their annual outing. Starting from home about nine o'clock Lancaster was reached shortly after 10. Here a charabanc was in waiting, and the party was then driven by way of Hornby to Kirkby Lonsdale. Dinner was partaken of at The Red Dragon hotel at

the latter place and was much enjoyed. After dinner a few touches were rung on the bells of the parish church. The drive was continued at 4 o'clock, and after passing through Burton-in-Holme, Carnforth, and Bolton-le-Sands, the party arrived at Morecambe about 8 o'clock, and having had tea the return journey was made, and Skipton reached at 10 o'clock. The day was exceedingly fine, and a pleasant outing was the result.

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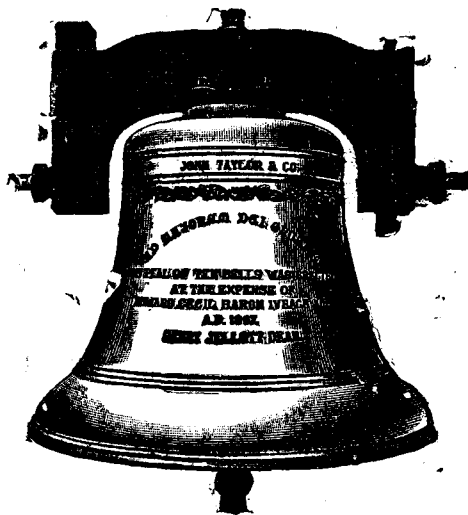
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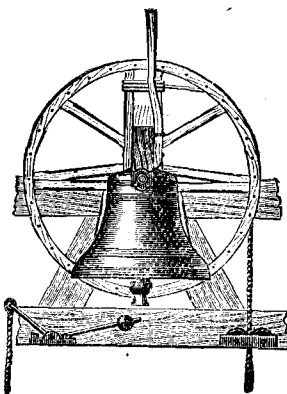
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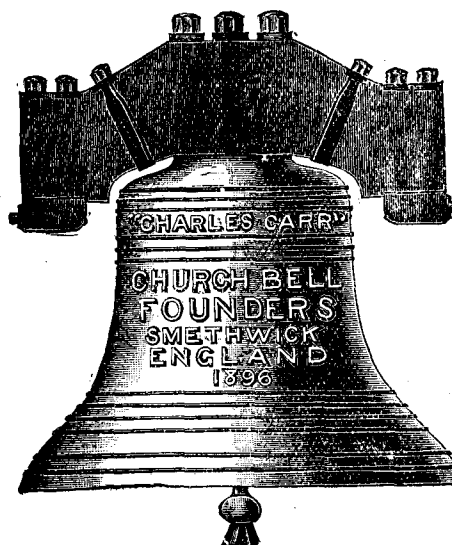
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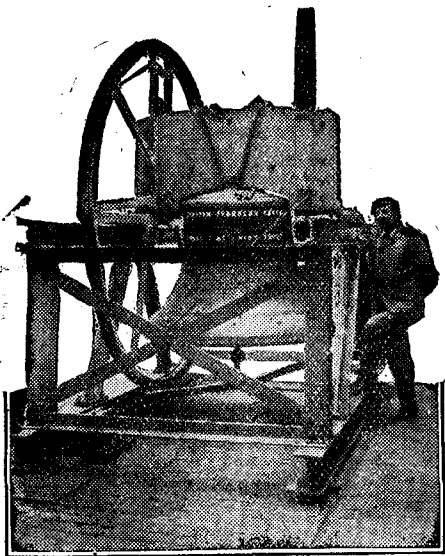
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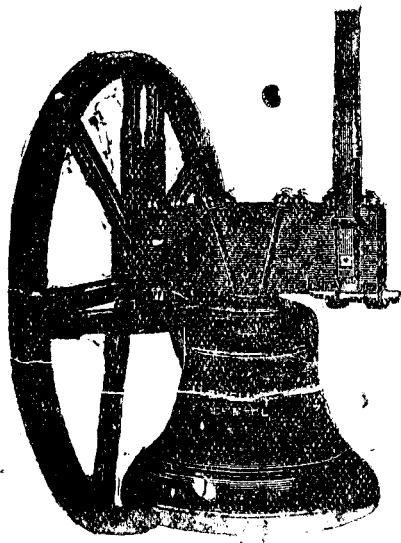
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## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### MAY MEETING.

We found ourselves on Saturday, May 11th, standing on the ramparts of one of Yorkshire's baronial castles—thanks to the kindness of those who had laid out the day's proceedings—with a view before us that amply repaid our trouble in climbing. The greater part of the town, together with the parish church, lies stretching away to the south-west, while the old church, destroyed by Cromwell, is at our very feet in a north-easterly direction, almost within stone's throw. The situation for hearing the two rings of bells is ideal, as a walk round the ruins enables us to blank out whichever set we wish, and this very movement on our part brings into the desired prominence the tones of the other peal.

But an historical past is crying out to us from the very stones, and on all sides are the memorials of a war-distracted age, when the castle of Pontefract reared its proud head, and looked down through the ages on the fighting hosts below. One of the earlier tragedies of the more complete fortress, in the midst of the wars of the feudal barons, was the execution here of its then owner, who was found in arms against King Edward II. Thomas of Lancaster was, at once, Earl of Lancaster, Lincoln, Leicester, Salisbury, and Derby, and when we remember that under each of these titles he would be the head of a body of war-like retainers, we can readily gather that no mercy would be shown to him after being taken prisoner at the battle of Borobridge in 1322. That he would lose his head was a matter of course, and we are not prepared to say that he could consistently expect anything else, since he was reported to be in league with the Scotch, the memory of whose fighting powers at the disastrous battle of Bannockburn was about all that the English had brought back from the land of our now "canny neebors."

With a lurid light Pontefract castle stands out, even in these disturbed times, owing to King Richard II. having been done to death in its dungeons. Shakespeare gives us the view of the matter as he chose to see it, but his focus was naturally that of the tragedian rather than the historian. However, in his *Richard II.*, act 2, scene 5, he gives us an account of an heroic stand made by the imprisoned king, with a weapon snatched from one of his assailants; wounded and dying the king thus declaims:—

That hand shall burn in never-quenching fire  
That staggers thus my person. Exton, thy fierce hand,  
Hath with the King's blood stained the King's own land.

Notwithstanding this view of our poet the now more credited version is that he was still more cruelly starved to death, a process that took some fourteen days to accomplish. And all this, that King Henry IV. might hold his new throne unchallenged.

We have no time, and not much inclination, to notice all the important persons who were incarcerated, and as we should now say, "bullied," here, by order of those in power, suffice it to mention that foreign dukes captured in the French wars and a young king of Scotland found themselves fellow-prisoners here. Again, after the battle of

Wakefield, many nobles engaged in the Wars of the Roses were here beheaded; and lastly, that monster of the age, King Richard III., about the time that he was planning the murder of the little princes in the Tower, sent Earl Rivers and other nobles here, and caused them to be beheaded, simply that his usurpation of the throne should be undisturbed. Shakespeare again immortalises this in his *Richard III.*, act 3, scene 3, where Earl Rivers delivers himself thus:—

O Pomfret, Pomfret! O thou bloody prison,  
Fatal and ominous to noble peers!  
Within the guilty closure of thy walls,  
Richard the Second here was hacked to death;  
And for more slander to thy dismal seat,  
We give thee our guiltless blood to drink.

Under Cromwell Pontefract had a lively time of it, and indeed a bright gleam of loyalty comes to us from over the very walls, for on the news of the beheading of King Charles I. being passed to the besieged—as a spirit quencher—they defiantly proclaimed Charles II. king in his place, and this from Pontefract's very ramparts.

Judging from the old engravings, the castle in its best days must, with its many towers, have presented a very fine appearance, and if only the memories of fair fighting clung round it one might regret its decay; but its history is so interwoven with cruelty that its destruction under the Commonwealth seems quite in keeping.

Indeed with the fall of Pontefract castle, which only preceded the Restoration by a year or two, a new era of thought and science was commencing to break through the gloom. To no one more than the twentieth century change-ringer will some of the dates of this period appeal. For instance take the following:—

Restoration of Charles II.	...	...	...	1660
Sir Isaac Newton, the Astronomer, at work	...	...	...	1665
Milton produces his "Paradise Lost"	...	...	...	1667
Stedman writes the first work on change-ringing	...	...	...	1668
Bunyan with his "Pilgrim's Progress," the prose work of the age in the religious world	...	...	...	1670
Stedman's second edition	...	...	...	1677

Caxton's printing press had been previously established in 1476, but the times had been against any rapid advance in civilization, for instance, Earl Rivers, beheaded at Pontefract, was a great patron of Caxton. Shakespeare died in 1616, so that he may have heard some "walked changes" on the bells handled by our forefathers, for we know well that Stedman implies that the sixteen hundreds saw the introduction of our Art.

So here we glean this noteworthy fact that amongst the votaries of advancing literature and science were ringers who had refinement enough to prefer the beauties of an advancing mathematical music to any other sport held out to them; notwithstanding all the difficulties that stood in the way of its development.

But we must rouse ourselves to the present, and leave the interesting past alone. Yes, the two rings here are a study; for listening to the bells of the parish church we pronounce them very fair samples, and then we walk round—past the ruins of the old chapel up here in the

fortress—and come to the All Saints' bells, and their tones strike us as exceedingly crisp and tuneful. These are another lot of the modern tuning so well fore-shadowed by the late Canon Simpson; locally we understand them to be known as "the musical box," and the term is at once apt and descriptive. Now comes the test, we walk round again, and once more "hearken"—this is our Yorkshire term—to the parish church, and—well to say the least, we wish, almost, that we had not heard the others, as they have roused up comparisons that were almost unknown to us before we "hearkened" north-east. But someone whispers that it is drawing near tea-time; and have we seen the double spiral staircase that leads up from the outside of All Saints to the belfry, and gives an escape back again into the inside of the church? No, we have not, but there is almost too much to see and give attention to, so we better have our tea first, and see this sample of double-screwed work afterwards: The cynic would say on this head—how useful, if the tax-gatherer was on one's track!

Tea was served in the Castle grounds to quite 300 members and friends—a record for a May meeting; and amongst the ladies presiding at the tables were to be noticed the Mayoress—Mrs. Grandidge, Mrs. Gell, and Mrs. Hare—the singing of grace proved a feature, the volume of tone being distinctly striking and grand.

The business meeting followed in the open air, the President being supported by the Mayor, the two Vicars, and the rural dean—Canon Atkinson of Darrington. The minutes of the previous meeting (Huddersfield) having been read and passed, the President closed an introductory speech with a vote of thanks to the Mayor, who, said he, "formed the last of a long line of warlike representatives, but who now held peaceful sway in the king's name over both the town and its castle." Mr. Bolland—vice-President—having seconded, a hearty greeting was given to his worship on rising. After describing some points of interest made in excavating near the old ruins he turned to the matter of ringing, stating that he well remembered the gathering at the funeral of Benjamin Thackrah, of Dewsbury (Author of "The Art of Change-Ringing," 1852) but he supposed all that would now belong to a past generation. This brought up the remark—"I rang with him sixty years ago, Sir," and turning round, the smiling face of Mr. Jno. Oddy, of Cleckheaton, was to be seen. The Mayor expressed both his surprise and his pleasure in meeting such a veteran, and closed an interesting speech with a confirmation of his welcome to the Association.

The place of next meeting brought up Mr. Jno. Lawson who proposed Lightcliffe, remarking that on two previous occasions his town had concurrently obtained an acceptance alongside the old town of Pontefract, and they were again hoping for this link of events; to this Mr. Ambler, of All Souls, Halifax, acted as seconder. As an amendment, Mr. Walter Idle, of Dewsbury, proposed his town, with Mr. Bolland acting as seconder. Dewsbury not having been visited for nearly a quarter of a century, it was not very surprising that the amendment was carried by a large majority, a hope being expressed that Lightcliffe might renew her invitation on some subsequent occasion.

Mr. Cryer, of Selby, made an appeal towards the replacement of the bells of the beautiful Abbey church, now being so thoroughly restored after the disastrous fire. He argued that since the Abbey was a distinct national monument, an appeal might fairly be made to the whole

Exercise, and that, taking 40,000 as the number of ringers in England, a subscription of such a small amount as even 3d. or 4d. from each would bring in the sum required. He and his fellow-ringers had guaranteed a bell, and he felt that such a broad appeal would not be in vain. He moved that the Committee of the Association be empowered to take the matter up; Mr. Cooper, of Goole, having seconded, the motion was passed with unanimous approval, the President promising the attention of the Committee at their next meeting.

On a motion from the chair, seconded by vice-president Bolland, hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. W. Gell, Vicar of Pontefract; to the Rev. E. S. Hare, of All Saints; and to Canon Atkinson, of Darrington (rural dean), for the use of their respective rings of bells.

Mr. Gell, in replying, stated that whilst they were proud of their bells, yet he felt that the new peal at their sister church of All Saints had put them in the shade somewhat. He was proud to be an hon. member of the Association, and he had his certificate of membership duly hung on his study walls. From the last minutes he gathered that they had had an interesting discussion on Church attendance; for his part he thought a change-ringer was too good a man to take up the position of a sign-post, that "pointed the way, but did not go itself." Perhaps the clergy did not sufficiently visit their belfries, and if he did not, he would promise to improve, and see if a belfry-going parson would increase the number of church-going ringers.

Canon Atkinson in a friendly, chatty, and encouraging speech, held very strongly that it was the duty of every ringer to see that his knowledge and skill was bequeathed to someone who would follow him; "teach your sons" was the motto he would wish each to carry away from that very enjoyable meeting.

The Rev. E. S. Hare, of All Saints (another hon. member), mentioned that he had had a bell-ringing father, and was very proud of their new peal. He gave his ringers credit for doing 95 per cent. of work in securing their new bells. They had made great personal sacrifices and stirred many that probably others could not have reached. He had never asked a ringer to go to church, and he supposed he never would. Surely being a clergyman, and one endeavouring to help his ringers in every way, should count for something, and 65 per cent. of his ringers attended church, three of them holding office besides being ringers.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley moved, with Mr. Broadley seconding: "That this meeting desires to place on record its sense of the loss sustained by the Exercise in the death of the Rev. Canon Wigram, of Hertford, one of the first clergymen to practically engage in change-ringing, and recalls his kindness in coming to the north and unveiling the change-ringers' memorial window in Ilkley church on June 11th, 1887." This was carried in silence, with uncovered heads, and with every mark of respect.

Mr. Frith, of Huddersfield, with Mr. J. Barraclough seconding, moved a warm vote of thanks to the local branch for their generous arrangements, and to the ladies for presiding at the tea-tables; to this Mr. W. Pearson replied on behalf of the local committee, expressing the pleasure they had had in making the preparations. In doing so he said they had been very kindly assisted by one and all, and he especially wished to disclaim personally anything further than having done his best to hold his corner up.

A vote of thanks to the chair, moved by Mr. S. Thomas



(Sheffield), brought a very enthusiastic meeting to a close.

Although the Association is getting almost spoilt by the successful way in which its local committees carry their details through, it would ill-become anyone, writing a report such as this, not to emphasise the excellence of the arrangements, and the self-evident way in which the bands of the two churches had pulled together in order to bring everything into unity, their one object being the wish to provide for the comforts of the visiting members. By the way, Pontefract's veteran, by name Henry Spurr, who, as no youth, joined us in 1876, did not venture to the meeting, but all will be glad to know that a ticket was taken to him with a pressing invitation to come if he could. He however—perhaps very wisely—felt that a man at his age was safest at his own fireside, even if the thought of missing the big gathering did bring tears to his eyes. Mr. Arthur Walker acted as the local hon. sec., and how he managed to get on the right side of the "clerk of the weather" and secure a fine day is unknown to us, but he succeeded where hundreds have failed. He was in touch with the members of some fifty visiting towers, and must have had good reason for satisfaction that all went off so well.

We have already stated that the meeting was a record one in numbers for May, but we believe it is the first meeting where the Mayor has been accompanied by the Mayoress, who presided at one of the tea urns, and this with ladies from each vicarage in the town, and in this connection it become a complicated record that will require some beating.

#### ST. MARY'S, BATTERSEA, SURREY.

The ring of eight at this church are now undergoing repair. The bells have been silent for some time, but now an improved prospect is in view. The cost of restoration is no small matter, and our friend, Mr. Henry S. Thomas, of Cumberland House, Northside, Clapham Common, who has been interested in the bells and tower since 1872, and is one of the pillars of change-ringing therein, would be pleased to receive from any of his friends a donation, large or small, towards so praiseworthy an object.

#### DOUBLE NORWICH.

By JOHN CARTER.—(Contribution No. 3.)

It should here be noted that an oversight occurred in omitting the dash against the course 34 34 60—because it has been previously explained that such — means a bob at 5, which brings up that course-end.

It may also be observed that all the touches following start with the figure 1, denoting that the first bob is drawn from that row No. 1, and in order to obtain a complete circuit it is necessary that the calls shall end with the same figure 1.

Also it may be noticed that no number must appear twice in the same column, otherwise a repetition occurs, and the circuit is not true.

In the following examples it should be noticed that where bobs are called at one place in a course only then only one column of figures is required, but if in two places then only two columns, while if at 1, 4, 6 or 1, 4, 5, 6 then three columns are required.

Now to compose circuits in different lengths—first take the numerical scale which is set for 1 and 2 parts. Looking at the row No. 1 under the figure 6 we get 2, under the same column in row 2 we get 3, while in the 3rd row under the same column we get 1; thus completing a

three-course circuit with bobs at 6 only, which in the ordinary way would be written thus:—

I	23456	6
2	34256	—
3	42356	—
I	23456	—

On to this we will now add two courses and make it a five-course circuit in the following way. Look at the first row under column 1 we get 8 in row 8, column 1 gives 11, and in row 11 under 1 we get 1, and can then go on with the calling of the first circuit thus—

I	23456	I	6
8	8	35426	—
11	11	52436	—
I	2	34256	—
2	3	42356	—
3	I	23456	—

Having thus shewn how I obtained two extra courses by shunting from the plain course with bobs at 1, I will obtain still two courses more by shunting from the second course with bobs at 6, thus:—

I	23456	I	6
8	8	35426	—
11	5	24536	—
5	9	45236	—
9	11	52436	—
I	2	34256	—
2	3	42356	—
3	I	23456	—

Now under these columns we get the numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 11 let us get two more courses by adding the numbers 4 and 6, and now we obtain the nine course circuit, still shunting from the second course with bobs at 1, thus:—

I	23456	I	6
8	8	35426	—
11	5	24536	—
6	6	43526	—
4	4	32546	—
5	9	45236	—
9	11	52436	—
I	2	34256	—
2	3	42356	—
3	I	23456	—

Now there are only two more courses to be had with the 6th at home with bobs only, while the only numbers left are 7, 10, 12. Under the 4th row in column 6, we get 7, and in the same column under row 7 we get 10, and then have 11 courses thus—

I	23456	I	6
8	8	35426	—
11	5	24536	—
6	6	43526	—
4	7	25346	—
7	10	53246	—
10	4	32546	—
5	9	45236	—
9	11	52436	—
I	2	34256	—
2	3	42356	—
3	I	23456	—

There is now only one number left, that is 12, while to

complete the circuit of 12 courses with the 6th at home we must use two singles. If we look in the numerical scale for singles the number 12 is found in the second row, and is a single at 1, so that starting from the course 34256 we get the three courses—

		34256	I	6
12S	12	54236	S	
2S	3	42356	S	-
3	1	23456		-

and thus have a 12-course circuit with the 6th at home. In like manner the 24 courses with the 6th at home can be obtained with two singles only, and in two equal parts.

Now to shew one advantage of the numerical scale I give a false touch which does not shew when written out in the ordinary way, but shews immediately in the numerical scale by numbers repeating under the same column in different rows.

		I	23456	I	4	5	6
IX	I	26	42635				
25	55	55-	62534	-	-	-	-
16	16	11-	52436	-	-	-	-
IX	52X	28	32654	-	-	-	-
3I	3I	46	56234	-	-	-	-
52	52X	38-	26435	-	-	-	-
38	46	20-	25463	-	-	-	-
20	19	1-	23456	-	-	-	-

I have only illustrated one-part circuits, but circuits in other numbers of parts may be obtained by using the scale shewn under the number of parts you wish to have, but with the following caution. In writing out the first part should rounds appear at the end, it then becomes necessary to call a bob or single where the same figure as last used occurs in the same row.

The next contribution will give the long circuits.

### 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."

#### "SOMETHING NEW."

SIR,—With reference to Mr. Langford's contribution appearing in your issue of the 29th June, and Mr. Keeble's letter in your next, I may note that in the seventeenth century Stedman pointed out that any bell can be made the "whole hunt," as he termed it. Practice has, however, confined it to the treble; and on the higher numbers I should think, for the reasons given by Mr. Trollope, it is desirable to adhere to this practice. But as to Doubles, it seems to me that there is much more to be said for the view expressed in Mr. Langford's second paragraph than for that cited by Mr. Trollope. In Doubles there are but 120 changes, and none of them can be said to be musically on a superior level; and why in ringing Doubles we should not musically as much enjoy hearing the treble making thirds and dodging in Grandsire as in Stedman, I am at a loss to perceive. I should have thought that for men whose practice is mainly confined to a five-bell tower the suggestions of Mr. Langford and Mr. Keeble would prove of much interest in practice. Mr. Langford has, however, given us something new, by pricking his figures with a covering bell, and this is the reverse of an improvement. What is the use of cumbering figures of Doubles, or anything else, with additions which have nothing to do with the method? In connection with this, I venture to express my

agreement with Mr. Law James (I think it was he who said so) that six-bell towers should be as far as possible devoted to ringing Minor. Covering is all very well with Triples and upward because octaves are obtained; but ever since, some years ago, I had the pleasure of bearing Minor methods rung on the fine ring of five at Chesterton, near Cambridge, it has seemed to me that to "cover" Doubles is to murder them.

R. A. DANIELL.

SIR,—In your issue for June 29th last your correspondent Mr. Langford suggests what he seems to think is something new in Grandsire Doubles. I beg to state that we rang at Farnham Royal over twenty years ago 120s of Grandsire Doubles with the 5th a plain hunt instead of the treble. There is nothing much in it, except that it gives a change of melody and the effect is rather pleasing. We used to call it "Farnham Delight." I should like to take this opportunity to give an extension of the idea, in the form of a 120 of Grandsire Doubles, containing 10 bobs and 2 singles. I do not wish it to be thought that I composed this thing, as a matter of fact it is obtained from the hand and back stroke lead ends of the old 720 of Bob Minor with 30 bobs and 2 singles. The 720 with 24 bobs and 2 singles will give an 120 containing 6 bobs and 2 singles, the 720 with 18 bobs and 2 singles will give the old 120 as we know it. I may further say that any 720 of Bob Minor will give a five-bell method of some sort. I append an interesting specimen which I obtained some years ago from my five-part 720 with 25 bobs and 10 singles. It will be seen that by transposing it is made to resemble Grandsire, except at the singles. I will call it "Victoria Doubles." It makes a good companion to "Mermaid" or "Success," methods that I have seen in some old work on ringing.

#### GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

12345	120.	
21354	54312	15234
23145	53421	12543
32415	B 35412	21453
34251	34521	24135
S 43215	43512	42153
43251	45321	47235
34215	54231	14235
32451	52413	13452
23541	B 25431	B 31425
25314	24513	34152
B 52341	42531	43125
53214	45213	41352
35241	54123	14532
32514	51432	15423
23154	15342	51243
21345	13524	52134
12435	B 31542	25143
14253	35124	21534
41523	53142	12354
45132	51324	13245

Repeated.

#### VICTORIA DOUBLES.

12345	120.	
23154	23154	53124
32514	32514	51342
21354	35241	15432
23145	53214	14523
32145	52341	41253
31254	25314	42135
13245	23541	24315
12354	32541	23451
21345	35214	

Four times repeated.

J. J. PARKER.

SIR,—Re the correspondence in connection with the taking any bell in place of the treble. We have at Little Munden on several occasions taken different bells as such in Doubles and Minor. On one occasion we reversed the bells, taking the tenor

as treble and treble as tenor, and rang 720 of College Single within two or three leads. Of course no one would do it for the sake of the music, it was more for the novelty than anything else.

W. H. LAWRENCE.

#### TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—Mr. Fred Robinson has spoken, and the pity is he did not speak the truth and so save me a lot of trouble. In giving my peals in "THE BELL NEWS" for June 29th, I mentioned the fact that similar peals were given in Snowden's "Treatise," page 79 of that work, and I could have gone years further back, as at least one of them is to be found in Sottanstell's book published in 1867. I mention this to show there is nothing new in Mr. Robinson's peals which he published in November and December, 1903. His statement that mine are variations of his insinuate that his are original. This, Sir, is not so. His peals are improved variations of those by Sottanstell pointed out. Those I published are also improvements from the same source. I never claimed more for them. There are, three peals by Sottanstell having the 2nd home at twelve course-ends, a 5024, 2nd in two sections, a most alluring suggestion for a two-part peal. Mr. Robinson produced a peal in two parts—a 5440. I produced one—a 5280, which I again reduce to 5024. Mr. Robinson produced a 5024 in one part. I produced another, each of which contains the quality of the 2nd bell home at twelve course-ends. I have not and do not intend saying anything about the merits of either composition, except those stated. But Mr. Robinson's 5024 is the first in the number with the 2nd home at twelve continual course-ends, and is an improvement upon Sottanstell's 5120 and 5184 peals, and it is this improvement that belongs to Mr. Robinson, nothing more. I could have told him all this when he published in 1903, but I allowed his dignity to remain.

H. DAINS.

#### OBITER DICTA.

Didn't you ever hear of our village Ringers' Benevolent Fund? No? Oh it was a grand thing while it lasted and till it shared the fate of other well laid schemes of mice and men. The Squire's nephew Frank was really its author. Frank is an Oxford man, and would like you to think that he distinguishes himself at the Union. He is a Socialist, a Radical of the most advanced type, with large and loud ideas of the Rights of Man. Not one of your common street corner Radicals, but an arm chair philosophical Socialist who takes Bernard Shaw seriously and supports (from a distance) Woman Suffrage. Well, Frank was down at the Squire's for the Long Vacation, and it so happened that at dinner time one of the ladies mentioned that Bill Taylor, one of our ringers, was seriously ill, and how that he was practically destitute, and what they had done and what they were doing for him. When the ladies had withdrawn and the Squire and Frank were sitting over the fire smoking and talking, Frank took up his parable and railed in his best philosophical style on the laws of Society, that let a man work his hardest when he is well for a starvation wage, and then throw him aside to starve when he is ill. The Squire is a Tory of the old school, a benevolent despot, who makes everyone do as he pleases, and so long as they do that sees they are looked after; and he thanked Master Frank to let him know what he meant by saying that his people were thrown aside to starve. "But that's not the point," was the rejoinder. "I hold that what you call charity degrades a man. Everyone should have of his own right enough to keep him in sickness and to keep him when he is old. Why not now—Why not have an insurance fund? Let the men pay when they are well so they can be kept when they are ill." And he proceeded with much force and many words to paint an ideal picture where none should want and everyone should of his own industry lay up a store for a rainy day. Till, before the end of the second cigar, the Squire was impressed if not wholly convinced. Did Frank really think that such a Fund would encourage thrift? Frank was sure of it. And did he think that it would make better men? He had no doubt of it. And did he think that it would promote brotherly love and good feeling? More than anything else Frank was convinced of this, and proceeded to quote poetry to the point. Now the Squire can stand many things, but he draws the line at poetry, so he shut Frank up. All the same he re-

solved to give the thing a trial. They called a formal meeting in the large room of The Red Lion with all solemnity, for they meant to do the thing properly and in order. There was a Principle involved, as Frank said. At the appointed time all the ringers were assembled in their best clothes, and the Squire entered looking very pompous and solemn, and took the chair at the head of the table. He cleared his throat. "Men," said he, "We have—er—we have, don't you know, determined to found a National Benevolent Fund for the benefit of the ringers of this village, and we propose to do the thing on the best lines. I have caused a careful census to be taken, and I find that there are in this village thirteen ringers and a boy. We propose to fix the subscription at one penny a head per annum, and I have made a calculation, and find, that leaving out for the present the boy, that would bring in every year the sum of one shilling and one penny, which would be available for distribution in cases of necessity."

"A gallon of mild," remarked Peter Wilson *sub voce*, "and a penny to the man that fetches it." But Porter, our leader, kicked his shins under the table and told him to shut up.

"Now," says the Squire. "I move that the fund be started. I've got to get away, but Porter can collect the money." And out he went. When he was gone the ringers ordered something and sat down to consider matters. They didn't quite know what to make of it, and suspected a joke, but they all paid their pennies except Mat Taylor, and he said he wasn't going to be made a bloomin' fool of, and the Squire wasn't going to have any of his money that he had to work hard for. But the rest voted this flat mutiny, and one sat on his head and three on his chest, whilst Porter went through his pockets. They found one penny, one halfpenny, one shilling, a piece of string and a knife he had borrowed from Porter three months before, and forgot to return. The penny was taken for the fund, the knife restored to Porter, and the shilling was voted to be spent in ale to recompense the rest for the trouble he had caused. The string and halfpenny were returned so he should not be wholly destitute. He didn't seem to quite appreciate the situation at first, and was inclined to be sulky. So they hammered him on the head into good humour with pint pots.

The money was handed to the Squire, and thereafter we heard nothing for some weeks, till Jack Wills hurt himself in the harvest field. The Squire called a meeting of the Fund. "I find," says he, "by consulting the books that we have in hand the sum of one shilling and one penny available for distribution, and I also find that by the rules donations may be made (he made this up as he went along, but we didn't say anything). I propose therefore to add five pounds, and out of the total we can make a grant of two pounds to Wills."

Shortly after Bill Thomas complained of pains in his inside. Something awful they were. He refused to be comforted and took to his bed. He had a grant of two pounds, and two others took it round and very kindly offered to sit up all night and cheer up the sufferer. People did say that late, very late, that night the sound of three voices, evidently suffering from the effects of joviality, could be heard issuing from his cottage, troling ditties in which music and words were grievously mixed. People will talk. Then Sam Jones was taken queer, and presently a perfect epidemic of complaints broke out among the ringers, till Porter had to toll one bell by himself and only two members of the fund put in an appearance to vote the latest donation. They found the strain so great that they had to vote themselves (out of the fund) a couple of whiskies apiece to enable them to get through the work. The Squire behaved like a brick; as the fund ran low he replenished it. But presently the dread scourge smote down Williams and Wright, his coachman and footman, and that just before he was going to the county ball. Then he kicked. He called a meeting of the Fund—the last. Well or ill they had got to be there. He gave it to be understood that they'd better. "Men," he said, "I've had enough of this damned foolery. Get out and get to work. Get out."

"It was a great pity," said Porter to me afterwards. "A great pity. But they didn't behave quite the thing. Besides," he added with a sigh, "I was the only one who wasn't ill."

J. A. T.

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THE article which appeared in this paper last week, with the title "METHODS," from the pen of Mr. TROLLOPE, has given much satisfaction. It ought to set at rest all attempts at anything new in the shape of Method construction. We are assured by competent authority that nothing new or original can be produced now. And if it was not so we think that productions of the kind should never see the light unless they possessed some very remarkable quality. The gentlemen who issued a report some time ago upon illegitimate methods would have been well advised if they had proposed the entire destruction or abolition of many methods (save the mark) which are continually being rung now. Canterbury Pleasure for instance, which differs so little from another method well known, should have been abolished. And many more of similar stamp. They should be entirely deleted from all ringers' vocabulary, and become actually unknown.

No small relief will be afforded in the future whenever a mass of figures comes to hand, designated as "a new method," as it will find no place in these pages. Our ambitious friends who like to shine in such work, are now

told that their occupation is gone, and they cannot any more figure as method-makers. There are no more methods to be made, and many of them in existence should be totally obliterated and banished from memory.

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\*First peal in the methods as conductor.

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\*First peal in the method away from the treble. Rung to celebrate the wedding of the Rev. W. V. Chilwell, formerly curate of this parish, now of St. Mary's, Bearwood, to Miss Baldwin, of Handsworth Wood, Birmingham, which took place at Handsworth parish church on the above date.

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Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

\*First peal.

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On Thursday, July 4, 1907, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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BENJAMIN S. HILL .. Treble.	ALBERT HILL .. .. 5.
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JOHN MORRIS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. R. NEWMAN.

\*First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor on eight.

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On Friday, July 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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FREDERICK RING, JUN.* .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 2.	WILLIAM LANE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM HARPER .. .. 3.	†GEORGE HAYES .. .. 7.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 4.	GEORGE MARTIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK HOLDEN, and Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

\*First peal of Double Norwich. †First peal with a bob bell.

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WALTER H. METCALFE*.. 3.	JOHN H. LENTON .. .. 7.
MAURICE B DALBY .. .. 4.	ROBERT B. ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Composed by J. PLATT, and Conducted by R. B. ROBINSON.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. Joseph Bell to Miss A. M. Turner, at Christ Church, Hastings, on Wednesday last.

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On Saturday, July 6, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

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THOMAS HORTON .. .. 4.	*JOHN ASTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

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(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

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THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

\*First peal in the method away from the treble. First in the method on the bells.

## ADDINGHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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JOHN BODDY .. .. 3.	FREDK. WM. DIXON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WM. B. SMITH.

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On Saturday, July 6, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN COLMAN .. .. Treble.	JAMES KIRK .. .. 4.
GEORGE RICHARDSON .. 2.	HARRY PALMER .. .. 5.
HAROLD PALMER .. .. 3.	ARTHUR PALMER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by H. PALMER.

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EDWARD CAUNCE .. .. Treble.	THOMAS HAMMOND, SEN... 5.
RICHARD S. MANN .. .. 2.	JAMES MARTIN .. .. 6.
GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 3.	WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. 7.
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN... 4.	ALBERT LOVELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD CAUNCE.

The following five peals were arranged for the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of Drayton, Berks.

## RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

FRED STUBBS .. .. Treble.	FRANK KIRK .. .. 5.
WALTER GILBERT .. .. 2.	WALTER PERKINS .. .. 6.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
FRED GILBERT .. .. 4.	ALFRED KIRK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

## ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 3, 1907, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES HOUGHTON .. .. Treble.	SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 5.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 2.	*WILLIAM B. MEADOWS .. 6.
FRED WILFORD .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WALTER PERKINS .. .. 4.	*HARRY DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal in the method.

## OUNDLÉ, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 4, 1907, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lbs.

ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. .. Treble.	FRED WILFORD .. .. 5.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 2.	SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 6.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JAMES HOUGHTON .. .. 4.	HARRY PETTITT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.



## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN* .. .. Treble.	JAMES GARRATT .. .. 5.
JOHN J. MAWBY .. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 3.	FRED WILFORD .. .. 7.
WALTER PERKINS .. .. 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by J. HOUGHTON.

\*First peal in the method.

## BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1907, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST HERBERT .. .. Treble.	HARRY SEAR .. .. 5.
CYRIL HERBERT .. .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 6.
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
FRED WILFORD .. .. 4.	VALENTINE SEAR .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Sear, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

DEFECTIVE REPORTS.—A peal rung at Calverton, Bucks., has been sent without any method being mentioned.—A peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Ilminster, Somerset, has been sent without any time being mentioned.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On April 23rd, 720 New London Pleasure. H. Carter, E. H. King, E. Overall, F. Elliott, A. Phillips, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On April 28th, 720 Duke of York, standing as before. On May 2nd, 720 Woodbine. A. Phillips, E. H. King, Rev. A. G. Langdon, E. Overall, F. Elliott, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On May 14th, 720 Duke of York. Arthur Phillips, E. H. King, Rev. A. G. Langdon, E. Overall, A. Phillips, W. H. Lawrence. On May 29th, 720 New London Pleasure and 720 City Delight. Arthur Phillips, E. H. King, E. Overall, A. Phillips, F. Elliott, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Tuesday, June 4th, 720 Oxford Delight. Arthur Phillips, W. H. Lawrence, Rev. A. G. Langdon, E. H. King, A. Phillips conductor, E. Overall. On Thursday, June 13th, 720 City Delight. Arthur Phillips, E. H. King, E. Overall, A. Phillips, F. Elliott, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Thursday, June 20th, 720 Duke of York, standing as before. On Wednesday, June 27th, 720 each of Oxford Delight and New London. Arthur Phillips, E. H. King, E. Overall, A. Phillips, F. Elliott, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Saturday, June 29th, for service, 240 Grandsire Doubles. W. H. Lawrence conductor, 1-2; Arthur Phillips, A. Carter, A. Phillips, A. Woolston. On Sunday, June 30th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. H. Carter, A. Carter, Arthur Phillips, A. Phillips, F. Elliott conductor, W. H. Lawrence.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

BRIERLEY HILL.—On Thursday, June 25th, for practice at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. W. Potter, J. Piper, J. Smith, E. Perkins, A. E. Whatmore, H. Price, A. Davies conductor, R. Perkins.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Sunday morning, June 16th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Clarke, E. Yates, H. J. Tucker, W. Bonham, C. A. Valentine conductor, W. T. Tucker.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Wednesday, May 22nd, at the Cathedral, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. Rev. Colchester, G. Noice, C. Russell, jun., J. W. Elkins, W. C. Lampard, W. T. Tucker, C. A. Valentine conductor, D. Froome.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

HANLEY (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, June 27th, for practice, 540 Grandsire Caters. J. Derbyshire, H. Allcock, H. Page, F. Page, H. R. Cordell, J. Woodward, A. Lawton, S. Sargent, A. Latham conductor, C. Page. And 252 Stedman Triples, A. Latham conductor, H. Allcock, F. Page, A. Lawton, S. Sargent, H. Page, G. Woods.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, May 8th, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 546 Oxford Bob Triples. A. Jordan, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, J. Luckey, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor, Rev. A. H. Thorold. 420 Canterbury Pleasure Triples. A. Jordan, G. Gray, G. Jordan, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, Rev. A. H. Thorold. On Sunday, May 12th, for morning service, 448 London Surprise. H. Little, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. On Wednesday, May 15th, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. T. Jordan, W. Prior, G. Gray, J. Luckey, H. J. Tucker, W. Watts conductor. On Wednesday, May 22nd, for practice, 408 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, J. Luckey, G. Jordan, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor, Rev. A. H. Thorold. On Sunday, June 2nd, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, H. Little, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. On Wednesday, June 5th, for practice, 704 Cambridge Surprise. J. Luckey, H. Little, T. Jordan, H. J. Tucker, G. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. And 252 Penning's Triples. H. J. Tucker, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, W. T. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, H. Little.

ALLESLEY (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, June 8th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. A. James, J. Smallwood, T. Collinson, W. Maund, F. Viles, J. H. White conductor. And 360 Bob Minor. A. James, F. Viles, J. H. White, W. Maund, T. Collinson, J. Smallwood conductor.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Monday, July 1st, at St. Leonard's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1280 changes. Miss F. Thatcher, Miss M. Gillbanks, W. Boughton, C. Boughton, W. Shilcock, J. Bass, F. Boughton, R. Matthews conductor. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 7. And 560 in the same method, Miss K. Thatcher ringing the 2nd, the rest as before.

HINCKLEY (Leicestershire).—On Monday, June 7th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Barker, S. White, W. Wall, G. Thompson, F. Cotton, H. Cure, J. H. White conductor, P. Hadfield. 336 Bob Major. W. Barker, T. White, J. Tansey, G. Thompson, F. Cotton, J. H. White conductor, H. Cure, W. Wall.

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, June 30th, for evening service at St. Andrew's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. P. Nash, E. Houlden, W. Pickworth, W. Wilkinson, J. Clark conductor, J. T. Holmes, F. Pickworth, W. Dickinson.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On June 26th, in honour of the anniversary of the King's Coronation, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. C. Starkey, E. Mullins, J. E. Groves, B. Storkey, T. Westwood conductor, R. Faux, T. Verry, S. Danby.

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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

On Waterloo-day, which as you all know was the 18th ultimo, I sent sufficient for a page of adumbration (rather a long word but fashionable just now) which could not be dealt with owing to the pressure of other matter. Well, *necessitas compellibus*—as we say in the classics; it had to stand over. Some papers use the term "crowded out," but the definition sometimes implies a different meaning not only to the reader, but to the writer of the "copy." Please take this word between inverted commas not in a professional, but in a campanalogical sense. Do you ask why? Because it suggests or brings to mind the word "copyists," and within the Exercise copyists are now and then called some awful names. What epithets have a worse and more repugnant sound to a ringer than those of Plagiariist, Pirate, Copyist, and others with which I will not defile my paper? There were in the last week's number some "copyist" charges. When will this sort of thing end? Ring the ting-tang, John.

Ah! my old friend John: 'tis forty years my—stop: I was actually going into poetry. The "summer" weather upsets one a little, and we are apt to wander. But before you go much further with your investigations on the occult side of the Art, tell us, please, when we are to come in. It's all clever, very clever, as has more than once been demonstrated. But it must be made plainer before thick-heads like the writer of these lines can understand it. [By the way, the term "wooden-heads" is our latest definition.] Your must feel, John, that the Art is undergoing a sort of Metamorphosis (pronounce this word with a big M.). We used to think that the difficult parts of the science was ringing and calling complex methods, or double-handed work on tower or handbells, but these ideas are exploded, or as a Liverpudlian would say, "gone to grass." Even Washbrook's double-handed ringing in the tower has now to play second fiddle. Ringing of all sorts seems to be taking a lower place, the workings and delvings of the higher critics are at the top. We want these things made clear if they are to become popular. At present their interpretation seems a greater problem than their discovery.

I see, John, that yourself and Rock Small have had a pleasant time on the continent together. How came you to miss Mont St. Jean? Did not have time perhaps. But fancy you both being saluted by the king of the Belgians! Were you presented at Court, and did W. R. S., in stentorian tones, venture any remonstrance with regard to the mal-administration of the Congo? I suppose his majesty did not ask anything about the illegitimate methods—Grandsire Major and the like, nor did he express a desire to become a member of the St. Martin's Guild. No, of course not; for admittance into that body is only open to those of good character.

The notes written on the 18th ultimo, referred to above, had a short reference to that terrific battle which took place on Sunday, June 18th, 1815—more than ninety years ago, a combat which gave victory to Britain, and peace to Europe. There is a deal of interesting literature concerning this battle. We all know that the British general—the great Duke of Wellington—organised the arrangements and made all the dispositions—composed and called the peal, so to speak—which led to victory; also that Britain found the millions necessary to enable the

continental armies to march, for until they were subsidized they couldn't move an inch. We had some time ago an example of bounce from a foreigner who tried to make out that it was owing to the soldiers of his nation that the battle was won. All bounce. We have seen one or two instances of this lately. Pity it is that these swaggering people, who are generally very shallow in the brain-pan, cannot meet with wiser men than themselves to advise them as to their behaviour.

Round about the black country, as it is called, they have been enjoying themselves of late. James George, after ringing his 333rd peal (which performance is hereafter to be denoted as "the three 3s") thought it appropriate to give a spread to his associates. A capital idea. The account of the proceedings at the festivity was modest somewhat, but the conviviality and good feeling which characterised the affair can well be understood. James George is reputed a good-natured fellow, and is never so happy as when among ringers. He is a *persona grata* at meetings of the Middlesex Association, where he takes the chair. Closely following this peal celebration a similar one took place at Tip'n (otherwise Tipton), and at this our friend Rock Small presided, and as usual made himself heard. Such festivities as these are among the oases of our calling, and show that the feelings of brotherhood which should exist among us are by no means extinct.

So Francis Edward Dawe has had a "great" loss. His pocket-book has gone astray, temporarily, all of us hope. I use the word "great" advisedly, for the lost article is of such immense size that the definition "pocket-book" is hardly correct. It is crammed with documents of every conceivable description, and therefore, unless it has been recovered, Frank is entitled to much sympathy. I hope the wallet contained no cheques or bank-notes. Bad plan to encumber one's-self with bulky pocket-books, Frank.

A few observations have been made about the peal rung at Sherborne Abbey. The letter from Challis Winney was characteristic. He is enraptured with these grand bells, and he is no mean authority on tune and tone. All will approve of his pious wish that "more ringers had a soul to delight in the atmosphere of the treasures left by our pious ancestors." Ah! that many more clergy and churchmen in the past and present had been influenced by such sentiments as these. There are many treasures of the same kind all over the country which are neglected and uncared for.

I am asked to unfold to you the coupon scheme, but I must do so next week, as I do not know the exact particulars. Another matter: Why will not those who send reports of peals, etc., be more careful than they are? Each week there are defects to rectify, and offences against simple and necessary regulations. The individual who neglected last week to enclose his name and address—is he the one who gave out that he "didn't send peals to the 'B.N.' now." Bless me; what an awful calamity for the poor "B.N."

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**Notices.**

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on July 16th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on July 18th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on July 25th.

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

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Selly Oak to-day, Sat., July 13th. Service at 4.15 p.m. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening.

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

**The North Notts. Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Edwinstowe to-day, Saturday July 13th.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, to-day, Sat., July 13th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

Z. LORD, *Branch Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Wymondley on Saturday, July 13th. Tea 5.30.

J. F. FOSTER, *Dis. Sec.*  
82, Grove Road, Hitchin.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will be held at Abingdon on Saturday, July 20th. Special service will be held in St. Helen's church at 12 noon; preacher—the Ven. T. H. Archer Houlton, D.D., Archdeacon of Oxford. Business meeting in the Town Hall at 12.45. Dinner in the Corn Exchange at 1.45. Tickets 2s. each, to be obtained not later than Monday, July 15th, from

A. E. BEVES, *Festival Sec.*  
81, Radstock Road, Reading.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, July 20th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting at 7.30.

G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Syston (8 bells) on Saturday, July 20th. Tea, 9d. each. Any member welcome.

J. S. NEEDHAM, *Local Hon. Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Cotgrave from 2.15 to 4 o'clock, then journey on to Colston Bassett, on Saturday, July 20th. Will those who intend having tea at Colston Bassett kindly let me know not later than July 18th. The vicarage grounds will be open to all ringing friends. The Rev. W. H. Pimm will preside.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Local Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, July 20th, at St. James's church, Leyland. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beckington on Saturday, July 20th.

Bells available all day. Tea and business at 5. Evensong at 6.30.

ISAAC B. HOLMYARD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—North and West District.—A meeting of this Association will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, July 27th, by kind permission of the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. The bells of Harrow Weald church will also be available later. All members and friends of the Association will be welcome. It is requested that all outstanding subscriptions may be paid at any early date.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A special meeting of this branch will be held at Walton on Saturday, July 27th. Bells ready at 5.30. An address will be given by the Lord Bishop of Liverpool at 5.30. Members intending to be present please send word to Mr. H. H. Barker, 42, Ireton Street, Walton, on or before July 23rd.

WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewis-ham District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Crayford on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Room. The Rector will preside, when it is hoped a good muster will attend.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—A branch and committee meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, July 27th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7. The Vicar has promised to take the chair.

W. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The members of this society will hold their quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 27th, at St. Michael's church, Flixton. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock.

CHAS. BOWER, *Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary, Staines, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available from 5.30 p.m. Will members kindly note that subscriptions due on January 1st last should now be paid.

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

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.**—At the invitation of the Rev. B. Staunton Batty, the newly-appointed Vicar of Bolsover, the next meeting will take place there on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. The Vicar has kindly promised to provide tea, and to prevent disappointment all those intending to be present should advise Mr. John Flint, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover, not later than Tuesday, July 30th.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—There will be no meeting of the above society during July.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Ringers visiting Grimsby and Cleethorpes are welcome at St. Andrew's church (one minute from Grimsby Docks Station). Sunday ringing—10 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practices or peals arranged the Sunday previous. Intending visitors should write to J. W. Seamer, 83, Winttingham Road, to avoid disappointment.

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. Alf. Paddon Smith has removed from 28, Queen's Head Road, Handsworth, to 10, Brougham Street, Lozells, Birmingham.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday evening, June 30th, at Allhallows, Tower Hill, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. R. Green, G. Scambler, J. Milner, E. Wallace conductor, S. Parmenter, J. Scholes, W. Truss, A. Joyce first quarter-peal.

**SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, June 9th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major in 50 mins. G. Bester, F. G. Tegg, W. Pickworth, J. Armstrong, N. A. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. Miller, S. Wade conductor. On Sunday, June 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. J. Dart, S. Wade conductor, G. Bester, J. Miller, H. Miller, F. Budd, W. Pickworth, W. Harris.

**WESTBROMWICH (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday evening, June 30th, for Divine Service at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. H. Pagett, J. Culwick, S. Woodhall, T. Bendall, G. Griffiths, A. Mills, E. Pagett conductor, T. Taylor. First quarter-peal as conductor.

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## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTH WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, July 6th, the clerk of the weather favored us with a sample of what he might do in the way of summer. It was only a sample, but it lasted long enough for the ringers of South West Essex to have a good meeting at Loughton. In writing reports of meetings one is rather apt to get into a hackneyed vein, and use the same language and words time after time. But after all one meeting is very like another, and in Essex we always have good meetings and good ringing. Sometimes it is a little above and sometimes a little below the average. The writer will not say into which category Saturday's meeting falls, but

he will say that we rang every method from Grandsire Triples to Superlative. An excellent tea was served at The King's Head, and the Rev. Canon Corbett, Rector of Wanstead, was elected an honorary member at the business meeting which followed. Two new ringing members were also elected. Two places were proposed for the place of the next meeting, viz., West Ham and Romford, and on a show of hands West Ham won. A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens closed the meeting. It was an excellent day, and there was excellent company, and everyone enjoyed their visit to Loughton.

The Sunday ringers of St. Chad's

(R.C.) Cathedral, Birmingham, took their annual pic-nic to Leamington on Saturday, July 6th. A visit was paid to the R.C. church of St. Peter, and several touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round on the fine ring of eight. The party then adjourned to the rectory, where they were entertained by the Rev. Father Yeo. The handbells were afterwards brought out, and some lively tunes played by Messrs. T. Miller, W. Bryant, and Mr. and Mrs. Hunt. Also a touch of Grandsire Triples by T. Miller, E. Mullins, W. Bryant, and C. MacKenzie. After a vote of thanks to the Rev. Father Yeo, the party retired, quite satisfied with the day's outing.

E. M.

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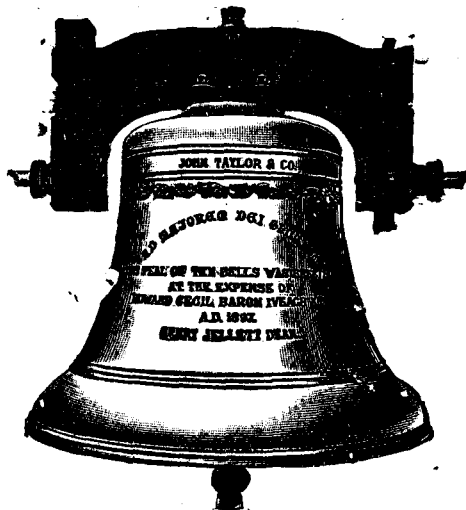
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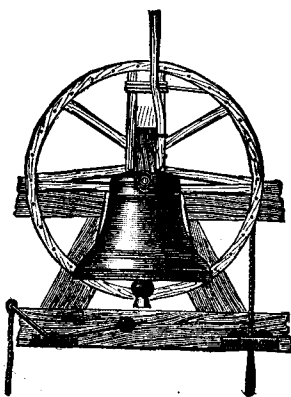
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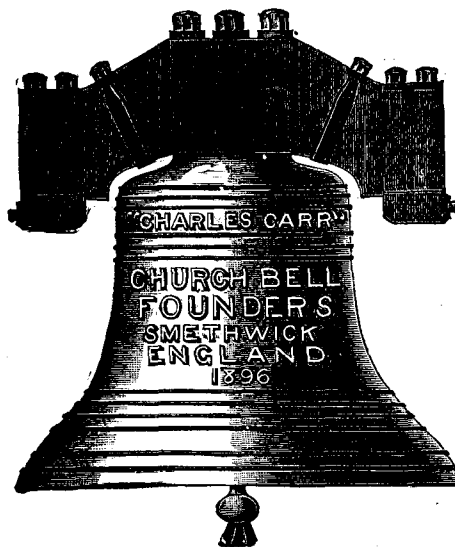
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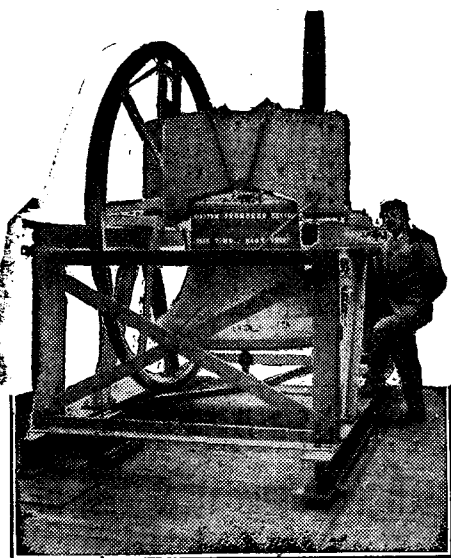
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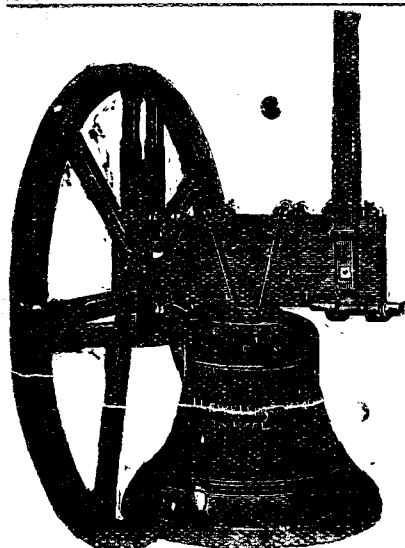
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## THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF RINGERS.

(A Sermon preached at St. Mary's, Chelmsford, to the members of the Essex Association, on Whit-Monday last, by the REV. CANON PAPILLON, Vicar of Writtle, and Master of the Association.)

"And it shall be, when the Lord Thy God shall bring thee into the land which he swore unto thy fathers . . . to give thee, . . . and thou shalt eat and be full; then beware lest thou forget the Lord."—Deut. vi.: 10-12 (part).

This was the chief point of the last address of Moses to the children of Israel as they were about to enter into the Promised Land; to the borders of which he had led them from Egypt, through forty years of wandering in the wilderness, but into which he was not to enter himself. It is a point that may apply to any individual or body of individuals—to any family, to any institution, to any society, which after years of struggle and of chequered fortunes, finds itself landed in the haven of prosperity, ready to go in and possess the good land that once seemed far away. At such a time Moses warns them that they must not forget the time of adversity, or the years of struggle and of hope deferred. In the day of assured success they must remember the day of small beginnings. They must not fail then to give thanks where thanks are due—above all to that Divine Providence which has been at work, shaping their ends, guiding their steps, and fulfilling their heart's desire. When they are at rest in the Promised Land, they must not forget the Lord their God.

My friends and brother-ringers, will you allow me to apply this teaching to ourselves, and to the fortunes of this Association which some of us have followed from the day of small beginnings; in whose prosperity now (as we trust) assured, we all rejoice. We have passed through the wilderness; we have left behind us, I trust for ever, most of the misunderstanding and ill-repute that once attached to ringers; we have buried out of sight the misconduct and evil example that in old days was found in belfries. No preacher, thank God, on such an occasion as this, need dwell upon such things now. To the younger among you they are forgotten tales of the past, and you may leave the dead past to bury its dead.

We stand, I think we may say, at the entry of the promised land. We cannot, perhaps, claim to have already gone up and possessed it, so long as there is still room for improvement—so long as there is larger recognition and respect to be won for and by ringers themselves, a wider and better knowledge of the ringers' Art to be spread, and any increase to be yet made in the numbers and the prosperity of our Association, or (better still) in the good work that it may do: and there is much yet to be done. As the Israelites, when they came within sight of the Promised Land "while Jordan rolled between," had still before them many a toilsome march and many a stubborn fight, before that land was their own, so it may yet be with our Society and its land of promise. We cannot afford to relax any effort for the promotion of its lawful objects; still less can we afford to forget the Lord our God, and our connection with religion and with the Church

of Christ. We cannot now go back into the wilderness, we must press on across the river to the good land beyond.

"Beware lest thou forget the Lord." We ringers, of all people, ought to be ready to remember Him, for our concern is with the House of God. With but few exceptions, the bells upon which we learn and practice the change-ringers' art hang in church towers, *i.e.* in consecrated buildings, in which they have been placed for consecrated purposes. It is now commonly admitted by ringers themselves, as well as by church people in general, that the first and best object of ringing the church bells is sacred, not secular—to proclaim that the House of God is open for worship, and to call worshippers into it. Accordingly we claim for ourselves—and the claim is becoming more and more recognized by the clergy and Church authorities—the status of "Church workers," *i.e.* of persons concerned with, and helping to promote, the object for which the Church itself exists, *viz.*: the service of God. This has for many years past been one of the features of our promised land, and we now see it within our reach. But if we attain to it, and in proportion as we do attain to it, there follows the responsibility of living up to it; of seeing that nothing in our lives and conduct, whether in the belfry or out of it, brings any discredit upon the Church and the service of God. This principle, I am thankful to say, is becoming more and more a matter of course. The ringers of a parish church are now expected, and are more often than not found, to be among the more respectable members of the community. Once it was not so: but times have changed, and we may all be thankful that they have.

Whether, as ringers, we have yet risen to a full idea of the example that we may set to others—*e.g.* in attendance at church and in religious observances generally—is a question to which different answers would perhaps be given according to the experience of different persons. Some Church authorities have had great difficulty with their ringers in this respect, others have little or none. I am sometimes applied to by clergy asking for rules to secure the attendance of their ringers at church, and lamenting that when they have finished ringing for service they set a bad example by walking away from the church doors; and I have known instances of lay members of a congregation being scandalized, as they come to church, by meeting the ringers coming away. Can you wonder at it? On the other hand, I know of many cheering instances to the contrary. I know belfries where, thank God, a good proportion of the ringers are regular church goers and communicants; I know one where, on last Easter morning, the ringers assembled at 6 a.m. to ring a quarter-peal before the 7 o'clock celebration, and out of ten who were present in the belfry nine remained to partake of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. That is as it should be, and as I trust it will be more and more—the bells of the Church fulfilling their best and highest purpose, and the ringers, as Church workers, consecrating themselves and their skill to the service of God on a great Church festival. It is a difficult question—this of ringers

and church attendance; a question not to be solved by coercive rules which seem to curtail the liberty of grown men, and which can seldom be enforced. But it is one upon which we may appeal to the good sense and good feeling of ringers themselves, to avoid occasion of offence to others, and to act up to their own profession as Church workers, upon whom there rests a moral, if not a legal, obligation to show themselves worthy of the Church which they serve, and of Him Whose Name we all bear that call ourselves Christians. Beware lest ye forget the Lord your God in any matter, however small, that affects your own conduct, or may cause offence to others. The promised land is before us: we may enter into it if we will. But we shall not make it our own till we have put away from ourselves, and from the practice of the ringers' art so dear to many of us, all that is unworthy of Christians and of Churchmen—all that in any way recalls the old bad days that we have left behind in the wilderness.

One great value of such an Association as that to which we belong is that it helps us as ringers not to forget our duties and responsibilities towards the Church of which most of us are members, and in the service of which our bells find their highest and best use. Our object is to promote not only scientific change-ringing, but "belfry reform," and "belfry reform" means not only greater care for our church bells and belfries, but the raising of our own lives and characters, so that they may be more worthy of the Church on earth, and of the company of saints in heaven—more worthy of that promised land of which the land of Canaan has always been a type or figure, that "land of pure delight, where saints immortal reign." Let us, as we journey toward that heavenly land, beware lest we forget the Lord our God; and let us see to it that nothing in our conduct as Church bell ringers, nothing in the use that we make of the Church bells, nothing in our devotion to the fascinating art of change-ringing, may delay our entry to the promised land, or keep us away from God.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The members of this Association held their annual meeting at Wells on Saturday, June 22nd, and previous to lunch visited the Cathedral and St. Cuthbert's church towers, and rang several touches of Stedman and Grand-sire Caters and Triples. At 12.45 they assembled in the spacious gymnasium of Wickenden's restaurant, where an excellent repast, provided by Mr. and Mrs. Cox, was awaiting them. The Master (Rev. C. C. Parker, of Corston Vicarage, near Bristol), presided over an attendance of ninety-two, which included the Archdeacon of Wells (Archdeacon Brymer), the Vicar of Wells (Rev. Prebendary Beresford), Revs. G. de Y. Aldridge, J. E. W. Honnywill (Leigh-on-Mendip), A. Finlayson (Ston Easton), H. E. T. Bassett (Devizes); Messrs. C. E. D. Boutflower, T. G. Vincent, J. Maddock, E. E. Burgess (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer), etc.

After dinner a short toast list was gone through, the toast of "The King" being submitted from the chair and duly honoured.

Mr. Boutflower submitted the toast of "The Church," and the Ven. the Archdeacon of Wells, who was warmly received, said he was glad to note that the toast was that of "The Church," for it acknowledged a great truth, that the laity belonged to the Church. Their Bishop was unable to be with them that day, having received a royal

command to be at Windsor. He was glad the members of the Association had been permitted to ring on their grand Cathedral bells. He had always thought that one of the first places where the ringers should be welcomed ought to be in Wells, and in the Cathedral which claimed to be the Mother Church of the diocese. He wished the Association was more widely spread throughout the diocese, and he asked the members to do their best to prevent "clocking," a practice which he found was very prevalent. He believed a large number of bells were cracked from this method of "clocking," which was simply the result of ignorance and laziness.

The Vicar of Wells also replied, and said how glad he was to welcome them to St. Cuthbert's church. The bells were well kept, and they had spent a lot of money upon them, and had been handsomely supported by their parishioners.

The Rev. G. de Y. Aldridge gave the toast of "Other Ringing Associations," which was acknowledged by Mr. Boutflower and the Rev. H. E. T. Bassett, of Devizes.

The business meeting was next held under the chairmanship of the Ven. the Archdeacon of Wells.

The Master read the following letter from the Bishop of the Diocese:—"My dear Mr. Parker,—I am sorry indeed that in the first place I cannot be with you on Saturday, and in the next that I should have robbed you of the presence and help of our good friend Bishop Stirling. But I should be grateful to you in these circumstances, which I cannot control, if you would convey to the members of the Association an assurance of my best wishes for their success, and my cordial appreciation of the value of the Association. It must be difficult sometimes for men to realise in the strenuous work of bell-ringing that they are performing a duty so closely linked with the services of the Church that a constant sense of reverence must always mark their attendance in the belfry. This, I am aware, the Association endeavours to secure, and while it tends to improve their capability in ringing, it will never, I hope, fail to keep in the minds of the members the thought that they must do their best, for they ring the bells for the glory of God, and to summon people to His service. I hope you will have a fine and a pleasant day. Yours very truly, G. W. BATH AND WELLS."

The Master expressed his sorrow at the absence of Bishop Stirling, but they owed a debt of gratitude to the Prebendary Beresford, who had taken Bishop Stirling's place, arranged the services at the Cathedral, and would address them after evensong.

The annual report, which was adopted, was then presented by the Master. It stated that eight new towers had joined the Association, namely: Chipstable (6 bells), Fitzhead (6 bells), Wootton Courtenay (6 bells), Weston-in-Gordano (6 bells), Shepton Mallet (8 bells), Kewstoke (6 bells), Congresbury (6 bells), and Backwell (6 bells). The membership showed considerable increase, there being at the present time eighty-six hon. members, and 987 performing members. New members during the year—hon. members, 7; performing members, 147. The financial position of the Association for the year was satisfactory; there was a balance of over £10, this notwithstanding the fact of the increased expense of some of the meetings, notably that of the last annual meeting. He thought it might be said that this record of the year's progress was, upon the whole, very satisfactory.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer read the annual statement of accounts, shewing a balance of £88 10s. 4½d.

On the motion of the Rev. G. de Y. Aldridge, seconded

by the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, the accounts were adopted.

The G. de Y. Aldridge proposed that an honorarium of £10 be voted to the Secretary. This was seconded by Mr. T. G. Vincent, and, after some discussion, was agreed to.

The Rev. G. de Aldridge proposed that the Rev. C. C. Parker be elected Master for another year. This was seconded by Mr. Maddock, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Boutflower proposed, and the Rev. J. E. Honnywill seconded, and it was carried, that Mr. Burgess be re-elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Mr. Maddock proposed, and Mr. Burge seconded, that Mr. A. J. Hook be re-elected hon. auditor. This was also carried.

Frome was selected as the next place for the quarterly meeting.

Mr. Parker moved a vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for presiding, and this was carried unanimously, and the proceedings then terminated.

The members afterwards attended evensong at the Cathedral. At the close of the service Prebendary Beresford addressed them from the choir. He said: In the absence of the Canon-in-Residence I have been asked to address a few words to you at the close of the service in which we have just been engaged, and to welcome you here to this Cathedral city and this Cathedral church. Anyone who has any sense in the reality of things in our Church must value very much every means for raising the tone and increasing the true dignity of the art of ringing, to which you have consecrated yourselves especially. You have been reminded already, in the letter read to you from the Bishop, of the real share you are taking in Church work. The very fact that your Association is a diocesan Association, stamps it at once in that connection. Then, too, you have a very deep and very distinct connection with the fabric of our sacred buildings, and with the worship of Almighty God, to which, with your help, the parishioners of every town and village are invited; not only this, but your office enters very closely into the lives of the individual members of the Church, we might say from their infancy, when they are brought to be dedicated to Almighty God, and signed as his faithful soldiers and servants in Christ Jesus. So from the very beginning to the end of life the part of the Church's service with which you have to do blends itself with the history of the individual, and it does this in a very touching manner. I have heard that when our Bishop was at Adelaide, during his episcopate there, the first peal of bells ever rung in Adelaide were opened, and the old people who had left England many years before wept with joy when they heard the bells again, the peals of which they had never listened to since leaving their far-off home in England—so tender are our associations with the Church work with which you have to do. And you are also very closely connected with the national life, as well with its joys as with its sorrows, and in real union with the chief events of the national history. To you, therefore, we feel we can turn for sympathy and co-operation first of all in the care of our towers; those noble towers of Somerset in which you have the home of your work. It is your part to see with us, the clergy, who have their charge of them too, to see that they are properly maintained and worthily kept free from defilement of any kind, both physical and moral. And we can also rejoice individually. You can rejoice from the knowledge of how great has been the improvement during the past twenty-five or thirty

years of the conduct of the men in the towers, and many bands of ringers now recognise that their service forms part of the services of the Church. Then, too, the very fact that you are an Association reminds one of how you are called upon to exercise a living fellowship, not only with those who are united with you in respect of your Association, but all who are undertaking the same work; and also, in carrying out the work you have in hand, your own hearts go out no doubt in sympathy with those whose joys and sorrows you are called upon to commemorate. To you, then, we call once more for an upright, hearty and loyal service, first to your Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, the great head of the Church, and to the Church into which you have been baptised.

The Benediction terminated the proceedings at the Cathedral.

Some of the members then proceeded to the towers of the Cathedral and St. Cuthbert's church, whilst others journeyed by motor 'bus to Glastonbury and Street, where in the former town St. John's belfry was thrown open to them, and at Street that of the belfry of the parish church.

### ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, SOUTH HACKNEY, LONDON.

The bells of the above-named church, after being silent for the last fifteen years, have recently been restored and re-dedicated, and are once more ready for use. They have been quarter-turned, and one has been recast. The fittings have been renewed and the framework strengthened, and the whole ring is now in perfect order. The work has been executed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

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It has been decided to have practices on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, commencing at 8 o'clock p.m., this arrangement appearing to interfere least with other practices. The next practice will be on the 22nd instant. All ringers who will attend these practices will be heartily welcomed, and South Hackney should become a good ringing centre.

The churchwardens will be very pleased to hear of ringers who will volunteer to ring for one Sunday service each month. Through the generosity of some ringers we are at present able to hear the bells on the first Sunday of the month, but it ought not to be impossible to have them rung twice a month. There is, at present, no local band attached to the church, but we are trying to form one, but it is uphill work.

F. J. W.

### NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT DRAYTON.—(Rev. A. H. F. Boughey's fifty peals.)—On tower bells 28, viz.: Minor (three methods) 1; Grandsire Triples, 2; Stedman Triples, 15; Bob Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 5; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1. On handbells 22, viz.: Bob Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 3; Bob Major, 9, conducted 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 3; Double Norwich Major, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1; Bob Royal, 2; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Bob Maximus, 1.

THE PEAL AT ILMINSTER.—(Mr. Maddock's fifty peals.)—Three Minor methods 1, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples 33, conducted 22; Stedman Triples 7, conducted 1; Stedman Caters, 1; Bob Major 7, conducted 5; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1, conducted 1.



## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13th, a very successful meeting of the northern district was held at Great Wymondley. Ringers were present from the towers of Hitchin, Baldock, and Royston, as were also the local company. Ringing commenced about 3 o'clock, and was kept up until 8.30, except during the intervals for tea and business meeting, the latter being presided over by A. H. Brown-ing, esq. (churchwarden).

The Chairman, in a few remarks, welcomed the Association on its first meeting at Wymondley, and assured the members of a warm welcome at any time when Wymondley might be chosen. On the motion of Mr. Cawdell, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells. It was also unanimously resolved that Hitchin be next place of meeting.

Touches of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, and Plain Bob were successfully rung. The falling of the bells in peal brought a very pleasant meeting to a close, which in point of numbers exceeded some of the recent meetings at eight-bell towers.

## 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."

## "DOUBLES."

SIR,—I am surprised to see Mr. Daniell's letter in last week's issue upholding Doubles starting from any point; just for the purpose of a fad, not to improve the music, because everything is bad in a 120.

Now I should very much like to say a word to Mr. J. J. Parker, *re* Victoria. The method is not Doubles, and I should like to express my idea that I do not believe in methods of Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques unless they contain the double changes for Doubles, triple changes for Triples, four changes for Caters, and five changes for Cinques. In the year 1876 Mr. Solomon Biddlestone shewed me a Stedman principle method for five bells, which has the Double Stedman slow work, double quick work, and double dodging behind, and it was in five perfect divisions, but it is not a double method, and I consider not worth publication, as it does not contain double changes throughout.

JOHN CARTER.

## TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—Mr. Dains says it is a pity I did not speak the truth regarding his peals, but the fact remains I did speak the truth, and Mr. Dains does not like it. He also insinuates that my peals are not original, but I most emphatically assert that they are, and why? Because they contain combined qualities that were never contemplated by Mr. Sottanstell when he first published his peals. Can Mr. Dains claim the same for his peals? I think not. Let Mr. Dains improve on my peals to the same extent as I have improved on Mr. Sottanstell's, then he will have some claim to be original. In conclusion if Mr. Dains still claims his as original, I may inform him there are one or two more to be had on the same plan.

FRED ROBINSON.

SIR,—Mr. Dains says I reminded him of the peal published in 1899, but why did he publish two peals claiming them both to be the first published with the qualities. I suggest he knew of their existence, and that he purposely published the second one for an opportunity to let off a little steam, in which he seems to revel. As regards Superlative, the first one was settled satisfactorily. The 5088 published by Mr. Inglesant was rung at Rochester Row a few years ago as my composition, but being an inferior peal I took no notice. The other one I have no recollection of publishing. If what

Mr. Dains says concerning this peal is correct, I shall be only too pleased to withdraw my claim, what he ought to have insisted on at the time. Mr. Dains next accuses me of silence, but why was he so silent, when remarking on Mr. Inglesant's peals in a public-house in Rochester Row? Surely he could have told me then! No Sir, the explosion would not be great enough there.

F. DENCH.

## AN EXPLANATION.

SIR,—In your issue of the 6th inst., I read with much interest an account of a meeting held at Iden, Sussex. The concluding paragraph, however, fairly settled me, and made me cry "stand." Allow me to inform your contributor that the Pevensey band visited Iden on June 4th, 1896, and rang several 6-scores of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles. Owing to the tenor going badly, the attempt at Minor soon came to grief. Unlike your correspondent, the Pevensey band does not claim that their change-ringing was the first on the bells, and considering that these bells have been hung for seventy-four years, it is rather presumptuous, in my opinion, to assume that there never has been any change-ringing on them before. I would respectfully advise your correspondent to be more careful of his facts in future, and as he is—being a church bell-ringer—familiar with his Bible, to study Ecclesiastes chapter I., especially verse 10, and learn something of the ancient Solomon before he sets up as a modern one.

GEORGE PENFOLD.

## FALSE PEALS.

SIR,—In order to prevent them from being rung again, I beg to call attention to the fact that the peals numbers 199 and 202 of the Ely Diocesan Association Report for 1906, of 5120 and 6144 respectively, both of which were rung at Bury St. Edmunds, are false in every part.

WILLIAM WILLSON.

## "METHODS."

SIR,—In his article on Methods Mr. Trollope suggested that I should write an explanation of the Tables which you have so kindly published in "THE BELL NEWS." It has always been my intention to do so, and I am only waiting for the publication of the last Table of Treble Bob Major Methods in order to do so. Your leading article this week also interests me, but I must point out that Canterbury Pleasure is a perfectly legitimate method, although it is most uninteresting, and moreover the method usually rung under this name is really Reverse Canterbury. But another point arises out of your leading article this week of great practical importance. It is quite true as Mr. Trollope said a week ago, that I have got all the possible methods in existence, and that no new ones can be produced, and moreover the Minor Methods have all been worked out, and were presented to the Council at Exeter, and will I hope soon be in print, but there are still the two Major Tables to work out, to say nothing of Royal and Maximus. Now these Major Tables contain many thousands of methods which all want working out systematically and examining, and when the Treble Bob Major Table is published and the explanation of the Tables, I shall be very glad of all the help I can get to work these Tables out. The majority of the methods produced will of course be useless, but still we may find some worth having, and anyhow when they are worked out we shall have the satisfaction of knowing all that is to be known upon the subject. In conclusion I have a word to say on "Something New," or as I should prefer to say "Something very old." I agree most heartily with Mr. Daniell any bell will do as well as any other for the hunt in Doubles; and when ringers want 42 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, let them alter the hunt instead of ringing something else and calling it Grandsire. Mr. Parker's two 6-scores are also most interesting, but both are Grandsire, and no new name is wanted.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

## OFFICIAL MINUTES.

The Seventeenth Annual Meeting was held, by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, in the Chapter House of Exeter Cathedral on Whitsun Tuesday, 21st May, 1907, when there were present 48 out of 89 elected representatives, and 2 out of 10 honorary members.

Expressions of regret for absence were received from the Revs. A. H. F. Boughey, E. W. Carpenter, C. E. Matthews and Canon Papillon, and from Messrs. C. E. Borrett (for himself and the other three Norwich representatives), J. Carter, J. S. Pritchett, and A. W. Searle.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, passed and signed, the Hon. Treasurer submitted the statement of accounts, of which the following is a summary: Balance from last year £42 3s. 10d.; Affiliation Fees £11 5s.; Sale of Publications £2 2s. 4d., making a total of £55 11s. 2d. The expenditure had been—Expenses of last meeting £3 17s.; printing 12s.; expenses of committee 15s.; leaving in the bank a balance of £50 7s. 2d. To this might be added the estimated nett value of publications now in the hands of publishers £81 11s. 6d., making the total nett assets of the Council £131 18s. 1d.

The Hon. Treasurer also read the report of the Council's Publishers, Messrs. Bemrose and Sons, with regard to the sales of publications for the past year, reporting to the meeting that he had examined them throughout and found them correct.

On the proposal of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by Mr. W. Snowdon, the accounts, which had previously been audited in detail by the Standing Committee, were passed unanimously.

The Hon. Secretary informed the Council that the Llandaff Diocesan Association had become affiliated, and had duly paid the requisite fee, but had not yet elected any representative.

It was proposed by Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, and carried unanimously, that the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey and Mr. W. H. Thompson, the two retiring honorary members, be re-elected.

On the proposal of the Rev. W. W. Baker, seconded by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Mr. Harold Richardson, who would within the following few days be entering Holy Orders, was, *nem. con.* elected an honorary member.

Mr. B. Prewett, representing the Herts. County Association, Mr. J. Clark, of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and Mr. E. Burgess, of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, were introduced to the President, and took their seats on the Council.

The President then gave a stirring address to the Council on the inimical spirit of the present majority in the House of Commons towards the Church, urging upon the members the duty of watchfulness and energy on behalf of the interests of the Church, his speech being warmly applauded at the close.

On behalf of the Peal Collection Committee, Dr. A. B. Carpenter reported that owing to delay on the part of the printer no real progress had been made. On the suggestion of the President it was resolved to leave the matter in the hands of the Standing Committee.

For the Church Press Committee Mr. R. A. Daniell submitted the draft copy of a Descriptive Catalogue of Ringing Works which was then nearly complete, and proposed that it be published in "THE BELL NEWS." This having been seconded by the Rev. M. Kelly, was carried, as was also a resolution proposed by Mr. F. Bennett, and seconded by Mr. F. Wilford, that it be also published in "The Bellringer."

Speaking for the Committee on Peal Values, Mr. R. S. Story reported that in their opinion peals rung "double-handed" on handbells should be accorded the same number of points as would have been given to the same composition if rung in the usual manner upon tower bells. The Report, after slight verbal amendment on the suggestion of the Rev. H. Law James, was, on the proposal of Mr. Story, seconded by Mr. G. F. Attree, adopted *nem. con.*

For the Committee on Legitimate Methods the Rev. H. Law James stated that the Collection of Methods was complete so far as concerned Doubles, Minor and Triples, and moved that the Collection be printed at the expense of the Council. This was seconded by Mr. Cartwright, and, with the addition that one thousand copies be the number to be so printed, proposed by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, and seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, was unanimously carried.

Mr. A. T. King reported for the Peal Analysis Committee to the effect that the arrears of Analysis had been cleared off, those for 1904 and 1905 having been published in "THE BELL NEWS" by the Committee since their appointment last year, and that for 1906 having been forwarded for publication. He said that the Committee felt the urgent necessity of being empowered to consult directly with the Peal Values Committee as often as required during the course of the year. To this the President replied that the Committee were undoubtedly free to take this course provided always that they reported the fact to the next meeting of Council.

A question having been asked and a full discussion having been held as to the inclusion or exclusion of one particular peal in the Analysis for 1906, it was clearly explained by the President that so far as concerned the Analysis Committee, their simple duty was to record all peals allowed and passed by the Guild or Association under whose auspices they were rung and published in "THE BELL NEWS," while, as concerned the Council, it was emphatically not a Court of Appeal. He further stated in reply to an enquiry from Mr. King as to the duration of the Committee's work that the Committee were appointed to continue their work during the term of the Council.

On the proposal of Mr. King, seconded by Mr. R. S. Story, the Report was adopted, and on the proposal of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by Mr. W. Snowdon, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Committee for the work already done.

Mr. W. Snowdon, in a long speech, setting forth the history and various bearings of the question, proposed that certain additions be made to the definition of a "Surprise" method as defined in the Glossary. This having been formally seconded by the Hon. Secretary, and having been fully discussed, was lost by a large majority.

It was proposed by the Rev. H. Drake, and seconded by Mr. F. B. Tompkins, that a Committee be asked to discuss the practicability of a Benevolent Fund for Ringers. On being put to the meeting the proposal was negatived by a substantial majority.

In a thoughtful and interesting speech the Rev. H. J. Elsee initiated a discussion on the question "Is too much stress laid upon peal-ringing by ringers of the present day?" His remarks led to an instructive interchange of views and opinions on the various aspects of the subject, among those contributing to the discussion being the Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. F. Attree, Mr. A. T. King, Rev. F. E. Robinson, and Mr. R. A. Daniell, the debate being concluded by the President. No vote was taken.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey asked whether, in the event of a representative member ceasing to be, during the term of Council for which he was elected, as member of the Guild or Association that elected him, his seat on the Council thereby became vacant.

The Rev. M. Kelly having called attention to the wording of the second rule, it was stated by the President that the rule seemed quite clear on the point, and that under the circumstances supposed the representative member had *ipso facto* vacated his seat on the Council.

It was proposed by the President, and seconded by the Rev. F. E. Robinson that, provided satisfactory arrangements could be made, the meeting next year be held at Cambridge, but that failing this the meeting be held at Ipswich. Carried unanimously.

On the proposal of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Dean and Chapter of Exeter for their kindness in placing the Chapter House at the disposal of the Council for the annual meeting.

It was proposed by the Hon. Secretary, and seconded by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Rev. Maitland Kelly for the invaluable aid that he had given in making arrangements for the meeting, and for the comfort and enjoyment of the members, and especially for his kindness in inviting them all to tea.

This having been passed amid cheers, a cordial vote of thanks to the President was proposed by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Snowdon, and passed with acclamation.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 1907.

THE sermon by the Rev. Canon PAPILLON which we print in this number will be read with great interest and satisfaction. The preacher has noted with good effect that our position has advanced, and that we have now reached a stage which is necessary, not only to maintain, but to improve upon, and that as fast as we are able. The Canon is a skilled change-ringer himself; the Master of one of our largest county Associations; and he is therefore fully cognisant of all the difficulties and obstacles which occasionally thwart us, and also of our besetting sins (if we have any). The appropriate illustration of our present position, viz.: that of emerging from the wilderness, and approaching our promised land, is happily conceived. We may now "view the landscape o'er," and see nothing to affright us, or hinder the complete realization of the hopes of those good and holy men who, "while Jordan rolled between," were pioneers in the work of placing Church bells and ringing in the position each merited.

We are informed that a reprint of this sermon is to be

scattered broadcast through the districts where the Essex Association has jurisdiction; if it could have a general circulation throughout the whole Exercise it would be a great deal better still.

The Rev. H. LAW JAMES, in noticing our comment of last week, has pointed out that Canterbury Pleasure is a legitimate method. What we intended to convey was that it differed so little from a method well known, that it was not worth keeping up. Given a well-known and popular method, a rule of which is to have a dodge in 3-4 at a plain lead, to cause places to be made instead, and then give it another title, seems to be a ridiculous piece of work. It was cases of this kind that we intended to condemn; and where such trivial alterations from a standard method takes place, they should not be recognised.

Next week the last of Mr. Carter's papers on Double Norwich will appear.—Address of Mr. James Pagett wanted.—W. Sevier: Next week.

### The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, July 13, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL,

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

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 5.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 7.
ALBERT E. SEERS† .. .. 4.	*JOHN B. SWALLOW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal in the method. \*First peal. This is J. Lamb's fiftieth peal of Stedman Triples.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, WALTHAMSTOW,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

HUGH T. SCARLETT .. .. Treble.	ERNEST D. LILLYWHITE .. 5.
SAMUEL J. BIRD .. .. 2.	FRANCIS J. RUMENS* .. 6.
HENRY RUMENS* .. .. 3.	JOHN MOULE .. .. 7.
ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal.

### The Provinces.

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

On Wednesday, July 3, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being forty-two 6-scores each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK TAYLOR* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM BONHAM .. .. 4.
GEORGE HORWOOD .. .. 2.	GEORGE COWLEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE W. TOMKINS† .. 3.	*ALLAN J. GILES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE COWLEY.

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

#### ILMINSTER, SOMERSETSHIRE.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 4, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART (No. 2.)

B. DOBLE .. .. Treble.	G. SIBLEY .. .. 5.
J. MADDOCK* .. .. 2.	W. COOMBS .. .. 6.
D. G. TAYLOR .. .. 3.	F. BAKER .. .. 7.
BEN COOMBS .. .. 4.	H. RAISON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Ben Anstall. First peal on the bells. First by all the band except the conductor. \*Fiftieth peal; reference elsewhere.

#### HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, July 6, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

CHARLES STARKEY* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS WESTWOOD .. .. 5.
JAMES JONES .. .. 2.	RICHARD FAUX .. .. 6.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS .. .. 3.	THOMAS VERRY .. .. 7.
BENJAMIN STARKEY .. .. 4.	*STEPHEN DUNKLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM G. ELLIS.

\*First peal.

#### LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE WYCLIFF CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

PERCY DUNKLEY* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. .. 5.
HENRY MOUNTFORD .. .. 2.	†ARTHUR FARRAR .. .. 6.
HARRY BELL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 7.
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4.	*JOHN SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the anniversary of the marriage of T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales.

#### HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

HENRY MEETEN .. .. Treble.	BENJAMIN BASSETT .. .. 5.
JOHN H. PAICE .. .. 2.	ALFRED W. GROVES .. .. 6.
EDMUND H. LINDUP .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HILLMAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE J. MORRIS .. .. 4.	FREDERICK LINDUP .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HILLMAN.

#### PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THREE TOWNS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, July 10, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE EMMANUEL,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 12 lbs. in E flat.

J. GLUYAS* .. .. Treble.	†A. WELLINGTON .. .. 5.
E. MANNING .. .. 2.	†G. K. PARR .. .. 6.
W. FORD .. .. 3.	G. H. MYERS .. .. 7.
W. G. CHRISTIAN .. .. 4.	*W. H. SHEARS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. MYERS.

\*First peal. †First peal of Triples with a bob bell. First peal of Triples on the bells. W. G. Christian was elected a member previous to starting.

## GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 10, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S TWENTY-PART (No. 2.) Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOSEPH ROWELL.. .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. ROBSON .. 5.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. 6.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. 3.	ROBERT RICHARDS .. 7.
GEORGE T. POTTER .. 4.	JOHN STUART .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

This composition will be found in "Stedman," and has never more than two consecutive bobs, and was rung after meeting short for London.

## DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 11, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES E. HART .. .. Treble.	CHARLES DBAPER .. .. 5.
HAROLD INCELE.. .. 2.	EDMUND WILLIS .. .. 6.
JOSEPH E. SYERS .. .. 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 7.
SAMUEL MASKEY .. .. 4.	*BART MITCHELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

\*First peal, and was proposed a member previous to starting.

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

On Thursday, July 11, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY* Treble.	WALTER HITCHMAN.. .. 5.
ALBERT E. LOCK .. .. 2.	HARRY HOLIFIELD .. .. 6.
FRANK BARRETT .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
EDGAR HUMFREY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM STONE.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*Fiftieth peal; reference elsewhere. This is the 650th peal of Stedman Triples conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

## HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 11, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES DERBYSHIRE .. .. Treble.	ALBERT LAWTON .. .. 5.
ARTHUR LATHAM .. .. 2.	*H. R. CORDELL .. .. 6.
HARRY ALCOCK .. .. 3.	GEORGE WOODS.. .. 7.
JOHN WOODWARD .. .. 4.	*JOHN BEATS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR LATHAM.

\*First peal.

## COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS L. BUMPSTEAD .. 5.
GEORGE ANDREWS .. .. 2.	WILBY HAZELL.. .. 6.
GEORGE LANCASTER .. 3.	ALFRED G. RIVERS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD.. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD .. Tenor.

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## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(EASTWOOD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 13, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 19 lbs.

EDWARD MANNERS* .. Treble.	*FREDERIC ROWLEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE BLANCHARD† .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FROST .. .. 6.
JOHN PERCY POLLARD* .. 3.	GEORGE CLARE .. .. 7.
JOSEPH BOURNE .. .. 4.	*HENRY FLETCHER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. PRICE, and Conducted by GEORGE CLARK.

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

## DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY .. Treble.	THOMAS GELDER .. .. 5.
ERNEST A. MURGATROYD .. 2.	FRED WALTER .. .. 6.
JESSE RUSHWORTH .. .. 3.	FRANCIS BARBER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM B. SMITH .. .. 4.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by FREDK. W. DIXON.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 13, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

SAM THOMAS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HOLLIS.. .. 6.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 2.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 7.
JOHN FLINT.. .. 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 8.
REV. A. T. BEESTON* .. 4.	*GEORGE W. BEMEUSE .. 9.
THOMAS BETTISON* .. 5.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

\*First peal of Double Norwich Royal.

## ASHTED, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN HOYLE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 5.
GEORGE WOODISS .. .. 2.	HENRY L. GARFATH .. 6.
FREDERICK S. WOODISS† .. 3.	ERNEST C. BONIFACE .. 7.
GEORGE EDSEE, JUN.* .. 4.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES HUNT, and Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

†First peal of Double Norwich with a bob bell. \*First peal of Double Norwich. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. L. Garfath.

**PEAL CORRECTION.**—The peal rung at Worcester on Thursday, July 4th, should have been credited to the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

**DEFECTIVE REPORT.**—A peal of Stedman Triples rung at Hackington, Canterbury, has been sent without any date being mentioned.

## Date Touches.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SHOULDHAM (Norfolk).—On May 5th, at All Saints church, a date touch, in 1 hr. 12 mins. R. H. Bowen, E. Porter, sen., J. Porter, R. Watson, A. E. Porter, E. Barker conductor.

**Miscellaneous.****CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

ISHAM.—On Sunday, June 30th, a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles, in 47 mins. G. Blaxley, F. Talbutt, F. Andrews, W. Wilson, M. Atkins conductor, D. Mallett. All are local ringers, and this is the first quarter-peal by all except the conductor, and his first as conductor. Rung for flower service on Feast Sunday.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Whit Monday, May 20th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major. C. Whiting, E. Bailey, G. Berry, A. Lincoln, C. Bailey conductor, J. Button, W. Button, N. Bailey. On Saturday, May 25th, for practice, 1344 Superlative Surprise Major. J. Button, N. Bailey, E. S. Bailey, C. Samson, G. Berry, E. Bailey, C. Bailey conductor, A. Lincoln. On Sunday, May 26th, for morning service, 448 Superlative Surprise. J. Button, N. Bailey, G. Berry, E. S. Bailey, A. Lincoln, C. Samson, E. Bailey, C. Bailey. On Saturday, June 1st, for practice, 960 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Button, E. Bailey, G. Berry, A. Lincoln, E. S. Bailey, E. Lubbock, C. Samson, C. Bailey conductor.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

TAUNTON.—On Wednesday, June 26th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1237 Stedman Caters, in 50 mins. S. Wyatt, S. Adams, E. Lloyd, J. Routley, P. Merson, J. Burge conductor, F. Sadd, J. Fowler, E. Wyatt, G. Weaver. Rung in honour of the twentieth anniversary of Archdeacon Askwith as Vicar of St. Mary's.

BURNHAM (Somerset).—On a recent Sunday morning, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Maddock, A. Routley, J. Dunn, E. Maddock, G. Chamberlain, G. H. Pruen, W. Morgan, W. Crauden. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, who has completed 40 years' ministry here.

WELLS.—On June 28th, at the Cathedral, 483 Stedman Caters. E. Maddock, J. Routley, S. Wyatt, J. Maddock, P. Merson, J. Burge conductor, F. Sadd, E. Burgess, J. Fowler, G. Weaver.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

COLNE ENGAIN (Essex).—On June 11th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. C. F. Pudney, E. Ridgewell, J. Turner, S. Burst, E. Wilea conductor, L. W. Wiffen, sen.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—On a recent Sunday morning, for Divine Service at St. Martin's church, three courses of Stedman Cinques. T. Russam, J. E. Groves, T. Reynolds, G. Pigott, J. Neal, F. Fay, T. Westwood, T. Pigott, S. Grove, A. P. Smith, A. Walker conductor, S. J. Jessop. Four courses of Grandsire Cinques. S. J. Jessop, J. E. Groves, W. Godden, A. Walker conductor, T. Reynolds, E. J. Hyland, T. Westwood, G. Pigott, S. Grove, A. Pegler, A. Smith, E. Mansell. On Tuesday, June 18th, five courses of Stedman Cinques, with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Canon Colmore, Vicar of Moseley. C. Dickens, J. E. Groves, F. Dickens, A. Walker conductor, T. Reynolds, E. J. Hyland, G. Pigott, S. Reeves, A. P. Smith, J. Neal, H. Withers, S. Jessop. Three courses of Stedman Cinques. W. S. Pritchett, J. E. Groves, W. Short, F. Fay, J. Neal, G. Pigott, S. Reeves, A. P. Smith, S. Grove, T. Reynolds, A. Pegler, A. Walker conductor. A course of Treble Bob Royal. W. Short, W. S. Pritchett, E. J. Hyland, F. Fay, S. Reeves, G. Pigott, S. Grove, J. Neal, A. Walker, A. E. Pegler. On Tuesday, July 2nd, for practice, three courses of Stedman Cinques. F. Dickens, W. Short conductor, J. Neal, E. J. Hyland, T. Reynolds, G. Pigott, J. Jennings, S. Reeves, S. Grove, A. P. Smith, J. E. Groves, S. Jessop. Three leads of Treble Bob Maximus. J. E. Groves, A. Chambers, W. Short, F. Fay, T. Reynolds, G. Pigott, S. Reeves, E. J. Hyland, J. Neal, S. Grove, A. P. Smith, A. Walker conductor. A course of Superlative Surprise Major. S. Reeves, A. Walker, F. Fay, E. Hyland, J. Neal, S. Grove, A. P. Smith, J. E. Groves.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

PENDLETON.—On Monday, July 1st at St. Thomas's church, for practice, 1120 Superlative Surprise Major. F. Smith, J. Smith, J. Turner, G. E. Turner, W. H. Shuker, A. E. Wreaks, S. Greenhalgh, H. Chapman conductor. Longest length in the method on the bells.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

YATELEY (Hants).—On Thursday, June 6th, for practice at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Bunch, W. Tice, W. Filmore, H. Tice, F. Hagley, G. Bunch, S. Riddell conductor, B. Bunch. On Thursday, June 13th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Bunch, W. Tice, W. Filmore, H. Tice, F. Hagley, G. Bunch, S. Riddell conductor, B. Bunch. On Thursday, June 13th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Bunch, sen., G. Moth, H. Tice, W. Horne conductor, F. Hagley, G. Bunch, S. Riddell, B. Bunch. On Sunday, June 16th, for Divine Service in the morning, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Bunch, S. Riddell conductor, W. Filmore, C. Hilton, F. Hagley, W. Tice, W. Horne, G. Bunch.

NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On May 16th, at St. Nicolas church, 720 Bob Minor. E. Dumper, P. Morphy, C. J. Fray, W. G. Rowe, W. Rowe, G. Williams conductor. On May 26, for service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Williams conductor, C. A. Valentine, C. J. Fray, J. Parker, W. Rowe, W. T. Tucker. On May 30th, for practice, 720 College Single. E. Dumper, W. T. Tucker, C. J. Fray, W. H. George, W. Rowe, G. Williams conductor. First 720 in the method on the bells and by all except the conductor. On June 2nd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. E. Mundy, C. A. Valentine, E. Dumper, C. J. Fray, W. Rowe, W. T. Tucker. On June 30th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Williams conductor, C. A. Valentine, C. J. Fray, W. H. George, W. Rowe, W. T. Tucker. On July 16th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Williams conductor, A. Marks, C. J. Fray, W. H. George, C. A. Valentine, W. T. Tinker. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. R. C. Hankinson, who was interred in North Stoneham churchyard on the previous Friday. For evening service 360 Kent Treble Bob. E. Dumper, A. Marks, C. J. Fray, W. H. George, W. Rowe, W. T. Tucker conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, July 7th, at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, Johnson's 1008 of Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins. C. Starkey, R. Ducker, E. Mullins, B. Starkey, J. Porter, W. G. Ellis conductor, A. Hackley, F. Hales.

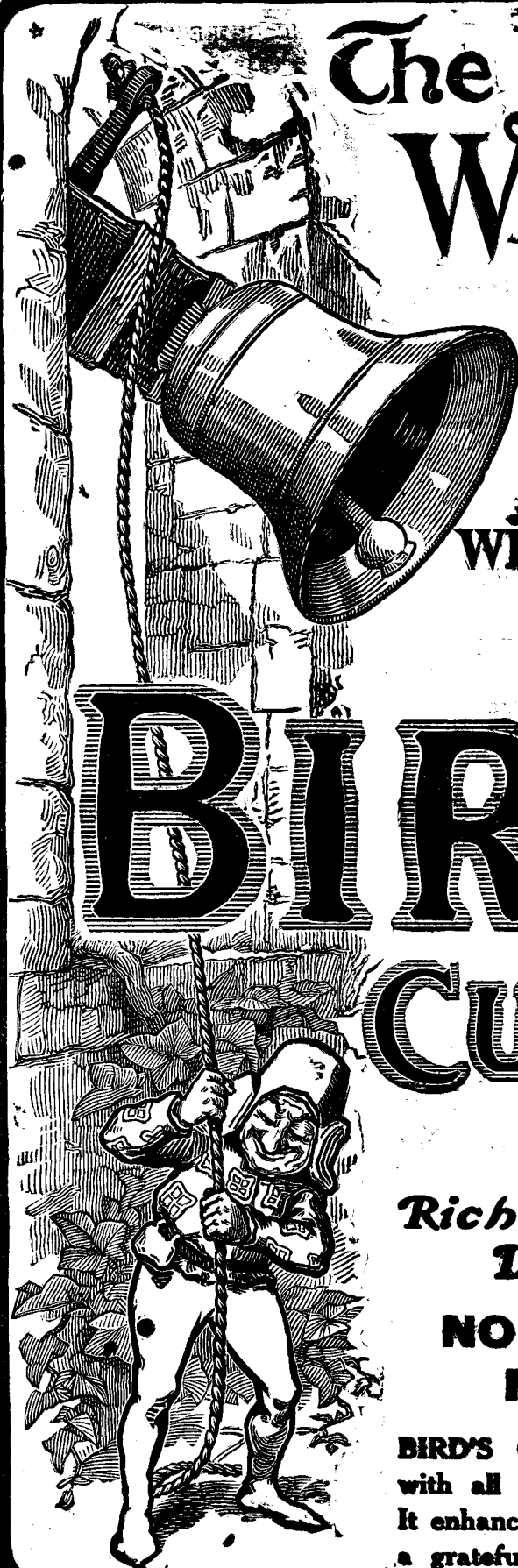
CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, July 7th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. A. D. Mills, O. Sippetts, J. Preston, F. W. Rice, A. J. Lewis, J. Rice conductor, P. Tyler, J. Steddy.

HITCHIN (Herts).—On July 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. A. Pilgrim, F. Furr, C. Cannon, F. R. Bacon, C. V. Hare, A. King, J. F. Foster conductor, T. Dobbs.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On May 12th, for practice, 574 Grandsire Triples. H. White, J. Symonds conductor, H. Northfield, J. Harris, A. Collins, G. Huxey, E. J. Harding, S. Thomas. On June 1st, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. A. Collins, G. Tyler, C. Groves, J. Symonds, F. S. Bayley conductor, W. Lebbon, E. J. Harding, J. Matthews. On June 16th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Smith, C. Heathorn, C. Groves, A. Small, A. Collins, J. Matthews, E. J. Harding conductor, S. Thomas.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, July 17th, for evening service at St. Edward's church, 1280 Superlative Surprise Major. G. Roughton, A. J. Perkins, H. Catterwell, A. J. Carter, G. R. Pye conductor, H. F. Dawkins, E. Pye, D. Carrier.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's South Hackney, on July 22nd; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on July 25th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on July 30th. Also during the month of August—St. John, South Hackney, on the 5th; St. John at Hackney on the 6th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 8th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 15th; St. John, South Hackney, on the 19th; St. John-at-Hackney, on the 20th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 22nd; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 27th; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
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**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will be held at Abingdon to-day, Sat., July 20th. Special service will be held in St. Helen's church at 12 noon; preacher—the Ven. T. H. Archer Houlton, D.D., Archdeacon of Oxford. Business meeting in the Town Hall at 12.45. Dinner in the Corn Exchange at 1.45.  
A. E. REEVES, *Festival Sec.*  
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**The Lancashire Association.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, July 20th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting at 7.30.  
G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Leicester District.—The Syston meeting to be held to-day, Saturday, July 20th, is postponed, owing to the Vicar lying seriously ill near the church.  
J. S. NEEDHAM, *Local Hon. Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Cotgrave from 2.15 to 4 o'clock, then journey on to Colston Bassett, to-day, Sat., July 20th. The vicarage grounds will be open to all ringing friends. The Rev. W. H. Pimm will preside.  
REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Local Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, July 20th, at St. James's church, Leyland. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.  
R. SAUNDERSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beckington to-day, Sat., July 20th. Bells available all day. Tea and business at 5. Evensong at 6.30.  
ISAAC B. HOLMYARD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—North and West District.—A meeting of this Association will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, July 27th, by kind permission of the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. The bells of Harrow Weald church will also be available later. All members and friends of the Association will be welcome. It is requested that all outstanding subscriptions may be paid at any early date.  
ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A special meeting of this branch will be held at Walton on Saturday, July 27th. Bells ready at 5.30. An address will be given by the Lord Bishop of Liverpool at 5.30. Members intending to be present please send word to Mr. H. H. Barker, 42, Ireton Street, Walton, on or before July 23rd.  
WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewis-ham District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Crayford on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Room. The Rector will preside, when it is hoped a good muster will attend.  
T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—A branch and committee meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, July 27th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7. The Vicar has promised to take the chair.  
W. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The members of this society will hold their quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 27th, at St. Michael's church, Flixton. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock.  
CHAS. BOWER, *Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary, Staines, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available from 5.30 p.m. Will members kindly note that subscriptions due on January 1st last should now be paid.  
J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The White Swan at 7 p.m.  
GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Arundel on Saturday, July 27th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea at The Bridge hotel at 5 p.m., 6d. each, business to follow. Members intending to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Thursday morning, July 25th.  
H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*  
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.**—At the invitation of the Rev. B. Staunton Batty, the newly-appointed Vicar of Bolsover, the next meeting will take place there on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. The Vicar has kindly promised to provide tea, and to prevent disappointment all those intending to be present should advise Mr John Flint, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover, not later than Tuesday, July 30th.  
SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—The August meeting will be held at Hurworth (Croft Spa Station), on Saturday, August 3rd. Committee Meeting at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock for those notifying me before July 30th.  
ARTHUR M. C. FIELD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The William Verry Commemoration.**—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, August 24th, at The Red Lion hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, at 6.30 sharp. Tickets 2s. 6d. each, may be had from R. Faux, 65, Barchus Road, Soho.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—There will be no meeting of the above society during July.  
WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Ringers visiting Grimsby and Cleethorpes are welcome at St. Andrew's church (one minute from Grimsby Docks Station). Sunday ringing—10 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practices or peals arranged the Sunday previous. Intending visitors should write to J. W. Seamer, 83, Wintringham Road, to avoid disappointment.

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**PENNING'S TRIPLES.**

By desire of several correspondents I shall be pleased if you will re-publish a method given in your issue of October 10th, 1896. A peal in this method was rung at Standed, Essex, on April 13th of the present year, and recorded in the peal pages.

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**AYLSHAM (Norfolk).**—On Friday, July 12th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 720 Bob Major. G. Neale, G. Soame, E. Suffling, J. Pilch, J. Moy, G. Moy conductor, W. Miller, J. Moy. And two courses of Grandsire Triples. G. Neale, G. Soame, E. Suffling, J. Pilch, J. Moy, W. Miller, G. Moy conductor, J. Roberts. Tenor 22 cwt.

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various amusements, and returning by steamer to Liverpool the party partook of tea. Then to St. Luke's church, ringing several touches and a course of London Surprise. After travelling by the overhead electric railway to Seaforth, where a splendid view is obtained en route of the extensive docks, and having spent a social hour with the Liverpool ringers, the party prepared for the return journey, reaching Ipswich in due time. The thanks of the company are hereby tendered to the clergy for the use of their bells.

### RETTENDEN, ESSEX.

On Sunday, July 14th, six members of the Essex Association, by kind permission of W. J. Brown, esq., church-

warden, visited this church to ring for evening service. Arriving at the church at 4.30 they were met by Mr. G. Freeman (sexton), who quickly shewed the way to the belfry. Everything was in readiness, a nice peal of handbells caught the eye, and a course of Grandsire Triples tapped off by A. Head, H. Head, H. F. Cooper, H. R. Dawson. Then a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung on the tower bells, and a second one with Mr. Freeman on the 4th. The bells and tower were then inspected, and all were highly pleased at finding such a handy ring of six, tenor 9 cwt. in A. and in perfect order. The bells were once more set going and a 720 of Bob Minor brought round by H. R. Dawson, W. Newman, A. Head, A. Whight, H. Head, H. F. Cooper conductor. And 360, Mr. Freeman ringing the treble and H. Head conducting. Another 6-score of Doubles ended the ringing, and all adjourned to The Hawke for refreshments kindly provided by Mr. Brown. These were much appreciated. A stroll round Battlesbridge, a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Brown for his hospitality, and to Mr. Freeman for having everything in readiness, brought a pleasant excursion to an end all too soon.

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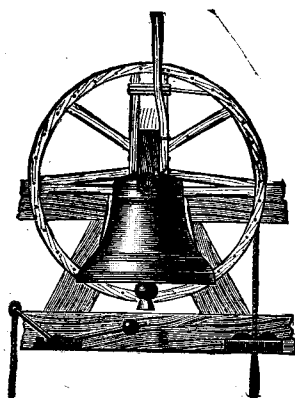
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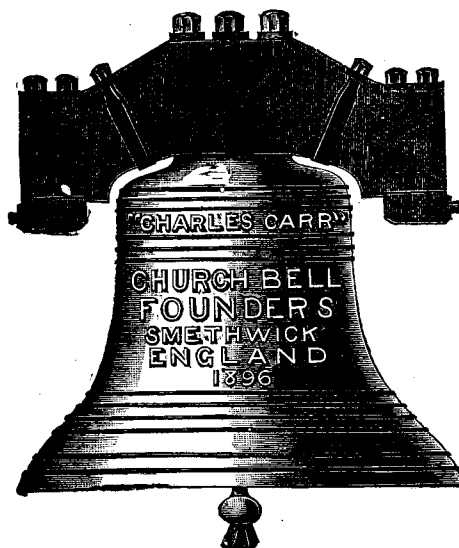
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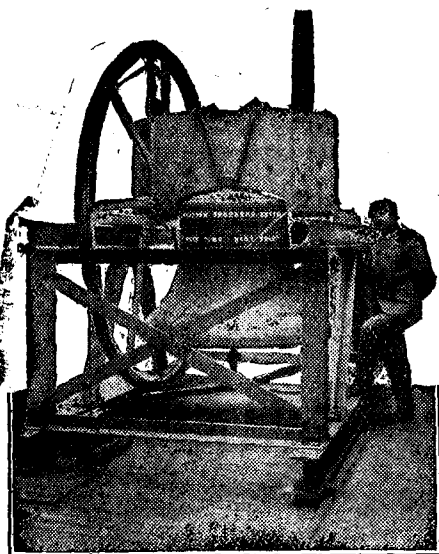
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## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13th, about forty members of this Association spent a most enjoyable afternoon and evening at Selly Oak, a suburb of Birmingham.

The bells, a very handy ring of eight, tenor 12 $\frac{1}{4}$  cwt., were raised about 3.15, touches of Plain Bob, Stedman, and Double Norwich, and a course of London Surprise being rung before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. B. Sladen.

The Vicar having provided tea in a tent on a lawn near the church, a move was made there, and having done justice to the good things provided, the Vicar most generously handed round cigars and cigarettes, bringing to a conclusion a most enjoyable tea.

At the business meeting afterwards, with Mr. H. Mason as chairman, Hanbury was selected for the next meeting; it was decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Selly Oak, Mr. A. E. Pegler being appointed conductor; and several new members were elected. Mr. John Smith, C.C. delegate, reported that after having promised to attend the C.C. meeting, he was prevented at the last moment from doing so by illness.

Mr. Harry Withers, having kindly obtained permission to view the bells at Messrs. Cadbury's works at Bournville, there being twenty-two of them hung dead in tiers, and played by means of a keyboard, several made their way there as soon as the business meeting was over, and had the pleasure of hearing him play a course of Superlative Surprise and various tunes on them.

The local band having lately rung two peals of London Surprise, the ringing after the meeting was, as might be expected, mainly Surprise, two courses each of Superlative, Cambridge, and London being rung in fine style.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery branch of the above-named Association was held at Beckington (by kind permission of the Rector) on Saturday, the 20th instant.

The weather was beautifully fine, and consequently the attendance was very good, several enthusiasts making a long cycle journey on purpose to be present.

Frome and Midsomer Norton towers were first in the field, and the bells (recently completed into a lovely ring of eight) were merrily going a considerable time before tea.

About two dozen members, including the genial and popular chairman, the Rev. H. E. W. Honnywill, of Leigh-on-Mendip, sat down to a refreshing tea at a local restaurant. This over, the usual meeting followed, at which the proceedings were of the usual order. Leigh-on-Mendip was selected as the rendezvous for the October meeting, and the chairman offered his customary hospitable welcome to the members, who thoroughly showed their keen appreciation of his extreme kindness.

Evensong in the fine old Norman church was conducted

by the Rector of Beckington, the H. Lanford Sainsbury, assisted by the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill. The Rector's address, though short, was very impressive, and the musical portion of the service was nicely rendered by the choir.

The remainder of the evening was spent in the tower, where a few touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples were rung, the striking generally being very good.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for his kind invitation and the use of the bells, was carried unanimously, and was suitably acknowledged.

The ringers of Beckington are to be congratulated on the excellent ring they now possess, and it is earnestly to be hoped that they will practise the art of change-ringing with a will, and quickly qualify themselves for admission to the Association.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The last monthly meeting of the Nottingham district was held at Cotgrave and Colston Bassett on Saturday, July 20th. The bells at Cotgrave were rung from 3.0 to 4.15 muffled as a last mark of respect to the wife of one of the churchwardens, who died suddenly on the previous Thursday. Afterwards the members journeyed to Colston Bassett, and the vicarage grounds were reviewed in the presence of the Rev. and Mrs. Pimm. Twenty-seven sat down to a splendid tea at The Martin Arms, the company coming from Derby, Beeston, Stanton-by-Dale, Cotgrave, and Colston Bassett, and including also Rev. M. H. Pimm and Mr. J. W. Taylor, of Loughborough. After tea, the bells were rung in Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob Major. The next meeting will be held at Stanton-by-Dale. Notice and particulars will appear later.

## THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The June meeting of this society was held at Shipley. There was a large assembly of members, most of the towers in the district being represented. An attempt for a peal of Forward Major came to an end in something under an hour. Short touches of London and Kent, also Stedman and Grandsire Triples, were rung until the hour for the business meeting, which was held at The Sun hotel, the president in the chair. Six members were elected, and before the close of the meeting Mr. F. Woodhead suggested that the date of the annual meeting at Leeds be altered to Easter Monday, when the bells would be available all day. Under existing arrangements no ringing had been possible on the tower bells in consequence of the Lenten services during the past three years. Several members spoke in favour of the change.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells was replied to by Mr. G. Nettleton, who extended a hearty welcome to the members.

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

## DOUBLE NORWICH.

By JOHN CARTER.—(4th and final contribution.)

Now I will illustrate how I use my numerical scale to obtain a long circuit or peal, and think I cannot do better than use the following three-part one. It need hardly be mentioned that it is necessary to have 45 courses in order to obtain a full circuit of 5040 changes, or, in a three-part circuit 15 courses to each part. To build up then 15 courses, while it is also to be understood that we are not compelled to start from the figure 1—I start therefore from 16, a number which enables us to have the 2 and 3 observation bells rather than 5 and 6, and on this plan we get 3, 4, 5 and 6 only in sixth's place at a course-end throughout the peal. Starting then with the 3 ordinary courses with bobs at 1, I will gradually expand them two courses at a time to 15 courses, and by watching how they are built up from the numerical scale, it will be readily understood where the shunting in each case takes place. As each of these circuits of 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15 courses are perfect touches by themselves, I then shew how a shunting bob prevents the 15 courses coming round, and makes its end the first part-end of a three-part circuit. Referring again to the 15 course circuit it will be seen that this shunting may take place in either the 4th, 8th or 10th courses, as the same numbers occur in the numerical scale without altering any of the other numbers, but I am shunting in the 10th course on the number 7.

3-COURSE.	5-COURSE.	7-COURSE.	9-COURSE.
16	16	16	16
18 18 18	18 10 10	18 10 10	18 10 10
7 7 7	10 1 1	12 11 11	11 3 3
16 16 16	1 18 18	11 12 12	3 20 20
	7 7 7	10 1 1	20 11 11
	16 16 16	1 18 18	12 12 12
		7 7 7	10 1 1
		16 16 16	1 18 18
			7 7 7
			16 16 16

11-COURSE.	13-COURSE.	15-COURSE.	5040.
16	16	16	23456 1 4 6
18 10 10	18 10 10	18 10 10	65324 - -
11 3 4	11 3 4	11 3 4	25463 - -
4 4 2	4 4 2	4 4 2	54263 -
2 2 3	2 2 3	2 2 3	42563 -
3 20 20	3 20 20	3 20 20	32465 -
20 11 11	20 11 11	20 11 11	52364 -
12 12 12	12 12 12	12 12 12	26354 -
10 1 1	10 1 1	10 1 1	45623 -
1 18 18	1 18 18	1 18 18	35426 -
7 7 7	7 7 8	7 7 8	25634 -
16 16 16	8 8 6	8 8 6	56234 -
	6 6 7	15 15 15	63254 -
	16 16 16	19 19 19	35264 -
		6 6 7	62534 -
		16 16 16	23564 -

Twice repeated;  
2nd never in  
6ths place at a  
course-end.

## ONE-PART CIRCUIT OF 5008.

I	23456	I	4	6
1	52	52	63254	-
19	19	22	52364	-
22	22	16	23564	-
16	16	13	32465	-
13	13	14	24365	-
14	23	17	42563	-
17	17	20	25463	-
20	20	23	54263	-
23	18	21	45362	-
21	21	24	53462	-
24	24	18	34562	-
18	14	15	43265	-
15	22S	16	32564	S -
16	16	19	25364	-
19	19	22	53264	-
22	17	20	35462	-
20	20	23	54362	-
23	18	21	45263	-
21	21	24	52463	-
24	24	18	24563	-
18	14	15	42365	-
15	15	13	23465	-
13	13	14	34265	-
14	23	7*	35246	- S
7	7	10	52346	-
10	10	4	23546	-
5	5	9	45236	-
9	9	11	53426	-
1	1	2	24356	-
2	2	3	43256	-
3	3	1	32456	-
8	8	12	54236	-
12	12	6	42536	-
6	6	8	25436	-
11	11	5	34526	-
5S	5	9	45236	S -
9	9	11	52436	-
11	11	5	24536	-
6	6	8	35426	-
8	8	12	54326	-
12	12	6	43526	-
4	4	7	25346	-
7	7	10	53246	-
2	2	3	42356	-
3	3	1	23456	-

## TWO-PART—5024.

I	23456	I	4	6
1	52	28	32654	-
28	28	40	26354	-
40	40	52	63254	-
19	19	22	52364	-
22	22	16	23564	-
16	16	19	35264	-
46	46	20	25463	-
20	20	23	54263	-
23	23	17	42563	-
17	13	14S	34265	- S

				I	4	6
14	14	15	42365			-
15	24	18	24563	-	-	-
18	18	21	45263			-
21	21	2	24356			5
9	9	11	53426	-	-	-
11	11	5	34526			-
6	6	8	25436	-	-	-
8	8	12	54236			-
12	12	6	42536			-
4	4	7	35246	-	-	-
7	7	10	52346			-
2	2	3	43256	-	-	-
3	3	1	32456			-

Repeated; contains the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, and the six 5-4's.

## SIX-PART. 5664 AND 5056.

				I	4	6
I			23456			
3	20	20	65324	-	-	-
8	8	6	23564	-	-	-
6	6	7	35264			-
7	7	8	52364			-
14	14	5*	32465	-		5
5	5	2*	43526			5
2	2	3	35426	-	-	-
4	4	4	52436	-	-	-
I	I	I	34256	-	-	-

Five times repeated; bob for single end of the third and sixth parts.

5056.

Bob at 5 instead of 6 third course of any one part reduces it to the above. 6th twenty-four times wrong and right.

## FOUR-PART. 5120 AND 5008.

				I	4	6
I			23456			
1	28	28	63254	-	-	-
12	12	12	35264	-	-	-
22	22	10*	25463	-		5
10	10	11	54263			-
11	6	7	45362	-	-	-
7	7	8	53462			-
8	8	4*	45236			5
4	4	5	52436	-	-	-
5	5	6	24536	-	-	-
6	6	2s	25456			s
2	2	3	54236	-	-	-
3	3	1	42536			-

Three times repeated; 6th twenty times wrong and twenty-four times right. By calling a bob at 4 in the third course in any one part cuts away the fourth course and reduces the peal to 5008, thus:—

35264  
54263 I 4 5

## EIGHT-PART. 5120.

				I	4	6
I			23456			
1	13	13	63254	-	-	-
4	4	5	52364	-	-	-
5	5	6s	53264			s
6	6	2*	25436			s
2	2	3	54236	-	-	-
3	3	1	42536			-

Seven times repeated; bob for single in the 4th and 8th parts. The 6th sixteen wrong and twenty-four times right.

## FIVE-PART. 5040.

				I	4	6
I			23456			
11	4	5	53624	-	-	-
12	12	10	26354	-	-	-
10	10	11	63254			-
9	9	7	52364	-	-	-
7	7	8	23564			-
8	8	9	35264			-
1	1	2	62534	-	-	-
2	2	3	25634	-	-	-
3	3	1	56234			-

Four times repeated.

## TEN-PART. 5120.

				I	4	5
5			23456			
12	12	12	35426	-	-	-
3	8	9*	56423	-	-	-
1	1	6*	46325	-	-	-
6	6	3*	34562			-
5	10	10*	42563	-	-	-
4	4	5*	52364	-	-	-

Nine times repeated; single for bob at 1 in the second course of the 5th and 10th parts.

## TWELVE-PART. 5376 AND 5152.

				I	4	6
I			23456			
5s	5	5	63524	s	-	-
1	1	2	25364	-	-	-
2	2	3	53264			-
3	3	1	32564			-

Eleven times repeated; single for bob at 4 in the 6th and 12th parts.

5152—By omitting the three bobs at 6 in any one part.

I have now shewn, I think, sufficient of my numerical scale to enable any person, whether a change-ringer or not, to compose a true peal, and that too, although he may not be able to write a single change in the method.

All along I have endeavoured to make myself sufficiently explicit to be understood even by the wooden-headed (oh! fie!), but shall be pleased to correspond with any one requiring further information if he will send a stamped directed envelope to 130, Walford Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham.

J. C.

## OBITER DICTA.

As everyone knows, it is a rule of the College Youths that if any member joins the Cumberlands he thereupon forfeits his membership, and if my memory serves me, for I have not read the rules these last twelve years, the reason given is that it is to promote healthy rivalry and the progress of ringing. Were I any way given to levity or speaking of a less venerable and honourable Society I should remark "Fudge"; but at any rate I don't think for one minute that the progress of ringing had anything to do with it. I haven't the slightest idea as to when this rule was established; but it very often happens that in societies you get more men who want to be leaders than there are places for them. Then there is a struggle for mastery, and one or more secedes and starts a rival company or joins another. So you get rivalry, which you may if you like call healthy, but what is not always friendly. It very often happens that one man who has by his abilities made himself undisputed leader, dies or retires, and for his place there are two or more claimants. One gets the vacant position, the others secede. Or you get two men, both born leaders, and no one society can hold the two. Cox and Haley were at one time or other of their careers members of both the College Youths and the Cumberlands, but I don't think that they were members of the same Society at the same time for long. It cannot be denied that this sort of thing does do a lot for ringing. If your friends and members of your Society make a record you are pleased and promptly annex a part of the credit to yourself. You say we—our Society—holds the record for, let us say, the longest peal of Grandsire Triples. But when your enemies—well, we won't say your enemies, but when those that have been your friends, and are not now, go and make a record, you straightway go and try to beat it. So you get the historic struggle between the Cumberlands and College Youths for the long peal of Treble Ten; and as it has been in London so I doubt not it has been in all other large towns. I don't know anything about the history of ringing in Birmingham, but I should be surprised to hear that never in years gone by were there similar rivalries, and that St. Philip's never envied St. Martin's, and St. Martin's never vexed St. Phillip's. Anyhow, I know it has always been so, on and off, at Norwich. Almost the earliest bit of ringing history we have there is a story of a wrangle. Under John Garthorne the band had rung the first true 5040 ever accomplished—Bob Triples—and the first peal of Grandsire Triples. Then Garthorne died or retired, and trouble began as to whether Edward Crane or Thomas Melchior should take his place and compose and call the first peal of Stedman Triples. Melchior gained the day and Crane promptly seceded and started a rival company at St. Michael's. Both rang their peals, probably both false, and then they started to slang each other for all they were worth, in the local press. I have referred to this correspondence before in these notes, and some day I hope some one will copy it out and send to "THE BELL NEWS" with his comments thereon. I have selected Mr. Daniell as the most fit and desertless man for the post, as Dogberry would say, and some time or other perhaps he will wake up to his responsibilities. That was the start, and all along, off and on, there have been with varying fortune these two companies. When I first had anything to do with ringing the opposition party was dragging out a miserable and moribundant existence, and shortly after, for a time at any rate, ceased altogether. They used to be called, Heaven knows why, Timms, or

Stags, and the towers they rang at were called Stag towers. I never could find out the reason for these names; their origin would puzzle a Professor Skeat. There are somewhere about ten ringing towers in Norwich, and these two bands with their headquarters respectively at St. Peter's and St. Michael's annexed as many of the others as they could. It is written in the law of the land that the parson (or is it the parson and the churchwardens?) but so it is written that these alone have the power to say who shall ring the bells and when they shall be rung. But the wise man's advice is "Seek ye first the permission of the steeplekeeper, and that of the others shall be added unto you." The chief value of this or used to be (for all this is ancient history) at Christmas time. In Norwich the old custom held of collecting for Christmas boxes, and of course the more towers you had the more Christmas boxes you got. The St. Peter's company had a very comfortable rule on this matter. All the twelve of course shared St. Peter's parish; the oldest ten shared St. Andrew's, the ten-bell tower; the oldest eight St. Giles', the eight-bell tower; the oldest six the six-bell towers. As for the younger members and those that did not happen to be members of the company of twelve, why they could do the ringing and get what they might. The youngest five did have one five-bell tower; let that content them.

There ought to be sufficient material, somewhere or other, to write a history of ringing in Norwich, if one could only get somebody to do it. I want a historian with the industry of a Freeman and the imagination and style of a Froude to do the job. I don't want old Professor Dryasdust to give us a lot of uninteresting details dug up here and there without any life in them. I want someone to tell us just what these men were, what were their good qualities and what their failings, especially their failings, for they are usually the most entertaining. Was So and So, whose name looms so large on peal boards, really a great man, or was he after all only an arrant humbug? For you know there have been humbugs even in ringing. I often wonder whether it was by art or hap that Middleton got his famous peal of Cambridge Surprise. Here you have one of the finest compositions in the whole of ringing, one that ranks with Holt's ten-part and Thurstans' four-part; and more, for it is the one and only true peal obtainable in the method. I never heard that Middleton was an exceptionally clever man, and it is out of the question to suppose that he had mathematical skill enough to work it out without some amount of luck. But luck generally attends that man who goes to the place where luck may be found; and what I want to know is—did Middleton find this peal because he knew enough to look in the right direction; or did he pick it up as I might (but never do) pick up a sixpence in the street?

When my historian starts on his task, he will of course collect all the MSS. that the old generation left behind. Few and scanty enough, alas! they be in the case of Norwich. And furthermore he must not omit to lay his hands on as many of their ringing books as he can find. Our forefathers had a custom now quite gone out of fashion of pencilling notes on the margins of their books. They even did it to novels, and as for the old ringing books most of them have notes scribbled on them. These pencillings sometimes tell us their author's opinions, and sometimes they tell tales. As witness the following. John Cox was a very great ringer, a great leader, and a great composer. He left us one or two really fine compositions, and among them perhaps the best known next

to his 5021 Grandsire Caters is his 6720 Superlative Surprise. Now it so happens that Thackrah gives this peal in his book, but misprinted and mutilated. Thackrah is rare, and we all thought that Cox had never seen the book, or if he had that he had never noticed the peal. Unfortunately he had a copy, now in Mr. Dains' possession, and there in his own handwriting is a note pointing out the misprint in the peal. We all know that the standard of authorship was a low one in those days, but why, oh why did not Cox have some regard to his posthumous reputation, and rub out that note.

Like most old companies the Norwich Society has or had a few old goods belonging to the Ancients. There was a chest made by John Porter, who tradition avers, was the author of Double Norwich Court Bob. Then there was a portrait of one of the old worthies, whereof I need only say this: that if ever painter or photographer, draughtsman or sculptor perpetuated such a likeness of me, and my courage would not let me seek him in his lair, I would lay in wait for him round a convenient corner with a bushel full of bricks' ends. Then there were the old Ringers' Jug, a rotund earthenware vessel holding some sixteen or seventeen quarts, a couple or so of pewter flagons, and divers pewter mugs, all engraved with date and the names of the then officers of the Society. Time was when every Old Year's night the churchwardens and other prominent parishioners filled the jug with a beverage known as "hot pot"; and before during or after ringing, all the assembled company, ringers, churchwardens and parishioners drank thereof. I am not quite sure of the correct recipe for making hot pot, but it is something on this wise. The foundation constituent is beer, the oldest and strongest that can conveniently be gotten. This is stiffened with ten per cent. or so of fine old Jamaica Rum, nutmeg and ginger and other spices are added in due proportion; and the whole warmed up to a genial heat and partaken of at any temperature above 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Once, many years ago, I assisted at a revival of this ancient custom, not in the belfry, of course, but at a hostelry hard by. The old jug was filled as of yore, the flagons conveyed the precious liquid to the mugs, and the mugs transferred it down the ringers' throats. I like to see old customs revived, but in this particular case the general result was, well, disastrous. What has become of the flagons and the mugs I know not, but the jug itself now reposes with other church valuables in the church sacristy, and will, alas, hold hot-pot no more. 'Tis better so. We live in degenerate days, and our heads or our stomachs or both are not what our forefathers were. And at any rate seventeen quarts is over much of a quantity of hot-pot, even when there are a dozen or more to share it.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

#### WHITTLESEA, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

We record this week a peal rung on the bells of Whittlesea Church. Our correspondent adds the following information:—

Although the bells were augmented from six to eight in 1803, there is no record of a peal being rung on them till 1904, when a peal of Grandsire was rung by a band of visitors. The bells are not mentioned in the Parish Register since the time of King Edward III. So all we can learn of the present peal, and the previous one of six, is from the dates on them, and the inscription on the present 6th bell; the date is 1758. The 3rd, 4th and 7th

are of the same date. The inscription on the 3rd is "Joseph Eayers St. Neots Fecit."

The treble, 2nd, 5th and tenor are by Osborn and Dobson, Downham, date 1803. The church is a grand edifice, with a stately tower and spire 186 feet high, a landmark for miles round in this flat fen country.

#### ST. PAUL'S, LOWER HOMERTON, LONDON.

The ring of six bells at this church have once more been set going by the encouragement of our esteemed friend and conductor, Mr. H. W. Shephard. The bells having been rehung, it is hoped that the tower will become a good ringing centre. All ringers will be heartily welcomed, if they visit us on Tuesday nights, the ringing commencing at 8 p.m.

The present band of ringers is putting its heart and soul into the ringing, and they are to be wished every success. No doubt our handbells will be a considerable aid to us.

C. WATSON.

#### ST. PAUL'S GUILD, HAMMERSMITH.

Change-ringing has made considerable advances in Hammersmith tower during the past three years, with the result that at the present time the number of members is larger than it has ever been, and, having in view this fact, it was decided this year to hold an independent outing.

Farnham Royal was the place selected, and Saturday afternoon, July 20th, saw the arrival, by motor charabanc from Slough and in brilliant weather, of some nineteen members and friends at the prettily situated village. Steps were immediately directed towards the church, and here Mr. J. J. Parker joined the party, and a few touches were rung ere it was time to make an adjournment for tea. This was partaken of in grand style at Grenville Lodge in Burnham Beeches, and at the close of the meal the Hon. Secretary of the Guild (Mr. C. C. Cox), proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. H. C. Wilder for his kindness in granting them the use of the bells that afternoon, and expressed regret that they had not been able to take advantage of his original offer of the rectory garden in which to have tea. The vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Parker for the excellent arrangements he had made, and was carried with acclamation.

After tea some time was spent in handbell ringing on the lawn, and the taking of the inevitable photograph, members subsequently finding their way leisurely through the beautiful Beeches back to Farnham, and there the bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major up to 9.30 p.m. Before finally leaving the tower Mr. Parker was again warmly thanked for the welcome he had given the visitors, and the trouble he had taken in looking after their entertainment and comfort.

A pleasant ride in the charabanc landed the party once more at Slough, and Hammersmith was reached about 11.30 p.m., thus bringing to a close a most successful and enjoyable excursion, the first of many another, it is to be hoped, for the St. Paul's Guild.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 1907.

ABOUT three weeks ago we were told that a peal of Stedman Caters had been rung several times at various metropolitan churches, the composition of which was untrue. We were invited to make the matter known, because our informant was under the impression that it was being hushed up, on account of so many ringers being involved. We thought it better to wait for further developments, believing that they would appear sooner or later. We are glad that we did, for a full explanation of the unfortunate affair is here given by the following letter from Mr. G. LINDOFF:—

SIR,—From October 1900 to January in the present year, a number of peals of Stedman Caters containing 5002 changes, given as my composition, have been rung in and about London. Through some unfortunate mistake, for which I will take full responsibility, the majority of these turn out to be a false variation. Any excuse that I may be able to offer, would in no way alter the main point. All that is possible for me to do is to apologise to each and every one who have taken part in this unfortunate affair. As far as can be gathered, the following is a list of where it has been rung, and in nearly every case withdrawn: St. Margaret's, Westminster, October 20th, 1900, Middlesex Association; St. James, Bermondsey, November



20th, 1900, Kent County; Northampton, July 13th, 1901, Central Northamptonshire; High Wycombe, November 30th, 1901, Oxford Guild; St. Clement Danes, Strand, February 1st, 1902, St. James's Society; St. Dunstan, Stepney, April 5th, 1902, College Youths; Kingston, Surrey, October 18th, 1902, College Youths; St. Margaret, Westminster, March 14th, 1903, Waterloo Society; St. Clement Danes, Strand, October 17th, 1903, London County; St. Luke's, Chelsea, August 22nd, 1903, Waterloo Society; St. Magnus, City, January 4th, 1904, London County; Southover, Lewes, Sussex, December 8th, 1906, Sussex County; Appleton, Berks., January 12th, 1907, Oxford Guild.

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**RINGERS' OUTING.**—The ringers of the parish church, Swindon, propose holding their annual outing on August Bank Holiday, their destination being Bridgwater, Somersetshire, where permission has been obtained for a peal on the fine ring of eight at the parish church. It is hoped a start for Stedman Triples will be made at 10 a.m., under the auspices of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who has promised to accompany the party. After dinner, which is to be held at The Bristol Arms hotel, the party will proceed to Burnham, a distance of nine miles by brake, and probably a call will be made at Huntspill (six bells), en route. Permission has been obtained to ring on the peal of eight at the parish church, Burnham, and here short touches only will be attempted.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 13, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

#### A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,

5120 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. .. Treble.	GEORGE RADLEY .. .. 5.
JAMES SAXBY .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 6.
JOHN H. BENSTEAD .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
JOHN T. KENTISH .. .. 4.	GEORGE PAICE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER

\*First peal of Bristol. This is J. Waghorn's 100th peal, and the conductor's 200th, lists of which appears elsewhere.

### The Provinces.

#### WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 16, 1907 in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE HOLBROOK* .. Treble	*C. CAREW COX .. .. 5.
FREDERICK MARTIN .. .. 2.	ARTHUR A. CLAY .. .. 6.
CHARLES BISHOP .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. 7.
FREDERICK SMITH .. .. 4.	JOHN JOHNSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. WHITTLE, and Conducted by W. FITCHFORD.

\*First peal in the method.

#### BEKESBOURNE, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 16, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

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

Conducted by EDWARD TRENDALL.

#### WHITTLESEA, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 17, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor about 19 cwt.

J. KING .. .. Treble.	G. SMITH .. .. 5.
J. EDWARDS* .. .. 2	J. GOAKES* .. .. 6.
S. GOAKES* .. .. 3.	C. GOAKES .. .. 7.
A. NEAL .. .. 4	G. KEFFORD .. .. Tenor.
	F. MEDLOCK .. ..

Conducted by G. GOAKES.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells by a local band.

#### THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 18, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

CHARLES ROSE .. .. Treble.	ALPHAUS BERRY .. .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS .. .. 2.	FREDERICK WATLING .. 5.
CHARLES NUNN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. George E. Symonds, of Beccles, to Miss Ida Galer, of Wangford.

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

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 20, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE (R.C.) NORFOLK ROW,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN FLINT .. .. Treble	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 5.
JOSEPH ATKIN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. 6.
FRANCIS WARD .. .. 3.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 7.
WALTER COATES .. .. 4.	SAM THOMAS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

#### CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 20, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS BURDOCK .. Treble.	*CHARLES EDWARDS .. 5.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. 2.	†WILLIAM T. COX .. 6.
JOHN J. JONES .. .. 3.	THOMAS ATTWELL .. 7.
THOMAS MACK .. .. 4.	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN HOWES, and Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal on eight bells. This was the quarterly peal of the Guildford District.

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

On Saturday, July 20, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two 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.

JAMES W. WILKINS .. Treble.	EDGAR HUMFREY .. .. 5.
PHILBERT W. WILKINS .. 2.	REV. C. W. O. JENNYN .. 6.
FRANK TUBB .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
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Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

On Saturday, July 20, 1907, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS. 5017 CHANGES.

STANLEY BRAGG* .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. .. 6.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 2.	THOMAS H. REEVES.. .. 7.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 3.	HARRY DICKENS .. .. 8.
FREDERICK DICKENS .. .. 4.	ALBERT WALKER .. .. 9.
ALF PADDON SMITH .. .. 5.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

\*First peal in the method, and on ten bells.

## LIVERPOOL—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 22, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART

ALBERT LOVELL.. .. Treble.	WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. 5.
JAMES MARTIN .. .. 2.	GEORGE R. NEWTON .. .. 6.
WALTER HUGHES .. .. 3.	EDWARD CAUNCE .. .. 7.
REV. C. A. CLEMENTS .. .. 4.	SAMUEL MILLERSHIP .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD CAUNCE.

Arranged for the Rev. C. A. Clements, who has made a welcome reappearance in the diocese as Vicar of Hale.

## TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Monday, July 22, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY S. SMITH .. .. Treble.	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. .. 5.
MISS MABEL GILBANKS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM R. SMALL.. .. 6.
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 3.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 7.
JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

## Date Touches.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—At Christ Church, on July 9th, in 1 hr. 6 mins., a date touch of 1907 Bob Minor. H. Bodger longest length, E. A. Lebbon, W. Smith, F. Squires, G. Cornell, W. Keeble conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Squires, son of the ringer of the 4th.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HERSHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, June 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. Edser, sen., A. Shepherd, F. G. Woodiss, J. Emery, J. Shepherd, S. C. Hamblin, C. J. Hamblin conductor, R. J. Polley. On Sunday, July 7th, for evening service, 1280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 42 mins., composed by F. Bennett. G. Edser, sen., G. Woodiss conductor, F. G. Woodiss, G. Edser, jun., C. J. Hamblin, S. C. Hamblin, J. Emery, W. Shepherd. First quarter-peal in the method by the local band. It is also the first time that this beautiful method has been successfully tackled by a village band in the Diocese of Winchester.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HILGAY (Norfolk).—On June 15th, at All Saints' church, 240 Bob Major. W. Doran conductor, J. Moule, W. Miller, G. Dawson, S. Bird, G. Cornell, H. Torble, G. Hayden. 216

Stedman Triples. S. Hayes conductor, J. Mardell, W. Miller, H. Torble, J. Moule, S. Bird, G. Hayden, G. Dawson. And a touch of Double Norwich.

DENVER (Norfolk).—On June 15th, 720 York Surprise. G. Dawson, G. Hayden, J. Moule, S. Hayes, W. Miller conductor, H. Torble. 240 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Cornell, W. Doran, G. Dawson, S. Bird, J. Mardell, W. Miller conductor.

DOWNHAM MARKET (Norfolk).—On June 15th, 168 Grandsire Triples. G. Cornell, W. Doran conductor, T. Fitzjohn, J. Mardell, S. Bird, J. Moule, W. Miller, S. Hayes.

STOW BARDOLPH (Norfolk).—On June 15th, 224 Double Norwich. S. Hayes conductor, W. Doran, S. Bird, J. Mardell, W. Miller, J. Moule, G. Hayden, H. Torble. 168 Stedman Triples. W. Doran conductor, T. Fitzjohn, S. Hayes, J. Mardell, W. Miller, J. Moule, H. Torble, G. Dawson. A course of Bob Major. W. Doran conductor, T. Fitzjohn, S. Bird, G. Cornell, H. Torble, G. Dawson, W. Miller, S. Hayes.

SHOULDHAM (Norfolk).—On June 15th, 720 London Surprise. J. Moule, G. Hayden, G. Dawson, W. Miller conductor, J. Mardell, H. Torble. 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Cornell, W. Doran, S. Bird, S. Hayes conductor, E. Barker, T. Fitzjohn.

KINGS LYNN (Norfolk).—On June 15th, a course of Kent Treble Bob Royal. W. Doran, S. Hayes, W. Miller, T. H. Giles, S. Bird, C. Sedgley, J. Moule, C. Crome, H. Torble, W. Markwell. On Sunday, June 16th, three courses of Grandsire Caters. G. Cornell, C. Sedgley, H. Torble, W. Miller, S. Bird, G. Hayden, J. Moule, —, W. Markwell, G. Dawson. Three courses of Grandsire Caters. W. Doran, C. Sedgley, S. Hayes, W. Miller, S. Bird, G. Hayden, J. Moule, H. Torble, W. Markwell, G. Cornell.

GAYWOOD (Norfolk).—On Sunday, June 16th, 720 London Surprise. S. Bird, S. Hayes, J. Mardell, G. Dawson, W. Miller, conductor, H. Torble. 240 Cambridge Surprise. G. Cornell, S. Bird, J. Moule, G. Dawson, W. Miller conductor, G. Hayden.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WICKHAM SKEITH (Suffolk).—Recently, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Kemp, E. Youngs, T. Davey, A. J. Berry conductor, F. Hayward, F. Watling. 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Rose, E. Youngs, T. Davey, A. J. Berry, J. Rose, F. Watling conductor.

RICKINGHALL (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, June 25th, 2160 of Minor, being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. C. Rose, E. Youngs, Rev. C. F. Blyth, C. Nunn, A. J. Berry, F. Watling.

GISLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Thursday, June 27th, 720 Bob Minor. A. J. Berry, E. Youngs, J. Rose, G. Kemp, C. Nunn, F. Watling conductor.

YAXLEY (Suffolk).—On Thursday, July 4th, 2160 changes of Minor, being two 720s of Kent and one of Oxford Treble Bob. W. Stannard, E. Youngs, A. J. Berry, C. Nunn, D. Whiting, F. Watling conductor.

THORNDON (Suffolk).—On Thursday, July 4th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Walling conductor, E. Youngs, C. Rolfe, A. J. Berry, C. Nunn, D. Whiting.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDSOMER NORTON. — On Sunday evening, July 14th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grand-Triples in 49 mins. T. Hayward, J. R. Adams, F. S. Willson, F. Chivers, J. G. Hambleton, G. R. Davis, C. H. Shearn conductor, M. Hambleton first quarter-peal.

LENTON (Notts).—On Thursday, July 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 43 mins. L. Chadburn, J. Woolley, T. Horton, A. Coppock, W. Wagstaff, G. West, S. Wesley conductor, E. Blagdon.

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## Correspondence.

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

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

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—Mr. Dench, with all his compliments, has made no attempt to controvert my statements; his claim therefore fails as being incorrect. Since publishing these peals I am told one of them was rung the very day they were published, viz., September, 1896. As to his complaint of my procedure I must refer him to my letter upon the subject wherein I give my reasons for my action. In reference to the peal of Superlative, which he tells us he rang and then found it to be of inferior quality, I think, Mr. Editor, I can claim the credit of knowing the qualities of such composition, and of speaking on the point, no matter who they belong to. Therefore I may perhaps be allowed to say I don't remember to have seen a better and more musical peal in 5024 changes upon the plan in this method, and Mr. Dench has without doubt presented us with another of his inferior statements.

Mr. F. Robinson, in his attempt to contradict my statements, has really confirmed what I said, and then asks me to say that which I never intended and do not now intend to do. His acknowledgment that his peals are improvements upon Sottan-stall's is all that I said, and it is he who has said the rest. I may tell him he is behind with the information that more variations on Sottan-stall's peals are to be bad, and if he looks he will find I said this three weeks previously, viz., 29th June. I may further add I have some of these peals already.

H. DAINS.

## SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

SIR,—I notice that reference has been made recently to my compositions of Superlative Surprise, but I wish it to be understood that I still retain my claim to the 6144, 5472 and 5088, as they are superior productions to those composed by H. Dains, J. Thorpe, and J. S. Mallaby.


W. H. INGLESANT.

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SOCIETY, LEYTONSTONE.

June 15th and 16th were the dates fixed for the annual outing of this Society, and 5.30 a.m. on June 15th saw a company of nine at Liverpool Street, seated in one compartment waiting for the departure of the 5.33 train en route for Kings Lynn. It being a slow journey down good use was made of Mr. Doran's splendid peal of handbells, touches of Grandsire, Bob Major and Royal being brought round. Reaching Ely about 8.40 we had forty minutes to wait, so hastened to The Railway inn, where a good breakfast had been arranged, and a good foundation laid for our day's ringing. Once in the train again we were soon at Hilgay, which was our first place of call. A pair-horse brake was in readiness to convey us to the church, which is a three mile drive. Before getting far on the road we had to cross the river Ouse by means of a bridge. Before getting over this bridge a man hailed us and demanded 1s. 4d. The amount was reluctantly paid, but it took a long time to persuade our treasurer to part with 1s. 4d. for this purpose. Arriving at Hilgay we were pleased to find the local ringers had raised the bells (a nice ring of eight, tenor 17 cwt.) and got everything ready for us, and soon they were pealing forth to the old tune of Bob Major. While this was in progress we were joined by Mr. J. Mardell (who until recently was one of the Leytonstone company), and Mr. Neale, whose jovial manner makes one always comfortable in his company. After the usual salutations of meeting old friends were got over, the bells were set going to Stedman Triples, with Mr. Mardell standing in. A touch of Double Norwich was also rung, and we were soon on our way to Denver. A short drive brought us to St. Mary's church, where hang a handy ring of six, tenor about 9 cwt., cast by Taylor and Co. a few years ago, and in splendid ringing order. Soon they were set going to York Surprise, a good 720 being the result. A 240 of Oxford Treble Bob finished the ringing here. By this time the inner man wanted attention, so mounting our brake again a short drive brought us to The Crown hotel, Downham,

where a good hot dinner was in readiness for us. Mr. T. Fitzjohn, from Thetford, met us and accompanied us to Stow and Shouldham, and rang in a touch of Stedman at Stow, being his first touch in the method. This over we were soon ringing again. St. Edmund's church being but a short distance away, we soon mounted the hill, but somehow the bells of Downham refused to go. Treble Bob, Stedman and Double Norwich all came to grief, so after 168 Grandsire we gave it up as a bad job, and set out for Stow Bardolph. Here is a nice ring of eight, tenor just over 10 cwt. No fear of getting our ropes mixed up here, for they hang all round the wall. A touch of Double Norwich, Stedman and Bob Major were brought round. Keeping to our scheduled time, a drive of three or four miles brought us to Shouldham, where the church stands a good way from the road. We found a good ring of six tenor 12 cwt. They were soon pealing forth to London Surprise, and a 720 resulted. Then 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Barker of the local company ringing the 5th, it being his first 720 in the method. This over we were pleased with a good meat tea, after which we had to be on the move again. A drive of seven miles (the weather being anything but pleasant), brought us to Downham, and soon we were seated in the 7.33 train for Lynn, which was to be our headquarters for the Saturday night and Sunday. One of the local ringers met us at the station and conducted us to St. Margaret's Temperance hotel, where we found first-class accommodation during our short stay. We all regretted being unable to meet Mr. J. W. Sedgley, who had so kindly made arrangements for our visit, he being away on business. Before supper we were determined to hear the beautiful ring of ten at St. Margaret's church, tenor 31 cwt., so wending our way there we found the local ringers had raised the bells, and with the assistance of some of the locals a course each of Treble Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters was rung. There was no chance for a look round the town as it was raining in torrents, so we made our way to a quiet little nook for a friendly glass before retiring for the night. Some of our elder brothers could not have been very tired, for they were some time getting off, and were up betimes in the morning. Six o'clock saw us strolling along the banks of the river and various other places enjoying the fresh air (it was fresh too considering it was June). Some got quite out of the town, and upon enquiry found to our Surprise we had reached the village of Gaywood. Here we found a very musical ring of six, tenor 12 cwt., cast and hung by Taylor in 1906, the "go" of them being excellent, and 240 of Cambridge Surprise was rung. The Rector, the Rev. H. S. Radcliffe came into the tower, shook hands with us all and kindly invited us to ring again in the afternoon. On coming down from the tower we found we had raised some of the villagers, who were very pleased to hear the bells going. One old chap remarked he could not sleep any longer, for the bells made him feel all of a titter. We then made tracts for headquarters, feeling quite ready for breakfast. This over we again visited St. Margaret's tower and rang touches of Grandsire Caters for morning service. After dinner we again made our way to Gaywood. The Rector kindly invited us to look round the rectory garden, which we all very much enjoyed. A 720 of London Surprise was rung and a touch of Treble Bob with two of our Lynn friends standing in. Cambridge seemed doomed to utter failure, for twice did we get almost through a 720 when a mistake occurred, and we had to leave it for a future date. Returning to Lynn we partook of tea, and then had a final pull at Nicholas' church. Double Norwich and Stedman were tried, but I expect we were all getting tired, for it would not go. A touch of Bob Major finished our ringing. Train time arrived all too soon, so saying good-bye to all our friends we seated ourselves in the 7.2 p.m. train for London, having had another enjoyable outing. We take this opportunity of thanking the various clergymen for the use of their bells, all the local ringers for making us so welcome, Messrs. Sedgley and Mardell for assistance in making arrangements, and last but not least the Rector of Gaywood for coming amongst us and making us so welcome, for there is nothing a ringer likes better than a clergyman who takes a keen interest in his bells and ringers. G.D.

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**Notices.**

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on July 30th. Also during the month of August—St. John-at-Hackney on the 6th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 8th; St. John, South Hackney, on the 12th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th; St. John-at-Hackney, on the 20th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames St., on the 22nd; St. John, South Hackney, on the 26th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 27th; all at 8 p.m.

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

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—North and West District.—A meeting of this Association will be held at Stanmore to-day, Sat., July 27th, by kind permission of the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. The bells of Harrow Weald church will also be available later. All members and friends of the Association will be welcome. It is requested that all outstanding subscriptions may be paid at any early date.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A special meeting of this branch will be held at Walton to-day, Sat., July 27th. Bells ready at 5.30. An address will be given by the Lord Bishop of Liverpool at 5.30.

WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Crayford to-day, Sat., July 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Room. The Rector will preside, when it is hoped a good muster will attend.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—A branch and committee meeting will be held at Pendleton to-day, Sat., July 27th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7. The Vicar has promised to take the chair.

W. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The members of this society will hold their quarterly meeting to-day, Sat., July 27th, at St. Michael's church, Flixton. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock.

CHAS. BOWER, *Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary, Staines, to-day, Sat., July 27th. Bells available from 5.30 p.m. Will members kindly note that subscriptions due on January 1st last should now be paid.

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

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Rothwell to-day, Sat., July 27th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The White Swan at 7 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Arundel to-day, Sat., July 27th. Tower

open from 3 p.m. Tea at The Bridge hotel at 5 p.m., 6d. each, business to follow.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*  
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.**—At the invitation of the Rev. B. Staunton Batty, the newly-appointed Vicar of Bolsover, the next meeting will take place there on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. The Vicar has kindly promised to provide tea, and to prevent disappointment all those intending to be present should advise Mr John Flint, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover, not later than Tuesday, July 30th.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—The August meeting will be held at Hurworth (Croft Spa Station), on Saturday, August 3rd. Committee Meeting at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock for those notifying me before July 30th.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Business of meeting—Election of Branch Secretary and Committeeman for the next two years.

E. SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Newport, Isle of Wight, on Monday, August 5th. Bells available at intervals during the afternoon and evening. Tea at The Rose and Crown at 5. Meeting at the parish rooms after. Members requiring tea kindly inform me by July 30th.

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

**Notice.**—The tower of St. Mary's, Beddington, will be open to visitors on Bank Holiday, August 5th, at 2 p.m. Flower Show in the park close by.

J. RUMBLE.

52, Borough Hill, Croydon.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—A meeting of this division will be held at Buxted on Saturday, August 10th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Those who intend to be present at the tea please let me know by August 7th.

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

15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

**The William Verry Commemoration.**—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, August 24th, at The Red Lion hotel, Soho Road. Handsworth, at 6.30 sharp. Tickets 2s. 6d. each, may be had from R. Faux 65, Bacches Road, Soho.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—There will be no meeting of the above society during July.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Ringers visiting Grimsby and Cleethorpes are welcome at St. Andrew's church (one minute from Grimsby Docks Station). Sunday ringing—10 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practices or peals arranged the Sunday previous. Intending visitors should write to J. W. Seamer, 83, Wintringham Road, to avoid disappointment.

**NOTES TO PEALS.**

**THE PEAL AT EDMONTON.**—J. Parker's 200 Peals.—On six bells 6; Grandsire Triples 7, conducted 6; Bob Triples 1; Canterbury Triples 1; Oxford 1; Court 2, conducted 2; Stedman 22, conducted 12; Caters 2; Bob

Major 2, conducted 2; Alliance 1, conducted 1; Oxford Major 1; Kent 14, conducted 5; Royal 4, conducted 3; Maximus 2, conducted 1; Double Norwich Major 25, conducted 14; Superlative 91, conducted 74; Cambridge 2, conducted 1; New Cumberland 1, conducted 1; London 12, conducted 11; Bristol 3, conducted 3. Total—200, conducted 136.—J. WAGHORN'S SEN. 100 PEALS.—Grandsire Triples 30; Major 3; Bob Triples 10; Major 7; Union Triples 3; Oxford Bob 2; Canterbury 1; Major 1; Stedman Triples 14; Caters 3; Kent Major 12; Royal 1; Superlative 6; London 2; Westminster 1; Double Norwich 3; Bristol 1. Total—100.

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Geo. E. Symonds has removed to Acacia Villas, Queen's Road, Beccles, Suffolk.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**STRET福德.**—On Thursday, July 18th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Birchall, H. Chapman, W. J. Moss, G. Harris, T. Birchall, R. Newton conductor. Another 720. C. Birchall, 3; W. J. Moss (conductor), 5; the rest as before.

**MANCHESTER.**—On Saturday, July 20th, at the Town Hall, 720 Bob Minor. G. Harris, W. Brown, W. Billings, W. J. Moss conductor, R. Newton, H. Pye.

**DEANE (Lancashire).**—On Sunday, June 29th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 38 mins. R. Duckworth, T. Peers, A. Potter, John Potter, T. Barlow, J. Ridyard, R. Ridyard conductor, W. Pennington.

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## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6th, the third annual pic-nic of the ringers of St. James's church, West Derby, took place. The weather was anything but favourable, as we (about twenty ringers and friends), entrained at West Derby, en route for Southport, which place was reached about 2.45 p.m. Entering the waiting charabanc, a start was made for Halsall, and to our delight the weather though a trifle stormy was fine. Driving round Southport's fine promenade and past the Zoo park, we were immediately plunged into the country district of Scarisbrick. Passing Scarisbrick Hall we skirted fields "clad with the fruits of the labourer's toil," finally reaching Halsall after a glorious drive of some six miles. Alighting here we were met by Mr. Mawdsley, jun., to whom our thanks are due for obtaining Canon Leigh's permission to use the bells, and entering this

fine old parish church were at once delighted by its old massive doors, ancient monuments, beautiful sanctuary and peculiar stocks. Ascending the tower a touch of Plain Bob was rung as an appetiser, on the very fine ring of six. Adjourning to the Scarisbrick hotel, we found that Mr. Trebutt (the proprietor), had excelled in providing us a good tea, to which we did ample justice.

The weather now appeared to have broken, for rain fell in torrents, and as this, combined with the prospect of a drive through the wet to Southport, appeared to damp the feelings of most present, melody was resorted to as an antidote. Songs accompanied by several of our lady friends on the piano, were rendered by males present, after which dancing was indulged in by the ladies, while, paying a second visit to the tower the ringers rang several touches. About 8 p.m. a start was made for Southport

and the weather again being obligingly fine, this place was reached shortly before 9 p.m. A return was made to West Derby by the 10 p.m. train from Southport, being voted as excellent by one and all.

W. H. H.

## RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Wednesday, July 17th, a pretty little wedding was solemnized at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Wangford, Suffolk, between Eva, the third daughter of Edward Galer, tower-keeper at Wangford, and George Edward Symonds, of Beccles. The weather was ideal, which added much brilliancy to the picturesque ceremony, after which a reception was held at the home of the bride. As the happy couple arrived at their new home in Beccles, the ringers assembled in St. Michael's tower, and rang touches of Grandsire Triples, and also fired the bells, under the conductorship of H. Hopson. The presents were both numerous and useful. May they live long in prosperity and happiness.

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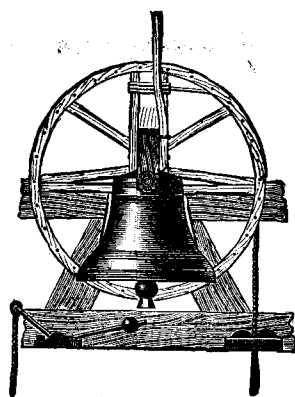
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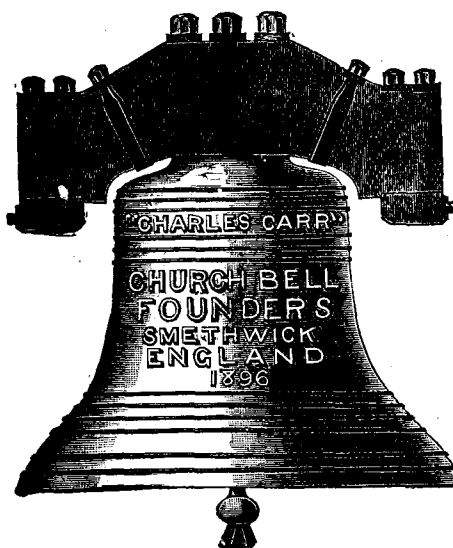
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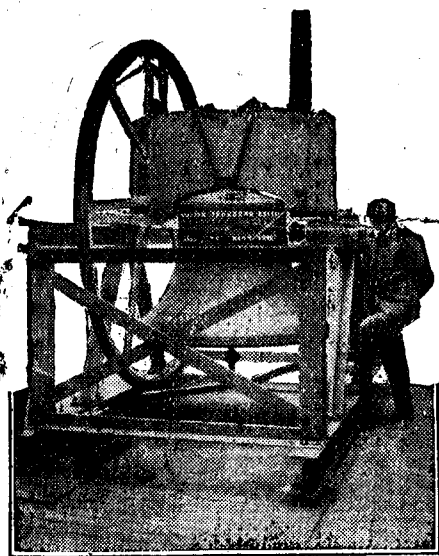
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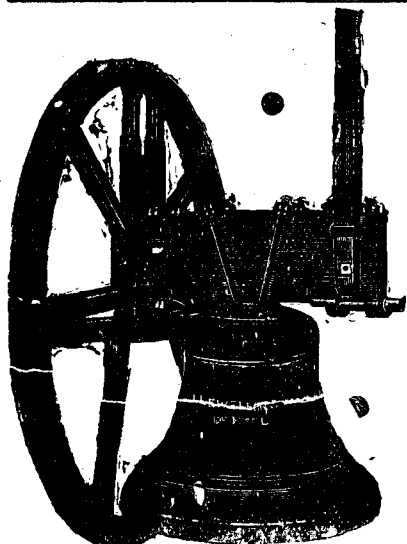
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## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

After a lapse of twenty-one years, Abingdon was again visited by the Guild on Saturday, the occasion being the annual festival, which was attended by nearly two hundred members. Litany was sung at St. Helen's church at noon, and the Archdeacon of Oxford, in the course of his sermon, addressed the members of the Guild as church-workers. "It is," he said, "a wonderful contribution you make with your beautiful science, and art, too, of church bell ringing." He spoke of three purposes to which they put the bells, the chief being to call the faithful to worship God in His house. Another beautiful use for the bells was to ring for the marriage service, and when they spoke of that they went to the very root and foundation of our Christian civilisation and our English home-life. Then there was the solemn passing-bell, reminding them of death and judgment. He asked them to let their practice and their peals minister to the service of God.

At the annual meeting in the town hall, the Master (Rev. F. E. Robinson) and other officers were re-elected. Buckingham was the place provisionally selected for the festival of 1908. Various rules were amended, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge reported on the meeting of the Central Council at Exeter, where, among the questions discussed was whether the ringing of peals is more important than touches for Divine Service.

The report showed that there had been a considerable increase in membership, and that there have never been more branches, more hon. members, more change-ringers, or more towers in union than at the present moment. The total membership was 1619, towers in union 129, and 71 peals had been rung in 1906. The report proceeded: "Every year we lose some old friends. The list before us, which may yet be complete, comprise Mr. H. Denis de Vitre, of Charlton House, Wautage; Mr. R. Sear, of Bletchley; Mr. J. Parsons and Mr. J. Alexander, of Goring; and now in the early weeks of the new year the Rev. Woolmore Wigram, Hon. Canon of St. Albans, a well-known practical ringer, and the author of 'Change-ringing Disentangled and the Management of Towers,' a book which went through many editions, and is a standard work on the subject. The thanks of the Guild are again due to the hon. auditor, Mr. J. Egginton, and to the hon. secretaries of the various branches."

The Master of the Guild in his report says: "The first peal on Watlington bells, which now make a fine ring of eight, was rung on May 12th; on Blewbury bells, augmented to eight, the first peal of Stedman was rung on July 19th. Augmentations are now in progress at Goring at St. Giles's, Oxford, and a new ring is being cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for Southleigh. The Boyne Hill men are to be congratulated on their first peal of Superlative Surprise, rung on December 26th by the local band."

Luncheon was served in the Corn Exchange to a company of about 170, the deputy-Mayor presiding. The Chairman proposed "The King," and welcomed the visitors to Abingdon in the name of the Mayor, for whose absence he apologised. He then proposed "Success to

the Dioeesan Guild of Bellringers," coupled with the name of the Master.

The Master thanked the Guild for once more re-electing him, and thought they could congratulate themselves on the increase of members, for although there had been a little leakage, they had received an addition of more than 200. They were also able to report progress in the church towers, and during the year he had visited several places in the diocese where additions and repairs had been carried out in the belfries. Their finances were also satisfactory, but he did not know how much longer the treasurer would have a balance if they were to make many more grants to belfries. He, however, hoped they would be able to continue the abatements in the contributions of branches. He or the deputy-Master had attended every meeting of the Guild, and Mr. Jenkyn being young and vigorous, he had sent him to distant places, but as long as he was Master he hoped to do his share of the work. The real work of the Guild was not to ring so many peals, to enrol members, and have a balance at the bank, but to see that the whole thing was being done in the proper spirit, to the honour and glory of God. Some people might fancy that bellringers devoted too much time to peal-ringing, and they had heard from Mr. Coleridge that the question was discussed at the Council meeting held at Exeter, where his remark during the discussion was that three hours at the end of a bellrope twice a week was the best medicine in the world. He remembered that soon after the Guild was started in 1881 a clergyman said that before going into a parish he always asked if there were any bellringers, and if the answer was in the affirmative he declined to go, as he found bellringers a nuisance. Recently, however, he had heard a clergyman say that in his parish bellringers were his right-hand men. On the whole he trusted that they tried to do their duty, and he hoped they would continue to do so.

Canon Drummond proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Abingdon for his share in the local arrangements, and to the preacher, the Archdeacon of Oxford.

The Vicar, in reply, said it was a joy to him to see so many men having a hand in Church work, and for what little he had done he was repaid by hearing how progress was being made in the work of this Guild. He thought they would all remember what the Archdeacon said about the bells, and what they meant in the homes and hearts of the people. There was, and must always be, a great deal of personal sentiment associated with church bells, and he was happy to think that they were being handled lovingly, reverently, and in the very best way.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis expressed the thanks of the Guild to the deputy-Mayor, whose health he proposed. Many of them could remember a previous visit to Abingdon, in 1886, when the Guild was only five or six years old. He remembered that on that occasion their festival made a great impression on Bishop Mackarness, who had never before had the opportunity of addressing three hundred men within the range of his diocese. He was afraid they would not get such a large gathering of the Guild again, but that day they were not far short of two hun-

dred. A comparison of what they were in 1886, and now in numbers and accomplishments, might be interesting. In 1886 they had 195 honorary and life members, and now they had 216. They had then 439 change-ringers, now the total was 1138. Altogether, including probationers, the Guild numbered 1603 members, as against 940 in 1886. Twenty years ago they had 73 towers in union, and they now had 129. They rang 33 peals in 1886, and last year 71, a total they had exceeded in a former year. Since 1886 they had increased their branches from five to nine. Before he came to that meeting he had been looking through a handbook referring to Abingdon, and he noticed that about the year 1105 a certain Abbot Ingulf, who then ruled at the Abbey, and had been previously Prior of Winchester, gave to the Abbey a great bell. He had spoken to Mr. Juggins, who was going to find out if they possessed a bell eight hundred years old, bearing the inscription "Hildelhubel." In conclusion he proposed the health of the chairman, remarking that they were glad to see a representative of the Corporation at their gatherings.

The Chairman replied, and Canon Drummond having expressed the thanks of the Guild to the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis for his services as Hon. Secretary, the gathering dispersed to visit the belfries in the town, and at Dorchester, Drayton, and Sutton Courtney.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 20th, the Christchurch district of this Guild held a very successful meeting at Lyndhurst (six bells). Ringers attended from Bournemouth, Christchurch, Lymington, and Southampton, also members of the local company. Touches of Plain Bob and Treble Bob Minor, also Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, were rung.

Tea was then partaken of, followed by the business meeting, the Rev. W. G. Iremonger in the chair. The following resolution was proposed by the chairman, with an instruction to the district secretary to forward the same to the Vicar of Lyndhurst:—

"That this meeting desires to draw the attention of the Rev. C. H. Compton to the state of the bells in Lyndhurst church, as under the present conditions they consider it highly dangerous to ring them, owing to the fact that the frame is very loose, and causes a perilous amount of oscillation to the tower."

It was also decided that the next quarterly peal should be Stedman Triples, to be attempted at Bournemouth; and that in future all meetings to be held by the district shall be advertised in this paper.

#### CASTERTON CHURCH, YORKSHIRE.

A large clock with Westminster chimes has just been erected in the parish church by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. It is fitted with all the latest improvements, and is generally to the designs of the late Lord Grimthorpe. The same firm are also now making a large clock for Windermere, and one for Kentish Town, London.

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#### HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting and contest of the above society was held at Almondbury, Huddersfield, on Saturday, July 27th, when a large number of ringers were present from the surrounding district. Seven companies took part in contest, each company ringing a test piece of 672 Kent Treble Bob Major on the peal of eight bells, tenor 18½ cwt., which had been kindly placed at the disposal of the Association by the Vicar, the Rev. C. D. Hoste, M.A. The judges officiating were Mr. F. Robinson (Mirfield); and Messrs. J. E. Jenkinson and C. Pryor (Almondbury); and after the draw had taken place at 2.45 for the order of ringing, the bells were soon going, and continued till the finish of the contest at 8.30 p.m.

Tea was served in the schoolroom by the local branch, with the assistance of the Churchworkers, which 115 visitors thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed. The afternoon being warm and bright, the music from the bells put a delightful finish to the situation, whilst lounging or strolling about the fields and pastures, time passed all too quickly away.

At the conclusion of the ringing the annual general meeting took place in the schools, Vice-president Lewin in the chair, and supported by the Vicar and officers of the society. A letter of apology from the President, Mr. Lamb, and the minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary, and the balance-sheet for the past year shewing a balance of £9 8s. 8d. in the society's favour, was read and explained by the Treasurer (Mr. Whiteaker), and duly passed. No new nominations having been received, the whole of the retiring officers were re-elected.

The next meeting and contest for six bells was fixed to take place at Lightcliffe Congregational Church on the invitation of Mr. Kershaw, seconded by Mr. J. S. Ambler.

The result of the contest was declared by Mr. Robinson as follows: Huddersfield 197 faults; Halifax 524 faults; Low Moor, rung out; Lightcliffe parish church 368 faults; Birstal 341 faults; Bradford 383 faults; Brighouse 193 faults; Brighouse being declared the winner.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of his bells and schools, and his kindly interest in the Association.

The Vicar in reply said it was a great pleasure to see so many ringers present that day, and to place the bells at their disposal. He was glad to know that the arrangements made had given satisfaction. He thought the judges had been given the most difficult task to do that day. It was a delightful piece of work he had to perform at the chairman's request, viz., to present the silver cup to Mr. Leake, who had conducted the winning company, which he had great pleasure in doing, and he should look for the cup being brought back to Almondbury at no very distant date.

Mr. Drake thanked the Vicar for the presentation. It was getting rather monotonous winning the cup so often, though it was always a pleasure to compete for it, and he therefore proposed a vote of thanks to the judges who he hoped had given general satisfaction to the competitors. This was seconded by Mr. Smith (the Halifax conductor,) and carried.

Mr. Cryer responded, and said they had done their best, and hoped the decision would be accepted in a proper spirit.

Votes of thanks to the local branch and the ladies for the splendid arrangements made for the visitors' comfort, which one and all appreciated, concluded a very pleasant and successful meeting.



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### AVETON GIFFORD, DEVON.

Aveton Gifford church bells, which have been silent for some considerable time, are now resounding throughout the neighbourhood again. Some months ago it will be remembered, that through the generosity of the Rev. W. D. Pitman, a clock was to have been fitted in the tower, but owing to the dilapidated state of the belfry floor, the work had to be postponed in order that the necessary repairs might be undertaken. Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, was entrusted with the work, and the bells have now been firmly hung on a new iron frame, supported by steel girders. The bells are eight in number, the tenor bell weighing about 13 cwt., and the treble about 4 cwt. Six of them were cast by Messrs. Pennington, Stokeclimsland, in 1799, and two others were added in 1877, having been cast by Messrs. Blews and Sons, of Birmingham. One bears the founder's name and date only, and the other in addition to this, the words, "Gulielmus Daniel Pitman, M.A., rector. Huic Egglasiam D.D. A.D. 1877." On three of the other bells the following inscriptions appear: "H.H."; "Roger Lidstone, Valentine Luscombe." "Jeremiah Davies, rector. I call the quick to church, and dead to grave," the date and founder's name being inscribed on all. The clock was made, and is fixed in the west side of the tower by Messrs. J. Smith and Sons, Derby. The dial is of copper, painted Indian red, with gilt numerals and minutes, and measures five feet in diameter. The hands are of copper, gilded. The wheels of the clock, which is fitted with all the latest improvements, are of hardened brass, in steel pinions. Each wheel can be removed independently of the rest. There is a heavy pendulum bob, and the weights are suspended by steel ropes, running over large pulleys. No formal opening ceremonies have taken place.

MIDSOMER NORTON. — On Sunday evening, July 14th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grand-Triples in 49 mins. T. Hayward, J. R. Adams, F. S. Willson, F. Chivers, J. G. Hambleton, G. R. Davis, C. H. Shearn conductor, M. Hambleton first quarter-peal.

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### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27th, a successful meeting of the Liverpool branch of the above Association was held at Walton, when about 120 members attended. At 5.30 a service was held in the church, conducted by Archdeacon Spooner. The Lord Bishop of Liverpool addressed the members, taking for his text Psalm cxxxv. verses 1-2. After service the members were photographed in the rectory grounds. Tea was partaken of in the schoolroom, kindly provided by Archdeacon Spooner. The Rev. H. J. Elsee proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop for his address. Mr. Davies proposed that the state of Liverpool bells be brought before the notice of the Bishop. The Rev. C. A. Clements proposed a vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for providing tea; also to the ladies for presiding at the tables.

### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

This Guild will hold its 20th Annual Festival at Macclesfield on Monday, August 5th (Bank Holiday), when the Rev. Maitland Kelly, of Ottery St. Mary, North Devon, will preach the anniversary sermon in the parish church at 10.45 a.m.

The bells of no less than six churches will during the afternoon be available for ringing, and at three of them at least the antiquarian will find much to merit his appreciation; for the parish churches of Macclesfield, Prestbury, and Gawsworth are splendid specimens of the elevated taste possessed by our remote forefathers in the matter of church building, and the interiors of those sacred fanes are all rich in antique sculpture and monumental masonry; and although the ravages of time may have destroyed much of the fine work wrought by the chisel many centuries ago, yet sufficient evidence remains of artistic design to shew that the craftsmen of bygone years employed both hand and brain when engaged upon what must have been to them "a labour of love."

A very pleasing ceremony took place on Saturday, July 27th, at Gawsworth, viz., the dedication of two new bells to complete the old ring of six by Rudhall (1776) into a most useful musical octave. The new bells have been supplied by the well-known firm of John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and they are all that can be desired in every way. The treble weighs 3 cwt., and its note is G; while the 2nd is 3½ cwt. with its note F sharp. Both the new bells are in perfect tune with the old bells, and also with themselves, as their own harmonics are most accurate.

The dedication was performed by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chester at 2.45 p.m., and the necessary ringing was entrusted to the local company, assisted by friends from Macclesfield parish church.

No doubt the augmented ring will be much appreciated by their own ringers, and also by many others who may obtain the privilege to use them, and being situated as they are in the open country there will be fewer testy people to feel annoyed when they are rung, than if they were in the midst of a town among "all sorts and conditions of men." It is to be hoped that on Monday next suitable conveyances will be provided and used frequently between Gawsworth and Macclesfield, a distance of three miles, so that many of the visiting ringers may have an opportunity of having a pull.

Gawsworth is celebrated in history as being the birth-place of Mary Fytton, a maid of honour at the Court of Queen Elizabeth, a lady who was known to Shakespeare, and of whom he wrote in his sonnets, wherein she is

designated "the dark Lady," but of her much information is given in the guide book, which can be obtained at a trifling charge near the church.

In a wood not far from the ancient tilting ground, and near to the "broken cross," lies the solitary grave of Samuel Johnson, who was buried there and has lain undisturbed since May 5th, 1773. He was an eccentric individual, as the place of his interment sheweth. A man of great and varied ability, being a writer and actor of plays, dramas, etc., an opera composer and excellent violinist, wit, and dancing master, his grave is visited by hundreds of picnic parties every summer, the road near to being a favourite route, much used by busy people who are seeking a little relaxation by having a drive in the county. The grave stone and another stone laid years afterwards, are both filled with verses; the first are witty and whimsical, and also descriptive, giving the man's age as 82; the second verses, written by a clergyman, are of a solemn character, and are evidently intended as a rebuke to the lines on the first stone. W. G.

#### ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

The annual outing of the parish church Society took place on Saturday, July 20th, and it was decided to hold the same at Shifnal, Salop. Messrs. John Carter and W. H. Godden were invited to join the company, and all were met at Snow Hill Station, Birmingham, by Mr. Churchwarden Edwards, who accompanied them during the whole outing.

Arriving at Shifnal, the party were met on the railway platform by Mr. John Bradney, the captain of the Shifnal ringers, who thereafter acted as guide during their stay. After refreshing the inner man a move was made to the very interesting and fine old parish church with its splendid ring of eight, whereon the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung outside London was scored.

Mr. Sanders, of Coalbrookdale, who had cycled over to meet the party, was invited to take a rope, and in 47 minutes a touch of 1344 of Grandsire Triples, containing all the 6-7s, was brought round by H. Jones, J. Jones, W. Sanders, J. Hopkins, J. Carter conductor, J. Bradney, G. Taylor, R. Speakman. Afterwards a touch of 140 in the same method was rung with Messrs. C. Picken and G. Ellis standing in, and then finally, since time was so short, a touch of 153 by C. Picken, W. H. Godden, W. Sanders, J. Hopkins, W. Seaton, J. Carter conductor, F. Bennett, G. Ellis.

Adjourning to The Jernyngham Arms hotel a splendid special method requiring knives and forks to make the bobs was soon in full swing, and after the inner man was fully satisfied and grace said Mr. Churchwarden Edwards rose to make a few remarks. Speaking in the first place of his co-warden, Mr. W. C. M. James, who would have only been too delighted to have kept him company in entertaining them that afternoon, had not his duty called him to look after the entertainment of over 1200 of their school infants, who had their outing on the same afternoon, he went on to say how glad they both were to have that opportunity of acknowledging in some small way the services of their ringers, whom they looked upon as an important branch of their church workers, and with whose work they always intended during their term of office to shew an active sympathy. He referred in most appreciative terms to the work of their tower-keeper and leader, Mr. James Jones, giving him full credit for his perseverance in getting together a band of ringers who had

materially improved and still were improving the character of the ringing at their fine old parish church and bringing it in keeping with their fine ring of ten.

On behalf of the Aston ringers Mr. Godden tendered their heartiest thanks to the churchwardens for their splendid hospitality on that day, which was by no means the first occasion.

Mr. Sanders tendered his own thanks and those of the other visitors for the invitations to join them that day, and assured any of his friends then present of a hearty welcome at Coalbrookdale whenever they went that way on ringing bent.

A move was then made to the pleasant little bowling green at the back of the hotel, where the handbells were soon moving in courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters, and in tunes by Messrs. Taylor, Bennett, and H. Jones. Then with a turn at bowls the time fled so rapidly that one could not help feeling that the days were all too short for such gatherings.

The iron road had again to be made use of, and the party landed back again at the Midland metropolis at 10.30 well pleased with their outing, and fully grateful to everyone who had worked together for its success. This opportunity is taken to thank the authorities at Shifnal for granting the use of their fine ring of eight bells, and to Mr. Bradney for the many services he rendered the party.

#### Correspondence.

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

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

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—Mr. H. Dains cannot apparently dispute the facts which appeared in my last letter, therefore I leave your readers to form their own opinion regarding his peals. There may be some excuse for a young composer who unwittingly publishes a variation of some old peal, but there is not much excuse in my opinion for a man like H. Dains who deliberately ignores other productions in order to push his own inferior variations.

FRED ROBINSON.

Re W. Inglesant's letter in your issue of July 27th. If intended to be serious, it clearly exposes his ignorance of the subject he discusses, and, Mr. Editor, he has my honest sympathy.

H. DAINS.

#### ERRATUM.

SIR,—In last week's issue of Double Norwich, peal 5008, there should be a bob at 5 in the twenty-fourth course; 5024—bob at 5, seventh course, and containing the 6th twenty courses wrong and right. 5056—the bob at 5 instead of 6 in the second course of one part only, and cuts away five courses. 5008—to be reduced in one part only. And peal 5120, eight-part, a bob at 5 in the 4th course.

JOHN CARTER.

#### Marriage.

On July 27th, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, FRANCIS GEORGE NICOLL to HARRIET KATE, elder daughter of Matthew Alfred Wood.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice during the month of August: St. John-at-Hackney on the 6th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 8th; St. John, South Hackney, on the 12th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th; St. John-at-Hackney, on the 20th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 22nd; St. John, South Hackney, on the 26th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 27th; all at 8 p.m.

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

**The Royal Cumberland Society.**—The next meeting for practice will be held at St. Martin's in-the-Fields on Monday, September 2nd, at 8 p.m. Trusting members will make it convenient to attend. A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.**—At the invitation of the Rev. B. Staunton Batty, the newly-appointed Vicar of Bolsover, the next meeting will take place there to-day, Sat., August 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. The Vicar has kindly promised to provide tea.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—The August meeting will be held at Hurworth (Croft Spa Station), to-day, Sat., August 3rd. Committee Meeting at 4.30 p.m.

ARTHUR M. C. FIELD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association—Rochdale Branch.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Business of meeting—Election of Branch Secretary and Committeeman for the next two years.

E. SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Newport, Isle of Wight, on Monday, August 5th. Bells available at intervals during the afternoon and evening. Tea at The Rose and Crown at 5. Meeting at the parish rooms after. Members requiring tea kindly inform me by July 30th. J. W. WHITING, *Dis. Sec.*

Fareham.

**Notice.**—The tower of St. Mary's, Beddington, will be open to visitors on Bank Holiday, August 5th, at 2 p.m. Flower Show in the park close by. J. RUMBLE.

52, Borough Hill, Croydon.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—A meeting of this division will be held at Buxted on Saturday, August 10th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Those who intend to be present at the tea please let me know by August 7th.

ROBERT J. DAWB, *Hon. Div. Sec.*  
15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 10th. Bells ready at 5. Business—Election of Committeeman. Members intending being present please send word to

WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*  
35, Church Road, Garston.

**The Essex Association—North-Western Division.**—A district meeting will be held at Stansted on Saturday, August 17th. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Further particulars will appear next week.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Birch-in-Rusholme on Saturday, August 17th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, August 17th. Bells available at 4.30. Tea, 9d. per head at The King's Arms at 5.30. I trust ringers will turn up in force, and so make this, the first meeting of the Association to be held at Tring, a success.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

**St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.**—All ringing at the above church is suspended till Friday, September 6th.

JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The William Verry Commemoration.**—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, August 24th, at The Red Lion hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, at 6.30 sharp. Tickets 2s. 6d. each, may be had from R. Faux, 65, Bacchus Road, Soho.

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Ringers visiting Grimsby and Cleethorpes are welcome at St. Andrew's church (one minute from Grimsby Docks Station). Sunday ringing—10 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practices or peals arranged the Sunday previous. Intending visitors should write to J. W. Seamer, 83, Wintringham Road, to avoid disappointment.

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—John Neal has removed from 70, Malmesbury Road, Small Heath, Birmingham, to Fernside, Stoney Lane, Moseley, Birmingham.

**DONCASTER (Yorks).**—On Thursday, July 25th, in honour of the marriage of Miss Birdie Robinson, of Doncaster, and Mr. Thomas Lenton Wilson, son of the Rev. W. L. Wilson, Vicar of Rumburgh, Suffolk, both being members of the Yorkshire Association, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. H. Fevre, H. Brock, A. E. Ashe, H. Marwood, G. Clow, H. G. Wilson, G. Halksworth conductor, W. Howard. Also three courses in the same method. R. Baylis, H. Fevre, H. Marwood, H. Brock, C. Scott, A. E. Ashe, G. Halksworth conductor, W. Howard.

**TIPTON (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday evening, July 21st, for Divine Service, Thurstan's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. W. Bryant, A. E. Pegler, W. R. Small, S. J. Hughes, W. J. Smith, S. Groves conductor, A. Rowley, J. Johnson. Also touches of Plain and Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, with F. Bywater and H. S. Smith standing in.

**DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.**  
By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

5008.

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23465	-	-	-	-
34265	-	-	-	-
42365	-	-	-	-
32564	-	-	-	-
25364	-	-	-	-
53264	-	-	-	-
54236	-	-	-	-
42536	-	-	-	-
25436	-	-	-	-
34526	-	-	-	-
45326	-	-	-	-
53426	-	-	-	-
24356	-	-	-	-
43256	-	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-	-

Call the first course in the next half 1 4 6 and single at 4 in the second course produces 42635, then repeat the last twenty-one courses as in first half. This peal has the 6th her extent in 5-6, in not having the 2nd or 3rd in 6ths place at a course-end, and is produced in the least possible number of changes. By calling singles in lieu of bobs at 1 in the fourth and twenty-seventh courses, and at 6 in the fifth and twenty-eighth courses, produces the same results. The peal in this latter form was rung at St. Marie's church, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, on July 20th, 1907, conducted by Sam Thomas.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1907.

THERE was a very appropriate and commendable piece of business done at a recent meeting of the Christchurch branch of the Winchester Guild. The members of this branch held a meeting at Lyndhurst, a place celebrated from the fact that a great lawyer, who became Lord High Chancellor of this realm, took his title from it. The visiting ringers found very little apparently to please them at Lyndhurst. They went to the parish church to ring the bells, but it was found to be a perilous occupation. So after a little while they gave it up as a bad job. What was their next step? Not to go away and vent their disappointment in useless grumbling. Oh dear no! They had a business meeting, and a very good business item was carried out thereat. They passed a resolution. In this they pointed out to the Vicar of Lyndhurst the deplorable and dangerous state of the bells, their condition being such that the actual safety of the tower was in jeopardy.

It will be admitted that this action was a most commendable one on their part, and worthy of imitation.

Perhaps under similar circumstances all ringers will adopt the same course, and take care that their action obtains prominent announcement.

It is hoped the Vicar of Lyndhurst will be moved by the resolution which has been submitted to him, and take prompt measures to ensure the safety of the tower by having the church bells thoroughly restored.

**RINGERS' OUTING.**—The ringers of the parish church, Swindon, propose bolding their annual outing on August Bank Holiday, their destination being Bridgwater, Somersetshire, where permission has been obtained for a peal on the fine ring of eight at the parish church. It is hoped a start for Stedman Triples will be made at 10 a.m., under the auspices of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who has promised to accompany the party. After dinner, which is to be held at The Bristol Arms hotel, the party will proceed to Burnham, a distance of nine miles by brake, and probably a call will be made at Huntspill (six bells), en route. Permission has been obtained to ring on the peal of eight at the parish church, Burnham, and here short touches only will be attempted.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, July 27, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

HORATIO GUMMER .. .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
ARTHUR W. HARDY .. .. 2.	SIDNEY A. WRIGHT .. .. 7.
FREDK. G. PERRIN .. .. 3.	*WILLIAM HEWETT .. .. 8.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. 9.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.	THOMAS JAKEMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung as a compliment to George E. Symonds, an old member of this society, on the occasion of his wedding. \*First peal on ten bells.

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

On Wednesday, July 24, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDK. G. PERRIN .. .. Treble.	ERNEST BRETT .. .. 5.
SIDNEY A. WRIGHT .. .. 2.	*RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	HORATIO GUMMER .. .. 7.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal in the method with a bob bell. †Fiftieth peal in the method as conductor.

### The Provinces.

#### HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

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

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. Treble.	EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. 5.
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Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

Rung on the conductor's 25th birthday, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

#### STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 23, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

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

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR .. .. Treble.	THOMAS JORDAN .. .. 5.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY .. 2.	THOMAS J. WATTS .. .. 6.
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Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

#### HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 25, 1907, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD PARRISH .. .. Treble.	HARRY BOTTRILL .. .. 5.
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Composed by W. H. INGLESANT, and Conducted by F. PALMER.

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

#### CLARE, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 25, 1907, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

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

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. Treble.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 5.
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On Saturday, July 27, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ABRAHAM NICKLIN* .. .. Treble.	BENJAMIN SNOW .. .. 5.
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FREDERICK PAGE .. .. 4.	JOSEPH SIMESTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. E. V. COX.

\*First peal. First peal of Grandsire on the bells. Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar, the Rev. the Hon. Leonard Tyrwhitt, M.V.O., who left the same day for Rolleston, to which living he has recently been instituted.

#### CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

#### MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION, THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT, AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, July 27, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5400 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT .. .. Treble.	*ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 6.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 2.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 7.
SAM THOMAS .. .. 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 8.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 4.	*CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 9.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 5.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\*First peal of Double Norwich Royal.

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On Saturday, July 27, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT E. STAVERT .. .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 3.	HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 4.	*ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

\*650th peal.

## BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, July 27, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5149 CHANGES.

ALBERT BLUNDELL .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HUGHES .. .. 6.
JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 7.
THOMAS H. REEVES .. .. 3.	JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. 8.
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 4.	HORACE BELCHER .. .. 9.
ALFRED J. WALLATER .. 5.	OLIVER JAMES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM HALLSWORTH, and  
Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Alfred J. Wallater.

## FAREHAM, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 27, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

HENRY DAINS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. .. 5.
JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 6.
CECIL VALENTINE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. .. 7.
JOHN WARD* .. .. 4.	EDWIN J. HARDING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Stedman.

## SWAINSWICK, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 29, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores each called differently.

JOSEPH MORSE .. .. Treble.	J. TAYLOR .. .. 4.
FRANCIS W. NEATE .. .. 2.	OLIVER DERHAM .. .. 5.
FRANCIS W. CANNINGS .. 3.	*SAMUEL PRITCHARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN TAYLOR.

\*First peal.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—In the report of the peal at Garston on July 22nd, the composition was given as Heywood's variation of Thurstans's four-part; it should have been Haley's variation.—The ringer of the tenor in the peal of Grandsire Triples at Handsworth on July 6th, was Stephen Danby, not Duneley.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

STREATHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, June 30th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. S. Greenwood, G. Barrington, L. Attwater, C. J. North, G. Troughton, W. S. Smith, R. Blanchard conductor, C. Wallace. On Tuesday, July 2nd, for practice, 320 Kent Treble Bob. A.

G. Freeman, C. J. North, W. S. Smith, W. W. West, J. Herbert J. Lee, J. Driver conductor, R. Blanchard. Three courses of Double Norwich. A. G. Freeman, C. J. North, W. W. West, R. Blanchard, L. Attwater, J. Herbert, J. Driver, W. S. Smith conductor. Another three courses with V. Harvey, W. S. Smith and J. Driver conductor. On Monday, July 1st, at Emmanuel Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. C. F. Ellis first quarter-peal, R. Blanchard, C. J. North, W. Shepherd, J. S. Daniels, C. Shuffell, A. G. Freeman, W. Anscombe.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

TENBY (Pembrokeshire).—On Monday, June 17th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. J. John, S. Brooks, G. Giblin, W. Jenkins, R. H. Jenkins, W. Hargest, W. Evans conductor, G. Hardwick. The ringers of the treble, 4th and 5th are Tenby Men, and members of the West Wales Association. Rung on the occasion of the Brecon United Church Choirs' annual outing to Tenby.

BRECON.—On Sunday, June 30th, at St. Mary's church, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples. S. Watkins, W. Evans, S. Brooks, G. Giblin, H. D. Wood, G. Hardwick, F. Stedman conductor, D. Price. On Sunday morning, July 7th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. S. Watkins, S. Brooks, G. Hardwick, G. Giblin, W. Hargest, W. Evans conductor, F. Stedman, D. Price. For evening service 516 Grandsire Triples. H. D. Wood, W. Hargest conductor, G. Giblin, W. Evans, G. Hardwick, S. Brooks, F. Stedman, C. Powell.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, July 27th, at St. Leonard's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1280 changes. W. Mason, Miss M. Gillbanks, R. Matthews, Miss K. Thatcher, J. Bass, G. Pigott, F. Boughton, T. Ptgott. Conducted by R. Matthews. First quarter-peal in the method by Miss K. Thatcher, and was rung after meeting short for a peal.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROYSTON (Herts).—On April 3rd, 720 Violet. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On April 10th, 720 New London Pleasure. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. King, R. Wilkerson conductor. On April 23rd, 720 Woodbine. E. Bonnett, W. Darlow, A. Gilbert, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson, R. King conductor. 720 Grandsire. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, R. Wilkerson, E. Bonnett conductor, A. Wilkerson, R. King. On April 28th, 720 Single Court. B. Bowskill, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, R. King, A. Gilbert, A. Wilkerson conductor. 720 Oxford Delight. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson, R. King conductor. On May 5th, 720 College Single. H. Wilkerson, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, A. Wilkerson conductor. On May 9th, 720 Bob. B. Bowskill, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, A. Wilkerson conductor. On May 12th, 720 Plain Bob. H. Wilkerson, E. Bonnett, A. Wilkerson, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, R. King conductor. On Whit-Sunday, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. B. Bowskill, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, A. Wilkerson conductor. 720 Canterbury. H. Wilkerson, W. Darlow, R. Wilkerson, E. Bonnett, A. Gilbert, A. Wilkerson conductor. On May 21st, 720 Double Court. H. Wilkerson, E. Bonnett, A. Gilbert, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson, R. King conductor. 720 College Pleasure. B. Bowskill, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, R. King, A. Wilkerson conductor. First 720 on the bells and by all the band. On June 11th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. A. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson, R. King conductor. On June 23rd, 720 Double Oxford. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, A. Wilkerson, R. Wilkerson, R. King, E. Bonnett conductor. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King.

## CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CRANDFORD (Northants).—On Thursday, July 22nd, 720 Bob Minor. B. J. Taddington, J. Lewin, M. Hobbs, J. Taddington, J. J. Judd, A. Smeathers conductor. On Saturday, July 20th,



720 Bob Minor. B. J. Taddington, J. Lewin, M. Norton, A. Smeathers, J. J. Judd, J. Taddington conductor.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BEDFIELD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, July 14th, 720 Oxford. W. G. Crickmer, H. Garnham, F. Ling, R. Ruth, jun., D. Collins conductor.

EARL SOHAM (Suffolk).—On July 14th, 360 Plain Bob. J. Hall, W. G. Crickmer conductor, B. Buckles, E. Beecroft, J. W. Mallett, G. Balls.

THORNHAM MAGNA.—On July 21st, 360 Double Court. C. Rose, W. G. Crickmer, C. Nunn, F. Ling, A. Berry, G. Cattermole conductor.

GISLINGHAM.—On July 21st, 720 Oxford. E. Youngs, W. Rose, A. Berry, F. Ling, C. Nunn, W. G. Crickmer conductor.

EYE (Suffolk).—On July 21st, 480 Oxford. F. Ling, C. Nunn, E. Broome, A. Berry, E. F. Poppy, W. G. Crickmer conductor, F. Day, D. Whiting.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PORT SUNLIGHT (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, May 7th, for practice, 1008 Bob Major. W. Toft, W. Farrell, R. Pearl, F. Jones, J. Orme, S. Cordell, F. Small, E. Breeze conductor. On Sunday, May 12th, for evening service, 560 Bob Major. A. Toft, W. Toft, the rest as before.

BROMBOROUGH (Cheshire).—On Whit Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Picken, J. Woods, R. Grindley, J. Shone, S. Carnell, E. Breeze, J. Dillon, conductor, R. Roberts.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PULFORD (Cheshire).—On Sunday, July 14th, at the parish church, on the occasion of an Odd Fellows' Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. G. Jones, H. W. Wilde, T. E. Hughes, J. V. Wright, F. Milton, J. Morgan, R. Sperring conductor, W. Thomas.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, July 21st, for evening service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 48 mins. N. Smith, F. Radley, S. Sargent, A. Shuffelbotham, F. Warren, H. J. Tucker composer and conductor, E. Radley, W. Grimwade.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Sunday, July 28th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by H. J. Tucker, in 45 mins. J. Poole, F. W. Edwards first quarter-peal, T. Lincoln, R. Wood, E. Dawson, G. W. Sorrell, W. Lincoln conductor, F. G. Radley. Rung as a farewell touch to E. Dawson, who is leaving the neighbourhood for London.

BLACKPOOL (Lancashire).—On July 17th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, nonconducted. R. Hill, F. W. Greenwood, H. Houseman, A. Atkinson, G. Rawcliffe, R. Rawcliffe.

BOSTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, June 30th, at the parish church, several 6-scores of Stedman's Slow Course, New Doubles, Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and St. Dunstan's Doubles. J. L. Bainbridge, J. Lake, A. Larkinson, A. Holmes, C. Neaverson, F. Blood, G. Goswell.

BOURNE (Lincolnshire).—Recently, at the Abbey church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Holmes, C. Neaverson, A. Larkinson, A. Lawrance, J. Osborne, J. Lake conductor.

CALVERTON (Bucks).—On Sunday evening, July 21st, for Divine Service, 600 Grandsire Doubles. G. Tomkins conductor, T. Tomkins, J. Taylor, A. Shillingford, R. Tomkins, W. Edwards.

EDENHAM (Lincolnshire).—Recently, 480 New Doubles. H. Cummington, H. Reed, J. Lake, C. Neaverson, A. Holmes conductor. 720 of Doubles, in six methods, Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, Stedman's Slow Course and New Doubles. H. Cummington, H. Reed, J. Lake conductor, A. Holmes, C. Neaverson. 720 Stedman Doubles. J. Lake, A. Larkinson, H. Reed, A. Holmes conductor, A. Lawrence.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, July 14th, after evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 25 mins. A. Chamberlain, J. H. White conductor, W. Martin, H. Cure, A. Clayfield. 240 in the same method. W. Cure, W. Martin, H. Cure conductor, J. H. White, A. Clayfield.

MORTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, July 7th, Feast Sunday, for the early Service, 720 Plain Bob. R. Ward, E. Bunning, A. Larkinson, A. Allen, F. Blood, J. L. Bainbridge conductor. For the Flower Service in the afternoon 720 Single Court. J. S. Bainbridge, J. Manning, A. Larkinson, E. Bunning, J. Fowler, A. Holmes conductor. 360 Cambridge Surprise. J. S. Bainbridge, H. Reed, C. Neaverson, A. Larkinson, A. Holmes, J. Lake conductor. For evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Reed, C. Neaverson, A. Holmes, A. Larkinson, J. L. Bainbridge, J. Lake conductor. 720 Double Court. E. Bunning, A. Holmes, C. Neaverson, A. Larkinson, J. L. Bainbridge, J. Lake conductor. After evening service, 720 Plain Bob. R. Ward, J. Lake, A. Holmes, A. Larkinson, C. Neaverson, J. L. Bainbridge conductor. 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Bunning, C. Neaverson, A. Larkinson, J. L. Bainbridge, J. Lake conductor, A. Holmes. 720 London Surprise. H. Reed, J. Lake, C. Neaverson, A. Holmes, J. Osborne, J. Bainbridge conductor. 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Larkinson, F. Blood, C. Neaverson, J. Bainbridge, T. Lawrance, J. Osborne conductor.

THRAPSTON (Northants).—On Tuesday, April 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. Miss L. Kingsford, L. Wyman, D. Redhead, F. Arnold, H. Carter, J. Nickerson conductor. On April 9th, 360 Oxford, standing as before. On May 24th, 720 Bob Minor. Miss A. M. Horn, F. Arnold, D. Redhead, L. Wyman, H. Carter, J. Nickerson conductor. On Sunday, May 26th, 360 Plain Bob. Miss A. Horn, L. Wyman, D. Redhead, F. Arnold, H. Carter, J. Bland, J. Nickerson, C. Arnold.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Sunday, July 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 24 mins. W. Berry, A. Pittam, J. Jackman, J. Chandler, H. Kilby, T. Scarlett conductor.

#### LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

By HENRY DAINS.

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25346	-	-	-	-		36245	-	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-	-		54263	-	-	-	-
						25463	-	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-	-		56234	x	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-	-		56342	x	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-	-		64523	x	-	-	-
26543	-	-	-	-		63425	x	-	-	-
54263	-	-	-	-		46325	-	-	-	-
25463	-	-	-	-		36524	-	-	-	-
56234	x	-	-	-		42563	-	-	-	-
46532	x	-	-	-		35264	-	-	-	-
53462	-	-	-	-		23564	-	-	-	-
45362	-	-	-	-		45362	-	-	-	-
56423	x	-	-	-		64352	-	-	-	-
36524	x	-	-	-		25346	-	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-	-		42356	-	-	-	-
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23456	-	-	-	-		23456	-	-	-	-

Each peal has the 6th her extent in 5-6, or six times each way. The first given also has the 4th at six course-ends in 6ths place.

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## A DAY IN HERTFORDSHIRE.

"Liverpool Street, 7.45 sharp," was the order, and in response fifteen members of the All Saints' society, Fulham, took train on July 13th to Broxbourne. Finding outside the station a church with a good ring of eight, an attempt to get permission for a short touch met with a courteous refusal. Nothing daunted, a walk of a mile brought us to Hoddesdon, where a handy ring of eight were soon under weigh to Grand-sire, Stedman and Double Norwich. Another mile walk and Rye House station was reached, train being taken to Hertford, where we were met by Mr. A. E. Creasey, who had undertaken the arrangements. Under his guidance we first visited Holy Trinity, Bengeo, where a light six were rung to Treble Bob, Stedman, etc. Dinner in St. Nicholas Hall was the next item, also a successful one. Three other members joined us here, including Mr. Tucker,

of Bishops Stortford, who had cycled over. A pleasant hour was spent in the hall, handbell ringing, billiards, etc., being indulged in until at 4 o'clock a move was made to the new church of All Saints (ten bells, tenor 25 cwt). The ringing here consisted of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, and a course of Royal. This is a fine ring, and go excellently, but are difficult to hear owing to the excessive hum; the sound does not seem to be able to get away sufficiently above. Our party was completed by Mr. Judd who had motored down. After tea in the Hall we adjourned to St. Andrew's, adjoining, and rang six methods from Grandsire to Superlative. We left our Hertford friends at 9.50, amid invitations for another visit next year, or come for a peal, and reached town about 11.20. It seems a pity that ringing is at such a low ebb in Hertford, with three good rings and many ringers, but we were told that 500 Grandsire Triples was a big

order in spite of the revival of the Hertford College Youths—something wants re-arranging. We must not forget to thank the clergy of each church for the permission so readily given, and particularly the Vicar of St. Andrew's for so kindly placing St. Nicholas Hall at our disposal for meals, and its club-room for our amusement: also our thanks to Mr. Knight, of Hoddesdon, and Mr. Creasey, of Hertford, for their successful efforts on our behalf.

W. T. E.

## LATE NOTICE.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Birstall on Saturday, August 10th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house—The Bull's Head. WALTER IDLE, Sec.

TO CORRESPONDENTS. — C. R. Lilley: Answered direct. — Helmsshore: Yes; an offer was made, but it could not be entertained for one moment; we were quite confident what the result would be. — H. Groves: It is a difficult labyrinth.

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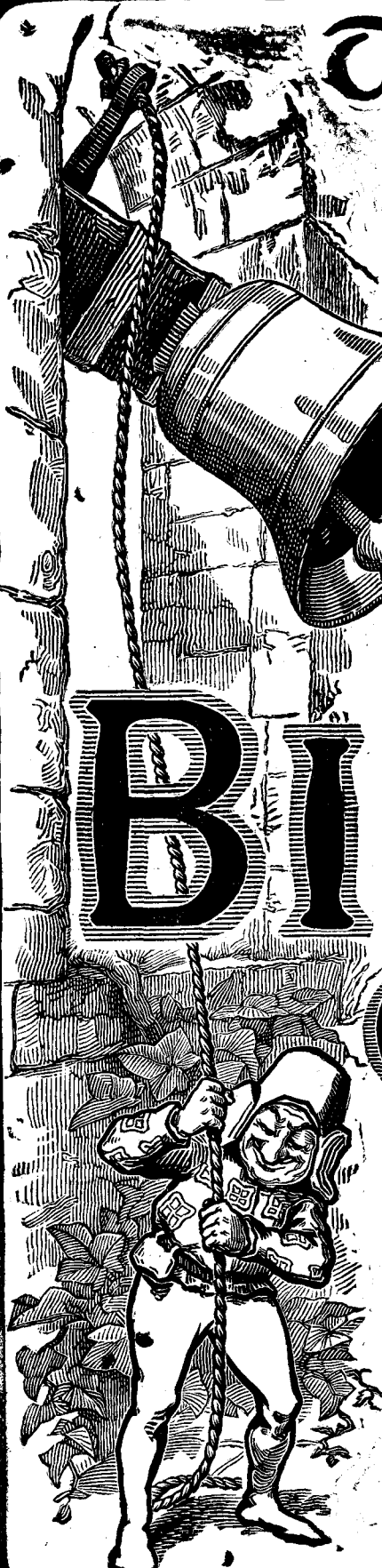
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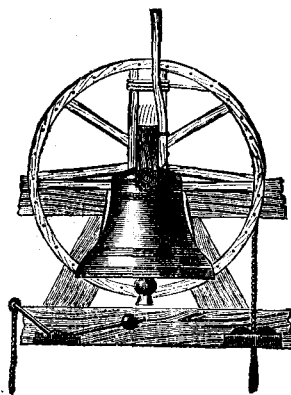
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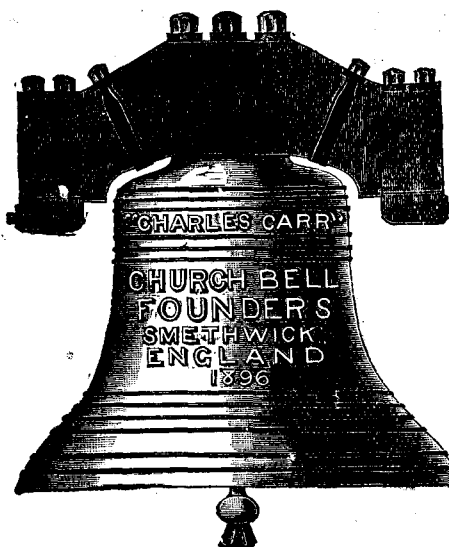
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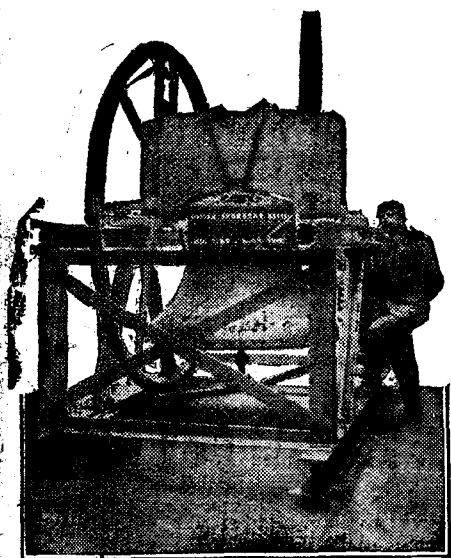
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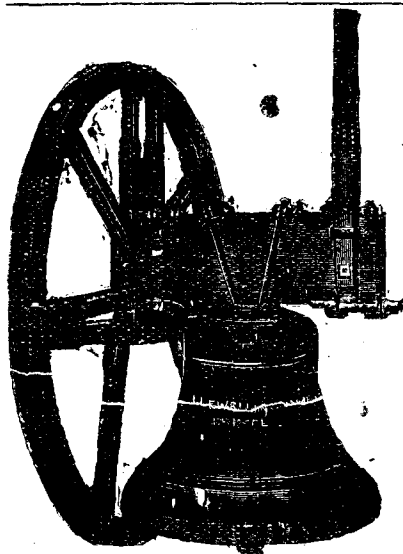
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## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

(Address given at St. John's Church, Portmadoc, on Monday in Easter Week, before the members of the North Wales Association, by the REV. T. A. WILLIAMS, Vicar of Bryn-coedifor.)

"With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men."—Ephesians vi. 7.

It seemed to me that these words, although originally addressed to household or domestic servants, or slaves—if taken out of their context—would express very clearly the objects of the North Wales Association of change-ringers, and that was one reason why I chose them for my text on this occasion. Another reason was that there is something in the very form and sound of the words which will be found for church workers of all kinds most helpful, and especially to bellringers. There is a ringing sound in them which clings in the ear and is not soon banished from the mind. I have often thought of the wonderfully retentive power belonging to the melody of the bells when skilfully rung, how that their sweet notes keep running through the head long after the bells themselves have ceased. It may be said that this is true of all kinds of attractive, melodious music, but I think it is particularly true of bell-music, and this feature has its value because the sound of bells reaches a very wide public of all grades and kinds.

If in no other way, I think that here alone bells and change-ringing amply justify their existence, and the renewed interest taken in them in these days of increased vitality and progress in the Church. Apart from the important place which they fill in Church Art, apart from the valuable associations—both sad and joyous—which the sound of the church bells must have for most of us, apart from the great work they do as callers to all the seriously-minded to come to the House of God, they have often been the means of drawing those who would otherwise not have been drawn at all, first of all, to reflect in ever so casual a manner, and afterwards to think deeply and yet more deeply of the great responsibility which they incur in refusing to hearken to their call—nay, I will go further and say that there are many who have actually been brought again and again to the House of God finally to settle there as regular and true worshippers—simply in the first place through the sweet melody of the bells. I think I remember a time when there were some in this town who regarded the sound of the bells as not far short of a public nuisance. They would have, I do believe, gladly seen them silenced for ever, and I feel I am right in saying that skilful and melodious change-ringing had much to do with the killing of that unsympathetic feeling and attitude. Judging from what I read in a Welsh Non-conformist periodical about last Christmas time, when attention was called to the sweet ringing of the bells on Christmas morning, bellringing in Portmadoc is winning commendation from quarters where it would be least expected. I have no doubt that this is also the experience elsewhere than in Portmadoc.

Just as the melody of bells in this way reaches most

effectively a very wide class outside the Church, so do I think it possible that some Bible verses sink deeper into the hearts of those who hear them than others, and are more easily remembered, because of the melodious sound of the words. Who has not thought how that such words as "Glory to God in the Highest," etc., at Christmas, and "The Lord is risen indeed" at Easter, and many other words that might be quoted, have gained power and force, more than other words containing the same truths, partly from the associations connected with them, and, greatly, I think, from the form in which they have been given to us. And desiring to ring a few changes to you upon some words of Scripture, I could think of no more melodious and at the same time appropriate words than those of my text. I trust they will recur to your minds sometimes during the coming year, and that they will be found of some help to you in your worthy endeavour to render your service to God an acceptable service. "With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men."

For is it not a great privilege to be allowed in ever so small a degree to do service to God. At the best we are "unprofitable servants," but how glorious it is to think that God has been pleased to make use of us at all as His servants, and that though He could bring about His great and wise ends without our aid, yet He has seen fit to make us His instruments in fulfilling some of His great purposes, and to regard our poor efforts as acceptable service.

Now there are one or two things to be said about change-ringing as a part of Church work and "doing service" from which all who are interested in other branches of Church work may perhaps learn something. I know that I am here addressing many who do not confine their service to belfry work, but I have no doubt that there are some things connected with the work and duties of the belfry which they find most helpful towards a better rendering of their service. May I say in passing that my experience goes to show that ringers as a class are always most ready to lend a helping hand in any other work connected with the Church that may require doing. I am speaking more especially of ringers as I found them at Portmadoc during the time I spent here, but I have reason to think that the same thing holds good of other ringers also. I know well how that the Vicar was at all times confident of the ready, willing and cheerful support of the ringers in any movement for the good of the Church or community, and which might be entirely apart and distinct from the proper work of the belfry. Now, I put this down, first of all, to—

(1) The discipline observed in the belfry. I speak as one who has had a sufficient insight into belfry work to know something of the discipline prevailing there, and I fully realise the important, nay, indispensable part which that discipline plays in the successful acquirement of the art of change-ringing. Full well do I know that unless there is a readiness on the part of each member to sink his own individual interest in the interest of the whole band, to give unquestioning obedience to the regulations prevailing, and deference to the ruling of the conductor

for the time being, there can be no real progress in the belfry. Full well do I know the hard work, the constant application, the determined perseverance, the patience with his own failures and with the failures of others, the readiness to lend a helping hand to a backward member, and to stay his own eagerness for advance in order that others may be brought up to the required standard, which the discipline of the belfry must mean for each member, and I think that in this respect the belfry may be regarded as a most valuable training ground for taking part in a wider field of usefulness in Church or any other good work.

I have been struck with the loyalty towards one another which may be observed in change-ringers, taking them as a class. There is an attempt, say, to ring a full peal, and more often than not, on account of its great difficulty and the multitude of contingencies upon which a successful accomplishment hangs, the attempt ends in failure, and a miserably disappointing failure it often is, because the peal has been all but ended when one ringer forgets his place or makes some other regrettable mistake, and the whole work of two or three hours gone for nothing, for less than nothing, because it must be a trying experience for all concerned. But what happens? It might be imagined that the concentrated wrath of the whole band would be poured upon the head of the offending member, that the matter would be discussed in the outside world interested in bellringing, and much hard, cruel criticism passed upon him who had been the cause of the failure. Let a player in an important game of football or cricket do badly, and be the means of losing the game for his side, and there is no attempt to spare him or to consider his feelings by players, public, or press. Now I have seen no such tendency in ringers, though they are equally keen on success. Take up bell-ringing literature, and you may read of attempted peals ending unsuccessfully, but there is no merciless crying down of bad ringers, and the utmost charitableness and patience seem to be shown at all times amongst ringers towards one another's shortcomings. Is there not something here which we may learn and carry into other parts of Church work? Is there not here a splendid example? Do we not know that what spoils our service, and is the greatest retarding influence in Church work, that which almost above all others kills its usefulness and effectiveness, is the spirit of selfish individualism which too often characterises those who engage in it, the want of charity and patience towards others who try to do their best, but who often fail. Has not this often been so great a cause of discouragement that it has resulted in the loss of many a willing worker in God's vineyard. If you, ringers, can carry this principle of unselfish service out into other parts of your Church work, as I believe you do, I think you may by your very example be the means of raising the tone of Church work generally.

There is another thing about service which may teach us a lesson as Church workers, by pointing out a danger into which we may easily fall, and perhaps do fall occasionally. It arises in your case from—

(2) The definiteness of your service. What I mean is this: There is a certain work which falls to your share to do, and which you do in a most efficient manner on behalf of the Church, and that is, you ring the bells for Divine Service. Now taking into account the sacrifice that that means to you, how that it might be regarded as a great tie, how that it requires regular and frequent attendance, from year's end to year's end, at the belfry on

Sundays and on practice-nights,—considering all this your service can in no sense be regarded as small and insignificant, and I can quite conceive how that any one of you might be inclined to say—"Well, I need not be ashamed of the amount of service which I render. I do so much and so much. I spend so many hours in God's service, and there are few who can show a better record." You see the danger,—you can lay your finger upon a certain definite work done by you, and although I do not say that you take that as an excuse for not doing any more—I know that that would be far from the truth—still there is the danger into which we all fall only too often of trying to estimate our service, and of comparing it with other people's. You see, you have something to show for your trouble,—definite time spent, definite work done,—whereas true service to God is not to be measured in quantities, in days and hours, but in a life's devotion to the doing of His will. There are very many faithful workers in God's vineyard—labouring in season and out of season—who if they were challenged at the end of a given time as to what they had done and achieved, would have very little if anything to show, not because there had been nothing done and achieved, but because the nature of their service was not such as could bear that definite and regular character which belongs to yours. Many such would be relieved to think that so many hours spent in good work ended their responsibility. What they know full well, and all true servants of God know is, that responsibility is never ended, that we are not to rest at all, but to see that our whole life, in all its parts, is a service of good will "to the Lord and not to men."

And now one last word as to your service as ringers. There is—

(3) The dignity of it. Surely, it is a hopeful sign to see a body of men like yourselves combining as you do, by a spontaneous movement, and forming yourselves into an Association, with the prime object of elevating change-ringing from being merely an art, difficult and requiring skill and effort to acquire as it does, into something higher and better, in fact, into a service of good will done to God and not to men. I know the feeling which prompted the movement. It was that change-ringing had come to be regarded too often, even by ringers themselves, as no better than a worldly service, done to men, done possibly for gain, or followed as a means of recreation. What wonder is it that corruptions crept into the belfry. Let a low estimate be taken by you of any service that you do, and corruption is sure to follow. May God speed you, I say, in your noble effort. You have already by this movement on your part stamped your service with true and lofty dignity, in that you aim at consecrating it to God. And may this spirit spread among all Church-workers,—may a double portion of it fall upon us clergy in our high work, may all you lalty in whatever church work you may be engaged be possessed with it, so that we shall "with good will do service unto the Lord and not to men."

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

## TRURO CATHEDRAL AND ITS TOWERS.

SIR,—When a few years ago the central tower was built, you allowed me to point out that Mr. Taylor, whom a friend of mine brought down, had to admit that it was totally unfit for a ringing peal of bells, although some 30-ft. square. Just now another great benefactor is providing £20,000 for completion of Western towers; so that there is a chance of effecting such alterations in their design as will make a ring of ten possible. As designed by Mr. Pearson, R.A., they are carried up to height of nave clestory and there vaulted over (70-ft.) Close above this he proposed to put what should be a bell-chamber, 40-ft. high. But there is no provision for a ringing chamber, and belfry windows on one side look into roof of nave. Here is a grand opportunity for remedying such a defect. I presume people would not approve the introduction of a ringing floor inside the church (as at Pershore; but since the central tower was built, Taylor as recast the six at St. Mary's church, attached to the Cathedral, and has hung charming rings of eight at Kea and at Kenwyn close by. Surely the Cathedral towers alone should not be silent.

OLD RINGER.

## TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—The accusation and charges made and repeated against me by Mr. Robinson are both fabulous and baseless, except that he himself is the real offender, as I will shew in pp. 1, 2 and 3.

1. When giving my peals in "THE BELL NEWS" of July the 13th ultimo, I not only disputed his assertions but I contradicted him in terms rather more plain than complimentary.

2. He complains that I deliberately ignored other productions when publishing mine, see "BELL NEWS" for June 29th last. There I gave my peals and referred to, and so did not ignore Sottanstell's productions, the first on the plan.

3. Although he does not say as much I suppose he means I did not acknowledge his peals. No, Sir, I did not; why should I? I ignored them entirely. Just exactly as he did Sottanstell's when he, Mr. Robinson, presented his peals in November and December, 1903, upon Sottanstell's plan. So Mr. Editor you see how this gentleman wails and cries on upon receiving the same treatment that he gives to other folks.

By the style and manner of his writing he seems to hold the sole right of sorting and choosing whatever he wants from Sottanstell's plan, and deny others the privilege. I therefore wish to remind him that this quality belongs to the Exercise at large, and I have as much right to pick and choose therefrom as anyone else, Mr. Robinson notwithstanding.

I shall offer no apology whatever for my action in this matter, but for a man who appropriates eighty per cent of an original composition and palms it off as his own, ignoring the author of the original, as Mr. Robinson did, and then to claim the composition of another, takes the biscuit.

The following is another broken two-part peal upon the plan. I believe it is impossible to obtain a peal in two equal parts on this plan. It may be noticed I have introduced a different calling into this peal, which is used in the sixth course of each part. This is a new element to this class of composition.

5312.

23456 M B W H

43526			2	I
36524	I			2
23645		-		2
26435			I	2
24365	I	-	2	2
25463	2			I
24653	I	-	2	2
26543			I	2

Repeated.

Alternate calling must be used to fourth and seventh courses or the peal would be false; and by calling the last course of

first part 2W 2H the first course of the second part is produced, and changes curtailed to the method's magic number, 5024.

HENRY DAINS.

P.S.—In all peals upon this plan, 2nd home at last twelve course-ends—see "BELL NEWS" for June 29th last—there is no chance for originality. One can only obtain a rendering or version, thus all such compositions are more or less variations of the originals which were first published in 1867 by Sottanstell in his work.

H.D.

SIR,—Re H. Dains' kind and polite insinuation in your last issue, I may state that my ignorance which Mr. Dains asserts I expose, does not I think extend so far as not to know the difference between a composition of unmusical qualities and one containing musical qualities, as the Superlative peals under discussion. When producing my peal the chief object was to avoid the 2nd becoming a 6ths place bell, which I did. As is well known, the 2nd in that position much deteriorates the musical properties, especially in Superlative. There is no need to discuss the matter any further now, and conclude by saying that I quite agree with Mr. F. Robinson's remarks in your last issue.

WM. H. INGLESANT.

## INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Will you be so kind as to allow me a small amount of your space to ask two questions. First I should like to hear what opinion members of the Exercise may have as to which is the finest toned peal of bells in the United Kingdom, tenor not exceeding 25 cwt. As I have not been fortunate enough to hear a great number of rings of bells I should very much like to know, and I think many ringers would take the opportunity of visiting the places once they knew. As far as the bells which I have myself heard are concerned, I have never heard any to beat those of SS. Peter and Paul, Lavenham, Suffolk, though I was very much impressed with those at Christ Church, Southgate. This is not such a wide question as it may at first appear, and I hope that some of the great campanalogical travellers will give their opinions. Perhaps the Rev. F. E. Robinson or Messrs. Pye, Fussell, Williams, Washbrook or others will oblige. Even if members of the various guilds would say which is considered the best peal in their neighbourhood we might get near to finding the finest peal of all. Lastly I should like to hear if the following 720 of Bob Minor is original.

2 3 4 5 6  
2 3 5 6 4 1\*  
6 3 4 5 2 2S  
2 5 4 6 3 3S  
4 2 3 5 6 4 P.L.

Five times repeated. \* Single instead of bob in third and sixth parts.

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234567 5040.

342567	4	743625	5
673254	2	437625	4
546327	2	634572	5
735246	1	346572	4
547362	3	543267	5
235647	1	245736	5
472563	2	532467	3
574326	5	745632	1
635274	1	647253	5
746523	2	246375	5
237654	2	532746	1
632475	5	245367	3
546732	1	672534	2
635427	3	346257	2
276543	2	243765	5
432657	2	432765	4
634725	5	734526	5
346725	4	347526	4
743562	5	543672	5
437562	4	375426	3
534276	5	473652	5
475362	3	734652	4
374256	5	637245	5
743256	4	746352	3
247635	5	237546	1
732456	3	742365	3
647532	1	537642	1
736225	3	375642	4
547236	1	543726	3
245673	5	435726	4
572436	3	674235	1
645372	1	436752	3
576423	3	734265	5
345276	1	347265	4
243657	5	243576	5
572364	2	432576	4
645237	2	534627	5
246753	5	635742	1
532674	2	276435	5
745263	2	632754	3
247356	5	546273	2
342675	5	735624	2
273456	3	637452	5
642573	1	436275	5
736254	2	674352	3
547623	2	239574	1
235764	2	742653	2
472635	1	537264	2
674523	5	645723	2
236457	2	376245	1
742536	1	273564	5
237465	3	642357	2
542637	1	736542	1
375264	2	647325	3
643527	2	536247	1
436527	4	475623	2
534762	5	324567	s 2
345762	4	753624	1
273645	1	467253	1
342756	3	234567	s 1

In this peal the 2nd, 5th, and 6th are only called before in the B block.

Another one-part peal by the same author, in the same method.

234567 5040.

672453	2	327465	4
536247	2	623574	5
725436	1	236574	4
427653	5	532467	5
624375	5	435726	5
536724	1	524367	3
625347	3	735624	1
476532	2	637452	5
324657	2	436275	5
623745	5	524736	1
236745	4	435267	3
732564	5	674523	2
327564	4	236457	2
523476	5	432765	5
375264	3	324765	4
273456	5	723456	5
732456	4	237546	4
437625	5	532674	5
724356	3	275346	3
637524	1	372654	5
726345	3	723654	4
537426	1	627435	5
435672	5	736254	3
574326	3	427536	1
635274	1	734265	3
576342	3	527634	1
425637	2	275634	4
374562	2	532746	3
573246	5	325746	4
625473	1	673425	1
576234	3	326754	3
425376	1	723465	5
574263	3	237465	4
635427	2	432576	5
436752	5	324576	4
524673	2	523647	5
735462	2	625734	5
437256	5	476325	1
234675	5	624753	3
472356	3	536472	2
634572	1	725643	2
726453	2	627354	5
537462	2	326475	5
425763	2	673254	3
374625	1	426573	1
673542	5	734652	2
426357	2	527463	2
734526	1	635742	2
427365	3	276435	1
534627	1	472563	5
275463	2	634257	2
632547	2	726534	1
326547	4	637245	3
523764	5	526437	1
235764	4	375642	2
472635	1	423567	2
234756	3	235476*	4
732645	5	234567**	5

\* B.S.

In this peal the 4th, 5th, and 6th are never called before.

A four-part peal in the same method by the same author.

5040.

234567		425763	1
462375	3	634572	2
624375	4	726453	2
536724	1	267453	4
625347	3	532746	2
326754	5	465273	2
263754	4	324765	1
762435	5	723546	5
627435	4	527634	5
426573	5	465327	1
524367	5	524673	3
735624	1	735462	2
527346	3	627543	2
465732	2	526374	5
324576	2	265374	4
523647	5	362457	5
625734	5	623457	4
536247	3	426735	5
725436	1	634257	3
367542	2	236745	5
423756	2	362745	4
564372	2	763524	5
235764	1	327645	3
732456	5	563427	1
567243	2	325674	3
325467	1	463725	1
563274	3	634725	4

The above repeated, with B.S. at end, produces—

235476	
432657	5
764532	1
437625	3
564237	1
435672	3
724563	2
637452	2

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice during the month of August: St. John, South Hackney, on the 12th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th; St. John-at-Hackney, on the 20th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 22nd; St. John, South Hackney, on the 26th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 27th; all at 8 p.m.

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**The Royal Cumberland Society.**—The next meeting for practice will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Monday, September 2nd, at 8 p.m. Trusting members will make it convenient to attend. A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—A meeting of this division will be held at Buxted to-day, Sat., August 10th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30.

ROBERT J. DAVE, *Hon. Div. Sec.*  
15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Hale to-day, Sat., August 10th. Bells ready at 5. Business—Election of Committeeman. Members intending being present please send word to WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

35, Church Road, Garston.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Birstall to-day, Saturday, August 10th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house—The Bull's Head. W. IDLE, *Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Stansted on Saturday, August 17th. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Further particulars will appear next week.

N. J. FITZROW, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Birch-in-Rusholme on Saturday, August 17th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, August 17th. Bells available at 4.30. Tea, 9d. per head at The King's Arms at 5.30. I trust ringers will turn up in force, and so make this, the first meeting of the Association to be held at Tring, a success.

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**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Audley on Saturday, August 17th. Bells at 4. Tea at 5.45. Members intending to be present please notify Mr. C. Wareham, Audley House, Audley, Staffordshire, not later than Wednesday, August 14th. D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

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5040.

234567

752634 -

765423

347265 -

523647 -

562734

745362 s

237645 -

263574

452763 -

374652 -

367245

523467 -

745263 -

764352

237564 -

452637 -

465723

374265 -

523674 -

562437

475362 s

324675 s

362547

573462 s

425673 s

462357

734562 -

257634 -

265473

342765 -

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 1907.

WE have been told before that the central tower of Truro Cathedral, erected at great cost, is totally unfitted for the reception of a ring of bells. To what separate architectural idiosyncrasy can this be ascribed? It would be quite refreshing if the particular architect who designed this tower would open his mouth and tell us why he planned it without a staircase of some sort, accompanied by due provision for ringing. At present the tower is useless for the recognised purpose for which Church towers are constructed. All ringers are acquainted with the fact that the ignorance of the general body of architects relative to the requirements necessary for the proper and efficient housing of Church bells is proverbial. Churches beyond number could be mentioned where the accommodation for bells and their ringers is deplorable, but in the case before us we find a new Cathedral tower seemingly erected without the slightest idea that bells were its natural and only furniture.

Our readers will be pleased to read the letter on another page from a correspondent who knows fully well what he is writing about. It was this gentleman who some time

ago called attention to the building of the new Cathedral at Liverpool, and expressed a hope that the authorities there concerned would prevent a repetition of the Truro fiasco with regard to the massive towers of that edifice. 'T would be a calamity if Liverpool Churchmen suffered their Cathedral to be shorn of one of the principal features of a Christian Church, viz.: that of a splendid ring of ten or twelve bells.

It is announced that a recent benefactor is providing no less than £20,000 for the completion of the western towers of Truro. May we express a hope that the oversight already perpetrated with the central tower may be repaired, by providing suitable conditions in one of the western towers for a ring of bells?

We very much regret to hear, on the eve of publication, of the decease of Mr. W. H. HOWARD, of York, a Vice-President of the Yorkshire Association, and known among the premier county as York Minster's "Grand Old Man." Next week we shall refer at length to the highly-respected veteran's career.

### The Metropolis.

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

On Monday, July 29, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

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

On Saturday, August 3, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, ISLE OF DOGS, E.,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES .. 5.
FRANK CHARLES NEWMAN .. 2.	ARTHUR JOHN NEALE .. 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 7.
THOMAS CRANFIELD .. .. 4.	*DALBY HODGSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

\*First peal, First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

### The Provinces.

#### WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE WOODS .. .. Treble.	†WM. CARTER .. .. 5.
WM. FITCHFORD .. .. 2.	*WM. RIGBY .. .. 6.
CHARLES MORLEY† .. .. 3.	JOHN JOHNSON .. .. 7.
WM. F. HARTSHORNE .. 4.	†JAMES WHITFIELD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. JOHNSON.

†First peal of Stedman. \*First peal of Stedman away from the tenor.

#### WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 3, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL (REVERSED.)

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. Treble.	HENRY F. COOPER .. .. 5.
JAMES TARBUN .. .. 2.	ALFRED TARBUN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM NEWMAN .. .. 3.	HENRY HEAD .. .. 7.
ALFRED WRIGHT .. .. 4.	*JOHN WOOD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

\*First peal.

#### BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.

#### THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 3, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM CRANE .. .. Treble.	C. CAREW COX .. .. 5.
RICHARD T. PRITCHARD .. 2.	ALBERT J. HUGHES .. 6.
JAMES H. MIDWINTER .. 3.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 7.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES .. 4.	WILLIAM CRANE, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

#### BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 3, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

HENRY F. EWINS .. .. Treble.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. 5.
JOHN RICE .. .. 2.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. 6.
ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. 3.	FREDERICK DENCH .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by F. BENNETT.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. J. E. Davis was elected a member previous to starting.

#### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 3, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 2.	HORACE W. ABBOTT .. 6.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 3.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 7.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 4.	JOHN W. TAYLOR .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR.

First peal in the method on the bells.

#### SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 4, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs.

MAURICE SMITH .. .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
JOHN W. TAYLOR .. .. 2.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

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

## RUSPER, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 4, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,**  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK W. RICE.. ..Treble.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 5.
ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 6.
FREDEBICK DENCH .. .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
ALFRED H. WINCH* .. .. 4.	ALFRED H. PULLING ..Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal in the method.

## STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,**  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE .. ..Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 3.	EDWARD READER .. .. 7.
MAURICE SMITH .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. ..Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM H. INGLESANT, and  
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Nellie Reader, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Reader, of Loughborough.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 30½ cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE .. ..Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 6.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	JAMES L. WELLS .. .. 8.
FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. 4.	EDWARD READER .. .. 9.
MAURICE SMITH* .. .. 5.	WILLIAM PYE .. ..Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal of Royal. The band desires to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. J. W. Taylor for his kindness and hospitality, and also Messrs. Lane and Reader and other ringing friends in Loughborough for their kindly welcome.

## LINCOLN.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Monday, August 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

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

JOHN HOLMAN .. ..Treble.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 5.
JAMES EVINSON .. .. 2.	GEORGE LEWIS .. .. 6.
WALTER COATES .. .. 3.	ALBERT NASH .. .. 7.
GEORGE HALKSWORTH .. 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

## WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Monday, August 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS G. SABEL .. ..Treble.	ALBERT NASH .. .. 5.
GEORGE LEWIS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. 6.
JAMES EVINSON .. .. 3.	JOHN HOLMAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE HALKSWORTH .. 4.	CLEMENT GLENN .. ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

First peal in the method as conductor. This and the previous peal were rung on seventeenth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. J. Holman, who was married at Washingborough church.

## BRIDGWATER, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 27½ cwt.

OWEN W. LAYNG .. ..Treble.	THOMAS ROBINSON .. .. 5.
R. W. HYNTER .. .. 2.	ERNEST BISHOP .. .. 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 4.	CHARLES J. GARDINER ..Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES W. DRIVER .. ..Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 6.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. 3.	JOHN HOWES .. .. 8.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 4.	GEORGE WOODISS .. .. 9.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 5.	*ARTHUR DEAN .. ..Tenor.

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

\*First peal of Treble Ten; also on the bells.

## CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. Treble.	ERNEST LANHAM .. .. 5.
HAWKINS ENGLISH .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 6.
WILLIAM BALLS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM GROOM .. .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. ..Tenor.

Composed by O. LANG, and Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

## STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN A. GILES* .. ..Treble.	WALTER W. BONHAM .. 4.
EDWIN YATES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM G. COWLEY .. 5.
ALFRED CLARK† .. .. 3.	CECIL A. VALENTINE ..Tenor.

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal on the bells by a local band.

DEFECTIVE REPORTS.—Two peals—one at Cranborne, Dorsetshire, and the other at Fordingbridge, Hants.,—have been sent without any date being mentioned.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Double Norwich at St. John's, Waterloo Road, reported last week, was the conductor's fiftieth peal in the method, not his fiftieth peal as conductor.

## Date Touches.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

BRATHAY (Lancashire).—On Monday, August 5th, a date touch of Minor, in 1 hr. 4 mins., in the following methods: 107 Plain Bob, 120 Cambridge Surprise, 120 Oxford, 120 Kent, 720 Violet and 720 Woodbine. J. Backhouse, W. Nevinson, W.

Sharp, F. Woodend, J. Holme, G. Black. The above was arranged for Mr. G. Black, of Woodford, Essex, who was on a visit to the Lake District, and was elected a member previous to starting.

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FRAYLE (Hants).—On Saturday, June 29th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. A. LeClercq, G. Upshall, C. Upshall, W. Lowman, E. Newell, C. Edwards. This is the first 720 on the bells, which are a very musical ring tenor about 9 cwt. The bells are in good condition and the ringing chamber well kept. The Vicar was delighted with the visit, as there is no regular ringing done here.

WINCHESTER.—On Wednesday, July 3rd, 305 Grandsire Caters. G. Noice, E. G. Lampard, W. Andrews, L. Lampard, C. Russell, W. Loveland, W. Tucker, C. Valentine, W. H. George conductor, D. Froome. 336 Bob Major, conducted C. Valentine. 504 Stedman Triples. C. Valentine, L. Lampard, G. Noice, E. Lampard, W. Tucker, C. Russell, W. H. George conductor, H. Anson.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Tuesday, June 4th, at the Abbey, for practice, 784 Bob Major. F. Hand, F. Paskins, J. Elcombe, W. Tucker, J. Walker, W. H. George, W. G. Fowler, C. Valentine. On Tuesday evening, July 23rd, for practice, 608 Bob Major. F. Paskins, R. White, J. Elcombe, C. Fray, J. Walker, W. T. Tucker, C. Valentine, G. Williams conductor. 504 Stedman Triples. G. Williams conductor, R. White, F. Paskins, C. Fray, J. Elcombe, W. T. Tucker, C. Valentine, F. Hand.

NORTH STONEHAM.—On Wednesday, July 24th, for practice, 720 Double Oxford. P. Morfee, C. Valentine, C. Fray, W. T. Tucker, W. Rowe, G. Williams conductor. And 360 Double Court, E. Mundy ringing in place of P. Morfee.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWTON LONGVILLE (Bucks).—On Saturday, July 27th, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Rowe, R. Nichols, H. Sear conductor, H. Hopkins, A. N. Atkins, E. Marks, T. Henry, G. Hopkins.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DAGENHAM (Essex).—On Sunday, June 9th, for evening service, 720 Kent. A. Chaplin, E. Hawkins, R. Ward, R. Miles, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor. On Saturday, June 15th, two 720s of Bob Minor. J. Hawkins, E. Hawkins, R. Ward, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor. Another 720. J. Hawkins, C. Rochester, R. Hart, E. Hawkins, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor. On Saturday, June 22nd, 720 Bob Minor. J. Hawkins, C. Rochester, R. Ward, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Sunday, June 7th, after evening service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Chaplin, I. Dear, R. Ward, R. Miles, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor.

LAINDON HILLS (Essex).—On Sunday, July 21st, the Dagenham ringers paid a visit to this parish church and rang 720 Bob Minor after morning service. A. Chaplin, C. Rochester, R. Ward, R. Miles, G. Playle, J. Dale. For evening service 720 Kent. J. Dale, A. Carter, R. Ward, R. Miles, G. Playle, D. Carrier conductor.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, June 19th, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 384 Cambridge Surprise Major. J. Luckey, H. Little, H. J. Tucker, W. Prior, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts, G. Jordan conductor. 960 New Cumberland Surprise. H. Little, W. Prior, G. Jordan, H. J. Tucker, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, June 23rd, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Watts conductor, H. Little, G. Jordan, W. Prior, T. J. Watts, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, A. Jordan. For evening service 576 London Surprise Major. H. Little, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, June 30th, for morning service, 608 Cambridge Surprise. G. Gray, H. Little, W. Prior, H. J. Tucker, G. Jordan, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor.

On Wednesday, July 3rd, for practice, 560 Double Norwich. A. Jordan, G. Gray, T. Jordan, W. Prior, H. J. Tucker, G. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM.—On a recent Wednesday evening, after the funeral of the late Mr. W. Trotter, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells deeply muffled, in 43 mins. E. Fisher, T. Goff, A. Mann, T. Miles, J. Crawford, T. Tutte, A. Gower conductor, R. Etherington. And 504 Oxford Bob Triples.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MONKSILVER (Somersetshire).—On Thursday, July 4th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles, in 50 mins. W. Bennett conductor, S. Parsons, H. J. Hole, A. Barker, C. Greedy. Longest touch in the method by all except the ringer of the 5th.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STRETFORD.—On Thursday, July 25th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Birchall, J. J. Moss, H. Chapman, W. J. Moss conductor, C. W. Birchall, R. Newton. Another 720. C. W. Birchall, W. J. Moss conductor, J. J. Moss, T. Birchall, W. Wigglesworth, H. Chapman. Rung on the 60th birthday of W. Birchall, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON (Wilts).—On June 2nd, for morning service at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. O. W. Layng, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, R. Thompson, T. Robinson, O. Norman, conductor, S. Palmer, C. J. Gardiner. For evening service 576 Kent Treble Bob. A. Lawrence, O. W. Layng, R. W. Hyner, R. Thompson, C. J. Gardiner conductor, O. Norman, S. Palmer, T. Robinson. On June 9th, for morning service, 336 Double Norwich. R. Thompson, R. W. Hyner, A. Lawrence, S. Palmer, T. Robinson, O. Norman, C. J. Gardiner, E. Bishop conductor. On June 23rd, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. O. W. Layng, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, S. Palmer, T. Robinson, W. Apperley, C. J. Gardiner conductor, A. W. Harrington. On July 28th, for morning service, 1280 Kent Treble Bob. E. Bishop, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, R. Thompson, T. Robinson, O. Norman, C. J. Gardiner conductor, A. Dean. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Thompson, F. S. Wilson, A. Lawrence conductor, R. W. Hyner, O. W. Layng, C. J. Gardiner, T. Robinson, A. W. Harrington.

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

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday evening, June 16th, at St. Mary Abbots church, 1301 Stedman Caters. W. E. Garrard, J. R. Mackman, T. W. Bonnick, F. G. Symonds, E. G. Stibbons, H. W. Stanley, —, Price (Edinburgh), A. V. Selby, H. G. Miles conductor, J. Judd. On July 29th, for evening service, 1260 Stedman Caters. F. Edwards, A. V. Selby, T. W. Bonnick, F. G. Symonds, S. A. Wright, E. G. Stibbons, H. G. Miles conductor, J. R. Mackman, W. E. Garrard, F. J. Redknap.

LONDON.—On Tuesday, August 6th, at St. Botolph's church, Bishopsgate, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. G. Dorrington, A. J. Perkins conductor, A. Scambler, E. J. Webb, W. Truss, H. Hills, H. C. Alford, J. Monday. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Scambler, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

EASTWOOD (Notts).—On Tuesday, July 30th, for practice, 784 Bob Major, in 38 mins. F. Chrich, J. T. Pollard, A. Wyld, E. Manners, F. Rowley, G. Blanchard, J. P. Pollard, A. Parker conductor.

AYLSHAM (Norfolk).—On Friday, July 26th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Miller, G. Soame, E. Suffling, J. May, Jacob May, J. Godfrey, G. May conductor, J. Roberts. Three courses of Grandsire Caters. W. Miller, C. Rump, G. Soame, J. May, E. Suffling, J. Pilch, Jacob May, J. Godfrey, G. May conductor, J. Roberts.

## CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27th, the Thrapston branch of the above Association held a very successful meeting at Woodford (five bells). Ringers attended from Woodford, Thrapston, Islip, Ringstead, Highbam Ferrers, Tichmarsh, and Raunds. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock. Tea was provided at 5 o'clock in the Reading Room. The President of the Association presided in the absence of the Rector (Rev. J. T. Watson). After tea the District Secretary read the report of the last meeting. Mr. Neal, of The Manor House, Woodford, was elected an hon. member: Miss Linda Kingsford and Miss Alice Horn (Thrapston), are the two first lady ringers to join the Association. Mr. E. Mayo (Ringstead), and B. Prewett (Woodford), were elected ringing members. The President proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for

the use of the bells, and hope when the next meeting is held at Woodford they would have six bells instead of five.

Mr. Bonsor (churchwarden), replied in the absence of the Rector. Votes of thanks was passed to the Woodford ringers for providing the tea. Mr. J. Bunnion (Woodford), replied.

Ringling finished about 7 o'clock. Afterwards the Rector showed the ringers round the church, and pointed out some very interesting accounts of the fine old church. One very interesting account was the heart of a man in a pillar which can be seen through a glass window, who lost his life in the Crusades in the Holy Land. The cloth which the heart is wrapped in has recently been examined, and proved to be the same kind of cloth used to this day. A short time was then spent in the rectory gardens. Then cunning Ebbe proposed crossing the river Nene by a boat

to save walking about two miles. This commenced, the first load was landed under great difficulties. Then said Bill to Dick, "that won't do for me; let's walk it." So off Bill and the old waistcoat walker went, while the others stood waiting for a turn. But all were landed over the other side quite safe without a ducking, and arrived home about 10 o'clock, having enjoyed one of the best county meetings ever held.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The ringers of St. Mark's church, Glodwick, had their outing on Saturday, July 27th. The weather being fine we started for Manchester Town Hall. Here we met our old friend R. Newton, to whom our thanks are due for obtaining permission to use the bells. Ascending the tower we rang touches of Grandsire Caters, Kent Treble Bob, and Grandsire Minor. After having a look through the Town Hall, our friend took us to a place for refreshment, which was much enjoyed. Then we took the tram for Pendleton church where there is a good peal of eight bells, tenor about 11 cwt., and there being a branch meeting we rung a few touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman, and Kent Treble Bob, and after having a look round, and some refreshments, tracks were made for home, which was reached about 11.30., after having had a most enjoyable outing. G. H. B.

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TENBY (Pembrokeshire).—On Monday, June 17th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. J. John, S. Brooks, G. Giblin, W. Jenkins, R. H. Jenkins, W. Hargest, W. Evans conductor, G. Hardwick. The ringers of the treble, 4th and 5th are Tenby Men, and members of the West Wales Association. Rung on the occasion of the Brecon United Church Choirs' annual outing to Tenby.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, July 14th, after evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 25 mins. A. Chamberlain, J. H. White conductor, W. Martin, H. Cure, A. Clayfield. 240 in the same method. W. Cure, W. Martin, H. Cure conductor, J. H. White, A. Clayfield.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, July 27th, at St. Leonard's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1280 changes. W. Mason, Miss M. Gillbanks, R. Matthews, Miss K. Thatcher, J. Bass, G. Pigott, F. Boughton, T. Ptgott. Conducted by R. Matthews. First quarter-peal in the method by Miss K. Thatcher, and was rung after meeting short for a peal.

BRECON.—On Sunday, June 30th, at St. Mary's church, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples. S. Watkins, W. Evans, S. Brooks, G. Giblin, H. D. Wood, G. Hardwick, F. Stedman conductor, D. Price. On Sunday morning, July 7th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.

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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.				ASSETS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Shareholders' Capital	.. .. .	1,000,000	0 0	British Government securities	.. .. .	3,415,976	13
Reserve Funds	.. .. .	2,300,000	0 0	Indian and Colonial Government securities	.. .. .	6,156,247	4
Life Assurance Funds	.. .. .	60,470,431	4 1	Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks, and gold and sterling bonds	.. .. .	7,743,842	19
Claims under life policies admitted	.. .. .	116,576	18 11	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	.. .. .	202,756	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

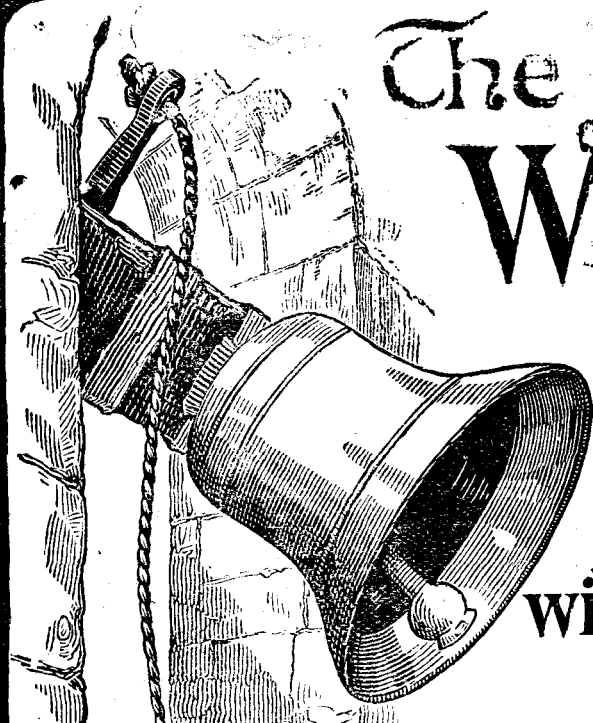
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We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1906, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and 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.

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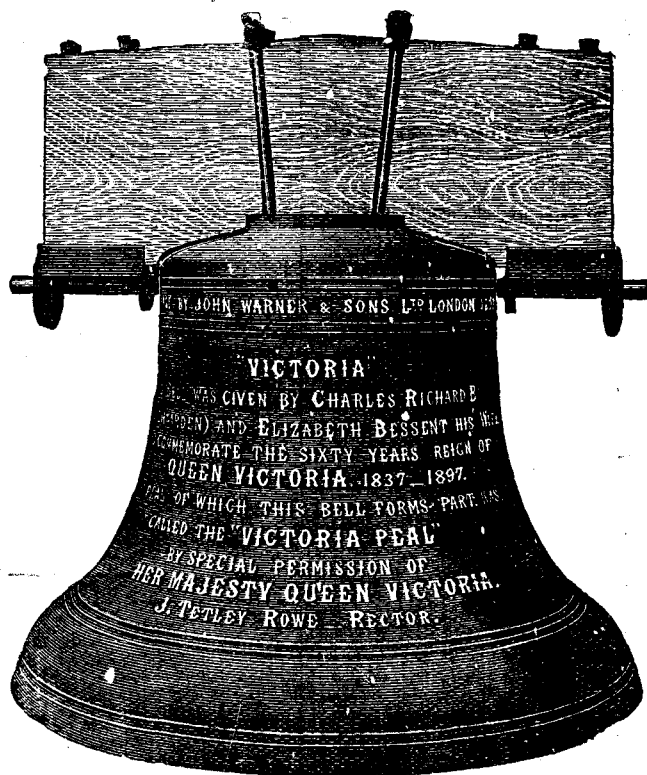
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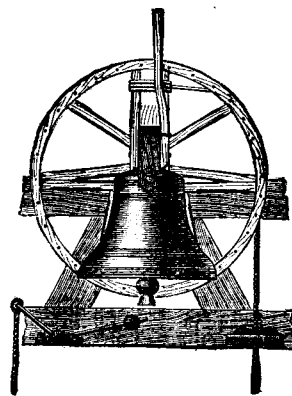
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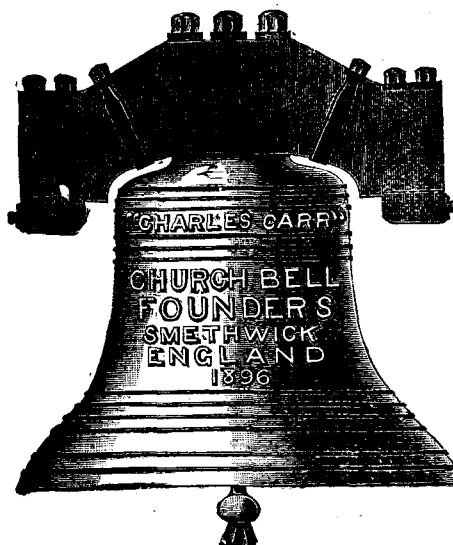
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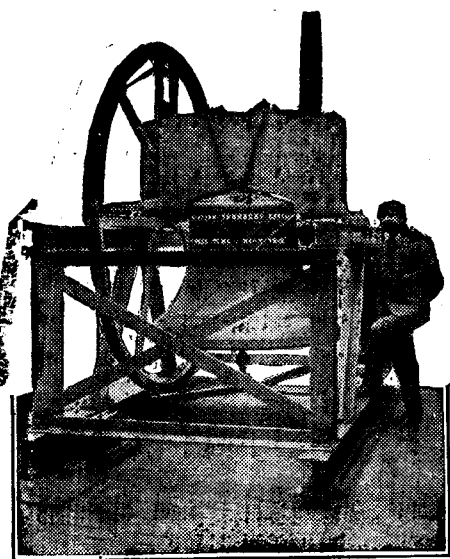
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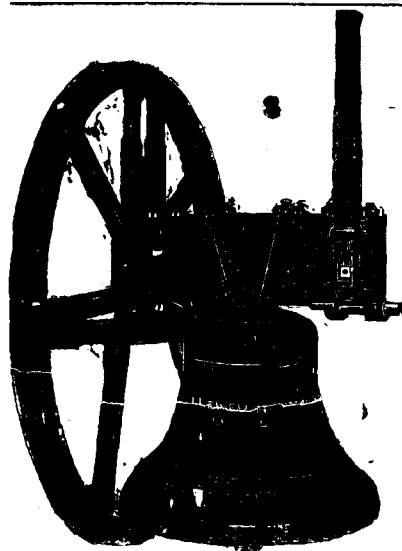
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## CATALOGUE OF CERTAIN BOOKS AND MSS. CONNECTED WITH CHANGE-RINGING.

### PART I.—TECHNICAL LITERATURE.

#### PREFATORY NOTE.

In compiling the following Draft of a briefly descriptive catalogue of the technical literature relating to change-ringing, which has been received by the Central Council as an instalment of the complete catalogue, an endeavour has been made to give such an historical account of the older and more generally inaccessible printed books and manuscripts as may enable any one to trace the sequence of the invention of methods. The form in which this information should be given has been to the compilers a subject of careful consideration, with the result that the following has been adopted for submission to the Exercise, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" for criticism; with a view to the improvement of the Draft within the ensuing year. Any criticisms offered will receive careful attention. One or two dates and references were incomplete at Whitsuntide, but they will be supplied in due course.

J. WHITE. — *Tintinnalogia*. Containing the Art of Ringing also Artificial Fireworks, likewise the Art of Gardening, to which is added an excellent receipt to make a valuable liquor agreeable to all constitutions.

London. No date, but obviously of the 17th Century. Queried in the B.M. Catalogue at 1650. B.M. Press Mark 1400 a. 20. This book contains nothing on ringing beyond plain changes on six bells.

PETER MUNDY.—MS. in the Rawlinson Collection in the Bodleian Library at Oxford (A. 315. fo. 210) c. 1652.

In this volume the Author, a great traveller in his day, refers among other things to Change-Ringing, as a new Art which he had lately heard in London; and he gives some pricking but only of plain changes. It appears from what he says that there were then, before the Great Fire of London, ten bells at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and twelve at Bow Church, Cheapside. Noticed in "THE BELL NEWS," February 6th, 1904.

FABIAN STEDMAN.—*Tintinnalogia*, or the Art of Ringing. London, 1668. Dedicated to the Noble Society of Colledge Youths. Reprinted at "THE BELL NEWS" Office, 1895.

This Book in its original Edition is so scarce that for many years it was supposed that the only *Tintinnalogia* published was White's. Subsequently a copy of Stedman's book came into the hands of the late Rev. W. C. Lukis. The earlier portion of the book deals with elementary instruction and plain changes up to six bells; and so far Stedman's and White's works are substantially the same. But the latter and larger part of Stedman's book is devoted to what he calls "Cross peals," and what we should now call "Methods," though some of these productions would not now be regarded as legitimate. Thus while Grandsire Doubles and also Plain Bob under the name Grandsire Bob, old and new doubles first appear, there are also to be found on five bells several methods—Doubles and Singles, Tendrings Six Score, Paradox, Phoenix, London Pleasure,

What you Please and Reading Doubles, which are marred by a superabundance of single changes and bells lying too many blows successively in one place. This book (not White's) is referred to by Dr. Burney in his History of Music, vol. 3, p. 413, in connection with his reproduction of Jenkin's "Five Bell Consort," a musical composition for three strings of the 17th century, which is reprinted in Dr. Raven's "Bells of England." An account of Stedman with a copy of his Will will be found in "THE BELL NEWS," November 7th, 1903.

FABIAN STEDMAN.—*Campanalogia*, London, 1677, B.M. Press Mark 1400 B. 11.

The Book opens with instructions about Plain Changes, but it is the developments in the Cross Peal work which is so marked a feature of it. As in the Author's previous work, there are here also several methods which are not now deemed legitimate, but the following legitimate methods appear for the first time—Court Bob Minor (exactly the same as Double Court in "Standard Methods" with instructions to call touches and the 720 of the present day; Stedman's Principle, pricked on five bells, some pricking of Grandsire Triples, with a note that all methods on five bells can be extended to seven, and several examples of both Plain and Dodging Triples under the name of The Experiment; Plain Bob extended to Major; Imperial Bob, under the name of The Grand Experiment, being the original Surprise Major method, though not called "Surprise," and being identical with the methods recently published by the Rev. E. B. James as Norfolk Surprise; by Mr. George Baker as Arundel; and by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter as Double Treble Bob. The five College Bobs: Oxford Treble Bob the same as Woodbine in "Standard Methods,"; Oxford another way, being what we now know as Oxford Treble Bob; Nottingham Singles and Doubles (being the same as Court Bob given by Shipway). This book is noticed in "THE BELL NEWS," February 25th, and April 8th, 1905.

R. H.—*The School of Recreation*. London, 1684. B.M. Press Mark.

This book contains Articles on Hunting, Racing, Hawking, Riding, Cockfighting, Fowling, Fishing, Shooting, Bowling, Tennis, Ringing and Billiards. Several subsequent editions up to 1736. Technically of little value, as it contains some instruction in Plain Changes only, but interesting historically from its quaint literary matter. It is noticed in "THE BELL NEWS," June 17th, and June 24th, 1899.

J. D. AND C. M.—*Campanalogia Improved*.—London, 1702 and subsequent Editions, one (5th in 1766) bearing the name of Monk, dedicated to the Society of London Scholars B.M. Press Mark 7898 c.c. 8.

Two Minor methods appear in this book for the First

time. Westminster Bob and London Scholars' Pleasure by J.D. being the same as Westminster and London Scholars Pleasure, in "Standard Methods" and Grandsire is for the first time extended in pricking to Caters.

Noticed in "THE BELL NEWS."

BENJAMIN ANNABLE 1702-1756.—A Manuscript Note Book now in the Library of the British Museum (Addl m.s.s. No. 33357).

It appears from a reference in Hearn's Diaries that Annable was contemplating a new Edition of the Campanalogia, and this volume seems to contain preparation made by him for the purpose. In it we have the name "Surprise" for the first time in Manuscript, which name according to Mr. Snowdon occurs first in print in the 1753 Edition of J.D.C.M.'s Book. London and Cambridge Surprise Minor are given as in "Standard Methods." The Major of Cambridge differs from that given in the *Clavis* (see "THE BELL NEWS" January 26th, 1907) Norwich Treble Bob is given, which is identical with the method named Victoria Surprise recently published by Mr. G. Baker; and also Grandsire Treble Bob, which is the same as Oxford Treble Bob, with the addition of fifths place when the Treble makes sixths. There is also given a Minor method called Oxford Surprise, in which the hunt of the treble combines dodging on the lead and behind with place making in the internal places. See "THE BELL NEWS" September 24th, October 29th and November 5th, 1904.

WILLIAM JONES, JOHN REEVES AND THOMAS BLAKE-MORE.—*Clavis Campanalogia*.—London 1788 and subsequently reprinted. B.M. Press Mark 1400 b. 15.

In this book we find given for the first time the composition of peals in the present sense of the term, as distinct from the Building of Methods. So that the book may be said to be the first of the modern series of works on the Science of Change-Ringing. Kent Treble Bob (under the name of New Treble Bob) and extended to Major, Royal and Maximus, Superlative, a new method, London and Cambridge Surprise Major are for the first time published in print, and Holt's Grandsire Triple peals are also given. Here we also get Double Norwich Court Bob Major for the first time, and also its extension to Royal and the Stedman method extended from Doubles to Cinques. Superlative Surprise Major as a new method, London Surprise ditto, which is evolved from its Minor, and a version of Cambridge Surprise Major revised from that in Annable's Note Book and the later editions of J.D. and C.M.'s Work.

The *Clavis* also contains an elaborate treatise upon the proof of Treble Bob, Oxford and Kent, London etc., with a scale of course-ends most exhaustively treated.

WILLIAM SHIPWAY.—*Campanalogia*.—London 1816? and since reprinted. B.M. press mark.

Shipway contributes two methods of his own. His principal and the place-making method. But the distinguishing features of his book are the division of methods into the single, reverse and double variations and the production of odd bell variations from even bell methods and the extension of Court Major to Caters, Cinques and Maximus.

BENJAMIN THACKRAH.—*The Art of Change-Ringing*.—Dewsbury 1852. B.M. Press Mark.

Thackrah states that he composed and conducted 6720 Cambridge Surprise. This statement was doubted for several years, until Sir Arthur Heywood discovered the Burton Variation. This eventually was named New Cambridge Surprise, and it is the third variation of this method.

WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL.—*Elements of Campanalogia*.—Huddersfield 1867.

In this book Albion first appears, and Cuckoo Major, the latter being constructed on the same principle as regards the hunt of the treble as Oxford Surprise above referred to in Annable's book.

### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the above was held at Newport, Isle of Wight, on August 5th, when members attended from Fareham, Gosport, Portsea, Petersfield, Ryde, Brading and Newport. All the members availed themselves of the cheap fares offered on Bank Holiday, and it was a very pleasing sight at Carisbrook, where the members rang by kind permission of the Rector, the ringing there proving a most fitting occasion, as the Carisbrook Pageant was being held that day, and needless to say the place was very lively, thus adding to the enjoyment of the visitors.

Newport was afterwards visited, it being the venue of the meeting, where the bells were kept going in various methods. Tea was partaken of by about thirty members. Afterwards the business meeting was held, which was of the usual routine character. Mr. J. Harper was voted to the chair in the absence of the Vicar, who was very busy with the Pageant. The minutes were duly read and confirmed. Two probationary members were elected, and it was proposed that a quarterly peal be attempted in the Isle of Wight by members of the Island band. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Vicars of Carisbrook and Newport for the use of the bells that day.

### OWSLEBURY, HANTS.

On Wednesday, July 31st, the Wickham ringers visited this place by kind invitation of the Rev. C. Buston, and rang Grandsire Doubles, Oxford Single and 720 College Single. Afterwards the ringers were entertained at the vicarage to refreshments, which was very welcome.

Mr. Langford, on behalf of the ringers, thanked the Rector for his generous hospitality, and said they had spent a very pleasant evening.

The Rector gave the ringers a very hearty welcome to his church, and hoped they would come again, as he liked to hear the bells rung. The 720 of College Single was rung by H. J. Smith, W. Singleton, H. W. Merrett, N. Welch, W. F. Churcher, G. E. Chappell conductor.

### MR. GEORGE BOLLAND.

A correspondent sends us the following extract from *The Yorkshire Post*, and adds: "It will show that brother Bolland has something in his noddle beside Surprise peals and 'broken leads' on six":—At the recent Tong Tenant Farmers' Show, the cup offered by Mr. W. H. Banks, of Pudsey, for the best fat cow fed on the Tong Hall Estate, and won last year by Mr. George Petty, of Pudsey, was awarded to Mr. George Bolland, of Tong, who also secured the President's cup for the best cow or heifer bred on his estate.

## Correspondence.

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

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

## STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—The following peal of Stedman Triples, although not a good one for ringing purposes, will, I venture to believe, be of interest to all students of Stedman. Its most noticeable feature is that, although produced with forty singles only, the observation-bell is undisturbed throughout, which quality has, I think, only been previously obtained on Mr. Lancashire's plan. The set of course-ends on which the peal is founded are hopelessly false when pricked out as plain courses, for the 1st, 2nd, 13th and 14th sixes are all repeated at the 10th, 11th, 8th, and 9th, and there is also considerable repetition in the open sixes. This falseness is corrected by a bob at 13, which connects a new set of sixes at 8, 9, 10, 11, to the original course-ends. The second and eighth sixes are thus foreign to each other and cannot be joined except by using one or more bobs. As a matter of fact the only true connection is by bobs at 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8, which, with the bob at 13, forms twenty round blocks of three courses each. These blocks may be joined by the omission of the bobs at 6-7 or at 7-8, but as both of these bring in false rows which cannot be corrected, the plan is useless for composing the extent. The only means of connecting them, and at the same time retaining the truth of the blocks, is by singles at 1, 5, 6, or 10. As those at 5 or 6 necessitate six-call sets it is obviously better to use the isolated singles at 1 and 10, and this plan is used in the peal, which follows.

	2	3	1	4	5	6	
A	4	1	6	5	3	2	35678 SIO, 12
B	5	6	3	2	1	4	34568, 12
C	1	2	5	4	6	3	SI, 35678, 13
A	4	5	3	6	2	1	
C	2	6	4	1	5	3	
D	1	4	3	5	6	2	SI, 34568, 12
E	6	5	1	2	4	3	34568, SIO, 13
A	2	1	3	4	5	6	
B	4	3	5	6	1	2	
B	6	5	1	2	3	4	
E	3	2	6	4	5	1	
	1	4	3	5	2	6	35678, 13

Four times repeated.

As will be seen the peal has four bob sets in every course; and in addition 120 isolated bobs, and is perhaps as regular as is possible on this plan with forty singles only.

Sunderland.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

## A CLAIM.

SIR,—I beg to inform you that the 12-part peal of Grandsire Triples published in your last number by H. F. Hull, belongs to Mr. John Carter, of Birmingham. I first conducted it at Nuneaton on October 10th, 1895, and it had been in force some years prior to that date.

JAMES GEORGE.

## TO H. D. AND OTHERS.

My dear good friends, forbear;  
You'll get your proper share,  
So don't each other wallop.  
But wait till you get "Trollope"—  
You'll find your peals all there!

F. J. P.

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## SWINDON PARISH CHURCH RINGERS' OUTING.

On August bank holiday, the ringers of the parish church, Swindon, accompanied by that enthusiastic veteran, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, held their annual outing, which proved a great success, a most enjoyable day being spent, the weather being on its best behaviour.

A start was made by the 7.22 West of England express from Swindon, two second class compartments having been reserved for the party by the kindness of Mr. John Brewer, the genial superintendent of the G. W. station, himself a ringer. A fast and comfortable journey resulted in the train being well up to time. Passing through an interesting and pretty district, and the important cities of Bath and Bristol, many noted towers were spotted, the Vicar of Drayton being particularly interested in those eight-bell towers where he has not already scored a peal of Stedman Triples. The party arrived at Bridgwater at 9.20, and Mr. A. E. Coles, the conductor of the local company, having kindly met the visitors at the station, a move was immediately made to the grand old parish church of St. Mary. The Swindon steeplekeeper having been entrusted by the wily veteran with a bottle of special oil for the benefit of the 7th bell, and this having been applied, and the other bells and ropes found in first-rate order, the bells were raised and ropes adjusted. It may here be stated that Bridgwater is an ideal tower for a peal, the bells being fine, the go and circle excellent, and the ringing-chamber, which is on the ground floor, spacious and comfortable. A start was made at 10.10 for Pitstow's variation of Thurstans's 4-part peal of Stedman Triples, and at 1.23 the familiar "That's all" announced the completion of a good peal, the first in the method on the bells, and also by Mr. O. W. Layng, the pioneer of change-ringing in Swindon. A few rounds followed the peal, to give those who had not taken part an opportunity of ringing on the bells, and then adjournment was made to The Bristol Arms hotel for dinner, which was well served and much enjoyed. A further visit was subsequently paid to the tower, and a course of Treble Eight tapped off. Among the local ringers present we were pleased to see our old friend Mr. James Burge, conductor of St. Mary's, Taunton, who reminded us that there were two good rings of bells in his town worthy of a visit, and at some future time the hint may be taken advantage of.

At 3 o'clock the party started for Burnham Brake, a call being made at Huntspill, to test the fine ring of 5½, tenor 23 cwt. but only a short time was spent there, the ringing including a course each of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles.

Burnham was reached about 4.30. It is a picturesque little seaside resort, noted, like Weston, for its sands and mud. The golf course is known as the best in England. The mud referred to is not attractive to the eye, but authorities say that the ozone arising therefrom is most healthy and invigorating. Luckily on our arrival the tide was nearly full in, so that we saw the place at its best.

To the credit of the whole band it should be stated that the parish church was the first place visited. This stands right on the sea-front, and with its old grey tower, and well kept and beautifully-green churchyard, forms a picturesque and prominent feature. The eight bells, tenor about 22 cwt., are very mellow and sweet, and having been raised, were soon telling the message of Double Norwich for the first time. After a plain course to try the go, three courses were rung in excellent style, and with such effect that the Rev. F. E. Robinson, although he was supposed to have finished for the day, appeared in the belfry and immediately commenced to prepare for action, with the result that three courses of Stedman Triples were rung. A touch of Grandsire Triples, and another of Stedman, with one of the local men taking part, was also rung.

Three of the party returned by the 6.13 from Highbridge, and the remainder went on to Weston-super-Mare, and finished the day there, arriving home in the early hours of the morning, thoroughly delighted with their experiences.

The Swindon ringers wish to thank the authorities of the three towers at which they rang, for permission so readily given, and also Mr. A. E. Coles of Bridgwater and Mr. John Harris of Burnham, for their kind assistance in arranging matters. Several touches were rung at the places visited, reports of which will be found in the proper place.

B.

## Obituary.

### WILLIAM HORNER HOWARD.

VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 1st, Yorkshire, and the North, and we might almost say the whole of the English ringing Exercise, lost one of its most useful and interesting personalities in the passing away of the grand old veteran of York Minster, Mr. Wm. H. Howard, in his 85th year. Born on the 28th of August, 1821, Mr. Howard had been connected with bells and bellringing since he was a lad in his teens, and on Whit-Sunday, 1839, he first started at York Minster that alliance which was severed only by death. He began his ringing career at the church of St. Mary, Bishophill Senior, where he was taken in hand by the late Matthew West, who thoroughly drilled him in the various rudiments which every young ringer must first master, and young Howard being ambitious and fascinated with the work, soon began to do credit to his tutor. From the six-bell tower at Bishophill to the Minster was the next step, and here he started before his 18th birthday. Since that day Mr. Howard has given the greater part of whatever leisure he had to some phase of bellringing. He has rung and composed peals; he has given countless hours to the training of youngsters. No trouble was too great for the old veteran if a lad showed the least sign of coming on, and many a ringer of to-day owes much to the early grounding given him by "dear old Uncle," the name by which he was known pretty well all over Yorkshire. To the legislative side of the Exercise also Mr. Howard willingly devoted himself. He was one of the founders of the Yorkshire Association; in fact it was at a meeting called by him, and held at York, that the first steps were taken for its formation, and he held the position of vice-president to the day of his death. To the duties attaching to the office the records of the Association show that he faithfully attended, until increasing age put its veto upon much travelling. On the formation of the Central Council Mr. Howard was one of the Yorkshire representatives, and attended four out of six meetings while he held that position. In 1889, to mark the jubilee of his connection with York Minster, the ringers presented him with a framed oil portrait of himself, the actual presentation being made by the Very Rev. the Dean of York. In 1895, on the completion of twenty years' service as vice-president of the Yorkshire Association, he was presented with a silver tea-pot and tray, suitably inscribed, by the members of the Association. His love for the bells of York Minster led him some years ago to search the newspaper files, and amongst the old documents of the Dean and Chapter, for any and every reference to the Minster peal, and the result of much research was the publishing in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 16th, 1897, of a very interesting account "The Bells of York Minster." During his career Mr. Howard rang peals at York Minster, St. Martin's, York, Knaresborough, Scarborough, Selby, Hunslet, Halifax, Beverley, Sheffield and Newcastle-on-Tyne, the last peal he took part in being at the last-named place, when, at the age of 79 years, he rang the tenor (19 cwt.) through a peal of Stedman Triples. For the last two or three years of his life Mr. Howard took things easy in the ringing line, but he was always ready and willing to take a rope if circumstances demanded, and the attendance sheet at York Minster shows that in 1905 he was only absent on two occasions. And now he has gone, Old York still pursues its peaceful

course, but hundreds of its citizens feel that something has happened—something altogether out of the ordinary. "Old Howard is dead." Cheery, good natured, optimistic, bubbling over with good humour—the old man's laugh infected every one—he was beloved and respected by citizens of every rank. Typical hard worker and clean liver, he did his duty through life to his Maker and his fellow man. And now, having entered into his rest, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," applies in very truth to our late comrade and friend, William Horner Howard. G. W.

### THE FUNERAL

took place the following Saturday afternoon. The first part of the service was held in York Minster, where the deceased had acted as bellringer for over sixty years. The large congregation and the presence of the clergy and deputations were proof of the respect in which the venerable ringer was held. The service was fully choral, and was conducted by the Dean of York. There were also present: the Bishop of Hull, Canon Watson, Revs. E. S. Carter, W. O. F. Campbell, H. T. S. Gedge, and B. W. Wood.

The chief mourners were: Mr. James Howard (eldest son) Bawtry; Mr. and Mrs. John Howard (Ampleforth), Miss A. Howard (Jaughter), Miss Jane Howard (niece) York; Mr. J. Highway (Darlington), Mr. and Mrs. Adams (Stockton), Miss Ewbank (Stockton), Mr. N. Storey (Macclesfield), Mr. R. Ewbank (Sunderland), Mr. McMain (Thornaby), Mrs. John Howard (York), Miss Weatherill (York), Mr. and Mrs. Giles (York), Mrs. Bickerdyke (York), Mr. F. Weathergill (York).

The whole band of ringers from the Minster attended. Mr. Wm. Snowdon was present, and with him were Councillor Abbshaw (Rothwell), and Mr. Harry Williams (Leeds), members of the committee. Letters of apology for absence were received from Mr. C. H. Hattersley (Sheffield), and Mr. J. McKell (member of the committee), and Mr. W. Whitaker, Leeds (trustees of the Association). The Ancient Order of Foresters, with which the deceased had been connected for sixty years, was represented. The Bishop of Hull read the lesson, and the Dean of York recited the prayers. The choir chanted the goth Psalm, and subsequently sang the hymns "Safe home, safe home in port," and "Now the labourer's task is o'er."

At the conclusion of the service the choir accompanied the coffin to the south door, chanting the Nunc Dimittis. The Rev. E. S. Carter performed the burial rites at the graveside.

Floral tributes were sent by York Minster ringers, officers of Court Old Ebor (A.O.F.), Mr. Weathergill, Mr. and Mrs. Giles, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Dalton and Miss Hird, the Refuge (York), Miss Winspear, Mr. Hitchcock (Naburn). Amongst those present were—Messrs. A. Gamble, J. Bellerby, J. Accy, J. H. Cooper, Mr. G. Kay, Mr. F. W. Ware, Mr. W. Brown, and Mr. W. Henderson.

The coffin was made of oak, with brass mountings, and was borne to the grave by six Minster ringers—Messrs. T. Haigh, A. Haigh, J. Thompson, T. Hodgson, G. Horner, and A. Leadley. It bore the inscription—"William Horner Howard, born August 28th, 1821, died August 1st, 1907; 85 years."

After the service, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells by Messrs. T. Hodgson, T. Haigh, T. F. Earnshaw, and A. Haigh.

The ringers then returned to the Minster, and rang two courses of Grandsire Caters, with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to their departed comrade. G. Breed, H. Williams, T. Haigh, T. F. Earnshaw, G. Worth, J. Thompson, T. Hodgson, W. Snowdon, A. Haigh, R. Thompson and A. Leadley, With the exception of Messrs. Snowdon and Williams, who belong to Leeds, the whole are members of the Minster company.

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# TREBLE BOB MAJOR METHODS.

COLLECTED INTO TEN TABLES. By the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

TABLE I.

f. e. d. c. b. a.	i.	{ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	
		{ - I - - - - -	I. A. B. C. D. E. F.
f. e. d. c. b. a.	ii.	{ I - - - - -	
		{ - I - - - - -	II. G. H. I.
d. b. a.	iii.	{ - - I - - - -	
		{ - - - I - - -	III. A. B. D. J.
j. d. b. a.	iv.	{ - - - - I - -	
		{ - - - - - I -	IV. C. E. G. H.
h. j. f. a.	v.	{ - - - - - - I	
		{ - - - - - - - I	V. A. F. J. I.
h. j. f.	vi.	{ - - - - - - - - I	
		{ - - - - - - - - - I	VI. B. C. G.
i. h. j. f. e. d.	vii.	{ - - - - - - - - - - I	
		{ - - - - - - - - - - - I	VII. D. E. F. I. J. H.
i. h. j. f. e. d.	viii.	{ - - - - - - - - - - - - I	
		{ - - - - - - - - - - - - - I	1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th.

In Table I.

A	=	7th place and 8th place made	=	a
B	=	5th " 8th "	=	b
C	=	3rd " 8th "	=	c
D	=	5th " 6th "	=	d
E	=	3rd " 6th "	=	e
F	=	3rd " 4th "	=	f
G	=	1st " 8th "	=	
H	=	1st " 6th "	=	h
I	=	1st " 4th "	=	i
J	=	1st " 2nd "	=	j
		no places made	=	o

TABLE II. and TABLE III. are the same as Tables ii. and iii. of Plain Major methods published in "THE BELL NEWS" on May 4th, and are to be used in the same way.

TABLE IV.

Treble Bob methods. Use G at II. IV. and VI.

TABLE V.

Exercise methods.—Use H or I instead of G at II. and G at IV. and VI.; or C E or H instead of G at IV. and G at II. and VII.; or use B or C instead of G at VI. or G at II. and IV.

TABLE VI.

Delight methods.—Use G at II. IV. or VI., and substitute B C E H or I for G at the other two.

TABLE VII.

Surprise methods.—Never use G at II. IV. or VI.

TABLE VIII.

Bob methods.—7th with Treble behind, or 2nd with Treble leading, or both.

TABLE IX.

Imperial methods contain A D F J a d f or j, or any of these.

TABLE X.

Court methods.—Omit places in tables VIII. and IX.

## BOBS.

Substitute 4th or 6th for 2nd and 8th.

A and a are most offensive in practice, and methods containing them are not worth ringing.

London Surprise.—i. c I. o. ii c II. I iii o III J iv o IV. C. v. i V o vi. i VI. B vii h VII. o viii h and 5th repeat reverse and 2nd.

Cambridge Surprise.—C. I. J and B. E. I. B. H and 7th repeat reverse and 2nd.

Superlative Surprise.—E I. B. E. I B. E and 7th repeat reverse and 2nd.

## QUARTER-PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR.

By ALFRED ROWLEY, *Tipton, Staffs.*

1344.

1	2	3	4	5	6	I	B	O	F
3	6	2	1	5	4	-	-	-	-
1	2	6	3	5	4	-	-	-	-
6	1	2	3	5	4	-	-	-	-
2	6	1	3	5	4	-	-	-	-
3	1	6	2	5	4	-	-	-	-
2	3	6	1	5	4	-	-	-	-
6	2	3	1	5	4	-	-	-	-
1	5	2	3	6	4	-	-	-	-
2	1	5	3	6	4	-	-	-	-
3	5	1	2	6	4	-	-	-	-
1	3	5	2	6	4	-	-	-	-
5	1	3	2	6	4	-	-	-	-
2	3	1	5	6	4	-	-	-	-
1	2	3	5	6	4	-	-	-	-

Twice repeated; has 4, 5, 6 only in 5-6 at a course-end.

## ORIGINAL MAJOR.

By the same author.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1907.

AMONG the reports of touches this week will be found an account of a visit by Farnham ringers to a place called Blackmoor in Hampshire. The visitors found a musical ring of six bells cast by John Warner and Sons, but our correspondent informs us privately that the bells are not in good condition, the fittings requiring immediate attention. How is this? it may be asked. The answer is simple. Nothing has been done to these bells for years; in fact not since Messrs. Warner placed them in the tower. The question naturally arises: "Does Blackmoor possess any qualified ringers?" If so, why have they not acquainted the Church authorities with the present deplorable condition of the bells. It is through such instances as these, where no representations are made to those who ought to be cognisant of the bells' condition, that decay ensues among bells and frame. The condition of bells, equal with that of an organ, should be watched periodically, and reported on.

We appeal to the Church authorities of Blackmoor to take immediate steps to have their Church bells restored before it is too late.



**The Metropolis.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, August 8, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, WALTHAMSTOW,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
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Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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Rung as a compliment to the newly instituted Vicar, the Rev. W. F. Jepson, M.A. and to celebrate the marriages of Messrs. A. W. Macklin, C. D. Letzer, and R. Bacon, three members of the local band.

**The Provinces.****HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.****THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, August 3, 1907, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,**  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN* .. .. Treble.	JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 5.
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Conducted by KEITH HART.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

**FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sunday, August 4, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

SIDNEY MACEY .. .. Treble.	E. C. MERRITT .. .. 5.
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Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Major on the bells

**BIRCHINGTON, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, August 4, 1907, in Three Hours,***AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,**  
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EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. Treble.	HENRY T. WILSON .. .. 5.
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Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

**BIRCHINGTON, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, August 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM DUDLEY .. .. 5.
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Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

First peal of Treble Bob Major on the bells.

**LEISTON, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, August 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,**  
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CHARLES WHITING .. .. Treble.	ERNEST S. BAILEY .. .. 5.
NORMAN BAILEY .. .. 2.	ALBERT LINCOLN .. .. 6.
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Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by H. W. BALDRY.

\*First peal in the method as conductor.

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Conducted by GEORGE W. STEEL.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Percy Haigh, son of Mr. Joseph Haigh, steeplekeeper, Woodiesford, to Miss E. G. Sharp.

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Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

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On Thursday, August 8, 1907, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

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Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

†First peal. \*First peal in seven methods.

**LAWTON, CHESHIRE.**  
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On Friday, August 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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JACOB HANCOCK† .. .. Treble.	JAMES WILDBLOOD .. .. 5.
JOHN JOHNSON .. .. 2.	ARTHUR A. CLAY .. .. 6.
IRWYN MASSEY† .. .. 3.	CHARLES MORLEY .. .. 7.
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Composed by H. WHITTLE, and Conducted by WM. FITCHFORD.

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**HENLEY, SUFFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, August 10, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

ALBERT FLEMING* .. .. Treble.	EDWARD SHERRWOOD .. .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 6.
HAWKINS ENGLISH .. .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
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Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\*First peal. The ringer of the tenor is only 16 years of age.

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On Saturday, August 10, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

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Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY S. SMITH .. .. Treble.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 5.
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 (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

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HENRY BARNES .. .. Treble.	PERCIVAL J. STOKES .. 5.
ARTHUR MACKEARS .. .. 2.	JOHN CRAGG .. .. 6.
JOHN P. PALEY, SEN. .. .. 3.	JOHN W. WOOD .. .. 7.
FREDERICK W. STOKES .. 4.	THOMAS HESSELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

**BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.**

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, August 10, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:**

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Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal.

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**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, August 10, 1907, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE N. COCKIN .. .. 5.
HORACE F. STREET .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
ALFRED DAVIES .. .. 3.	*WILLIAM WEBB .. .. 7.
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Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal in the method.

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On Monday, August 12, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

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**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

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**Miscellaneous.**

**THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

PENYFAL,—Recently, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of

Doubles, being 780 of Grandsire and 480 of Bob. G. Morris, T. J. Evans, R. Evans conductor, R. Rees, H. Worgan.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BOLTON.**—On Sunday, July 28th, at St. George's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. Holt, F. S. W. Butler conductor, W. Tebay, Rev. H. J. Elsee, W. Rudd, H. W. Kirton, W. Pennington, W. Moss.

**PENDLETON.**—On Monday, July 29th, at St. Thomas's church, 1760 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Gratrix, J. Smith, J. Barratt, F. S. W. Butler, W. J. Moss, R. Newton, R. Wallwork conductor, H. Chapman.

**BURY.**—On Saturday, July 27th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins. J. Steft, F. S. W. Butler, T. Wallwork, H. W. Kirton, R. Wallwork conductor, T. Barlow. The above ringing was arranged for F. S. W. Butler, who hails from Gainsborough.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**REDDISH.**—On Tuesday, July 13th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Eckersley, 1-2; A. Booth, 3-4; A. Barnes conductor, 5-6. Recently, on tower bells, 720 Bob Minor. F. Needham first 720, W. Lees, T. Smithson, A. Booth, A. Barnes conductor, W. Eckersley.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, July 7th, for Men's Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Spencer, G. A. Ransom conductor, J. Merrick, W. Lidbetter, T. Beadle, A. Harding. On Friday, August 2nd, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Webb, G. A. Ransom conductor, J. Merrick, C. Dell, T. Beadle, G. Spencer, W. Lidbetter, H. Seward.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

**FLEET.**—On July 23rd, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, on the occasion of the Church Sunday School Festival, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. G. Cross, Rev. C. J. Sturton, H. V. Fletcher, W. Brooke, G. R. Truss, J. B. Halifax conductor.

#### THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

**LLANGOLLEN.**—On Monday, July 8th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by James George, of Rugby. Rev. A. Rhys James, F. Edwards, T. James, J. Davies, J. Rogers, T. Davies, J. W. Davies, J. R. Edwards.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**CRAWLEY (Sussex).**—On Sunday, August 4th, for morning service at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise, 1280 changes. F. W. Rice, A. B. Bennett, G. F. Williams, A. H. Winch, A. H. Pulling, F. Bennett, F. Dench, J. E. Davis.

**PULBOROUGH (Sussex).**—On Sunday, August 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. P. H. Doick, S. Stone, S. Stilwell, L. Stilwell, J. Blake, S. Corden, A. Greenfield, E. Brooker.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**BLACKMOOR (Hants).**—On Saturday, August 10th, the Farnham ringers paid a visit to this church and rung 720 Bob Minor, in 29 mins., being the first 720 on the bells. A. Smith, A. Baigent, T. Upshall, W. Lowman, E. Newell, C. Edwards conductor. Also 360 with A. LeClercq. Several 6-scores in which Messrs. Clapshaw, Kimber and Sherfield took part. This is a very musical ring of six by Warner.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BURNHAM (Somerset).**—On Friday, August 9th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Rontley, E. Cox, J. Harris, J. Dunn, E. Fricker, F. Iley conductor, W. Worgan. Rung as a compliment to J. Dunn on the occasion of his silver wedding, his brother-ringers heartily congratulating him.

**BRIGHTON (Sussex).**—On Sunday, August 4th, for evening service at St. Nicholas' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters,

1259 changes, in 47 mins. R. Hoather, J. Fox, F. M. Bacon, H. Rann conductor, C. Wallater, G. Ades, J. H. B. Hesse, A. Reed, W. Palmer, R. Fentiman.

**BRIDGWATER (Somerset).**—On Monday, August 5th, 240 Kent Treble Bob. E. Bishop, A. Lawrence, C. J. Gardiner, S. Palmer, T. Robinson, O. Norman, Rev. F. E. Robinson, J. H. Shepherd.

**BOLDMERE (Warwickshire).**—On Saturday, July 27th, at St. Michael's church, Johnson's 1008 of Grandsire Triples. C. Starkey, E. Mullins, T. Verry, B. Starkey, T. Westwood, W. G. Ellis conductor, T. Miller, J. Porter. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Botton, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

**BURNHAM (Somersetshire).**—On Monday, August 5th, 336 Double Norwich. A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, G. W. Challice S. Palmer, T. Robinson, O. Norman, J. H. Shepherd, E. Bishop conductor. 352 Stedman Triples. A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, T. Robinson, S. Palmer, J. H. Shepherd, O. Norman, Rev. F. E. Robinson conductor, A. W. Harrington. A touch of Grandsire Triples, conducted by G. W. Challice, and two courses of Stedman Triples with two of the local men standing in.

**CAVENDISH (Suffolk).**—On Friday, August 2nd, being the 85th birthday of the veteran ringer Mr. G. Maxim, of Cavendish, 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Slater conductor, C. Honeybell, G. Rice, H. Evans, E. J. Perkins, T. E. Slater. The old veteran was present and assisted in a short touch of Treble Bob. All the band wish him many happy returns.

**CLARE (Suffolk).**—On Monday, August 5th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. S. Slater conductor, Z. Slater, B. Pettit, G. Moss, B. Francis, T. E. Slater, W. J. Nevard, L. W. Wiffen.

**HUNTSPELL (Somerset).**—On Monday, August 5th, a plain course of Bob Minor. A. Lawrence, O. W. Layng, R. W. Hyner, S. Palmer, E. Bishop, J. H. Shepherd. A course of Grandsire Doubles. H. W. L. Wells, 1; A. W. Harrington, 6.

**LEISTON (Suffolk).**—On Wednesday evening, July 24th, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late John Flegg, an old member of the St. Margaret's Society, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. C. Whiting, N. Bailey, G. Berry, E. Bailey, E. S. Bailey, C. Samson, J. M. Button, C. Bailey conductor. On Saturday, August 3rd, 1120 Superlative Surprise. N. Bailey, A. Lincoln, G. Berry, E. Bailey, E. S. Bailey, C. Samson, C. Bailey conductor, H. W. Baldry.

**ROMFORD (Essex).**—On August 5th, in St. Edward's belfry, on handbells, one 6-score of Stedman and one of Grandsire Doubles. A. J. Perkins, 1-2-3-4; H. W. Catterwell, 5-6.

**SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).**—On Thursday, July 25th, at Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor, 6-8 covering. G. Bester, A. Glasscock, J. E. Miller, F. G. Tegg, H. Miller, F. G. Tegg, H. Miller, F. G. Budd, S. Wade conductor, H. Armstrong. On Sunday, July 28th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 6-8 covering. G. Bester, S. Wade, J. E. Miller, J. A. Armstrong conductor, H. Miller, F. J. Budd, W. Pickworth, H. Armstrong.

**STANSTEAD (Suffolk).**—On Sunday afternoon, July 28th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Burch, S. Slater, P. Garwood, A. J. Clarke, G. Smith, T. E. Slater conductor. After service 720 Kent Treble Bob, S. Slater conductor, H. Burch, P. Garwood, T. E. Slater, A. J. Clarke, G. Smith.

**STOKE, COVENTRY.**—On Sunday, August 4th, at the parish church, 360 Grandsire Minor. E. Johnson, A. W. Flowers, J. Fennel, W. Maund, L. Lomas, J. H. White conductor. And 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Fennel, W. Maund, R. Bosworth, A. W. Flowers, L. Lomas, J. H. White conductor.

**SOUTHOVER, LEWES (Sussex).**—On Sunday, August 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. E. J. Pannett, S. W. Shoesmith, J. T. Rickman, F. S. Sturt, W. J. Trusler, A. J. Turner conductor, R. J. Dawe, A. S. Langridge, 224 Bob Major. E. J. Pannett, G. H. Sturt, F. S. Sturt, J. T. Rickman, W. J. Trusler, A. S. Langridge, R. J. Dawe conductor A. J. Turner.

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## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very good meeting of the Central Division was held at Buxted on Saturday, August 10th. The bells were raised soon after 3 o'clock, and were kept going to the tune of Grandsire till 5 o'clock, when a move was made to The White Hart for tea, the Rector (Rev. G. S. Pownall) kindly presiding. After tea the meeting followed. The minutes of the previous meeting being read and passed, one new member was elected—Mr. F. Chipper, of West Tarring. Mr. Causley then proposed, and Mr. J. Hart seconded, that the next quarterly peal be rung at Buxted, the method to be Bob Major, Mr. Hart to act as conductor, which was carried. Mr. Rickman then proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for allowing the use of the bells for the afternoon, and presiding at the tea and meeting, which was carried. The Rector in reply said he was very

pleased for the Association to come to Buxted, and hoped they would come again. He then gave a few very interesting details about the history of Buxted church. After this, a stroll through the lovely park in which the church is situated, and some more Grandsire and Plain Bob indulged in, after which Mr. Wratten very kindly pointed out a lot of interesting things relating to the church and old Buxted village. After this the bells were lowered, and tracks made for home, having had a very enjoyable afternoon.

## CROWLAND ABBEY.

On Sunday afternoon, July 14th, a visit was paid to the above Abbey by a party of ringers from Bourne, Morton and Edenham, and rang two 720s of Bob Minor and one of Kent Treble Bob Minor. The ringers were; Messrs. Lake, Larkinson,

and Blood (Bourne); Bainbridge and Neaverson (Morton); Holmes (Edenham). This was the first 720 of Treble Bob on the bells. These are a very handy ring of six, but have a very long draught and very noisy. The outing was arranged by F. Blood, who is a native of Crowland, but now resides at Bourne. On our way home a call was made at Deeping St. James, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were brought round, the calling being shared by Messrs. Lake and Holmes.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice during the month of August: St. John-at-Hackney, on the 20th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 22nd; St. John, South Hackney, on the 26th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 27th; all at 8 p.m.

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**The Royal Cumberland Society.**—The next meeting for practice will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Monday, September 2nd, at 8 p.m. Trusting members will make it convenient to attend. A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association—North-Western Division.**—A district meeting will be held at Stansted to-day, Sat., August 17th. Business meeting at 5 p.m.

N. J. PRISTOW, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Birch in Rusholme to-day, Sat., August 17th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Tring to-day, Sat., August 17th. Bells available at 4.30. Tea, 9d. per head at The King's Arms at 5.30. I trust ringers will turn up in force, and so make this, the first meeting of the Association to be held at Tring, a success.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Audley on Saturday, August 17th. Bells at 4. Tea at 5.45.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The William Verry Commemoration.**—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, August 24th, at The Red Lion hotel, Soho Road Handsworth, at 6.30 sharp. Tickets 2s. 6d. each, may be had from R. Faux, 65, Bacchus Road, Soho.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 24th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 prompt.

Z. LORD, *Branch Sec.*

**St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, on Tuesday evening, August 27th. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there is special business for consideration, the attendance of every member who can make it convenient is earnestly requested.

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

61, Roland Road Handsworth, Birmingham.

**The London County Association** late the St. James's Society.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, September 7th, at the parish church of All Saints, Isleworth. The tower will be open from 3.30 to 8 p.m. A social will be held afterwards. All ringers will be made welcome. Members and others are requested to note that the annual concert will be held on Saturday, October 12th.

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

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**The Lancashire Association.**—The annual meeting will take place at Blackburn on Saturday, September 28th. Preacher—The Right Rev. Bishop Thornton, D.D., Vicar of Blackburn. The following officers retire this year, but are eligible for re-election: Mr. J. Eachus, Vice-president; Mr. J. H. Banks, Ringing Secretary, and the two auditors, Messrs. J. Barratt and S. Greenhalgh. Nominations for any of these positions, and any notices for proposed alteration of rules must be sent in to the General Secretary not later than the first week in September. Further particulars by circular. A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*

4, Helena Street, Manchester.

J. H. BANKS, *Ringling Secretary.*

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**The Midland Counties Association.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly will be held at Stanton-by-Dale, from 3.30 to 9. All those intending to be present at tea kindly notify Mr. E. Gobey, Stanton-by-Dale, near Ilkeston, not later than the 22nd inst.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Sec.*

**St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.**—All ringing at the above church is suspended till Friday, September 6th.

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**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Ringers visiting Grimsby and Cleethorpes are welcome at St. Andrew's church (one minute from Grimsby Docks Station). Sunday ringing—10 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practices or peals arranged the Sunday previous. Intending visitors should write to J. W. Seamer, 83, Winttingham Road, to avoid disappointment.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—New Rule—Conductors should send a full report of peals rung within branch borders to the Branch Hon. Secs., and of peals rung elsewhere to the Guild Hon. Sec. within one month, written on one side of the paper only.

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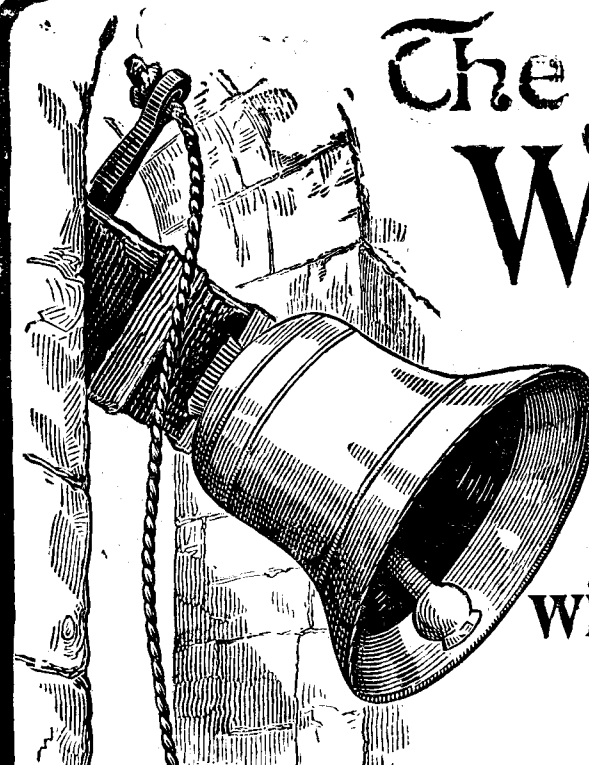
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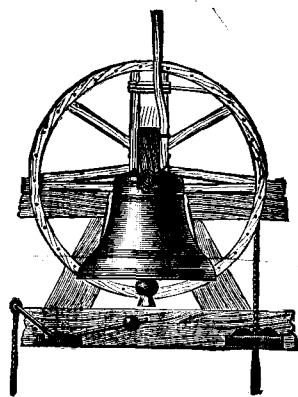
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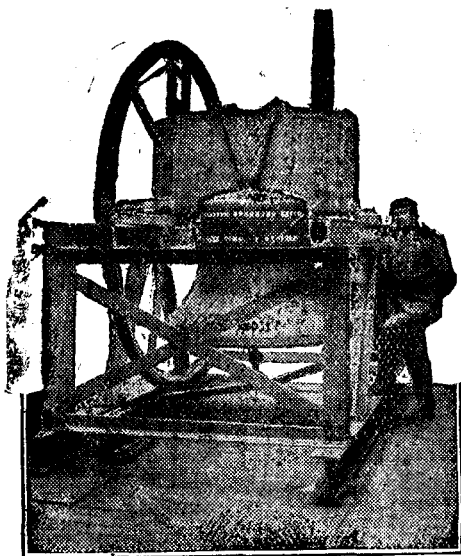
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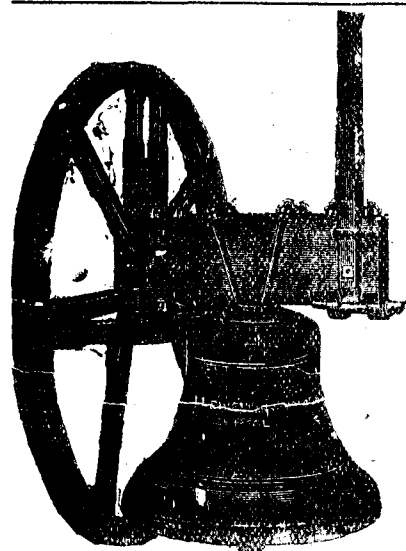
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## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 12th, at Lower Bebington parish church, an event took place which has been eagerly looked forward to, both by the ringers and congregation of the above church, namely the dedication of two new bells presented to the church by W. W. Watson, esq., and so completing the octave. The dedication was undertaken by the Ven. Archdeacon Barber, of Chester, who is the respected Master of the Guild. After the dedication service was over several touches of Grandsire Triples was rung by the local band. The ringers are delighted with the "go" of the bells, and every one expressed themselves highly satisfied with the tone of the full octave, and say they are a credit to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who cast the ring of six in 1845, and have now completed the octave.

## ALL SAINTS, MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

On Wednesday, July 24th, a very unique and striking ceremony was witnessed at the unveiling of a peal board, on which is recorded the account of four peals rung entirely by local ringers. Before the unveiling ceremony, Evensong was sung at 7 o'clock, the choir willingly assisting on such a special occasion. A small but interested congregation attended the service, at which Canon Drummond gave a suitable address. He emphasised the fact that bellringing, when entered upon in the right spirit, was an act of worship just as much as the singing of a hymn. A good many people, he was inclined to think, had a complete misunderstanding as to what a peal really was. Some seemed to think it an unnecessary, jangling, foolish noise, and a great nuisance. But if they would stop to think, they would see that it was of necessity methodical, and demanded the undivided individual attention and intelligence of all those taking part. He maintained that to complete a peal absolute harmony of mind was essential. If one failed, the whole failed. And this perfect harmony of mind was indicative of the true spirit of life in the Christian Church. He encouraged the ringers to persevere to perfect the Art, and also in the perfection of the character of those who administer the Art. He could say that those who so willingly gave their services in ringing for the glory of God were examples for the rest of the parish. He alluded to the four peals which were now to be recorded. Each was the first of its method ever rung in the parish by entirely a local band, and the peal of Superlative Surprise Major the first in the diocese. The ringers were to be heartily congratulated on their achievement. He publicly thanked, on behalf of the ringers, all those who, by their subscriptions, enabled the four memorable peals to be recorded. He concluded with an assurance that the ringers would in the future uphold their work as creditably as it had been upheld in the past.

After Evensong the Vicar and many of the congregation ascended the belfry, where the Vicar proceeded to unveil the new board, on which is recorded peals of Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative Surprise and Stedman Triples.

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

The usual monthly meeting of this society was held at Bolsover on Saturday, August 3rd, in response to the invitation of the newly-appointed Vicar, the Rev. B. Staunton Batty. Considering it was holiday-time, quite a large number of ringers attended, including representatives from Chesterfield, Sheffield, Norton, Bolsterstone, Barnsley, Rotherham, Eckington, Mansfield, Nottingham, Anston, Wombwell, and the local company.

The bells, a lovely ring of eight, tenor 14 $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt., were early sending forth their melodious tones in Plain and Treble Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative, etc., and they were allowed no rest until five o'clock, at which hour the Vicar requested us to adjourn to the schoolroom where a substantial tea had been kindly provided by him, sixty sitting down. On entering the room each person was cordially welcomed by Mrs. Batty, and all felt instantly at home. When all had duly replenished, and grace said, the president, Mr. Sam Thomas, thanked the Vicar for his kindness in meeting the society, also for his generous hospitality, and for the use of the bells. This was very ably seconded by Mr. C. H. Hattersley, who remarked on the condition of things generally, as compared with those of his younger days.

In reply the Vicar said he felt something like the clergyman who in publishing the banns of marriage between certain parties, could not at the critical moment lay his hands on the book, and after an awkward pause the clerk came to his assistance by calling out "between the cushion and the seat," and as the subject he was asked to say a few words upon was one that he took great interest in, he should like some one to come to his assistance, as he really did not understand it, but he hoped to make himself proficient in the Art in the near future, should his many duties in that large parish permit him to do so. In the first place he would like to say that it gave Mrs. Batty and himself very great pleasure to welcome the society at Bolsover, and also to see so many present, but at the same time he regretted that the vicarage was still in the builders' hands undergoing alteration, therefore he was compelled to make use of the schoolroom. However, he hoped this was to be the only one of many such gatherings, and that it would be his privilege to see them all again on the next occasion at the vicarage. Continuing, the rev. gentleman spoke very highly of bellringers as officials of the Church, and said that he had found in all the parishes he had been connected with, there was not a set of better Church workers than the bellringers, and he had already found the Bolsover company a keen set in this respect; and he was also pleased to learn that every one in the village were proud to hear their bells. Referring to the posi-

tion between the Church and the people, he believed there were troublous times coming, and it behoved every body of Church workers to keep themselves in an efficient state to overcome any difficulties that might arise, and he considered it the duty of the clergy to learn to take more interest in all that goes on the tower, so that all may work together for the glory of God. He knew that the best of feelings did not exist in some parishes, but the belfries were far better than they were years ago, and now that Associations had been formed, a high state of efficiency was being maintained. In concluding, he again hoped it was by no means the last time they would be his guests at Bolsover.

Mr. C. D. Potter, in a pleasing little speech, thanked the ladies for their attendance, and attention at the tea table, and this was supported by Mr. A. Craven. The Rev. B. Staunton Batty replied.

Five new ringing members were elected, and the Rev. B. Staunton Betty was unanimously elected an honorary member.

A vote of thanks to the Bolsover company for their ever willing and ready help brought the business to a close.

Before the assembly left the room, the Vicar announced that he had got permission for them to have a look round the castle grounds, and should anyone desire to do so he would accompany them. A large number took advantage of the offer. Others returned to the tower, where more ringing, including Superlative, Cambridge, and London Surprise, was indulged in until after eight o'clock, when the bells were lowered, and a very successful meeting terminated.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Western Division was held at Arundel, on Saturday, July 27th. The bells were raised in peal and 120 of Grandsire Doubles was first rung by members of the Lyminster branch, after which touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and a course of Double Norwich were rung. At five o'clock the ringers adjourned to The Bridge hotel for tea, the Vicar, the Rev. E. S. Salubey, taking the chair. Members were present from Arundel, Angmering, Brighton, Heene, Lyminster, Steyning and West Tarring, numbering 23. After tea the business meeting followed. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the divisional secretary and passed. The rev. chairman here mentioned that it appeared to him, by the minute book, that it was a general rule for the Vicar to provide tea at these meetings, and he should be pleased to do the same, for which he was heartily thanked. Mr. J. E. Sykes, of Huddersfield, was elected a life independent member, and Messrs. M. Hide and T. Gent to the Lyminster branch. Mr. Bassett proposed that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Arundel.

Mr. Merrett proposed a most hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for defraying the cost of the tea, for presiding, and granting the use of the bells.

The chairman replied, and said he was pleased to welcome them to Arundel, and that he should be willing to alter the time of the evening service for the convenience of the ringers, if they wished to start for a peal.

At six o'clock the ringers attended the ordinary evening service, after which the tower was again visited and the bells were kept going till eight o'clock.

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Full many a year had ringers tried,  
To ring Day's peal and still did wait;  
But their best efforts were defied,  
By sixteen thousand six hundred and eight.

On June the sixth there came a band,  
In eighteen hundred and ninety-two,  
With steadfast mind and skilful hand,  
Who manfully did pull it through.

Ten hours and minutes thirty-two,  
They stood and rang with scarce a clash;  
Old Treble Bob so well and true,  
Though many thought the attempt was rash.

But when at last the feat was done,  
For the first time in all the nations,  
Readily many a mother's son  
Offered their hearty congratulations.

About the gates there stood a crowd,  
Churchmen, dissenters, blues and yellows;  
With interest great and cheering loud,  
Did greet the plucky clever fellows.

The Vicar, and ladies too, were there,  
Racquets in hand from tennis ground,  
Well pleased they came our joy to share,  
Attracted by the exultant sound.

Before the band had left the tower,  
The Reverend Duke then kindly said  
"Come to my house and come this hour,  
There you will find a table spread."

**PHOTOGRAPHS Wanted.**—The Rev. R. H. Barnes, of Christ Church, Philadelphia, wishes to obtain photos. of the interior and exterior of the church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields. He will be pleased to pay all expense on being informed of it.

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## LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, etc.

1. 5024.					2.				
23456	M	B	W	H	23456	M	B	W	H
64352	-	-	-	-	64352	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-	25546	-	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-	-	42356	-	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-	-	53624	-	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-	-	42635	-	-	-	-
54632	-	-	-	-	34625	-	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-	-	62345	-	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-	-	36245	-	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-	-	26435	-	x	-	-
62345	-	-	-	-	46532	-	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-	-	56342	-	x	-	-
52364	-	-	-	-	34562	-	-	-	-
54263	x	-	-	-	25463	-	-	-	-
53462	x	-	-	-	23564	-	x	-	-
45362	-	-	-	-	45362	-	-	-	-
25463	x	-	-	-	42563	-	x	-	-
35264	x	-	-	-	35264	-	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-	-	63254	-	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-	-	45236	-	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-	-	34256	-	-	-	-
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64352	-	-	-	-	64352	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-	25346	-	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-	-	42356	-	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-	-	53624	-	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-	-	42635	-	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-	-	62345	-	x	-	-
26543	-	-	-	-	36245	-	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-	-	23645	-	x	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-	56342	-	-	-	-
56234	-	x	-	-	56432	-	x	-	-
46532	-	x	-	-	56234	-	x	-	-
34562	-	-	-	-	23564	-	-	-	-
25463	-	-	-	-	45362	-	-	-	-
56423	-	x	-	-	34562	-	-	-	-
36524	-	x	-	-	25463	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-	42563	-	-	-	-
45362	-	-	-	-	35264	-	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-	-	63254	-	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-	-	45236	-	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-	-	34256	-	-	-	-

Repeat the calling of three first courses completes each of these peals. No. 1 has the 5th and 6th at six course-ends each way in 5-6, the first I think in this number. No. 2 6th at six course-ends each way in 5-6, and 5th at six course-ends R. Ditto No. 4. No 3 same as No. 2, with the 4th at six course-ends in 6th place.

I dare say I really deserve a good wallop; but I will not answer for Penning or Trollope.

If I tell F. J. P. his new Triple method is to be found in "THE BELL NEWS" of September 25th, 1897, page 268, I should be wrong, as it is not so. But if he, a J. F. P., or anyone else care to turn to that page, there is to be found my 5024 in the superior

form, also the 5088 that belongs to Mallaby, each over another person's name, and which makes the third author of these peals. I of course now allude to the composition of Superlative, improved, and recently published by Mr. W. H. Inglesant.

HENRY DAINS.

P.S.—Let me compliment Mr. Penning on his Triple method, and hope it will soon be rung close to its birthplace, where I should think there are enough P's to form a band to ring it in Walden.

H. D.

## YORKSHIRE RINGERS IN LINCOLNSHIRE.

Bank Holiday, August 5th, was the day selected for an excursion into the adjacent agricultural shire of Lincoln by nine members of the Yorkshire Association and the Sheffield and Old East Derbyshire Society. A promised reserved compartment not being forthcoming, we persuaded the railway officials to lock us in an empty "first," and beguiled the journey by touches on the handbells and speculations as to the condition of the bells in the country parish churches that were passed *en route*. Arriving at the city of Lincoln (whose cathedral, being on a hill surrounded by flat country, could be seen miles before it was reached), we were welcomed at St. Peter-at-Arches church by Mr. J. W. Watson. The fine ring of bells by Rudhall were soon swinging to the tune of Stedman, whose extent of Triples was tapped off in 3 hrs. 14 mins. "Just a bit o' snap an' a glass" whilst the hustler was trying to induce a very lethargic Jehu (presumably native) to drive us to Washingborough. He was at last induced to go and "yok" his antiquated gondola out, in which we were soon seated, hitting off various methods on the "little 'uns," to the no small wonder of the people *en route*. We drove through a party waiting to salute a newly-married pair, and of course what more natural than for them to suppose that we were imported there as a novelty? Washingborough was reached in something under 40 mins. (not bad for three reputed miles, of which more presently). We ascended the tower (twelve steps I think), and rattled off 5008 sweet Bob Major in 2 hrs. 53 mins., it being George's first as composer and conductor. Then—the feast, in the shape of a real splendid meat tea, provided by the landlord of The Royal Oak, the headquarters of the Washingborough ringers. My word, wasn't each course got through in sharp time, with repetitions though! Stand! was called something under the hour, owing to the repetitions, thus finishing the third capital performance of the day. Two of the party being unfortunately not very agile, elected to return to Lincoln by the 7.2 (known in the local vernacular as the "last seven," the 6.40 being designated as the "fust seven"). How poetic, when used in connection with the prosaic railroad! But to keep to the point. An announcement in the window of The Royal Oak stated that home brewed ale could be had, of which the company assembled took reasonable notice. Between times votes of thanks were passed to the respective Vicars for the use of the bells; to the ringers for having everything in readiness; to the landlord for his bountiful hospitality, and to the ladies who presided. These having been suitably replied to, songs, tunes and touches on the handbells brought up 7.35, leaving us 45 minutes to foot it to Lincoln to catch the 8.20 (last train home). The distance, as already stated, was three (reputed miles). A hurried leave-taking, with hopes for future reciprocated visits, and "quick march." It was quick, and warm too, after a while. Twenty minutes plugging didn't seem to bring Lincoln towers much

nearer: the hustler therefore took the van, soon breaking into the double. This made the party appear in the light of "Harriers" to the slowly walking people overtaken, and their repeated shouts of the word, especially as the station was neared, provided another mild sensation. Not so mild for the harriers, though, in fact very hot. A grand finish over the station bridge resulted in a reserved carriage of the 8.20 being boarded in fine style, just on the dot. Coats and collars and other impedimenta off, what time we cooled down and watched the thin cool mists arise from Lincolnshire's lowlands, the train quickly (for a Bank Holiday) speeding us homeward. C. G.

### Correspondence.

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

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

#### TRURO CATHEDRAL.

SIR,—I am glad to be informed that Mr. Pearson, jun., the architect, attended a meeting of the Cathedral Building Committee on the 15th instant, and agreed so to modify the design of the north-western tower that a ring of bells can be hung and rung therein. He also undertook to confer with the bellfounders. This is excellent; and considering the generosity of donors to the new cathedral, we may also in time find a great hour bell in the south-west tower, like "Big Noll" of Beverley.

OLD RINGER.

#### EXPLANATORY.

SIR,—In the last issue of "BELL NEWS" it is stated on page 254, under "Benjamin Thackrah," that the variation of "Cambridge Surprise" which I named "Burton Variation" was eventually named "New Cambridge Surprise," and that it is the third variation of this method.

It was not till after publishing the variation referred to that I came across Thackrah's book and found that he had anticipated me in exactly the same variation by making use of what he calls "singles" in every lead.

As this variation permits the use of all peals of Superlative which have no bells reversed in 5-6, it is valuable as compared with the original method, which admits of one peal only. The Central Council determined to call the variation "New Cambridge Surprise."

What I desire to call attention to is the statement, quoted above, that this is the *third* variation of the method. I did not know that more than the one variation had been published; although, if my memory serves—for I have no books of reference by me—there is one other and worthless variation which I fancy I drew attention to many years ago in a contribution to your paper on this subject. I can recall no third variation.

ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

#### THE FIRST 720 AT BLACKMOOR, HANTS.

SIR,—I should like to say that a 720 of Bob Minor was rung by the Farnham company at Blackmoor on June 18th, '94. Also two attempts for Kent which were lost in the last 20 changes. At that date the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (Secretary of the Winchester Guild) was giving a band a course of instruction, and they seemed to be making very good progress. The rev. gentleman was the means of getting this band to go to Blackmoor to ring, so as to give his pupils a little insight. The band were Messrs. J. W. Whiting, G. Graffham, J. Staples, G. Instrell, Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, and E. C. Chappell. The bells at that time were fairly good, and the Vicar, the Rev. R. R. Bevan, seemed to take an interest in them. But I think he has left Blackmoor.

G. E. CHAPPELL.

#### A LETTER FROM JOHANNESBURG, S. AFRICA.

SIR,—Referring to the account of the ringing career of the late

Mr. William Shenton, of Melbourne, Australia, which appeared in your valuable paper of the 9th February last, I wish to state that in the first paragraph the writer is under a delusion when he makes the following statement: "Mr. Shenton and Mr. C. Norman are the only survivors of the band who rang the first peal on the bells of St. James's old cathedral fifty years ago last month." As a native of Melbourne I claim, as one intimately connected with the ringers and ringing in Victoria, and more or less in Australia, to know something about the Art in the great island continent of the southern seas. No peal—as ringers understand the word—has ever been rung at St. James's cathedral, Melbourne. Some ten years ago change-ringing altogether ceased on these bells, chiefly owing to the unsale condition of the tower, and also owing to the erection of a magnificent ring of twelve at St. Paul's cathedral, which was dedicated in the year 1891 by the Primate, the Right. Rev. Saumarez Smith, Archbishop of Sydney.

The first change-ringing in Australia (Mr. Shenton himself is my authority) took place at St. Patrick's (R.C.) cathedral, Melbourne, about the year 1865, when a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung. The first peal was rung at St. Philip's church, Sydney, on the 9th of April, 1880, when the late Mr. Shenton (as the writer states) rung the treble, the conductor being Mr. J. L. Murray, who is at present, I believe, an active member of St. Paul's society, Melbourne.

The rest of the article need not be discussed—it may or may not be correct. But this much I do say: the writer, whoever he may be, is not a ringer, for no ringer could ever pen such piffle, such arrant rubbish, unworthy of the traditions of the noble science. I hope ringers in England do not consider such stuff as that a sample of what ringing is in Australia at the present time. If however, some did read that article seriously, I may point to the successful ringing of Holt's Original on the 2nd July, 1904, at St. Paul's cathedral, the conductor being Mr. A. E. Barnes. Another peal was also rung some years previously, the conductor being again Mr. Barnes, and the composition his own. Though as yet not much has been accomplished in these days of advanced change-ringing, yet Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Plain Bob, are regularly rung in Melbourne, Sydney, Ballarat, and New Zealand. Rings of bells are vast distances apart, compared to England, and we have also to remember the climate is generally against long lengths, and peals can only be attempted in the winter months.

Change-ringing has had a hard and checkered history in Australia, and without going into detail, for I am loth to cast reflection on the memory of a dead man, I may truthfully state that nothing hitherto has been more to blame for this than the perversity, stubbornness, and idiosyncrasy of the late Mr. Shenton. As one intimately acquainted with him, I say he may have been a ringer in one method—Grandsire, but his most fervent admirers could never claim him as a safe-man even in that method. Mr. Shenton was essentially a ringer of the old school, he loved Churchyard Bob, etc., and I shall never forget his opposition to the introduction of change-ringing in St. Paul's belfry, when some of the younger members of the society were desirous of becoming something more than mere rope-haulers.

I write this without any animus to the memory of a man who no doubt thought he was doing his best for ringing, and simply as a matter of justice to men who have always fought nobly and well for the advancement of change-ringing in the sunny south, such grand ringers as A. E. Barnes, J. L. Murray, J. C. Nolan, J. A. Guest, and others. Now Mr. Shenton is dead and gone, perhaps the work of these men will in time bear good fruit. I cannot but think it will, for the foundations of our Exercise have been well and truly laid.

ERNEST F. BEHAN,

*Late member and Hon. Secretary of St. Paul's Society, Melbourne, etc. Johannesburg, South Africa.*

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice during the month of August: St. John, South Hackney, on the 26th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 27th; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
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**The Royal Cumberland Society.**—The next meeting for practice will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Monday, September 2nd, at 8 p.m. Trusting members will make it convenient to attend. A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*

**The William Verry Commemoration.**—The annual dinner will be held to-day, Sat., August 24th, at The Red Lion hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, at 6.30 sharp. Tickets 2s. 6d. each, may be had from R. Faux 65, Bacchus Road, Soho.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Guildford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Dunsfold to-day, Saturday, August 24th. 2.30—Bells available. 5.0—Service at the parish church. 6.0—Tea at the Club Room adjoining The Bricklayer's Arms inn. Members 6d. each. Visitors 1s.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

**St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, on Tuesday evening, August 27th. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there is special business for consideration, the attendance of every member who can make it convenient is earnestly requested.

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

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, August 31st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Thornhill Arms at 7.30 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Christchurch District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Ringwood on Thursday, September 5th. Bells at 6 p.m.

GEO. PRESTON, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

**The London County Association late the St. James's Society.**—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, September 7th, at the parish church of All Saints, Isleworth. The tower will be open from 3.30 to 8 p.m. A social will be held afterwards. All ringers will be made welcome. Members and others are requested to note that the annual concert will be held on Saturday, October 12th.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ambleside on Saturday, September 7th. Meeting at 5 o'clock. Ambleside and Brathay bells available.

W. ROBINSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Frome on Saturday, September 14th.

Service at St. John's church at 4 p.m. Tea at the Union Jack coffee-house, Cork Street, at 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow.  
E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Helen's church, Cliffe-at-Hoo, on Saturday, September 14th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided in the school at 5.30. Committee Meeting after tea. Half fares up to 2s. will be allowed. The Rector of the parish has promised to conduct parties round, and explain all about this grand and historic old church. The organist will give some selections on the organ during the evening. Members intending to be present must send me notice not later than Wednesday, September 11th.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—The annual meeting will take place at Blackburn on Saturday, September 28th. Preacher—The Right Rev. Bishop Thornton, D.D., Vicar of Blackburn. The following officers retire this year, but are eligible for re-election; Mr. J. Eachus, Vice-president; Mr. J. H. Banks, Ringing Secretary, and the two auditors, Messrs. J. Barratt and S. Greenhalgh. Nominations for any of these positions, and any notices for proposed alteration of rules must be sent in to the General Secretary not later than the first week in September. Further particulars by circular. A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*

4, Helena Street, Manchester.

J. H. BANKS, *Ringling Secretary.*  
462, Helmsford Road, Helmsford.

**St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.**—All ringing at the above church is suspended till Friday, September 6th.

JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Ringers visiting Grimsby and Cleethorpes are welcome at St. Andrew's church (one minute from Grimsby Docks Station). Sunday ringing—10 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practices or peals arranged the Sunday previous. Intending visitors should write to J. W. Seamer, 83, Winttingham Road, to avoid disappointment.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—New Rule.—Conductors should send a full report of peals rung within branch borders to the Branch Hon. Secs., and of peals rung elsewhere to the Guild Hon. Sec. within one month, written on one side of the paper only.

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livelihood he requires a pony to take him on his rounds. Our readers will recollect that he unfortunately lost his last pony under painful circumstances.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT BEDFORD.**—This was the first peal ever rung by a local company in seven methods at St. Peter's church. It was rung as a birthday compliment to C. A. Robinson, captain of the band; also as a farewell to C. Robinson, sen., who has been verger at this church for forty-six years, and who is also an old ringer. It is also noteworthy the progress of the St. Peter's company since January, the first 720 of Kent was ever rung by a local company, and now are capable of eleven minor methods. This was the quickest peal on the bells.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1907.

It is exceedingly pleasant to see that the representations made in "THE BELL NEWS" in connection with the proposed new north-western towers of Truro Cathedral, viz., that provision should be made therein for bells, have borne good fruit. The Cathedral is to be properly equipped with a ring of bells; and we perfectly agree with our correspondent this week when he exclaims—"This is excellent!" There is another agreeable point about this: the architect will consult with the bellfounder. That fact is a gain, certainly. We shall all hope that such a step may be followed in the future by other architects when they may be engaged in church building. If these gentlemen had always been in the habit of conferring with the bellfounder, there would not be so many instances of imperfect accommodation for ringers as there are now.

There are some most important matters which architects should know, and in the case before us the bellfounder will be able to specify what is required. A light and commodious ringing-chamber, free from any obstacle affecting vision, is perhaps the first condition. Hardly less important are the relative positions of that apartment and

the bell-chamber. Ringers don't want the bells immediately above their heads, nor hundreds of feet away from them. There is a happy mean for this, but the architect must consent to be instructed in this matter also by the bellfounder who in these days is generally a ringer also.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very pleasant and successful meeting of the north-western division was held at Stansted on Saturday last, when twenty or more attended. The bells of the parish church were at the members' disposal. A good tea was provided at The Barley Mow inn, the business following immediately after, Mr. E. A. Pitstow presiding. The minutes of the last meeting being read and confirmed, Sawbridgeworth was selected for the next annual meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for kindly granting the use of the bells.

The members then repaired to the belfry, where some capital ringing was done, the methods being London, Cambridge, Superlative, and New Cumberland Surprise Major, Double Norwich, Stedman, and Penning's Triples. Members attended from Saffron Walden, Bishops Stortford, Ware, West Ham, Great Totham, with the local company.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

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

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JOHN H. B. HESSE .. .. 4.	THOMAS JAKEMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal in the method; also J. Howes' fiftieth peal.

#### THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, WALTHAMSTOW.

On Saturday, August 17, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

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FRED C. MAYNARD .. .. 4.	FREDERICK A. NUNN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN.

### The Provinces.

#### SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.

On Saturday, July 27, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

G. HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. .. Treble.	G. HOLIFIELD .. .. 5.
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#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Treble.	*ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 5.
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Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WM. H. BARBER.

\*200th peal for the Association.

#### DURHAM.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 10, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

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

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 30 cwt.

GEORGE T. POTTER .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY .. 5.
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Composed by WM. MICKLEWRIGHT, and Conducted by S. SPITTLE.

A reference to this peal next week.

#### SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 13, 1907, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK RING, JUN. .. Treble.	GEORGE HAYES .. 5.
MARCELLUS J. DIGBY* .. 2.	WILLIAM LANE .. 6.
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Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

\*First peal in the method.

#### KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

#### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALBERT V. INNES* .. Treble.	ROBERT F. TURNER .. 5.
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\*First peal. †First peal away from the treble in the method.

## WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.

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T. HARRY GREATOREX* .. .. 2.	BENJAMIN GREATOREX .. .. 6.
HENRY GEORGE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FOX .. .. 7.
ROBERT M. BLACKWALL† .. .. 4.	*GEORGE BOWMER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATOREX.

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

## BEDFORD.

(THE ST. PETER'S COMPANY.)

On Thursday, August 15, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Merchant's Return, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs. in G.

JOHN BATES* .. .. Treble.	CHARLES A. ROBINSON .. .. 4.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 2.	PERCY J. COOK .. .. 5.
CHARLES STAPLETON* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM STAPLETON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

\*First peal in seven methods. Further reference elsewhere.

## HERSHAM, SURREY.

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

On Saturday, August 17, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 2.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 3.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 7.
ERNEST BONIFACE* .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method. This is J. Lamb's 200th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

## STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

H. MOORE'S TWELVE-PART.

CHARLES MORLEY .. .. Treble.	JOHN JOHNSON .. .. 5.
GEORGE WOODS .. .. 2.	JOHN MORLEY .. .. 6.
ARTHUR LATHAM .. .. 3.	WM. FITCHFORD .. .. 7.
ARTHUR A. CLAY .. .. 4.	*JOHN MEEK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. FITCHFORD.

\*First peal.

## OSPRINGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PRISTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

STANLEY B. DOBBIE* .. Treble.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 5.
FREDERICK G. ERETT .. 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 6.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. 3.	RICHARD S. STAINES .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	JOHN EXCELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

\*First peal.

## CASTOR, NORTHANTS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KYNEBURGHA,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBERT ROWELL .. .. Treble	ROBERT BRIGHTMAN .. .. 4.
JOHN BARRATT .. .. 2.	F. COOK .. .. 5.
GEORGE WELLS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. GOSS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. GOSS.

## SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 2.	JAMES DOWLEN .. .. 6.
MISS MABEL GILBANKS* .. 3.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 7.
JOHN BASS .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal of Major. First peal of Major by the above Association in which a lady has taken part.

## CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSEPH SADDINGTON* .. Treble.	JAMES HOUGHTON .. .. 4.
MARK NORTON† .. .. 2.	WILLIAM B. MEADOWS .. 5.
GEORGE LINES .. .. 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal on the bells which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor. \*First peal, and is one of the local band. †First peal in seven methods.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 17, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. Treble.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 5.
JESSE MOSS .. .. 2.	THOMAS RILEY .. .. 6.
THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 3.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 7.
ARCHIE BREARLEY .. .. 4.	JOHN FLINT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

## DIBDEN, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 18, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. .. 5.
HENRY W. WILKES .. .. 2.	CECIL E. VALENTINE .. 6.
HERBERT PAYNE* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 7.
A. MARTIN STEWART .. 4.	*ARTHUR J. PRINCE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal of Grandsire on the bells.



## ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 18, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSEPH PETTITT.. .. Treble.	GEORGE LINES .. .. 4
EDWARD CHAPMAN .. .. 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 5
WILLIAM B. MEADOWS .. 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON.

## Date Touches.

## STOW AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

DENVER (Norfolk).—On Thursday, August 15th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1907 changes of Bob Minor. H. Moore, S. Staines, W. Goodrum, C. Holliday, H. Robinson, E. Barker conductor.

## Miscellaneous.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS. ASSOCIATION.

WHITBY.—On August 14th, 504 Bob Triples and 672 Bob Major. E. Welburn, jun., F. Newton, Rev. A. J. de D. Denne, M. Thompson, G. F. Alexander, J. W. Wilkinson, R. Duch, Rev. W. P. Wright. On August 15th, 720 Bob Minor and 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Corner, W. Clarkson, J. W. Whittle, H. H. Bowes, J. Clarkson, Rev. W. P. Wright.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Sunday, August 18th, at Christ Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. A. Lebbon, W. Smith, J. Marks, J. B. Marks, W. Keeble conductor, F. Squires. The above was rung as a compliment to J. B. Marks, who was married at West Ham parish church on August 10th, the steeplekeeper of this church having failed to arrange a band as promised for the wedding.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Friday, August 9th, being the anniversary of the King's Coronation, 756 Stedman Triples was rung at St. Saviour's church, in 27 mins. E. Holloway, C. Cox, H. Runham, T. Fuller, Rev. Edwards, W. Newell, A. Osborn conductor, W. Fuller.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday, August 11th, for evening service at All Saints Boyn Hill, 384 Cambridge Surprise Major. H. Cox, T. Price, A. W. Brighton, M. Smither, C. Smith, J. Eldridge, A. Martin, G. Martin conductor. First in the method by all except A. W. Brighton.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PONTEFRAC (Yorks).—On Thursday evening, August 8th, at All Saints church, and on Friday, the 9th, at the parish church, half-muffled touches were rung as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late W. H. Howard, of York, vice-president of the above Association.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BROMHAM (Beds).—On Friday, August 16th, 720 and 360 of Kent, 360 Oxford, and a touch each of Woodbine and Violet. A. Mortimer, R. Gardiner, F. Mortimer, H. Gayton, H. Cocking, C. Mortimer conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, August 3rd, at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Corrigan, E. Mullins conductor, J. Porter, T. Westwood, C. Mackenzie, T. Miller, A. Hackley, W. G. Ellis. On Wednesday, August 6th, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Porter, E. Mullins, W. Mason, W. G. Ellis, G. Pigott, T. Miller conductor, A. Hackley, G. Bott.

CLARE (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 18th, after morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 51 mins. W. Roots, O. Laver, H. Cooper, B. Francis, G. Arnold, A. Shufflebotham conductor, G. Moore, E. Ridgwell.

GARVESTON (Norfolk).—On August 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. R. Beckett, jun. conductor, S. Kiddle, H. Kiddle, A. Barker, H. Beckett, F. Squires. The above was arranged for F. Squires, of Wanstead, who was on a visit to this place.

HARWICH (Essex).—On Tuesday, August 13th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. B. Bolton, A. Redwood, E. Todd, A. Turner, G. Thompson, C. Ramplin, C. Fenn conductor, T. Philo. On Sunday, August 18th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. R. Elmer, C. Ellis, A. Bolton, C. Fenn conductor, G. Moss, C. Ramplin, A. Morris, J. Alderton.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday evening, August 18th, at St. Mary Abbots church, 1259 Grandsire Caters. S. Davie, A. Cutmore, C. F. Winney, J. Herbert, A. F. Harris, H. G. Miles, E. G. Stibbons, J. R. Mackman, C. Charge conductor, J. Judd.

PRITTLEWELL (Essex).—On Tuesday, August 13th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Caters. W. Dudley, G. R. Wilson, C. Collins, G. Parrott, H. T. Wilson, W. H. Taffender, W. Bedwell, F. C. Newman, W. H. Judd conductor, H. Kelby.

ROLLESTON (Staffs).—On Thursday, July 11th, on the occasion of a parochial outing from Fenton, several 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. E. J. Stone, H. Wakley, C. C. Cox, S. Churton, J. Beech, Rev. E. V. Cox.

## A REASONABLE COMPLAINT.

The following letter has appeared in a Northants paper:—

"Sir,—At holiday times all sorts and conditions of men avail themselves of the opportunity of friendly visits, and Bank Holiday saw a number of church bell ringers from various parts (Leicestershire, Lancashire, and Essex) in the vicinity of Northamptonshire. Permission to ring upon the bells of Irthlingborough, Burton Latimer, Islip, Higham Ferrers, etc., was kindly granted by the various authorities, whom we cordially thank; but the one sore place remains to be exposed.

"The Incumbent of any church is the one and only source whence permission may be obtained, and when these reverend gentlemen exercise their right solely without outside influence no fault can be found. It is when some petty official intervenes for personal reasons (usually jealousy) that cordiality is turned into contempt.

"The village of Thrapston possesses a fine ring of bells, and we who indite this letter naturally assumed that Thrapston would not be behind in common courtesy. From Irthlingborough, where we had been ringing in the morning, we despatched a telegram to the authorities asking if they would kindly grant permission to ring. As time went on, and the reply-paid wire did not arrive, we went to Thrapston to ask personally. This we did, and were informed at the Rectory that permission was refused because the caretaker of the bells demurred! We then asked to ring them for a few minutes only in order to hear their tones, but this was also refused because of the aforesaid official.

"We do not presume upon every Rector's sanction—there are often good reasons for not ringing—but it transpired that there was no tangible excuse for this dogmatic action except it be that the caretaker had an old grudge against the ringers of Irthlingborough, whose guests we were. In this case our telegram was sent by the Rector to the caretaker, who, seeing from whence it came, promptly extinguished our hopes, and we took return train home again. It was not an insignificant company of ringers that desired the privilege of ringing Thrapston bells, as there were among them those who hold the highest honours of the ringing world. We are all life members of the county Association, but if this treatment were a specimen of Northamptonshire courtesy we should not be in a hurry to visit it again. We are glad to say that in this respect Thrapston stands out in all its rude (!) grandeur.—We are, yours respectfully,

THE VISITORS."

**Obituary.****HARRY SADDINGTON.**

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of the above-named Kettering ringer. Deceased was engaged at his usual employment, being a driver on the Midland Railway. He was driving a train to Cambridge on Thursday, August 8th, when he was taken ill on the engine, and was taken to Cambridge Hospital, where an operation was performed, but he gradually sank, and passed away in the presence of his wife. Deceased was a member of the Central Northamptonshire Association, and had been a regular attendant at the belfry to ring for the services on Sundays for a number of years. Although he had never rung a peal he was a good tenor-ringer, and a man that took great interest in the welfare of the Association. The funeral took place at Kettering

the following Wednesday. The chief mourners were his wife, five daughters and two sons. He was borne to his last resting-place by four of his fellow-drivers. Among the many floral tributes was a wreath from his brother-ringers. During the evening the bells were rung half-muffled in touches of Grandsire and Stedman, and the usual whole pull and stand was rung forty-nine times to record his age. On Saturday the ringers again met and rang a peal of Double Norwich Major with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to one who was loved and respected by all who knew him. May he rest in peace.

"A Disappointed Citizen" writes: To-day (Friday) is Coronation Day. As I was dressing at 7 o'clock this morning, the first thing I heard was the sweet bells of St. David's, mellowed by distance in the

early morning air, ringing out a merry peal. But what about those in the southern Norman tower of our Cathedral, reputed to be the heaviest ringing peal in Christendom? All to-day they have been dumb—mute as a dead codfish. A few years ago an appeal to the citizens in particular and to residents in the diocese generally for funds to put them in ringing repair was made, with the result that between one and two thousand pounds was collected, but I doubt whether the bells have been heard fifty times since. Even when one day this week the Rev. Prebendary Roger Granville was appointed Sub-Dean—a selection that has given the utmost satisfaction to everybody who rejoices in the friendship of that jovial cleric—the bells remained silent. Is this fair—even to the bells?—*Exeter Flying Post*.

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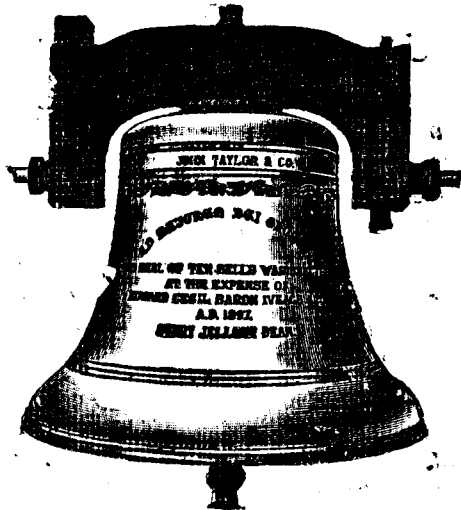
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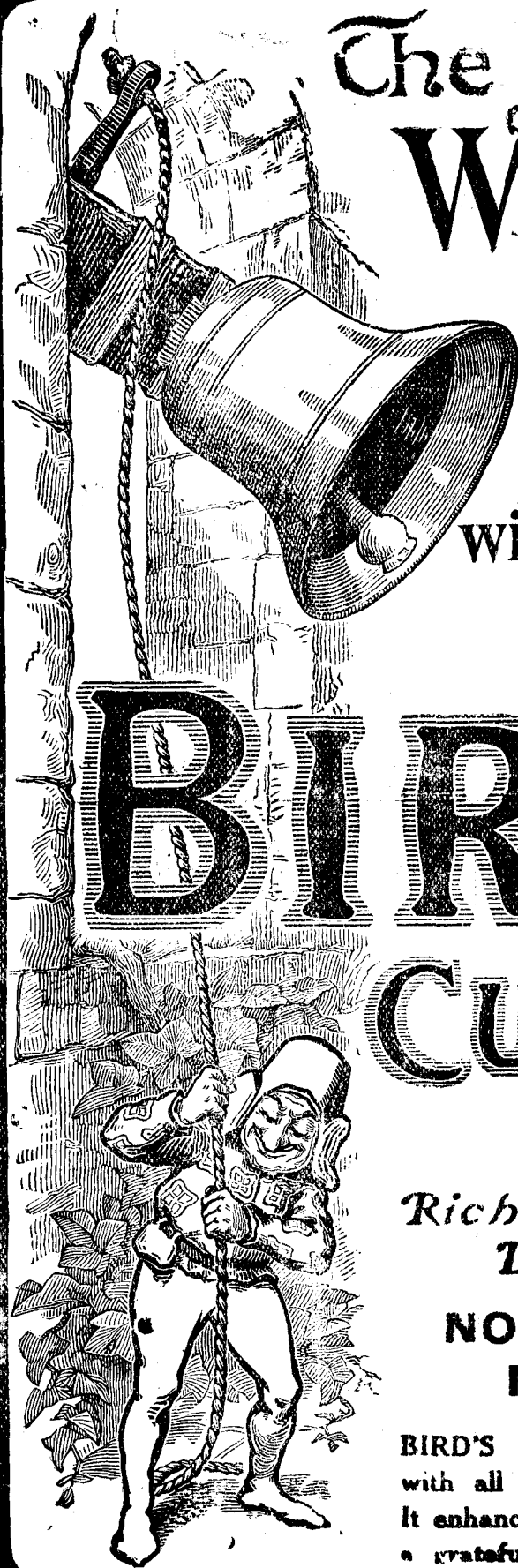
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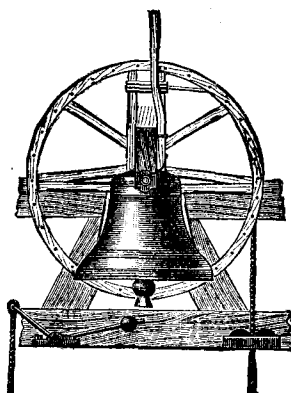
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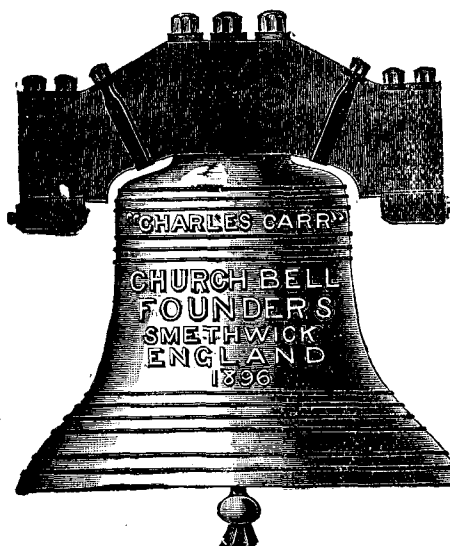
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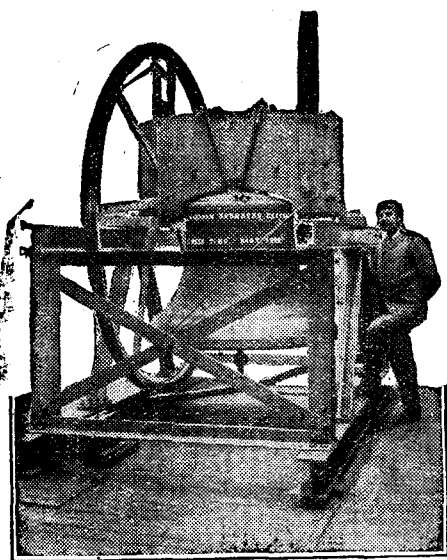
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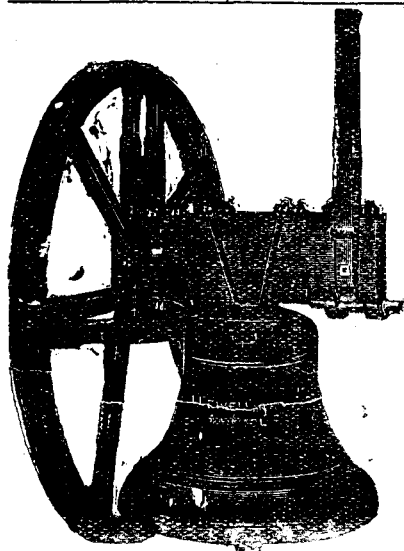
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## UPHAM, HANTS.

### RE-OPENING OF THE BELLS.

On Thursday, August 22nd, the sing of six in the tower of this beautiful country church, which has been silent for nearly two years, was re-opened. The fittings have all been renewed, and the 3rd bell has been recast by Messrs. Warner, who have made a very satisfactory job of the work. They have reproduced the old inscription on the bell, which, with the other five, was cast A.D. 1761 by Thomas Swain. He took over the well-known foundry of Robert Catlin in about 1751. Other bells of Swain's, bearing dates from 1753-1781, are found in this diocese at Thorpe, Cobham, Godalming and Epsom, while the peal at Thames Ditton came from his foundry, which was in Shoe Lane, in the parish of St. Andrew, Holborn. At Swain's death this foundry came to an end. The recast bell is about 6½ cwt., her note is G.

The dedication service was at 3.30, the form used was that of the Diocesan Guild, with appropriate special psalm and hymns. The Rector, the Rev. E. L. H. Tew, took the office, the Rev. H. Rycroft, Vicar of Bishop's Waltham, the lesson, and the Rev. C. E. Matthews, Vicar of Bursledon, and Master of the Diocesan Guild, preached from 1 Corinthians xiv. 10. Other clergy present were the Revs. R. A. Sidebotham (Fair Oak), W. E. Colchester (St. Maurice, Winchester), R. S. Page (Hedge End), and H. Wheat (Kingsley). The collection amounted to £3 12s. 0d., add this more than covered the deficit on the Bells Restoration Fund. The total cost of the work has been £87. Immediately after the dedicatory prayers a plain course of Stedman was rung during the service by members of the Cathedral band, under Mr. Andrews. These ringers, including the local men, with Messrs. J. W. Whiting and G. E. Chappell, were entertained at tea by the Rector. Later numerous touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung. One 6-score was rung in which the Revs. H. Wheat, W. E. Colchester, and C. E. Matthews took part. A 720 of Bob Minor was brought round by Rev. W. E. Colchester longest touch in the method, E. C. Lampard, W. C. Lampard, W. Crute, G. E. Chappell, J. W. Whiting conductor. Messrs. C. Russell, T. Smith, W. Knight, W. Kimber and W. Andrews also stood in. All were very pleased with the "go" of this ring, and as there is an exceedingly nice tone pervading the local band, some of whom are also members of the choir, Upham may be heartily congratulated upon the success of the re-opening of its bells.

C. E. M.

### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 24th, the Guildford District of this Guild held a meeting at Hascombe and Dunsfold. Service was held in Dunsfold church in the afternoon, when the assembled ringers were addressed by the Rector, the Rev. W. H. Winn. Afterwards the members took tea in the club room of The Bricklayers' Arms, the Rector presiding. Between forty and fifty members were present. In welcoming the ringers to Dunsfold the Rector said

that the oldest bell in their tower (which was one of the most ancient in the county of Surrey) had undoubtedly tolled the alarm for the assembling forces to repel the Spanish Armada in 1588. One could imagine on what a number of important occasions that bell had pealed since that time. He congratulated the members on the large meeting, and was only sorry that his own parishioners and ringers were so poorly represented, owing to holidays and previously-arranged cricket matches. In early times they had three bells at Dunsfold, and the legend runs that they said "Who beats we." An adjoining parish who had only two said "We do, we do!" while another neighbouring parish which had only one said "Oh, Oh." He did not want to hurt the feelings of any of the Chiddingfold ringers who were present, but it used to be said that their bells said "Poor Chiddingfold, hungry and cold," because they had such a poor peal. Now they had eight bells, which was better than Dunsfold, who only had six.

At the business meeting which followed tea, the question of the Garfath memorial was brought forward from the previous meeting held at Scale. A collection was taken then and there to try and raise the amount still required, and resulted in a collection of 17s. 3½d., which brought the total amount to £11 9s., being the total required.

The Secretary (Mr. John Jones) said he hoped the Bishop would unveil the memorial in Farnham tower during October.

The hon. members elected were Miss Florence Musgrave (Hascombe), Revs. W. H. Aitkin (Haslemere), R. H. B. Simpson (Dunsfold), and C. E. Nuttall (Guildford.) The ordinary members elected included the whole of the Hascombe ringers, who are to be instructed in change-ringing by Mr. J. W. Harrison, of Dunsfold.

The Rev. R. H. B. Simpson, in returning thanks for having been elected, said he knew very little about bell-ringing, and the experience he had had was not altogether creditable to him, though he believed unique. At the time of Queen Victoria's death the village he was Vicar of received a false alarm, and the church bell was tolled twelve hours before the Queen's death took place.

Mr. R. Whittington (Cranleigh), read an interesting paper on the Winchester Festival, and a vote of thanks was passed to him on the proposition of Mr. Roffey, of Guildford. Votes of thanks were also passed to the organist and choir for being present, and also to the Rector for his kindness.

### THE WILLIAM VERRY COMMEMORATION.

The third annual commemoration dinner took place at The Red Lion hotel on Saturday last, at which thirty members and friends sat down to a first-rate dinner, carried out in a neat style by host Gorman. The last course was a Surprise Major, brought round splendidly in the shape of pears, grapes and bananas. Members and friends having thoroughly enjoyed the repast, were entertained in a splendid manner by a good programme.

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## YORK MINSTER :

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In the sound of a monster bell mournfully voicing itself from the tower of a national monument, such as we have at York, there is something more than a deep soul-stirring vibration, for it quite unfits the hearer from following any other train of thought than that which it dictates. We tried to exchange opinions on its tone, for were we not listening to the second largest church bell in our country, one whose weight is nearly 11 tons, and whose thickness of soundbow is eight inches. We tried to analyse its hum-note, together with its third and fifth and super octave, and blamed the disconcerting wind which swept round the corners of the mighty fabric. But all the time we inwardly felt that its solemn tones were for our departed friend, and that our proper place was in the sanctuary, there to realise—

"That love lives on and hath a power to bless,  
When they who loved are hidden in the grave."

What wonder then that we turned our minds more immediately to the sad gathering. Entering by the south transept we get at once the glorious view of the five lancet windows at the far end of the north transept, framed, as it were, in and beyond the massive piers that support the central tower.

These lancets, locally known as "the five sisters," are of enormous height, but the whole proportion is so perfect that once the height, ninety-nine feet to the roof, is grasped, all else is lost in harmony. The sun now shining southwardly, draws our attention to the grandeur of that side, the details of the triforium standing out with great effect.

Again and again the booming note of Great Peter arrests our attention, and we become conscious of the vergers seeking to keep clear a central pathway from the south door forward.

Presently the choristers and songsmen file out from the choir, followed by the clergy and Dean, and as the boys retrace their steps at the end of the procession to regain their order of precedence, we get an effective silent counter-movement of the two columns. This is carried through with such quiet dignity that a thin white line of skilled singers now forms the inner outline of the path. With commendable punctuality the remains of our friend are slowly and reverently borne in on the shoulders of his comrades, and the clergy and choir being ready, the whole procession slowly advances. The effect of Cathedral voices singing as they proceed, is at all times charming, but never more so to us than on the present occasion, for as with subdued notes the choir take up the opening sentences, we hear the trebles growing fainter in the distance as the deeper notes of the tenors and basses approach; then for a time we all but lose the boys' voices, but they return to us quiet and clear, for their owners have passed the richly-cut stone screen of the choir, and the trembling sound waves now gathering force overhead, are mingling with the carved woodwork of the

stalls and rousing their sympathetic vibration. In the same way the various voices lend themselves to their changing surroundings, and the music, rich in simple chords, makes the effect more sublime, possibly such as can be attained only in a Cathedral of almost unparalleled height. When at length we reach the choir, the large gathering is very striking, every place appearing full. Our attention is again with the singers who now chant the psalm that has come down to us through the ages: "Lord, thou hast been our refuge, from one generation to another"; and as the *Decani* and *Cantoris* here divide each verse mid-way, the interblending chords strike the ear the more impressively. To the Bishop of Hull has been allotted the lesson beginning with the comforting words—"Now is Christ risen from the dead" and so excellently does he bring its message home, that we are sorry when its end comes, and his manly voice ceases. Two appropriate hymns divide the prayers, which latter being taken by the Dean himself, combine to make us feel the service as it closed had been one that we would have indeed been the poorer to have missed, so quietly and reverently was the Cathedral portion carried through. Rising from our knees after the Dean's blessing the deep rolling of the pedals made us halt anticipate Handel's *Dead March*. But no! A more poetical end is to be given to the impressive service. The *Dead March*, at all times more martial than divine, has no words with which to express the Church's farewell to one who as a faithful official had for the long term of sixty years gone in and out of the hallowed precincts. The organ ceases its troubled dirge, a moment's silence ensues and then with subdued voices York's famous choir leads the way sending aloft those ever restful words: "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace." The Dean and clergy follow, and once more the Minster company shoulder their honoured burden. As the procession wends its way through the stately south transept, it is found to be passing between through the ranks of the choir and clergy who have once again marshalled themselves on either side. So fittingly has everything fallen that the dying echoes of the *Gloria* have scarcely ended before the south door is again reached. At the very moment that the Minster is thus completing its tribute, and as our shoulder-borne veteran passes from its shadow, Nature takes up the theme, and with dazzling intensity the afternoon sun lights up the white wreaths, and shining through them, throws back into the sombre transept a gleam of floral purity, such as brings to mind the following—a fitting continuation of the Church's beauteous requiem—

"Songs of Heaven, triumphant singing,  
Rank on rank in waves of light,  
March the immortal legions bringing,  
Crown of gold, and robe of white;  
Far above them lustre streaming  
Round its towers, unbuilt by hands,  
Through a mist of glory beaming,  
See the City stands.

Earth hath been wearing thee,  
Now it is past,  
Providence sparing thee,  
Mercy preparing thee,  
Angels are bearing thee,  
Homeward at last."

REQUIESCAT IN PACE.

ADDRESSES WANTED.—W. E. Cave, Bristol; Albert Walker, Birmingham; Frank Bennett, late of Brighton Thos. Groombridge, Beckenham.



### THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The nineteenth annual meeting of this Association was held in the parish room, Keswick, on Saturday, there being present the Revs. Canon Rawnsley, F. L. H. Millard, and W. H. Spurrier, and a number of ringers from Aspatria, Crosthwaite, Cleator Moor, Egremont, Irton, and Workington, including Mr. J. D. Baxter, the Hon. Secretary. The President, the Rev. H. L. Millard, occupied the chair, and after heartily welcoming the members called upon the Secretary to read his annual report (which will be published in full next week).

The statements of accounts was also read, and showed the Association to be in a very satisfactory financial condition. The Secretary was directed to have the report and statement of accounts printed and distributed among the various Cumberland belfries and members of the Association. The Chairman then proposed Mr. Spurrier as President for the ensuing year, saying that he (the chairman) had now occupied that post for some years, and he thought it time they had a change. This was seconded by the Rev. Canon Rawnsley, and carried. Several gentlemen were elected as vice-Presidents, and Mr. Baxter was again re-elected as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. It was arranged that the names of gentlemen willing to become hon. members be sent to the Secretary, who should thereupon register them as members. The next competition meeting was fixed to be held at Aspatria on Easter-Monday, when it would be left to the option of the competitors whether they rung a Minor or a Major touch, the Secretary to consult Mr. Chapman, of Manchester, who was again chosen as adjudicator, as to the feasibility of fairly judging a competition such as this as a whole, either by averaging the total faults per bell, and awarding the shield to the company having the smallest average, or otherwise. It was arranged that in the event of Chapman deciding that he could not fairly adjudicate between the Minor and Major test pieces that medals be provided for the best Minor ringers, but that the best Major company take the shield along with another set of medals. It was left to the judge to fix the length of touch to be rung, and the usual resolution as to payment of fares of competing bands was passed. It was also decided to provide a box for the conveyance of the shield between the belfries, and that the next annual meeting be held at Workington.

Mr. Wilson, of Aspatria, gave notice that he would move at the annual meeting that unless three bands signified one month before the date fixed for any shield competition their intention of taking part therein that such competition be abandoned for that year. On the motion of the Rev. Canon Rawnsley the Secretary was directed to write to each of the conductors of the various belfries and ask for a copy of the rules (if any) in force in his belfry, and, if none, whether he and his ringers considered it advisable to adopt any, and, if so, for a memorandum of such rules as they suggested, so that model belfry rules might be drawn up by a committee of the Association. At this point the Chairman said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was to ask Mr. Baxter to accept a slight recognition of his services to the Association, which took the form of a handsome table gong consisting of a silver model church bell hung by a silken cord from a silver arch, which was fixed upon an ebony base, upon which there was a silver plate with the following inscription: "Presented to Mr. J. D. Baxter by the Cumberland Association of Bellringers in recognition of his enthusiastic work as Secretary for fourteen years, August 24th,

1907." The Chairman referred in glowing terms to Mr. Baxter's work in connection with the Association, and stated that he had to a great extent been instrumental in spreading the Art of Change-ringing among the Cumberland belfries, and in bringing the Association to its present satisfactory position. The other rev. gentlemen followed in the same strain, and Mr. Spurrier (who had undertaken the collection of the necessary subscriptions in connection with the presentation, and who had chosen the form of the gift, which he stated had its inception in the mind of Mr. Johnston, one of the Workington ringers) said it had been a pleasure to him to do what little he had done, as everyone he wrote to entirely concurred in what was being done, and expressed his appreciation of Mr. Baxter's services. Mr. Baxter had been kept entirely in the dark as to the impending presentation, and in thanking the members for their appropriate and beautiful gift said how unexpected it was, and how grateful he felt for the kind remarks which had fallen from the lips of the rev. gentlemen, and been so enthusiastically received by the members, and that much as he would value the handsome gong he felt amply repaid for any services rendered by him to the Association, which had been entirely a labour of love by the manner in which such services had been received by the members. The usual vote of thanks to the chairman brought a very enthusiastic and pleasant meeting to a close. Just before the termination the sad case of Mr. Stephen Hogarth, of Crosthwaite, was mentioned. Mr. Hogarth, who was a very efficient change-ringer, and one of the earliest members of the Association, and a most earnest worker in connection with everything appertaining thereto, had been for some time past, and still is, suffering from a painful illness, which has totally incapacitated him from work, and it was decided that a Committee consisting of the clergymen and conductors be appointed to see what could be done in the way of lightening the burdens of the invalid and his wife and family.

### 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."

#### MACFARLANE INFORMATION.

SIR,—To ascertain from public opinion which is the better peal of eight church bells in England would be a most difficult task, and taken off-hand only approximate. The question should be applied to peals with not less than a ton tenor, as we find comparatively few over 25 cwt. unless to peals of ten. Before offering my humble opinion may I suggest that the views of the members of the Exercise be given in strict accordance with certain definite lines, such as follows: Not more than two octaves to be named for each county; Weight of bell-metal only (no fittings) not to vary more than 1 cwt. above or under 25 cwt.; Diameter, note of key, and weigh of the tenor bell to be immaterial to the decision; Exact tuning of all the bells, maiden castings, or tuned bells not to be questioned; No cracked or "leather" bells to be included in the octave; Inquiry should be made from the sound of the peal when rung (not chimed) in in rounds only, and heard outside the tower; Members of guilds, associations or ringing societies to consult together at their annual meetings and vote for the peals selected for each county.

Taking a whole peal of eight collectively it would be needless to compare an 18-20 cwt. peal with one of 24-26 cwt., we know which would be the "grandest." Again, why bring in a fairly good octave with one of the larger bells known to be duffer, or a wild smaller bell? Many peals sound better inside the tower and others outside, this depending upon the floors intervening between the ringers and the bells, or if there is a spire surmounting the tower, and again if the whole peal is hung on one level. Certain ringers acquire an affection for a particular peal,



and if they are ardent change-ringers seldom listen to good octave outside the tower with the object of forming a comparison. The fact has been confirmed in Mr. Robinson's work—"Among the Bells," that certain bellfounders can produce a deep-noted bell with about one-sixth less metal than others—Privett for instance. It is to be concluded that no eight be selected from ten or twelve-bell towers. Mr. Gifford (of Salisbury) has for some years taken the note and diameter of the tenors of many grand peals, and has personally made aural comparisons, his opinion would therefore be most valuable. The late George Newson considered Lavenham one of the finest tenors he had ever heard, some of the other peals are not so good, and Southgate (Middlesex) takes precedence. St. Stephen's Westminster, Westerham, Denham, Hackney, South Molton, Southgate, Eastbourne, Headcorn (St. Saviour's), have each a 24 cwt. tenor, but the 5th at Denham puts this fine peal out of the running. Could the Westminster (St. Stephen's) bells by erected at Southgate few persons would detect the change of octaves, but in this case Southgate trebles do better. Barking, Rammoor, Battle, Borden, Henley, Ash, Beaconsfield, and Shrewsbury Abbey, tenors about 22 cwt. each, are all good, the latter peal made up by five different bellfounders constitutes a record for variety of birth-place. There are few peals of 22 cwt. tenor to equal Beaconsfield, here two of the bells are old and of rather doubtful quality individually. Referring to heavier peals, Romsey, Preston, Ledbury, Chatham, Folkestone, Ross, Rugby, Guildford, and Grinstead, each of 25 cwt., are good, Ross (cast by Rudhalls) taking the lead, but marred by the 4th, if I remember rightly, so that we must again turn to Southgate for preference. Ryde, Lindfield, Rochester Cathedral, Axminster, and Leighton Buzzard, all 26 cwt. each, are well-known peals, and among these most ringers would select Ryde, but each bell separately tried would not pass for quality of tone in proportion to Southgate bells. Arklow would probably be the best peal in Ireland, Dundee in Scotland, and Barmouth in Wales. With regard to England my observations apply to London and South, as I have not heard many of the fine peals in the North of England. The north countrymen I have met in town who have heard Southgate bells have spoken of them as the grandest they have heard for their weight.

W. H. F.

## TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—Mr. H. Dains says the charges I made against him are fabulous and baseless, but I say they are not, and what is more I intend to prove it. I think I gave sufficient reason in my letter on July 20th to show that I had some claim to originality in my peals without referring to Sottanstell's when I published them in 1903. When I sent my first letter on the above subject I complained that Mr. Dains's peals were merely variations of mine, but now, sir, I intend to go further, and state that Mr. Dains's so-called peals are in reality mine, which he mutilated to serve his own ends. Let your readers compare the peals, and I think they will come to the same opinion. Yes, sir, and what is more, Mr. Dains knows this, and that is the real reason why he ignored my peals and referred your readers to Snowden's "Treatise." If Mr. Dains can disprove these statements, which I challenge him to do, and I can show that he has effected any improvement on Sottanstell's peals not already contained in mine, then I shall be only too pleased to withdraw the charges I made against him as fabulous and baseless.

FRED ROBINSON.

## LONDON SURPRISE.

SIR,—Mr. Dains's first peal of London Surprise in your last issue is false, therefore my 5056, published several years ago, is still the only peal with the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6. I thank Mr. Dains for pointing out when the Superlative peals were published by me, as I had looked in vain. I hope Mr. Inglesant is now thoroughly convinced that he has no claim whatever to these peals. As to my claim, when I have proof of previous publication, I will give my decision: I shall not be so obstinate as Mr. Inglesant, being quite competent to judge an original from a variation.

F. DENCH.

## INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—I wonder whether you or any readers of "THE BELL NEWS" could help me in the following matter: In this church

there are a peal of eight bells—tenor 20 cwt.—which are thought by many to make rather too much noise in the immediate vicinity. I fancy that the reason may be that the louvres are open too far down, and that the sound of the bells might be made better in every way by blocking of the openings up to a certain height. At present there are three long openings on each side of the bell-chamber, each, I should think, about 25 feet high and 3 feet wide; these openings extend right down to the bottom of the bell-frame, and the louvres across them are about 3 feet apart. My idea is to brick up, roughly speaking, the bottom half of all these openings with a single course of bricks on the inside, taking the blocking-up process to some three or four feet above the height of the bells when being rung; but I should like to know whether anyone has any experience of the effect of this, and whether a single-brick course would be sufficient to prevent the sound striking straight down, as it apparently does at present. What would be effect of wood instead of brick in the way of stopping the sound? There has been a proposition to place a kind of system of venetian blinds on a large scale on the inside of the openings, which could be opened or shut. Such an idea seems to me cumbersome, and probably not so effective; but I should like advice.

VICAR.

## "A REASONABLE COMPLAINT."

SIR,—Under the above heading, which I would designate as unreasonable, there appears in your issue of August 24th, a letter presumably taken from a Northants paper, to which I sent a reply at the time, which I will ask you to give currency in your paper so widely circulating among bellringers.

On August 9th, Bank Holiday, on which day this year our annual sports were held, there came an application by wire for permission to ring a peal on the church bells. As it happened, I was not home when the telegram arrived, but immediately on my return, after consultation with the captain of our band of ringers, to whom I always look as responsible for the care of the belfry, I wired back—"Very sorry; not to-day." One reason being that no bellringing on that day is ever allowed here, as the church being very near to the houses in the town, it is found greatly to disturb and interfere with the business of the parishioners living close by the church, whom I feel bound to consider before the wishes of strangers.

Subsequently two of these would-be ringers called at the rectory, to whom I sent the same reply as I had already given by wire. I need not here enter more fully into other reasons which obliged me on this occasion to decline their request, but I wish to disclaim any lack of courtesy in regard to my action in the matter, and to protest against the assumption made in the letter that the refusal was due to outside influence arising from jealousy and an old grudge which the caretaker had against the Irthlingborough ringers. This, sir, is a most untruthful and ungenerous statement to come from those who have on more than one occasion been granted the use of the bells for a full peal. Further comment on this letter is, I think, unnecessary.

S. KINGSFORD, Rector.

## WEDDING PEALS AT WEST HAM.

SIR,—I see in your issue of the 24th that our Wanstead friends state that I promised to get a band to ring for Mr. B. Marks' wedding; I did no such thing. What I said was that if either of the contracting parties came to me I would try and get a band, and I could have got one if I had the order to do so. And I wish to state further, if any one wishes the bells rung, they must communicate with the verger of the church, or myself.

WILLIAM DORAN, Steeplekeeper.

A correspondent writes: "Apropos of the remarks in your issue of the 17th instant anent the success of Brother George Bolland, of Tong, you omitted to mention that Mrs. Bolland secured prizes for butter and for bread making."

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 1907.

As shewing the magnetic influence that a peal of bells possesses for drawing together those who take an interest in the art of change-ringing, we may chronicle an impromptu meeting that took place in the belfry of St. Mary's parish church, Scarborough, the queen of watering places.

One intending visitor had previously by letter enquired for the usual practice-nights, and Mr. Ferguson, the local secretary, kindly arranged for Tuesday evening, August 17th, at 7.30 p.m.

At this hour there was not a full band present, but the bells were "pulled up," and very shortly the sounds brought other visitors. Enquiries for names and places of abode elicited the fact that amongst those present were—Miss Gilbanks, of Wollaston Vicarage, Stourbridge; Mr. Towers and friends from South Wigston (Leicester); Mr. and Mrs. T. Stephenson, of Stockton-on-Tees; Mr. W. and Miss Abbishaw, of Rothwell, Leeds; and T. Maude, of Pudsey, in addition to Messrs. Ferguson, Gibson, Dixie, Barton and Coates of the local company.

Amongst several touches rung were—504 Grandsire

Triples. G. J. Barton, 1; Miss Gilbanks, 2; A. Coates, 3; H. Ferguson, 4; T. Stephenson, 5; H. Gibson, 6; J. Dixie, 7; —. Towers, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. And a touch of Kent Treble Bob with 7-8 covering by G. Ferguson, Miss Gilbanks, J. Dixie, H. Gilson, T. Stephenson, and W. Abbshaw.

### PORTISHEAD CHURCH BELLS.

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On Thursday, August 15th, the bells were re-opened, after a short service by the Ven. Archdeacon of Bath. On all sides one heard nothing but praise for, and satisfaction with, the go of the bells, and with the general design and workmanship.

### LATE NOTICE.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Earlsheaton on Saturday, September 14th. Meeting-house—The Park hotel. Meeting to commence at 5.30. WALTER IDLE, Sec.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 23, 1907, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE, GREENWICH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES.

HARRY HOSKINS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM FOREMAN .. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 2.	ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BERRY .. .. 3.	JAMES DAVIS .. .. 8.
EDWIN PRICE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS .. .. 9.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 5.	THOMAS JAKEMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC GEORGE SHADE.

Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Berry, the ringers wishing them every happiness.

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

On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt

CHARLES POTHECARY .. Treble.	HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. .. 6.
ALFRED J. T. CARTER .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

#### THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER.

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

GEORGE MARRINER .. .. Treble.	†RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. 6.
ALFRED WINCH .. .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
FRED G. PERRIN .. .. 3.	ERNEST BRETT .. .. 8.
BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON* .. 4.	ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. 9.
HORATIO GUMMER .. .. 5.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. Tenor.

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

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

### The Provinces.

#### CAPEL, SURREY.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, August 3, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE CHEESMAN .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR LINTOTT .. .. 4.
JOHN AKKHURST .. .. 2.	FREDK. R. TULLETT, JUN. .. 5.
CHARLES TAYLOR .. .. 3.	ARTHUR W. TULLETT .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK R. TULLETT, JUN.

#### PULHAM, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 12, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES TANN .. .. Treble.	*CHARLES CUTTING .. .. 5.
FREDERICK ROOPE .. .. 2.	HENRY ADCOCK .. .. 6.
EDWIN WHITING* .. .. 3.	CHARLES TANN .. .. 7.
ROBERT WHITING .. .. 4.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by C. T. P. BRICE.

\*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to James Tann.

#### CORSE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 17, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Being thirty-two 6-scores of St. Dunstan's, and ten of Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

T. TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	W. J. SEVIER .. .. 4.
B. ETHERIDGE .. .. 2.	W. WICKS .. .. 5.
B. W. G. ETHERIDGE, JUN. 3.	A. DANCE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by B. ETHERIDGE, SEN.

First peal on the new bells. Reference elsewhere.

#### BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.

#### THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 20, 1907, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM CRANE, SEN. .. Treble.	JAMES H. MIDWINTER .. .. 5.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES .. .. 2.	C. CAREW COX .. .. 6.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. .. 3.	JOHN H. GRUNDY .. .. 7.
REV. THE HON. A. ERSKINE 4.	ALBERT J. HUGHES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER

This is the conductor's 150th peal, particulars of which appear elsewhere.

#### THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 20, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

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

Being a 720 of Double Court, and two each of Oxford, Kent, and Plain Bob.

CHARLES NUNN .. .. Treble.	ALPHAUS BERRY .. .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS .. .. 2.	FREDERICK WATLING .. .. 5.
HARRY MOSS .. .. 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

## COMPTON, DEVON.—THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 21, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE EMMANUEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs. in E flat.

J. GLUVAS .. .. .	Treble.	G. E. PARR .. .. .	5.
W. FORD .. .. .	2.	E. MANNING .. .. .	6.
W. RUNDLE .. .. .	3.	G. H. MYERS .. .. .	7.
F. DUNAWAY .. .. .	4.	J. WOODLEY .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by G. H. MYERS.

First peal by members of the Guild. It was rung after a previous attempt at Liskeard on August Bank Holiday, but owing to the bad "go" of the 7th and tenor it was lost after ringing 1 hr. 15 mins.

## OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, August 22, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERES, 5055 CHANGES.

WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. .	Treble.	EDGAR HUMFREY .. .. .	6.
GEORGE R. FARDON .. .. .	2.	WILLIAM JEFFREY .. .. .	7.
ARTHUR HAWES .. .. .	3.	THOMAS PAYNE .. .. .	8.
SAMUEL HOUNSLOW .. .. .	4.	EDWIN HIMS .. .. .	9.
ALFRED FOX .. .. .	5.	EDMUND BANNISTER .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM J. SMITH.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 23, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs.

GEORGE JONES .. .. .	Treble.	EDWARD ROWLANDS .. .. .	5.
ROBERT SPERRING .. .. .	2.	THOMAS NEWELL .. .. .	6.
HENRY W. WILDE .. .. .	3.	JAMES V. WRIGHT .. .. .	7.
ARTHUR PRINCE .. .. .	4.	JAMES MORGAN .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

## DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWARD UNITT .. .. .	Treble.	WILLIAM DEVEY .. .. .	5.
GEORGE MORGAN .. .. .	2.	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. .	6.
JOHN CARTER .. .. .	3.	HORACE BELCHER .. .. .	7.
TITUS LOWE .. .. .	4.	JOSEPH LOWE .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal is on the three lead plan, and is a twenty four part peal and now rung for the first time. First peal on the bells since being rehung by Barwell. Messrs. Uitt, Morgan and T. and J. Lowe were elected members previous to starting.

## EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS'S.

JOHN WYATT .. .. .	Treble.	WILLIAM GROVES .. .. .	5.
STEPHEN WILSON* .. .. .	2.	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT .. .. .	6.
ROBERT B. BLANCHARD .. .. .	3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. .	7.
CHARLES E. READ .. .. .	4.	LEWIN C. FERRIGE .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

\*First peal in the method.

## COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

J. E. OVERTON* .. .. .	Treble.	B. HEAD .. .. .	5.
A. T. BAKER .. .. .	2.	W. OVERTON .. .. .	6.
J. ELCOCK .. .. .	3.	W. SHORT .. .. .	7.
J. OVERTON .. .. .	4.	H. W. OVERTON .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by W. SHORT.

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

## LYMINGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURGA,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY BARTON .. .. .	Treble.	WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. .. .	5.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. .. .	2.	CHARLES W. BRETT .. .. .	6.
PERCY PAINE .. .. .	3.	FREDERICK G. BRETT .. .. .	7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. .. .	4.	EDWARD RUCK .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

## BENNINGTON, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5152 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. .. .	Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. .	5.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. .	2.	HUBERT EDEN .. .. .	6.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. .. .	3.	ALFRED B. PECK .. .. .	7.
HENRY G. MILES .. .. .	4.	SAMUEL PAGE .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

## BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## 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.

HERBERT J. HARLOW .. .. .	Treble.	CHARLES MORTIMER .. .. .	4.
HERBERT L. HARLOW .. .. .	2.	WILLIAM J. DAVISON .. .. .	5.
JOHN W. BARKER .. .. .	3.	FRANK WEBB .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

## FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, Single Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN WILKINSON* .. .. .	Treble.	HENRY W. WILDE .. .. .	4.
JAMES W. BELL .. .. .	2.	GEORGE R. NEWTON .. .. .	5.
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. .	3.	JAMES MORGAN .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

\*First peal.

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

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR CRANE* .. .. Treble.	HARRY HOPKINS .. .. 5.
FRANCIS HEDGES .. .. 2.	RICHARD NICHOLS .. .. 6.
LAURENCE MEAGER† .. .. 3.	HARRY SEAR .. .. 7.
GEORGE F. HOAD .. .. 4.	ALFRED G. CRANE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

\*First peal. †First peal on eight bells. Rung to commemorate the London and North Western Cricket Club winning Sir Frederick Harrison's cup competition at Llandudno on the above date.

## STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

ALFRED LAWRENCE .. .. Treble.	CHARLES J. GARDNER .. .. 5.
THOMAS RICKETTS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM STONE .. .. 6.
EDGAR HUMFREY .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. .. 4.	ALFRED W. HARRINGTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

THOMAS H. COLBURN .. Treble.	CHARLES DEAN .. .. 5.
JAMES D. DREWETT .. .. 2.	THOMAS STEERS .. .. 6.
DOUGLAS W. DREWETT .. 3.	ALBERT CALVEB .. .. 7.
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. JOINER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Joiner, who received the usual good wishes.

## BEAUMARIS, ANGLESEY.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PHILIP W. DAVIES .. Treble.	C. CAREW COX .. .. 5.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES .. 2.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. .. 6.
REV. THE HON. A. ERSKINE 3.	JOHN H. GRUNDY .. .. 7.
ALBERT J. HUGHES .. .. 4.	JAMES H. MIDWINTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

First peal of Stedman on the bells and in the county.

## BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, August 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

JOHN H. GRUNDY .. Treble.	ALBERT J. HUGHES .. .. 5.
REV. THE HON. A. ERSKINE 2.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. .. 6.
DAVID T. HUGHES* .. .. 2.	C. CAREW COX .. .. 7.
JAMES H. MIDWINTER .. 4.	†JOHN WARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. CAREW COX.

First peal of Stedman as conductor. \*First peal of Stedman. †First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Lewis Jones, wife of the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, the esteemed Vicar of St. David's, Bangor, the band wishing her many happy returns.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal at Kettering, reported last week, was conducted by David J. Nichols, not by C. Bird as stated.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT DUDLEY (reported last week).—These bells have just been supplied with new wheels and other necessary repairs done by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham. An appeal was made to the parishioners by the churchwardens for funds to pay off the debt. Mr. W. W. Jenkins, an ex-churchwarden, came forward and paid it; in addition he had the walls and ceiling thoroughly cleaned in the ringing-chamber. August 12th being the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, this peal was rung as a compliment for his kindness, and to celebrate the event. Before starting for the peal Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins and party came up to the ringing-chamber to thank the ringers for their kindness in attempting a peal on their silver wedding-day. Mr. Jenkins said the sound of those beautiful bells had given him great pleasure on many occasions; they had cheered him in times of sadness, and made him feel happy at all times when listening to the sound of the bells. He wished the ringers health and strength to go on with their scientific Art for many years to come, in as able a manner as they had done in the past, for the sound of the bells was far-reaching, and they never knew to how many people they were giving pleasure, while they were enjoying their healthy exercise. Mr. Spittle proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Jenkins, and enumerated many acts of kindness shewn to the ringers by him, his last act coming forward and defraying the cost of putting the bells in proper order, and especially the happy thought of making the ringing-chamber so clean and comfortable for them, was worthy of the ringers' highest praise, and the gratitude of the whole parish. The vote was carried with enthusiasm, Mr. Jenkins suitably responding. The party then left the belfry, and the peal was commenced. This was also a birthday peal for John Goodman, jun., and the ringers drank to his good health, and wished him many returns of the day after the peal was rung.

THE PEAL AT CORSE.—The Vicar and Mrs. White very kindly entertained the ringers to high tea at the vicarage after the peal, for which the band return their thanks through the medium of this paper; also for the use of the magnificent peal of six just recently placed there by Messrs. Taylor, the "go" of them being all that can be desired.

THE PEAL AT BANGOR.—W. Pegler's 150 Peals.—Doubles 3, conducted 3; Minor 4, conducted 3; Grandsire Triples 20, conducted 10; Caters 9; Cinques 2; Stedman Triples 10, conducted 6; Caters 9, conducted 1; Cinques 1; Bob Triples 1; Major 14, conducted 9; Royal 9, conducted 4; Maximus 1; Treble Bob Major 11, conducted 6; Royal 10; Maximus 1; Canterbury Triples 1; Major 1; Double Norwich Major 21; Gloucester 3; Superlative 7; Cambridge 10; Royal 2. Total—150; conducted 42.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, July 10th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 960 Double Norwich. A. Jordan, G. Gray, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, H. J. Tucker T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, July 14th, for morning service, 336 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, H. Little, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. For evening service 448 Cambridge Surprise. G. Gray, H. Little, J. Luckey, G. Jordan, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, July 21st, for morning service, 448 London Surprise. H. Little, G. Jordan, W. Prior, G. Barker, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, July 28th, for morning service, 336 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, H. Little, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. On Sunday, August 4th, for morning service, 384 Cambridge Surprise. G. Gray, H. Little, T. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts, G. Jordan conductor. For evening service 408 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, W. T. Prior, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, H. Little,

DUNMOW (Essex).—On Wednesday, August 21st, for practice,

720 Bob Minor. H. Noon, E. Newman, A. Shufflebotham, H. Smith, A. Ribbans, W. Smith. 240 Kent. G. Monk, A. Shufflebotham, H. Smith, W. Smith, A. Ribbans, E. Newman. 360 Bob Minor. W. Little, H. Smith, A. Ribbans, W. Smith, A. Shufflebotham, E. Newman conductor.

**BRAINTREE.**—On Sunday, August 18th, at St. Michael's church 504 Stedman Triples. S. R. Roper, B. S. Thompson, F. Webb, H. E. Hammond, H. J. Collins, F. Rudkin, C. H. Howard conductor, H. Goote.

**BOCKING.**—On Thursday, August 15th, at St. Mary's church, 1344 Kent Treble Bob. W. Smith, F. Radley, S. Sargent, W. Radley, R. Roper, W. Grimwade, H. J. Collins, C. H. Howard conductor.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**HERSHAM (Surrey).**—On Sunday, August 18th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 1296 changes, in 43 mins. G. Edser, G. Woodiss, F. G. Woodiss, G. Edser, jun., F. Bennett conductor, C. S. Hamblin, S. Hamblin, W. Shepherd.

**OWSLEBURY (Hants).**—On August 10th, on the occasion of visit of the North Stoneham ringers, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Deemper, W. T. Tucker, C. J. Fray, W. H. George, C. A. Valentine, G. Williams conductor. First 720 in the method on the bells. Also 720 Bob Minor. E. Mundy, W. T. Tucker, C. J. Fray, W. H. George, W. Rowe, C. A. Valentine conductor. And 360 each of Double Court and College Single.

**NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).**—On Thursday, August 15th, for practice at St. Nicholas' church, 720 Oxford. G. Williams conductor, H. W. Wilks first 720 in the method, C. J. Fray, W. H. George first 720 in the method, C. A. Valentine, W. T. Tucker.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS.**—On March 24th, for evening service, 720 College Single. J. T. Thompson, J. Huddleston, T. Metcalfe, T. Stuart conductor, T. E. Shuttleworth, J. Burrows. On May 12th, for evening service, 720 College Single. T. Metcalfe, J. Huddleston, W. H. Dennison, T. Stuart conductor, T. E. Shuttleworth, J. Burrows. On June 2nd, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. T. Thompson, A. Jackson, T. Metcalfe, J. Huddleston, T. E. Shuttleworth, J. Burrows conductor. On June 16th, for morning service, 720 London New London Bob. J. T. Thompson, T. Metcalfe, W. H. Dennison, T. Stuart conductor, J. Huddleston, J. Burrows. On June 20th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. T. R. Jackson, J. Huddleston, T. Metcalfe, T. Stuart, W. S. Forshaw, J. Burrows conductor. On August 11th, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Burrows, J. Huddleston, T. Metcalfe, T. Stuart conductor, W. S. Forshaw, W. H. Dennison. On August 18th, for morning service, 720 London New Bob. T. R. Jackson conductor, T. Metcalfe, W. H. Dennison, J. Huddleston, W. S. Forshaw, J. Burrows. For evening service, 720 College Single. J. Huddleston, T. Metcalfe, T. Stuart conductor, W. S. Forshaw, T. E. Shuttleworth, J. Burrows.

**FLIXTON.**—On Sunday, August 11th, for evening service at St. Michael's church, on the occasion of the anniversary services, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. Massey, J. Eachus, J. Hunter, R. Ridyard, S. Collier, J. H. Collier conductor, J. Nuttall, W. Johnson.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

**ARELEY KINGS.**—On August 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Elcox, C. Beaman, W. Pardoe, W. Bowen, F. Willcox, W. Martin conductor. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Willcox, T. Elcox, J. Reynolds conductor, W. Bowen, C. Beaman, T. W. Chapman.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**WIVELSFIELD (Suffolk).**—On Sunday, August 18th, at the parish church, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 23 mins. And 360 in the same method. G. Killick, J. Standing, W. Horner, E. E. Bish, J. Parsons conductor.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

**CROYDON.**—On Sunday, August 11th, at St. Peter's church, a

quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. F. W. Larbey, W. Ives, H. Brooker, jun., E. L. Miles, E. R. J. Dunk, H. Brooker conductor, G. Burt, J. Calcutt.

#### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

**BROADCLYST (Devon).**—On Saturday, August 17th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was abandoned after ringing 2 hrs. 8 mins owing to the indisposition of one of the band. A. Monkley, E. Shepherd, W. Richardson, Rev. E. V. Cox conductor, E. Sargent, T. Mudge, J. Moss, T. J. Lake.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**ABINGDON.**—On Wednesday, August 7th, at St. Nicholas' church, 720 Bob Minor, composed by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. A. Fawdry, H. Holifield, J. Brown, J. Juggins, R. G. Rice conductor, R. F. Deal.

**HARWELL (Berks).**—On Wednesday, August 14th, 360 and two 720s of Grandsire Minor. G. C. Rice, W. Hitchman, R. G. Rice, H. C. Mulford, V. R. Hitchman, R. F. Deal conductor. 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. C. Rice, W. Hitchman, V. R. Hitchman, A. R. Bosley, R. G. Rice conductor, R. F. Deal. On Sunday, August 18th, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. C. Rice, W. Hitchman, R. G. Rice, H. C. Mulford, V. R. Hitchman, R. F. Deal conductor.

**EAST HENDRED (Berks).**—On Friday, August 16th, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. C. Rice, E. Humfrey, W. Grace, H. C. Mulford, R. G. Rice, R. F. Deal conductor.

**AYLSHAM (Norfolk).**—On Friday, August 23rd, at St. Michael's church, 1008 Bob Major. G. Soame, W. Arnott, G. May, W. Miller, J. Moy, A. King, G. Moy, J. Moy conductor. Two courses of Grandsire Caters. J. Roberts, W. Arnott, G. Soame, J. Godfrey, J. Moy, J. Pilch, J. Moy, A. King, G. Moy conductor, W. Miller.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—On Sunday, August 4th, for Divine Service in the evening at Bishop Ryder's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. A. Scrivens, J. T. Perry, J. Collett, W. F. Webb, T. Collinson composer and conductor, R. Hackley, J. F. Smallwood, G. Restall.

**EASTWOOD (Notts).**—On August 21st, on the occasion of the Rev. A. H. Plumtre's funeral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled. J. Parnham, J. T. Pollard, A. Wyld, E. Manners, J. P. Pollard, F. Rowley, A. Parker conductor, F. Crich. Composed by Reuben Clifford.

**SILVERDALE (Lancashire).**—On August 12th, at St. John's church, 720 Plain Bob, in 25 mins. T. Webster conductor, J. W. Hayton, J. Ambrose, R. R. Richmond, R. Dowthwaite, W. E. Wilson.

**SOUTHOVER, LEWES (Sussex).**—On Sunday, August 18th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. J. Pannett, G. H. Sturt, J. T. Rickman, F. S. Sturt, J. S. Goldsmith, A. J. Turner conductor, R. J. Dawe, F. Gregory. 560 Bob Major. E. J. Pannett, G. H. Sturt, J. S. Goldsmith, J. T. Rickman, F. S. Sturt, A. S. Langridge, R. J. Dawe conductor, A. J. Turner.

**SWANAGE (Dorset).**—On Sunday, August 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. Tones, F. Brunsdon, H. W. Audsley, R. Brown, W. Bishop, G. Williams, W. Bastable conductor, A. Brunsdon. Arranged for H. W. Audsley, who hails from Crayford, Kent.

**SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, August 11th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor. A. R. Glasscock, N. Tomlinson, G. Bester, J. Armstrong, H. Miller, W. Harris, J. Miller, B. Armstrong. On Sunday, August 25th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. F. G. Budd, S. Wade, G. Bester, J. Armstrong, J. Miller conductor, N. Tomlinson, W. Pickworth, H. Armstrong.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on September 5th, and at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th; St. John-at-Hackney on the 3rd and 17th; St. John, South Hackney, on the 9th and 23rd. The attendance of members is specially requested at the business meeting on September 10th, for the consideration of a new rule concerning the figures of peals rung for the first time by this society.

WILLIAM T. COCKEYILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**The Royal Cumberland Society.**—The next meeting for practice will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Monday, September 2nd, at 8 p.m. Trusting members will make it convenient to attend. A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Calverley to-day, Sat., August 31st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Thornhill Arms at 7.30 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild—Christchurch District.**—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Ringwood on Thursday, September 5th. Bells at 6 p.m.

GEO. PRESTON, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

**The London County Association late the St. James's Society.**—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, September 7th, at the parish church of All Saints, Isleworth. The tower will be open from 3.30 to 8 p.m. A social will be held afterwards. All ringers will be made welcome. Members and others are requested to note that the annual concert will be held on Saturday, October 12th.

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

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

**The Lancashire Association—Furness and Lake District Branch.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ambleside on Saturday, September 7th. Meeting at 5 o'clock. Ambleside and Brathay bells available.

W. ROBINSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**Central Northamptonshire Association.**—We Lingborough District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Earls Barton on Saturday, September 7th. Ringing from 2 till 7 o'clock. Tea as usual.

J. B. MARTIN, *Sec.*

**The Chester Diocesan Guild—Stockport Branch.**—Next meeting at Knutsford, on Saturday, September 7th.

A. T. BRESTON, *Hon. Br. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association—Rochdale Branch.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Newhey on Saturday, September 7th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 7. Business of meeting—Election of Secretary and Committeeman for the next two years. Members are requested to attend this meeting, as it was unavoidably postponed.

E. SCHOFIELD, *Sec.*

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Frome on Saturday, September 14th.

Service at St. John's church at 4 p.m. Tea at the Union Jack coffee-house, Cork Street, at 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association—Rochester District.**—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Helen's church, Cliffe-at-Hoo, on Saturday, September 14th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided in the school at 5.30. Committee Meeting after tea. Half fares up to 2s. will be allowed. The Rector of the parish has promised to conduct parties round, and explain all about this grand and historic old church. The organist will give some selections on the organ during the evening. Members intending to be present must send me notice not later than Wednesday, September 11th.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Penarth on Saturday, September 14th at 4.30 p.m.

RKV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*

JOHN W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association—Liverpool Branch.**—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, September 14th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending to be present please send word to

WALTER HUGHES, *Soc.*

35, Church Road, Ga. ston.

**The Kent County Association—Canterbury District.**—An extra meeting (without allowances) will be held at Sturry on Saturday, September 14th. A tea will be provided for all members attending, who must kindly notify the local secretary, Mr. F. Hall, Broadoak, Sturry, on or before Wednesday, September 11th.

G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild—Winchester District.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cheriton on Saturday, September 14th. Cheriton and Tichborne bells available from 2.30. Tea at H. H. inn at 5 o'clock.

JAS. W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—South-Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Prittlewell on Saturday, September 14th. Knife and fork tea at The Blue Boar hotel at five o'clock. 6d. to members, 1s. 6d. to others. It is hoped all members will make an effort to attend this meeting. Names to be sent to me not later than Wednesday, September 11th. The tower of Leigh (6 bells) will also be open for ringing.

HENRY F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*

County Office, Chelmsford.

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—The annual meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, September 21st, at St. Andrew's church, Hillingdon, near Uxbridge. It is hoped that members will do their utmost to attend, and that they will be good enough to signify their intention to the Hon. Secretary in order that proper provision may be made. Early payment of outstanding subscriptions would be much appreciated. The sermon will be preached by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Barking. Further particulars will in due course be announced.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**The Lancashire Association.**—The annual meeting will take place at Blackburn on Saturday, September 28th. Preacher—The Right Rev. Bishop Thornton, D.D., Vicar of Blackburn. The following officers retire this year, but are eligible for re-election; Mr. J. Eachus,

Vice-president; Mr. J. H. Banks, Ringing Secretary, and the two auditors, Messrs. J. Barratt and S. Greenhalgh. Nominations for any of these positions, and any notices for proposed alteration of rules must be sent in to the General Secretary not later than the first week in September. Further particulars by circular. A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*

4, Helena Street, Irlam o' the Heights, Manchester

J. H. BANKS, *Ringling Secretary.*

462, Helmsore Road, Helmsore.

**St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.**—All ringing at the above church is suspended till Friday, September 6th.

JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Ringers visiting Grimsby and Cleethorpes are welcome at St. Andrew's church (one minute from Grimsby Docks Station). Sunday ringing—10 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practices or peals arranged the Sunday previous. Intending visitors should write to J. W. Seamer, 83, Wintringham Road, to avoid disappointment.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild—New Rule.**—Conductors should send a full report of peals rung within branch borders to the Branch Hon. Secs., and of peals rung elsewhere to the Guild Hon. Sec. within one month, written on one side of the paper only.

REV. R. H. HART DAVIS.

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was found in Mr. Welch, of the Church Farm, adjoining, who very kindly offered us some of his real Somersetshire cider, the cycling members of the band also remaining to tea with him, and to whom the band tender their sincere thanks, and also to the Rector for the use of the bells, not forgetting the local band who had made all the arrangements, and who have just recently become members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

## ST. NICOLAS SOCIETY, NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

The members of the above society, accompanied by the Rector (Rev. Kenworthy Brown), had a very pleasant outing to Owlesbury on Saturday, August 10th, the church of St. Andrew being reached by brake at 3 p.m. Here the handy little ring of six, recently augmented from three

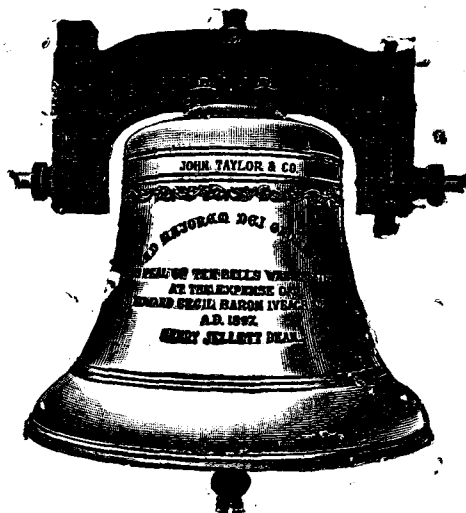
by Mears and Stainbank, were soon set going to Bob Minor, a 720 being brought round. Other touches were rung, after which all adjourned to the vicarage grounds, which had been thrown open to visitors. Unfortunately the Vicar, the Rev. C. Buston (himself a ringer), was away from home. A capital tea was served on the lawn, and much enjoyed in the open air, being on very high ground, and a commanding view is obtained of the surrounding country, including the Isle of Wight. Before and after tea a game of bowls was indulged in. Again visiting the tower during the evening a 720 Oxford Treble Bob (first in the method on the bells) was brought round, also 360 Double Court, and 360 College Single. Marwell Hall is near here, to which hangs the tradition of the song—"The Mistletoe Bough," the old oak chest being carefully preserved in this church. A vote of thanks at the tea-table was passed to the Rev. C. Buston for granting the use of the bells, and for a free run over the vicarage grounds; also to the Rector of North Stoneham for arranging the same.

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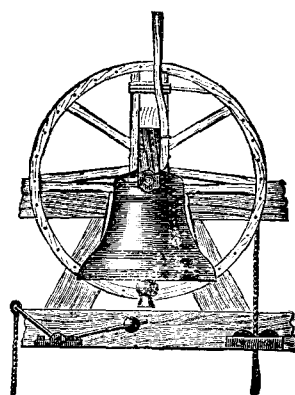
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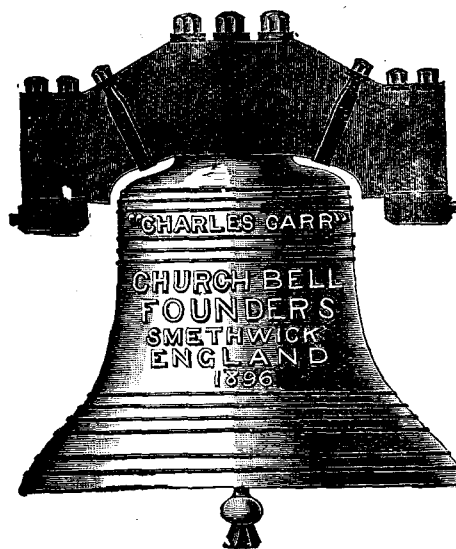
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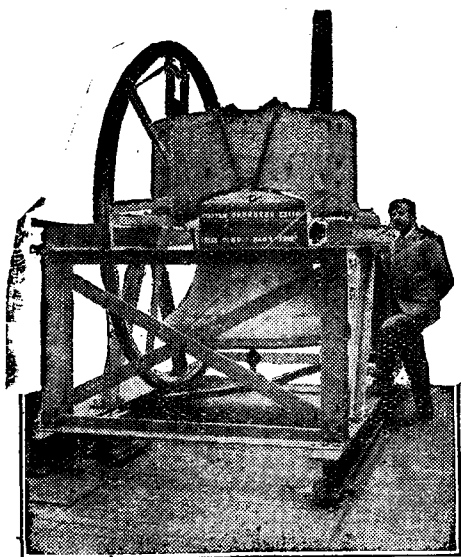
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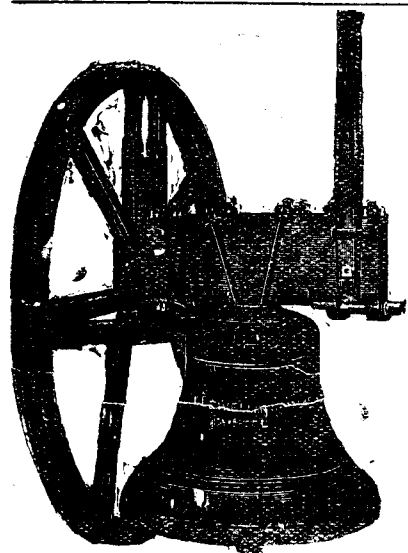
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## TWYFORD, BUCKS.

On Friday, August 23rd, the inhabitants of the village of Twyford were forcibly reminded of the fact that their church bells were now prepared to perform their duties once more.

For a band of ringers, piloted by Mr. Jolly, came over from Maids Moreton to lend a hand with the Twyford ringers in testing the work of the bellhangers; and several 6-scores were rung during the evening to the evident satisfaction of audience and performers alike. The peal is now a musical one of six, in G., tenor 11 cwt.

All the old frame was cleared out of the tower, and a iron frame, of substantial design, with steel girder foundations, put in its place; while Nos. 1, 2, 3 of the peal, being out of tune and of inferior tone, were recast. The whole of the work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, bellfounders and church clock and carillon manufacturers, of Croydon, and the ringers expressed themselves as being delighted, not only with the go of the bells, but also with the tone and tune of the three trebles, which were recast.

The bells have been tuned on Canon Simpson's principles, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston having now adopted this method of tuning, the harmonics or overtones of each bell being brought into correct relation with the bell itself, so that the result to the listener, especially the musical listener, was pleasing.

The Rev. E. Greaves (the Vicar), Mr. Looker (churchwarden), and Mr. A. A. Johnston (of Croydon) were present for the first trial of the bells; whilst C. F. Johnston and L. Taylor also took part in the ringing during the evening.

## HARWELL, BERKS

It has been decided to commence a fund towards having the fine ring of six bells at the above-mentioned place rehung and increased to eight.

There have been six bells in the tower since the year 1617, and two of them were cast in the sixteenth century. The tenor is a fine bell of 19½ cwt. in F., cast in 1612.

By way of starting the fund, a fete was held in Dr. Price's grounds at The Poplars, on Thursday, August 22nd. A beauty and baby show were held, and various other competitions and amusements.

In the evening an open-air concert was held, and afterwards dancing. The prizes in the baby show both went to children of ringers—Master R. V. Hitchman and Miss F. Hitchman, children respectively of Messrs. V. R. and W. Hitchman; while first prize in a cigarette race, and second in a hat-trimming competition, went respectively to Messrs. G. C. and R. G. Rice. Altogether the fete turned out a success, and will in all probability become an annual institution until sufficient funds are raised.

During the winter entertainments, services, etc., will be held to help to swell the fund. All contributions, however small, will be thankfully received by R. G. Rice, The Poplars, Harwell, Berks.

## A COMMEMORATIVE TABLET UNVEILED.

[FROM A SOUTH AFRICAN PAPER.]

On December 15th, 1904, there was rung for the first time in South Africa a peal of Grandsire Triples, involving no less than 5040 changes, on the bells of St. Mary's Anglican church, Woodstock. The set consists, of course, of eight bells.

A tablet recording this fact has been placed in the belfry, and yesterday morning, immediately before the sermon, the Rev. W. P. Dott, Rector of the church, unveiled the tablet, which has been tastefully finished in marblette, with gilt lettering. The tablet was fixed by Mr. D. E. Scott, upon whom the work reflects great credit. While the congregation sang a hymn, the choir and clergy went in procession to the entrance of the church, under the tower, and the unveiling ceremony then took place.

Upon the tablet is inscribed—"Praise Him upon the cymbals." It is mentioned that the peal was rung in December, 1904, and that the time taken was three hours and seven minutes. Then come the names of those who took part, which are as follows: S. A. Davies, J. F. Priest, H. G. Cock, E. F. Behan, L. Green, J. Murray, F. P. Powell, H. Montgomery. Conducted by F. P. Powell.

The Very Rev. the Dean of Cape Town was expected to perform the ceremony and preach the sermon, but owing to indisposition was unable to be present.

## BECKENHAM, KENT.

On Wednesday, August 14th., the Beckenham society had their annual outing. Leaving Beckenham at 5.40 a.m., the party went by brake to Penge, and entrained for Chichester, where Mr. Blake acted as their guide during the day. The market, and other places of interest in the ancient city, were visited, and then the visitors repaired to the Cathedral, where permission to ring had been previously obtained. Time being limited to an half-hour, two short touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, afterwards proceeding to the top of the campanile, where a good view is had of the surrounding country. Then a look round the interior of the Cathedral, afterwards proceeding by brake to Old Fishbourne, where the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Blake, who furnished a splendid luncheon, was an important feature of the day. Thence to Bosham, where there are a nice ring of six, which the Vicar (Rev. R. H. Macdermott) placed at the visitors' disposal. A trip on the water, and various ringing brought on the hour for dinner, which was had at The Berkeley Arms. The usual toasts on such occasions were proposed and accepted, and a pleasant hour was passed in handbelling and harmony, all being sorry when train time arrived. Leaving Bosham at 9.30 the company reached home at 1.30 a.m., after a very successful day. The Cathedral authorities and the Vicar of Bosham are heartily thanked for the use of their bells; and also thanks are especially due to Mr. Blake for the splendid arrangements he made, and so ably carried out.



ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR, BRISTOL.

# THE ST. THOMAS'S SOCIETY, LYMINGTON, HANTS.

The annual outing of the members of the above society took place on Wednesday, August 28th, the places selected being Sandown and Shanklin in the Isle of Wight. Starting from Lymington at 8 a.m., a ten-minutes train ride brought them to Brockenhurst, where they found Mr. G. Preston, of Christchurch, awaiting them, he having previously received an invitation to accompany them. Southampton West was reached at 8.50 a.m., and they immediately made for the pier which was left at 8.30 a.m. on board the s.s. *Queen*, having a delightful trip down Southampton Water into the Solent, calling at Ryde and Southsea on the way. Sandown was reached at 11.45 a.m. Here they found the sea alive with mixed bathers, and who were joined in a few minutes by some of the party, while others enjoyed the sight from the pier. Dinner being ready at 12.45 p.m., to which ample justice was done, they then started to walk along the beach to Shanklin, about 2½ miles, making straight for St. Saviour's church, where there is a peal of eight, tenor 18 cwt. Here a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by Messrs. Banks, Preston, Arnold, Hughes, Elliott, Russell, Clarke, and Ayles; it being Messrs. Banks and Russell's first quarter-peal. Afterwards a walk was made through the Chine, and the old town of Shanklin, and the indispensable post-card posted. A start was made again for Sandown, where they found tea awaiting them, and the inner man being satisfied, some went for a row, while the others whiled away the time enjoying a quiet pipe on the sea-front. The return journey began about 8 p.m., reaching Southampton about 10.45 p.m., making direct for the west station just in time to catch the train, reaching home about 12 o'clock after having spent a most enjoyable day's outing.

## BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

By the kind liberality of Mr. Oglander, the choir and ringers of the parish church had an enjoyable outing on Wednesday, October 14th. Brighton was selected, and accompanied by the Revs. Canon Blenkin, R. J. Burberry, and Mr. Churchwarden Barham, the party left by the 8.30 a.m. train, being joined at Ryde by the ringers' instructor, H. Jennings. On boarding the train at Portsmouth Harbour the handbells were brought into use, the Rev. J. Burberry not forgetting that we should want something to pass away the time on the journey. Arriving at Brighton the ringers wended their way to St. Peter's church, where arrangements had been made for us to have a pull, where we found Mr. Keith Hart and his brother William very kindly had everything in readiness.

An excellent luncheon was provided at The Devon Restaurant, after which Mr. Churchwarden Barham proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Oglander for his kindness, which Mr. Rogerson seconded.

Canon Blenkin said he would duly convey the same to Mr. Oglander, who regretted that the state of his health prevented him being with them.

Mr. Stribling proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. R. J. Burberry, who had arranged the details of the outing, which Mr. Russell seconded, and Mr. Burberry acknowledged. Then the various members of the party spent the afternoon as they pleased, some to the Aquarium, others for a drive, etc. After tea the ringers again ascended the tower for another pull. During the day they rung 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by H. Jennings, and three

courses of Bob Major. After thanking Messrs. Hart for kindly meeting us, we had to rush for the train, the time to leave coming all too soon. Arriving at Brading about 9.30, they separated, after thanking the Rev. Canon Blenkin, whose genial presence added so much to the success of the outing.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

### NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.

The last monthly meeting was held at Stanton-by-Dale on Saturday, August 24th. Thirty-one members sat down to tea, coming from Beeston, Long Eaton, Sandiacre, Bulwell, Southwell, Lockington, Cotgrave, Sawley, Ilkeston, and the local company. The date of next meeting is announced in the notice-page.

## ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL.

A scheme has been inaugurated for the restoration of the north aisle of this Cathedral, the ceiling of which is at present constructed of plain timber, left sound and good by Lord Grimthorpe. It is proposed to substitute, at a cost of £4,500, a stone-vaulted roof to correspond with the south aisle. A committee has been formed, and an appeal has been made for funds. The Dean of St. Albans is chairman, and Mr. H. J. Toulmin, Hon. Secretary. Already several substantial promises of help have been received: the Marquis of Salisbury heads the list with £100, Mr. E. Hildred Carlile, M.P., and Mr. Fenwick Harrison, M.F.H., each give £50. Gifts of £25 have come from Mr. J. Howard Gilliat, Canon Glossop, the Mayor of St. Albans, Mr. Walter Regnolds, Mr. H. J. Toulmin, Mr. E. N. Wix, and Mr. Charles Butler.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

5040.

(24-PART PEAL.)

234567		236745	
572634	IS	572436	I
467352	I	645372	I
524736	2	726534	2
765324	IS	457326	I
427536	2S	264735	2
564327	IS*	572364	I
725436	2S	465237	2S
647325	I	724365	I
256734	2	567432	2S*
472356	I	425367	IS
437625	P.L.	432756	P.L.

This part eleven times repeated. By calling B and s instead of s and B for the first two calls in every part; also bob for single marked \* in the 6th and 12th part produce—236745.

This part eleven times repeated. By calling s and B instead of B and B for the first two calls in every part; also bob for single marked \* in the 6th and 12th part conclude the peal.

Rung at Darlaston on August 24th, 1907, composed and conducted by John Carter.

Variation for the 5th bell starts from the fifth lead; and for the 6th bell from the thirteenth lead.

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## THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

*Report for the year ending August 1907.*

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN,—

I again have pleasure to present my annual report. As usual only two meetings have been held since the last report was drawn up by my then able assistant, Mr. McAvoy, who I regret to say has found it necessary to seek fresh pastures for the exercise of his abilities, and is now seeing what he can do with the hard-headed Scotchmen. The first of such meetings, which was the annual one, and was held at Arlecdon, was one of the most successful, so far as attendance and representation was concerned, in the Association's history, no less than seven towers being represented, and five companies taking part in the competition, which our Aspatria friends succeeded in winning with a total of 156 faults only. This was the second time this company managed to carry off the shield, and their ringing on the occasion in question was a very great improvement on what they had done before.

In order to bring back the competition to the earlier meeting, this year's was fixed to take place at the last meeting which was held at Irton, but I regret to say, probably owing to the situation of the Irton belfry, that there was not such a good attendance as we would have liked, and only two companies entered for the competition. The practically invincible Workington men, as you have just heard from the minutes, were again successful in taking first place, and they did this notwithstanding the fact that the test piece chosen by them was the most intricate method in the art of change-ringing. Unfortunately for myself, from a ringing point of view, I was unable to be present, but I was told that their ringing was as near perfection as any company could reasonably hope to attain, and every credit is due to them for their performance.

I think it is not out of place to call attention here to the reason why, to my mind, this particular company has been so successful in our ringing competitions, so that if possible we may try to emulate their example, and become as proficient in the art of change-ringing as they have shown themselves to be.

First of all, from what I have gathered by observation, each of the members of the Workington company apparently "does unto the other members of his company what he would they should do unto him," that is to say, bears in mind that he is one of a band of ringers, whose attendance at practice and service ringings will probably be rendered fruitless unless he also turns up, and what is better still, does so punctually, or, in the event of his unavoidable absence, acquaints his fellow-ringers with the fact, and so prevents them from wasting their time, and saves them from the annoyance of putting in an appearance only to be disappointed.

Another strong point with the members of the Workington company is that each of them goes to work with the determination as if the accomplishment of the task before the band depended upon his individual efforts, and, moreover he acknowledges and, without demur or needless waste of time in recriminations, accepts the leadership of his conductor.

If each member of any company, no matter where his belfry is situated, would only follow the lead of the Workington men, and at the same time, do what is absolutely essential if he wishes to become a proficient change-ringer, and that is, work out himself on slate or paper the intricacies of the various methods, commencing with that of Plain Bob as the basis of them all, I feel

assured that not only would the Association benefit by the greater interest and enthusiasm that would be shown by the ringers in connection with it, but each band of ringers and every member thereof would find out what pleasure there exists in change-ringing, and how it takes a man out of himself and makes him think more of others in everything that he does.

The old members of the Cleator Moor company, with exception of Mr. Joyce and another and myself as an honorary member, have ceased to take any interest in bellringing matters, and that band of ringers is therefore now composed almost entirely of new blood, but I understand Mr. Joyce, who is now the conductor, has strong hopes of getting his men into fighting form, as he tells me he possesses so very promising material, and I know he himself puts his whole heart into the work.

The Irton men too are leaving no stone unturned in their endeavours to master the intricacies of change-ringing having had our judge, Mr. Chapman, down in their midst for upwards of a week, and I believe I am correct in stating that they have progressed very considerably in the desired direction.

I regret that some of our latest additions have been very considerably handicapped owing to being unable to get sufficient practice, but I hope in the near future that matters will turn out all right, and that satisfactory progress will be made by them.

Just before bringing this report to a close I would like to ask the members to bear in mind that subscriptions are payable in respect of each year, and that the members whose subscriptions are either paid irregularly or not at all, are not acting quite fairly to those whose payments are promptly made.

Hoping that all our belfries may soon be peopled with such bands of ringers as I have endeavoured to picture to you, and that each of us may become filled with the true spirit of co-operation,

I am, yours faithfully,

J. D. BAXTER, *Hon. Sec.*

*Cross Side House, Egremont, August 24th, 1907.*

## MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 17th, Mr. Thomas Hollingworth gave his annual outing to the St. Michael's ringers and friends, the party numbering twenty. Hugglescote was the place chosen. A start was made at one o'clock, proceeding by brake to Belton, where a halt was made at The Queen's Head. After refreshing the inner man the journey was resumed to Hugglescote, which was reached by four o'clock, where a splendid tea was awaiting the party at The Castle inn. After doing justice to the good things provided, Mr. G. Tunnicliffe presided, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Hollingworth for his continued generosity towards the ringers and friends, which was carried with acclamation. Mr. Tunnicliffe moved a vote of thanks to hostess Harper for the splendid way she had catered for them. This was seconded by Mr. F. Somerville.

Mr. Hollingworth then presented on behalf of the Society and friends the Secretary, Mr. W. Earle, with a silver cruet, as a slight recognition of his services, which office he had held for the last thirteen years. The cruet is a splendid one, and bears the following inscription: "Presented to Mr. W. Earle by the St. Michael's ringers and friends, 1907." Mr. Earle suitably responded.

The church was next visited and touches of Oxford

and Grandsire Triples were rung assisted by Messrs. Allen, Powdrill and Rands. After lowering the bells an adjournment was made to headquarters, the handbells were brought out and tunes played by Messrs. F. and H. Hollingworth, G. York, J. York and W. Earle. At intervals songs were sung by Messrs. T. Hollingworth, T. Salisbury, A. Livey, sen., A. Livey, jun., and F. Somerville. After shaking hands with their Hugglescote friends the return journey was commenced, which was made via Ashby. Melbourne was reached shortly before midnight, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed himself.

### 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."

LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, ETC.

SIR,—I am sorry the first of the four peals you kindly published for me on August 24th is false, and that I did not see it in time to advise you. Mr. Dench is playing us a joke in saying his 5056 is still the only peal having their 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6. Why, Sir, there is one composition, if no more, published with that quality forty years ago by Sottanstell in 1867. In reference to the 5024 and 5088 of Superlative, he is very decided that Mr. Inglesant has no legal claim to these. Well, Sir, that's just what I say, and more, I named the authors of them. Both these peals were first published in "THE BELL NEWS" in 1885, nearly twenty-two years ago, over my name and the late Mr. Mallaby's, and again early this year these were given in the late *Bellringer*, and subsequently repeated in "THE BELL NEWS." What other proof is required I don't know. Mr. F. Robinson again tries to get me to acknowledge or defend statements I have never made. I, as aforesaid, shall not do this, and in reply to his last letter I must refer him to my first upon the subject. He seems to forget the question. He said I made a variation of his peal; I said and now say I did not. I also said and now repeat that both are variations of Sottanstell's. This no man can deny. If this don't satisfy let him keep on.

H. DAINS.

	5024.			
	M	B	W	H
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23645	-	-	-	
62345			-	
34625			-	
56423	-		-	
56234		x	-	
46532		x	-	
53462		-	-	
52364		x	-	
54263		x	-	
26543		-	-	
45362	-	-		
35264	-			
25463	-			
64352	-	-		
25346	-	-	-	
42356	-			

Twice repeating the calling of the last three courses completes the peal.

McFARLANE INFORMATION.

SIR,—Referring to a letter in your issue of August 9th asking which were the best peals, tenor not exceeding 25 cwt., for Norfolk I should say St. Mary's, Wymondham is, tenor 25 cwt., for a peal of eight, and St. Michael's, Aylsham, tenor 22 cwt., for a peal of ten. A touch of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Caters on these bells is worth hearing. I should also like to

say it would be more of a grand performance to those who are supposed to be good ringers to ring peals at towers where the bells are a little more weight, instead of such light peals, viz., tenors 7 and 8 cwt., like some companies are doing.

A RINGER.

SIR,—W. H. F., in your issue of the 31st August, states that Dundee would probably be the best peal of eight bells in Scotland. Might I suggest that he should indicate which of the two ringing peals of eight in Dundee he refers to?

SCOTIA.

REPLY TO MR. DORAN.

SIR,—The statement or rather misstatement by Mr. Doran in your last issue does not coincide with facts. How was it that he asked to my knowledge three ringers to ring for Mr. Marks's wedding at West Ham, and that he told one of the Wanstead ringers that he had got a band, also that he informed the father of the bride that there would be a band to ring for the wedding. Will he deny this? One other point. Mr. Doran says when the bells are required application should be made either to the vergor or himself. Possibly so. I should have thought the Vicar was the proper one to apply to, or do the bells and tower belong to Mr. Doran?

GRANDSIRE, STEDMAN AND TREBLE BOB.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Could any members of the ringing community kindly inform me where the foundry of Hodson was about the year 1685. Going for our annual outing we visited Brookland Campanile, and found that the five bells were cast by the above founder in that year.

V. D. LAWRENCE.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Being informed that the first peal of Stedman at Stratford-on-Avon was rung by members of the St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham, I withdraw my claim.

F. E. ROBINSON.

"ALBION."

SIR,—In your issue for the 17th August it is stated that this method belongs to Sottanstell, and was first published in his work in 1867. This statement is, I wish to say, incorrect, as it is given in Hubbard's 1845 edition of his work. With it there is an excellent account of the method, and it is there said that this method belongs to the late Mr. Hugh Wright, of Leeds, Yorkshire. In the list of composers' names given by Snowdon in his "Treatise on Treble Bob," Hugh Wright died January 24th, 1837, aged 74 years. Albion is thus many years older than stated in your issue under discussion. Readers possessing the above edition of Hubbard will find the account of this method worthy a perusal.

H. DAINS.

A DOUBT.

SIR,—I herewith enclose cutting from a Bedford local paper re a peal rang at Biddenham, and published in "THE BELL NEWS." I challenge the band to ring a 720 in the dark, much more a thousand changes, as it is not possible to ring changes in the dark. I fail to see how they can claim to have rung a peal. Perhaps the said conductor will give the public a little explanation, as it takes the biscuit.

A CHANGE-RINGER.

The following is the cutting:—

BIDDENHAM.—On Saturday, a peal of Minor, 5040 changes, was rung at St. James's church in 2 hrs. 45 mins. The methods rung were—Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob. The band stood as follows: H. J. Harlow, H. L. Harlow, J. W. Barker, C. Mortimer, W. J. Davis, F. Webb. Conducted by J. W. Barker. A remarkable fact of this peal is, owing to the belfry lamp going out, the last thousand changes were rung in the dark.

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1907.

A FORTNIGHT ago we inserted, at the request of one of those concerned, a letter which had appeared in a Northants. paper, being a complaint by a band of ringers visiting a place named "Thrapston," in the county above-named, that they were unable to obtain permission from the authorities to ring the bells. The allegation made was that "the caretaker of the bells" was at the bottom of the refusal. This is emphasized by the assertion that upon enquiring at the rectory for permission, after a telegram (unanswered) had been despatched for that purpose, they were informed that "permission was refused because this caretaker demurred!" It is said that some old grudge existed between this person and the Irthlingborough ringers, and this influenced the refusal.

The Rector of Thrapston has replied in our columns to these allegations, and his statements are not easy to get over. He indignantly denies the caretaker's influence in the matter. If, as he says, there never is any ringing allowed at Thrapston on bank holiday, because it is found "greatly to disturb and interfere with the business of the parishioners," then we think the Irthlingborough company



ought to have known of the existence of such a regulation, and have pointed out to their visitors the futility of making application. It may be thought strange that upon such a day ringing should inconvenience the parishioners, whom, it is reasonable to suppose, would be keeping holiday, and not be active in business pursuits.

The Rector had a perfect right if he pleased to ignore altogether the telegram sent to him. Such a plan for seeking permission to ring is not to be commended unless the incumbent is either a change-ringer himself, or a gentleman known to be in close sympathy with the Art.

On another page is presented a sketch of that historical edifice—the church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr, Bristol. Perhaps among the numerous churches of the great western city, none present a greater interest for change-ringers. The time was when the go of the bells was not everything to be desired; when “bellhanging quacks” were allowed to do their will among them, and placed an inordinate value upon what they did. This period was happily at an end when Messrs. LLEWELLINS and JAMES, the bellfounders, were called in. The ring is now ten, in good order. As we write these lines, a suggestion is thrown out that we should re-issue this sketch in a more approved form, with any interesting particulars which can be gleaned respecting the church, campanalogical or otherwise. This shall be done; and in order that it may take effect during the present month perhaps some of our Bristol friends, and others, can assist us with some appropriate memoranda.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, September 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
ALFRED JONES .. .. 2.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 7.
HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 3.	EMANUEL HALL .. .. 8.
HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. 4.	ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 9.
JAMES SCHOLES .. .. 5.	GEORGE BARRELL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and  
Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of H. R. Pasmore, of London, to Miss May Freegard, of Great Marlow, which took place at Great Marlow on Saturday last, the band wishing them every success; also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

### The Provinces.

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

On Thursday, August 22, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERNARD MOODY .. .. Treble.	BENJAMIN WATKINSON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM P. BROOK .. .. 2.	ARTHUR WALKER .. .. 6.
HARRY WALTERS* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PEARSON .. .. 7.
SAMUEL BROOK .. .. 4.	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PEARSON.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, with the usual good wishes of his brother ringers.

#### BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

ALBERT D. STONE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM C. HART .. .. 5.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 6.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
CHARLES PALMER .. .. 4.	HENRY STALHAM .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

#### PULHAM, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK ROOPE* .. .. Treble.	CHARLES ROOPE .. .. 5.
FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. .. 2.	FREDERICK R. SURRIDGE .. .. 6.
EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 5.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 7.
CHARLES BAKER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM STEELE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by W. STEELE.

\*Fiftieth peal.

#### WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, August 27, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

EDWARD UNITT† .. .. Treble.	†GEORGE HUGHES .. .. 6.
ALFRED J. WALLATER† .. .. 2.	†HORACE BELCHER .. .. 7.
WALTER BRITTAN† .. .. 3.	*JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. 8.
WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 4.	THOMAS J. ELTON .. .. 9.
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER† .. .. 5.	JOSEPH LAWTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

†First peal of Royal. \*First peal of Bob Royal. Further reference elsewhere.

#### GUILDFORD, SURREY.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 27, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY BURDOCK* .. .. Treble.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN. 5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, JUN.† .. .. 2.	FRANK BLONDELL .. .. 6.
JOHN J. JONES .. .. 3.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. .. 7.
JOSIAH HARRIS .. .. 4.	EDWARD RADDON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

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

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

(SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, August 28, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RANMOOR,

#### A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

\*First peal in the method.

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

**CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

*On Friday, August 30, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
PARKER'S TWELVE PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR DUTTON* .. .. Treble.	AUSTIN GREGORY .. .. 5.
EDWARD HARRISON .. .. 2.	THOMAS E. HUGHES .. .. 6.
ROBERT SPERRING .. .. 3.	JAMES V. WRIGHT .. .. 7.
JOHN ROBERTS .. .. 4.	THOMAS ROWLAND .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\*First peal.

**ERITH, KENT.**

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

*On Saturday, August 31, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. John the Baptist,*

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,**  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST PYE .. .. Treble.	BERTAM PREWETT .. .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	FRED WILFORD .. .. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and  
Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

**BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.**

**THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, August 31, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. David,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
BRUERTON'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANK A. HOBS .. .. Treble.	ALBERT J. HUGHES .. .. 5.
DAVID T. HUGHES .. .. 2.	MORRIS J. MORRIS .. .. 6.
C. CAREW COX .. .. 3.	JOHN H. GRUNDY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM CRANE, JUN. .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT J. HUGHES.

\*First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. H. Midwinter; also on the occasion of the birth of a son the day previous, the band wishing him the usual congratulations.

**HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, August 31, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Stephen,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. .. 5.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. .. 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. .. 6.
STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. .. 3.	FREDERICK G. BRETT .. .. 7.
CHARLES W. BRETT .. .. 4.	RICHARD S. STAINES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

**WALTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, August 31, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

*At the Church of All Saints,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt

W. E. MEFFIN .. .. Treble.	J. C. KENNINGTON .. .. 4.
A. W. LONG .. .. 2.	P. C. LONG .. .. 5.
A. B. SHEPHERD .. .. 3.	J. W. SEAMER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

First peal on the bells, and first peal of Minor by all.

**ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, August 31, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Giles,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S.

JOHN WYATT .. .. Treble.	JOHN HOYLE .. .. 5.
ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. 2.	CHARLES E. READ .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. JOINER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. CORRETT .. .. 4.	GEORGE MARRINER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The ringer of the 4th in the peal at Greenwich, reported last week, was Edward N. Price; and the time occupied in ringing it was 3 hrs. 25 mins.

**Date Touches.**

**STOW AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**

DOWNHAM MARKET (Norfolk).—On Saturday, August 24th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1907 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 8 mins. T. Gates, A. Bacon, T. Staines, W. Goodrum, A. Ferguson, J. Mardell, E. Barker conductor, J. Doughty.

**Miscellaneous.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

READING (Berks).—On Friday, August 9th, being the anniversary of the King's Coronation, 756 Stedman Triples was rung at St. Laurence's church. E. Holloway, C. Cox, H. Runham, T. Fuller, W. Newell, J. Swain, A. W. Osborne conductor, W. Fuller. On Monday, August 26th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 560 Double Norwich Major. G. Goodship, N. Cox, A. W. Reeves, W. A. Webb, C. Cox, J. Swain, F. Watmore, A. W. Osborne conductor. 168 Stedman Triples. W. Dormer, Alice White, A. W. Reeves conductor, W. A. Webb, C. Cox, H. Tucker, W. Newell, G. Goodship. 168 in the same method. R. Bishop, G. Wheeler, G. Goodship, W. A. Webb, C. Cox, J. Swain, A. W. Osborn conductor, N. Cox. Another 168. Alice White, G. Wheeler, A. W. Reeves, G. Goodship, W. A. Webb, J. Swain, A. W. Osborn conductor, W. Newell. On Tuesday, August 27th, for practice, 336 Stedman Triples. R. Bishop, Alice White, H. Runham, T. Fuller, W. Newell, N. Cox, A. W. Osborne conductor, A. Durman. 336 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Newell. A course of Bob Major. R. Bishop, Alice White, N. Cox, T. Fuller, G. Goodship, H. Runham, W. Newell, A. W. Osborne.

TILEHURST (Berks).—On Saturday, August 24th, for combined practice at St. Michael's church, 336 Stedman Triples. H. Goodger, N. Cox, H. Runham, J. E. Hern, W. Newell, J. Swain, A. W. Osborne conductor, H. Tucker. And 252 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Newell. Illness prevented any further ringing near the church.

KIDLINGTON (Oxon).—On Sunday, September 1st, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. R. H. Judge first quarter-peal, F. Webb, W. Stone, W. Thorpe, J. Franklin, H. Butler, H. Judge conductor W. Franklin.

**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

OXHEY (Herts).—On Sunday, September 1st, for morning service, a course each of London, Cambridge and Superlative: W. Hodgetts, T. L. Simmons, A. D. Bates, A. W. Dix, G. N. Price, H. Eden, H. Hodgetts, F. W. Brinklow. For evening service 228 Superlative Surprise, W. Compton and H. White taking part.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday morning, September 1st, for Divine

Service at St. Martin's church, three courses of Grandsire Cinques. S. J. Jessop, G. Pigott, W. H. Godden, A. Chambers, T. Reynolds, J. E. Groves, T. Russam, J. Neal, A. P. Smith, S. Grove, A. Walker conductor, E. Mansell. For evening service a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 1280 changes, in 55 mins., on the back eight. T. Reynolds, A. Walker conductor, A. Chambers, E. J. Hyland, J. E. Groves, S. Grove, A. P. Smith J. Neal. Composed by J. Carter.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON.—On Sunday, August 25th, for morning service at St. James's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. G. E. Harbour, E. E. Burgess, A. Doble, H. J. Poole, F. Millard, G. H. Yendall, J. Maddock conductor, W. Evans.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GALLEYWOOD (Essex).—On Sunday, August 25th, for morning service at the church of St. Michael and All Angels, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. G. Johnson, H. Richell, J. Tarbun, C. Waskett conductor, W. Lilley, H. Brazier, W. Wellington, G. Usher.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, August 11th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for morning service, 384 Cambridge Surprise. G. Gray, H. Little, J. Luckey, G. Jordan, G. Barker, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, August 18th, for morning service, 448 London Surprise Major. G. Gray, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. On Saturday, August 24th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 1280 changes, composed by C. Charge. G. Gray, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. On Wednesday, August 21st, for practice, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 1120 changes. A. Jordan, G. Gray, G. Jordan, W. Prior, T. Jordan, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor. 448 Cambridge Surprise Major. G. Gray, H. Little, T. Jordan, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Prior, W. Watts, G. Jordan conductor. On Wednesday, August 28th, practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. G. Jordan, H. Little, J. Luckey, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, T. Jordan.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRADING ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Sunday, August 25th, being Hospital Sunday, 910 Grandsire Triples was rung for evening service. Rev. R. J. P. Burbury, M. Squibb, F. Jolliffe, P. Dowden, W. Pain, G. Wilkins, H. Jennings conductor, A. White.

#### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

EXETER.—On August 27th, at St. David's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 45 mins. A. Monkley, E. Shepherd, W. Richardson, Rev. E. V. Cox conductor, E. Sargent, T. Mudge, J. Moss, W. Acreman.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 25th, for morning service at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, 720 Double Stedman Slow Course Minor. J. Nixon, N. Alderman, A. Brightman, R. Bevan, F. Smith, W. J. Nudds conductor. First in the method by all the band except J. Nixon. For evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. J. Nudds, N. Alderman, E. Chapman, R. Bevan conductor, J. Nixon, E. Young.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

GREAT WIGSTON (Leicestershire).—On Tuesday, August 20th at All Saints church, 1008 Grandsire Triples. J. Humberstone, T. L. Allen, A. Roe, J. Wilson, H. Rushby, P. Carter, F. H. Dexter, W. Humberstone.

LEICESTER.—On Thursday, August 22nd, at St. Martin's church, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Morris, H. Rushby, J. O. Lancashire, F. H. Dexter conductor, J. Needham, J. Buttery, G. Cleal. 953 Grandsire Caters. S. Cotton, H. Rushby, E. Morris, F. H. Dexter conductor, G. Cleal, J. Buttery, A. Millis, J. Needham, A. Martin, T. Taylor. On Sunday evening, August 25th, four courses of Stedman Caters. G. Cleal conductor, H. Rushby, T. L. Allen, F. H. Dexter, S. Cotton, J. Buttery, A. Millis, J. Needham, A. Martin, T. Taylor.

QUORNDON (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, August 24th, at St. Bartholomew's church, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was lost after ringing 2 hrs. 20 mins. E. Morris, H. Rushby, T. L. Allen, G. Cleal, F. H. Dexter, J. Morris, J. Needham, W. Willson conductor. The above was arranged for H. Rushby (Grimsby), who was visiting Leicester. Some remarkable coincidences occurred in the ringing, viz.: the changing places of the 4th in the Grandsire Triples, the breaking of the 4th rope in the fourth course of Stedman Caters, the 4th bell casting its rope in the peal of Kent Major and being four courses from the finish when the peal was lost.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

HURWORTH-ON-TEES.—On Tuesday, August 25th, at All Saints church, 720 Carlisle Surprise. G. J. Lungley, W. E. Mountford, G. Park, W. H. Porter first in the method, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, G. W. Park conductor. 240 Kent Treble Bob. H. Horner, W. E. Mountford, T. Newton, G. Horner, W. H. Porter, G. J. Lungley conductor. 336 each of London and Wells Surprise. T. Newton, W. E. Mountford, W. H. Porter, G. J. Lungley, G. W. Park conductor, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HEATHFIELD (Sussex).—On Thursday, August 29th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Doubles. H. Brook, W. Barrow, O. Collins, W. Booth, A. R. Miles conductor, J. Lavender. First 720 by all except the conductor.

MAYFIELD (Sussex).—On Saturday, August 31st, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Doubles. H. Brook, W. Barrow, E. Geall, O. Collins, A. R. Miles conductor, J. Bagley.

BRIDLINGTON (Yorks).—On Sunday, July 28th, for evening service at the Priory church, by kind permission of the Rector, Dr. Pride, 720 Bob Minor. J. Fryer, A. Coates, G. J. Barton, H. Ferguson conductor, J. Dixie, H. Gibson, F. Davison, T. Cole.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, August 25th, for Divine Service in the morning, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Mitchell, O. Sippetts, J. J. Parker conductor, P. Tyler, A. D. Mills, J. Rice, F. W. Rice, A. Thornton. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 39 mins. A. Mitchell, O. Sippetts, J. J. Parker conductor, P. Tyler, H. Pearless, J. Rice, A. D. Mills, A. Thornton.

MAPLEDURHAM (Oxon).—On Saturday, August 24th, at the parish church, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins. H. Simmonds, L. Green, G. Essex, W. A. Webb, J. Hands, E. W. Menday conductor. 720 Plain Bob. C. M. Frankum, W. A. Webb, J. Hands, O. Gibbey, E. G. Frankum, E. W. Menday conductor.

SWANAGE (Dorset).—On Sunday, September 1st, at St. Mary's church, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. White, F. Brunsdon, Rev. R. P. Farrow, W. Thomas, G. Williams, W. Bastable, W. H. George conductor, W. Bishop. For afternoon service 280 Grandsire Triples. H. White, F. Brunsdon, R. Brown, W. Thomas, W. Bishop, G. Williams, W. H. George conductor, W. Bastable.

SCARBOROUGH (Yorks).—On Friday, August 23rd, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing an hour it came to an end. G. T. Barton, Miss M. Gillbanks, A. Coates, H. Gibson, T. Stephenson, J. Dixey, J. W. Stickney conductor, H. Ferguson. A touch of Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob. G. T. Barton, Miss M. Gillbanks conductor, A. Coates, H. Ferguson, H. Gibson, J. Dixie, F. Davison, E. Nutt.

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5040.

234567

672453 2  
476325 5  
374562 5  
573246 5  
345762 3

623574 2  
376245 3  
273564 5  
572436 5  
365247 2

723465 I  
657342 2  
356274 5  
253467 5  
362574 3

453762 I  
754236 5  
257643 5  
652374 5  
356427 5

743256 I

Thrice repeated with H for last bob produces—

235476

762543 2  
247635 3  
642573 5  
546327 5

Thrice repeated with H completes the peal.

## DOUBLE NORWICH ROYAL.

By JOHN W. BARKER, *Bedford.*

5040.

23456 I 3 8

34256 —  
42356 —  
43256 S  
32456 —  
24356 —  
35426 S —  
54326 —  
63425 — —  
53624 — —  
43526 — —  
45326 S —  
63524 — —  
43625 — —  
53426 — —  
34526 — —  
52436 S —  
24536 — —  
35246 — S

I 3 8

52346 —  
23546 —  
25346 S  
53246 —  
32546 —  
45236 S S  
42536 S  
25436 —  
54236 —  
23456 S —

5040.

By the same Author.

23456 I 3 8

45236 — —  
53246 — —  
24536 — —  
35426 S S

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25346 — —  
34256 — —  
52436 S S

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32546 — —  
54326 — —  
63425 S S  
42635 — —  
32456 — S

Repeated.

## TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By F. DENCH, *College Youths.*

5184.

23456 M B W H

35426 — 2  
26543 2 — 2  
25463 I — 2 2  
25634 2 2 I  
24536 2 I

Twice repeated; has the 2nd twelve course-ends at home.

## TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By the same Author.

5000.

23456 M W H

52364 2 2 2  
64235 I 2 2  
64352 2 2 I  
56423 2 2 2  
25634 2 2 2  
32546 2 2 2  
52436 2 I  
54326 I 2  
23456 2 2

## DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By JOHN W. BARKER, *Bedford.*

5120.

23456 I 5 6

54326 — —  
43526 — —  
35426 — —  
24536 — —  
45236 — —  
52436 — —  
34256 — —  
42356 — —  
34625 — —  
26435 — —  
64235 — —  
42635 — —  
36245 — —  
62345 — —  
36524 — —  
62534 — —  
35264 — —  
52364 — —  
23564 — —  
34562 -4 — —  
53246 — —  
32546 — —  
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Repeated.

## DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.

(With 7ths place bobs.)

By the same Author.

5040.

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45236 — —  
24536 — —  
52436 — —  
42356 — —  
34256 — —  
36452 — —  
32654 — —  
62534 — —  
64235 — —  
26435 — —  
42635 — —  
25346 — —  
32546 — —  
53246 — —  
56342 — —  
52643 — —  
23546 S — —

Repeated.

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# Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th; St. John-at-Hackney on the 17th; St. John, South Hackney, on the 9th and 23rd. The attendance of members is specially requested at the business meeting on September 10th, for the consideration of a new rule concerning the figures of peals rung for the first time by this society.

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

**The London County Association** late the St. James's Society.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held to-day, Sat., September 7th, at the parish church of All Saints, Isleworth. The tower will be open from 3.30 to 8 p.m. A social will be held afterwards. All ringers will be made welcome. Members and others are requested to note that the annual concert will be held on Saturday, October 12th.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

**Central Northamptonshire Association.**—Wellingborough District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Earls Barton to-day, Sat., September 7th. Ringing from 2 till 7 o'clock. Tea as usual.

J. B. MARTIN, *Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Newhey to-day, Sat., September 7th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 7. Business of meeting.—Election of Secretary and Committeeman for the next two years. Members are requested to attend this meeting as it was unavoidably postponed.

E. SCHOFIELD, *Sec.*

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Frome on Saturday, September 14th. Service at St. John's church at 4 p.m. Tea at the Union Jack coffee-house, Cork Street, at 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow.

E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Helen's church, Cliffe-at-Hoo, on Saturday, September 14th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided in the school at 5.30. Committee Meeting after tea. Half fares up to 2s. will be allowed. The Rector of the parish has promised to conduct parties round, and explain all about this grand and historic old church. The organist will give some selections on the organ during the evening. Members intending to be present must send me notice not later than Wednesday, September 11th.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Penarth on Saturday, September 14th at 4.30 p.m.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*  
JOHN W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—An extra meeting (without allowances) will be held at Sturry on Saturday, September 14th. A tea will be provided for

all members attending, who must kindly notify the local secretary, Mr. F. Hall, Broad Oak, Sturry, on or before Wednesday, September 11th.

G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cheriton on Saturday, September 14th. Cheriton and Tichborne bells available from 2.30. Tea at H. H. inn at 5 o'clock.

JAS. W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—South-Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Prittlewell on Saturday, September 14th. Knife and fork tea at The Blue Boar hotel at five o'clock. 6d. to members, 1s. 6d. to others. It is hoped all members will make an effort to attend this meeting. Names to be sent to me not later than Wednesday, September 11th. The tower of Leigh (6 bells) will also be open for ringing.

HENRY F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*  
*County Office, Chelmsford.*

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—The monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at Earlsheaton on Saturday, September 14th. Meeting-house—The Park hotel. Meeting to commence at 5.30.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, September 14th.

JAMES HIGSON, *Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Nottingham District.—The next meeting will be held at Southwell Cathedral on Saturday, September 14th. Excursion trains leave Nottingham at 1.55 and 2.5 fare 1s. 6d. Return trains 6.0, 7.10, 9.12, and 9.28. All those intending to be present at tea kindly notify me not later than September 11th.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Sec.*  
*Bramcote Road Beeston Notts.*

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—The annual meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, September 21st, at St. Andrew's church, Hillingdon, near Uxbridge. It is hoped that members will do their utmost to attend, and that they will be good enough to signify their intention to the Hon. Secretary in order that proper provision may be made. Early payment of outstanding subscriptions would be much appreciated. The sermon will be preached by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Barking. Further particulars will in due course be announced.

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

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wingerworth on Saturday, September 21st. Meeting at The Hunloke Arms hotel at 5.30 p.m.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will take place at Grimsby on Saturday, September 21st. Bells available from 11 a.m. Service in the parish church at 4.30. Tea at The Harman Commercial hotel at 5 p.m. Meeting immediately after. Members intending being present please communicate with me on or before Tuesday, September 17th.

J. W. SEAMER, *Hon. Sec.*  
83, Winttingham Road, Grimsby.

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Tower open

for ringing at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30 at The Swan inn. Tea at 6 at the same place. A charge of threepence will be made for each member attending tea. Secretaries of bands are requested to send number and names of members intending to be present to me on or before Wednesday the 18th inst. Half railway fares up to 2s. allowed. Members of other districts intending to be present are also requested to advise me before the 18th inst.

A. R. MANNING, *Hon. Sec.*  
101, High Street, Hythe.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next General Meeting will be held at Dewsbury on Saturday, September 21st. Local Hon. Sec.—Mr. Walter Idle, 47, Vulcau Road, Dewsbury. Cheap bookings are being arranged. Full particulars will appear on Association circular later.

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

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittlesey on Saturday, September 21st. Tea in the parish room at 4.30. The towers of St. Mary's and St. Andrew's are available.

J. M. CLARKSON, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**Exeter Cathedral.**—Practice on Wednesday next at 7 p.m. E. SHEPHERD, *Hon. Sec.*  
160, Sidwell Street, Exeter.

**The Lancashire Association.**—The annual meeting will take place at Blackburn on Saturday, September 28th. Preacher—The Right Rev. Bishop Thornton, D.D., Vicar of Blackburn. The following officers retire this year, but are eligible for re-election; Mr. J. Eachus, Vice-president; Mr. J. H. Banks, Ringing Secretary, and the two auditors, Messrs. J. Barratt and S. Greenhalgh. Nominations for any of these positions, and any notices for proposed alteration of rules must be sent in to the General Secretary not later than the first week in September. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*  
4, Helena Street, Irlam o' the Heights, Manchester  
J. H. BANKS, *Ringling Secretary.*  
462, Helmsshore Road, Helmsshore.

## NOTE TO PEAL.

**THE PEAL AT WEDNESBURY.**—This was rung on the fiftieth anniversary of J. Lawton's first peal, also on the fiftieth anniversary of a muffled peal rung in memory of the late Mr. Samuel Aston, who was a ringer at the above church for fifty years. This was also the first peal of Bob Royal on the bells for more than thirty years.

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This society held their first outing on Saturday, August 24th, when nine of the members—Messrs. Bird and Cranfield (Poplar), T. Faulkner (Barking), met at Stratford en route for Hertford by the 1.40 p.m. train, permission to ring having been obtained by Canon Pelly. All went well until St. Margaret's was reached, when it was found three of the band had got into the wrong carriage at Broxbourne, and were consequently delayed for an hour. The others got to Hertford soon after 3 p.m., and proceeded straight to Berge, where Mr. Bennett, one of the local ringers, was waiting for them, and after a look round a start was made to ring on this very handy peal of six, when the following touches were brought home: 360 Bob Minor, 240 Kent Treble Bob, and 240 Oxford. From Berge to St.

Andrew's was the next item, where Mr. Creasey was awaiting their arrival to conduct them up the tower, where 406 Grand-sire Triples, 320 Stedman Triples, and 416 Double Norwich were rung. The next touch was a good meat tea at St. Nicholas' Hall. After justice was done to the good things provided, our kind friend Mr. Creasey took us for what we all looked forward to, a pull on that grand ring of ten at All Saints, where we rung 306 and 395 Grandsire Caters, also two courses of Stedman Caters and one touch of Grand-sire lost. Then a move was made to The Green Dragon hotel, where an enjoyable hour was spent with some Hertford friends, after which we went to the station, en route for Stratford, arriving there soon after 11 o'clock. We wish one and all to record our hearty thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells; also Mr. Creasey for meeting us and making the arrangements for our comfort during the afternoon.

Members of the West Ham company taking part in this outing were: Messrs. W. Doran, G. Hayden, J. Moule, A. Neale, F. G. Newman, G. Potter, W. Theobald, H. Torble, and a friend. W. H. D.

An old gentleman was staying in a village, and resorted on Sunday to the parish church. Being deaf, he took out his ear-trumpet, and was just going to fix it in position when the old verger, who had never seen such a thing before, hurried up the aisle and said, "You mustn't blow that trumpet in church. If you do I'll have to put you out." And the old gentleman, when the verger had shouted the warning loud enough for everyone in the church to hear, put his ear-trumpet away, and missed every word of the sermon.

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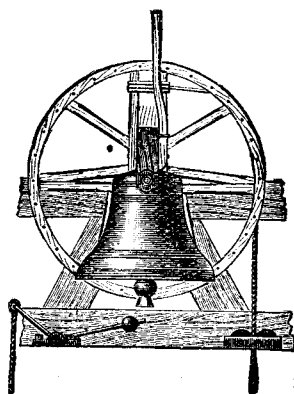
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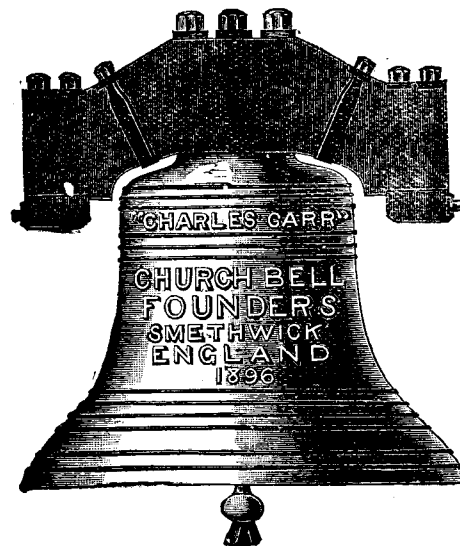
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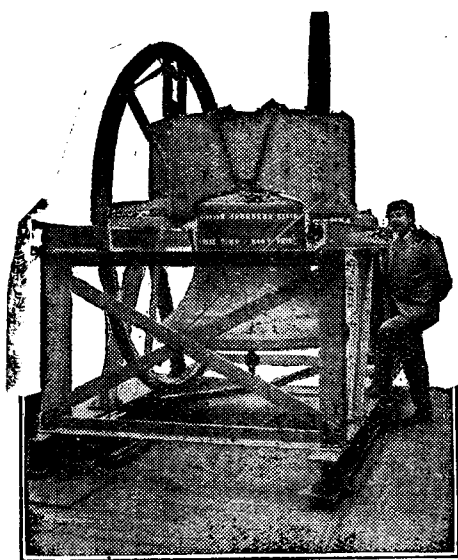
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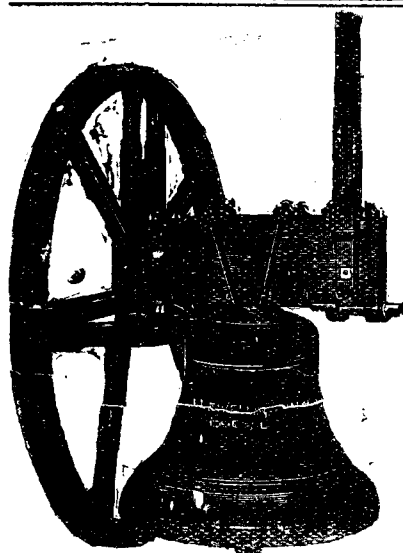
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## DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT WIDNES, LANCASHIRE.

Rarely has the circumstances attendant upon the opening of a new ring of bells been accompanied by greater enthusiasm than the opening of a new ring of eight bells at the new church of St. Paul, Widnes, on Thursday, September 5th. By the erection of this new church, with its complete bell equipment, the anticipations and desires of twenty years have been realised, the dedication of the bells on the above-named day being the happy culminating point of the parishioners' delight and satisfaction.

Beautifully fine weather favoured the occasion and when the bells rang out at the close of the service, a large concourse of people assembled in Victoria Square to listen, which they did with rapture. The total weight of the peal is 58 cwt., the tenor, in the key of G., being 10½ cwt. They were cast and hung by Messrs. Warner and Sons (who also cast the bells at Halewood and Garston), and cost £528.

A company of members of the Lancashire Association, who were on tour in the neighbourhood, visited Widnes for this dedication, and rang a peal of Stedman Triples. The record of this peal will be found in its proper place; but it is fitting to note that the band included no less than six clergymen, three of them being at the head of important ringing associations. They described the bells as being very "handy," and expressed the opinion that they were "a remarkably nice peal."

The question of church extension in Widnes had been a prominent one for some years, but it was 1878 that the first practical step in the desired direction was taken, a committee being to raise funds for the erection of two additional churches—St. Paul's and St. Ambrose. The latter was begun in 1879, and by 1881 the sum of £3000 had been collected or promised towards the £10,000 which the entire completion of St. Paul's—tower, clock, and bells, was estimated to entail. In April of 1883 the first step towards the founding the church of St. Paul was taken. Accompanied by a numerous body of men the Vicar, the Rev. (now Canon) Wright Williams, proceeded from St. Mary's church to the land now occupied by St. Paul's church and vicarage. Taking a brick, he placed it on the ground, and standing on it said: "In the name of the Lord we claim this as the site of the working man's church," words which were re-echoed by the hundreds of men standing around.

From this time the work work proceeded. Many influential laymen, some of the most noble and loyal sons of the Church, gave liberally of their substance, and laboured assiduously to obtain the necessary funds, much valuable financial assistance being given by outside friends. In November, 1884, the church was opened for worship by the Bishop of the diocese.

Funds for the commencement of the tower and organ-chamber were now required, and notwithstanding the depressed state of the local chemical trade at the time, the

base of the tower was erected—various other undertakings, including the erection of a parochial hall at a cost of between £3000 and £4000, preventing the completion of the work. It was not until last year that the parish funds permitted this, a graceful erection of the Transitional period, which contains a clock, being dedicated by the bishop. The height of the tower from the ground to the lightning conductor is 108 feet, and the clock is placed 52 feet from the ground. In recognition of the efforts of the present Vicar of St. Paul's and those of the congregation, the Widnes town council have undertaken to illuminate the dials at night free of charge for a period of ten years.

Shortly after the opening of the new church of St. Paul it became evident that the Church life of Widnes would be much strengthened if St. Paul's and St. Mary's were made separate parishes, each with its own clerical staff. The difficulty was, of course, that of the endowment, but Mr. T. S. Timmis—already a princely contributor—again assisted with the magnificent sum of £5000, which was afterwards supplemented by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. The parishioners also promised to raise an additional £1000 within a stipulated time. On January 30th, 1901, St. Paul's was made separate parish, with a population of 7800. It was the first new parish formed during the episcopate of the present bishop, and the first during the reign of King Edward VII.

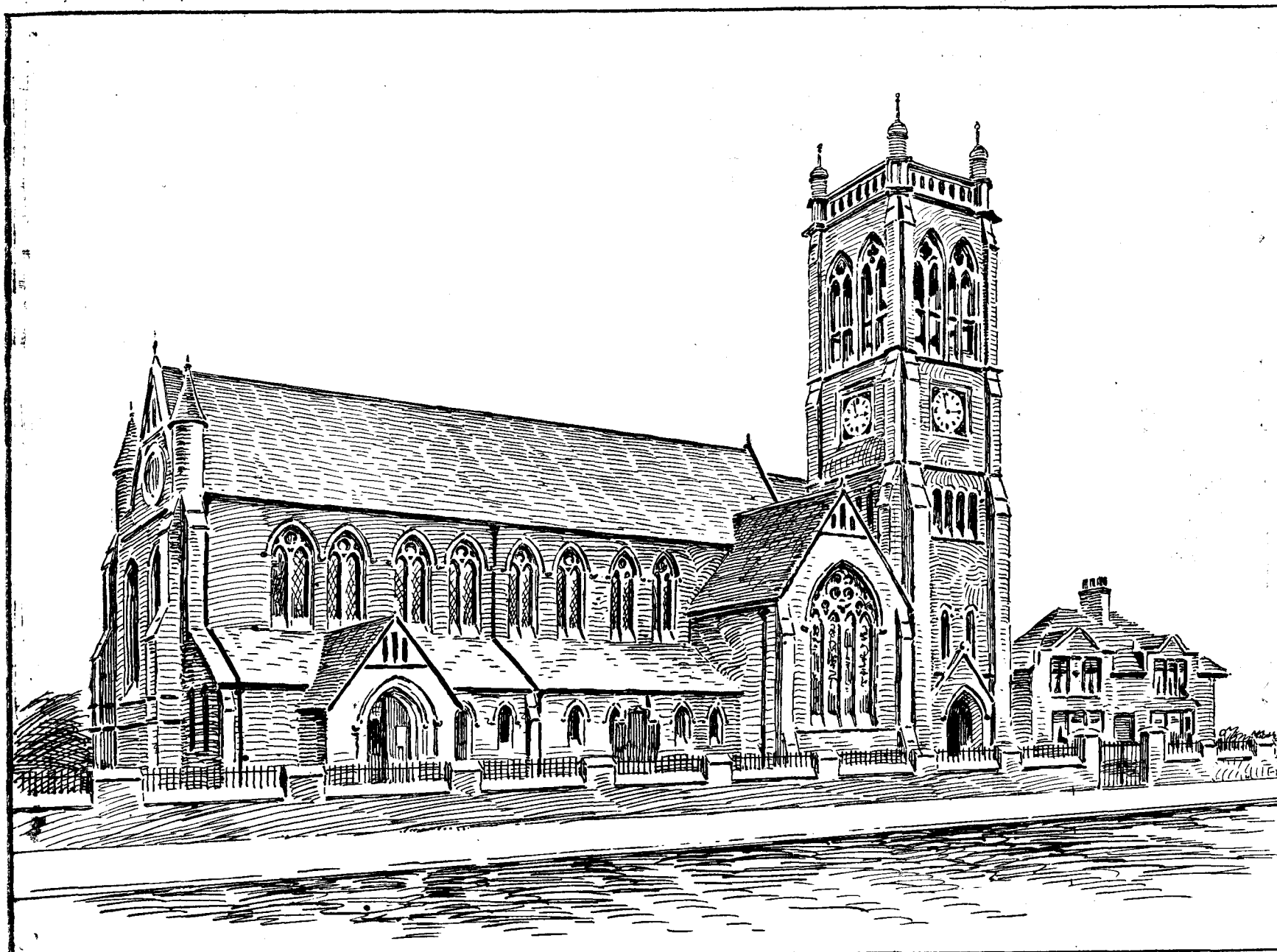
To commemorate the Coronation, a large bell for the clock to strike upon was placed in the tower, at a cost of £100. This bell was also cast by Warner and Sons.

Quite three-quarters of an hour before the time advertised for the commencement of the dedication ceremony, St. Paul's church began to fill, and by three o'clock practically every seat was occupied.

In the unavoidable absence of the Lord Bishop of Liverpool the dedication was performed by the Ven. Archdeacon Spooner. Many of the local and neighbouring clergy were present. The service, which was a shortened form of evensong, was intoned by the Rev. N. J. Poole. Special psalms and lessons were read, the service opening with the grand old hymn—"All people that on earth do dwell," and at the conclusion of the hymn "Blessed city, heavenly Salem," the Archdeacon and clergy, accompanied by the choir, proceeded to the tower door, where the dedicatory prayers were offered. A short flourish on the bells was then given, at the conclusion of which the appropriate hymn—"Hark on high the joyful music" was sung.

Archdeacon Spooner based his remarks upon the words "A golden bell and a pomegranate" Exodus 28-34.; and he delivered a very impressive and appropriate sermon, having many references to the tower and bells. The service concluded with the hymns "Praise my soul the King of Heaven," and "Pleasant are Thy courts above," followed by the Benediction.

The service in the evening was also attended by a very large congregation, the sermon being preached by the Rev. G. H. St. P. Garrett, a former Vicar of Widnes. The offertories for the day were on behalf of the debt of nearly £200 remaining on the tower and bells fund. That



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WIDNES, LANCASHIRE.



at the afternoon reached the encouraging total of £127, and the evening £23, making a grand total of £140.

The dedication services were continued on Sunday, the bells being rung by the St. Paul's ringers, who have been trained by Mr. E. H. Lewis, of Widnes.

A Widnes paper has the following: "The dedication of the fine peal of bells which rang out on Thursday over Widnes—as sweetly, no doubt, to the large number of people who filled Victoria Square, as the far-famed bells of Aberdovey—marks the fruition of the plans for years, and we cannot refrain from congratulating the Vicar of St. Paul's and his co-workers on having at length so successfully effected the completion of their project. The bells are a distinct addition to the town—an addition of which the townspeople generally, and Churchmen in particular, might well be proud."

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, 31st of August, a visit was paid to Llanblethian, near Cowbridge, Glamorgan, by seven members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, at the invitation of the Rector, the Rev. J. Roberts, to try a ring of six, to which the following repairs have been most efficiently executed by Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., at a cost of £150, which has been borne by Mrs. Brereton, of Twickenham, as a memorial gift to her parents.

Particulars of Repairs:—New elm floor upon steel joists, and new bell frame of their compensation design, all new fittings throughout, including J. J. Carr's patent chairs and bell metal bearings. Tenor 5th, 4th and 3rd, drilled and quarter turned, old treble tuned for present 2nd, and old 2nd re-cast into new treble, all fitted with cast iron jaw staples and new clappers.

Tenor 9 cwt. in "F" sharp.

The tower has also been restored at a cost of £700.

The bells, which had not been rung for over twenty years, were kept going for about 2 hrs. to Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor, all being highly pleased with the tone and "go" of the bells.

The visitors were met at Cowbridge by Mr. J. Davies who hails from Luton, Bedfordshire, who was on a visit to his relatives.

After some ringing in various methods, the bells were lowered in peal, and the visitors entertained to tea by the Rector, thus ending a very pleasant outing to the typical Welsh village.

#### THE CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO SOCIETY.

On Saturday, August 31st, the ringers of St. Michael's church, Clapton-in-Gordano, had their annual outing. Leaving Portishead for Weston by light railway they proceeded to Kewstoke and rang a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 300 of Stedman Doubles, 248 Bob Doubles, and 720 Grandsire Doubles, by Messrs. T. Atherton, F. Derrick, T. Wyatt conductor, H. Knight, T. Bessant, E. Bessant. The Rector of Kewstoke gave them a hearty welcome.

#### THE RYE SOCIETY.

The second annual outing of the Rye band of ringers was held on Tuesday, the 27th August. The party left the ancient town at 8 a.m., and proceeded through the Romney Marsh.

A halt was made at Brookland, where the ringers were

met by the Rev. V. L. Batson, the Vicar, who conducted the party, and showed them various interesting features of the Church of St. Augustine. The rev. gentleman was sorry that he was unable to fulfil his promise in allowing the party to ring the bells in the ancient campanile, owing to the death of an old Brookland resident. He, however, expressed a desire that the Rye ringers would visit Brookland on some future occasion.

The next stopping-place was at Old Romney, where a visit was made to the interesting old Church of St. Clement.

New Romney was reached shortly after 10.30. The church tower was at once inspected, the Rector, the Rev. R. M. South, having kindly placed his grand peal of eight bells at the disposal of the visitors, ringing was indulged in for about an hour, and a well-struck 360 changes of Bob Minor was rung.

The company proceeded on their journey, and on arrival at Dymchurch at about noon, a halt was made at the Church of St. Peter and Paul, the ringers viewing the edifice and inspecting its three bells. Hythe was reached at 1.15, and dinner was partaken of at the Wilberforce Temperance hotel.

Subsequently the party adjourned to the Church of St. Leonard. The Vicar, the Rev. H. D. Dale, had kindly given an invitation for the party to visit the crypt, which was heartily accepted.

The tower was also visited, the ringers being met by several of the local ringers. A well-struck quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, of 1,260 changes, was rung by the Rye band, in 44 minutes. Then followed 336 changes of Bob Major.

The party sat down to tea at the Wilberforce hotel, at five o'clock, after which the members journeyed by motor to Folkestone, returning to Hythe at 8.15, when a start was made for home, Rye being reached about midnight. Altogether a most enjoyable day was spent.

#### THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, TIPTON.

On Saturday, August 24th, the members of this Society with their wives made this day their annual outing, visiting Kidderminster, Stourport and Areley Kings. On our arrival at Stourport we were met by the Rev. J. F. Hastings, Rector of Martley, who had journeyed from there, a distance of eight or nine miles. The rev. gentleman informed us that the Rector of Areley Kings was away from home, but it would be all right for a ring on the church bells. Accordingly arrangements were made to meet him in the tower for this purpose. Shortly afterwards the bells (a splendid ring of six) were raised and several touches in the four standard methods were rung, the rev. gentleman and two of the local ringers assisting. After thanking the Rev. J. F. Hastings (who is patron of the living of Areley Kings) for his kindness in meeting us and in the absence of the Rector, the Rev. D. Vaudrey, allowing us the use of the bells, we wended our way to The Squirrel, the village hostelry, where a good tea was awaiting us. A short time was spent in looking over some of the beautiful gardens which abound with flowers, fruit and vegetables, which were greatly admired. The weather being beautifully fine the whole of the time we had at our disposal was much too short to spend in this picturesque part of Worcestershire, away from the smoke and

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dust of a manufacturing centre. However we one and all returned well pleased with the short visit amongst such lovely air and scenery.

The church of Areley Kings is dedicated to St. Bartholomew, and has some very interesting relics belonging to it. The font bowl is modern, but the stem and base are most ancient, being, as the inscription says *Tempore Laydmanin Sante*, that is in English, "In the time of Saint Layaman." He lived in Redstone Hermitage in the year 1200. He was Rector of Areley Kings, and the first writer of English, long before Chaucer. His work is called "Layaman's Brut." The stem and bow of the font were found at the restoration in 1884. On the boundary of the churchyard overlooking the river Severn, is a portion of a wall of eight sandstones, inscribed—"Lithologema Quare? Reponitur, Sir Harry; which means literally "Why this heap of stones? Sir Harry is buried here"; or as it has been rhymed—"Wherefore this heap of stones, it covers Sir Harry's bones." He was a certain Sir Harry Connigsby of the Sturt-in-Areley, who lost his infant heir by the nurse dropping him into the moat, and Sir Harry died of a broken heart in consequence, about the year 1600. There is also a magnificent oak carved pulpit in the church, placed there in memory of the present patron's grandfather. [We are indebted to the Rev. J. F. Hastings for the above information.] The church is situate just off the main road leading to Witley Court, the Worcestershire seat of the Earl of Dudley. It is in the Italian style of architecture, and was purchased by the Foleys from the Cooksey family in the seventeenth century, and was once the residence of Queen Adelaide, and subsequently passed into the possession of the late Earl of Dudley, who spent vast sums of money in beautifying it.

### 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."

#### CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

SIR,—We have read with interest Sir Arthur Heywood's letter appearing in your issue of the 24th ult., with reference to Cambridge Surprise as mentioned in the catalogue appearing in your number of the preceding week.

It appears to us that his criticism is just. The point turns upon the use of the word "Variation," which we used as it was used by Mr. Snowden in the opening paragraphs of "Standard Methods," and is used in your peal records of "Treble Bob," but which use is not now warranted by the definition in "The Glossary"; so that instead of speaking of three variations we ought to have mentioned the original and two variations.

While about writing we may mention an error in the catalogue under the name of Sottanstill. We have found that "Albion" does not appear for the first time in his book, but in that of Hubbard, who ascribes it to Hugh Wright, of Leeds, who, according to Mr. Snowden, died in 1836.

We have not thought it necessary before sending this letter to consult the other members of our Committee, who, of course, are not committed to anything we have said.

R. A. DANIELL.  
H. DAINS.

#### THE BIDDENHAM PEAL.

SIR,—"Change-ringer" seems to have a doubt about the above peal being finished in the dark. He challenges us to "ring a 720 in the dark," then states that "it is impossible to ring changes in the dark."

Put that into plain English and it amounts to a charge of

publishing a falsehood. It is a serious matter for us, and if true, we should not be worthy to again ring a bell. Yet "Change-ringer" (?) does not publish his name.

I think that any honourable person, under the circumstances, would do so.

Who is he? Where does he come from? Are we to go to Northumberland or to Cornwall to accept and carry out the challenge?

Until he publishes his name the explanation that he so much desires the "public" to know will not come from me. It is singular, sir, but the same doubt and same challenge, expressed strongly, has been made to two of the company who stood in the peal, by C. R. Lilley.

He was, I believe, answered in unmistakable terms.

Personally I should consider that I would be degrading myself to give an explanation to, or to accept any challenge from such a contemptible person.

It may interest the Exercise to know that the peal was finished at 8.25 p.m., without a light, on Saturday, August 24th.

JOHN W. BARKER.

P.S.—Some ringers have ears and use them.

SIR,—Finding a doubt being published in your paper re a peal at Biddenham rang on Saturday, August 31st, and mentioned in the local paper as the last 1000 changes were rung in the dark, I beg to state that the same was correct, and should like to offer an explanation. Being away on my holiday the week before, a peal was arranged to be rung, I myself knowing nothing whatever about it, and the ringers turning up on the same afternoon one short came and asked me if I could stand in, and being at work at the time made it rather late in starting. I tried the lamp for oil before starting, found plenty of oil, but wick being burnt short, was overlooked, consequently the lamp went out after ringing the two first 720s. We kept on with the peal, howing to get through with it, which we did, and better striking was never done than we did in the dark, as everyone's attention was necessary on his work.

"A Change-Ringer" fails to see how a peal can be claimed to be a peal, and likewise challenged the band to ring a 720 in the dark. I accept the challenge, if he is man enough to publish his name, on condition only, that is, if 720 is rung he pays for a new set of bell ropes, if not rung I pay for the same, as, no doubt, this letter has been published in spite of some of the ringers, if not all, and the challenge shall be one that either A Change-Ringer, or myself shall remember. I must apologise for trespassing so much on your space, but cannot possibly let a matter like this go by, as I would be one of the last to hold with a peal being published that was never rung, and I can prove this to be correct. Trusting, as challenge has been accepted, I shall hear what date same can be arranged. Yours, A Change-Ringer, not under a nom Je plume, but as

Biddenham.

W. J. DAVISON.

#### THE THRAPSTON EPISODE.

SIR,—On behalf of the visitors, of whom I was one, I beg to say that the Rev. Kingsford's letter in your issue of August 31st, is an amended variation to what he has hitherto written. We now read, for the first time, that public business is interfered with by the ringing, etc. No reason whatever was given for the refusal, except that our telegram was sent to the caretaker by the Rector, with the result that the rev. gentleman declined. I answered the Rector's letter fully in the columns of "The Northamptonshire Telegraph," on August 14th, and there stated that on applying for permission at the Rectory we were refused an audience and the use of the bells. I then asked if we might be permitted to ring for a few minutes only. This also was refused. Some of us were strangers, and had come to Thrapston in the hopes of a pull. We left our cards an hour earlier as the Rector was out, and when we returned this was the Christian (?) reception with which we met. The Rev. Kingsford stoutly defends his caretaker, and says "business" was the reason. Business on Bank Holiday! It was the annual sports at Thrapston, and most of the shops were shut, the only refreshment obtainable was at a public-house. I have no desire to reiterate that the Irthlingborough men have always been refused since Mr. J. Nickerson, steeple-keeper, was not allowed to push

his deputy in a peal of Superlative on Thrapston bells. It may only be a coincidence, but the fact remains. The steeple-keeper stated to me that bad ropes was the reason, but before we left him he admitted that a new set of ropes was in the belfry! I would like to ask the Rector one question: If business was the obstacle why did he send our telegram to the tower-keeper for advice? I have written elsewhere that while the Rector has the right to grant or refuse—nor may any dispute his right—we ringers scarcely expect such clerical intolerance. This comes of incumbents giving unlimited power to their tower-keepers, who can, if they choose, victimise better men than themselves, and strike from behind their parson's protection. I say this power is a bad thing—and I am a steeple-keeper myself. The Rector of Thrapston has sons and daughters who are ringers. Would he like them to be treated in like manner? Five minutes refused on Bank Holiday! Did he think we were ragamuffins and wanted to rob the church?

W. WILLSON.

HODSON—BELLFOUNDER.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. V. D. Lawrence's letter in your last issue, I am able to say that John Hodson cast bells at St. Mary's Cray, Kent. He is usually spoken of as a London bell-founder, but in my short notice of last year on the bells of St. Giles, Cripplegate, published in the Report of the Association of which I happen to be Hon. Secretary I was able to shew that in 1665 some of the bells of that church were sent to St. Mary's Cray, to be re-cast. This year in writing about the bells of S. Sepulchre, Holborn, I shall shew that after the Great Fire, the metal that remained was sent to John Hodson, of Bishopsgate-street, London, carpenter, to be re-cast into three tunable bells. In those days, bell-founding was not unfrequently joined to some other occupation—and in Hodson's case the term of London bell-founder is not far wrong if he did his carpenter's work in Bishopsgate-street, and his bell-founding at St. Mary Cray.

It would be interesting to know the initials of the founder of whom Mr. Lawrence writes. John Hodson began to cast bells somewhere about 1653, and was succeeded by Christopher Hodson. The fine bells at Coulsdon, in Surrey, are dated 1675, and have the initials of both founders. The 2nd bell at Addington, dated 1683, has the initials of Christopher Hodson, so that if the bells of Brookland are dated 1685, they would probably bear the initials C. H. alone. I should be glad if Mr. Lawrence could ascertain this, and let us know.

ARTHUR T. KING.

THE WEST HAM DIFFERENCES.

SIR,—In reply to the letter in "THE BELL NEWS," of the 7th September, I certainly deny that I told a Wanstead ringer that I had got a band or that I informed the father of the bride that a band would ring on the occasion of Mr. Marks' wedding. What I told the said ringer was that I could get a band if required, and no promise was made to the father as no order was given. The conversation on the occasion of the supposed ordering was a general one, and though it was mooted that the bells might be required nothing definite was asked or promised, which fact can be affirmed by more than one witness. Your correspondent troubles to point out that he should have thought the Vicar was the proper person to apply to for the use of the bells. Very likely. But how is it that the Vicar was not applied to? Oh, no, neither the tower nor the bells belong to Mr. Doran, but, doubtless, "Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob" knows the relation he bears to them. I do not care to carry the correspondence further, certainly not with one who hasn't the manliness to sign his own name.

W. DORAN.

SIR,—The statement made by Mr. Doran about application being made to him or the verger regarding West Ham bells, requires no allusion of any sort, and your correspondent makes himself ridiculous in doing so. This correspondent is not clever enough to disguise himself, though he is afraid to sign his name. He is known as a very selfish and dissatisfied mortal, and one who wants his own way. He can leave Mr. Doran and West Ham affairs alone. His being able to ring London and "all" the methods is no warrant for his interference, and he is not qualified for such in any shape.

EAST END.

[This correspondence is now closed.—Ed.]

TREBLE BOB MAJOR AND ROYAL.

SIR,—If Mr. Dench will turn to "THE BELL NEWS" for the 30th of last March he will there find over my name the 5184 in three equal parts, which he last week published as his own peal. Perhaps he will kindly acknowledge his error.

TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5040.

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
2	3	5	6	4	2	2	1
6	2	3	4	5	2	2	2
2	5	3	4	6	1		2
3	4	2	5	6		1	1
4	5	2	3	6		2	

Repeated.

5120.

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
5	2	3	6	4	2	2	2
5	2	6	4	3	2	2	1
2	5	3	4	6	2		2
3	4	2	5	6		1	1
4	5	2	3	6		2	

Repeated.

Each peal has the 6th her extent right at six course-ends, these being the last three of each half peal.

H. DAINS.

LONDON SURPRISE.

SIR,—No doubt the unpalatableness of Mr. Dains's special one in the four peals of London being false was the cause of him bringing forward such a weak argument against my 5056. Mr. Dains himself has always advocated the least number of changes in a peal shall take precedence of a higher number with the same properties. Mr. Sottanstell's being 5184, mine takes first rank till the 5024 is obtained without parting the tenors.

F. DENCH.

LONDON SURPRISE.—By F. DENCH.

5088.

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
3	5	4	2	6	-	x		
3	6	5	2	4	x		-	-
5	3	6	2	4			-	-
3	4	6	2	5	-	in and 5th		
5	6	4	2	3	-		-	-
2	5	4	6	3			-	-
6	2	4	5	3			-	-
4	2	3	5	6	-			

Twice repeated.

5088.

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
3	5	4	2	6	-	x		
5	4	3	2	6	in and 5th			
3	4	6	2	5	-		-	-
5	6	4	2	3	-		-	-
4	2	5	6	3			-	-
3	5	2	6	4	-		-	-
6	3	2	5	4			-	-
3	4	2	5	6	-	in 5th		

Twice repeated.

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1907.

AN account of the opening of a ring of bells at Widnes in Lancashire, is dealt with at some length in this number. It has been thought that such occurrences do not generally meet with sufficient publicity, and that the erection and opening of new rings of bells should be brought into a great deal more prominence than such affairs are at present. For it is contended that such a circumstance as the erection of rings of bells at churches where their sound has not hitherto been heard, is a notable event, and ought to be made a great feature of. We have endeavoured in the present instance to do something of this kind. The announcement that new bells have been erected and opened under similar circumstances as the Widnes opening, ought and no doubt is, very pleasing intelligence to the Exercise.

We shall be at all times pleased to give a sketch of a church where new bells have been placed. To do this effectually we should have the co-operation of the various bell-founders. Their interests will be served, and at the same time the importance of bell operations brought before the notice of Churchmen, and the general public as

well. Many a liberal minded person may become induced to make inquiries into the state of the bells of their parish churches through perusing the account of Widnes bells, and then may follow a desire to act similarly to the large-hearted gentlemen who have come forward and helped in such a praiseworthy undertaking.

### THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above took place at the beautiful watering-place of Tenby on August Bank Holiday, members attending from Aberavon, Neath, Cadoxton, Swansea, Morriston, Sketty, Tenby and Pembroke. Ringing was kept up at intervals during the day, much to the delight of the inhabitants and visitors. Dinner was served at Miss Griffiths' Temperance hotel, when a good number sat down. At the meeting which followed, the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were adopted, then came the Annual Report, which showed a balance on the right side of £14 10s. 0d. All the officers were re-elected except Mr. W. Rice (Treasurer), who resigned, Mr. W. Williams (Aberavon), being elected to fill the vacancy.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 3, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, WANSTEAD,

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

Being three 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, and four of Kent Treble Bob, each called differently.

ASHTON LEBBON* .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK SQUIRES .. .. 4.
WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 5.
ARCHIBALD H. DOHERTY .. 3.	JOSEPH B. MARKS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal on the bells by an entirely local band. \*First peal. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. A. W. Goodhart and Miss Baxter, who were married at this church on the above date.

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

On Wednesday, September 4, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

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

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	ERNEST BRETT .. .. 5.
JAMES C. F. BAYLEY* .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 3.	HORATIO GUMMER .. .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First attempt for a peal of Stedman away from the tenor.

### The Provinces.

#### TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 22, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lbs.

J. WOODWARD .. .. Treble.	J. JOHNSON .. .. 5.
HARRY ALCOCK .. .. 2.	G. A. SMITH .. .. 6.
ARTHUR LATHAM .. .. 3.	GEO. WOODS .. .. 7.
SAMUEL CARDELL .. .. 4.	ARTHUR CLAY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR LATHAM.

#### WOOTTON, NORTHANTS.

#### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Being forty-two 6-scores called differently.

FREDERICK ROWLEDGE* .. Treble.	FRED HOPPER .. .. 3.
HARRY CLARKE* .. .. 2.	*GEORGE PARKER .. .. 4.
*THOMAS LAW .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

\*First peal.

#### LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 31, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE WOODS .. .. Treble.	JOHN JOHNSON .. .. 5.
JOHN WOODWARD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM RIGBY .. .. 6.
SAMUEL CARDELL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. 7.
FRED PAGE .. .. 4.	CHARLES MOBLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN JOHNSON.

#### HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 4, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lbs.

HARRY BOTTRILL* .. .. Treble.	ISAAC CAVILL .. .. 5.
GEORGE F. MARGETSON* .. 2.	*FREDERICK PALMER .. .. 6.
GEORGE DENT .. .. 3.	WALTER HOBBS .. .. 7.
GEORGE RADLEY .. .. 4.	HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. FISTOW, and Conducted by HENRY J. TUCKER.

\*First peal in the method.

#### ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Wednesday, September 4, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST PYE .. .. Treble.	FRED WILFORD .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 6.
ROBERT STAVERT .. .. 3.	RICHARD NEWTON .. .. 7.
CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 4.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

R. Newton, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Manchester.

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

On Thursday, September 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES SALLAWAY .. .. Treble.	REV. C. B. D. FARROW .. 4.
EDWARD ODDY .. .. 2.	THOMAS HEFORTH .. .. 5.
GEORGE LAMBERT .. .. 3.	GEORGE BOLLAND .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of the late William Horner Howard, Vice President of the above Association.

## DOVER, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HERBERT J. SAUNDERS* .. Treble.	CHARLES R. MILLWAY .. 5.
HERBERT C. SAYWELL† .. 2.	STEPHEN BINFIELD .. 6.
WILLIAM H. WOOD .. 3.	HENRY C. CASTLE .. 7.
HARRY BARTON .. 4.	GEORGE H. CARTER.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a farewell to G. H. Carter, who is leaving shortly for India.

## WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.

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On Saturday, September 7, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED MONKLEY .. .. Treble.	EDMUND SARGENT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM DRAKE .. .. 2.	THOMAS MUDGE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM MOGGRIDGE .. 3.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 7.
EDWIN SHEPHERD .. .. 4.	WILLIAM ACESMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

## BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIKRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 7, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

W. BURGESS* .. .. Treble?	J. CLIFFE .. .. 5.
J. WOODS .. .. 2.	H. E. HOUGH .. .. 6.
J. SHONE .. .. 3.	J. DILLON .. .. 7.
J. MILLINGTON* .. .. 4.	*E. SPENCER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by H. E. HOUGH.

First peal on the bells since they have been rehung by Mears and Stainbank, and two additional bells added to complete the octave, the "go" and tone of the bells being everything that could be desired. \*First peal.

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

On Saturday, September 7, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

HENRY G. ROWE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE H. BARKER.. .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 6.
JOHN J. LAME .. .. 3.	RICHARD NEWTON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 4.	HENRY A. BARNETT, JUN. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Arranged for R. Newton, of Manchester.

## DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY Treble.	WILLIAM PEARSON .. .. 5.
JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 2.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 6.
ARTHUR GILL .. .. 3.	THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 7.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 4.	JOHN MCKELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Rung by the officers of the Association with the bells half muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late vice president, William H. Howard.

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On Saturday, September 7, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

W. HOYLES .. .. Treble.	C. SUMMERS .. .. 5.
W. B. BISS .. .. 2.	J. R. JONES .. .. 6.
ALLEN ROWLEY .. .. 3.	H. MOORE .. .. 7.
G. ATKINS* .. .. 4.	J. R. PASMORE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. MOORE, and Conducted by G. ATKINS.

\*Fiftieth peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Allen Rowley. Messrs. Biss and Rowley were elected members before starting.

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## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE.

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. SARGINSON† .. .. Treble.	G. PARK .. .. 5.
A. MORTON* .. .. 2.	R. BORROWS .. .. 6.
G. HANDLEY .. .. 3.	G. J. CLARKSON.. .. 7.
H. PAUL† .. .. 4.	T. METCALFE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD, and Conducted by T. METCALFE.

†First 5000 of Major. \*First 5000 of Treble Bob. †First 5000 of Major with a bob bell.

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(THE DEBENHAM SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, September 8, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Composed by JAMES HUNT, and Conducted by WILLIAM RUMSEY.

\*First peal in the method. Rang as a birthday compliment to the tenor man, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

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Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT BROOKS.. .. Treble.	LEONARD FIDLER .. .. 5.
TOM BOND .. .. 2.	THOMAS BULL .. .. 6.
FRED WILFORD .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY BROOKS .. .. 4.	JOHN MONK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

On Tuesday, September 10, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

FRED. WILFORD.. .. Treble.	JOHN F. JUGGINS .. .. 5.
ALBERT E. LOCK .. .. 2.	EDGAR HUMFREY .. .. 6.
HARRY HOLIFIELD .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
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A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 32½ cwt. in C.

REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON Treble.	HENRY W. WILDE .. 5.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 2.	REV. B. TYRWITT-DRAKE 6.
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. 3.	REV. C. A. CLEMENTS .. 7.
JAMES MORGAN .. 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES ..Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and  
Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, September 3, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. in A flat.

REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON Treble.	REV. H. J. ELSEE .. 5.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 2.	REV. B. TYRWITT-DRAKE 6.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3.	HENRY W. WILDE .. 7.
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. 4.	REV. C. A. CLEMENTS ..Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE,

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 4, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON Treble.	GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 5.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 2.	*REV. B. TYRWITT-DRAKE 6.
REV. H. J. ELSEE .. 3.	WILLIAM DAVIES .. 7.
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES ..Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and  
Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

\*First peal in the method.

WIDNES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

REV. H. LAW JAMES ..Treble.	EDWIN H. LEWIS .. 5.
REV. H. J. ELSEE .. 2.	GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 6.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3.	REV. C. A. CLEMENTS .. 7.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 4.	REV. B. TYRWITT-DRAKE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

First peal on the bells, and was rung immediately after the Dedication Service.

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On Saturday, September 7, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lbs. in E.

REV. H. LAW JAMES ..Treble.	REV. H. J. ELSEE .. 5.
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Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 2, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

W. H. BABBER .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM STORY.. .. 5.
JOSEPH ROWELL.. .. 2.	JACE FOREMAN .. .. 6.
REV. B. JEALOUS .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
J. G. HALL.. .. .. 4.	J. STUART .. .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON

BISHOP WEARMOUTH, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 3 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOSEPH W. PARKER .. ..Treble.	FRANK NAISBY .. .. 5.
R. A. LOVIE .. .. 2.	J. J. LEIGHTON .. .. 6.
REV. B. JEALOUS .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
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On Wednesday, September 4, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

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PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

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T. A. TEASDALE.. .. 4.	T. MURRAY.. .. ..Tenor.

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On Friday, September 6, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

R. ALCOCK .. .. ..Treble.	T. METCALFE .. .. 5.
C. TODD .. .. .. 2.	*S. T. WRIGHT .. .. 6.
JAMES BAXTER .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
W. H. PORTER .. .. 4.	H. H. HANSEN .. .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

Miscellaneous.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—On Tuesday, August 13th, for practice on the back eight at St. Martin's church, 448 Superlative Surprise Major. E. Allaway, A. Walker conductor, A. Chambers, E. J. Hyland, F. Fay, A. Davies, A. P. Smith, J. Neal. A course of Treble Bob Royal. J. Shepherd, A. Chambers, T. Reynolds, T. Reeves, J. Neal, A. Davies, A. Smith, E. J. Hyland, H. Withers, A. Walker. Three courses of Stedman Cinques. A.

Walker conductor, S. Fay, A. Smith, A. Chambers, T. Reynolds F. Dickens, E. J. Hyland, E. T. Allaway, J. Shepherd, A. Davies, J. Neal, T. Reeves. For Divine Service on Sunday morning, August 18th, a course of Treble Bob Maximus. G. Pigott, A. Pegler, J. E. Groves, T. Russam, T. Reynolds. E. J. Hyland, T. Westwood, T. Pigott, A. P. Smith, S. Grove, A. Walker, J. Neal. Two courses of Stedman Cinques. On Tuesday, August 20th, for practice, 576 Superlative Surprise Major. R. Cartwright, A. Walker conductor, F. Dickens, E. J. Hyland, A. Chambers, S. Grove, J. Neal, J. E. Groves. Three courses of Stedman Cinques. T. Reeves, F. Dickens, J. Neal, A. Chambers, T. Reynolds, R. Cartwright, E. J. Hyland, A. P. Smith, S. Grove, J. Dowler, J. E. Groves, A. Walker conductor. And three leads of Treble Twelve.

#### THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

RHYL.—On Sunday, September 8th, for evening service at St. Thomas's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. D. Lewis, E. Hughes, R. Jones, C. Carew Cox, F. Wallis, S. A. Cullington, M. J. Morris conductor, J. Ellis.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOCKERLEY (Hants).—On Saturday, August 24th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Williams, W. H. George, C. A. Valentine, J. Walker W. G. Fowler, W. T. Tucker conductor.

SHEDFIELD (Hants).—On Tuesday, August 27th, for combined practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. T. Tucker, W. H. Wilkes, G. Chappell, W. H. George, C. A. Valentine, G. Williams conductor. 720 Double Oxford. A. Millard, W. H. Wilkes, C. J. Fray, G. Williams conductor, C. A. Valentine, W. T. Tucker. And 144 Kent Treble Bob.

NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On Thursday, August 22nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Dumper, C. J. Fray, W. T. Tucker, A. Marks, C. A. Valentine, G. Williams conductor. On Tuesday, August 25th, 360 Double Court. E. Mundy, W. H. Wilkes, C. J. Fray, G. Williams conductor, C. A. Valentine, W. T. Tucker. For evening service 240 Stedman Doubles. G. Williams, W. H. George, C. J. Fray, C. A. Valentine, W. T. Tucker, G. Cooper. On Thursday, August 29th, 720 Oxford Single Bob. E. Dumper, W. T. Tucker, C. J. Fray, W. H. George, C. A. Valentine, G. Williams conductor. First 720 on the bells and by all the band except the conductor.

#### \* SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, August 31st, after an attempt for a peal of London Surprise, a course of Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major. S. Grove, C. Dickens, F. Withers, A. Chambers, R. Matthews, W. Short, J. Dowler, A. E. Pegler.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUTTON COURTNEY (Berks).—On Friday, September 6th, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Holifield, R. G. Rice, H. C. Mullard, A. E. Lock, W. Hutton, E. Humfrey conductor.

#### THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

SWANSEA.—On August 22nd, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 45 mins. W. Jeune, C. Moore, P. Kneath, W. Rice, J. Bradney, J. Hoare conductor, E. Davies. J. Bradney, who hails from Shifnal, was elected a member of the above. Rung as a farewell to W. Jeune, who left for Canada, the ringers wishing him God-speed in his new home.

#### THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Sunday, September 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. J. Basden conductor, E. J. Walsom, E. Harris, A. Taber, H. Folkard, H. Browning, A. Harding first quarter-peal in the method, G. Green.

DEREHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, August 11th, for morning service at St. Nicholas' church, 360 Bob Minor. W. Secker, W. Miller, M. Jarvis, B. Beckett, J. Wells, F. Adcock conductor, H. Secker. On Sunday, August 18th, for evening service, 360 Bob Minor. W. Secker, C. Blag, M. Jarvis, W. Miller, J. Wells, F. Adcock conductor, H. Secker.

EAST TYTHERLEY (Hants).—On Saturday, August 24th, after meeting short for a peal of Major, 720 Bob Minor. F. Paskins, W. T. Tucker, W. H. George, J. Walker, W. H. Fowler, C. A. Valentine conductor. 504 Grandsire Triples. G. May, F. Paskins, G. Williams conductor, J. Walker, C. Valentine, W. H. George, W. H. Fowler, W. T. Tucker. 518 Grandsire Triples. G. May, W. T. Tucker, F. Paskins, C. A. Valentine conductor, G. Williams, W. H. George, W. H. Fowler, J. Walker. A course of Triples on handbells. W. T. Tucker, 1-2; C. A. Valentine, 3-4; G. Williams, 5-6; W. H. George, 7-8.

GRIMSBY (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, September 1st, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 672 Kent Treble Bob Major. R. S. Long, G. Hollis, A. W. Long, W. Thyng, J. W. Seamer, A. Knights, P. C. Long, B. A. Knights. 168 Stedman Triples. H. Rushby, A. Knight, A. W. Long, G. Hollis, P. C. Long, B. A. Knight, J. W. Seamer, W. Thyng. 420 Stedman Triples. H. Rushby, A. Knights, A. W. Long, W. Thyng, P. C. Long, G. Hollis, J. W. Seamer, B. A. Knights. 60 Stedman Triples. A. Knights, B. A. Knights, A. W. Long, G. Hollis, P. C. Long, W. Thyng, J. W. Seamer, A. B. Shepherd. All conducted by B. A. Knights.

HANBURY (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, September 7th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Watton, F. Lucas, J. Lewis, F. Spalding, A. Moore, J. Mason conductor.

LAVERNHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, evening, July 28th, for Divine Service, 992 Kent Treble Bob Major. S. H. Symonds, H. Gladwell, T. Hollocks, A. Symonds, W. Dent, H. Smith, L. Leeks, W. Kinsey conductor. On Wednesday evening, August 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. H. Symonds conductor, F. G. Symonds, T. Bonnick, W. Dent first quarter-peal, H. Smith, F. Parker, L. Leeks, A. Symonds. On Sunday, September 1st, for evening service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Pryke, H. Crick, T. Hollocks, H. Foulger, W. Dent, R. Wilding, A. Symonds, P. Laflin conductor.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—Recently at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. T. Hollocks, S. H. Symonds, A. Symonds conductor, W. Fayers, W. Dent, F. Pryke. 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Hollocks, H. Gladwell, A. Hollocks, W. Dent, S. H. Symonds conductor, H. Poulson. On June 8th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. H. Symonds, H. Gladwell, A. Hollocks, F. Pryke, W. Dent, A. Symonds conductor. On June 15th, 720 New London. A. Symonds, T. Hollocks, A. Hollocks, H. Crick, H. D. Poulson, W. Hollocks conductor. On July 6th, 720 Superlative, standing as before. On Saturday, July 27th, 720 College Exercise. A. Symonds, H. Gladwell, A. Hollocks, T. Hollocks, T. Levitt, W. Hollocks conductor.

RED HILL (Surrey).—On Sunday, September 1st, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, for morning service, 1008 Grandsire Triples. J. Gear, W. Streeter, A. Bashford, J. Cotterell, A. Cotterell, H. Reeves conductor, H. Edwards, E. Dennis. For evening service 504 in the same method. J. Gear, W. Streeter, A. Bashford, J. Cotterell, A. Cotterell, H. Card conductor, H. Edwards, E. Dennis.

TILEHURST (Berks).—On Saturday, August 24th, for combined practice at St. Michael's church, 336 Stedman Triples. H. Goodger, N. Cox, H. Runham, J. E. Hern, W. Newell, J. Swain, A. W. Osborne conductor, H. Tucker. And 252 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Newell. Illness prevented any further ringing near the church.

KIDLINGTON (Oxon).—On Sunday, September 1st, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. R. H. Judge first quarter-peal, F. Webb, W. Stone, W. Thorpe, J. Franklin, H. Butler, H. Judge conductor, W. Franklin.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John-at-Hackney on the 17th; St. John, South Hackney, on the 23rd.  
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**The Royal Cumberland Society.**—A meeting for united practice of the above society will be held on Saturday, October 5th, at All Saints parish church, Edmonton. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Divine Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at The Charles Lamb Institute at 6 p.m. (tickets 6d. each). It is hoped that members will be good enough to signify their intention to the Hon. Secretary in order that proper provision may be made.  
A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, St. Ann's Road, High Street, Hornsey.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Frome to-day, Sat., September 14th. Service at St. John's church at 4 p.m. Tea at the Union Jack coffee-house, Cork Street, at 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow.  
E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Helen's church, Cliffe-at-Hoo, to-day, Sat., September 14th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided in the school at 5.30. Committee Meeting after tea. Half fares up to 2s. will be allowed. The Rector of the parish has promised to conduct parties round, and explain all about this grand and historic old church. The organist will give some selections on the organ during the evening.  
A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Penarth to-day, Sat., September 14th, at 4.30 p.m.  
REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*  
JOHN W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—An extra meeting (without allowances) will be held at Sturry on Saturday, September 14th.  
G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cheriton to-day, Sat., September 14th. Cheriton and Tichborne bells available from 2.30. Tea at H. H. inn at 5 o'clock.  
JAS. W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—South-Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Prittlewell to-day, Sat., September 14th. Knife and fork tea at The Blue Boar hotel at five o'clock. 6d. to members, 1s. 6d. to others. It is hoped all members will make an effort to attend this meeting. The tower of Leigh (6 bells) will also be open for ringing.  
HENRY F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*  
*County Office, Chelmsford.*

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—The monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at Earlsheaton to-day, Sat., September 14th. Meeting-house—The Park hotel. Meeting to commence at 5.30.  
WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Not-

tingham District.—The next meeting will be held at Southwell Cathedral to-day, Sat., September 14th. Excursion trains leave Nottingham at 1.55 and 2.5, fare 1s. 6d. Return trains 6.0, 7.16, 9.12, and 9.28.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Sec.*  
Bramcote Road, Beeston, Notts.

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wingerworth on Saturday, September 21st. Meeting at The Hunloke Arms hotel at 5.30 p.m.  
T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will take place at Grimsby on Saturday, September 21st. Bells available from 11 a.m. Service in the parish church at 4.30. Tea at The Harman Commercial hotel at 5 p.m. Meeting immediately after. Members intending being present please communicate with me on or before Tuesday, September 17th.  
J. W. SEAMER, *Hon. Sec.*  
83, Wintringham Road, Grimsby

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30 at The Swan inn. Tea at 6 at the same place. A charge of threepence will be made for each member attending tea. Secretaries of bands are requested to send number and names of members intending to be present to me on or before Wednesday, the 18th inst. Half railway fares up to 2s. allowed. Members of other districts intending to be present are also requested to advise me before the 18th inst.  
A. R. MANNING, *Hon. Sec.*  
101, High Street, Hythe.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next General Meeting will be held at Dewsbury on Saturday, September 21st. Local Hon. Sec.—Mr. Walter Idle, 47, Vulcau Road, Dewsbury. Cheap bookings are being arranged. Full particulars will appear on Association circular later.  
JNO. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittlesey on Saturday, September 21st. Tea in the parish room at 4.30. The towers of St. Mary's and St. Andrew's are available.  
J. M. CLARKSON, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—The annual meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, September 21st, at St. Andrew's church, Hillingdon, near Uxbridge. The bells of St. John's church, as well as those of St. Andrew's and St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, will, it is hoped, be available from 2 p.m. There will be a service at St. Andrew's church at 5 p.m., at which the Bishop of Barking will preach. This service will be followed by tea, and a business meeting in the schoolroom. A substantial tea will be provided for members and their friends at 1s. per head. The Hon. Secretary begs that he may be informed at any early date of those intending to be present, very few names having reached him so far. Routes to Uxbridge, by tube and tram, 7d. each way, or by Baker Street (Metropolitan), or Paddington (G.W.R.), 1s. 6d. return.  
ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*  
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 21st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the

Town Hall at 5 p.m., at which the Vicar will preside. Service in church at 6.30 p.m. Members intending to be present at tea please give notice not later than Wednesday, September 18th, to Mr. W. Richardson, 16, Park Street, Uttoxeter.  
D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—The annual meeting will take place at Blackburn on Saturday, September 28th. Preacher—The Right Rev. Bishop Thornton, D.D., Vicar of Blackburn. The following officers retire this year, but are eligible for re-election; Mr. J. Eachus, Vice-president; Mr. J. H. Banks, Ringing Secretary, and the two auditors, Messrs. J. Barratt and S. Greenhalgh. Nominations for any of these positions, and any notices for proposed alteration of rules must be sent in to the General Secretary not later than the first week in September. Further particulars by circular.  
A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*  
4, Helena Street, Irlam o' the Heights, Manchester  
J. H. BANKS, *Ringling Secretary.*  
462, Helmsshore Road, Helmsshore.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, September 28th. Tea at 5 o'clock, 6d. each to members. Members intending to be present are requested to notify the same to me by Wednesday, Sept. 25th.  
G. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
The Lodge, Vale Road, St. Leonards

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Saturday, September 28th. Ringing at St. Modwen's from 2.0 to 4.0 p.m. Committee Meeting in St. Paul's Institute at 4. Special service and unveiling of the Wakley Memorial at 4.30 in St. Paul's church by the Vicar, Rev. J. J. G. Stockley. A muffled touch will be rung before the service, the band to be arranged by Mr. E. I. Stone. Tea in St. Paul's Institute (tickets 1s. 2d. each), at 5.15 p.m., followed by the General Meeting. Ringing at St. Paul's afterwards. Members and friends who intend being present at tea are requested to notify Mr. L. Bullock, 91, Anglesey Road, Burton-on-Trent, not later than Wednesday, September 25th.  
W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.**—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, October 5th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. at St. Chad's. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. in St. Chad's vestry. Tea at 5.30 p.m.  
J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The London County Association** late the St. James's Society.—The fifth annual grand Bohemian concert will be held on Saturday, October 12th, in the St. George's Hall, Champion hotel, Aldersgate Street, City. Doors open at 7.15 p.m., commence at 7.45. Admission only by programme, price 6d.; reserved seats 1s., to be obtained from the following officers and committee; W. G. Matthews, C. F. Winney, R. A. Daniell, M. Woodcock, F. A. A. Smith, A. A. Scambler, R. Bevan, G. C. Iles, F. G. Perrin, T. Langdon, D. S. Simonds, F. Hairs, A. Turner, and T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—Dewsbury Meeting.—Any member wishing to join in the attempt for Stedman, please write W. Pearson, Plumber, Pontefract. Start must be made at 10 a.m.

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**Obituary.****JOHN WILLIAM BRIGGS.**

It is with regret we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at Stoney Stanton on August 16th, after a short illness, at the age of 35 years. Deceased was the eldest son of Mr. Henry Briggs, and much sympathy is felt with him and his bereaved family. It is the third son that has been taken from him within three years, all of whom were change-ringers and members of the Midland Counties Association. Deceased had taken part in several peals of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. A muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a last tribute of respect to a quiet and genuine comrade. J. Pickering, E. Garner, G. White, W. A. Needham, T. W. Wright, F. Stevens, A. R. Aldham conductor, W. Jones. May he rest in peace.

**BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM.**

On Saturday, September 7th, the ringers of the above church, accompanied by the Vicar, organist and a few friends journeyed to Coleshill. On leaving Forge Mills Station the tower of Coleshill church was soon conspicuous, and after tramping about a mile a very sharp shower somewhat marred the enjoyment of the walk. On arriving at the church the bells were placed at their disposal, and 240 of Bob Minor was brought round. After a few 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles an adjournment was made for tea. Some very quick changes took place here, although not many courses. The Vicar, the Rev. G. E. Badger, who had to hurry off to catch an earlier train, expressed the pleasure it gave him to be with them, and regretted he had to leave so soon, but hoped they would thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Mr. Carrod, the Hon. Secretary, thanked the Vicar for his kindness in entertaining them, and for the general interest he took in them. Mr. Smallwood seconded, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to see Mr. Johns, the organist, present. Proceeding again to the tower a 720 of Bob Minor was rung (the first on the bells since they were re-hung). The Vicar of Coleshill, the Rev. F. W. Wingfield Digby, himself a ringer, gave the band a hearty welcome. Several 6-scores were rung and the bells were lowered in peal. A vote of thanks for the use of the bells was proposed by the Hon. Secretary, and seconded by Mr. Webb. The Vicar, in reply, said there was more need for him to thank the visitors, as he had been delighted to hear the bells rung so well. After some slight refreshment and touches on the handbells the return journey was made with the floral tributes of the local band, everyone highly-pleased with themselves.

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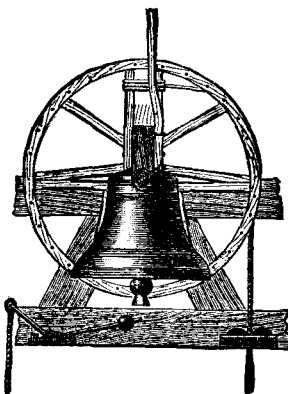
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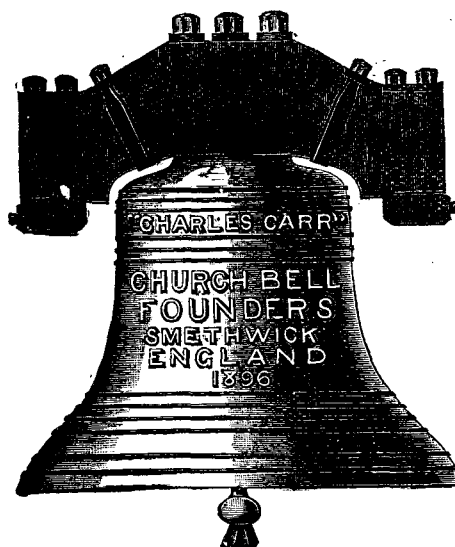
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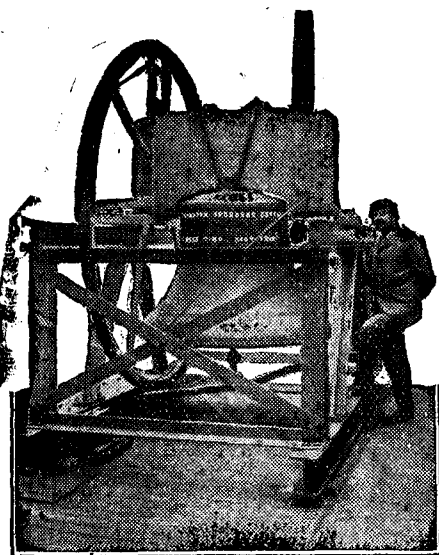
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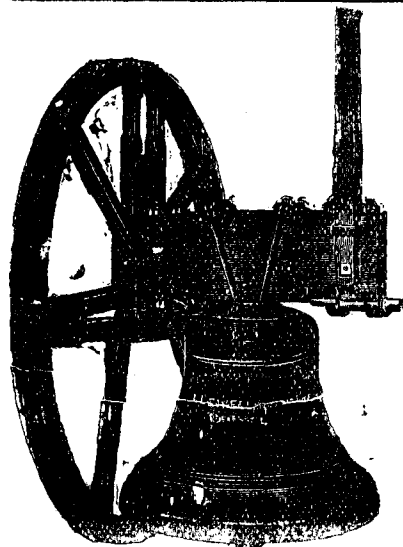
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## WOOL, CORNWALL.

After several years of effort, an effort that has been interrupted by intervening events that could not be gainsaid, the four bells from the tower of the parish church have been quarter-turned, and two new bells, a tenor and a treble, have been added, and this has given a great amount of satisfaction in the parish. By various devices the Vicar, the Rev. A. C. B. Dobie, raised the necessary funds, which amounted to about £250. In the exercise of a generosity which has been very highly appreciated, Mrs. Dobie kindly presented the new treble bell in memory of her mother, and her boy has shown his association by his grandmother. The sum named was required to defray the cost of the remaining new bell, the quarter-turning of the four that have done duty for some 300 years, and the payment of incidental expenses. Certain fees had to be paid to the Chancellor of the diocese, a new floor was placed in the bell-loft, the battlements of the tower have all been repaired and strengthened, and an extra has been provided in the shape of a clock for the vestry.

The bells were taken from the railway station to the church on Monday afternoon in the course of a very interesting formality, and they will be at once hung on the most modern principle. As will readily be conceived, the ancient hanging of the bells was heavy and cumbrous, and no one will appreciate the rehangings in an iron frame more than the ringers themselves, who will have the opportunity of appreciating what modern science is doing in the way of providing labour-saving machinery. The old ring of bells weighed 22 cwt., but the new ring weighs 35 cwt., the new tenor accounting for 10½ cwt. and the treble for 3½ cwt. Mr. L. F. Taylor, of the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, bell founders and church clock manufacturers, who have carried out the work, personally supervised the removal of the bells to the church, and following the hanging a dedication service will be conducted this day (Saturday, September 21st), the ceremony being performed by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury.

The villagers made a brave show on the occasion of the removal of the bells in their last but one stage before they are finally set in position for what will, without doubt, be a prolonged period. From the church tower a flag was flown, at some parts of the village streamers crossed the street, and most of the houses were gay with flags and bunting. In the railway station yard the bells were placed on two drays. These vehicles had been gaily festooned by Mrs. Hooper, Miss Hooper, Mrs. Palmer, Mr. Harold Runyard, Mrs. Dobie and the Misses Loverock. Shortly before six o'clock a procession was formed, the lead being taken by the Vicar (Rev. A. C. B. Dobie) and Dr. Wright, one of the wardens, Mr. James Spicer, the other warden, being unavoidably absent. The Wool brass band, under Mr. H. Stevens, was in attendance, and played lively airs as the bells were escorted by the processionists to the church, the drays being pulled by a strong body of men and boys. Following the two drays bearing their precious burden was a string of decorated cycles. Many people congregated to witness the display, although no doubt

many were detained by harvesting operations that were just then in full swing. It is no exaggeration to say that the procession was a quarter of a mile long, and hundreds of people assembled on both sides of the village street. After the bells had been deposited on the grass of the churchyard, a brief service was held in the open air, conducted by the Vicar. This consisted of versicles, the Lord's Prayer, the Old Hundredth psalm (unaccompanied) and collect, the whole interesting ceremony concluding with the Doxology.

The service was an impressive and unique one, the immense gathering, the surroundings, and the occasion, combined with the intent reverence displayed by all, making it one long to be remembered by all privileged to take part in it.

## THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The September meeting of this Association was held on Saturday week at Richmond, for the first time since the bells there has been augmented from six to eight. Permission had also been obtained for the use of the bells at Catterick. At the latter place a company met in the morning and rung a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, which has already been recorded its proper place. The company then proceeded to Richmond, where there was a considerable muster, the following places being represented: Darlington, Guisborough, East Witton, Middleham, Richmond, Shildon, Skelton-in-Cleveland, and Stockton. A company of about forty sat down to tea at the King Street cafe, Mr. Clarkson (the president) in the chair, supported by the Rector of Richmond, the Rev. R. Hodgson (hon. sec.), and the Rev. A. W. Lister, the vice-chair being occupied by Dr. Pauli, supported by a party of ladies from Middleham. After the toast of "The King" that of "The Bishops and Clergy" was proposed, coupled with the name of the Rector of Richmond, who extended a cordial welcome to the Association.

Mr. A. Morton, who was mainly instrumental in getting the new bells installed at Richmond, took the opportunity to express his appreciation of the assistance then rendered by Mr. Clarkson in coming over with forks, hammers, and chisels, and tuning the bells. Mr. Clarkson expressed a hope that in the course of time there would not be a peal out of tune in the whole of the North Riding.

Several touches of Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung by the various members until train time brought an enjoyable and successful meeting to a conclusion.

Several new members were elected, among whom was the Rector of Richmond.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday last, members of the Winchester district journeyed from Southampton, Twyford, Eastleigh, Diben, North Stoneham, Old Alresford, and Winchester to attend a quarterly meeting at Cheriton. There were also

visitors from Wickham, Cranleigh and Farnham. The towers of Cheriton and Tichborne were opened at 2.30, and during the afternoon and evening some good touches of Treble Bob, College Single, Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung in both towers, being conducted by Messrs. Williams, Chappell, and others. At 5 o'clock a tea had been very pleasantly prepared in the garden of the H. H. inn, at which the district chairman (Canon Braithwaite), presided; Miss Braithwaite (Winchester), and Mrs. Whittington (Cranleigh), kindly pouring out tea for the visitors. The Hon. Secretary announced that since the last quarterly meeting the towers of Dibden, with a band of six members, and Owlesbury, with a band of eight members, had become affiliated to the Guild, and he hoped Cheriton and Tichborne would follow their example; also that Upham bells had been restored owing partly probably to the visit paid by the Guild some time ago to that tower, and that the bells at Kingsworthy were about to be restored, and he believed increased to a ring of five, but the members present were unanimous in hoping that the ring may become one of six bells.

Mr. George, in proposing a vote of thanks to the chairman, remarked that the arrangement of belfry, ropes, etc., were sometimes very inconvenient for ringers, and Canon Braithwaite, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to be present that day, and he was always glad to do anything he could for the members of the Guild, and he thought it would be a great help to the clergy in the matter of the arrangement of the belfry if they could have the advice of some practical ringer when any alteration was about to be made, as they themselves could not be experts in everything.

The Hon. Secretary said he knew the Master of the Guild (Rev. C. E. Matthews), was already to go to any tower and give such advice when asked to do so, and the chairman said he thought it would be a good thing if that fact was more widely known, as he felt sure many of the clergy would gladly avail themselves of advice from such an excellent quarter.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Miss Braithwaite and Mrs. Whittington for presiding at the tea-tables. Messrs. Whittington (Cranleigh), and Newel (Farnham), afterwards spent the night in Winchester, and took part in the Sunday service ringing at the Cathedral, thereby obtaining an opportunity of taking part in ten bell-ringing for the first time.

On the occasion of the above meeting, a 720 of College Single was rung in 22 mins. Although these bells were augmented to six twenty years ago, this is the first 720 rang on them. The same evening, by the same band, at St. Andrew's, Tichborne, 360 in the same method. These bells were also augmented to six twenty years ago, but no change-ringing has been previously done on them. They go very well.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the South Eastern District was held at Prittlewell, on Saturday, September 14th. By a judicious arrangement on the part of Mr. Cooper, secretary, and the Chelmsford district members, they too availed themselves of the occasion of having Prittlewell the place for their annual outing, happily making the day a memorable one by scoring a 5039 of Grandsire Caters, conducted by Mr. A. Edwards, of Boreham, which is reported in another column. The general arrangements were left to Mr. Cooper, and those local to Mr. W. H. Judd. The day was gloriously fine, and at an early hour the Chelmsford

members were astir, hoping to reach Prittlewell and attempt the peal by 10 o'clock. Mr. Judd welcomed and conducted the ringers to the tower, taking a rope himself. There were several improvements noticeable. The weight of the tenor clapper had been reduced by several pounds, and an aperture made in the floor above the belfry, rendering the trebles more distinct, and balancing the general concord of the ten bells. Upon the achievement of the peal, an excellent dinner was served at The Blue Boar hotel, and in the afternoon many visited the neighbouring parish of Leigh-on-Sea. The Church stands on a lofty eminence over-looking the Thames, and hills of Kent, and must have been a conspicuous mark for mariners years ago, ere the inroads of builders and excursionists had begun. The tower is massive, but the belfry is of the most cheerless description, giving one the impression of the "bottomless pit," (to which most of us will be eventually consigned) the dungeon of Tasso, or Dante's *Inferno*. Just a streak of light relieves the darkness through a chink of the wall. The writer has often wondered why the aristocracy were not better represented among ringers of the olden times, but after reflections at Leigh, he seems to detect one of the causes. There is an old sun-dial (1729) above the porch entrance which tells no time of day now. Too many shadows has he chronicled, for time and rust have rendered him silent. Sorrow, too, must have crossed his ken, as he beheld the gradual influx of visitors nestling in that picturesque spot, with all the trappings of ease and pleasure. The interior of the Church is rather depressing, savouring of moisture and the dampness of the vaults, although it must be admitted there are indications of minor improvements in some parts of this venerable structure. At tea 33 members sat down, ringers turning up from Barking, Dagenham, Woodford, Hornchurch, Rayleigh, Dunmow and other centres. The Rector of Prittlewell presided, assisted by the Rev. H. Eyre. The former gentleman gave an encouraging welcome, assuring the ringers of the great delight he experienced in seeing so many present, trusting he should meet them again. The report having been carried unanimously, Mr. Judd, as master, and Mr. Cooper as secretary, were re-elected—both felt a satisfaction in knowing their services were appreciated. Great Waltham was fixed upon for the next meeting. The Rev. H. Eyre then proposed and Mr. B. Thompson seconded that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the Rectors of Prittlewell and Leigh for the use of the bells, and their presence among them that day.

The Rector of Prittlewell, replying, said it was a pleasant approach to the end of 27 years' ministry to meet such a gathering, thanking them for the vote of thanks. Another move to the tower followed tea, where ringing in various methods, from Grandsire to Double Norwich, was indulged and accomplished. Satiety now began to make its presence manifest, for it was evident we had all reached the limits of enjoyment for the day. Gradually the company dispersed with hand-shaking and goodwill, some for distant homes. As we filed our way out to the railway station the old grey Prittlewell tower seemed to move with us, as if loath to disengage itself from its admirers, who had that day so befittingly availed themselves of the ten bells in that lofty temple dedicated by man to God.

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A very pleasant and successful meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch of the above Association, was held at Ambleside on Saturday, September 7th, Brathay and Ambleside bells being available. Members from Dalton, Broughton, Brathay and Ambleside attended at Brathay during the afternoon, when touches of Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and London New Bob were rung. The business meeting followed in the belfry of St. Mary's, Ambleside, at 5 o'clock, Mr. A. Morton presiding. The minutes of the last meeting being read and confirmed, Kendal was selected as the next half-yearly meeting. Ringing was then indulged in on the tower bells, the methods being Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major. Members attended from Kendal, Dalton-in-Furness, Broughton-in-Furness, Langdale, Brathay, Ambleside, with Messrs. Burton (2), members of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

### CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD TOUR.

The date of this (second) annual tour was arranged so as to fit in with the dedication of the new ring of bells at Widnes, an account of which has already appeared in this paper. The meeting-place was fixed at Chester on Monday, September 2nd. Unfortunately only seven members of the Guild were able to get off, and it was necessary to ring the peals for other societies. For it may be stated here, to avoid a mistake that has sometimes been made, that residence in the university is the only qualification for membership; so that no election can be made in the tower to complete a band.

Bob Major at Chester Cathedral was the first item, rung with the assistance of two local College Youths—Messrs. Wilde and Morgan. On Tuesday afternoon the Duke of Westminster's railway at Eaton Hall was visited. This railway was composed by Sir Arthur Heywood, and is conducted by Mr. Wilde, though on this occasion a Guild conductor was allowed to put in a few bobs and singles, Mr. Wilde taking charge of the shunting courses. In the evening Mr. Wilde helped us to ring Sir Arthur's variation of the four-part at Pulford.

On Wednesday a peal of Double Norwich was brought round at Halewood, Lancashire, Messrs. G. Newton and W. Davies, of Liverpool, each taking a rope. The next day, Thursday, September 5th, the band arrived at Widnes, where the ozone so much appreciated by visitors to the Lancashire sea-side resorts is made. Here large posters announced that "a peal of over 5000 changes will be rung by a band of expert clerical bell-ringers." Happily the confidence of the church authorities was justified, a good peal of Stedman Triples being scored, preceded by a short touch of Stedman rung during the Dedication Service. A University clerical band, as stated above, could not be mustered, only six parsons and one necessary layman turning up. Mr. G. Newton took the vacant rope. Very appropriately did the President of the Lancashire Association form one of the band.

Lancastrians appear to be enthusiastic people, for they assembled in their hundreds to listen to the ringing. During the peal one of them was heard to remark to his neighbours, "Those fellows there must be wanting a drink," but he omitted to make any offer when the ringers at last came down. As a matter of fact, hospitality was lavishly provided by the Vicar, both before and after the peal.

Manchester was reached on Saturday morning, after a

failure at St. George's, Bolton, on the previous evening. A peal of Stedman was rung on the new ring of eight, at St. Thomas's, Pendleton. Here the Rev. A. T. Beeston took a rope, Harry Chapman standing in to fill the vacant place. That he more than filled it all who know him will not be surprised to hear.

Afterwards those who could spare the time went on under Mr. Chapman's guidance, to have a pull on the fine ring of ten at Manchester Town Hall.

So ended a most enjoyable week, marred only by regrets at the absence of so many brother members of the Guild. In consideration of the feelings of a certain "nice young gent." no "appendix" shall be added to this account, except good wishes for the next merry meeting.

H. S. T. R.

### ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

[ESTABLISHED 1637.]

At a meeting held at The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on September 10th, it was agreed that the following shall be embodied in Rule vii. :—

"It shall be the duty of the conductor of a peal to collect all booking fees and forward the same, with a detailed account of the peal, and figures of the composition when first rung, to the secretary previous to the time of the half-yearly booking, viz., June 30th and December 31st, and in default, such peals will not be inserted."

### THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, August 17th, the Thornham Magna company had their 8th annual outing. Starting early in a brake, the party journeyed to Redgrave. The bells were "raised," and 360 Cambridge Surprise and a touch of Oxford were rung. At Blo' Norton, the next call, a short touch of Plain Bob was rung, owing to the 5th, having to be rung without the stay. Going on to Garboldisham, the party were welcomed by Rev. C. L. Kennaway, and 360 of College Exercise was rung, and 240 of Oxford, the rev. gentleman taking part. The journey was continued to Hopton, where dinner was at The Commercial hotel. After dinner, 240 of Woodbine was rung. Everyone spent a most enjoyable day.

### 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."

LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, ETC.

SIR,—I consider Mr. Dench has taken an unwarrantable liberty with my name in this week's "BELL NEWS." In order to get out of the dilemma his statement placed him in he tells you I am agreeable to a comparison he makes between two compositions. This is an error. I can agree to compare one-part peals with each other, also two-part or three-part, but, Sir, I cannot agree to compare Sottanstell's 5184 in three equal parts with a 5056 one-part peal. The 5184 in question will stand, and cannot I submit be improved on, and it cannot be compared with a one-part composition. If Mr. Dench means that his peal is the shortest, why not have said so, and not that it was still first. Harrison's 6720 is I believe the first, and as we know has all bells the extent both in 5-6 and elsewhere, and when writing I thought he had forgotten these compositions. Last week I asked Mr. Dench to correct his error of publishing a 5184 you published for me a few months ago, and I now ask him to relinquish his claim to the 5472 and 5024 three-part peals of Superlative Surprise Major, and of first composing and publishing peals of Treble Bob Major with the 4th and 6th their ex-



tent in 6ths place at five course-ends in two equal parts, each of which has been standing over his name for about ten years or more.

HENRY DAINS.

#### THE BIDDENHAM PEAL.

SIR,—I was very glad to see in your last issue that "A Ringer's" letter of the week previous had been so admirably answered. I felt somewhat interested in it owing to the fact that our dear old friend the late Mr. James Hewett, of Gosport, was continually talking of this matter for years before he died, viz., that one of the things yet to be done was to ring a peal in the dark, and that he would like to ring in it, a wish that was never fulfilled. I well remember ringing with our old friend Mr. J. Welch, of Westmeon, Hants., who was totally blind. He would raise and fall the treble and ring 1208 of Doubles as true as clockwork, much before some "so called" ringers who having two eyes, and in broad daylight cannot strike true in rounds, much more in changes.

G. WILLIAMS.

[Two letters upon this subject from Mr. Lilley have been received, of which hardly a sentence can be understood. They cannot appear therefore, and it is thought better to close the correspondence here, and let Mr. Lilley settle the question with his Bedford friends.—Ed.]

#### MACFARLANE INFORMATION.

SIR,—To the average reader of your valuable paper it is very refreshing to find in your columns a peaceful and interesting discussion such as "Which is the finest peal of eight bells in the United Kingdom?" If this question could be answered authoritatively it would be with pardonable pride that the inhabitants of that particular place were enabled to point to their bells as being the best in England, while to say the least it would be a matter of interest to the public generally and ringers in particular. To get at a final and satisfactory answer the most reasonable and practical way it seems to me is for each county Association or Diocesan Guild to select and bring forward its champion peal of eight, then for the Central Council to appoint a committee of about three gentlemen who would undertake to visit and judge each of the runners-up and give their final verdict.

In considering this matter let us carefully look at Mr. Macfarlane's query—"Which is the finest tower peal of bells in the United Kingdom, tenor not exceeding 25 cwt?" He goes on to particularly mention two peals of eight, so I presume he only wishes us to consider rings of that number, and I am rather sorry he makes the condition as to weight, for it seems to hamper and narrow what might be a very interesting discussion, for it is as unfair to compare a 25 cwt. tenor ring with an 18 cwt. as it is to compete a 28 or 30 cwt. against one about 22 cwt. However, assuming the matter of weight to be out of it, and taking only peals of eight pure and simple, the question is surely a very plain one, requiring a plain answer. There are many splendid peals of eight bells, and your interesting correspondent "W. H. F." mentions not a few, though his keen observation appears to have detected a flaw in most of them. After weeding out all such the "fine tone" of a ring depends to a great extent upon the listener's own taste. What has a finer effect than one of those merry little perfect octaves in G flinging out its wild notes of joy and gladness into the air, full of youthful glee at some auspicious event. Others might prefer the steadier, more stately and dignified peal in about E flat, suggesting the more mature, fuller and more lasting pleasures of life, while no one can help being attracted by the deep and melodious tenor in D flat, full of music and grandeur. Peals of eight in each of these classes will doubtless occur to the minds of your readers, but the ultimate umpire whose verdict we are to accept as conclusive need not, to my thinking, be necessarily an expert changer, but rather someone who is fond of bells and possessed of some knowledge of ringing.

My knowledge of different peals of eight is somewhat limited. I have never visited either Southgate or Lavenham, but if I were asked the plain question above stated, so far as my little experience goes, I should reply, "Tenterden, an obscure town in Kent," where each individual bell when being raised emits a very true, rich and musical sound, while the effect of the octave upon the ear a short distance out of the town I have never heard equalled, the tenor being 30 cwt. in D flat. HARRY BARTON.

#### COMPOSITIONS.

SIR,—Many of the above in various methods of "Major" and "Royal" are frequently being published in your journal, but there is really a great amount of similarity with all of them, when the musical properties are taken into consideration. We get very little variety in this direction. I have, of late, often wondered why composers do not occasionally introduce more peals—(I don't, of course, mean long lengths)—with "tenors" parted, at least for a portion of a peal which enables the most, or some of the most musical changes to be produced, that is, of course, when the "tenors" are placed in a certain coursing order.

I know, from experience, and others do, perhaps, that the music produced by this means is far superior to most of that produced with "tenors" together.

I agree that it makes a good finish to a peal, when "tenors" are brought together in the last few courses.

I might say that I have had the pleasure of taking part in a great amount of ringing with tenors parted, especially in Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and listeners have greatly praised and admired the musical qualities produced.

I am in possession of several compositions of my own composing which have the Tenors parted, but, unfortunately, I am not in a financial position to enable me publishing them, so I have not done so.

Perhaps others will give their views upon the subject, regarding peals with tenors parted. I expect there are different opinions, but at the same time it seems a great pity that peals upon the plan should be entirely neglected or ignored. Thanking you, Sir, in anticipation, for the insertion of this letter.

WM. H. INGLESANT.

#### HEAVY OR LIGHT BELLS.

SIR,—I should like to ask your correspondent signing himself "Ringer," why he thinks ringers should ring peals on heavy bells. I should think he must be fond of hard work. Let me have a peal not over a ton, that is, if I am to ring around behind; you derive pleasure then with the least energy. I am of opinion that bells generally are much too heavy for practical purposes for which bells were meant. I don't suppose that peal ringing comes into the question when a new peal are to be cast, unless a ringer has a word or two to say on it, and I am inclined to think that peals rung on bells tenor under a ton by the average peal ringing companies are better struck than those on bells over a ton. I don't know what "Ringer" thinks about this, perhaps he is blessed with plenty of muscle and, in that case, heavy bells would not make much difference.

SOMERSET.

#### TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—When writing upon the above subject I have tried to show that Hy. Dains has in reality no claim to the peals in dispute. Having pointed this out to your readers, I am quite willing to let the matter rest, especially after the assurance given by F. J. P. But I think Mr. Dains ought to have known that mutilating other folks' peals (whether they be variations or not) is not composition, at least, not as the majority of present-day composers understand it.

FRED ROBINSON.

#### NOTE TO PEALS.

The tourists who rang the peals under the auspices of the Lancashire Association wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the various Clergy for giving permission, and also the steeple-keepers for getting everything in readiness, and Messrs. H. Dew, H. W. Wilde and E. Rowlands for their arrangements, and Mr. Breeze, Port Sunlight, for taking them over Messrs. Lever's works, and many others, too numerous to mention, who did all in their power to make the tour a success.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637).—The annual dinner will be held on November 2nd. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on September 24th; St. John-at-Hackney on October 1st and 15th; St. Magnus on October 3rd and 17th; St. John, South Hackney, on October 14th and 28th; St. Paul's Cathedral on October 8th; and St. Dunstan's-in-the-East on October 10th.

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

**The Royal Cumberland Society.**—A meeting for united practice of the above society will be held on Saturday, October 5th, at All Saints parish church, Edmonstone. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Divine Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at The Charles Lamb Institute at 6 p.m. (tickets 6d. each). It is hoped that members will be good enough to signify their intention to the Hon. Secretary in order that proper provision may be made.

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

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wingerworth to-day, Sat., September 21st. Meeting at The Hunloke Arms hotel at 5.30 p.m.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will take place at Grimsby to-day, Sat., September 21st. Bells available from 11 a.m. Service in the parish church at 4.30. Tea at The Harman Commercial hotel at 5 p.m. Meeting immediately after.

J. W. SEAMER, *Hon. Sec.*  
83, Wintringham Road, Grimsby

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Wye to-day, Sat., Sept. 21st. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30 at The Swan inn. Tea at 6 at the same place. A charge of threepence will be made for each member attending tea.

A. R. MANNING, *Hon. Sec.*  
101, High Street, Hythe.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next General Meeting will be held at Dewsbury to-day, Sat., September 21st. Local Hon. Sec.—Mr. Walter Idle, 47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury. Cheap bookings are being arranged. Full particulars will appear on Association circular later.

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

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—Arch-deaconry of Huntingdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittlesey to-day, Sat., September 21st. Tea in the parish room at 4.30. The towers of St. Mary's and St. Andrew's are available.

J. M. CLARKSON, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—The annual meeting of the above Association will be held to-day, Sat., September 21st, at St. Andrew's church, Hillingdon, near Uxbridge. The bells of St. John's church, as well as those of St. Andrew's and St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, will, it is hoped, be available from 2 p.m. There will be a service at St. Andrew's church at 5 p.m., at which the Bishop of Barking will

preach. This service will be followed by tea, and a business meeting in the schoolroom. A substantial tea will be provided for members and their friends at 1s. per head. The Hon. Secretary begs that he may be informed at any early date of those intending to be present, very few names having reached him so far. Routes to Uxbridge, by tube and tram, 7d. each way, or by Baker Street (Metropolitan), or Paddington (G.W.R.), 1s. 6d. return.

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**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Uttroxteter to-day, Sat., September 21st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Town Hall at 5 p.m., at which the Vicar will preside. Service in church at 6.30 p.m.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—The annual meeting will take place at Blackburn on Saturday, September 28th. Preacher—The Right Rev. Bishop Thornton, D.D., Vicar of Blackburn. The following officers retire this year, but are eligible for re-election: Mr. J. Eachus, Vice-president; Mr. J. H. Banks, Ringing Secretary, and the two auditors, Messrs. J. Barratt and S. Greenhalgh. Nominations for any of these positions, and any notices for proposed alteration of rules must be sent in to the General Secretary not later than the first week in September. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*  
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**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, September 28th. Tea at 5 o'clock, 6d. each to members. Members intending to be present are requested to notify the same to me by Wednesday, Sept. 25th.

G. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
The Lodge, Vale Road, St. Leonards

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Saturday, September 28th. Ringing at St. Modwen's from 2.0 to 4.0 p.m. Committee Meeting in St. Paul's Institute at 4. Special service and unveiling of the Wakley Memorial at 4.30 in St. Paul's church by the Vicar, Rev. J. J. G. Stockey. A muffled touch will be rung before the service, the band to be arranged by Mr. E. I. Stone. Tea in St. Paul's Institute (tickets 1s. 2d. each), at 5.15 p.m., followed by the General Meeting. Ringing at St. Paul's afterwards. Members and friends who intend being present at tea are requested to notify Mr. L. Bullock, 91, Anglesey Road, Burton-on-Trent, not later than Wednesday, September 25th.

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

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hanbury on Saturday, September 28th. Service at 3.45. Address by the Rev. R. H. Harvey. Tea will be provided to those only sending in their names to me before Wednesday, September 25th. All unpaid subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.

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

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Tong on Saturday, September 28th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Greyhound inn at 7 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.**—The annual meeting will be held at Shrews-

bury on Saturday, October 5th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. at St. Chad's. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. in St. Chad's vestry. Tea at 5.30 p.m.

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The winding belfry stair.

For fifty years his willing hands,  
Have rang his favourite bell;  
His genial presence will be missed,  
His cheerful voice as well.

When they had reverently laid him  
Down in his grave to rest;  
His comrades on the handbells rang  
The course which he loved best.

No more he'll listen to their sound,  
A smile upon his face;  
But who will come and volunteer,  
And try to fill his place.

Come labour in Christ's vineyard,  
And serve your God and King;  
With willing hands go pull the rope,  
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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1907.

WE have lately read in the press of several instances of testamentary dispositions being made which we have no doubt interested many of our readers. One testator, who belonged to a place called Rishton, has just left a sum of no less than £500 to ensure the payment to the ringers of the parish the emoluments which periodically become due to them. This intelligence did not state whether the testator was a bellringer himself, or not. We may well imagine that he was a man who took a great interest in the bells of his parish church, and in the ringers also. Such instances of liberality as this are rare indeed. And we are afraid that there are previous legacies of the same, or a similar kind, which have somehow or other, in the course of years, got lost altogether. We have heard that a former inhabitant of Coventry left £100, the interest of which to be given to the ringers of St. Michael on his birthday. As the St. Michael's bells have not been rung some years now, it would be well to know what is done with this money at the present time. Does anyone benefit by the provisions of this will, and, if so, who? Perhaps some one living in the neighbourhood can give us information about it.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The seventh monthly meeting of the Notts district was held at Southwell cathedral on Saturday, September 14th. There were fifty-one members present, including nine ladies and the Rev. H. T. Richardson. The members present were from Beeston, Cotgrave, Mansfield, Ripley, Stanton-by-Dale, Colston Bassett, Long Eaton, Sawley, Derby, and Southwell. The next meeting will be held at Cotgrave, of which notice will appear in this paper.

R. C.

BUCKHURST HILL PARISH CHURCH, ESSEX.—A ring of eight bells has been presented to Buckhurst Hill parish church by Dr. C. E. E. Adams, who has also offered to enlarge the Church Room. Two years ago Mrs. Oliver, of Buckhurst Hill, died, leaving £1,500 for a church hall or room. The churchwardens declined the gift owing to the annual expense which would be entailed, and the money reverted to Dr. Adams, as residuary legatee. Dr. Adams has now made an alternative offer, which has been gratefully accepted.—*Guardian*.

### The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, September 14, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

JOHN T. KENTISH .. .. Treble.	JOHN W. KELLEY .. .. 6.
JOHN J. LAME .. .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. .. 3.	FRED WILFORD .. .. 8.
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 4.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 9.
JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 5.	HARRY FLANDEBS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

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

On Tuesday, September 17, 1907, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. TEGG .. 5.
SIDNEY WADE .. .. 2.	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. 6.
JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 3.	JOHN E. MILLER .. 7.
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON .. 4.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES HUNT, and Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

\*First peal in the method. Rang as a birthday compliment to N. A. Tomlinson on attaining his majority.

### The Provinces.

#### BATH, SOMERSETSHIRE.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM SIMMONDS .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 5.
GEORGE TEMPLE .. .. 2.	CHARLES W. BELL .. 6.
ALBERT E. SEERS .. .. 3.	HENRY W. BROWN .. 7.
HERBERT E. HOLDER .. 4.	THOMAS HOGSFLESH .. Tenor.
	GEORGE CRISP .. ..

Conducted by CHARLES W. BELL.

#### PULHAM, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. Treble.	CHARLES ROOPE .. .. 5.
CHARLES BAKER .. .. 2.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 6.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 7.
ARTHUR ROOPE .. .. 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

First peal in the method as conductor.

#### EYE, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Treble.	WILLIAM STANNARD .. 5.
ERNEST LINCOLN .. .. 2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. 6.
FREDERICK DAY .. .. 3.	FREDERICK WATLING .. 7.
ALPHAUS J. BERRY .. .. 4.	JOHN SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Poppy, of Eye, on the above date.

#### DISS, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 10, 1907, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. Treble.	WILLIAM CHINERY .. 5.
ARTHUR LEEDER .. .. 2.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM C. WISKINS .. 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 7.
GEORGE ARCHER .. .. 4.	JOHN SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

#### PULHAM, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 11, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN FLINT .. Treble.	JOHN SOUTER .. .. 5.
CHARLES DEAN .. .. 2.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. 6.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 3.	FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 7.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 4.	EGBERT BORRETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

#### CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, September 11, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR HISTEAD .. Treble.	WILLIAM COOK .. .. 5.
LEWIS GREEN .. .. 2.	ERNEST W. MENDAY .. 6.
GEORGE CLEEVE .. .. 3.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 7.
GEORGE IRVINE .. .. 4.	*JESSE HISCOCK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

\*First peal. It is more than twenty years since Mr. Green rang a peal in England. His last peal previous to this was at Woodstock, South Africa.

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

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 11, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

JOHN H. BROTHWELL* .. Treble.	*CHARLES NEAVERTON .. 5.
WILLIAM DICKINSON .. 2.	JOHN T. HOLMES .. 6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. 3.	WALTER ALLWOOD .. 7.
JOHN W. WOOD .. 4.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\*First peal in the method. The ringers are all cyclists. The total distance cycled before attempting the peal being 105 miles.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 12, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 7 cwt. qr. 10 lbs.

ARTHUR ROOPE .. .. Treble.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 5.
FREDERICK BORRETT .. 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE .. 6.
EGBERT BORRETT .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. 7.
CHARLES BAKER .. 4.	WILLIAM STEELE .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by A. ROOPE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 12, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

ARTHUR WALKER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PEARSON .. 5.
WILLIAM BROOK* .. 2.	THOMAS BARKER .. 6.
BERNARD MOODY† .. 3.	JOHN FRYER .. 7.
FREDERICK MOODY† .. 4.	THOMAS HOULDER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BROOK.

\*First peal as conductor. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First in the method.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 12, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 7 cwt.

GEORGE MOY .. .. Treble.	JACOB MOY .. .. 5.
GEORGE S. SOAME .. 2.	ALBERT ROUGHT .. 6.
ERNEST SUFFLING .. 3.	JOHN GODFREY .. 7.
WILLIAM J. ROUGHT .. 4.	JOHN MOY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by JOHN MOY.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, September 14, 1907, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	EDWARD SHERWOOD .. 7.
DANIEL PRENTICE .. 2.	*CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE .. 8.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 3.	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 9.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON* 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 10.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 5.	EDWARD EVANS .. 11.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. 6.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\*First peal of Maximus.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND  
THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 14, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON .. Treble.	JOHN BODDY .. 5.
ERNEST A. MURGATROYD .. 2.	BERNAL E. HOWE .. 6.
THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 3.	FRANCIS BARKER .. 7.
ARTHUR GILL .. 4.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by THOMAS B. KENDALL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Simpson, Murgatroyd, and the conductor.

WITLEY, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

CHAS. WILLSHIRE, JUN. .. Treble.	THOMAS BURDOCK .. 5.
HENRY MULLARD .. 2.	FREDERICK BENNETT .. 6.
THOMAS MACK .. 3.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. 7.
THOMAS ATTWELL .. 4.	ARTHUR ASHDOWN .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

JOSEPH J. PARKER .. Treble.	GEORGE ESSEX .. 5.
ERNEST HUGHES .. 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL .. 6.
JOSEPH HANDS .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHNSON E. HERN .. 4.	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

HENRY R. DAWSON† .. Treble.	*ALFRED WRIGHT .. 6.
FREDK. G. MARGETSON .. 2.	WILLIAM H. JUDD .. 7.
WILLIAM ROWLAND, JUN.† 3.	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON .. 8.
ARTHUR EDWARDS .. 4.	*HENRY F. COOPER .. 9.
HENRY HEAD .. 5.	†WILLIAM WADE .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

†First peal of Caters. \*First peal of Caters with a bob bell. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor. This peal has the 6th twentyfour courses in the rounds and titmums position, twelve courses at handstrokes and twelve courses at backstroke, and is the first peal composed on this plan. Published in "THE BELL NEWS" of August 22nd, 1891.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 15, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. Treble.	JOHN BASS .. 5.
JAMES REYNOLDS .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. 6.
WILLIAM FISHER .. 3.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 7.
GORDON CHECKETTS .. 4.	ALBERT THOMASON .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 15, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, College Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE CHEESEMAN .. Treble.	ARTHUR LINTOTT .. .. 4.
JOHN AKKHURST .. .. 2.	FREDERICK TULLETT, JUN. 5.
CHARLES TAYLOR .. .. 3.	FREDERICK TULLETT, SEN. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK TULLETT, SEN.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE,

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lbs.

FRANCIS SMITH .. .. Treble.	WILFRID J. MOSS .. .. 5.
ROBERT WALLWORK .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. 6.
WILLIAM H. SHUKER .. .. 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. .. 7.
JAMES MARSH .. .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. THORP, and Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

This peal was arranged on behalf of Mr. J. Marsh, who belongs to Aughton.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Monday, September 16, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE GARRISON† .. Treble.	GEORGE PARSONS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM STRINGER .. .. 2.	MARTIN MURPHY .. .. 6.
GEORGE F. SWANN .. .. 3.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL.. 7.
WILLIAM J. MEERS† .. 4.	*JACOB SEABORN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

\*First peal, and was elected a member previous to starting. †First peal in the method, and first peal on the bells by a local band.

The following peals are the result of a tour in Cheshire and North Wales under the auspices of the Lancashire Association.

NESTON, CHESHIRE.

On Monday, September 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN .. Treble.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 5.
GEORGE DENT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
THOMAS GRANT* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal in the method; also first Surprise on the bells.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

On Monday, September 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

GEORGE DENT .. Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 5.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 3.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

On Tuesday, September 10, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN .. Treble.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 3.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 7.
GEORGE DENT .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

First peal in the method rung in Wales.

CHESTER.

On Tuesday, September 10, 1907, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE .. Treble.	HENRY DEW .. .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 6.
THOMAS GRANT .. .. 3.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal in the method; also first in the method on the bells.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

On Wednesday, September 11, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS GRANT .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 2.	GEORGE DENT .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 7.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CHESTER.

On Wednesday, September 14, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 33 cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN .. Treble.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

On Thursday, September 12, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS GRANT .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 3.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

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

## CHESTER.

On Thursday, September 12, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,**  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. Treble.	GEORGE DENT .. .. 5.
ROBERT SPERRING* .. .. 2.	THOMAS GRANT .. .. 6.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

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

## LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHSHIRE.

On Friday, September 13, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLLEN,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,**  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. Treble.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 6.
GEORGE DENT .. .. 3.	THOMAS GRANT .. .. 7.
HENRY W. WILDE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method rung in Wales.

## OSWESTRY, SALOP.

On Saturday, September 14, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,**  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS GRANT .. .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 7.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method in the county. Further reference in connection with these peals will be found elsewhere.

## Date Touches.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

REDDISH.—On Tuesday, September 10th, at St. Elisabeth's church, on the back six, a date touch of 1907 Plain Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 10 mins. F. Needham longest length, W. Lees, T. Smithson, sen., A. Booth, W. Eckersley, A. Barnes conductor. Longest length by the local band.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DAGENHAM (Essex).—On Sunday, September 8th, for Divine Service in the morning, a date touch of 1907 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 9 mins. J. Hawkins, E. Hawkins, R. Ward, R. Miles, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor. First date touch on the bells and longest length by all except the conductor.

## Miscellaneous.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RICHMOND (Yorks).—On Saturday, September 7th, 640 Kent Treble Bob. G. J. Clarkson conductor, H. Parish, E. J. Titt, A. Peacock, J. Peake, R. Robinson, T. Wick, T. Stephenson. 304 Grandsire Triples. Rev. A. W. Lister, J. W. Newton, W. Newton, E. J. Titt, J. Mumford, R. Robinson, T. Stephenson conductor, T. Wick. 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Holmes, G. J. Clarkson, G. Handley, T. Metcalfe, W. Newton, R. Robinson, T. Stephenson conductor, Rev. A. W. Lister.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MORPETH.—On Sunday, September 8th, for Divine Service in

the morning, 720 Bob Major, in 29 mins. A. O. Bowman, J. Rowell, J. Keen, C. B. Kay, T. Oram, G. R. Harrison. J. Armstrong, O. Simm conductor.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KINGS LYNN.—On Monday, September 9th, for practice, 360 Treble Bob Royal, W. G. Cross, W. Sedgley, C. Crome, C. J. Sedgley, R. Alcock, W. Curston, W. Brooke, A. Marshall, W. G. Curston, R. Crome. 648 Grandsire Caters. W. G. Cross, A. Markwell conductor, C. Crome, C. J. Sedgley, R. Alcock, W. Sedgley, W. Brooke, G. Holland, W. G. Curston, R. Crome. Longest length of Grandsire Caters on the bells.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

BRATHAY.—On September 7th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Huddleston, F. Woodend, W. Robinson, T. Stuart, T. Forshaw, J. Burrows conductor. 720 Plain Bob. F. Woodend conductor, J. Huddleston, W. Nevinson, T. Stuart, T. Forshaw, J. Burrows.

BRADLEY (Staffordshire).—On Monday, September 2nd, at St. Martin's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. J. Harper, A. Baker, S. Pearce, J. Brown, R. Dunn, S. Baker, W. Fisher, B. Reeves. 168 Oxford Bob Triples. J. Harper, A. Baker, R. Dunn, S. Pearce, W. Bayliss, S. Baker, W. Fisher, J. Dicken. Both conducted by W. Fisher. Rung with the bells half muffled as a last token of respect to the late Rev. S. Cordon, who for seven years was the respected Vicar of St. Martin's. The rev. gentleman died suddenly whilst on a short holiday at Prestatyn, North Wales.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, September 8th, at Bishop Ryder's church, 434 Grandsire Triples. H. Black, J. Porter, J. Collett, W. Webb, J. Smallwood, W. Carrod, T. Collinson conductor, G. Rastall. 416 Bob Major. S. Coley, W. Bryant, T. Collinson, W. Webb, R. Hackley, J. Perry conductor, J. Collett, J. Smallwood.

COLESHILL (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, September 7th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Johnson, W. Webb, T. Collinson, R. Hackley, J. Smallwood conductor, J. Perry. 240 Bob Minor, standing as above, conducted by J. Perry. 240 Bob Minor. S. Coley, E. Mullins, J. Perry, W. Webb, R. Hackley, T. Collinson conductor. On handbells, 209 Grandsire Triples. T. Collinson, J. Smallwood, J. Perry conductor, R. Hackley. Another 209, with E. Mullins, 7-8. 224 Grandsire Triples. T. Collinson, J. Smallwood, J. Perry conductor, R. Hackley.

DITCHINGHAM (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, September 10th, in honour of the wedding of Mr. T. Haggard and Miss Angela Rider Haggard, 720 Bob Minor. A. Baldry, C. Woods, W. Felgate conductor, I. Folkard, E. Lincoln, A. Williams.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday, September 8th, for evening service at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches, 762 Bob Major. W. Bee, T. Pyle, S. W. Tindall, C. H. Chester, J. A. Freeman, F. Pyle, S. Wolfe conductor, J. W. Watson. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rector, Canon J. W. Hancock.

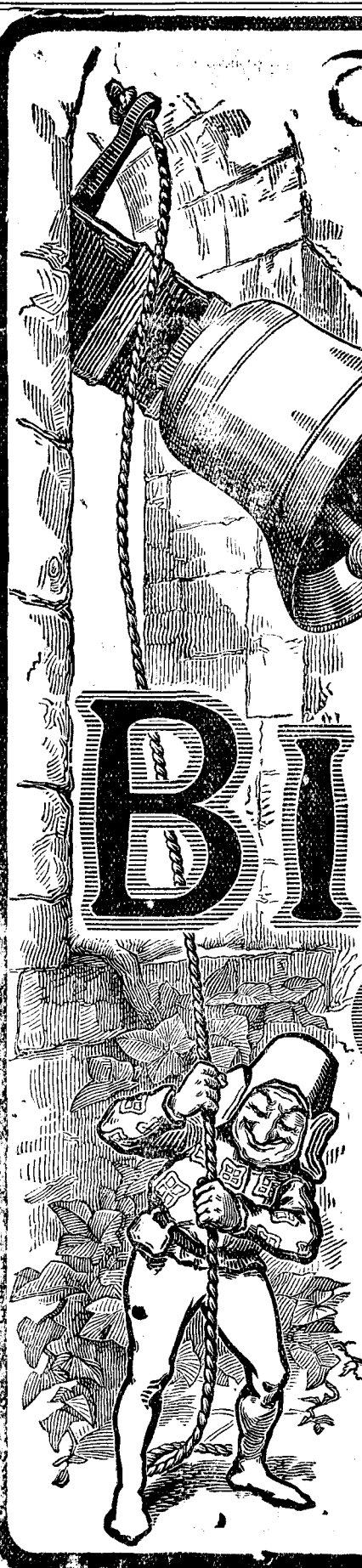
MANCHESTER.—On a recent Saturday, at the Town Hall, on the front six, 720 Bob Minor. G. Smethurst, H. Pye, A. Barnes, W. Cooper, R. Newton conductor, W. Stubbs.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Saturday, July 13th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Keeble, S. H. Symonds, W. Dent, F. Pryke, A. Keeble, A. Symonds conductor. 720 Kent. A. Keeble, S. H. Symonds, W. Greene, W. Dent, L. Leeks, A. Symonds conductor.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday, August 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. G. Bloor, S. Churton conductor, G. Woods, T. Mountford, S. Sargent C. Page, F. Page, J. Limestone.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, September 8th, at Christ Church, 1280 Bob Major, in 46 mins. F. J. Budd, A. R. Glasscock, W. Pickworth, J. Armstrong, H. Miller, N. Tomlinson, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor.





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### Ringers' Outing.

THE SHIPLAKE SOCIETY, OXON.—On Monday, August 12th, the members of this society had their annual outing. The place selected this year was Maidenhead, and the arrangements were mostly on the same principle as last year. The ringers with their sweethearts and wives were all on board the launch *Starlight* (which brought some few friends from Caversham), and a start was made from Shiplake at 8.0 a.m. sharp. The weather was rather unsettled for a time, and after passing Hambledon a sharp shower broke out, which made our friends on deck seek shelter in the cabin, but this did not in the least hinder our enjoyment, and the shower being soon over, the seats on deck were again occupied, and many were the attractions all along the river banks. Boulter's Lock was reached at 11.40 a.m. With a little time to spare

our party dispersed, finally assembling at The Swan inn, Maidenhead, where a good spread lay waiting to receive us. This over and a few well-given toasts from our worthy foreman, our party wended their way back to the launch. The return journey commenced at 2.45 p.m., and a halt was made at Marlow where our company again landed. The ringers made their way to the parish church, and rang a few touches of Grandsire Triples on the sweet-toned bells. There being no time to waste, we were again all on board, and another start was made at 5.30 p.m. A splendid tea prepared by Mrs. Porter and other kind friends, was then partaken of. After this the time was taken up by the singing of songs, etc., which was greatly enjoyed. Shiplake was finally reached, and all safely landed, with the exception of our Caversham friends, who kept to the launch till Caversham was reached. Thus ended a most enjoyable day. The ringers

wish to thank the Vicar of Marlow most kindly for the use of the bells. W.G.W.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, LOUGHBOROUGH.—On Saturday, September 14th, the members of the above society had their annual outing to Birmingham. On arriving about 4 o'clock p.m. we were met by Mr. A. Walker and Mr. Jessop who led the way to St. Martin's church. Although we were not permitted to ring (the bells being engaged for the previous Saturday), we were proud to be shewn to the steeple and listen to some very interesting remarks on the history of these grand peal of twelve. It is worth any ringers' while to read the peal-tablets only, recording some of the best performances of the day. Tea being partaken of we made for Aston's peal of ten, and rang touches of Stedman Caters and Superlative. One special feature of this church was to see the grave of the late Henry Johnson, one of our greatest composers. We then adjourned to The Tamworth Arms, where the rest of the evening was spent in harmony, selections on the handbells by our Birmingham friends, accompanied by songs, etc., which brought another successful outing to a close by the singing of Auld Lang Syne. We offer our thanks to the steeplekeepers of St. Martin's and Aston for the necessary arrangements made for our enjoyment, and also to Messrs. Walker and Jessop for the untiring efforts to make our outing a success. H. W.

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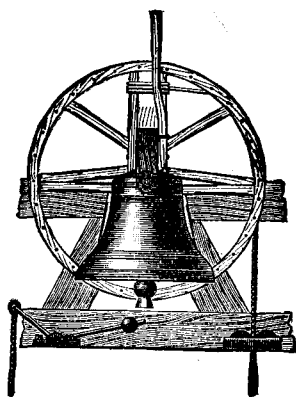
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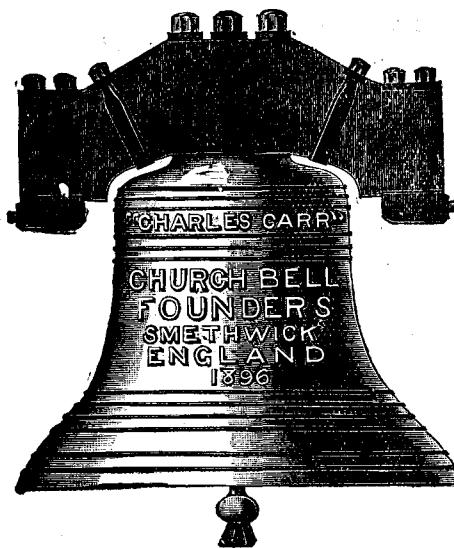
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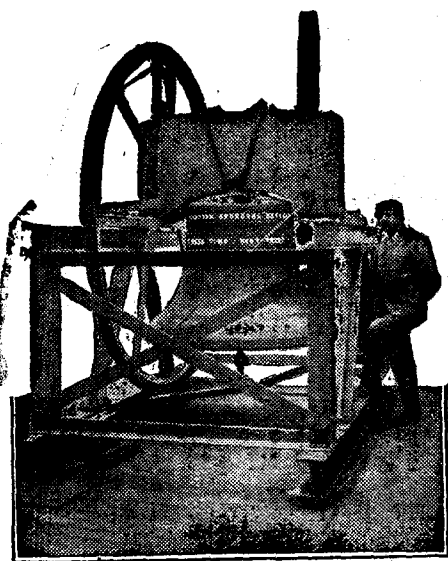
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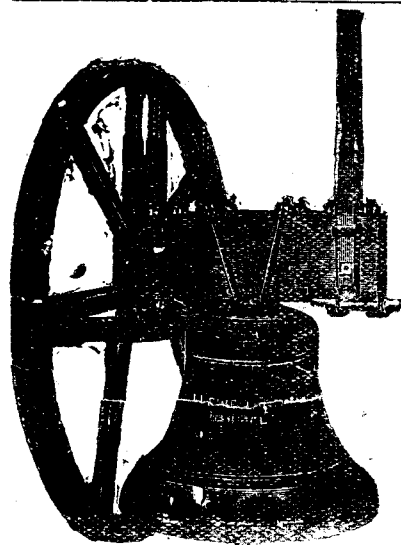
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## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the above took place at Penarth on Saturday, September 14th, and was well attended by representatives from Llandaff, Cardiff, Newport, Bridgend, Merthyr, Pentre, Newton Nottage, etc.

On the arrival of the visiting members the bells could be heard ringing merrily, the local ringers having got to the tower early so as to give the visitors a hearty and sincere welcome.

At 4.30 ringing ceased, and the meeting commenced in the parish institute, which is a very fine and spacious building. The Rector of the parish, the Rev. John Thomas, was kind enough to preside. The first business was the reading and passing of the minutes of the previous meeting. Afterwards Mr. Evans, of Bridgend, gave his report as to the teaching of change-ringing at Newton Nottage. This was followed by a request from the Merthyr ringers for a little assistance as regards instruction, and Mr. Jones, of Newport, volunteering to go and help them.

The place for the next Glamorgan quarterly meeting was next discussed, and it was unanimously decided to visit Llanblethian. New members were then elected from Cardiff and Pentre towers, and afterwards subscriptions were taken; this concluded the meeting.

The Rector then very kindly invited all those present to tea, and it was found that an excellent tea was awaiting them. Tea over, a vote of thanks, which was carried with acclamation, was given to the Rector and Mrs. Thomas for their exceptional kindness, and then steps were again made for the tower, and the bells kept going until late in the evening; a most pleasant and enjoyable meeting was thus brought to a close.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held on Saturday, September 14th, at Frome, when about 50 members put in an appearance, representing 12 towers. There is a splendid peal of eight bells in St. John's tower, which have just been overhauled by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol. The 7th and tenor has been quarter-turned and fitted with new headstocks, gudgeons and bearings, and lighter clappers.

The "go" and tone of the bells have been much improved, to the great satisfaction of the local ringers.

A special service was held at St. John's church at 4 p.m., at which the Rev. W. H. Randolph heartily welcomed the members of the Association, and gave a very suitable address. The business meeting was held at The Union Jack coffee rooms. The Master of the Association presided, being supported by the Rev. W. H. Randolph, Frome, and the Rev. J. E. W. Honeywell, Leigh-on-Mendip, who is president of the local branch. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. W. H. Randolph, for placing the bells of his church at the disposal of the

members and for giving the address, was proposed by the master, seconded by the Rev. J. E. W. Honeywell.

About 30 new members were added to the Association. The next meeting was fixed to take place at Dulverton. Several touches of Grandsire and Triples were rung during the afternoon and evening.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The half-yearly meeting of the northern branch was held at Grimsby, on Saturday, September 21st. Ringers were present from the following towers: Bransford, Barton, Barrow, Scunthorpe, Pinchbeck, Louth and Gainsborough, besides the local men. During the afternoon the bells of the various churches were kept going to Kent and Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob Minor, some very good touches being brought round. At 4.30 a service was conducted in the Canon Young Memorial Chapel, by the vicar (Rev. E. Bullock) which was well attended. An adjournment was then made to Harman's Commercial hotel, where a sumptuous tea had been prepared, which was negotiated in fine style.

The meeting took place immediately after tea, the vicar occupying the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Eighteen new members were proposed, including a lady performer, which is the first lady performer belonging to the branch, and it was hoped that she would not be the last. Votes of thanks were heartily accorded to the vicars and churchwardens for the use of the bells; to the Rev. E. Bullock for taking the service and presiding, and for so generously entertaining the company to tea; to the organist, Mr. E. P. Guthrie, for so kindly playing for the service. Ringing was again indulged in until train time brought a most successful meeting to an end.

## EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of above was held at Wingerworth, on Saturday, September 21st, 1907. Members present from Clay Cross, Morton, Shirland, Swanwick, Tibshelf, Pleasley, North Wingfield and Wingerworth.

Thirty-seven sat down to a substantial tea in the schoolroom, provided through the exertions of Mr. H. Walton and local ringers, and by the generosity of Captain Hunloke, of Wingerworth Hall, and W. Burkitt, Esq., of Stubbin Court, who were all heartily thanked for their kindness and trouble, also the ladies who catered at the tea tables.

Rev. J. E. Ormesber (Rector) was duly thanked for the use of bells and room for evening, he also welcomed the members to Wingerworth, and promised to approach the above named gentlemen, with a view to their becoming honorary members.

The bells, a musical ring of five in G (anxiously waiting for a treble to make six) were kept merrily going until after 8 p.m., a very pleasant day being spent by all who attended.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

There is a pretty little squabble now going on about the composition of various peals of Treble Eight, and it seems a most extraordinary thing that such should be. Many unpleasant and lasting differences have arisen among ringers from the fact that several claimants arise now and then to peal-composition. I would like, with all humility and deference of course, to ask these gentlemen whether they are not doing some amount of straw-splitting. The "properties" of peals, dwelt upon and hugged immensely by some composers, appear to outsiders like myself to be unnecessary, and in fact, very far-fetched. When I was a novice in the Art, I heard a very talented ringer and composer give an opinion as to the best properties in Treble Eight. He simply said that the 5th and 6th wrong and right as many times as possible, were the things to be aimed at. There is a well-known peal by the celebrated Lates—5024—which has such properties, and this used to be called the best peal at one time. "The 2nd and 3rd never there" seems to be a fancy qualification, only introduced to show the genius of the composer. Some little improvement may accrue, but very little, I should say, and that not lasting, I think something like this has been said before.

Let it be understood that I speak with no authority on such a matter—merely giving an opinion. I am suggesting that if these fancy qualities were not pursued so much, differences with regard to the claims of composers would be fewer, and the number of left-hand or doubtful compliments between them would, in a great measure, cease. No more straw-splitting, please.

In connection with this would it be impertinent to ask if ever composers think of the space taken up for the purpose of—what shall I call it—self-glorification? A prominent ringer in the North, who is a bit of a composer himself, objects to all public expression of individual merit or cleverness. He has said that when a portrait of a ringer appears it only pleases the individual concerned, and is apt to offend the many. The "green-eyed" again, you see, a monster so often met with in the ranks of the Exercise.

We have had a deal of correspondence lately in our paper—all sorts and sizes;—and very little of it irrelevant. The letters about West Ham ringing matters had only a local concern, and local differences and squabbles should be settled locally, in other words, people should wash their dirty linen at home. Two of the writers on this matter hadn't got the sense to see and to know that it was quite necessary, if they wished their letters to take effect, to sign their names to what they had to say. When they "rush into print" again, if they ever do, let the readers know who they are. I don't see why anonymity should be allowed in correspondence.

Then we had our friend Mr. McFarlane again. Was not he the party who said that football was before ringing; or something of the sort? He wants to know which is the best ring of eight. Rather a large order, as the saying is. Opinions will greatly differ upon such a question. In one part of England ringers will swear by—I mean "confidently assert"—that some favorite ring in their district is the very best; in other parts the same assertion will be stoutly maintained respecting some other peal. In the eastern counties Lavenham (with its said-to-be matchless tenor) is the best ring of eight; though some will have

St. Mary's, Bury; and that St. James's, in the latter town, is the best peal anywhere. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies has said, I think—and he knows something of tone and tune, for an article of his upon these subjects appeared in the "B. N.," about 27 years ago—that the best peal of eight is at Pershore Abbey, not far from his old home, Midland counties ringers used to say, with no small amount of confidence, that no ring of ten in existence came within leagues of St. Michael's, Coventry. But, alas! their glory has departed; they now hang "dead." What a crime.

Ideas concerning the best ring of bells are apt to vary very much. "What's one man's meat is another man's poison," is an old but true adage. He can apply it to the present case. It used to be said that St. Michael's, Cornhill, had the most musical twelve in London; but whatever may be said of St. Paul's and Bow, there is nothing to my taste like St. Saviour's, Southwark. A friend says that one of the most sweetly-toned bells in the city of London is at St. Edmund's, in Lombard Street. The tone of bells can only be judged according to the taste and fancy of the "individual," as Sam Weller would say, within bounds of course. If any of you would like to hear something out of the common as regards both tone and tune, go to St. Stephen, Coleman Street, City; or to the village of Great Baddow, in Essex; afterwards I should like to know which of these rings of eight you like best.

Among the *Daily Chronicle* staff is a writer who puts together some paragraphs headed "The Office Window." I don't say that such paragraphs are up to the standard of those on this page. By no means. Last Monday's issue of the above paper contained the following: "Country vicars, looking for additions to their incomes, should advertise bell-oil as a remedy. It is one of the curious country antidotes to all manner of diseases, and in his autobiography Mr. Kegan Paul remembers the anointing of children with bell-oil as the antidote to typhus fever. It is the rancid oil that is scraped from the clappers of the church bells. In Berkshire the belief in the efficacy of that bell-oil remains; and the staunchest Dissenter will on occasion come to the vicarage for a little bell-oil as a cure for rheumatics. It seems to spell a fortune—Belloil!"

Mark the source from whence "belloil" comes. "Scraped from the clappers of the bells!" One would think that such a newspaper would get better informed than this. We had recently from the same or similar sources, information about the "oldest ringer living," but there have been several of them. One week "Lloyd's Weekly" said the oldest ringer living was Mr. J. S. Wright, of Spalding, and this information was followed the next week that Matt. Wood and Bob Haworth were both older. I would advise these papers to get facts before they write upon subjects connected with church bells.

The "bell-oil" from the clappers of the bells is very good indeed. The real fact is that it is the waste grease from the gudgeons which is sought for. There is a sort of skin disease called "shingles," which afflicts some people. It is a kind of eczemic disease round the body, which is said to be fatal if the ends happen to meet. The application of gudgeon grease was at one time held to be a cure; and in my young days I was often asked for it. You know oil from the clappers is ridiculous. Fancy oiling the clappers.

The following is the sort of news we like to read: "Mr. John Margerison, 48, Brookhouse-lane, Blackburn, for fifty years an employe of the Hornby family at the Brookhouse Cotton Mills, Blackburn, left £600 for the erection of a peal of six bells at St. Michael's church, Blackburn." Have any of our friends in the North ever heard of Mr. Margerison in any way? Moneyed gentlemen require educating upon bells and their surroundings before making their last wills and testaments.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

[ESTABLISHED 1637.]

At a meeting held at The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on September 10th, it was agreed that the following shall be embodied in Rule vii.:-

"It shall be the duty of the conductor of a peal to collect all booking fees and forward the same, with a detailed account of the peal, and figures of the composition when first rung, to the secretary previous to the time of the half-yearly booking, viz., June 30th and December 31st, and in default, such peals will not be inserted."

## MACFARLANE INFORMATION.

It is about as easy to say which is the most beautiful peal of bells of a certain weight in England, as it is to say which is the most beautiful woman. As there are thousands and thousands of beautiful women in this small island, there are dozens and dozens of pretty peals of bells between 20 and 25 cwt. tenor, and sentiment has a lot to do with it; a ringer (mind you a good judge of music too) may absolutely prefer a certain peal to another which he knows to be physically superior to the peal he prefers.

Pretty well all very modern peals are better tuned than old ones, and more intelligently clattered to give even results in sound. One of the most perfect peals of eight in existence is supposed to be Heavitree (Exeter), tenor about 26 cwt. in D. Another is Dunstable Priory (Beds.), tenor some 22½ cwt. in E flat, partially or totally restored. There is a very fine eight at Barnet (Middlesex), tenor 23 cwt. odd in D., and there is a very fine peal at St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, Australia, tenor 25 cwt. in D. I have heard Mr. Gifford (in many ways a very sound judge of bells), speak highly of Romsey Abbey octave in Hants., tenor about 24 cwt. in D.

The back eight of many of England's rings of ten of the weight Mr. Macfarlane mentions, would thrill many a man when they are well handled; to wit, Warwick, Aston, Coventry (though they have been silent years when restored, not hung for ringing), All Saints, Derby, and others. Youlgrave, Derbyshire, has a fine peal from Whitechapel (Lester and Pack, or Pack and Chapman, I forget), tenor about 25 cwt. in D, and there is a very similar peal to this at the R.C. church at Sheffield, only more modern. That glorious spot in England's loveliest county (Ross, in Herefordshire), has a decent octave, but the tenor seemed far too flat; perfectly in tune, they would be very fine. Gloucester Cathedral has another nice octave, tenor 26 cwt. in D.

I don't know where we should stop if we went on; there is no peal so fine that it couldn't be better, and there is a good deal of humbug about lots of these famous peals. Most of them do not stand criticism for correctness of tuning, and apart from that the tower they are hung in has a tremendous effect, perhaps 30 to 40 per cent.

When the happy day arrives when architects con-

descend to co-operate with bellfounders and ringers in making proper towers for bells or improving our present ones, then you will see a change. You can hardly have a tower too large or high for bells; with the former the sound is expanded and goes away softly, and with the latter above everybody's heads out of the way.

There are plenty of good peals spoilt by being crammed into some Jack-in-the-Box arrangement called a tower.

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## A CORRECTION AND SOME REMARKS.

(BY A TRAVELLER.)

In "BELL NEWS" edition of September 21st, an account is given of the opening of a peal of bells at Wool. This village is *not* in Cornwall as the heading gives it, but in the county of Dorset, and is about 13 miles from the county town of Dorchester. Great trouble has been taken by the inhabitants of that village, and especially the incumbent, to secure a decent peal of bells.

It is delightful to read that the firm who carried out the work, i.e., Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, are at last bringing modern methods into use as regards tuning. I read in "THE BELL NEWS" that the peal they restored at Twyford (Bucks.) is tuned on Canon Simpson's principle. So at last one firm besides Messrs. Taylor has had the pluck and common sense to go ahead and get their bells decently tuned on musical principles. Let us trust now that the other firms will follow.

Bells and hanging and tower acoustics have made great strides in the last 10 years, but there is still room for great improvement. The problem now which is only partly solved, is how to equalize the power of bells, i.e., quieten the big ones in a peal, and, if possible, increase the power of the smaller ones; tuning and hanging have come to a very high pitch of perfection, but this latter question is only partly dealt with.

It is a well known fact that the great drawback to harmonical tuning for ringing makes the trebles weak in proportion, and one great firm will not go in for it (at any rate for their small bells) on account of this.

The Loughborough firm get over the difficulty through their well thoughtout clattering (a thing much neglected) and in the tower of All Saints, Loughborough, hangs, to my mind, an unequalled peal of 10. The back 8 quietened down by bricking up of louvres and the trebles hoisted so as to speak out above the rest. This "hoisting" of the smaller bells seems partly to solve the question.

Some of the finest bells I have heard in my life are the carillons in Belgium; they seemed absolutely in tune, and the small, almost tiny bells, were so strikingly fine; but I feel sure that even the Belgian bells would be greatly improved for Canon Simpson's method of tuning.

## TIVERTON, DEVONSHIRE.

A clock tower is being built at Tiverton, through the munificence of T. Ford, Esq., J.P., and will have a chiming clock with three large dials, now being made by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who made a clock for a similar tower at Torquay several years ago.

DITCHINGHAM (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, September 10th, in honour of the wedding of Mr. T. Haggard and Miss Angela Rider Haggard, 720 Bob Minor. A. Baldry, C. Woods, W. Felgate conductor, I. Folkard, E. Lincoln, A. Williams.

## THE RESTORATION OF SELBY ABBEY:— A NATIONAL APPEAL.

SIR,—The Yorkshire Association contemplates sending you a series of articles on the above—trusting that you may be able to find a friendly corner for them—with a view of enlisting the interest of the Exercise in the restoration of the lost bells.

The disastrous fire occurred in October last, and such a national calamity was it judged to be, that, almost immediately, an influential committee was formed having for its object the raising of £50,000 for its complete restoration.

The late Sir Gilbert Scott wrote of the Abbey Church "as a building of a kind more the property of the nation than that of a single parish, and one which is of the highest value to the study of ecclesiastical architecture and to the history of art in this country."

Mr. Oldrid Scott, a son of Sir Gilbert, is acting as architect, and his kindly love for the old Abbey is well exemplified in the following note lying before us:—

"Lord Wenlock (chairman) remarked that the thanks of the Restoration Committee were due to Mr. Scott for so unhesitatingly consenting to submit his designs for the approval of Sir Edward Poynter, and he, Lord Wenlock, thought that, with Sir Edward's artistic assistance, the Abbey church, when completed, would be very beautiful and dignified."

For the moment suffice it to say that, from the Norman to that of the Decorated, every style of the intervening periods is fully represented, the result being almost, if not quite, unique; and it is to be further noted that, in spite of the disaster, not a stone fell, so the continuity of the fabric as a whole is assured.

Of the £50,000 no less a sum than £35,000 has been raised, leaving £15,000 yet to be subscribed. This last will not, alas, flow in with the freedom of the first, hence the Committee are very judiciously watching the outlay with every care.

That the appeal is admitted on all sides to be a truly national one, is proved by a glance at the subscription list, wherein we find His Majesty the King sending his 100 guineas, followed by 50 guineas from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; Westminster Abbey sends £40, and St. Paul's Cathedral a valuable sum. Scanning the list still further we notice that our respected peal-ringing parson—need we say that we refer to the Rev. F. E. Robinson—has sent a handsome contribution, wisely ear-marked "Bell Fund," while one of our Yorkshire towers—acting with praiseworthy promptitude—has already a guinea opposite its name.

The manner in which the Y.A.C.R. has become involved in the matter is through an appeal from the Selby ringers, who, working indefatigably themselves, have appealed for a county subscription in aid of their bells. This application has been adjudged irresistible by a unanimous vote of the Association, and a collection is about to be organized throughout our Yorkshire towers.

Having arrived at this point, the financial side of the question becomes interesting. The old peal was one of eight with a tenor of some 18½ cwt., and taking the old metal as part payment of the bell founders' charges, the replacement of a similar peal of eight is estimated to cost £500. This sum has been voted by the Restoration Committee for allotment to the bell fund.

Canon Nolloth, of Beverley Minster, who is, to say the very least, no mean authority on bells, is credited with having been the first to point out that so worthy a pile should have something better than this, and the new peal at Holy Trinity, Hull, has been put forward as an irreducible minimum. This is a peal of ten, with tenor, say 25 to 26 cwt., in the key of say D. Estimates for such a peal show that the additional cost which the Selby ringers are now trying to raise for the peal of ten, which everyone now admits to be an imperative necessity to do justice to the grand old building, only reaches the comparatively small sum of £300, and this, they feel sure, can be obtained if only sufficient interest can be roused in the matter.

Although comparatively small, this £300 will be an impossible sum for our Association to struggle to raise, unless we receive outside help; and the primary object of this letter, in which we have endeavoured to give a general sketch of the Selby aims, is to learn how we may best secure the generous help from the lovers of bells throughout England.

Possibly, with the friendly assistance of your columns, on

which we feel we may rely in this worthy cause, we may obtain a fair response, but many of our friends think that a personal appeal to the various members of the many influential Associations and Guilds through their own officers would be more effective. Possibly so! But shall we give offence in taking up such a position?

We shall, one and all, be grateful for any advice and suggestions in your columns, on the best way of proceeding, as we feel quite sure that if we could but know the correct mode of approaching the Exercise and its many friends, the required sum would be assured. Yours, etc.,

On behalf of the Committee, Y.A.C.R.,  
24, Basinghall Street, Leeds. WM. SNOWDON (President).  
September 23rd, 1907.

## THE ANSTEY (LEICESTERSHIRE) SOCIETY.

On Monday, September 23rd, the ringers and singers to the number of about 50, had their annual outing. The company journeyed by brakes to Lutterworth, a distance of about 20 miles. Glorious weather prevailed, and after several breaks for refreshment, Wycliffe's famous pile was reached at three o'clock. At that hour the company's instructor, Mr. Willson, of Leicester, arrived by cycle, and all made a move to St. Mary's Church. Here the Rev. Canon Alderson shewed the visitors around the great reformer's relics, and, ascending the historic pulpit, gave an interesting address on the life and work of Wycliffe, describing how (by order of the Pope) his body was exhumed and burnt, and the ashes scattered forty years after his death! After the address the Anstey choir and organist took their places in the chancel and sang the "Nunc Dimittis," while the ringers climbed the belfry stairs. Soon the ring of eight was pealing out Grandsire Triples on the country air, and when satisfied, bells were lowered and tracks made for the restaurant, where a substantial meat tea was provided. Thereafter the company made themselves snug at The Denbigh hotel, where harmony was indulged in until time to return home. The cyclist pilot brought them along for about half the journey, when they rested awhile for the horses' sake (?) at the "Dog and Gun." The choir enlivened the road with vocal music, sacred and secular, and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The jovial face of the Rector of Anstey, Rev. Kerry Williams, is a magnet to his church-workers, whose enthusiasm is always re-charged by his personality; and the stirring appeal for continued loyalty and unity by his brother priest, Rev. C. Jenkins, Rector of Willoughby, Waterlees, will long be remembered.

GREAT BERKHAMPTED (Herts).—On Sunday, September 22nd, for evening service at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Warner, O. Bayes, F. Blunt, H. Rumens, E. D. Lilywhite, W. J. Newell, H. F. Hull, W. H. Lawrence. The ringers of the 4th, 5th and 7th are members of the St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, band, who were spending their annual outing at Great Berkhamsted.

PULBOROUGH (Sussex).—On Tuesday, August 20th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. P. H. Doick, S. Stone, S. W. Corden, G. Ades, C. Smart conductor, G. H. Lee, A. Greenfield, W. Evans. On Sunday, September 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. B. Corden, S. W. Corden, P. H. Doick, J. Blake, L. N. Corden, R. J. Tall, A. Greenfield conductor, E. Booker. The quarter-peal was arranged for R. J. Tall, who hails from Gravesend. The ringer of the treble is only thirteen years of age, and it was his first attempt at a quarter-peal.

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# BELLE VUE ANNUAL RINGING COMPETITION.

The 53rd Annual Tune Ringing Contest on hand Bells took place at Belle Vue Gardens, Manchester, on Monday last, the 23rd inst., when 12 bands took part and were hard at work from about 1.30 until 5.45, and then the judges took about half-an-hour to complete their calculations, and announce their decision, which was as follows :

1st Prize	£15.	Crossland Moor United (Huddersfield).
2nd "	£10.	Birstall. (St. Saviour's).
3rd "	£8.	Almondbury. (United).
4th "	£6.	Dewsbury.
5th "	£3.	Lane. (Holmfirth).
6th "	£2.	Lindley.
7th "	£2.	Almondbury Junior.
8th "	£2.	Thurlstone.
9th "	£2.	Huddersfield.

The last four in the order of merit were called consolation prizes, and were each of £2 value.

Thus there were only three bands without a prize, which was really very hard lines, and it would be much better if every band that rung got something, if only say £1 as acknowledgment of the time and trouble they had bestowed at rehearsals.

It will be seen, on scanning the names of the successful bands, that they all belong to Yorkshire, and all to one district a very few miles in extent.

On mingling among the audience the predominance of the Yorkshire dialect was humorously in evidence on every hand, some of the sentences requiring a little thought to understand by anyone not a native of the broad-acred county, the pronunciation being so much at variance with the English language as it is written ; of course the same may be said of the Lancashire dialect, and of other counties also ; but the Yorkshire took first place last Monday in every way at Belle Vue. However, all went merry throughout the afternoon, with very little wrangling, even among very strong partisans and their opponents.

There was no mistaking the excellence of the performance given by Crossland Moor, their bells being in such good condition as regards tone, tune and evenness of quality, one bell with another. This is what is known as "voicing," in organ pipes. Also their striking was so precise and expressive, that, as one of the audience remarked, they had won in the first ten bars. In other words they had shewn a very marked superiority ; other ringers, to wit, the Almondbury and Dewsbury, had bright passages, but their bells being so much poorer they were thereby very severely handicapped.

It was thought by the audience that Crossland Moor, Almondbury and Dewsbury were the first three, but the judges did not think so, and they, no doubt, had good reasons for placing the prizes as they did.

The 1st prize winners have obtained premier position six times in the last seven years. This is a record ; they were forbidden to compete for one year, 1904, and they cannot enter next year, 1908. This is in accordance with the rule at Belle Vue, which says, "in the event of any band winning 1st prize three years in succession, each of the members will be awarded a silver medal, and will not be allowed to compete at the Belle Vue contest the following year.

Another record connected with the contest is that for the last ten years the 1st prize has been won by bells made by Mears and Stainbank, London, also eight out of ten years the 2nd prize has been won, and this year the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes obtained by the same make of bells, viz., Mears and Stainbank's.

The judges were De Henry Watson, professor at the Royal College of Music, Manchester. Mr. C. H. Fogg, organist, Halle concerts, Manchester.

The writer was informed that the band of lads "Almondbury" Junior, who figured among the consolation prizes, have only been formed nine months. If this be true their performance was a very creditable one under the circumstances ; notwithstanding that here and there they left some of the music out, especially towards the finish of the piece.

It was considered by ringers of experience that a decade or two ago a better and more pleasing class of music was selected for these contests than what we find to-day, such as "Poet and Peasant" Overture, seven airs from "Trovatore," etc., etc., to which it is hoped the managers will return next year.

## 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."

### HODSON'S BELLFOUNDRY.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. A. King's letter in "THE BELL NEWS," I beg to state that I visited Brookland Campanile on Monday last, and examined the bells.

The treble, 2nd, 4th and 5th bells bear the following :—"John Hodson made mee 1685." The 3rd bell bears :—"Sit Nomini Domini Benedictum," and bears a coat of arms, but no other inscription or maker's name.

The bells have coins let in around the bells in between the words.

I may also state that at Dymchurch there are also three bells bearing the same maker's name and date. I also visited Snar-gate Church, which contains 3 bells, and the 2nd bears this :—"John Hodson made me 1673," and contains a great number of coins. The other two bells have only several letters around them.

Thanking Mr. King for his kindness in providing me with the information required.

V. D. LAURENCE.

### A DISCLAIMER.

SIR,—Kindly allow me space in your paper to bring a certain matter which concerns the ringers of Hertfordshire and also the exercise at large. In respect to a peal of Stedman Triples, rung at Hoddesdon, on September 8th by the Middlesex Association, I notice, reading in the local paper, it was a certain ringer's hundredth performance, but reading the account of the said peal, in the ringers' paper, viz., "THE BELL NEWS," there is no mention of such, perhaps that ringer is not quite sure it is his hundredth, as I myself and others feel sure it is not. Unless he can furnish me with particulars of each peal, my conviction will remain the same.

HERTFORDSHIRE.

### TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—Mr. Robinson is misleading your readers in last week's issue in saying he has tried to show I have no real claim to the peals in dispute. This is decidedly wrong. He has never tried to show. He has simply made abstract statements, never attempting any proof whatever. Saying my peals are variations of his is one thing, proving the fact is another. This, Mr. Editor, has never yet been done. I think we have had enough of this fooling on his part, and so I challenge Mr. Robinson to show or give proof by the law of Treble Bob variation how my peals are obtainable from his, and at the same time are not obtainable from Sottanstaill's ; and I am agreeable for him to shape up to the past, present or future school of composers. Let him give some tangible explanation for all he has said.

H. DAINS.

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23456	M	B	W	H	23456	M	B	W	H
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43526		x			56423	2	x	1	2
46325	2			1					
25634	2	x		2	25634	2		2	2
26354			1	2	26354	1	x	2	2
23564	1	x	2	2	23564		x	2	2
23645	2		2	1	23645	2		2	1
26435			1	2	26435			1	2
24365			1	2	24365	1	x	2	2
26543	2		1	1	26543	2		1	1
25463	1	x	2	2	25463			1	2
24653	1	x	2	2	24653	1	x	2	2
24536	2		2	1	24536	2		2	1
25346			1	2	25346			1	2
23456			1	2	23456			1	2

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## The Metropolis.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

\*First peal in the method.



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J. GLUYAS .. .. Treble.	W. FORD .. .. 5.
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Conducted by G. H. MYERS.

\*First peal away from the tenor.

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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†First peal of Major.

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(SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION).

On Monday, September 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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JOSEPH ATKIN .. .. Treble.	THOMAS G. SAREL .. .. 5.
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\*First peal of Treble Bob.

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#### THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 17, 1907, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM CRANE, SEN. .. Treble	JAMES H. MIDWINTER .. 5.
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#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN TOMLINSON .. .. Treble.	HENRY DEW .. .. 5.
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CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHARLES DOE* .. .. Treble.	AMBROSE OSBORNE .. .. 5.
BERT W. WHITESIDE* .. 2.	JOHN MOTH .. .. 6.
WILLIAM HORNE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM NEWELL .. .. 7.
ALFRED SMITH .. .. 4.	CHARLES H. PEARCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by AMBROSE OSBORNE.

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. A. R. Storrs, the new Vicar of York Town.

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#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 18, 1907, in Three Hours,

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AMBROSE HUXSTEP .. Treble.	CHARLES PRICE .. .. 5.
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HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 11 cwt.

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THOMAS MACK .. .. 4.	HERBERT J. ELLIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\*First peal on eight bells. †First peal of Grandsire. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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ROBERT DUCKER .. .. Treble.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
EDWARD MULLINS* .. .. 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. 7.
THOMAS VERRY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\*First peal. R. Ducker was proposed a member of the Guild previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment for Messrs. Dowler and Painter.

#### RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANCIS WARD .. .. Treble.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 5.
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WALTER COATES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. 7.
LEONARD CHARLESWORTH 4.	WILLIAM S. PLANT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 19, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

CHARLES PALMER .. .. Treble.	HENRY STALHAM .. .. 5.
ARTHUR W. GRAYATT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM C. HART .. .. 6.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. .. 3.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

## SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, September 19, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, PITSMOOR,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN THORPE .. .. Treble.	TOM CHOWN .. .. 4.
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. .. 2.	*SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 6.
FRANCIS WARD .. .. 3.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 7.
ALBERT GLEDSTONE .. .. 4.	SAM THOMAS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY F. PALMER.

\*First peal in the method as conductor. †First peal in the method away from the tenor. Rung on the 33rd and 44th birthdays of the conductor and the 5th ringer respectively, their brother strings wishing them many happy returns.

## ILFRACOMBE, DEVON.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

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## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	*JOHN W. RICHARDS .. .. 5.
RICHARD DADDS† .. .. 2.	*REUBEN C. PARR .. .. 6.
FREDERICK J. REED .. .. 3.	R. ALFRED G. DADDS .. .. 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 4.	†WILLIAM SLOCOMBE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

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

## HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 18, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALFRED TOLETT .. .. Treble.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN BASSETT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HILLMAN .. .. 6.
HARRY MEETEN .. .. 3.	ALFRED W. GROVES .. .. 7.
GEORGE J. NORRIS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GILBERT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. W. GROVES.

A. Tulett was elected a member previous to starting.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

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On Saturday, September 20, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JOHN M. BUTTON .. .. Treble.	ERNEST S. BAILEY .. .. 5.
NORMAN BAILEY .. .. 2.	GORDON THOMPSON .. .. 6.
GEORGE BERRY .. .. 3.	CHARLES SAMSON .. .. 7.
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## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Treble.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN. 5.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. .. 2.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. 6.
JOHN J. JONES .. .. 3.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 7.
ROBERT ROFFEY .. .. 4.	*SYDNEY G. STEER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

\*First peal. It is interesting to note that the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, M.A., and Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus. Bac., are both from Keble College, Oxford. This peal was arranged for Mr. Pitman, who is organist of Lyminge parish church, Kent.

## EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. Treble.	†WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	EDWIN J. HAEDING .. 6.
FREDK. PASKINS .. .. 3.	*JESSE WALKER .. .. 7.
HENRY W. WILKES† .. 4.	CECIL A. VALENTINE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal of Bob Major.

## BUILTH WELLS, BRECONSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM PRITCHARD .. Treble.	*ARTHUR J. GRIFFITHS .. 4.
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM EVANS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. 3.	HENRY HARRISON .. Tenor.

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells. It is only a month since the ringer of the 4th started to learn change-ringing. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. — Crosbie.

## BANSTEAD, SURREY.

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

On Saturday, September 21, 1907, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

HENRY F. EWINS .. .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 2.	GEORGE F. HOAD .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. PERBIN .. 3.	HOBATIO GUMMER .. .. 7.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES HUNT, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Major on the bells. Messrs. Ewins and Hoad were elected members in the tower.

## ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## (THE ANSTEY SOCIETY).

On Saturday, September 21, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HARRY DEXTER* .. .. Treble.	*THOMAS BOTTRILL .. .. 5.
EDWARD JACKSON* .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM BOTTRILL .. 6.
ALEXANDER BRAMLEY* .. 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 7.
ALBERT MASON* .. .. 4.	*ALFRED GELSTHORPE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

\*First peal. First by the society. This company has progressed from the "raw material" in fifteen months. It was rung at the third attempt, twice having rung over two hours.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1907, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT LARKINSON .. .. Treble.	JOHN ROLLINSON .. .. 4.
JOHN T. WOLLEY .. .. 2.	ARTHUR J. HOLMES .. .. 5.
JOHN LAKE .. .. 3.	JAMES OSBORNE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. LAKE.

First peal as conductor. J. Rollinson was elected a member previous to starting. First peal on the bells, which have been rehung by Mears and Stainbank, and the 3rd and tenor recast. The bells have a very long draught of rope, 76 ft.

FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

DAVID ELLIOTT .. .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER .. .. 5.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 2.	EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM .. 6.
JOHN BUCKINGHAM .. .. 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
PERCY LANGSTON .. .. 4.	JAMES NEWMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDO, and Conducted by D. ELLIOTT.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. .. Treble.	EDWARD R. J. DUNK .. 5.
JAMES D. DREWETT .. .. 2.	THOMAS STEERS .. .. 6.
DOUGLASS W. DREWETT .. 3.	CHARLES DEAN .. .. 7.
ALFRED J. WHITE* .. .. 4.	ALBERT CALVER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

\*First peal in the method.

DEWSBURY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1907, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRED R. BARRACLOUGH .. Treble.	WILLIAM PEARSON .. .. 5.
JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 2.	REV. B. TYRWHITT-DRAKE .. 6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3.	JOHN FRYER .. .. 7.
JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 4.	THOMAS BARKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES GRAY* .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 2.	HARRY SIMMONS .. .. 6.
JOHN WHEADON .. .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 7.
RICHARD MORGAN .. .. 4.	JOSEPH SPOONER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.

\*First peal.

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

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, in Two Hours and Fifty three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Ebor, Morning Exercise, College Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, and Killamarsh Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK HANCOCK .. Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM .. .. 4.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. TURTON .. 5.
THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 3.	CHARLES SEVERN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARY'S GUILD.)

On Saturday, September 21, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

SIDNEY WYATT .. .. Treble.	JAMES BURGE .. .. 6.
SYMUEL P. MERSON .. .. 2.	*FRANK SADD .. .. 7.
EDWARD LLOYD .. .. 3.	*EDWARD WYATT .. .. 8.
ERNEST A. POOLE* .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM WHITE .. .. 9.
JOSEPH FOWLER† .. .. 5.	*GEORGE WEAVER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES BURGE.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters. †First peal of Stedman Caters away from the tenor.

TURVEY, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1907, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT T. BARKER* .. Treble.	WILLIAM FREEMAN .. .. 5.
CHARLES MORTIMER* .. 2.	SYDNEY H. SMITH .. .. 6.
WILLIAM J. DAVISON .. 3.	*HERBERT L. HARLOW .. 7.
FREDERICK J. MYNARD .. 4.	JOHN W. BARKER .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

\*First peal in the method.

SWAINSWICK, BATH, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 23, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN TAYLOR* .. .. Treble.	*ALBERT E. SEERS .. .. 4.
HERBERT LEWIS .. .. 2.	HERBERT E. HOLDER .. 5.
RICHARD J. COUSINS .. 3.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

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

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF NORWICH SCHOLARS.

On Sunday, September 22, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

PERCY C. ARTIS .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 5.
FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS .. 2.	GEORGE MOY .. .. 6.
ALBERT ROUGHT .. .. 3.	GEORGE SMITH .. .. 7.
EDWARD FRANCIS .. .. 4.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FREDK KNIGHTS.

## COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, September 24, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

TENOR 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. WHITE.. ..Treble.	SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 5.
REUBEN CLIFFORD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FOX .. .. 6.
REV. M. H. PIMM .. .. 3.	WALTER WHITE .. .. 7.
REV. A. T. BRESTON .. .. 4.	ERNEST J. OLIVER .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by REUBEN CLIFFORD.

DEFECTIVE REPORT—A peal of Grandsire Caters rung at West Hartlepool, has been sent without any date.

## Date Touches.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLEHAM (Yorks).—On September 10th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1907 Treble Bob, being 107 of New London Pleasure, 360 of Violet, and 720 each of Oxford and Kent, and various 120s of Stedman Doubles. J. Sarginson, A. Peacock, H. Parrish, H. Pauli, C. Clarkson, G. Handley conductor.

## STOW AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

STOW BARDOLPH (Norfolk).—On Saturday, September 14th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1907 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 10 mins. T. Gates, A. Bacon, J. Doughty, W. Goodrum, O. Staines, J. Mardell, E. Barker conductor, T. Bell.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Sunday, September 15th, at the Cathedral, for Evensong, 630 Grandsire Triples, E. G. Lampard, F. Smith, L. S. Lampard, F. Smith, L. S. Lampard, G. Noice, E. Newell, C. Russell, W. C. Lampard, J. W. Elkins.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On July 13th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. S. Williams, W. Ross, H. Day, W. Biss, W. Miller, F. Chamberlain, A. Rowley conductor, G. Vinnicombe. Rung on the occasion of the King's visit to Cardiff.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATHFORD.—On Sunday, September 1st, at St. Swithin's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. A. Alexander, F. W. Neate, F. W. Cannings, C. Densley, W. Alexander, C. W. Bell conductor. On Sunday, September 8th, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. T. Roberts, H. Pitman, F. W. Cannings, T. Smith, F. W. Feate, C. W. Bell conductor.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHWELL (Notts).—On Sunday evening, September 15th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. G. Padgett, jun., J. P. Beeson, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, T. Foster, E. Foster, H. F. Clulow, E. H. Lewis, A. J. Chamberlain conductor, E. H. Lewis. First in the method on the bells. First in the method by all except ringers of the 3rd and 7th bells.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorks).—On Monday, September 16th, at the church of St. James, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples with the bells muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of H. H. Driffeld, a late ringer. A. Naylor, J. W. Stickney, C. Jackson, C. Gibson, T. Stockdale, G. T. Miller, G. Halksworth conductor, G. Hare.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BECKENHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, September 12th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. G. Durling, W. Dennis, F. A. Terry, F. King, F. Terry, J. Lovell, W. Smith, C. Austin. Composed and conducted by W. Smith. First in the method by all except the treble and 7th ringers.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, September 15th, for Divine Service in the morning at Christ Church, 1264 Bob Major, in 45 mins. A. R. Glasscock, S. Wade, G. Bester, F. G. Tegg, N. Tomlinson, J. Armstrong conductor, J. E. Miller, W. Pickworth.

TALGARTH (Breconshire).—On Tuesday, September 17th, at St. Gwendoline's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 41 mins. W. Pritchard, L. S. Griffiths conductor, J. Hammond, A. J. Griffiths, W. D. Griffiths, H. Harrison.

WALTHAMSMOW (Essex).—On a recent Sunday, for morning service at St. Saviour's church, 515 Grandsire Triples. H. Wood, F. J. Rumens, W. J. E. Jones, G. B. Lucas, jun., H. Rumens, J. Milner, H. F. Hull conductor, O. L. Twist. On a recent Monday evening, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Rumens, F. J. Rumens, E. Woolley, H. F. Hull conductor, E. D. Lillywhite, J. Milner, H. T. Scarlett, R. Grimwood. On Sunday, September 1st, for morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples. S. E. Townsend, W. J. E. Jones, G. B. Lucas, jun., E. D. Lillywhite, R. Grimwood, F. J. Rumens conductor, H. F. Hull, O. L. Twist.

## THE BELLMAKER.

Sighing, he toiled, as one who toils in vain;  
Sighing, he slept, as one who dreams in pain,  
And wakes to old unhappiness again.

This was his sorrow: That the thing he wrought,  
Born of his labor, infant of his thought,  
In the great world of Action was as naught.

Poets wrote songs that passed from lip to lip;  
Soldiers fought battles, dying hip to hip;  
Sailors sank smiling in their coffin-ship;

But the bell-maker, what, yea, what was he?  
What of this thing he fashioned painfully?  
What of his labor when he ceased to be?

Yet, though he sorrowed, served he faithful still;  
Yet, though he wondered, worked with earnest will,  
Melting and mixing, moulding on, until

Answered the bell, the great completed bell,  
Loudly or softly now, "Done well! Done well!"  
Swinging and singing on its pinnacle.

Sleeps the bell-maker now his dreamless sleep;  
Over his head the changing seasons sweep,  
Seedtime and needtime, days we sow or reap.

And the great bell, the great completed bell,  
Speaketh its message, speaketh loud and well,  
Welcomes the bride or sobs the old man's knell.

Once when it spoke, a prison opened wide;  
Once when it named the hour, that hour there died  
Days of oppression and a reign of pride.

Mighty its rhythm as the poet's rhyme,  
Greater than music its unchanging chime;  
For with its music all the years keep time.

Sleep, humble toiler, sleep, and weep no more;  
This that you made announces o'er and o'er  
Every new guest that knocks at Time's great door.

Written for "Modern Machinery," by Charles Frederic.

Published, January, 1907.

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## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—The annual dinner will be held on November 2nd. Meetings for practice will be held at St. John-at-Hackney on October 1st and 15th; St. Magnus on October 3rd and 17th; St. John, South Hackney, on October 14th and 28th; St. Paul's Cathedral on October 8th; and St. Dunstan's-in-the-East on October 10th.

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

**The Royal Cumberland Society.**—A meeting for united practice of the above society will be held on Saturday, October 5th, at All Saints parish church, Edmonton. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Divine Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at The Charles Lamb Institute at 6 p.m. (tickets 6d. each). It is hoped that members will be good enough to signify their intention to the Hon. Secretary in order that proper provision may be made.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—The annual meeting will take place at Blackburn to-day, Sat., September 28th. Preacher—The Right Rev. Bishop Thornton, D.D., Vicar of Blackburn. The following officers retire this year, but are eligible for re-election; Mr. J. Bachus, Vice-president; Mr. J. H. Banks, Ringing Secretary, and the two auditors, Messrs. J. Barratt and S. Greenhalgh.

A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*  
4, Helena Street, Irlam o' the Heights, Manchester  
J. H. BANKS, *Ringling Secretary.*  
462, Helmsford Road, Helmsford.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Mayfield to-day, Sat., September 28th. Tea at 5 o'clock, 6d. each to members.  
G. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
The Lodge, Vale Road, St. Leonards

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent to-day, Sat., September 28th. Ringing at St. Modwen's from 2.0 to 4.0 p.m. Committee Meeting in St. Paul's Institute at 4. Special service and unveiling of the Wakley Memorial at 4.30 in St. Paul's church by the Vicar, Rev. J. J. G. Stockley. A muffled touch will be rung before the service, the band to be arranged by Mr. E. I. Stone. Tea in St. Paul's Institute (tickets 1s. 2d. each), at 5.15 p.m., followed by the General Meeting Ringing at St. Paul's afterwards.  
W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hanbury to-day, Sat., September 28th. Service at 3.45 Address by the Rev. R. H. Harvey. All unpaid subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.  
J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Tong to-day, Sat., September 28th Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Greyhound inn at 7 p.m.  
GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.**—The annual meeting will be held at Shrews-

bury on Saturday, October 5th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. at St. Chad's. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. in St. Chad's vestry. Tea at 5.30 p.m.  
J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The annual tea party and social will be held at Newhey on Saturday, October 5th. Ringers invited. Tickets—Gents. 1s. 3d.; Ladies 1s. Application for tickets to be made not later than Tuesday, October 1st, to  
SAMUEL FITTON.  
23, Huddersfield Road, Newhey, near Rochdale.

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, October 5th, at 3 p.m.  
REV. A. RUST, } *Hon. Secs.*  
I. HILLS.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Fenton on Saturday, October 5th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Service at 6.30. Members intending to be present at the tea must notify Mr. E. E. Sherratt, 11, Blurton Road, not later than Wednesday, October 2nd.  
D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Wednesday, October 9th. Special service at St. Mary-le-Tower at 12.45 p.m. Address by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Ipswich. Dinner at the Lecture Hall, St. Mary-le-Tower, at 1.30 p.m. Members intending to be present at dinner must notify me by October 7th. For full particulars see special notice cards sent to Masters of companies.  
CHARLES E. BORRETT, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, Chester Street, Norwich.

**The London County Association late the St. James's Society.**—The fifth annual grand Bohemian concert will be held on Saturday, October 12th, in the St. George's Hall, Champion hotel, Aldersgate Street, City. Doors open at 7.15 p.m., commence at 7.45. Admission only by programme, price 6d.; reserved seats 1s., to be obtained from the following officers and committee: W. G. Matthews, C. F. Winney, R. A. Daniell, M. Woodcock, F. A. A. Smith, A. A. Scambler, R. Bevan, G. C. Iles, F. G. Perrin, T. Langdon, D. S. Simonds, F. Hairs, A. Turner, and  
T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Nottingham District.—The eighth monthly meeting will be held at Cotgrave on Saturday, October 12th. Meat tea in the schoolroom, tickets 1s. each. Those intending to be present at tea notify me not later than Wednesday, October 9th.  
RUBEN CLIFFORD, *Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—Eastern District.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Hertford on Saturday, October 12th, when the new peal of ten at All Saints will be open for ringing; also the peal of eight at St. Andrew's. Further particulars next week.  
W. H. LAWRENCE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—North and East District.—The district annual meeting will be held on Saturday, October 19th, at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. D. Stooks. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. Tea will be provided on the usual terms at The Cherry Tree hotel. The Hon. Secretary would be glad if all outstanding subscriptions could be sent to him before the date of this meeting,

and if persons intending to be present at the meeting will kindly send him an intimation.  
ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*  
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, October 19th. The bells will be available at 3 p.m. St. Nicholas, Deptford, will be at the disposal of members from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and after the business meeting; also at St. Mary's, Lewisham, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., and after the meeting. Service will be held at St. John's at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. W. F. Jepson, M.A., Vicar. Tea at 6 p.m. in the Church Room, business meeting following, the Vicar presiding. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. allowed. Names of those requiring tea must reach me by first post on Wednesday, October 16th.  
T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—The annual dinner will be held at The Champion hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 2nd, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. Bayley, Buckingham, Burden, E. A. Davies, Garrard, Golding, Harman, Horrex, Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, O'Meara, Newton, Peck, Pettit, Price, Prime, Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, Taffender, Winney, Wood, or  
W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**INKBERRAW (Worcestershire).**—On Saturday, September 14th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. J. Wotton, F. Lucas, J. Lewis, F. Spalding, A. Moore, J. Mason conductor.

**OTTERSASH (Surrey).**—On Saturday, September 14th, 1260 Grandsire Doubles. G. Warrinton, H. Stevens, E. F. Warrinton, J. B. Hessey, A. E. Gray conductor, T. Hancock.

**SOUTHOFRE, LEWES (Sussex).**—On Sunday morning, September 15th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 51 mins. with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to Dr. Wilberforce, Bishop of Chichester. E. J. Pannett, S. W. Shoemith, J. T. Rickman, G. H. Sturt, A. S. Langridge, A. J. Turner, J. S. Goldsmith conductor, F. Gregory.

**CHANGES OF ADDRESS.**—W. J. and G. J. Taylor have removed from 30, Wood Street, Greenfields, to 3, Church Street, Shrewsbury. —E. W. Wightman's address now is 61, Park Side, Woodford Green, Essex.

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### Ringers' Outing.

**THE OLDBURY SOCIETY.**—The annual outing of the members of this society, together with a number of friends, including Messrs. Rose, Cooper, and Moore, and Mr. J. Carter (Birmingham), took place on Thursday, September 5th, the destination being the ancient and historic city of Chester, to which place the party journeyed in a special saloon attached to the 7.20 express from Birmingham. Arriving at Chester the party were met by Mr. H. W. Wilde, who had very kindly consented to act as pilot during the day. The first place of interest visited was The King's Arms kitchen, where King Charles I. hid after his army had been defeated at the battle of Rowton Moor. Subsequently the party attended Morning Prayer at the Cathedral, the singing of this now famous choir being very fine. Then a stroll through

the old part of the city to the church of St. Mary Without-the-Walls, to have a short touch on this grand peal of eight, being most cordially welcomed by Mr. H. Dew, of the local company, and who had made all the arrangements for the visitors comfort. After a very excellent dinner at The Holborn Restaurant we proceeded by steamer up the river Dee to Eaton Hall, where special permission had been obtained by our guide for the free use of the private miniature railway, which runs through the large estate of the Duke of Westminster, and which was built by—perhaps not known to all ringers—our worthy President, Sir Arthur Heywood, and which reminded the writer of his happy Duffield days. This tit-bit of the programme was no doubt the special feature of the day. After a brief view of the hall and stables the party returned to Chester for tea. Here Mr. J. W. Parrish proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Messrs.

Wilde, Dew, and Sperring for all their kindness in making arrangements for the visitors comfort on this occasion. This was seconded by Mr. J. Jagger, and Mr. Wilde suitably responded. The remainder of the evening was spent in another walk round parts of the old walls, and a look in the kitchen, where a parting glass with our friends brought train time, one and all having spent what was voted one of the most successful outings they have ever had. J. J.

**HENFIELD (Sussex).**—On Saturday, September 14th, with the bells deeply muffled for the late Lord Bishop of Chichester, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Markwell, S. Burl, A. J. Boniface, G. Payne, E. Lish, A. Heasman, L. Payne conductor, A. Hodges. Touches of Stedman were rung on the Sunday following both for morning and evening for Divine Service with the bells half-muffled, and also on Sunday, September 22nd.

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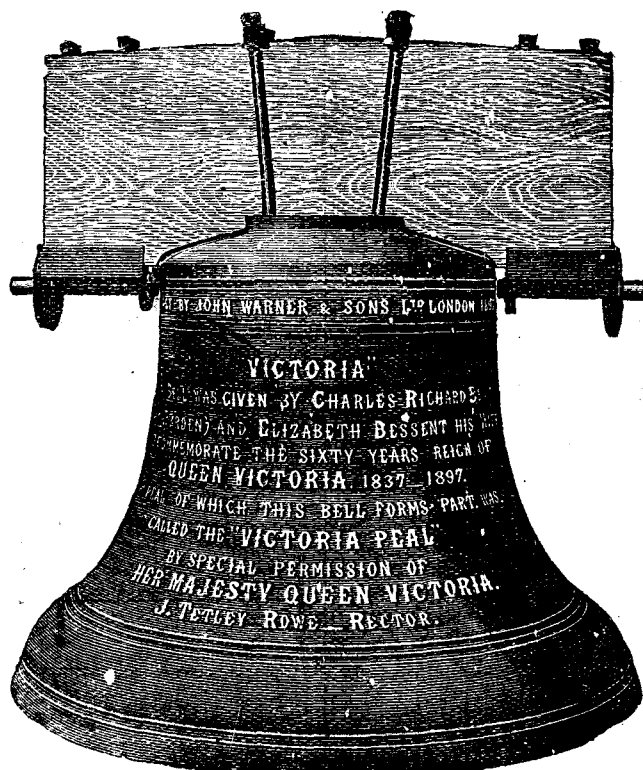
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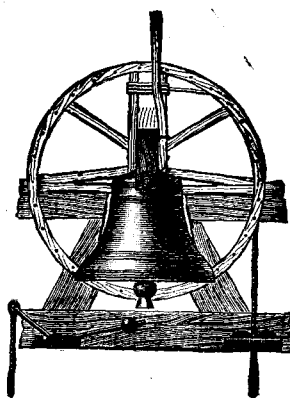
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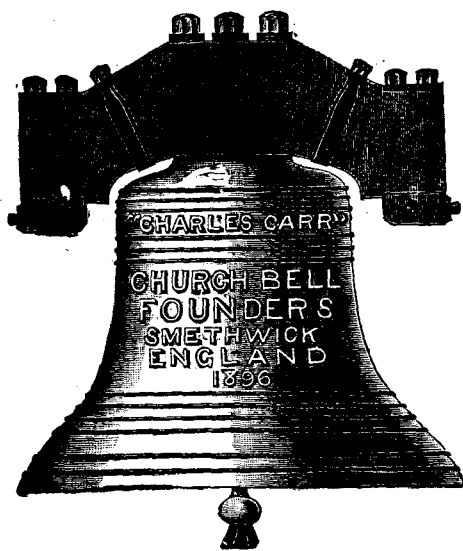
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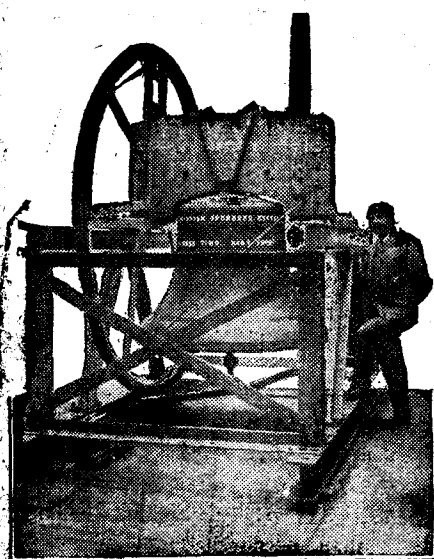
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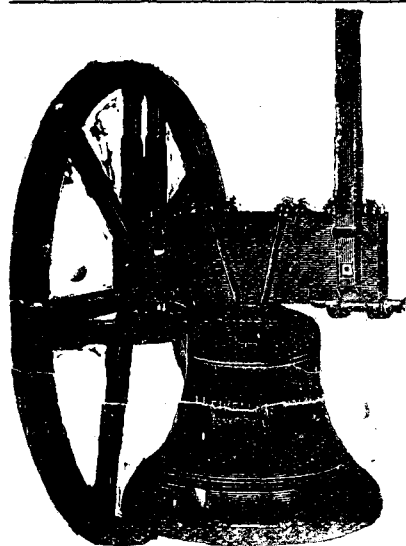
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## WOOL, DORSETSHIRE.

In a recent number we gave some particulars of the events which took place when the new bells arrived from the Croydon bellfoundry. The following account, from a change-ringer, gives us some more intelligence of these bells, though some details of the opening and dedication ceremony are conspicuous by their absence:—

"On the 21st of last month I was one of a privileged party who were invited to attend the dedication and opening of Wool bells, Dorset. In this interesting church there formerly hung four bells, sadly in want of the attention of the bellhanger. This it received, as your issue of September 21st bears out, for seldom has such an home-bringing of the bells been recorded.

"Arriving at Wool station on the day appointed we were met by the genial Vicar—the Rev. A. C. B. Dobie—who told us the arrangements for the afternoon. Piloted by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's representative we first visited the tower, and going aloft, thoroughly inspected the work that had been carried out. This consisted of retuning the four old bells, and adding a treble and tenor, thus making a musical ring of six, tenor 11 cwt. 24 lbs. in G. The whole has been hung in a new iron frame, securely fixed to steel girders. The frame, a modification of the H pattern, is braced at the top, thus securing the utmost rigidity. Everything is new and the work admirably finished. During the Saturday and Sunday I had the pleasure of ringing each bell, and from treble to tenor they go admirably, and form a most harmonious whole. Should Messrs. Gillett and Johnston carry out all work entrusted to them in the same admirable manner, their reputation cannot fail to be enhanced. Certainly they earned the appreciation of the ringers, the majority of whom being change-ringers were well able to express an opinion.—T. H. B."

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14th, in the belfry of the church of St. Mary and All Saints, Kidderminster, a peal-board was unveiled which records a peal of Stedman Triples conducted by W. Short, and which was the one hundredth peal on the bells by the Master of the above Association. The same band had been got together to attempt another peal to celebrate the occasion, but previous to starting the Rev. S. Phillips, Vicar, clerical secretary of the Association, and Mr. T. H. Horton, churchwarden, entered the belfry. The latter gentleman at once called upon the Vicar to unveil the board, and he did so, with hearty congratulations to the band, and good advice for the future—that what was worth doing at all was worth doing well; also presenting Mr. Salter with the book, "Bismarck's Table Talk," as a slight memento of the occasion. Mr. Salter being called upon for a few words, assured the Vicar that the ringers highly appreciated his coming among them to perform that little cere-

mony, and thanked him for his kind present. Mr. Salter remarked that those hundred peals, covering a period of twenty-one years, had required much time and practice, and in taking part in them he had only tried to do his duty as a churchman and change-ringer. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar on the proposition of Mr. Horton, seconded by Mr. Short. A peal of Stedman was then attempted, but unfortunately lost after 2½ hours' good ringing. The company afterwards repaired to Mr. Salter's, to partake of a spread arranged by Mrs. Salter during the attempt for the peal.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly meeting of this Association was held at Beaumaris, Anglesey, on Saturday, September 14th. The business meeting was held in the tower, and members were present from Beaumaris, Bangor, Llangollen, Llandudno, Portmadoc, and Mr. C. Carew Cox, of London. The Rev. J. Harry J. Morgan, Rector of Beaumaris, took the chair, and after business matters were disposed of he cordially invited the ringers to tea at The Bryn, of which all present took the advantage. Tea over, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Rector for his kindness in entertaining the ringers, and for the use of the bells.

An adjournment was then made to the tower, where some touches of Grandsire Triples, etc., were rung. The go of the bells, which have recently been rehung, and two more added, was pronounced to be excellent. Ferry boat time arrived, and found the ringers reluctant to leave the ancient borough, but were full of hope that they would soon re-visit Beaumaris.

The annual meeting will be held at Llangollen, of which due notice will be given in this paper.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Ashford district was held at Wye on Saturday, September 21st, sixty-nine being present at the tea, which was held at The Swan inn, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, hon. general secretary of the Association, presiding. It was decided to hold the annual meeting for 1908 at Tenterden, in September; interim meetings to be held at Mersham in May, and at Appledore in July. Mr. Geo. Paine was again re-elected as representative on the Central Committee. Mr. C. Tribe, of Tenterden, was elected hon. district secretary in place of A. R. Manning.

The secretary reported the death of Mr. W. Stroud, who for some time had been secretary of the Folkestone company.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar of Wye, the Rev. H. S. Rendall, for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, also to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, for attending and presiding, was passed. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Kent and Plain Bob Major were rung.

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## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The second quarterly meeting of the year was held at Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, September 28th. The eight bells at the parish church were at the disposal of the ringers from 2 to 4 p.m. A special service of dedication of the Wakley memorial tablet was held in St. Paul's church, at 4.30, prior to which a muffled touch was rung by a selected band. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. J. J. Stockley, beginning with the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past." The Rev. C. W. D'Ombraire read the lesson from Rev. xxii. This was followed by the Magnificat and a shortened form of evening prayer. After singing the hymn "Lead, Kindly Light," the choir and clergy proceeded to the tablet, which was then solemnly dedicated by the Vicar, who spoke a few appropriate words about the late Mr. W. Wakley. The hymn, "Through the night of doubt and sorrow," closed the service.

The tablet has been prepared from the design of Mr. G. F. Bodley, and artistically executed in gun-metal. A most appropriate position has been chosen for its erection, the site being on the west wall of the south transept, immediately at right angles to the seats which are reserved for the ringers, and where the late Mr. Wakley was a prominent figure. Its inscription is as follows; "To the glory of God and in grateful memory of William Wakley, Vicar's warden of this church, 1882-4, and for 32 years leader of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent Society of Bell-ringers. He died on April 24th, 1906, aged 53. May he rest in peace. This memorial was subscribed for by the members of the Midland Counties Association of Change-ringers, of which he was honorary member for 23 years."

Tea was held in St. Paul's Institute, followed by the general meeting, at which the chair was taken by the president, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., supported by Mr. J. W. Taylor. Vice-president: Mr. A. Wakley, hon. treasurer; Mr. W. E. White, hon. secretary; Rev. J. J. Stockley, (Vicar); Mr. M. C. Phillips, (churchwarden); Rev. A. T. Beeston, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary and passed. Letters of apology were read from the Revs. H. B. Freeman, A. Lowe and L. Tyrwhitt. Sir Arthur Heywood, in the course of an interesting speech, paid a valuable tribute to the memory of Mr. W. Wakley, the late treasurer, thanking the Vicar of St. Paul's, and the choir for the beautiful service they had just had, which, he said, would not fade from their memory for a very long time. Sir Arthur then proceeded to review the peals rung during the past quarter, amounting to 17, and consisting of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich Major and Royal, Superlative, Grandsire Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal. He hoped that the present quarter would bring the year up to the highest total of the Association. Votes of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells and for the service, and to Sir Arthur for presiding, were carried with acclamation. Three ringing, six life and two honorary members were unanimously elected. The bells at St. Paul's were at the disposal of the ringers from the close of the meeting until 9 p.m.

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A meeting of the Liverpool branch was held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, September 14th. Members attended from Liverpool, Bootle, Tue Brook, Rainford, Garston, Farnworth, and the local company. Mr. Aspinwall was elected chairman in the absence of the Vicar. The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed. Warrington was chosen for the next place of meeting in place of Huyton. It was resolved that the branch advertise their meetings in "THE BELL NEWS." Mr. Barton proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for providing tea and for the use of the bells; also Mr. Breeze for having all in readiness. Mr. Breeze replied on behalf of the Vicar.

Methods rung during the evening were: Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

## RINGING TOUR IN CORNWALL.

A ringing tour, organised by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, commences next Monday, in the county of Cornwall. The band undertaking this are:—Rev. F. E. Robinson, Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Messrs. G. Williams (Southampton), C. R. Lilley (Bedford), J. W. Taylor (Loughborough), G. N. Price (London), A. H. Pulling (Guildford), W. W. Gifford (Salisbury), E. J. Menday (Caversham), and A. W. Brighton (occasionally), Rev. M. Kelly (Organizer). The places intended to be visited are Kea, Kenwyn, S. Keverne, Helston, Bodmin, Egloshayle and Emmanuel (Compton). It is hoped, all being well, that the party may be able to ring nine peals.

## NOVEL BELFRY RULES.

The following rules have been issued by note to the Captain of the ringers of a small parish in the Essex Association, not above sixty miles from the county town of Chelmsford. Sure enough these are a set for our Central Council and all Associations to take a copy, and then what will happen to our ringing universe may I ask?

A RINGER.

- 1.—No one but the eight ringers shall assist in chiming or ringing without the Rector's permission.
- 2.—No persons but the eight ringers shall be allowed to be present during the ringing.
- 3.—If any ringer be guilty of drunkenness, swearing, or habitual neglect of public worship, or of any universal or irreligious conduct, he shall cease to be one of the ringers.
- 4.—The bells shall be rung on all the great festivals, and at no other times except by agreement between the Rector and the ringers.
- 5.—The salary of the ringers shall be — due at Christmas.
- 6.—The ringers agree to attend at least one of the services for which the bells are rung on any particular day.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, September 4th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 384 London Surprise Major, H. Little, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, W. Watts, conductor, also 314 Superlative Surprise Major, G. Gray, H. Little, T. Jordan, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Prior, W. T. Prior, G. Jordan conductor.



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

The annual meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, September 21st, at St. Andrew's church, Hillingdon West, Uxbridge. About sixty ringers attended the service, the sermon being preached by the Lord Bishop of Barking, who took for his text the words, "I beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called; endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Eph. iv., verses 1 and 3.) The object of their Association, he said, was to band together the bell-ringers in that great diocese in one body, so that they might help and encourage one another, and promote the knowledge and progress of what they thought a most fascinating art. He was not wholly without experience or knowledge of the difficulties and discouragements which ringers sometimes met with, as well as the brighter side of their success, unity and good will. He knew how much good had resulted from such an Association as theirs. How much more could be done if in every diocese, in every parish, there was more of the Christian spirit which their Association was calculated to promote! The claim of bell-ringers to be recognised in the exercise of their calling as church-workers was much more widely acknowledged than it used to be. The night of ill-repute and unworthy conduct in the belfry had gone out. The very existence of such an Association as theirs was evidence of the desire of bell-ringers to exercise their calling worthily with high responsibility towards God and man. St. Paul urged forbearance in doing their work, regard for the feelings of others, unwillingness to take offence, the spirit of give and take in the work they did. This spirit was necessary wherever a number of men had to work together, and perhaps, nowhere was it more needed than in the belfry. One great object of an association of ringers was surely to bring men together in the pursuit of an object in which they were keenly interested, and in work which, if it was to be done well, must be done with hearty goodwill and co-operation. But upon this work there must be always stamped something of a sacred character, and it was in recognition of this that they were gathered there on a week day for a short service of praise and prayer. In trying to impress upon them to take the highest view of their art he did not wish them to cast out every other thought. In ringing, a small slip threw out the work of the whole band. It taught them that whatsoever was worth doing was worth doing well, and ringers must guard against anything like slovenliness. So far as their Association was concerned, they trusted and believed that, good as had been its benefit upon ringers and ringing in the past, it might be more widely and abundantly blessed in the coming years, as those who were members of it strove to walk, in the words of St. Paul, worthy of their calling, not merely in acquiring greater skill in handling the ropes, but perhaps much more in unity of spirit which would make them better men, as well as better ringers. So might their Association, with God's blessing, be more and more the means of keeping alive in every parish where there were church bells a real spirit of reverence and devotion, brotherly love and unity, which should form a bond of mutual good will and Christian character, enduring throughout time and eternity.

The service closed with the singing of the hymn, "Soldiers of the Cross, arise," and the pronouncing of the blessing by the Bishop.

After the service, an excellent tea was partaken of in the Girls' school; the arrangements being undertaken by Mrs.

and Miss Bird, and a large band of willing helpers. There was a large gathering at the annual meeting which followed, the Rev. H. G. Bird, the president of the Association, occupying the chair, supported by the Bishop of Barking, R. A. Daniell, Esq., and the officers of the Association.

The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop of Barking for coming amongst them and giving them an address which emphasized in so clear and convincing a manner the dignity of a ringer's calling. The vote having been carried with enthusiastic acclamation, the Bishop said that it was a great pleasure to him to have come there, and if he had done anything to help forward the work of the Association, he should feel amply repaid for any little trouble he had taken.

The Hon. Secretary then read a portion of the annual Report, the remainder being taken as read, to save time. He said that between the date of last year's meeting and the present time they had rung 85 peals, viz:—

	No. of Peals.	
Kent Treble Bob Major	...	1
Grandsire Triples	...	9
Bob Major	...	1
Double Norwich	...	9
Superlative Surprise Major	...	15
New Cambridge Surprise Major	...	2
London	do. do.	11
Bristol	do. do.	3
Stedman Triples	...	19
Stedman Caters	...	12
Stedman Cinques	...	3

Total ... 85

of these five were rung on handbells.

Kent Treble Bob Major	...	1
Stedman Triples	...	1
Stedman Caters	...	2
Stedman Cinques	...	1

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major being the first rung on handbells by the Association.

As regards performances on tower bells, 28 had rung their first peal in a new method; 13, their first peal in any method, and 2, their first peals as conductors. No fewer than 142 individual members had taken part in peals since the date of the last annual meeting.

After dealing with other important and interesting matter, the Report closed with some observations on the discussion which took place at the Central Council meeting at Exeter, on the subject: "Is too much stress laid upon peal-ringing by ringers of the present day?"

It was agreed that the Report be approved and printed, and permission was also given to include some notes by the Hon. Secretary on the bells of St. Sepulchre, Holborn.

The accounts were passed, subject to audit; and the officers of the Association were re-elected. The Hon. Secretary observed that if he could get about from place to place on ringing nights and work among his brother ringers, he felt that it would be a great advantage; but he could only say, that with every desire to carry on the work with energy, he could not do so, at his time of life, without some assistance; and he suggested that Mr. William Pickworth, of the Southgate band, should be appointed assistant secretary. Mr. Pickworth having accepted the nomination, it was put to the meeting and carried with enthusiastic approval. The meeting closed with thanks to the President for his welcome, to the organist and choir for their services, and lastly, to the ladies who so liberally dispensed hospitality.

A number of letters of apology were read from clergy-

men who were unable to attend, but who, at the same time, expressed their interest in the work of the Association.

After the meeting ringing was resumed at both St. John's and St. Andrew's churches, and was carried on till late into the evening.

### AN AFTERNOON'S PLEASURE.

Taking advantage of the delightful weather, the ringers of St. John's Leytonstone, had another successful journey on Saturday, September 14th. Leaving Leytonstone at 2.30 p.m. in a good pair-horse brake, we drove by way of Wanstead and Hainault Forest, to Havering-atte-Bower, near Romford. A prettier place on a fine summer afternoon one could not wish for; it is well named atte-Bower. Arriving at The Orange Tree hotel, we left our brake and climbed the hill to the church, after a look round we mounted the tower where hang a good ring of six bells, tenor just over 16 cwt. We soon set them going, not to Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob, but to London Surprise. This came to grief in the last part owing to a change course. A good 288 of Treble Bob brought up tea time. Repairing to The Orange Tree, we found, in a nice little marquee, on the lawn, a good meat tea awaiting us. With the master and hon. secretary of the S.W. Division to grace our table we were soon coursing in the proper order. This over and a friendly chat we again went to the tower and rang a splendid 720 of London Surprise, the first in the method on the bells. G. A. Black, S. Hayes, J. Moule, H. Torble, W. Miller, conductor, E. Wightman, also 720 Cambridge Surprise, S. Hayes, conductor, G. A. Black, T. Cranfield, S. Bird, G. Hayden, J. Moule. Then a look round the old village with its old stocks on the green, massive oaks and other points of interest, then back to the church for a final pull. This time that musical method York Surprise, 720 in fine style, the first in the method on the bells. G. Cornell, G. Hayden, W. H. Doran, H. Torble, W. Miller, conductor, E. Wightman. Then a pleasant half-hour with mine host at The Orange Tree, and a pleasant drive home by Chadwell Heath and Ilford, reaching Leytonstone about 10.30. Just a word of thanks from us all to the Vicar, Rev. E. B. Woodman, for giving permission for us to ring, and to the tower-keeper, Mr. Goodwin, for having everything in readiness. Our only regret is our hon. secretary, Mr. G. Dawson, was unable to go with us, he being on special duty. M.

### Correspondence.

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

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

### A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Observing that a peal of Stedman Triples rung at Ilfracombe on September 19th is claimed as "the first in the method on the bells," I write to say that a peal in that method, conducted by me, was rung on them on August 21st, 1905. The tenor measures 40 inches across the mouth, and weighs therefore about 11 cwt., not 14, as stated in No. 1330.

F. E. ROBINSON.

### REPLY TO "HERTFORDSHIRE."

In regard to the letter signed "Hertfordshire" in your issue of the 28th ultimo respecting the peal rung at Hoddesdon on September 7th by the Middlesex Association, as being the one hundredth peal of a certain ringer, it is only common justice on my part to the ringer challenged to say that it was my intention to have published the peal with a footnote as to above fact, the

omission being an oversight pure and simple. This omission therefore does not justify the insinuation drawn by our anonymous friend, and two Hertfordshire ringers who were in the peal accepted the "hundred" statement without objection at the time it was issued.

WILLIAM PICKWORTH.

### NOTES TO PEALS.

MR. H. G. ROWE'S 100TH PEAL.—The peal of Stedman rung at Hoddesdon on September 7th last was Mr. H. G. Rowe's 100th peal, and are as follows: Grandsire Triples, 51; Grandsire Caters, 1; Bob Triples, 7; Bob Major, 8; Canterbury Major, 1; Double Norwich, 2; Stedman Triples, 7; Superlative Surprise, 1; Treble Bob Major, 3; on six bells, 19; total 100. Conducted 36.

THE PEAL AT ST. ALBANS.—First peal of Caters by the ringer of the treble. First of Caters and first away from the treble by the ringer of the 2nd. First peal by the ringers of the 5th, 6th and tenor. First peal of Caters and the first away from the tenor as a covering bell by the ringer of the 8th. This peal, which is rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beal, of St. Albans, on the eve of the celebration of their silver wedding (Mrs. Beal being the daughter of a former respected churchwarden of St. Peter's), is the first which a President of the Hertfordshire Association has conducted or taken part in during his term of office.

THE PEAL AT HOUNSLOW.—This peal of bells was erected by Warner in 1881, and this is the third peal upon them, the first on the opening day, conducted by the late H. W. Haley, the second sixteen years ago last July, conducted by J. J. Parker, in which four of the present band took part. Several of the local ringers and visitors came into the belfry and congratulated the band on the excellent striking that was maintained throughout the peal.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Sunday evening, September 22nd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. A. Knights, W. J. Thynp, G. Davies, S. Price, \*G. Thompson, B. A. Knights, R. W. Collier conductor, \*N. Dickens. \*First quarter-peal in the method.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On a recent Sunday, for Divine Service at St. Nicolas' church, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. G. Steer, W. Loader, J. Heathorn, R. Roffey, C. Hazelden, H. Tomsett first as conductor, J. Hunt, E. Heather.

HOLSWORTHY (Devon).—On Sunday, September 29th, for the morning service in connection with the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins. A. J. Metters conductor, C. Vanstone, W. H. Small, F. Rowland, W. Gerry, G. Rees.

MIDDLEHAM (Yorks).—On Sunday, September 22nd, the bells of the parish church were rung half-muffled because of the death of Mr. S. T. Jones, which had taken place at Hornby Castle the week before. He was for many years agent to the Duke of Leeds, and as a young man was a ringer at Middleham. His son is now Secretary to St. Alkelda's Guild, whose members rang the whole pull and stand, and a 720 of Bob Minor (ten bobs and fourteen singles, composed by D. Shipp, of Staindrop, conducted by R. Borrows), and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, for Evensong. The funeral took place at Hornby, and was attended by two representatives of the Guild.

PENDLETON (Manchester).—Recently, at St. Thomas's church, on the back six, 120 each of Doubles and Minor. S. Roberts, H. Hunt, L. Williams, J. Newman, C. L. Sadler conductor, J. Evans. And a course and a short touch of Triples, Messrs. Smith and Chapman standing in.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—The annual dinner will be held on November 2nd. Meetings for practice will be held at St. John-at-Hackney on October 1st and 15th; St. Magnus on October 3rd and 17th; St. John, South Hackney, on October 14th and 28th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on October 8th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on October 10th.

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

**The Royal Cumberland Society.**—A meeting for united practice of the above society will be held to-day, Sat., October 5th, at All Saints parish church, Edmonton. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Divine Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at The Charles Lamb Institute at 6 p.m. (tickets 6d. each).

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

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.**—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury to-day, Sat., October 5th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. at St. Chad's. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. in St. Chad's vestry. Tea at 5.30 p.m.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The annual tea party and social will be held at Newhey to-day, Sat., October 5th. Ringers invited. Tickets—Gents. 1s. 3d.; Ladies 1s. SAMUEL FITTON.  
23, Huddersfield Road, Newhey, near Rochdale.

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Woburn to-day, Sat., October 5th, at 3 p.m.

REV. A. RUST, } *Hon. Secs.*  
I. HILLS.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Fenton to-day, Sat., October 5th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Service at 6.30.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Wednesday, October 9th. Special service at St. Mary-le-Tower at 12.45 p.m. Address by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Ipswich. Dinner at the Lecture Hall, St. Mary-le-Tower, at 1.30 p.m. Members intending to be present at dinner must notify me by October 7th. For full particulars see special notice cards sent to Masters of companies.

CHARLES E. BORRETT, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, Chester Street, Norwich.

**The London County Association late the St. James's Society.**—The fifth annual grand Bohemian concert will be held on Saturday, October 12th, in the St. George's Hall, Champion hotel, Aldersgate Street, City. Doors open at 7.15 p.m., commence at 7.45. Admission only by programme, price 6d.; reserved seats 1s., to be obtained from the following officers and committee: W. G. Matthews, C. F. Winney, R. A. Daniell, M. Woodcock, F. A. A. Smith, A. A. Scambler, R. Bevan, G. C. Iles, F. G. Ferrin, T. Langdon, D. S. Simonds, F. Hairs, A. Turner, and T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Nottingham District.—The eighth monthly meeting will be held at Cotgrave on Saturday, October 12th. Meat tea in the schoolroom, tickets 1s. each. Those intending to be present at tea notify me not later than Wednesday, October 9th.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—Eastern District.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Hertford on Saturday, October 12th, when the new peal of ten at All Saints will be open for ringing; also the peal of eight at St. Andrew's. Tea at the Coffee Tavern, Old Cross, at 5.30. Members 6d., non-members 8d. Business meeting after. All members and friends will be made welcome. Bells ready at 3.30.

W. H. LAWRENCE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The North Notts. Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harthill on Saturday, October 12th. Tea at 5 o'clock. Conveyances meet trains at Kiverton Park.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Warrington, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells ready at 3.30. Members intending being present, please send word to

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

35, Church Road, Garston.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Lindley on Saturday, October 12th. Business to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house—The Globe inn.

W. IDLE, *Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—North and East District.—The district annual meeting will be held on Saturday, October 19th, at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. D. Stooks. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. Tea will be provided on the usual terms at The Cherry Tree hotel. The Hon. Secretary would be glad if all outstanding subscriptions could be sent to him before the date of this meeting, and if persons intending to be present at the meeting will kindly send him an intimation.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, October 19th. The bells will be available at 3 p.m. St. Nicholas, Deptford, will be at the disposal of members from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and after the business meeting; also at St. Mary's, Lewisham, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., and after the meeting. Service will be held at St. John's at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. W. F. Jepson, M.A., Vicar. Tea at 6 p.m. in the Church Room, business meeting following, the Vicar presiding. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. allowed. Names of those requiring tea must reach me by first post on Wednesday, October 16th.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, October 19th, at the parish church, Tattenhall. Bells available from 2 p.m., and during the afternoon and evening for touches. Short service at 5 o'clock in the parish church. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head for all those sending in their names on or before the 14th inst. to

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

20, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—A meeting (without allowances) will be held at Teynham on Saturday, October 19th. Tower open at 3 p.m. The Vicar of Teynham has kindly promised to provide tea for all members attending, who must send me their names on or before Wednesday, October 16th.

G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

**The Essex Association.**—South-Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held on Saturday, October 19th, at West Ham. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Meeson Hall, 6d. each to members, 1s. 6d. to non-members, at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting for the election of Master and Secretary for the ensuing year. I would take it as a favor if those who intend being present at the tea would give me ample notice, and I hope that as many members as possible will be able to attend.

GEO. A. BLACK, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

5, Grove Crescent, Woodford.

**The Essex Association.**—North-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braintree on Saturday, October 19th. The bells of the parish church will be available all day, and also those of Bocking (8), Stisted (6), Black Notley (5), and Rayne (5). Tea will be provided at The Bull inn at 5 o'clock, price 1s. 6d. each, and those intending to be at the tea must give several days' notice to me.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Coggeshall.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHURKE, *Branch Sec.*

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—The annual dinner will be held at The Champion hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 2nd, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. Bayley, Buckingham, Burden, E. A. Davies, Garrard, Golding, Harman, Horrex, Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, O'Meara, Newton, Peck, Pettit, Price, Prime, Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, Taffender, Winney, Wood, or

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1907.

## WHY NOT A WARWICKSHIRE ASSOCIATION?

Answering this question, Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, of Coventry, writes:—

"It has often occurred to me, and I have frequently heard ringers express their opinion, that a general Association for the county of Warwick would be a good thing. There are many towers in the county having rings of bells which are not included in the St. Martin's Guild for the diocese of Birmingham, admirable institution though it is. They are also out of the active range of the Midland Counties Association. I venture to think that the art of change-ringing would receive considerable impetus by the formation of a general Association, which could be organized into districts, each having its own secretary, meetings, etc., and being governed by one central committee. It seems to me that the Guild, although termed 'diocesan,' is hardly wide enough in its scope, its efforts being largely concentrated in one particular place. I trust something will be done in the matter, and that some of the more able ringers in the county, such as Mr. Coleman of Rugby, or Mr. Adams of Warwick, will take it up. That it will receive hearty support I have very little doubt."

**The Metropolis.****THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.***On Saturday, September 21, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,**At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
*In the Kent Variation. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.*

ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. 5
GEORGE F. WOODAGE* .. 2.	GEORGE R. FARDON .. .. 6.
HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 3.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. TAFFENDER* 4.	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

\*First peal of Major.

**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.***On Wednesday, September 25, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,**At the Church of St. John, Waterloo Road,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**  
*Tenor 20 cwt.*

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 5.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 2.	SYDNEY A. WRIGHT .. 6.
ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. 3.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 7.
HORATIO GUMMER .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. A. HOLDEN, and  
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. G. Matthews, who was born on September 25th, 1853; also on the occasion of the birth of a son to Mr. T. H. Taffender, Secretary to the above society.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, September 28, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,**At the Church of St. Mary, Lambeth,***A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.**  
*Tenor 19 cwt.*

CHARLES POTHECARY .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
CALEB FENN† .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

†First peal in the method.

**The Provinces.****RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.****THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 21, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,**At the Church of St. Peter,***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES**  
*Tenor 22 cwt.*

HORACE COPPERWHEAT .. Treble.	FRANK KIRK .. .. 5.
WALTER GILBERT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 6.
HARRY STUBBS .. .. 3.	*FRED BARBER .. .. 7.
RICHARD FENDERED .. .. 4.	FRED GILBERT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by F. GILBERT.

\*First peal. Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. E. Wingell.

**MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, September 25, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,**At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
*Dr. A. B. CARPENTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S*

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. Treble.	CHARLES DEAN .. .. 5.
JAMES D. DREWETT .. .. 2.	ALBERT CALVER .. .. 6.
DOUGLAS W. DREWETT .. 3.	WILLIAM H. JOINER .. 7.
ALFRED J. WHITE .. .. 4.	JOSEPH S. DANIELS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

**CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.***On Saturday, September 21, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,**At the Church of St. Leonard,***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**  
*Tenor 12½ cwt.*

MISS FRANCES THATCHER* Treble	CHARLES BOUGHTON .. 5.
JOHN BARBER .. .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 6.
JOHN BASS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. 7.
ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by WM H. BARBER.

\*First peal. Messrs. Hillier and W. H. Barber, who hail from Newcastle, wish to thank the band for meeting them on such short notice. Miss K. Thatcher was unable to take part in the peal owing to indisposition, much to the regret of the band.

**CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.****MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION, THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT, AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.***On Wednesday, September 25, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,**At the Parish Church,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
*Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES' No. 1. Tenor 24½ cwt.*

WILLIAM J. THYNG .. Treble.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. 5.
JESSE MOSS .. .. 2.	*JOHN FLINT .. .. 6.
HARRY KIRK* .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 7.
SAMUEL PRICE .. .. 4.	GEORGE W. MOSS .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\*First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. Price, which occurred on the 18th inst.

**SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.****WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, September 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,**At the Church of St. Mary,***A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**  
*Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.*

JOHN WITHERS .. .. Treble.	*FRANK FAY .. .. 5.
CHARLES DICKENS* .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
FRANK WITHERS .. .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and  
Conducted by ARTHUR E. PEGLER.

\*First peal in the method. This was the quarterly peal by the above Association.

**DAYBROOK, NOTTS.***On Thursday, September 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,**At the Church of St. Paul,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
*CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.*

WM. WAGSTAFFE .. Treble.	REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 5.
WM. WAGSTAFFE .. .. 2.	REV. M. H. PIMM .. 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FOX .. .. 7.
VALENTINE GOSLING .. 4.	ALFRED BORRETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by S. WESLEY.

\*First peal.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.****THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***(The St. Peter's Society.)**On Thursday, September 26, 1907, in Three Hours Twenty-eight Minutes,**At the Church of St. Peter,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.**

THOMAS CONLEY .. Treble.	THOMAS J. HULL .. 6.
WILLIAM LITTLE .. .. 2.	ARTHUR HULL .. .. 7.
EDWARD HULL .. .. 3.	JESSE PORTER .. .. 8.
E. P. DEBENHAM .. .. 4.	HARRY J. FEWELL .. 9.
EDWARD D. LIVERMORE .. 5.	HARRY G. LIGHTFOOT .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and

Conducted by EDWARD PERCY DEBENHAM.

Reference to this peal elsewhere.



## KELSEALE, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 27, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

NORMAN BAILEY .. .. Treble.	CHARLES SAMSON .. .. 5.
GEORGE BERRY .. .. 2.	ERNEST S. BAILEY .. .. 6.
GORDON THOMPSON .. .. 3.	EDGAR BAILEY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM DREW .. .. 4.	CHARLES BAILEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by C. BAILEY.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

JOHN M. BUTTON .. .. Treble.	NORMAN BAILEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE BERRY .. .. 2.	CHARLES SAMSON .. .. 6.
FREDERICK SMITH* .. .. 3.	ERNEST S. BAILEY .. .. 7.
EDGAR BAILEY .. .. 4.	CHARLES BAILEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by C. BAILEY.

\*First peal.

## BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, September 28, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. Treble.	JOHN NEAL .. .. 5.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 2.	ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. .. 6.
FREDERICK DICKENS .. .. 3.	HENRY DICKENS .. .. 7.
JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 4.	SIDNEY J. JESSOP .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by J. E. GROVES.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 28, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK PARSONS .. .. 5.
JESSE MOSS .. .. 2.	THOMAS RILEY .. .. 6.
EDWARD ROBBINS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 7.
HARRY MOSS .. .. 4.	GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

All the above are members of the local band.

## THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford, Kent, Woodbine and Violet Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Rung on the sixth anniversary of the rehangings of the bells.

## FENTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; LINDOFF'S TEN-PART (No. 2). Tenor 14 cwt.

REV. E. V. COX .. .. Treble.	CHARLES MORLEY .. .. 5.
FREDERICK MARTIN* .. .. 2.	JOHN JOHNSON .. .. 6.
ALBERT MILLER .. .. 3.	† WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. .. 7.
ARTHUR A. CLAY .. .. 4.	* JOHN BEECH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. FITCHFORD.

\*First peal in the method. †First in the method as conductor. This is the first time this composition has been rung in this district.

## GREAT TEY, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

RICHARD POTTER .. .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER .. .. 5.
DAVID ELLIOTT .. .. 2.	CHARLES NORFOLK .. .. 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. .. 3.	ERNEST BECKWITH .. .. 7.
EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM .. .. 4.	JAMES NEWMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

First peal in the method on the bells, which have been a peal of eight since 1682.

## SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. Treble.	GEORGE HAYES .. .. 5.
MARCELLUS J. DIGBY .. .. 2.	ERNEST BEETT .. .. 6.
JAMES TULLETT .. .. 3.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HARPER .. .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Tenor.

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN., and

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.

## HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S (No. 3). Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM COLBY .. .. Treble.	HARRY WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. .. 2.	JOHN BRADNEY .. .. 6.
GEORGE N. COCKIN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. WEBB .. .. 7.
VICTOR WHITE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by VICTOR WHITE.

## HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Saturday, September 28, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. Treble.	JOHN BASDEN .. .. 5.
JOSEPH J. PRATT .. .. 2.	FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. .. 6.
HENRY C. CHANDLER .. .. 3.	ALLEN H. TABER .. .. 7.
EDWARD HARRIS .. .. 4.	GEORGE SPENCER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

First peal in the method on the bells. Reference elsewhere.



## FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR ROOPE .. .. 5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE .. .. 6.
EDWARD SHERWOOD .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 7.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM STEELE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. WILLSON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

## WALDRON, SUSSEX.

On Sunday, September 29, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM JENNER .. .. Treble.	PERCY BURGESS .. .. 5.
HERBERT RANN .. .. 2.	GEORGE ADES .. .. 6.
JOHN BURGESS .. .. 3.	ALBERT REED .. .. 7.
ALBERT HOBDEN .. .. 4.	RICHARD FENTIMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. B. JAMES, and Conducted by H. RANN.

Rung as a compliment to J. Burgess, who has been a ringer at the parish church for about forty-five years.

## NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 30, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ALBERT MILLER .. .. Treble.	†CHARLES MORLEY .. .. 5.
FREDRICK MARTIN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. .. 6.
CHARLES BISHOP .. .. 3.	JOHN JOHNSON .. .. 7.
JOHN BEECH .. .. 4.	*OLIVER COOK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. MORLEY.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

## REIGATE, SURREY.

On Monday, September 30, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

J. WILLIAM POOLEY* .. Treble.	GEORGE H. F. MARRINER .. 5.
J. SHERLOCK .. .. 2.	THOMAS SPARKS .. .. 6.
NORMAN C. WAKEFIELD .. 3.	JOHN CAPP .. .. 7.
GEORGE F. HOAD .. .. 4.	HENRY A. HOAD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

\*First peal. Rung after meeting short for Major.

## BATHFORD, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 30, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN TURNER* .. .. Treble.	†THOMAS SMITH .. .. 4.
THOMAS ROBERTS† .. .. 2.	FRANCIS NEATE .. .. 5.
FRANCIS W. CANNINGS .. 3.	WILLIAM R. HODDER .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. W. CANNINGS.

\*First peal. †First peal with a hob bell. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Trickey, the bride being a sister of H. Pittman, a brother-string. The band wish them every success.

## COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 5 lbs. in F.

RICHARD POTTER .. .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HOWELL .. .. 2.	CHARLES NORFOLK .. .. 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by D. ELLIOTT.

First peal in the method by all; also on the bells.

The following six peals were arranged under the auspices of the Kent County Association for the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of Drayton, Berks., and Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough:

## THANET, KENT.

On Monday, September 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 5.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 2.	WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. 6.
EDWARD TRENDLELL .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. 4.	EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## WALMER, KENT.

On Thursday, September 24, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 5.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 2.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
EDWARD TRENDLELL .. .. 4.	HENRY C. CASTLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## FOLKESTONE, KENT.

On Wednesday, September 25, 1907, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND EANSWYTH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 5.
EDWARD TRENDLELL .. .. 2.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. 6.
ARTHUR A. ANDREWS .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	WILLIAM N. WOOD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the fiftieth anniversary of the relief of Lucknow.

## MARGATE, KENT.

On Thursday, September 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. 5.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. .. 2.	STEWART BING .. .. 6.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	ARTHUR N. SAXBY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

## LYMINGE, KENT.

On Friday, September 27, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURGA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ..Treble.	EDWARD TRENDALL .. .. 5.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 6.
PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE 4.	ERNEST CHEESMAN .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

## HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

On Saturday, September 28, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ..Treble.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. 2.	EDWARD TRENDALL .. .. 6.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. 4.	JACK WILLIS .. .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Illkey, Yorks., has been sent without any date being mentioned.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UCKFIELD (Sussex).—On Saturday, September 21st, at the church of the Holy Cross, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 46 mins. F. Tester, A. Pierpoint, T. W. Weddell, N. Reed, J. Hart conductor, W. Burrell.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday, September 15th, at the church of St. Alphege, for evening service, 800 London Surprise Major. W. Foreman, E. N. Price, J. J. Lamb, F. Bennett conductor, I. G. Shade, W. Berry, H. Hoskyns, W. Shimmans. On Sunday morning, September 22nd, 576 London, with H. Gunzer, 3; the rest as before.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

FEERING (Essex).—On Sunday, September 21st, being the Harvest Festival, 420 Bob Minor, for the early service. W. Cranmer, G. Hurn, J. C. Newman, I. Langston, W. Hunwick, J. Newman conductor. For the 11 o'clock service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Newman, G. Hurn, J. C. Newman, I. Langston, W. Hunwick, W. Elliott conductor. For evening service 560 and 464 Bob Major. F. Eale, G. Hurn, J. C. Newman, I. Langston, H. Evers, W. Elliott, W. Hunwick, J. Newman conductor.

## CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Wednesday, September 11th, for evening service at St. Giles's church, 720 Bob Minor. F. Rollings, W. Rogers, T. Law, G. Parker, F. Hopper conductor, F. Rowledge. First 720 of Minor by all except 2nd and 5th.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Sunday, September 15th, at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. E. Alexander, W. Alexander, F. W. Cannings, J. Taylor, J. Fussell, H. E. Holder, C. W. Bell conductor, W. Gully.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

FRIESTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, September 15th, after evening service at the parish church, 360 Bob Minor. W. Walkley, A. Staffurth, A. O. Barber, E. Clayton, A. Sharp, J. W. Sharp conductor. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Hall.

On September 8th, at Great Hale, 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. and at Heckington 336 Bob Major, the fol-

lowing taking part: F. Ekin, R. Masters, G. Brothwell, W. Dickinson, J. H. Brothwell, W. Allwood, J. T. Holmes, J. W. Wood, W. Houlden, E. Houlden, H. Nash, J. H. Clark. On September 10th, at Gosberton, 300 Bob Minor. At Quadring, 120 Grandsire Doubles. At Billingham, several 120s of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. At Rippingale, 120 each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and 60 of Stedman Doubles. At Morton touches of Bob Doubles, Oxford Treble Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise. The following took part: W. Allwood, G. Brothwell, J. H. Brothwell, C. Glenn, R. Richardson, they being joined at Gosberton by A. J. Farr, at Rippingale by W. B. Williamson, and at Morton by T. L. Bainbridge, E. G. Bunting and C. Neaverson. On September 11th, at Heckington, 756 Stedman Triples, 112 Double Norwich, 96 Oxford Treble Bob, and 96 Forward Major, the first on the bells, and 42 Original Triples, the first on the bell. The following took part: W. Allwood, G. Brothwell, J. H. Brothwell, W. Dickinson, C. Glenn, J. T. Holmes, C. Neaverson, R. Richardson, J. Wood.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

KINGSLAND.—On Sunday evening, August 12th, the Leintwardine ringers rung several 120s of Grandsire Doubles.

AYMESTRY.—At the parish church, after Evensong, 360 Grandsire Doubles by Leintwardine ringers, one of the Kingsland ringers taking the tenor both here and at Kingsland, the company through a misunderstanding meeting on short for Minor.

WIGMORE.—A call was made here. We found a nice little ring of six in a deplorable state, quite unringable and even dangerous to chime.

LEINTWARDINE.—At the parish church, on Sunday, August 25th, for Matins, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. S. Roberts, H. Hunt, L. Williams, J. Newman, C. L. Sadler conductor, J. Evans.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

ILFRACOMBE (Devon).—On Sunday, September 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 43 mins. W. J. Vickery, R. Dadds, F. J. Reed, W. J. Richards, A. W. Brighton conductor, R. C. Parr, R. A. G. Dadds, W. Slocombe. On Saturday, September 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins. C. F. Winney conductor, R. Dadds, F. J. Reed, A. W. Brighton, W. J. Richards, R. C. Parr, R. A. G. Dadds, W. Slocombe. First quarter-peal in the method by Messrs. R. Dadds, Reed, Richards, Parr and Slocombe. On Sunday, September 15th, for evening service, 1344 Stedman Triples, in 50 mins., by the same band. On Tuesday evening the same band attempted a peal, but it was lost after ringing 1 hr. 10 mins.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OLD WINDSOR (Berks).—On Sunday evening, September 15, for the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Blake, J. Guttridge, L. Stilwell, F. J. Guttridge, T. Gosling, E. Harwood, W. Welling conductor, F. Guttridge.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE.—On Tuesday, September 10th, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. H. White, E. E. Ham first quarter-peal in the method, J. E. Ballard, C. F. Hansford, J. Ward, A. Burgess, A. W. Osborne conductor, H. A. Knight first quarter-peal.

YORKTOWN (Surrey).—On Thursday, August 22nd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. A. Smite, C. Doe, B. Whiteside conductor, G. Miles, C. H. Pearce, J. Moth. On Tuesday, September 3rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Doe, W. Boyles, C. H. Pearce conductor, A. Smith, B. Whiteside, J. Moth, G. Miles, J. H. Martin. On September 4th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Bob Major, as a birthday compliment to C. H. Pearce, which came to grief after 1 hr. 15 mins., 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Doe, B. Whiteside, W. Horne, J. Richardson, A. Osborne, J. Moth, W. Newell conductor, C. H. Pearce. On Sunday, September 15th, for morning service, 448 Grandsire Triples. J. Read, W. Boyles, C. H. Pearce, F. Nye, B. Whiteside, A. Smith, G. Miles, J. H. Martin.

**Ringers' Outing.****ST. GILES SOCIETY, READING.**

This society, accompanied by a few friends, had their annual outing on Wednesday, September 11th, leaving Reading by G.W.R. to Windsor. On arrival we made our way to the Curfew tower, finding Mr. W. Wellbelove, who kindly conducted us over the places of interest, and explaining the different part. No ringing being allowed on the noble bells, we were kindly given permission to ring on the parish church bells. Here 168 Grandsire and 168 Stedman Triples was rung, a service being held at noon, no more ringing could be done. After a very pleasant drive Old Windsor was reached, where we were met by Messrs. Guttridge and Harwood. Grandsire and Stedman Triples were again rung, then a pleasant walk

brought us to Wraybury. Here we had dinner at The George inn, a fine spread being prepared by Mr. Older, Mr. Burley, the local captain, dining with us. A move was then made to the tower, Grandsire and Stedman Triples being again rung, conducted by Messrs. Hughes and Osborne. We again were seated in the brake for a drive to Horton. Here the fine ring of six were soon pulled up, and 120s of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. We were then met by Messrs. Glanville and Parker. A touch of Bob Minor being rung, brought the ringing here to a close. Mr. F. Law, the local captain, having all ready, a move was made to The Five Bells to tea. After a drive of about seven miles, Farnham Royal was reached, where Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Having to leave for Slough to train home, no more could be done. Reading was reached soon after 10 o'clock, all having spent a very enjoyable day, the

weather being perfect. The society wish through the medium of this paper, to thank all those clergy and steepkeepers alike who helped to make the day such a successful one. A. W. O.

STOKE COVENTRY.—On Wednesday, September 25th, for practice at the parish church, 420 Grandsire Triples. W. Luckman, J. Smallwood conductor, W. Maund, A. W. Flowers, J. Fennel, E. Johnson, F. Viles, G. Webster. Also 168 in the same method. W. Luckman, A. W. Flowers conductor, J. Fennel, J. Smallwood, S. Hope, W. Maund, F. Viles, G. Webster.

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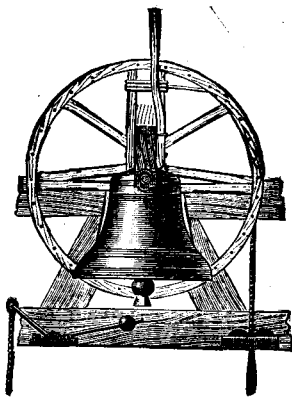
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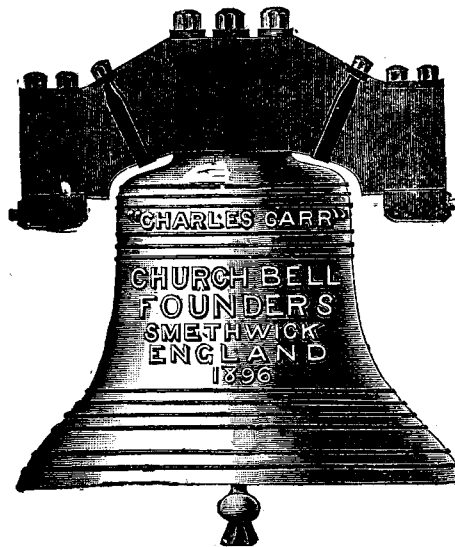
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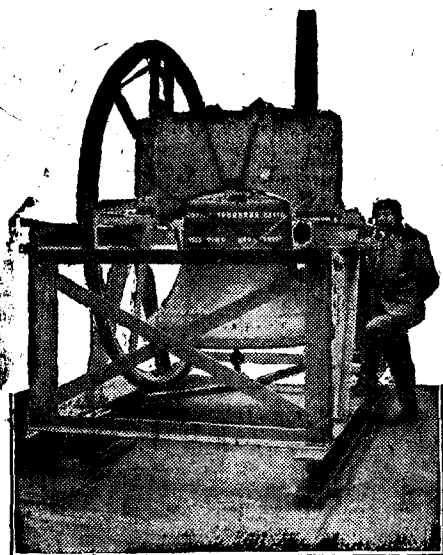
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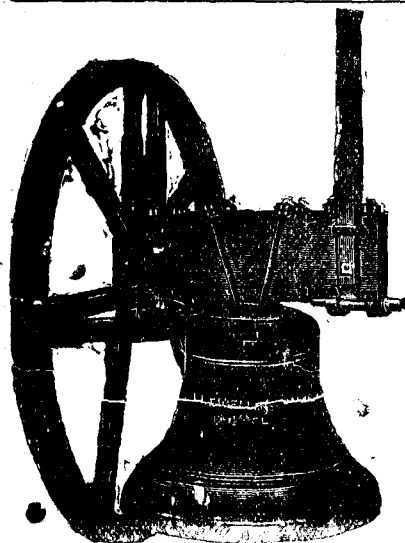
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## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

After an interval of fifteen years, the members of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers returned to Blackburn on Saturday, September 28th, for their annual meeting. For a couple of hours in the afternoon many of them took advantage of the arrangements made for their ringing touches on the bells at the parish church and at Holy Trinity, Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob, and Stedman methods being employed, all rung by mixed companies. At four o'clock there was divine service in the parish church, where Bishop Thornton gave an appropriate address.

The Bishop at the outset referred to the ancient uses of bells, and remarked that the Romans called the bell "Campana"—from the material of Campanian brass which they used, the material used now being the non-corrosive compound of copper and tin, in the proportion of about 4 to 1. The popular idea that silver introduced into the metal of bells made them sound sweeter was, he believed, a fallacy. When the Roman Empire became Christian bells were used for summoning believers to worship, just as silver trumpets were for summoning the Israelites under Mosaic law. The early Christian missionary bishops used to carry a bell about for this purpose, as was done later by Francis Xavier in India. St. Patrick's bell was still preserved in Ireland. It was square in shape, like a cattle bell. Eventually bells were hung up in high towers and sounded from thence. Dunstan seemed to have promoted their use in this way in England in the 10th century, but the first peal we heard of in this country was hung at King's College, Cambridge, in 1456. It was one of five bells. From the 15th century they gradually increased in size and power. China was a land of huge bells, but the biggest in the world in actual use was in Moscow, and weighed 128 tons. The largest ever cast he had seen, also at Moscow, but that was never heard. It weighed 198 tons, but it fell in a fire, and was hopelessly broken. The biggest bell in England was "Great Paul," in the Metropolitan Cathedral, London, weighing 16½ tons.

The largest peal was that of twelve bells in St. Paul's, London, and it would take 91 years to ring all the possible changes on it. Change-ringing was of modern origin, and was in a measure peculiar to England. He never heard bells pealed in Russia, Italy, or Spain, though those countries abound in bells. The church bells in England were largely melted down for guns during the Civil War. When peace came they were in many cases replaced by peals, change-ringing among ourselves dating from the 17th century. It was a beautiful result of the ushering in of national peace. After offering a cordial salutation to the Lancashire ringers who had honoured the bell chamber with a visit that day, the Bishop went on to say that bell-ringers were bound to be men of intelligence and perseverance, as well as possessing keenness of attention and memory. How was it that bell metal when struck was able to speak in the soul's ear of man? Must it not be by some pre-established harmony or relation designed by God Himself between matter and spirit? Yes, it was the Creator who had voiced the bell with

messages that words could never speak. So that the bell's voice came as "a voice from heaven." The power of bells was first a part of the Divine gift to man of music, that priceless boon intended, they might confidently assert, for two chief purposes, one of these being the recreation and delectation of man, and the other religious worship.

Bells somehow had a flavour of unearthly sweetness about them as their sound floated down to them from some lofty tower, while nothing suited the bells so well as the peal that rang forth at holy seasons, at Christmas or Easter, or on the solemn New Year's Eve. And how varied were the functions of the bells! He was not now referring to the fact that eight bells could be rung in over 40,000 ways, which would take 24 hours at least. He was thinking of the varying emotions the bells were capable of exerting. After dwelling on these emotions, the Bishop went on to say that commonly church bells were charged with a third or intermediate function, this being one of holy invitation, so that the three chief functions of a peal of bells were jubilation, admonition, and invitation—to stir, to solemnise, to summon men. There were some 40,000 church bell-ringers in England. Every church ringer should be a church attender, or he was lighting up God's altar with strange fire. Was it too much to say that the ringers were privileged to speak to them with one of the many voices of Almighty God Himself? Thanks, then, for church bells, and thanks to the ringers! He could not wonder that a local citizen, Mr. Margerison, resolved to bequeath lately out of his hard-earned savings £600 for a peal to be hung in the steeple of the church he loved—St. Michael's. By that peal, should it be hung, he that was dead would yet speak forth that love to his fellow-citizens for many years to come.

Tea followed in the school, close upon 100 persons sitting down. The delegates present were from all parts of the county, and they were cordially welcomed by the Bishop. Subsequently the business meeting took place in the school, presided over by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, Vicar of St. George's, Bolton (President of the Association). He was supported by several officers and members of the committee.

The chairman urged the members to rouse greater interest among their colleagues in the annual proceedings, saying he would like to see some 300 taking part in them, which would be only about one-third the strength of the Association. It existed with the object of promoting change-ringing, of bettering the standard of ringing, and to uplift the ringers and make them more worthy of the Exercise. They should try to become proficient in as many methods as they could, and they must not forget also that the Association had a religious purpose, reminding them all, as it did, that they were were not merely ringers for their own gratification, but church workers.

The report of the hon. secretaries (Messrs. Wreaks and Banks), recorded that the Association included sixty-three honorary life members, thirty-one honorary members, ninety-nine non-resident members, 243 life performing members, and 728 performing members, being a

total of 1,164, not quite so large as last year. During the year thirty-five performing members had qualified for life membership. Performing members were distributed among the various branches as follows: Manchester 163; Rochdale 141; Rossendale 123; Liverpool Diocesan 123; Blackburn 112; Bolton 110; Preston 84; Fylde 65; Furness and the Lake District 60; total—971. Financially there was a gain on the year's working of £1 17s., making the total worth of the Association £98 19s. 4d. The list of peals for the year showed a large decrease from the number recorded the previous year, which might be owing to members more often attempting the difficult methods. The quality of the methods maintained a fair average. The highest number of peals in method has been in Kent Treble Bob Major. In all previous records Grandsire Triples heads the list. Reference was made to the deaths of Mr. J. Walker (for many years leader of the Blackburn parish church ringers), and Mr. J. Mather (formerly secretary of the Preston branch.)

Mr. J. Eachus (Manchester), was re-elected Vice-president, and the Ringing Secretary (Mr. Banks), and auditors, Messrs. J. Barratt (Eccles), and S. Greenhalgh (Manchester), were re-appointed. Four new members were enrolled, and Manchester was chosen for the next annual meeting.

#### STOKE ARCHDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of this Association was held at Fenton, on Saturday, October 5th. There were about 50 ringers present, representing Stoke, Longton, Wolstanton, Tunstall, Newcastle, Hanley, Uttoxeter, Norton, Burslem and Fenton towers. Tea was served in the church room, at 5.30, at which there were also present the Revs. E. T. Slater, C. E. Armitage and Mr. James Bourne (Vicar's warden). Mr. Slater welcomed the visitors, and complimented the Association, which, like many others, was doing an excellent work. Mr. Bourne, in support, also said that it gave him great pleasure to meet so many fellow church workers. A hearty vote of thanks to the local ringers for providing the tea, was proposed by Mr. D. Preston (lay secretary), and responded to by the Rev. E. V. Cox. Subsequently, at the service in the parish church, which was well attended, the Rev. E. T. Slater gave an admirable address. In the course of his remarks, he pointed out how that, as the tower was a part of the whole building, so the ringers were necessarily a true part of the whole corporate body of church workers. Several touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

As it has always been the custom for the September meetings of this Association to be held in the country, if possible, it had been arranged to hold the meeting this year at Hanbury, a village two miles from Stoke Works Station, and situated in some of the most beautifully wooded country in the county.

The date fixed, Saturday, September 23rd, being one of the few real summer days we have had this year, those that had the walk from the station and those that rode their bicycles arrived at the church, which is situated on the top of a hill, in a decidedly moist condition.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. P. H. Harvey, himself a ringer, and a member, and a short

address, considered by most of those present to be one of the best they had ever heard, being delivered by him. From the church we followed the Rector to the rectory lawn, where he had most kindly provided tea, which, having been most thoroughly enjoyed, the business meeting, with the Rector presiding, was proceeded with. Dudley was selected for the next meeting and the quarterly peal was decided to be attempted at Hanbury, to be conducted by Mr. J. R. Newman; the auditors appointed being the master, Mr. T. J. Salter, and Mr. W. C. Jones. Some of the local band being elected members, and the secretary giving notice of a proposal, to be brought before the next meeting, in regard to the insertion in the annual report, of compositions by members. The meeting was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness and hospitality.

During the evening several touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble and Double Norwich were brought round. These bells, tenor 16 cwt., are, as regards situation, exceedingly well placed; as the church being built on a hill, clear away from all houses, the inhabitants can enjoy their music without anyone being in any way inconvenienced by them, as is sometimes the case where the church is surrounded by houses.

#### THE BISHOP OF OXFORD AT TWYFORD, BUCKS.

The Twyford peal, which was mentioned in "THE BELL NEWS" on September 21st, was formally opened by the Bishop of Oxford on Saturday, September 28th, in the presence of a large congregation. The service, a very impressive one, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. S. Greaves, who was supported by a great many clergy from the surrounding district. His Lordship delivered a striking sermon, bearing chiefly upon people's dispositions; how some were bright-eyed, some dull-eyed; in fact, that people's lives were what they make them; and that it was everyone's duty to look on the bright side of things.

The Twyford brass band was much in evidence during the service, their assistance having been requisitioned for the music.

After the service a band of ringers representing the towers of Newton Longville, Bletchley, Calverton, Stoney Stratford and Woodon on the Green, and Messrs. C. F. Johnston and C. Dean, of Croydon, rang the opening touches on the bells, which comprised a 720 of Bob Minor by W. Roff, H. Hopkins, T. Higgins, W. Bonham, R. Nicolls, H. Sears conductor. Another 720 by H. Sears, C. Dean, H. Hopkins, C. F. Johnston, J. Higgins, R. Nicolls. Ringing was kept up till quite late in the evening, the local band joining in. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, had been entrusted with the work of recasting the top three bells and rehanging the whole six in a new iron frame, and everyone who had an opportunity of testing the work done expressed themselves as highly delighted with the result.

We understand that the same firm are now removing the ring of bells from Launton church, about five miles distant from Twyford, to recast the existing five, add a treble and hang in a new iron frame, and also to supply a quarter clock. They are also about to fix a carillon machine to play tunes on the bells of Bampton church, which is in the neighbourhood.

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## NEW VICAR OF TITCHFIELD, HANTS.

INDUCTION OF THE REV. C. E. MATTHEWS.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews, Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, was inducted and instituted as Vicar of St. Peter's, Titchfield, on Saturday evening, October 5th, in the presence of a large congregation. The interesting ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Southampton (the Right Rev. J. D. McArthur), assisted by the Archdeacon of Winchester (the Rev. W. A. Fearon, D.D.). The service was conducted by the Rev. J. E. Tarbat, M.A., Vicar of Fareham, and the Rev. C. L. Arnold, M.A., Vicar of Holy Trinity, Fareham, read the lesson. After the third collect the ceremony of induction took place. The Vicar-elect made the usual declaration of assent to the thirty-nine Articles, the Book of Common Prayer, etc., and read the form prescribed in the Benefices Act, afterwards taking the oath of allegiance and canonical obedience. Thereupon the Archdeacon of Winchester, accompanied by the Rural Dean of Southampton, and Mr. E. Waters (churchwarden), and Mr. J. R. Fielder (sidesman), took the Vicar to the door and inducted him. The latter then proceeded to the belfry and tolled the bell, to signify that he had taken possession of the Vicarship. After the service the Bishop gave an address, remarking that the new Vicar came to St. Peter's, Titchfield, not as a stranger but as a near neighbour, and with a good report. He concluded with a strong appeal to his hearers to loyally and cordially support their new Vicar in his work.

Several members of the Guild assembled to ring in honour of the occasion, the Rev. C. E. Matthews kindly providing an excellent tea for all. Members were present from Wickham, Fareham, and Swanmore; with Messrs. Williams and Morfee from Southampton. After tea the Master thanked all the ringers for so kindly coming to ring, and hoped it would be the first of many meetings at Titchfield.

Mr. Whiting thanked the Master for his kindness in providing tea, and all the ringers joined in wishing the Master success in his new appointment.

For the evening service several of the members rang touches of Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and College Single.

## GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

On Wednesday, September 25th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Lily A. Nevard, eldest daughter of Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, to Mr. C. H. Smith, of Brockley, Kent, six 720s and several touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob were rung on the bells during the afternoon. The ringers taking part were: J. Taylor, J. Bowell, G. Miles, G. Lancaster. R. George, G. A. Andrews conductor. The ringing company, with a great number of friends, campanalogical and otherwise, among whom may be reckoned the staff of this journal, wish the couple every happiness and prosperity.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

The clock in the celebrated twisted steeple of this town, is now undergoing a thorough renovation and alteration. The dials have been repaired and re-painted at the expense of a Chesterfield gentleman, and the alterations to the clock are being carried out for the Corporation of Chesterfield by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

## THE VICAR AND THE BELLS.

The following has gone the round of the daily papers this week:—

"The Rev. Donald Cameron, Vicar of Little Dowchurch, Herefordshire, and his sexton, summoned two ringers at Harewood End for assault and violent behaviour in church. The head ringer, a local farmer, married the schoolmistress, and despite the Vicar's objections, the ringers decided to peal the bells. It was stated that the Vicar and sexton stood at the foot of the belfry steps to prevent the bells being rung. The Vicar put his hand on one of the ringers, who pushed him aside. Another ringer was also alleged to have pushed the Vicar. The bells were rung all day. The defendants were bound over on the charge of violent conduct and ordered to pay fifteen shillings costs."

Of course it was quite wrong to oppose the Vicar in such a matter. The ringers may have been anxious to honour their leader, but they should have consulted the rev. gentleman previously. But people will be anxious to learn the reasons of the Vicar's objection. Of course the sexton is not worth consideration.

## AMESBURY, WILTS.

On Saturday, September 28th, the Amesbury ringers, accompanied by S. M. Pye, paid a visit to St. Martin's, Salisbury. Leaving Amesbury by brake, the party, nine in number, arrived at Salisbury about 5 p.m., after a pleasant drive, and were met there by Mr. W. W. Gifford, who conducted them to the tower. After a few rounds, the following, assisted by St. Martin's ringers, rang 120 changes Bob Doubles:—Mr. Whistler, Mr. Sandel, Mr. Moore, Mr. Bishop and Mr. Underwood. The above ringers have only recently commenced to learn the art of change ringing, and are making rapid progress. After the ringing the band was entertained to a grand spread by Mr. W. W. Gifford, at "The King's Arms," which, after doing ample justice to, a start was made for home, where all arrived, well pleased with the outing. A. P.

## GLEBES FOR ALLOTMENTS.

The first of a series of conferences arranged by the National Liberal Federation for discussion of the Small Holdings and Allotments Act was held at Leamington recently. Members of the local authorities, to whose hands the administration of the Act is committed, were invited to attend, irrespective of party. Mr. A. H. D. Acland presided.

Mr. Corrie Grant, M.P., explained the main principles underlying the Act. He incidentally pointed out that in many of the rural villages there were glebes which were specially fitted for allotments. He believed that when the powers of the Act were understood they would see very little indeed of compulsion. The county councils and other authorities would get into friendly negotiation with the landlords, and the knowledge that compulsory power lay behind would be enough to make the negotiations on both sides perfectly reasonable and amicable.

Mr. Fred Impey, a member of Worcestershire County Council, said that in that county hundreds of acres had been sold to small holders by the county council, and he looked forward to the time when the council would be letting a larger quantity than they had already sold.



## ROWBERROW PARISH CHURCH.

## RE-DEDICATION OF THE RING OF SIX BELLS.

St. Michael's Eve, September 28th, was a red-letter day in the annals of this old world parish, lying peacefully in a fold on the Mendip Hills, near the famed Burrington Coombe and the charming Wrington valley. A history of Somerset describes Rowberrow as a small parish lying in a cove on top of Mendip, where there is a fine view of the Bristol Channel. On the north side of the parish a very deep winding dell sinks almost perpendicularly from the hill, and in this retired valley are a few cottages. The vast rocky encampment of Dolbery rises to the north, and forms a romantic outline. This retired hamlet is fortunate in possessing a gem of ancient architecture in the shape of a very small parish church, which is not only beautiful for situation, perched as it is on the very edge of a picturesque ravine, beneath the frowning Roman encampment of Dolberrow, but also beautiful in structure. The stained glass windows are in memory of departed rectors and lords of the manor. One window contains notable representations of St. Michael and St. Gabriel. The carved oak pulpit and fine brass handrail is in memory of the late Frederick Legrew Hesse, formerly Rector of the parish for forty years. On a corbel in the north wall of the nave is a very rare fragment of an ancient Saxon cross, which was dug up in the churchyard and considered by experts to be 1000 years old or more. The six bells in the tower were cast by the famous Bilbie's, of Chewstoke, in 1752; the tenor is about 7½ cwt. in A, and it would be a very hard job to find six better bells for their weight; they are all in tune, and beautifully matched, the treble being remarkably fine. About five years ago the bells and all the gear was condemned by Mr. J. H. B. Hesse, and ringing stopped. A fund for the purpose was organised by the late Rector, the Rev. Noel Lucas and Mrs. Leacroft, and great credit is due to them for the way they worked for such a good cause, the present Rector (Rev. J. Collins), and his committee having only a few pounds to collect. The work of re-hanging was entrusted to Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol; all the old work was removed, and everything renewed; the three old oak beams that carried the frame have been replaced with four steel girders, on which a cast-iron side frame is erected; the old elm headstocks have been replaced with cast-iron stocks, the three small bells being hung on quite a new principal of stock, which allows the bell to be hung well on, and all the bells have been quarter-turned, and new clappers fitted, and the old crown staple drilled out, and cannon cut off. The whole job is excellent, and leaves nothing to be desired, the "go" and the clapping of the bells being perfect.

The re-dedication service was conducted by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Wells, in the presence of a large congregation from the district round. The service was inaugurated by a procession of clergy and choir singing hymn 397 (A.M.) During the singing of Psalm 122 the Archdeacon and clergy proceeded to the belfry, which is on the ground floor, where the re-dedication took place. Then the Archdeacon preached a short sermon from Hebrews i. 14, which was very much to the point. He impressed on ringers their duty as churchworkers, and how they ought to attend the services after ringing for them, and to treat the belfry as sacred ground, and to remember they were in the house of God and in His presence. After the singing of three more hymns the service came to an end, and then the following ringers of St. Nicholas' Guild, Bristol, raised the bells in peal: F. G.

May conductor, C. Downing, J. H. B. Hesse, P. Williams, W. Lansdowne, H. Howell, and rang 120 Grandsire Doubles before the congregation left the church. Then the bells were set up and another 120 Grandsire Doubles rung, with F. Nipper, of Wrington, taking part. After this 720 Bob Minor was brought round. G. Wiltshire, P. Williams, W. Lansdowne, F. G. May conductor, H. Howell, J. H. B. Hesse. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Downing, P. Williams, H. Howell, W. Lansdowne, J. H. B. Hesse, F. G. May conductor.

Next came tea, which was generously provided by Mr. and Mrs. Leacroft, of the Manor House, the local ringers also being invited. After returning once more to the church the following rung 120 Stedman Doubles: C. Downing, H. Howell, P. Williams, J. H. B. Hesse, F. G. May conductor, G. Wiltshire. The bells were then lowered in peal. No change-ringing has ever taken place on the bells before, and now that it has started let us hope it may continue. All who took part in the ringing were more than pleased with the "go" of the bells, and more than one remarked how beautifully they were clattered, and even in striking, and what a merry bright little peal they were, and if only there were two more trebles added what an ideal spot for peals and long lengths. But this is in the far off future, if ever. Thus ended a very happy afternoon in the peaceful little parish of Rowberrow.

## Correspondence.

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

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

## BELL-TUNING, ETC.

SIR,—Two things appearing in your issue of September 28th I feel constrained to write you about. 1st: The first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells of Holy Trinity, Ilfracombe, was rung on August 21st, 1905, by a band of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. 2nd: Having had a practical illustration of tuning church bells according to Canon Simpson's principle, I sincerely hope and trust that it is a practice that will not be generally followed. At the time Painswick twelve were about to be rehung there was a desire to have them so tuned, and having only heard one side of the question I could not quite understand why Mr. Wm. Hale should be so much against it. As most of us know Mr. Hale got his own way in the end, and the bells were not tuned. What a satisfaction this must be to him and to everyone who has rung there, I can only surmise; but what I do know is that our peal of twelve at St. Mary Redcliffe since being "harmonically tuned" is not a patch on what they were before they were touched. Then we could ring Cinques and hear every blow distinct, but now, alas! they seem to run one into the other, and Cinques ringing is not the pleasure it was. We have often sighed for the old twelve, which, with a new tenor of the quality (without the tuning) of the present one would have taken some beating. There is one person at least deeply sorry that the bells of St. Mary Redcliffe were "harmonically tuned," and that is, your humble servant,

W. A. CAVE.

## TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—All peals of Treble Bob Major containing this quality (the 2nd bell its extent at home) must have a certain similarity because no matter how obtained or where placed there are bound to be twelve course-ends exactly alike. Any variation to be worth recording must contain some improvement on those already published. Mr. Dains claims his as an improvement on Sottanstell's peal because he obtains it in one course less and with the minimum number of changes, but my peal also contains this improvement. The only real difference between Mr. Dains's peal and mine is in the first and twelfth courses. In all the other courses either the same or the alternate calling



has been used. Mr. Dains omits two bobs at home at the first course-end, and adds one at the wrong in the twelfth course. By doing this he does not improve on my peal. Quite the reverse, for he loses the combined qualities contained in my peal and retains only the 2nd its extent at home. Therefore, by the law of mutilation, Mr. Dains obtains his peal from mine and claims it as an improvement on Sottanstaill's. What I have said regarding the one-part applies equally as well to the two-part peals which he has published with this quality, only the difference here is in the first and sixth courses in either part. I hope Mr. Dains will accept this explanation. F. ROBINSON.

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SIR,—May I ask if you or any of your readers can give me any information of or reference to the life and pedigree of Fabian Stedman, the author of "Campanalogia," and inventor of Stedman Triples. I believe he was born at Cambridge, and was afterwards in the Customs in London, and died and was buried in the parish of St Andrew Undershaft, London, in 1713. There is no account of him in the National Dictionary of Biography, and it is also strange that no monument has been erected to him in the church. ARTHUR E. STEDMAN.

SIR,—Would any kind reader of your valuable paper inform me if there are any towers in which change-ringing takes place in Australia and New Zealand. CHANGE-RINGER.

#### NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT TIPTON.—This peal was rung after the marriage of F. W. Hinton (a member of the local company), to Miss Mary Jane Davies, of Dudley, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Wilson Thomas de Vine, M.A., R.D., Vicar of Tipton. At the conclusion of the ringing the company adjourned to the Court House and partook of a substantial repast, consisting of roast beef, etc., partly through the generosity of the bridegroom, which was thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed. A social evening was spent, during which a visit was made by Mr. F. W. Hinton, who was the recipient of a small but useful present from the members of the band, the whole of the company wishing him and Mrs. Hinton every happiness, long life, and prosperity.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1907.

LAST week a correspondent—MR. J. F. SMALLWOOD, of Coventry—advocated the formation of a ringers' Guild for the county of Warwick. The idea is not new for the district in question; we believe our friend JAMES GEORGE has labored hard at one time or another to establish such a body, and no doubt he will be found as ardent as ever in the cause, along with those gentlemen whose names have been mentioned. It is well-known that this journal has always lent itself to assist movements in this direction: the foundation, under proper, sensible, and consistent arrangements, of ringing Guilds and Associations. But there is a feeling prevalent that the existing ringing organizations are not the most regular that could be effected. Look at what the case before us shows. A county Association or Guild is aimed at. What is there already in the immediate neighbourhood? Two archidiaconal societies (if not more), one or two Diocesan Guilds, a "county and districts" Association (what a title), and perhaps more we may not know of. Would it not be better to condense or abolish some of this out-of-

course nomenclature by having cohesive organizations, which would absorb some of these small bodies into one grand ringing union, diocesan or county? Whether county associations or diocesan guilds are the best is outside the point at present, though we confess to a fondness for the latter when practicable. The title of "Worcestershire and Districts Association" is an hybrid one. If a county association, why add the word "districts." Though this title involves no diocesan environment, yet the association has the temerity to use the diocesan emblem upon its official forms, giving a faint hybrid character to it, and leading to the idea that the "districts" association aspires to be diocesan. If in promoting a new association for Warwickshire, the various existing bodies in the neighbourhood can be somehow unified, a step will be made towards order and regularity. Perhaps that wretched style of peal-reporting which gives a performance to half-a-dozen different organizations, under various headings may be reduced, if a few sensible men are employed in promoting this movement.

MR. WASHBROOK has got a friendly competitor. According to this week's records, MR. W. H. LAWRENCE, of Little Munden, a small village in Hertfordshire, has succeeded in ringing two tower bells in a peal of Minor—no less than 5280 changes. We don't hear of many attempts of this sort; the work is beyond the endurance and cleverness of most ringers, and therefore when such is reported we are apt, and properly, to look upon the performer as one beyond ordinary people. We should think that ringing two bells in Minor was very difficult indeed, demanding great perseverance and determination. We are told that MR. LAWRENCE is possessed of an herculean frame—a veritable son of Anak. We hear also that care was taken to have the performance verified, so that no doubt may ever arise concerning all that is recorded of it. MR. LAWRENCE will be complimented by all ringers throughout the world.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

CLEMENT DANES.—It would have been better if you had sent your name and address.

J. HUNT.—Your letter and others were sent to "Vicar."

ADDRESS WANTED.—Bertie Cowling.

#### The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, October 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, COLEMAN STREET,

##### A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES POTHECARY .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method; also first in the method on the bells.

#### The Provinces.

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

On Monday, October 7, 1907, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

##### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE BESTER .. .. Treble.	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON .. .. 5.
JOHN T. KENTISH .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 3.	JOHN E. MILLER .. .. 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 4.	SIDNEY WADE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

This was the 101st peal of Superlative rung by B. Prewett.

##### LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDIGANSHIRE.

##### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP.

On Saturday, September 14, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PADARN,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor about 11 cwt.

JOHN CARTER .. .. Treble.	PERCY A. BAKER .. .. 5.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 2.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 6.
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Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

##### WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

##### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

J. CHILTON .. .. Treble.	O. ARKLESS .. .. 6.
W. FILLAR .. .. 2.	W. NEAL .. .. 7.
C. RAE .. .. 3.	S. T. WRIGHT .. .. 8.
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Composed by J. Cox, and Conducted by S. T. WRIGHT.

First peal of Caters by all except the ringer of the 5th.

##### RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

##### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

##### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR BOWMER .. .. Treble.	JOS. BOURNE .. .. 5.
HERBERT DAY .. .. 2.	WM. H. FROST .. .. 6.
FRANK HILL .. .. 3.	FRANCIS H. KAY .. .. 7.
FREDERIC HILL .. .. 4.	HENRY GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by E. A. RIDGEWAY, and Conducted by H. GEORGE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Mrs. Wright, wife of Alderman A. L. Wright, Vicar's warden, who was interred on this date at Goodnestone, Dover.

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

On Saturday, September 28, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

J. R. FEATHER .. .. Treble.	W. L. MASON .. .. 5.
J. W. BIRKIN .. .. 2.	S. BATEMAN .. .. 6.
T. W. CRAWSHAW .. .. 3.	R. W. JENNISON .. .. 7.
THOMAS BANCROFT .. .. 4.	W. D. HILLARY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. L. MASON.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 4th.

## NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Monday, September 30, 1907, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN MULLIGAN .. .. Treble.	SAM THOMAS .. .. 5.
JOSEPH ATKIN .. .. 2.	JOHN HOLMAN .. .. 6.
EDWIN JAMES .. .. 3.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 7.
THOMAS G. SABEL .. .. 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. Tenor.

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

This is W. Biggin's 100th peal, a list of which will appear in due course.

## KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Treble.	*ALFRED DAVIES .. .. 5.
FRANK FAY .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
JOHN WITHERS .. .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
FRANK WITHERS .. .. 4.	ARTHUR PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method. This is W. Short's 400th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

## SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 3, 1907, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Treble.	HORACE F. STREET .. .. 5.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
FRANK FAY .. .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
FRANK WITHERS .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

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

## RINGWOOD, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTE DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 3, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

SIDNEY MACREY .. .. Treble.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH .. 5.
GEORGE WOODISS .. .. 2.	GEORGE PRESTON .. .. 6.
ROBERT P. KNIGHT .. .. 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 7.
A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 4.	ALFRED OSMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

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

On Saturday, October 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

FRANK BARRETT .. .. Treble.	*J. MERRICK .. .. 5.
HARRY HOLIFIELD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM STONE .. .. 6.
EDGAR HUMFREY .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY MILES .. .. 4.	G. SPENCER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman away from the tenor.

## FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

PARKER'S SIX-PART (No. 11). Tenor 12½ cwt.

HAROLD SKUSE .. .. Treble.	JAMES ELDERFIELD .. .. 5.
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Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

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## BECKENHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, October 3, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

WILLIAM J. BROWNING .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 5.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 2.	ISAAC EMERY .. .. 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 3.	*WALTER SMITH .. .. 7.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 4.	GEORGE DURLING .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE DURLING.

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

## MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 4, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK J. KNOWLES* Treble.	BENJAMIN GREATORREX .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FROST .. .. 6.
JOHN H. PAULSON .. .. 3.	*HENRY GEORGE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM FOX .. .. 4.	*JOHN TOPLIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE.

\*First peal.

## ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

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On Saturday, October 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

HORATIO GUMMER .. .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HEWETT* .. .. 2.	ALFRED J. REDMAN .. .. 6.
GEORGE EDSEER, JUN.* .. 3.	*JOHN H. B. HESSE .. .. 7.
JOHN HOWES .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by F. BENNETT.

\*First peal of Treble Bob Major.

## ST. DAVID'S, EXETER.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

ALFRED MONKLEY .. .. Treble.	EDWARD SARGENT .. .. 5.
GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. 2.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 6.
THOMAS LAVER .. .. 3.	EDWIN SHEPHERD .. .. 7.
THOMAS MUDGE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM ACREMAN .. .. Tenor.

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THOMAS H. COLBURN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 6.
JOSEPH A. LAMBEET .. .. 2.	*LEONARD TAYLOR .. .. 7.
EDWARD R. J. DUNK .. .. 3.	ARTHUR J. PLOUGHMAN .. 8.
ISAAC EMERY .. .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 9.
WILLIAM H. JOINER† .. 5.	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT .. Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT, and Conducted by Wm. S. SMITH.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters. †First peal on ten bells.

**DAYBROOK, NOTTS.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;****IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.**

JAMES H. CLARKE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PEABODY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM GOSLING, SEN. .. 2.	*GEORGE CLARK .. .. 6.
VALENTINE GOSLING* .. 3.	FRANK MAY .. .. 7.
SAMUEL STEVENS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GOSLING .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by W. GOSLING.

\*First peal of Treble Bob.

**SWINDON, WILTS.****GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****(CIRENCESTER BRANCH.)***On Saturday, October 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,***AT CHRIST CHURCH,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.****Tenor 13½ cwt.**

THOMAS LAWRENCE .. .. Treble.	THOMAS ROBINSON .. .. 5.
OWEN W. LAYNG .. .. 2.	OLIVER NORMAN .. .. 6.
ROBERT W. HYNER .. .. 3.	ERNEST BISHOP .. .. 7.
CHARLES J. GARDINEE .. 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

**LENTON, NOTTS.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.****(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)***On Saturday, October 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,****5120 CHANGES. Tenor 8½ cwt.**

SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 6.
THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 3.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

First peal of Superlative ring in Nottingham.

**COLNE, LANCASHIRE.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.**

ROBT. FOULDS .. .. Treble.	JOHN FOULDS .. .. 5.
ALFRED BROOKS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM MALLINSON .. 6.
EDWARD MALLINSON .. .. 3.	ABRAHAM LANE .. .. 7.
ROBT. FOULDS, JUN. .. 4.	WILLIAM HEATON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBT. FOULDS, JUN.

First peal in the method by all the band. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Brooks, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

**TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.****WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.***On Saturday, October 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt.**

HARRY SMITH .. .. Treble.	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. 5.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 6.
FREDERICK BYWATER .. 3.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 7.
ALFRED ROWLEY .. .. 4.	*JOHN WHEBBTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

\*First peal. W. Fisher was proposed a member of the Guild previous to starting.

**CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, October 6, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,****5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.**

PETER TYLER .. .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
JOHN RICE .. .. 2.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. 6.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. 4.	FREDERICK DENCH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

**LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.****THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, October 8, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5280 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, two 720s each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently, and 120 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE 1-2.	GEORGE H. BARKER .. .. 4.
ERNEST A. OVERALL .. 3.	ALBERT PHILLIPS .. .. 5.
FRED W. ELLIOTT .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by ALBERT PHILLIPS.

This is the first peal of Minor on record in which a ringer has rung two tower bells. Rung at the 2nd attempt.

**Handbell Meals.****ROMFORD, ESSEX.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, October 1, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,***IN THE BELFRY OF ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH,****A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,****5088 CHANGES.**

GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 1-2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 3-4.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 7-8.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires—H. F. Dawkins and W. Watson. Further reference elsewhere.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Bob Major rung at Holbeck, Yorks., has been sent without any date being mentioned.

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

**Miscellaneous.****WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

**WESTBROMWICH** (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, October 5th, at Christ Church, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques was lost after ringing 3 hrs. 10 mins. owing to the treble rope breaking. W. Short conductor, T. Reeves, C. Dickens, S. Reeves, F. Fay, J. E. Groves, H. F. Street, A. Davies, J. Dowley, S. Grove, A. E. Pegler, W. Painter.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**HARWELL** (Bucks).—On Sunday, September 15th, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. C. Rice, W. Hitchman, R. G. Rice conductor, V. R. Hitchman, A. R. Bosley, L. Hitchman. First 720 of Minor by an entirely local band for about seven years. On Monday, September 16th, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. C. Rice, J. E. Butler, R. G. Rice, H. C. Mulford, A. R. Bosley, W. Hitchman conductor.

**APPLETON** (Berks).—On Friday, September 27th, 701 Grandsire Caters. G. Holifield, jun., R. G. Rice, E. Humfrey, C. G. White, H. Holifield, C. C. Cox, F. S. White, G. Holifield conductor, R. White, F. White, jun.

**BENSON** (Oxon).—On Saturday, September 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. W. Woodward, H. Holifield, W. Grace, C. C. Cox, W. Hutton, R. G. Rice composer and conductor, E. Humfrey, E. Aldridge.

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

**BIRMINGHAM**.—On Tuesday, September 24th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's church, a touch of 1311 was rung. G. T. Potter, W. Short, T. Russam, A. Walker conductor, T. Reynolds, A. Chambers, J. Neal, A. F. Hillier, A. P. Smith, J. E. Groves, W. H. Barber, S. J. Jessop. On handbells a course of Stedman Cinques. T. Russam, 1-2; J. Carter, 3-4; T. Miller, 5-6; W. H. Barber, 7-8; H. Withers, 9-10; A. Walker, 11-12.

**BIRMINGHAM**.—On Sunday, September 22nd, at St. Mary's parish church, Handsworth, Johnson's 1008 of Grandsire Triples. C. Starkey, E. Mullins conductor, T. Russam, B. Starkey, T. Verry, R. Faux, W. G. Ellis, S. Danby.

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

**EPSOM** (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, September 29th, for the Harvest Festival at Christ Church, 1316 Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. E. Fisher, T. Goff, A. Mann, T. Miles, J. Crawford, T. Tutte, A. Gower conductor, R. Etherington.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**SOUTHGATE** (Middlesex).—On Sunday, September 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. G. Bester, S. Wade, N. A. Tomlinson, J. Armstrong conductor, J. E. Miller, F. G. Tegg, H. Miller, H. Armstrong. On Monday, September 30th, on the occasion of the birthday of Mr. A. T. King, Hon. Sec. of this Association, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Bester, A. R. Glasscock, J. E. Miller, J. Armstrong, N. A. Tomlinson, W. Pickworth, B. Prewett, S. Wade. Rung after meeting short for a peal of Superlative.

**BARNET** (Herts).—On Sunday, September 29th, for the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. F. Chandler, W. Childs, W. Dolton, W. Haynes, W. Sower, J. Sumpter, H. S. Reeves conductor, A. T. New first quarter-peal.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**LAMBERHURST** (Kent).—On Sunday, September 22nd, 720 Plain Bob. J. Bull, E. C. Lambert, H. Henley, A. Marshall, J. Bailey, W. W. Marshall conductor.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**FARNHAM** (Surrey).—On Sunday, September 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. H. Fussell, C. Edwards conductor, G. Upshall, W. Lowman, A. Baigent, E. Newell, T. Upshall, W. Sheffield, first quarter-peal.

**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**ROYSTON** (Herts).—On July 16th, 720 Superlative Surprise. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, A. Wilkerson, S. Roberts, R. King conductor. On July 20th, 720 Oxford Delight. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, R. King conductor. On July 21st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, R. Wilkerson, R. King, A. Wilkerson, E. Bonnett conductor. On July 23rd, 720 Double Court. H. Wilkerson, E. Bonnett, A. Wilkerson, R. King, A. Gilbert, W. Darlow conductor. On July 30th, 720 Double Oxford, standing as before. On August 6th, 720 Woodbine. E. Bonnett, W. Darlow, R. Wilkerson, R. King, A. Wilkerson conductor, A. Gilbert. On August 11th, 720 Plain Bob. H. Wilkerson, E. Bonnett, A. Wilkerson, R. Wilkerson, S. Roberts, R. King conductor. On August 13th, 720 Duke of York. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On August 18th, 720 Cambridge Surprise, standing as before. On August 20th, 720 City Delight. E. Bonnett, A. Wilkerson, W. Darlow, R. Wilkerson, S. Roberts, R. King conductor. 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Wilkerson, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett conductor, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson, R. King. On August 25th, 720 Oxford Bob. H. Wilkerson, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. King, A. Wilkerson conductor, A. Gilbert. On August 27th, 720 Violet. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On September 8th, 720 Single Court. H. Wilkerson, W. Darlow, R. King, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On September 17th, 720 College Single. H. Wilkerson, W. Darlow, A. Wilkerson, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, R. King conductor. On September 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Gilbert, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, H. Bottrill, A. Wilkerson, R. King conductor. On September 29th, 720 New London Pleasure. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**LIVERPOOL**.—On Sunday, September 28th, at the church of St. Mary Grassendale, for Divine Service in the evening, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 London Surprise Minor. T. J. Morris, R. H. Green, W. Booth, G. R. Newton conductor, J. Turner, J. Allan.

**ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM**.—On Sunday, September 29th, at the parish church, after the Harvest Festival service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. H. Jones, J. Jones, W. Bryant, J. Hopkin, R. Hackley, J. Screen conductor, W. Cooper, R. Speakman.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT**.—On Sunday, September 29th, at St. Modwen's church, 336 Double Norwich Major. G. Robinson, W. J. Smith, J. H. Swinfield, W. E. White, J. Austin, L. Bullock, J. Jaggar, A. R. Aldham conductor. 288 Stedman Triples. A. R. Aldham, F. Shepherd, P. L. Wright, W. E. White, J. Austin, L. Bullock, J. Jaggar conductor, T. Smith. 84 Stedman Triples. A. R. Aldham, G. Robinson, J. H. Swinfield, W. E. White, J. Hicklin, R. Logie, J. Jaggar conductor, T. Smith. At St. Paul's church, two courses of Superlative Surprise. J. H. Swinfield, W. E. White, W. C. Wakley, J. Griffin, J. Jaggar, E. I. Stone, L. Bullock conductor, G. Robinson.

**COTGRAVE** (Notts).—On Monday, September 30th, 720 Bob Minor. Rev. M. H. Pimm, Rev. A. T. Beeston, W. E. White, W. Fox, W. White conductor, T. Squires. 720 Kent Treble Bob, the first on the bells. Rev. M. H. Pimm, Rev. A. T. Beeston conductor, W. White, W. E. White, T. Squires, W. Fox. A plain course of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. Rev. M. H. Pimm, Rev. A. T. Beeston, W. White, W. E. White, W. Fox, T. Squires.

**COLSTON BASSETT**.—On Monday, September 30th, 360 Bob Minor. H. Wagstaffe, Rev. M. H. Pimm, Rev. A. T. Beeston, W. E. White conductor, H. Richards, W. Fox. Also 180 with J. Wagstaffe and T. Squires.

**CHIDDINGLEY** (Sussex).—On Sunday, September 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 53 mins. W. Booth, A. Gorrings, E. Geall, J. Geall, A. J. Turner conductor, C. Gorrings.



**Notices.**

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—The annual dinner will be held on November 2nd. Meetings for practice will be held at St. John-at-Hackney on October 1st and 15th; St. Magnus on October 3rd and 17th; St. John, South Hackney, on October 14th and 28th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on October 8th; and St. Dunstan's-in-the-East on October 10th.

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

**The London County Association late the St. James's Society.**—The fifth annual grand Bohemian concert will be held to-day, Sat., October 12th, in the St. George's Hall, Champion hotel, Aldersgate Street, City. Doors open at 7.15 p.m., commence at 7.45. Admission only by programme, price 6d.; reserved seats 1s., to be obtained from the following officers and committee; W. G. Matthews, C. F. Winney, R. A. Daniell, M. Woodcock, F. A. A. Smith, A. A. Scambler, R. Bevan, G. C. Iles, F. G. Perrin, T. Langdon, D. S. Simonds, F. Hairs, A. Turner, and T. H. Taffender, *Hon. Sec.*  
5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Nottingham District.—The eighth monthly meeting will be held at Cotgrave on Saturday, October 12th. Meat tea in the schoolroom, tickets 1s. each.  
REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—Eastern District.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Hertford to-day, Sat., October 12th, when the new peal of ten at All Saints will be open for ringing; also the peal of eight at St. Andrew's. Tea at the Coffee Tavern, Old Cross, at 5.30. Members 6d., non-members 8d. Business meeting after. All members and friends will be made welcome. Bells ready at 3.30.  
W. H. LAWRENCE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The North Notts. Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harthill to-day, Sat., October 12th. Tea at 5 o'clock. Conveyances meet trains at Kiverton Park.  
B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Warrington, to-day, Sat., October 12th. Bells ready at 3.30. Members intending being present, please send word to  
WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*  
35, Church Road, Garston.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Lindley to-day, Sat., October 12th. Business to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house—The Globe inn.  
W. IDLE, *Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—North and East District.—The district annual meeting will be held on Saturday, October 19th, at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. D. Stooks. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. Tea will be provided on the usual terms at The Cherry Tree hotel. The Hon. Secretary would be glad if all outstanding subscriptions could be sent to him before the date of this meeting,

and if persons intending to be present at the meeting will kindly send him an intimation.

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

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, October 19th. The bells will be available at 3 p.m. St. Nicholas, Deptford, will be at the disposal of members from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and after the business meeting; also at St. Mary's, Lewisham, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., and after the meeting. Service will be held at St. John's at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. W. F. Jepson, M.A., Vicar. Tea at 6 p.m. in the Church Room, business meeting following, the Vicar presiding. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. allowed. Names of those requiring tea must reach me by first post on Wednesday, October 16th.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, October 19th, at the parish church, Tettenhall. Bells available from 2 p.m., and during the afternoon and evening for touches. Short service at 5 o'clock in the parish church. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head for all those sending in their names on or before the 14th inst. to  
S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*  
20, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—A meeting (without allowances) will be held at Teynham on Saturday, October 19th. Tower open at 3 p.m. The Vicar of Teynham has kindly promised to provide tea for all members attending, who must send me their names on or before Wednesday, October 16th.  
G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

**The Essex Association.**—South-Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held on Saturday, October 19th, at West Ham. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Meeson Hall, 6d. each to members, 1s. 6d. to non-members, at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting for the election of Master and Secretary for the ensuing year. I would take it as a favor if those who intend being present at the tea would give me ample notice, and I hope that as many members as possible will be able to attend.

GEO. A. BLACK, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
5, Grove Crescent, Woodford.

**The Essex Association.**—North-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braintree on Saturday, October 19th. The bells of the parish church will be available all day, and also those of Bocking (8), Stisted (6), Black Notley (5), and Rayne (5). Tea will be provided at The Bull inn at 5 o'clock, price 1s. 6d. each, and those intending to be at the tea must give several days' notice to me.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
Coggeshall.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7.  
W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Goosnargh, on Saturday, October 19th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.  
R. SANDERSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Surrey Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at The Immanuel Church Room, Streatham Common, on Saturday, October 19th. Service at Immanuel Church at 5.30. Tea in the Church Room at 6 o'clock. The bells at St. Leonard's and Immanuel will by kind permission of the respective Incumbents, be available from about 3 p.m.

CHARLES DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Wolstanton on Saturday, October 19th. Bells at 4. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 6 p.m. Service at 7 p.m. Members intending to be present at tea please notify Mr. W. Fitchford, 30, Orchard Street, Wolstanton, not later than Thursday, October 17th.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Andover on Saturday, October 19th. Tea (9d. per head) at Blake's Restaurant at 6. Meeting at the Parish Room at 6.30. Bells (8) during afternoon and evening.

F. G. HUME, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Shipbourne on Saturday, October 26th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided (free) at 5.30, followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, October 23rd.  
W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Portsmouth District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Portsea on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available at 2.30. A short service at the parish church at 5.45. Tea at the Parish Institute at 6.15. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly inform me by the 21st inst.

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

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—The annual dinner will be held at The Champion hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 2nd, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. Bayley, Buckingham, Burden, E. A. Davies, Garrard, Golding, Harman, Horrex, Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, O'Meara, Newton, Peck, Pettit, Price, Prime, Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, Taffender, Winney, Wood, or  
W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—W. Shimmans has removed to 36, Slippers Place, Rotherhithe, S.E.

**Situations Wanted.**

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### Ringers' Outing.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, EASTWOOD, NOTTS.—On Saturday, September 28th, the ringers of the above church had their first outing, which by the way is hoped to be an annual one. The day was rather dull when starting, but before reaching our destination—Lincoln—it had cleared up considerably. On arriving the band was met by Mr. G. Chester, a member of the St. Peter-at-Arches band, who very kindly acted as conductor to the various places of interest which were visited. First on the list was a visit to the Cathedral, passing on our way to the Jews House, a historical house, the building being of the 12th century, when stone houses were a scarce luxury. The last tenant of this house, a Jewess, was banged for corn clipping in 1290, the year in which the

Jews were expelled from England. Still climbing the steep hill we eventually arrived at the Castle, and then Mr. Chester guided us to the prison (not now used), showing us the various cells, the condemned cell, the ordinary cell, and the dark cell (for insubordinate persons). Up the stairs, along a passage, we arrived in the prison chapel, which proved very interesting. Outside again we climbed up to the top of the small tower and had a view. Returning we were conducted to the burial-ground of the criminals. Then we went into Cobb Hall, a place with a dungeon cell and four small windows, which we went through a trap-door to see. The iron rings were still in the walls. Ascending up same more steps we arrived on the top of the small tower, on which we were told they hung people in public view. The Cathedral was the next on the list, but unfortunately we had not sufficient time to see all the interesting points.

Ascending a flight of some 336 steps or more, the top of the tower was reached, passing on our way "Great Tom" of Lincoln, a bell weighing 5½ tons, just as it was striking the hour of five. Reaching the top we obtained a splendid view of the surrounding country. A short and steep walk down into the city was productive of an interesting incident. One or two members of the band visited The City Arms, and were puzzled to observe numerous pieces of paper stuck upon the ceiling. On enquiry, the landlord informed us that it was a ceiling collection (each piece of paper containing some money) for the hospital, and that in the course of the last four years he had obtained in this way over twenty pounds. The next move was to St. Peter-at-Arches, where through the energy and kindness of Mr. Watson, permission was granted to have a touch on these well-toned peal of eight bells. After tea votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Watson and others for their kindness in obtaining the use of the bells; and to Mr. Chester for devoting his time to our benefit by shewing us round; and to Mr. Hill, the churchwarden, who so very kindly gave us permission to ring, thereby causing us much pleasure. The return journey commenced at 8.10 p.m., home being safely reached at 10.45 p.m., all having enjoyed ourselves. E. M.

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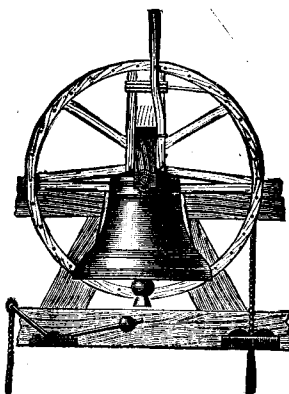
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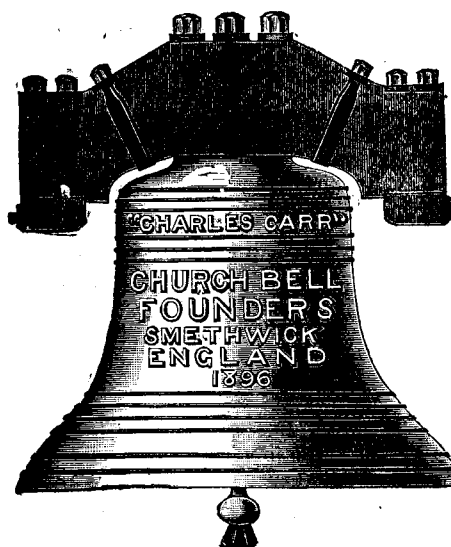
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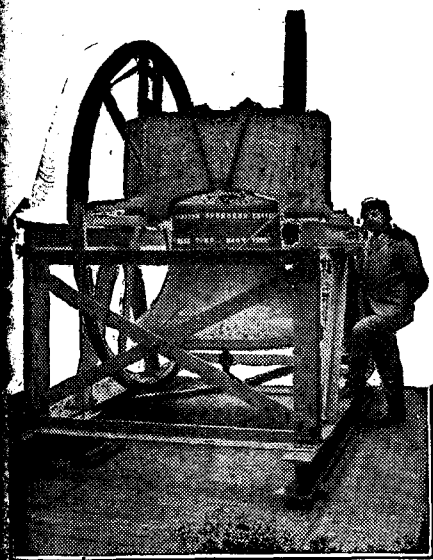
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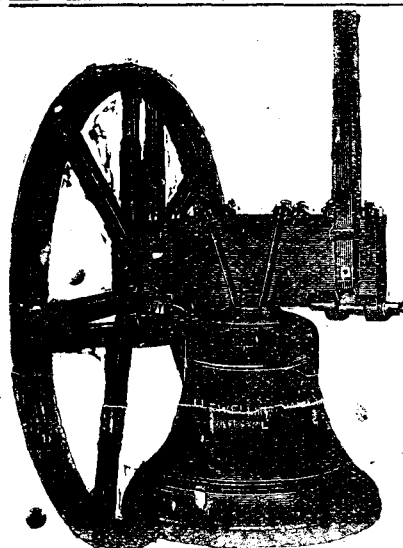
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## A CORNISH RINGING TOUR.

"Get to Truro by 4.10 p.m., if you can, on Monday, October 7th." Thus ran a postcard addressed to each member of a band of brothers. Five were able to obey the summons—the remainder followed later, some being met at the station by the veteran, Dr. Symons, of Penzance, and Mr. Sellers, guard of "The Cornishman," who travels daily between London and Penzance, doing nearly 2,000 miles each week—a record in travelling, unsurpassed by any other ringing guard in England. The new ring of bells at Kenwyn going in Grandsire Triples, proclaimed that the week's operations had commenced, four of the Kea band standing in with four of the visitors; all went well till the eighth part of Holt's Ten-part, when a miscall brought the peal to an untimely end. This peal was intended to be rung at Kea, but the serious illness of the Vicar put a stop to the two peals it was intended to ring in this tower; the programme would have been seriously curtailed had not the Bishop of St. German's very kindly thrown the Kenwyn tower open for two peals—and the Vicar of Camborne given permission for a peal there.

A drive to Killiow, the residence of Mr. J. C. Daubuz, soon deposited the visitors at the doors of this hospitable mansion—bed and board was freely lavished on all, while, in the morning, before breakfast, Mr. Daubuz gave a rare feast to the eye in his beautiful gardens, where tea plants and the rarest tropical plants flourish in the open air. After breakfast a visit was again made to Kenwyn, where the Bishop of St. German's was waiting to wish the band success and say the office, before ringing. A peal of Superlative was successfully rung, and after lunch at the Bishop's and churchwarden's, train was taken for Camborne, and the Vicar found waiting on the platform to lead the way to the tower. Here, the bells going badly, Stedman Triples was ordered, "the Rev." at the helm, being, as the local paper next day put it, "the 812th time he has performed this part publicly." At the conclusion the Vicar listened to various criticisms on the hanging of the bells, which will, no doubt, be shortly be put in that order essential for change-ringing. Quarters being provided in Helston, all looked forward to the long but delightful drive in the morning to St. Keverne, marred only by the solitary shower which fell during the week, so far as day-light hours were concerned. Acres of white heather growing on the Serpentine were traversed, the Marconi station at Poldhu being also much in evidence, ere St. Keverne was reached. Vicar and churchwardens had provided lunch and later dinner, with the peal sandwiched in between. Decorations for Harvest Festival were in progress, which meant open doors, and as the ringing floor is on a level with the open church, the peal of Double Norwich was rung in the presence of a considerable concourse of spectators, ringers, visitors, ladies, babies, a sheep-dog, and finally, the school-children released from school, the rear being brought up by a small urchin munching a "pasty" of such enormous dimensions that with the exception of a part of his head and nether garments, nothing was visible behind it—the apparition caused such laughter that a very efficient

policeman removed him and his mates, one of whom amused himself by calling "Bobs" through the keyhole, in revenge,—nothing, however, interfered with the excellent striking, which was maintained throughout. After dinner the inevitable photo was taken, followed by a walk to view the Manacles rocks, on which many a noble vessel has been wrecked, the churchyard having two graves containing 40 and 140 bodies of those whose lives were lost in the wrecks of the "Mohegan" and "John," an emigrant ship, besides numerous others cast up by the sea. Back to Helston, a peal of Stedman was soon under weigh on the following morning, Mr. A. H. Pulling conducting his rooth peal. Bodmin was the venue for the evening, but, as expected, the bells were found unpealable: representations were made to the Vicar to such good purpose, that the churchwarden was told by him next morning to set to work to get in the funds necessary for re-hanging. Motor train to Wadebridge brought the band to a pleasant meeting with the Vicar of Egloshayle and a party of choice young men ready to carry bags and escort the visitors to the billets provided. The Egloshayle, ringers having been among the foremost in prize round ringing competitions, it was hoped to show them a better way, and, to this intent, two peals were on the tapis—the first a peal of Superlative which went well for half-way, when the effects of clotted cream, etc., caused a hasty retreat of the youngest, and presumably the most delicate of the band, whose stomach had not been accustomed to the high living imposed on visitors to the west country on this and previous tours. Mr. Robinson, who was resting a mile or more away previous to the second peal was summoned by a hale old veteran of 79 summers, and winner of 60 ringing prizes, and after dinner, the peal was successfully rung, though the local men had grave disputations as to whether the tenor was behind or not. To give them an idea of change-ringing with "a square tenor behind," a start for Stedman was made 40 minutes after the first peal, and to judge by the pleasure it gave, the task was not in vain. Most ringers, on finishing a peal, are familiar with the sight of an enraged parishioner coming to expostulate and complain—here they would have been agreeably surprised—on the west door being opened a huge crowd of ringers was seen, many coming eight, nine, ten and eleven miles to hear, and possibly condemn "the scientific"—no such thing on this occasion!!—"Grand," "splendid," "never heard such ringing," were the acclamations heard on all sides, while the awe and veneration depicted on the countenances of the majority, were accounted for by one who voiced the general belief. "Well, I don't know who you be, but for certain you baint men." Supper, the fourth meal of the day in the Church Institute being over, and well-earned after the 12,500 changes rung during the day,—beds were sought, and in the morning train taken to Plymouth, where Mr. A. W. Brighton was in waiting to supply the vacancy caused by the compulsory departure of Mr. Taylor and the Rev. F. E. Robinson. Compton Gifford was the tower, Superlative the method, but again "Little Mary" was at fault, and the last peal of the week seemed

likely to fall through, had not one of the Plymouth ringers opportunely appeared and offered to fill the breach by ringing the tenor to Triples; this last being rung in Devon, goes to the credit of the Devonshire Guild. Thus ends the somewhat lengthy account of "A Cornish Ringing Tour"; that it has done good is already apparent; the bad going rings at Camborne and Bodmin are likely to be put into thorough order, as an outcome of the tour. With the exception of Compton—a fine peal by Warner, in excellent going order, but exceedingly noisy—all the rest of the ringing was done on new peals by Taylor, their perfect condition conducing to that excellence of striking so necessary to leave a good impression on the listeners.

The organizing of such a tour fell heavily on the Rev. M. Kelly, whose perfect arrangements gave the utmost pleasure to all concerned. No thanks recorded in hard type on paper can convey any feeling of gratitude to him such as the visitors would desire; nor can printed matter rightly express the thanks due to all the Vicars and churchwardens of the parishes visited, who were in all cases present to welcome and to speed the parting guest with words of welcome, lavish hospitality, and invitations to come again, while the visitors will feel more than amply rewarded by the knowledge that they have done their best to further the interests of the Truro Diocesan Guild, and to stir up an enquiry into change-ringing among many who have already shown their anxiety to learn and be taught a better way than that to which they have hitherto been accustomed.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Ipswich on Wednesday, October 9th, and proved one of the most enjoyable festivals held in recent years. By the kindness of the authorities all the towers in the town were placed at the disposal of members throughout the day, and anything in the way of touches, from Doubles to Maximus could therefore be obtained. The special service at the church of St. Mary-le-Tower was largely attended, and the hearty singing was a noticeable feature. The prayers were read by the Rev. C. L. Kennaway, and the special lesson by the Vicar (Rev. Canon Pigot). The Right-Rev. the Bishop of Ipswich gave a striking address, listened to with rapt attention by every one. Taking for his text the words—"Yea! woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel" (1 Cor. ix. 16), the Bishop at once gripped the interest of the congregation by recalling in graphic words his remembrance of having seen Great Paul brought to the Cathedral from Loughborough. Canon Liddon (he continued) suggested that the words he had chosen for his text should be the motto cast on the bell, and those who had heard the vibration of that tremendous voice overhead—not so much like the note of a bell as a trembling of the upper air—must feel that a better motto could not have been chosen, and that it might well be applied to church bells all the world over. There were some, he knew, who complained of the sound of the bells, and he would not venture to say that their objection was unreasonable, but his own experience was that the sound of the bells had wound itself, as it were, around human hearts and sympathies. The inmates of the St. Pancras hospital, whom he had regularly visited for fifteen years, had assured him times out of number, that the St. Pancras bells were not the slightest annoyance to the patients, although many were most critical cases. In a characteristic phrase the Bishop said he was glad to know that copies

of that beautiful picture, Millet's "Angelus," had got "all over the place": and then he told in simpler words of what the picture represents—how the man and woman, toiling in the fields, had their hearts lifted up to heaven by the music of the distant Angelus bell. In conclusion he addressed a few earnest and kindly words to the ringers, urging them to be true to God, and downright true and loyal to the Church to which they belonged.

At the conclusion of the service the members adjourned to the Lecture Hall, where luncheon was admirably served, ninety-seven members sitting down. In the unavoidable absence of the President, the chair was taken by the Rev. C. L. Kennaway (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer); supported by the Lord Bishop of Ipswich, the Rev. Canon Pigot, the Revs. J. Holme Pilkington, W. C. Pearson, Herbert Drake, W. A. Partridge, E. C. Bowen, and W. N. Matthews; Messrs. J. Motts, W. L. Duffield, W. Grimes, J. Souther, D. Haywood, J. M. Button, C. E. Borrett (Secretary), and representatives from all parts of the diocese. The loyal toasts having been duly honoured, Mr. W. G. Grimes (Debenham), proposed the toast of the "Bishop and Clergy," with special thanks to the Bishop for his admirable address; to Canon Pigot for the use of the Tower church; and to the various incumbents for the use of the bells. The toast was enthusiastically received, and the Bishop and Canon Pigot responded. The Bishop in a charmingly light and humorous speech said that that was the first time he had ever been in an assembly of ringers, but he sincerely hoped that it would not be by any means the last. He had spent a most enjoyable and happy day, and had been much impressed by the heartiness of the service. Before concluding, the Bishop proposed in terms of warm appreciation, the toast—"Success to the Association," which was briefly acknowledged by the Rev. C. L. Kennaway and Mr. C. E. Borrett.

The annual report was then read by the Secretary. In it the salient feature of the year's work were brought to the notice of the members, most of which were of an encouraging character. For seven years in succession the Association had scored peals on all numbers of bells from five to twelve (Doubles to Maximus), and for five successive years they had rung more peals than any other organisation. The restoration work to bells and belfries was also noted, and the report concluded with a passage from an eloquent sermon preached by Canon Papillon to the members of the Essex Association on Whit-Monday last. The officers of the Association were all re-elected, and a most enjoyable meeting was brought to a close with the election of thirty-nine new members, including the Bishop of Ipswich, and the Rev. Herbert Drake, the new Vicar of Braiseworth, near Eye.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The eighth monthly meeting of the Nottingham district was held at Cotgrave on Saturday, October 12th. Fifteen members sat down to tea, including the Vicar of Cotgrave (Rev. J. P. Hales), who afterwards took the chair. The meeting was held, and the rev. gentleman paid for the expense of the printing, which amounted to 2s. 3d. The next place of meeting will be at Daybrook, notice of which will appear in due course. Thanks were passed to Mr. and Mrs. White for the way in which they provided the tea for the members.

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## DURHAM &amp; NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of one of the oldest members of the Association, Mr. W. G. Routledge, who succumbed on the 3rd inst., aged 47 years. Although he had not lately taken much interest in change ringing, local members of Newcastle, of some years' standing, cannot forget the part he took in the institution of change-ringing in St. John's, under the late Mr. Francis Lees, and the fact that he called the first peal of Treble Bob Major rung in that city, then only a town. For many years he, with his brother, Mr. C. L. Routledge, still an ardent ringer, assisted in establishing scientific ringing in the north, and in advancing the principles of this Association, and he could certainly congratulate himself on the results of his endeavours.

He rang several peals with the Association, and, for a few years he acted as its minute or assistant secretary. To the members of the Association he was always a genial and acceptable friend, and when the late Reverend W. E. Houldey was at St. John's, and was restoring the old peal and belfry, he was the life and soul of the pleasant reunions the ringers frequently held.

A muffled quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. John's, on the day of his funeral, by representative ringers.

## 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."

## REPLY TO ARTHUR STEDMAN.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Arthur E. Stedman's letter in your last issue, I may say that I contributed to "THE BELL NEWS" of November 7th, 1903, such few particulars as I had been able to gather. I have not since come across any further information.

R. A. DANIELL.

## PROPOSED WARWICKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—I thank you for your kind comments in your last two issues of "THE BELL NEWS," upon the formation of a Warwickshire Guild of change ringers. This is an object my friend, Mr. Adams, of St. Mary's Society, Warwick, and I have had in view for some years past. With the great advance of change ringing in this part of the county the time has now come to form a guild for the county of Warwickshire, as at present we are outside all existing associations. We feel that the art of change ringing would receive considerable impetus by the formation of a guild. I have just returned from Warwick this evening, after conferring with Mr. Adams upon this important matter, and we have decided to call a meeting of ringers together at Warwick, on Saturday, November 19th, to discuss preliminary matters with the object of the formation of a guild for the county of Warwickshire. I hope to send you further particulars later on.

ARTHUR COLEMAN.

[Several other letters on this subject, all advocating the formation of such an Association, have been forwarded, but it is not necessary to print them.—ED.]

## THE LITTLE DEWCHURCH EPISODE.

SIR,—A very unfortunate thing that at Dewchurch, Herefordshire. I have known Mr. Cameron for over 20 years, in fact, was only staying with him last May.

My old home is the next village—my father was Rector of it for seven years.

Mr. Cameron is also a very old friend of my father's. I have often rung at Little Dewchurch on their pretty little peal of five and these are some of the first bells I ever heard as a child.

I place Mr. and Mrs. Cameron among my oldest and dearest friends, and knowing their kindly nature and fond care they bestow on all parochial affairs, especially on their bells and ringers, I was very much pained to read of the regrettable incident published in "THE BELL NEWS" that occurred lately.

You may depend upon it, Mr. Editor, that Mr. Cameron did what he thought was his duty, he was always a brave Christian gentleman, a man to speak and act fearlessly at all times. He is

now getting on for 80 years of age; 'pon my word, the ringers ought to have treated him with more respect; he was always willing to do all he could for them and all the neighbouring ringers when they visited L. Dewchurch, always kind and hospitable.

These sort of scenes, which only seem to occur among our "Churchyard Agony" friends, do not redound to the credit of ringers.

S. M. DODINGTON.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT WOLVERHAMPTON.—It is believed to be the first time such a feat has been accomplished on tower bells. In all eight attempts have been made during a period of about three years, and most of those who finished the peal were in the first attempt. The two previous best attempts were 2 hrs. and 2½ hrs. respectively, the latter after half-an-hour's ringing, when a rope broke, the striking on those occasions, as on this, being good throughout. The ringer of the 2nd bells from Coseley; 3rd from Breewood; 4th from Bloxwich; 5th from Wednesbury; 6th and tenor Lichfield; treble and 7th belong to St. Peter's, Wolverhampton. Thanks are herewith offered to Mr. D. Jones for getting things ready.

THE PEAL AT NORTH SHIELDS.—This peal was rung to celebrate the enthronement of the Bishop of Newcastle on the date at the Cathedral church of St. Nicholas. The ringer of the treble hails from Tynemouth; 2nd from Whitley; 3rd, 4th and 7th from North Shields; 5th from Consett; and the tenor-man from Gosforth. The composition was taken from the *Clavis*, and is believed to be composed by one of the authors of that book.

THE PEAL AT HELSLON.—A. H. Pulling's 100 Peals.—Bob Minor 3, conducted 3; Bob Major 17, conducted 12; Royal 2, conducted 1; Seven Minor methods 2, conducted 2; Grandsire Triples 17, conducted 11; Caters 1; Treble Bob Major 2, conducted 1; Royal 2, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 28, conducted 10; Caters 3; Double Norwich Major 17, conducted 9; Superlative 5, conducted 2; New Cambridge 1. Total—100; conducted 52.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Thursday, October 3rd, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 30 mins. J. W. Ross, E. R. Mackrill, C. F. W. Hunt, J. P. Kent, A. Whittington, C. C. Cox, F. Skevington conductor, G. W. Coombes. It was intended to ring a peal, but owing to the very bad "go" of the tenor the bells were brought round at the half-peal end. The above are members of the local band. On Sunday, October 6th, for evening service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by W. T. Elson), in 43 mins. S. J. Ross, C. C. Cox conductor, A. Whittington, W. H. Stevens, E. R. Mackrill, G. C. Iles, F. Skevington, G. W. Coombes.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Monday, October 7th, at the Abbey church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. F. Hand, H. Hayter, J. Chalk, F. Paskins, J. Elcombe, J. Walker, W. G. Fowler, H. Tucker. Rung on the birthday of the Vicar, the Rev. J. Cooke Yarborough, M.A.

STOKE (Coventry).—On Wednesday, October 2nd, for practice, 1722 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. E. Johnson, T. Hope, F. Viles, A. W. Flowers, W. Maund, J. J. Feneell, J. Smallwood conductor, G. Webster. And 252 Bob Triples. E. Johnson, J. G. Fennell, A. W. Flowers, W. Maund, T. Hope, F. Viles, J. Smallwood conductor, G. Webster.

SELSTON (Notts).—On Sunday, October 6th, at the parish church, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor. R. C. Harrison, H. Harrison J. E. Anness, F. Jacobs, W. Wharnley, W. Dobbs conductor. For afternoon service 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins. R. C. Harrison, H. Harrison, J. E. Anness first 720, W. Wharnley, W. Dobbs, F. Jacobs conductor. For evening service 720 Plain Bob, in 25 mins. J. E. Anness, F. Jacobs, H. Harrison, C. H. Cottam, W. Wharnley, W. Dobbs first 720 as conductor.

## LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

By THOMAS TEASDALE, *North Shields.*

5312.

23456 M B W H

45236 - -  
 24536 - -  
 52436 - -

63425 - - -  
 46325 - -  
 34625 - -

62345 - -  
 36245 - -  
 23645 - -

64235 - -  
 26435 - -  
 42635 - -

56234 - -  
 25634 - -

65324 - - -

42356 - - -

35426 - - -  
 43526 - - -  
 54326 - - -

32546 - -  
 53246 - -  
 25346 - -

34256 - -  
 23456 - -

Has the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6; the 4th its extent in 5-6 with the 5th and 6th, and never has the 2nd above 5th place at a course-end.

## DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By L. MASON, *Skipton, Yorks.*

5040.

23456 I 4 6

54326 - -  
 62453 - -  
 25463 - -  
 56423 - -  
 32654 - -  
 42356 - -  
 25346 - -  
 43526 - -  
 35426 - -  
 25634 - -  
 56234 - -  
 63254 - -  
 35264 - -  
 62534 - -  
 23564 - -

Twice repeated; 4th, 5th and 6th twelve times in 6ths, the 2nd never there at a course-end.

## SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

5056.

23456 M W H

43652 - -  
 43526 - -  
 54326 - -  
 32546 - -  
 53246 - -  
 24536 - -  
 52436 - -  
 45236 - -  
 34256 - -  
 24653 - -  
 64352 - -  
 25346 - -  
 42356 - -  
 53624 - -  
 25634 - -  
 63254 - -  
 26354 - -  
 36452 - -  
 46253 - -  
 32654 - -  
 62453 - -  
 34256 - -  
 24653 - -  
 64352 - -  
 25346 - -  
 32546 - -  
 53246 - -  
 24536 - -  
 52436 - -  
 45236 - -  
 23456 - -

These peals have the 5th and 6th their extent at home, and are supposed to be the first published with these qualities. They are identically the same composition.

## DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By MORRIS J. MORRIS, *Rhyl.*

a

5664.

b

23456 I 4 5 6

35426 - -  
 24536 - -  
 64235 - -  
 34562 - -  
 24365 - -  
 45362 - -  
 53462 - -  
 52436 - -  
 34256 - -

23456 I 4 5 6

63254 - -  
 53462 - -  
 23564 - -  
 34562 - -  
 45362 - -  
 42356 - -  
 53246 - -  
 34256 - -  
 52436 - -

Five times repeated.

Single last call third and sixth parts. Calling fifth course at 5 instead of 6 in one part reduces the peal to 5440; in two parts to 5216.

6th her extent each way in 5-6.

Calling seventh course at 5 instead of 6 in one part reduces to 5440; in two parts reduces to 5216.

## BOB MAJOR.

By MORRIS J. MORRIS, *Rhyl.*

5472.

23456 W 5/4 M H

64235 - - -  
 32465 - - -  
 54263 - - -  
 25463 - - -  
 42563 - - -  
 54326 - - -  
 43526 - - -  
 25346 - - -  
 34256 - - -

Five times repeated.

Single midway and end. 6th her extent each way in 5-6. Reduced to 5088 by calling the fifth course W M H in one part, which cuts out four courses, bringing up the part-end.

5184.

By the same author.

23456 W B M H

52364 - I -  
 24365 - 3 -  
 32465 - - -  
 43265 - - -  
 52436 - - -  
 35264 - - -  
 23564 - - -

Five times repeated.

Single midway and end. All the combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6.

5280.

By the same author.

23456 W 5/4 B M H

52364 - - -  
 24365 - - -  
 45362 - - -  
 34562 - - -  
 63425 - - -  
 54326 - - -  
 43526 - - -  
 35426 - - -  
 42356 - - -

Five times repeated.

Single midway and end. 6th her extent each way in 5-6.

NOTE TO THE PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR by Mr. L. Mason in the first column of this page:—This peal was composed through assistance received from the articles published by Mr. John Carter in "THE BELL NEWS."

## THE EXETER RINGERS CYCLING CLUB.

The success which has attended this club since its inception a few years ago is one of the most gratifying features of campanology in Devon. The club aims, by means of visits to towers in all parts of the county, at stimulating scientific change-ringing. Once a year the members, in addition to work on odd days, have a tour, sometimes for two days, and occasionally for three. This year the South Hams was selected for the first time for a trip, and arrangements were made for a three days' stay. The St. David's Society, which like the Club is connected with the Devonshire Guild, instead of having an independent outing, decided this year to join the club, and the result was a very substantial party, which left by the 7.10 a.m. G. W. R. train in compartments which had been specially reserved through the kindness of the divisional superintendent (Mr. S. Morris), who is senior warden of St. David's church. At Totnes the party was joined by the Rev. Maitland Kelly.

Two conveyances were in waiting at Kingsbridge station, and in them the visitors forthwith proceeded to West Alvington, where everything connected with the bells and belfry was found to be in excellent condition. The bells are of good tone, six of them bearing the names of six different members of the Ilbert family, of Bowingsleigh. The next halt was at Marlborough. The bells are a moderate ring of six, but in want of overhauling. Lunch was partaken of at The Old Inn under the presidency of the Rev. Maitland Kelly.

The point from Marlborough was South Milton, lying in a deep and beautiful valley away from all the distractions of urban life, and offering a charming solace to the jaded town-dweller. The parishioners are proud of their church's architectural features, but the glory of this reputation is counterbalanced by the unfortunate circumstance that the bells have most defective equipment. The expenditure of a few pounds would suffice to put the bells and belfry in an up-to-date condition. Perhaps the authorities will see to this.

The next place visited was Thurlestone, where the bells were rung with considerable exertion. The tenor, a fine-toned bell of 16cwt., was a curiosity. It would not stay up without a strap-per. The visitors therefore contented themselves with a very brief trial, sufficient to endorse the local opinion that tower and bells need thorough restoration.

The party then proceeded to Kingsbridge, where the Rev. Maitland Kelly had to bid farewell, but other arrivals came along. The party underwent the ordeal of being photographed in the charming grounds attached to Dodbrooke rectory, and soon after the sweet-toned six bells were heard. They went very well, rehung in 1904 by Stokes. On returning to Kingsbridge the visitors were met by the Vicar, who consented to the use of the bells of the parish church for a short time. The local ringers gave a hearty welcome.

At seven o'clock on Sunday morning the party assembled to drive to Chepstow, where bells and belfry alike were found to be indifferent. At Avon Gifford, however, the visitors found something really to their liking—a pretty ring of eight, all of which had been rehung during the year. Some touches of Grandsire Triples were rung here like clockwork. Then came a unique experience for most, if not all the visitors. They had to reach Bigbury. To do so it was necessary to proceed along a road bordering the estuary of the Avon, and covered in several places by the sea at high tide, or make a detour involving an extra four miles. The tide was practically at full flow when the party started. But fortunately the neaps were on, and thanks to steady horses and careful driving the estuary road was safely negotiated, although the water was a trifle too deep to be pleasant at one point. The church is most picturesquely situated, having six fair-toned bells, tenor 8 cwt., in moderately good condition. The visitors made a long halt, attended morning service, and rang before and after it. The Rector dispensed with the usual sermon but gave an address to the ringers, in which he offered encouragement in the work of promoting scientific ringing, and securing belfry reform.

Modbury was the next place in the itinerary. The visitors first enjoyed dinner at The White Hart, and before separating they paid a well-deserved compliment to Messrs. F. Davey and A. W. Searle for the arrangements of the tour. The feelings of the party were admirably voiced by the Rev. G. F. Molineux, Messrs. W. Seanes, and J. D. Manley (the latter of whom is

churchwarden of Totnes). Mr. Davey, who had kindly undertaken the lion's share of the work, suitably responded:

Modbury once had but five bells, some of which were cracked and useles, and it was determined to have a new and heavier ring of six. The bells are undoubtedly very good, tenor 28 cwt., but they are not in good order.

The afternoon was already far advanced. Ugborough had to be visited and time allowed for the party to catch the train for home. The fine church and tower of Ugborough, standing on the site of an ancient camp, has eight bells, tenor 23 cwt. Some of them are dreadfully out of tune, and all want rehanging. The ropes too were very defective, with scraps of tarred string and so forth to lengthen them. It was impossible to do any satisfactory ringing. The appearance of the base of the tower excited some comment. It resembled a general dealer's store, and was evidently in the regular use for coke, grave boards, and other incidentals usually kept in a shed. The condition was all the more surprising as the base gives access to both the belfry and the church. Probably, the matter only needs calling attention to for the application of a speedy remedy. The seven members of the party remaining in the district proceeded after tea to the resting place for the night—Ermington—where they were welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Pinwell) and local ringers, who have a knowledge of change ringing, and some of whom joined with the visitors in ringing Grandsire Doubles. The bells, six in number, with tenor of 15 cwt., were found to be in very fair condition. The church is remarkable for its leaning spire. The deflection is quite three feet to the westward, and has been attributed to an early settlement. The structure is entirely of stone, and the settlement commences about 12 feet from the base. The height of the tower and spire is 100 ft.

Monday's programme was lighter than either Saturday or Sunday, but none the less enjoyable. The towers comprised Revelstoke, Newton Ferrers, Yealmpton, and Plymstock. At Revelstoke the visitors found a good ring of eight bells (tenor 16 cwt.) in need of overhauling. The church was built in 1882 by the first Lord Revelstoke, at a cost of nearly £30,000. The top of the tower was roofed with cement. The latter cracked, and allowed rain to percolate through to the wooden cage containing the bells, causing warping and general upheaval. The progress of the mischief has been stayed to a large extent by an ingenious old salt, who happens to be churchwarden, and who adopted the experiment of pouring boiling glue into the interstices. But the damage created beforehand must be remedied, and there is some talk of selling two bells in the old parish church for the purpose of raising the necessary funds. At Newton Ferrers, the visitors—some of whom had rung in between 200 and 300 towers—had their first experience of belfry trumpets. They are an arrangement for catching the sound of the lighter bells in the bell chamber and conveying it by a long tube to a ringing chamber. The visitors found another trumpet at Yealmpton, where also the remarkable "Gorens" stone, a relic of pre-Saxon or of British or Irish Christianity, excited attention. At Newton Ferrers (where the Rev. C. B. Yonge, Rector, joined in ringing some six scores), Yealmpton, and Plymstock, good work was done, and the bells and belfries were found in excellent condition. It had been intended to ring at Pripton, but illness near the tower prevented the execution of this part of the programme. The visitors proceeded from Plymstock to Plymouth, whence they returned in the evening to their several destinations. The weather throughout the tour was brilliant, and the posting (which was entirely undertaken by Mr. W. Elford, of Kingsbridge), through some of the most charming scenery of Devon, was thoroughly enjoyed.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1907.

SEVERAL letters (one of which we publish) have come to hand in favor of the establishment of a Ringing Association for the County of Warwick, and the writers are all very much interested in the proposed movement, and anxious for its fulfilment without delay. The object can be attained without difficulty, if those concerned will go to work in a business-like manner. Enthusiasm is a great thing in itself, but in order to prevent disappointment, it must be tempered with common sense, and devoid of fanciful or effeminate ideas. We see that a meeting is to be called to consider the question. It is hoped that it may be attended, not only by ringers, but that some clear-headed churchmen, who have an interest in bells and ringing, may be invited to be present; men of position and influence, in fact, who will throw themselves heartily into the scheme, and aid its fruition by practical advice and counsel. Though a quaint, old-fashioned place for a centre, the town of Warwick would make a good headquarters for the proposed Association, which it is hoped may be launched under favorable conditions, without any fantastical or obsolete regulations.



**The Metropolis.****THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.***On Thursday, October 10, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.**

Tenor 26 cwt.

GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
FREDK. G. PERRIN .. .. 2.	ISAAC EMERY .. .. 7.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 3.	SIDNEY A. WRIGHT .. 8.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 4.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 9.
HORATIO GUMMER .. .. 5.	RICHARD F. DEAL .. Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, October 12, 1907, in Three Hours Twenty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES.**

Tenor 31 cwt.

JOHN ARMSTRONG .. Treble.	*CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 6.
CHARLES POTHECARY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 3.	HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 8.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to B. Prewett, the band wishing him many happy returns.

**The Provinces.****BRISTOL.****GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, October 3, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5189 CHANGES.**

Tenor 28 cwt.

FRED G. MAY .. Treble.	HARRY BROWNJOHN .. .. 6.
HENRY PORCH .. .. 2.	SAMUEL PHILIPS .. .. 7.
ALBERT HUGGINS* .. .. 3.	FRANCIS J. JEWELL .. 8.
HARRY PARSONS .. .. 4.	HARRY HOWELL .. .. 9.
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT† .. 5.	HUBERT J. CAVELL .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by HENRY PORCH.

\*First peal. †First peal of Caters. This is Mr. May's 100th peal of Stedman.

**EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, October 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,****A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED E. BASSETT .. Treble.	WILLIAM GEARING .. .. 5.
DANIEL SNELLING .. .. 2.	THOMAS SHRUBB .. .. 6.
GEORGE MARRINER .. .. 3.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. 7.
ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. 4.	PERCY COOPER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by DANIEL SNELLING.

**BROMLEY, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, October 8, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE DURLING .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN* .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 7.
ISAAC EMERY .. .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE.

\*First peal of Double Norwich.

**ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.**

Tenor 21 cwt.

W. HENRY JONES .. Treble.	JAMES HOPKIN .. .. 6.
EDMUND J. HYLAND .. .. 2.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 8.
JAMES JONES .. .. 4.	*FRANK BENNETT .. .. 9.
JOHN JENNINGS .. .. 5.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal has the 6th twenty-four times at home, and six times behind the 9th in the tittums position; also twenty-four times at home in the handstroke home position. \*First peal with a bob bell.

**WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.****SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

(THE ST. BENEDICT'S SOCIETY.)

*On Tuesday, October 8, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lbs.

REV. WILLIAM R. BEARD* Treble.	DAN JONES .. .. 5.
JOSEPH CORNS* .. .. 2.	HORACE SADLER .. .. 6.
JAMES BATE .. .. 3.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 7.
HARRY G. SADLER .. .. 4.	*THOMAS THORPE .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. CARTWRIGHT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur J. Simpson, Esq. \*First peal.

**ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, October 8, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 of Double Court, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Bob Minor. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES SMITH* .. Treble.	HENRY W. BALDRY .. .. 4.
OLIVER C. W. FRYER† .. 2.	†WILLIAM J. LOVETT .. 5.
HERBERT F. LAMBEET† .. 3.	FREDK. WATLING .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. W. BALDRY.

\*First peal of Minor. †First peal.

**SHOREHAM, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, October 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes***AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

REEVES'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	ISAAC EMERY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. 2.	REUBEN BALDWIN .. .. 6.
THOMAS BOOKER .. .. 3.	HERBERT J. BLACKWELL .. 7.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 4.	WILLIAM WEST .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

First peal on the bells, and was arranged and rung in honour of the conductor's birthday, the band wishing him many happy returns.

**NORTH SHIELDS, DURHAM.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, October 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,***AT CHRIST CHURCH,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

GEO. T. POTTER .. Treble.	A. M. C. FIELD .. .. 5.
ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 6.
JOEL HERN .. .. 3.	EDWARD HERN .. .. 7.
THOMAS TRASDALE .. .. 4.	ERNEST E. FREY .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS TRASDALE.

Further reference elsewhere.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WINCHESTER DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, October 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt. 14 lbs.

ERNEST DUMPER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 4.
ALBERT MARKS .. .. 2.	CRCIL A. VALENTINE .. 5.
CHARLES J. FRAY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.

First peal in three methods on the bells, and by all the band.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 10, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

FRANK WITHERS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 5.
ALFRED DAVIES .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 7.
WILLIAM DOWDING* .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

\*First peal. This peal was specially arranged for P.C. Dowding, who is stationed at Selly Oak.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 10, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK A. GREGORY† Treble.	WILLIAM FOX .. .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	BENJAMIN GREATORIX .. 6.
HENRY GREGORY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM TAYLOR .. .. 7.
HUGH GREGORY .. .. 4.	J. W. DERBYSHIRE .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

†First peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, October 11, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

CHARLES COUPE* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. 5.
JESSE MOSS .. .. 2.	THOMAS RILEY .. .. 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 3.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 7.
HARRY MOSS .. .. 4.	JOHN FLINT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

\*First peal of Double Norwich.

FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

PERCY LANGSTON .. .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER .. .. 5.
EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM .. 2.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 6.
JOHN BUCKINGHAM* .. .. 3.	DAVID ELLIOTT .. .. 7.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 4.	JAMES NEWMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. ROYLE, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

\*First peal in the method.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

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

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

JOSEPH HANDS .. .. Treble.	WALTER WEBB .. .. 5.
LEWIS GREEN .. .. 2.	GEORGE ESSEX .. .. 6.
GEORGE IRVINE .. .. 3.	ERNEST MENDAY .. .. 7.
RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 4.	WILLIAM COOK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. W. MENDAY.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 12, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

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

ROBERT PICKERING .. .. Treble.	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 5.
WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 2.	FREDERICK J. COPE .. .. 6.
JOHN PERRY .. .. 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 7.
JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. 4.	JAMES H. GALLIMORE .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT (blindfold.)

Reference elsewhere.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED WINDSOR .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. 5.
PERCY JOHNSON .. .. 2.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. 6.
HARRY LOCKWOOD .. .. 3.	FRANCIS BARKER .. .. 7.
PATRICK LARVAN .. .. 4.	HENRY SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES WHITING .. .. Treble.	ERNEST S. BAILEY .. .. 5.
GORDON F. THOMPSON .. 2.	EDGAR BAILEY .. .. 6.
GEORGE BERRY .. .. 3.	CHARLES SAMSON .. .. 7.
NORMAN BAILEY .. .. 4.	CHARLES BAILEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CHARLES BAILEY.

WOKING, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 12, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grand-sire, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 20½ cwt.

HERBERT G. WEEKES .. Treble.	*JOSEPH GOACHER .. .. 4.
REGINALD BLAKE* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM DAY .. .. 5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN.* 3.	†FREDERICK BENNETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK BENNETT.

\*First peal in seven methods. †First peal in seven methods as conductor. First peal on the bells.

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## EASTWOOD, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 21 lbs in E flat.

EDWARD MANNERS .. .. Treble.	*HARRY HARRISON .. .. 5.
HENRY FLETCHER .. .. 2.	*ALFRED PARKER .. .. 6.
EDWARD C. GOBEY* .. .. 3.	GEORGE CLARK .. .. 7.
GEORGE BLANCHARD .. .. 4.	FREDERIC ROWLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by G. CLARK.

\*First peal of Major. Quickest peal on the bells.

## SHORE, NEAR LITTLEBOROUGH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1907, in Three Hours and One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART (No. 18.) Tenor 10 cwt.

LUKE SUTHERS .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH GREENWOOD .. .. 5.
JOHN E. ROWLAND .. .. 2.	ROBERT DEARDEN .. .. 6.
JOHN FITTON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM CRABTREE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SCHOFIELD .. .. 4.	JAMES RICHARDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM CRABTREE.

First peal on the bells, which were hung last Easter by Mears and Stainbank in an iron frame, the ringers all being delighted with the tone and "go."

## OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 12, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR BLAKE* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM RALPH .. .. 5.
REUBEN FLAXMAN .. .. 2.	T. EUSTACE HARWOOD .. .. 6.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WELLING .. .. 7.
THOMAS W. GOSLING .. .. 4.	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EUSTACE HARWOOD.

\*First peal on the treble. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal as conductor.

## Handbell Peals.

## YORK.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, October 13, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT 16, MILLFIELD ROAD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

LEO WOODCOCK* .. .. 1-2.	*THOMAS F. EARNSHAW .. .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3-4.	*THOMAS HAIGH .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—A. C. Fearnley. \*First peal on handbells. It is thirty years since the last handbell peal was rung in York.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, October 14, 1907, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE SWAN HOTEL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s called differently.

HARRY MOSS .. .. 1-2.	FREDK. KETTLEBORO .. .. 3-4.
WM. LAMBERT .. .. 5-6.	

Conducted by WM. LAMBERT.

Umpire—Jesse Moss. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Kettleboro and Lambert. First peal on handbells in the parish.

The following seven peals were rung during the tour in Cornwall :—

## KENWYN, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 8, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CENUINA,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 5.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 6.
JOHN W. TAYLOR .. .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 7.
EDWIN J. MENDAY .. .. 4.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells and first in the method by the Guild.

## CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 8, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARTIN AND MERIADOC,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 5.
JOHN W. TAYLOR .. .. 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 6.
EDWIN J. MENDAY .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal on the bells and first in the method by the Guild.

## ST. KEVERNE, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
JOHN W. TAYLOR .. .. 2.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 6.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 3.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. .. 7.
EDWIN J. MENDAY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells, and first in the method by the Guild.

## HELSTON, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 10, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qrs, 23 lbs.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. .. 6.
EDWIN J. MENDAY .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

First peal on the bells. This is A. H. Pulling's rooth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

## EGLOSHAYLE, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 11, 1907, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Treble.	JOHN W. TAYLOR .. .. 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 6.
EDWIN J. MENDAY .. .. 3.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. .. 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

First peal on the bells.

EGLOSHAYLE, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 11, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Treble.	JOHN W. TAYLOR .. .. 5.
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PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Superlative rung at Crawley on Sunday, October 6th, should have been credited to the Sussex Association, and not to the Kent Association as published.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Tuesday, August 27th, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 49 mins. H. Swannack, E. Collingburn, C. Joynes, A. Swannack, T. Spurr, G. W. Metcalfe, H. Haigh conductor, G. R. Winter, J. B. Joynes, R. Miles. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Dr. Chas. Henry Greenwood, of Leeds, and Miss Mabel Jane C. Mortiboy, daughter of the late Mr. John Mortiboy, of Here Hill. On Monday, September 2nd, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 54 mins: H. Swannack, A. Swannack, C. Joynes, E. Collingburn, G. R. Winter, R. Miles, T. Spurr, A. T. Winter conductor, J. B. Joynes, G. W. Metcalfe. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Alderman T. W. Denman, of this Borough. On Sunday, September 15th, for morning service, 501 Stedman Caters. A. Swannack, E. Collingburn, G. R. Winter, G. W. Metcalfe, R. Miles, T. Spurr, H. Haigh conductor, H. Warburton, J. B. Joynes, J. T. Bartholomew. On Tuesday, October 1st, for Divine Service preceding the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. J. Thwaites C. Mumford, M.A., late Vicar of Alresford, 395 Grandsire Caters. H. Swannack, E. Collingburn, A. Swannack, A. T. Winter, T. Spurr, R. Miles, H. Haigh conductor, H. Warburton, G. R. Winter, G. W. Metcalfe. After the induction 701 Grandsire Caters. A. Swannack, E. Collingburn, C. Joynes, G. W. Metcalfe, A. T. Winter, R. Miles, G. R. Winter, H. Haigh conductor, J. B. Joynes, H. Warburton.

WORKSOP (Notts).—On Sunday, September 15th, for Divine Service, 640 Oxford Treble Bob Major. H. Haigh conductor, G. Clarke, D. Bale, J. T. Bartholomew, W. Marshall, G. Watkinson, C. Heeley, T. Thorpe. On Sunday, September 22nd, for morning service, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Haigh conductor, C. Tinker, F. S. W. Butler, R. Miles, R. Dawson, H. Warburton, G. R. Winter, G. Wilson. Rung in honour of the conductor's 41st birthday. In the evening, for Divine Service, and in honour of his Grace the Duke of Newcastle's 43rd birthday, 1312 Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 48 mins. C. Watkinson, H. Haigh conductor, D. Bale, B. Bale, W. Marshall, G. Wat-

kinson, H. Marshall, T. Thorpe. This is the first quarter-peal in the method by all the band, the first on the bells, and by the Association.

EDWINSTOWE (Notts).—On Sunday, September 22nd, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Haigh conductor, C. Tinker, R. Miles, H. Warburton, R. Dawson, G. Wilson. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Miles, G. R. Winter, F. S. W. Butler, H. Haigh conductor, R. Dawson, G. Wilson. This church possesses a nice handy sweet-toned ring of six bells, and a young band of ringers anxious to learn the mysteries of the Art, and a hearty reception is given to visitors.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SELSTON (Notts).—On Saturday evening, September 28th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. J. E. Anness, H. Harrison, F. H. Kap, W. Wharney, A. Elliott, F. Jacobs conductor. On Sunday morning, September 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Bob Minor. J. E. Anness, J. Dobbs first 720, H. Harrison, F. Jacobs, S. Elliott, W. Wharney first 720 as conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOKE POGES (Bucks).—On September 21st, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Henley, W. Wilder, G. T. Leader, J. J. Parker conductor, E. Hooper, R. Flaxman. And a 720 of Oxford Bob. A. Leader, R. Flaxman, J. Stone, F. Bolton, J. Blackmore, C. Clarke conductor.

SLOUGH (Bucks).—On September 26th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Field, E. Hooper, J. J. Parker, G. T. Leader, A. Leader, R. Flaxman conductor.

CHALFONT ST. PETER (Bucks).—On September 29th, 720 Oxford Bob. W. Briden, R. Bolton, J. Stone, F. Bolton, W. Swan, J. Blackmore conductor.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On October 8th, for morning service, 714 Oxford Bob Triples, conducted by G. Basden. For evening service 1162 in the same method. J. Barnes, F. Reid, G. Basden, J. J. Parker, H. Batten, J. Elderfield, C. Clarke conductor, J. Bovington.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

SEELY OAK (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, September 29th, for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, 1152 London Surprise Major. F. Withers, H. F. Street, J. Withers, F. Fay, A. Davis, H. Withers, S. Grove, A. E. Pegler conductor.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, October 6th, for morning service (Harvest Festival), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. E. G. Fenn, H. E. Parker, D. Simons, C. Fenn conductor, G. W. Faulkner, G. Cottis, R. Fenn, J. Irwin.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, October 6th (Children's Harvest Sunday), at Bishop Ryder's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. A. Scrivens, J. T. Perry, T. Collinson, W. Webb, J. Collett, W. H. Carrod, J. Smallwood, S. Coley. Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the 3rd, Miss M. Collinson, aged 18.

BEDFIELD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, October 6th, for afternoon service, 720 Plain Bob. J. Hall first 720, W. G. Crickmer conductor, B. Buckle, F. Ling, J. Mallett, G. Balls.

EARL SOHAM.—On Sunday, October 6th, 360 Plain Bob. E. Beecroft, W. G. Crickmer conductor, B. Buckle, J. Hall, J. Mallett, G. Balls.

FRODSHAM (Cheshire).—On Monday, September 23rd, 720 Oxford Bob. F. Unsworth, W. Bibby, E. H. Lewis conductor, A. Unsworth, S. Faulkner, T. Lightfoot. First in the method by all except the conductor. On Thursday, September 26th, for Harvest Festival, 720 Plain Bob, with W. Forster 1. After service 720 Oxford Bob.

FENTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, October 6th, for evening service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Hill, J. Nicklin, J. Beech, H. Hough, B. Snow, Rev. E. V. Cox conductor, E. Sherratt, W. Edwards.

**Notices.**

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637).—The annual dinner will be held on November 2nd. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on October 22nd; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on October 31st; St. Paul's Cathedral on November 5th (election of officers); St. John-at-Hackney on November 5th and 19th; St. John, South Hackney, on October 21st, November 4th and 18th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on November 7th; St. Magnus on November 14th; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild—North and East District.**—The district annual meeting will be held to-day, Sat., October 19th, at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. D. Stooks. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. Tea will be provided on the usual terms at The Cherry Tree hotel. ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**The Kent County Association—Lewisham District.**—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. John's, Deptford, to-day, Sat., October 19th. The bells will be available at 3 p.m. St. Nicholas, Deptford, will be at the disposal of members from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and after the business meeting; also at St. Mary's, Lewisham, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., and after the meeting. Service will be held at St. John's at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. W. F. Jepson, M.A., Vicar. Tea at 6 p.m. in the Church Room, business meeting following, the Vicar presiding. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. allowed.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held to-day, Sat., October 19th, at the parish church, Tattenhall. Bells available from 2 p.m., and during the afternoon and evening for touches. Short service at 5 o'clock in the parish church.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

20, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**The Kent County Association—Canterbury District.**—A meeting (without allowances) will be held at Teynham to-day, Sat., October 19th. Tower open at 3 p.m.

G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

**The Essex Association.**—South-Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held to-day, Sat., October 19th, at West Ham. Bells available from 3 o'clock.

GEO. A. BLACK, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

5, Grove Crescent, Woodford.

**The Essex Association.**—North-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braintree to-day, Sat., October 19th. The bells of the parish church will be available all day, and also those of Bocking (8), Stisted (6), Black Notley (5), and Rayne (5).

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Coggeshall.

**The Lancashire Association—Manchester**

**Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at Worsley to-day, Sat., October 19th, Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Goosnargh, to-day, Saturday, October 19th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Surrey Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at The Immanuel Church Room, Streatham Common, to-day, Sat., October 19th. Service at Immanuel Church at 5.30. Tea in the Church Room at 6 o'clock. The bells at St. Leonard's and Immanuel will by kind permission of the respective Incumbents, be available from about 3 p.m.

CHARLES DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Wolstanton to-day, Sat., October 19th. Bells at 4. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 6 p.m. Service at 7 p.m.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild—Basingstoke District.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Andover to-day, Sat., October 19th. Tea (9d. per head) at Blake's Restaurant at 6. Meeting at the Parish Room at 6.30. Bells (8) during afternoon and evening.

F. G. HUME, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Shipbourne on Saturday, October 26th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided (free) at 5.30, followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, October 23rd.

W. LATTE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

26, Duker Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild—Portsmouth District.**—The annual district meeting will be held at Portsea on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available at 2.30. A short service at the parish church at 5.45. Tea at the Parish Institute at 6.15. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly inform me by the 21st inst.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James's church, Waterfoot, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 6.30.

Z. LORD, *Branch Sec.*

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The members of this society will hold their next quarterly meeting on Saturday afternoon, October 26th, at the church of St. Peter, Swinton. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers cordially invited.

CHAS. BOWER, *Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Peter's church, Burnley, on Saturday October 26th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5. The Bishop of Burnley has kindly consented to preside. The bells of Holy Trinity church will also be available till 4.30 p.m.

J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Frome and Midsomer Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Leigh-on-Mendip on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available from noon. Tea and business at 4.45. Evensong at 6.

J. B. HOLMYARD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association—Northern District.**—A meeting of the above will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, October 26th. The tower will be open from 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided (free) at The Angel hotel at 6 o'clock. Members intending being present at tea, please send their names to me not later than the first post on Thursday, October 24th.

J. F. FOSTER, *Dis. Sec.*

82, Grove Road, Hitchin.

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Holbeck on Saturday, October 26th. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in Parochial Room (rear of church), at 7.30 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—Annual Festival at Durham, October 28th. Service in the Cathedral at 1 p.m. Dinner at The Three Tuns at 2 p.m. Annual meeting afterwards. St. Oswald's bells (6, tenor 16 cwt.), and St. Nicholas (6, tenor 9 cwt.), open to 9 p.m. The Cathedral bells (8, tenor 30 cwt.), open from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Those intending to be present please notify me before October 23rd.

ARTHUR M. C. FIELD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Shore, near Littleborough, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. All ringers welcome. A good attendance requested.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

**Central Northamptonshire Association.**—Northampton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Grendon on Saturday, November 2nd. Tea at 4.30. All intending to be present let me know by October 28th.

F. WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

55, Lutterworth Road.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637).—The annual dinner will be held at The Champion hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 2nd, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. Bayley, Buckingham, Burden, E. A. Davies, Garrard, Golding, Harman, Horrex, Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, O'Meara, Newton, Peck, Pettit, Price, Prime, Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, Taffender, Winney, Wood, or

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## Ringers' Outing.

THE BRADING (ISLE OF WIGHT) SOCIETY.—For some time past the Brading Society had been looking forward to their annual outing, which took place on September 11th, the places selected being Petersfield, East Meon, West Meon and Privett. The party, numbering 10, left Brading by the 7.44 a.m. train, and included the Rev. R. J. P. Burbury and Mr. Churchwarden Barham, being joined at Ryde by Mr. H. Jennings, their instructor. Crossing over to Portsmouth by the eight o'clock boat, they proceeded by train to Havant, picking up Mr. J. W. Whiting on the way. Arriving at Petersfield a pair-horse brake was in waiting, and after a stay of a few minutes to allow some of the drier members to wet their throats, they started for East Meon. Arriving at the

church after a slow and dusty drive they climbed an iron ladder which leads up into the belfry, and after lighting the oil lamp, there being no windows to admit any light, a capital touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by Rev. R. Burbury, E. Simmonds, F. Jolliffe, P. Dowden, W. Pain, G. Wilkins, H. Jennings conductor, J. Whiting. Also 447 in the same method. E. Simmonds, M. Squibb, F. Jolliffe, P. Dowden, W. Pain, J. W. Whiting, H. Jennings conductor, A. White. Of course the indispensable post card had to be posted. A drive of 3½ miles brought the party to West Meon, and dinner was partaken of at The Red Lion, everyone's appetite being sharpened by the journey, especially those who had to go without their breakfast in order to catch the train. Dinner over a move was made for the tower, and a course of Bob Major and 377 Grandsire Triples was rung, conducted by H. Jennings. Once more in the brake brother Jolliffe gave se-

lections on the whistle pipe. A long uphill drive brought them to Privett. Here was found a beautiful church, the floor of which is laid with Mosaic work, a nice little ringing chamber, the bells running splendidly and the tone beautiful. A touch of Grandsire and two courses of Bob Major, conducted by J. W. Whiting. Leaving Privett they slowly descended a long winding hill and through a hollow with high nut boughs bearing abundance of nuts, the tall pines and beech trees growing on either side. Arriving at Petersfield tea was partaken of at The Old Drum inn, needless to say to which ample justice was done, Mr. Read, of the local band sitting down with them. The tower was visited and 336 Grandsire and a course of Bob Major and 336 Grandsire was rung, conducted by J. W. Whiting. The return journey was enlivened by songs and a poem by Churchwarden Barham was very amusing. The party arrived home about 9.30, each and all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thanks are due to the gentlemen who met them at the different towers; the Vicars for granting permission to ring; and last, but not least, Mr. W. Paine, for making all arrangements.

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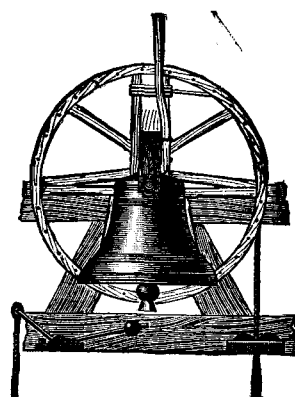
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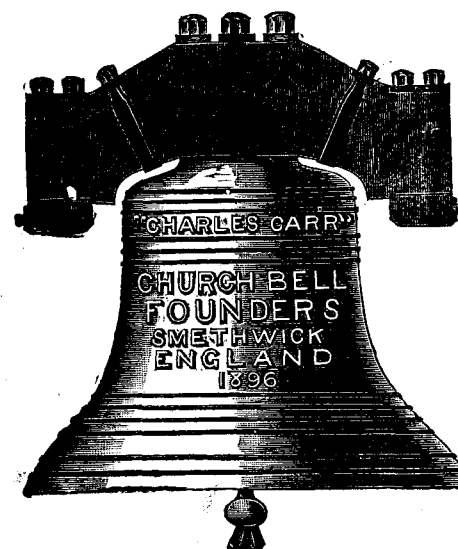
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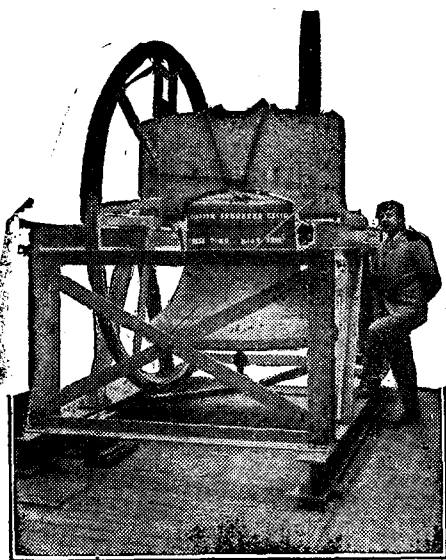
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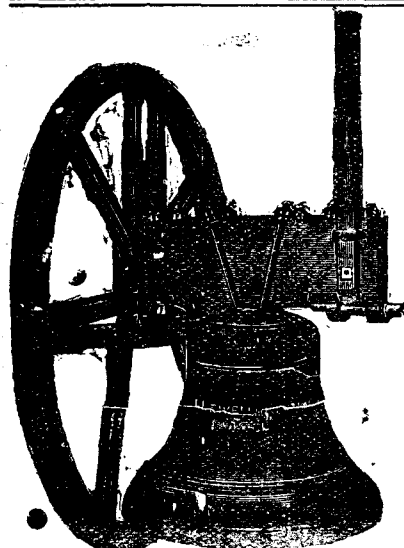
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## DENBY, DERBYSHIRE.

More than three centuries ago a tenor bell was added to the three already hanging in the ancient church of St. Mary the Virgin Denby, this being in memory of Patricke Lowe, a deceased squire; and on Saturday afternoon, October 12th, the parishioners of the village—a place rich in interest to those of an antiquarian turn of mind—were again assembled at the dedication of two new bells, given as a memorial to the late squire, William Drury Nathaniel Drury-Lowe, by the Lady Lucy Drury-Lowe and family.

The whole of the tower has been restored, and a new iron bell-frame fixed sufficiently large for eight bells, the present number being six. The addition of the two new bells, therefore, makes a ring of six, and it is hoped at some future date to make it into eight. The old floor of deal in the belfry, which cut the tower arch and the west window, has been removed, and a new oak floor, from designs by Mr. Oldrid Scott, has been placed on the old corbels about four feet higher than the old floor, so that the beauty of the tower arch and window is now seen.

A portion of the old oak bell-frame (bearing date 1604), the clappers of the ancient bells, the old weathercock, and some old iron candlesticks, have been preserved in the tower chamber, and are of great interest.

The old tenor was a very handsome and richly-ornamented bell. Unfortunately some years ago it was broken, and has just been recast in fac-simile, and in addition to the former inscription and mark, now bears the bell-founders' mark of John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and the words, "Recast 1907." The bell-work has been carried out in its entirety by Messrs. Taylor, in their customary sterling and efficient manner.

At the dedicatory service the ancient church was filled. A company of ringers from Ripley parish church, viz.: Messrs. F. Hill, H. Day, J. Bourne, A. Haslam, W. H. Frost, and H. George, rang after the service Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Plain and Treble Bob Minor, and at 7 p.m. the bells were "turned" in peal. Other ringers who were present and took part in the ringing were the Rev. D. G. Smith, and Messrs. J. Pagett, P. Bowmer, F. Hill, and A. Hutchison. Several ringing visitors were from Horsley, Swanwick, etc.

A great number of influential parishioners were present at the tea held in the schoolroom under the presidency of the Vicar.

## NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.

The five bells at the parish church of Newton St. Cyres were re-opened on Saturday afternoon, the 12th instant. The framework and the fittings had for several years been in a very unsatisfactory condition, and it was impossible to ring the bells with any comfort. A meeting of the parishioners was called and it was decided to canvas for funds for rehanging the bells and making provision for a 6th bell. The committee appointed comprised the Vicar and churchwardens, and a few influential parishioners. Their efforts were well rewarded, and an order was given

to Mr. Stokes, of Woodbury, to do the necessary work. This has been completed in a very satisfactory manner, and includes the provision of a new oak cage (with a pit for a 6th bell), new beams, floors, fittings, and ropes. The expense has been £120. This amount has been raised, and there is also something in hand towards a 6th bell, which will cost about £55, and greatly enhance the ring.

There was a large attendance at an afternoon service. The quaint church presented a bright appearance, having been decorated in readiness for the harvest festival.

A public tea was held in a marquee erected in the vicarage grounds. The proceeds went to the bell fund.

The companies of ringers represented were the Exeter Ringers' Cycling Club, Crediton, Shobrooke, Clyst St. George (which included the Misses L. Start and B. Cross), Alphington, Down St. Mary, and Sandford. All expressed themselves delighted with the go of the bells.

## MIDDLEZOY, SOMERSET.

Middlezoy is a quiet little village with a history, standing as it does in the plain of Sedgmoor. It has a very beautiful old church, standing on a slight eminence overlooking the historical battlefield, and within its walls lie buried the remains of one who fell in the battle of Sedgmoor, as recorded by a brass tablet let into the floor of the aisle. It has a ring of six bells, tenor about 14 cwt., but the 5th was cracked several years ago, and latterly it was found the cage also had become quite unsafe. The Vicar (Rev. Stephen Phillips) and churchwardens determined on recasting the 5th, with a renovation of the cage and fittings. The contract for the whole work was given to Mr. T. Doble, bellhanger, of Taunton, who has carried it out in a thoroughly efficient and satisfactory manner, the tone of the tenor being much improved by proper adjustment of the length and weight of its clapper, and the go of the bells being all that can be desired.

The re-dedication of the bells by the Bishop of Bath and Wells took place in conjunction with the harvest festival on Friday, October 4th, at 3 o'clock p.m., the church having been beautifully and lavishly decorated for the occasion by Mrs. Phillips and other ladies of the parish. The service commenced with the well-known psalm—"All people that on earth do dwell." After the dedication in the usual way the Bishop gave an earnest and able discourse from the words—"Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice!"

A company of ringers from Bridgwater attended, who after ringing the bells congratulated Mr. Doble on the thoroughly successful result of his work.

## THE BELLS OF TWYWELL.

The Bishop of Leicester (Dr. Clayton) visited Twywell on Monday afternoon, October 4th, and performed the ceremony of dedicating the new ring of five bells placed in the church of St. Nicholas. Twywell churchpeople are to

be congratulated on this important acquisition to their parish church. The old oak frame on which the bells formerly hung was in so bad a condition that for several years it had been unsafe to ring all the bells at the same time. Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, examined the structure, and reported that all the fittings were in a very dilapidated condition, and thoroughly worn out. The oak framework was clumsily constructed, and had been much cut away to make room for the bells to swing, while the latter took up much more room than was necessary. The fact that in a comparatively short space of time all the three old bells have been quarter turned, a new treble provided by subscription, a new second generously given by Mr. W. M. Plevins, of Woodford House, and the new ring hung in a modern iron frame, fully demonstrates that the Twywell people appreciate the harmonious music and sympathetic messages of silvery-toned village bells. The total estimated cost has been £225.

During the singing of a hymn a collection was taken for the bell fund, which realised £9 towards the £15 required. The service closed with the recession hymn "When morning gilds the skies."

#### COBHAM, KENT.

The village of Cobham, near Gravesend, was the scene of great festivities, decorations, and gaiety on Friday, October 11th, when Lord Clifton, Lord Darnley's eldest son, came of age. In the afternoon a large gathering of those living in the vicinity were entertained at Cobham Hall, Lord Darnley's seat; and the whole of the village looked gay with flowers and bunting, in honour of the event; whilst on the following day the tenants and employees on the estate were guests at a sumptuous spread and entertainment, with fireworks to end up with.

On the first day of the festivities the ringers had a busy time: for Cobham church had till quite recently a ring of five bells (tenor 15 cwt. in F.), which were in need of repair. The matter was taken up, with the result that sundry repairs were done to the frame, the two biggest bells rehung with all new fittings and quarter-turned, and a new treble bell added. And this was finished in time for the peal to send forth their birthday greeting on the above date. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, had been entrusted with the work; and the ringers were well pleased with the way they have carried it out. The new treble is tuned on modern lines, and greatly enhances the musical effect of the peal.

Ringings took place at intervals during the day, in the form of Doubles and Minor; whilst some sixteen hungry members of the Exercise sat down to an excellent lunch at The Red Lion at one o'clock, at the close of which, Mr. Cyril Johnston, who had come over from Croydon with some of the employees of the Bell Foundry to assist in the ringing, in a few words proposed the health of Lord Clifton, which was heartily drunk.

The first 720 on the bells (being a 720 of Bob Minor), was rung by—Geo. Mungeam, 1; C. Waterman (conductor); 2; C. H. Scriven, 3; T. Colburn, 4; C. F. Johnston, 5; L. H. Taylor, 6.

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#### ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

After standing idle since the building of the parish church, the fine new ring of bells, tenor 27 cwt., from the Loughborough foundry, have at last pealed forth, the old organ and the position of the clock, which have undergone alterations, having been the cause of this long delay. On the invitation of the churchwardens, the ringers of St. Mary-without-the-Walls, Chester, visited the church on Wednesday evening week, and rang as the opening touch a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 55 mins. J. Tomlinson, J. Sconce, A. Wilcock, C. Sconce, H. Dew, E. Smith, E. Channell, 7, W. Sconce (conductor). The composition of the quarter-peal is the production of one of the villagers, Mr. Charles Price, who was, to the regret of all, unable to be present, being in the Chester infirmary undergoing an operation.

On Wednesday evening, October 16th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at the parish church of St. Mary the Virgin, 364 Grandsire Triples. G. Jones, R. Sperring, E. H. Lewis, R. Huxley, J. V. Wright, H. W. Wilde conductor, W. Thomas, J. Morgan. This is the first touch of Grandsire Triples on the bells, and the first time these bells have been rung for service.

#### DEATH OF MR. A. GRIST, OF BOURNEMOUTH.

The death took place on a recent Friday, at his residence in Stewart Road, Malmesbury Park, at the age of seventy-three years, of the above-named ringer, a well-known and respected resident of the district. He was an enthusiastic ringer, and for a great many years occupied the position of captain of the St. Peter's bellringers. He also took a great interest in friendly societies, being a member and one of the trustees of the Cranborne Lodge of Oddfellows, M.U., and some years ago he held the important office of Grand Master of the Poole District, which embraces a large part of the west of England, which office is now held by Mr. Walter Bennett, of the Loyal Bourne Lodge. Mr. Grist, who, like many another resident of Bournemouth, was a Dorsetshire man, came to Bournemouth from Cranborne a good many years ago. He was a warm supporter of the Established Church, and for several years served on the committee of the Bournemouth East Conservative Club, which services were recognised a few years ago by the presentation of the Distinguished Service Medal of the National Association. The funeral took place at Cranborne on Monday.

At St. Peter's church on Sunday, October 13th, the bells were chimed for morning service, and for evensong two touches of Stedman Triples were rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a mark of respect to the late captain. The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, of Canterbury Cathedral, being on a visit to Bournemouth, kindly took a rope. The late Mr. Grist had rung several peals of Grandsire in Bournemouth and District, always ringing the treble, and never taking a bob bell, except in a few short touches.



## SHEFFIELDERS AT BIRMINGHAM.

The annual excursion of the St. Peter's (parish church) company of Sheffield took place on Saturday, September 21st, to Birmingham, in response to a pressing invitation from the St. Martin's Guild, subsequent to their visit to Sheffield for a peal of Stedman Cinques last year.

Meeting at the Midland station at 2.0 p.m., the party was augmented by other brother-strings in Sheffield, and Messrs. F. Woodhead and F. Renton from Leeds. A start (somewhat late) was made at 2.40 p.m., the whole party, numbering thirty persons, including several wives, being safely ensconced in reserved carriages. Travelling by way of Chesterfield, Derby, and Burton, the sight of whose towers recalled many notable performances, our destination was reached at 5.30 p.m., after a pleasant and interesting journey.

On arrival at New Street station, Birmingham, we were met by a few of our esteemed Birmingham friends, who, after giving us a formal welcome and a hearty handshake all round, escorted us without delay to the parish church of St. Martin. We had not got far from the bustle of the busy railway station, before we were conscious that the remainder of our friends were endeavouring to make our welcome the more sincere, by ringing us into the city to the tune of Stedman Cinques, which honour was greatly appreciated, as it gave the whole party an opportunity of hearing this famous peal from the outside.

Arriving at the church, we found a large assembly of ringers to bid us further welcome, but beyond the conventional handshake we made our way up to the ringing-chamber, as time was precious, and the real thing was to come on later in the evening.

An attempt for a touch of Stedman Cinques unfortunately came to grief near its completion, but we were more successful with Kent Treble Bob Maximus.

After paying a deserving compliment to the go of the bells, the peal-boards next claimed our attention, and of which Mr. Walker was good enough to explain the history, the last addition being a splendid tablet erected to the memory of the late Mr. W. Wakley.

From here we should have gone to St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, where the bells had been kindly placed at our disposal, but as it was now close on the time appointed for refreshment, this was perforce reluctantly abandoned.

Gathering up the ladies, we were escorted to The White Swan hotel, Edmund Street, where the whole combined parties now numbering about one hundred, sat down to an excellent repast, most generously provided by our Birmingham friends. Here, let it be said, was substantial proof of the good friendship that exists between the ringers of the two cities, and we realised that no effort had been spared in endeavouring to make our visit as pleasant and successful as possible.

On the tables being cleared, the remainder of the evening was devoted to friendly intercourse and harmony, under the chairmanship of Mr. S. Reeves, vice-President of the St. Martin's Guild. Mr. H. Withers opened the harmony with an excellent rendering of "The Holy City" on the dulcimer.

The Chairman, in the name of The St. Martin's Guild, bade us welcome to the city of Birmingham, and uttered a hope that it would not by any means be the last time we would favour them with our company.

Mr. J. T. Rew in reply thanked them one and all for their warm reception, and the generous hospitality that had been bestowed upon us, and he felt certain that he had the support of every Sheffield ringer when he said

that every endeavour to return the compliment would be made on their proposed revisit to Sheffield, which he understood was in contemplation by the Guild for the near future.

Mr. F. Woodhead, of Leeds, said he could not let the opportunity pass without saying how pleased he was to be present on this occasion, and although several visits had been paid to their city by the Sheffielders, they had not as yet been favoured with one by the Birmingham ringers, and if the distance was not too great, they could rely on the bells almost at any time, and a hearty welcome from himself and colleagues whenever they felt disposed to pay them one.

Songs were given by Messrs. Walker, Rew, Chown, Renton, etc., and a recitation by Mr. J. Thorpe, while tunes and changes on the handbells were given by representatives of both cities.

Mr. W. H. Godden (Hon. Sec. to the St. Martin's Guild) in an excellent speech paid a tribute to the good feeling that always existed between the ringers of Birmingham and Sheffield; to which Mr. Sam Thomas suitably replied.

More songs and tunes filled up the remainder of the time at our disposal, but special mention, however, must be made of the clever performances of Mr. H. Withers, who gave tunes and touches of Double Norwich, Treble Twelve, etc., on the dulcimer in first class style, and whose talent in this direction seems well-nigh endless.

It was with reluctance that at 11.0 p.m. we were compelled to forsake our comfortable quarters, but as all good things must eventually come to an end, the proceedings were brought to a close with the joining of hands during the singing of "Auld lang syne," and the National Anthem.

After a good-bye all round, we made our way to the station, accompanied by a large number of our friends to wish us good speed and a safe journey, which commenced at 11.30 p.m., Sheffield being reached in the small wee hours of the morn.

Our special thanks are offered to Messrs. A. Walker, W. H. Godden, etc., and all who contributed towards our welfare. The visit was most successful in every way, and one that will be deeply impressed on the minds, and to be ever remembered by the visitors.

S. F. P.

## WOLVERHAMPTON.

A new peal-tablet recording two peals, has just been erected in St. Luke's belfry, Wolverhampton. No. 1 records a peal of Grandsire Triples in which the conductor—J. E. Groves—rung two bells (3-4), on August 20th, 1904, and was the first time two church bells were rang to a complete peal in Great Britain. No. 2 records a peal of Grandsire Triples, and was the first peal rung by the St. Luke's ringers. The tablet is a credit to the maker, Mr. J. Hunt, of Guildford.

SAWSTON (Cambs).—On Monday, September 30th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. E. Freestone first 720, P. Webb, F. Bowtell, H. G. Welham, A. Bowell conductor, J. Webb, F. Matthews, G. Reed.

EARL SOHAM.—On Sunday, October 6th, 360 Plain Bob. E. Beecroft, W. G. Crickmer conductor, B. Buckle, J. Hall, J. Mallett, G. Balls.

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## ALDBOURNE, WILTS.

It is generally known, and more especially in the immediate locality, that in the olden days a flourishing bell foundry existed at Aldbourne.

In the year 1700 William and Robert Carr carried on a business in the village, for we find in the tower of the parish church two of their castings dated 1703 and 1709, and later, in 1787, Robert Wells, their successor, founded the treble and second. The former was a gift from him. When visiting churches during the past twenty years or so a record has been kept of instances where Aldbourne bells are found.

In addition to those mentioned in the "home" tower there are six at Northleach by the firm of Carr. These were cast in 1700; the tenor is 19 cwt. Then at Lyminster five of the peal of eight came from the moulds of Robert Wells in 1785, and the tenor at Farrington is by the same founder, cast in 1778. By the way, this was the year the old Aldbourne fire engines were purchased, and in 1803 the son James put in the seventh bell.

In the cathedral tower of Winchester is to be found three Aldbourne castings, one by Robert Wells in 1772, and two by James dated respectively 1804 and 1814, and they form the 3rd, 6th, and 8th of the peal of ten. In 1797 both names were put on the castings, for on the 4th bell at Hook Norton we find "Robt. and James Wells." The tenor of the peal here is a very fine bell by Robert Wells, 1788, weighing just one ton, and is exactly four feet in diameter. Three years prior to this he had put in the two trebles at Woodstock. In 1808 James Wells cast the 7th at Melksham, and it is a very fine bell. The 9th in the peal of ten at High Wycombe is from the foundry of Robert Wells, also the 7th and tenor at St. Mary's, Calne. The latter is four feet two inches in diameter, and weighs one ton and a half cwt., and dated 1783.

The 7th at Frome Selwood is a nearly similar casting, but bears date 1792, and like the bell at Hook Norton it has both names in relief on it. In the year 1800 James Wells cast the first seven bells at St. James's, Trowbridge. These vary in weight from six to ten hundredweight, and three years later he put in the entire octave at St. Nicholas, Newbury, and which has an especially fine tenor, turning the scale at 22½ cwt.

At the old-world village of Hagbourne, near Didcot, three of the peal—the treble, 2nd and tenor—are from the Aldbourne foundry. The two smaller ones bear the date of 1770, and the tenor 1781. In the latter instance the style of the firm is on the casting as "Robt. Wells and Son." A curious feature about the date on this fine bell, which is four feet and one inch in diameter, is the D of the Roman numerals is placed on the casting backwards, thus: FEGIT—MDCCLXXXI. Then to come near "home" we find at Bishopstone there hung—until the destruction of the interior of the tower by fire on Good Friday, 1891—two bells by "Robt. and James Wells" cast in 1796, and at Lambourne the fine treble is one from "James's" foundry in 1804, and again at the little village of Aldworth there is one by "Robt. and James," 1793.

## ICKLETON, CAMBS.

After being silent for three years the six fine-toned bells of this church have been rehung with all the latest improvements by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, who has quarter-turned and rehung them with steel headstocks, new wheels, and bearings, all being done in a satisfactory manner.

On Wednesday evening, October 2nd, to test the bells a 720 of Bob Minor was rung by F. Bowtell, E. Webb, P. Webb, H. G. Welham, J. Webb, A. Bowell (conductor). As the church is at present under restoration, it is expected the formal opening will not take place for a few weeks.

## 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."*

## ARE "POINTS" JUSTIFIABLE?

SIR,—The recent peal of Bristol Surprise rang upon handbells in St. Edward's belfry, Romford, leads me to raise the above question. Permit me to say first that I congratulate the band upon their achievement, and hold no brief for anyone. To me a peal upon tower bells should not be classed with sport of any kind. They who cannot practise the science without peal-ringing should have a higher and more noble object than that of football, golf or any other athletic profession. With our Church Reform the day has come when ringers should endeavour to stand upon a higher footing. My chief reason however in raising the question is the injustice of the whole thing, some Associations failing to get their proper share of points, while others get more than their share. For example. The band who rang the peal before mentioned are all members of the Essex Association; the peal was rang in an Essex tower affiliated to the Association from the day on which it was founded, rang upon handbells belonging to the tower in which the band has practised for months—even years. But the peal, like that of the first peal of London Surprise, is credited to another Association, which consequently gets the credit of the points. Is it not time that "points" for peals were abolished.

B. KEEBLE.

## SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

SIR,—With reference to the footnote to Mr. John Carter's peals given in your last issue, that they are supposed to be the first published with these qualities, I beg to remind your readers that peals with these qualities are given in a collection by the immortal Jasper W. Snowdon, published by him in "THE BELL NEWS" in 1885, composed by John Thorp, W. Sottanstill, and N. J. Pitstow; one peal by the latter composer being a 5024, the first in this method in this number of changes, and which was called by my late friend William Wakley. TENOR BELL.

Burton-on-Trent, October 19, 1907.

## FALSE PEALS.

SIR,—The figures of one peal, 5472 Bob Major, published in last week's "BELL NEWS" is false. I much regret the oversight.

MORRIS J. MORRIS.

Two distinguished composers write to say that the peal of London Surprise by T. Teasdale, published last week, is false.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637).—The annual dinner will be held on November 2nd. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on October 31st; St. Paul's Cathedral on November 5th (election of officers); St. John-at-Hackney on November 5th and 19th; St. John, South Hackney, on November 4th and 18th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on November 7th; St. Magnus on November 14th; all at 8 p.m.

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

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Shipbourne to-day, Sat., October 26th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided (free) at 5.30, followed by business meeting.

W. LATTEY, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
26, Duker Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Portsmouth District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Portsea to-day, Sat., October 26th. Bells available at 2.30. A short service at the parish church at 5.45. Tea at the Parish Institute at 6.15. Meeting after.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James's church, Waterfoot, to-day, Sat., October 26th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 6.30.

Z. LORD, *Branch Sec.*

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The members of this society will hold their next quarterly meeting this Saturday afternoon, October 26th, at the church of St. Peter, Swinton. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers cordially invited.

CHAS. BOWER, *Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at S. Peter's church, Burnley, to-day, Sat., October 26th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5. The Bishop of Burnley has kindly consented to preside. The bells of Holy Trinity church will also be available till 4.30 p.m.

J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Frome and Midsomer Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Leigh-on-Mendip to-day, Sat., October 26th. Bells available from noon. Tea and business at 4.45. Evensong at 6.

I. B. HOLMYARD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—Northern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Hitchin to-day, Sat., October 26th. The tower will be open from 3 o'clock.

J. F. FOSTER, *Dis. Sec.*

82, Grove Road, Hitchin.

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Holbeck to-day, Sat., October 26th. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in Parochial Room (rear of church), at 7.30 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Asso-

ciation.—Annual Festival at Durham, October 28th. Service in the Cathedral at 1 p.m. Dinner at The Three Tuns at 2 p.m. Annual meeting afterwards. St. Oswald's bells (6, tenor 16 cwt.), and St. Nicholas (6, tenor 9 cwt.), open to 9 p.m. The Cathedral bells (8, tenor 30 cwt.), open from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

ARTHUR M. C. FIELD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Shore, near Littleborough, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. All ringers welcome. A good attendance requested.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

**Central Northamptonshire Association.**—Northampton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Grendon on Saturday, November 2nd. Tea at 4.30. All intending to be present let me know by October 28th.

F. WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

55, Lutterworth Road.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells at 4. Tea at 5.30. Service at 7 p.m. Members who intend to be present at tea must give notice to Mr. S. Churton, 24, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Wednesday, October 30th.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shipley on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Members intending to be present please inform me by first post on Wednesday morning, October 30th.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, November 16th. The Cathedral belfry will be opened at 2 o'clock. Evensong in the choir of the Cathedral at 4 o'clock. Tea at Dumper's, Jewry Street restaurant at 5.15. Meeting immediately after the tea.

JAS. W. ELKINS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637).—The annual dinner will be held at The Champion hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 2nd, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. Bayley, Buckingham, Burden, E. A. Davies, Garrard, Golding, Harman, Horrex, Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, O'Meara, Newton, Peck, Pettit, Price, Prime, Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, Taffender, Winney, Wood, or

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Tickets will be taken at the doors.

The towers of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, will be open for ringing from 4 to 6 p.m.

**CHANGES OF ADDRESS.**—F. G. Burleigh has removed to 142, Highfield Road, Saltley, Birmingham.—The address of Herbert Haigh is now 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.—The future address of F. Bennett will be 3 Margaret Terrace, Harts' Lane, New Cross.

Mr. W. H. Lawrence desires to sincerely thank the many friends for congratulations kindly sent upon his ringing the double-handed peal of Minor.

## TWO PEALS OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

5056.

23456	M	B	W	H
54632	-	-	-	-
35642	-	-	-	-
64352	-	-	-	-
36452	-	-	-	-
24653	-	-	-	-
62453	-	-	-	-
46253	-	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-	-
43652	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-	-

5056.

23456	M	B	W	H
64352	-	-	-	-
36452	-	-	-	-
24653	-	-	-	-
62453	-	-	-	-
46253	-	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-	-
43652	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-
45226	-	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-	-

In these peals the 5th and 6th have their extent at home.

\*\* The bobs before were accidentally omitted in the two peals in last week's issue. They should have been marked in the second course thus -, in front of the course-ends.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1907.

**"THE BELLS OF SHANDON."**

The above is the title of a poem well-known to many ringers. Shandon is situate in Ireland, and the bells are famed on account of the lines written upon them by Father Prout, with the refrain—

The bells of Shandon,  
They sound so grand on,  
The splendid waters of the River Lea.

Or something like it. But there are real bells at Shandon—neither the place or the bells are myths, as has been supposed by many, for the following letter has just appeared in a London daily paper:—

"SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to appeal to your readers—many of whom have heard this famous peal of bells—to subscribe towards the recasting of the large tenor bell (weighing over 25 cwt.), which has been recently cracked? The peal of bells was originally cast by Messrs. Rudhall, of Gloucester, in the year 1750, and it is supposed to have the bell recast by their successors, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London. The estimated cost of the recasting and quarter-turning the other bells is £129.

I should not think of making this appeal were it not that the historic church in which these bells are hung is situated in a very poor district—though my parishioners will, I have no doubt, do their part. All subscriptions will be thankfully received by the hon. treasurer, Mr. William Wiley, 16, Audley Place, Cork, or by myself, and acknowledged in your paper.—I am, yours faithfully, ROBERT T. HEARN, Incumbent of St. Anne, Shandon, Cork."

#### SALOP ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.

The annual meeting was held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, October 5th. Ringing commenced at 3.30 at St. Chad's, where touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters and Bob Major, and a course of Stedman Caters were rung. At 4.30 the business meeting was held in St Chad's vestry. There were present the Archdeacon of Salop, the Rev. J. Mackay (hon. sec.), and Rev. R. Arkwright.

After the Secretary had read the minutes of the last meeting, and also his annual report, Mr. Bradney produced the new peal-book which he had purchased on behalf of the society. This was highly approved of by the members, and some discussion arose as to the booking of peals rung by the society, and eventually a small committee was chosen for the matter, and the following were elected: Messrs. E. H. Lewis, G. Byolin, and J. Bradney.

At 5.30 the ringers adjourned for tea kindly provided by the Shrewsbury ringers, to which about twenty-seven sat down. This over, some of the members availed themselves of permission which had been obtained to ring at St. Mary's. It was thought a great shame that this was the only opportunity throughout the year of hearing this fine ring of ten.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The autumn quarterly meeting was held at Woburn on Saturday, October 5th, and although not largely attended, some excellent touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative were rung. Members were present from Aspley Guise, Bedford, Husborne Crawley, Luton, St. Stephen's (Westminster), and Woburn, most of whom sat down to an excellent tea, provided at Mrs. Phillimore's Coffee Room, Mr. C. Hunt presiding. One new member from Luton was elected.

#### ANSWER TO CHANGE-RINGER.

(BY A TRAVELLER.)

There are several peals of eight in Sydney, Australia, and several of six. There is a change-ringing band at one peal of six, and at one eight-bell, viz., St. Mary's Cathedral.

They are a ripping lot of fellows out there, and if you go you will get a hearty welcome. Mr. J. Meagher, The Presbytery, St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, would put you in touch with local ringers if you write. There are several peals of eight and six scattered about Australia, and some change-ringing.

St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, and St. Patrick's, Melbourne, have change-ringing bands, and a peal of eight each. They can ring Stedman in Melbourne too.

Hobart (Tasmania), has, I believe, a peal of eight.

Christchurch (New Zealand), has a peal of ten, and some change-ringing, and I think there are peals besides, but personally never had any experience of latter country.

#### The Metropolis.

##### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 19, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN.

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

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 5.
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SAMUEL E. JOYCE .. 4.	HUGH HILLS .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

This peal was lost on St. Matthew's Day, the eve of Mr. Wood's 81st birthday, after ringing 2 hrs., owing to a change-course.

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

On Saturday, October 19, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

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Conducted by ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Wilkins, R. Maynard, jun., and F. C. Maynard. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

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##### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

R. H. HOWLAND .. Treble.	JOSHUA WOODHEAD .. 5.
ALBERT S. MITCHELL* .. 2.	HENRY LINDSAY .. 6.
WALTER WOOD .. 3.	JAMES A. TEALE .. 7.
PERCY J. JOHNSON .. 4.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by PERCY JOHNSON.

\*First peal.

##### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

##### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 14, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COAT BOB MAJOR,  
5084 CHANGES. Tenor 6½ cwt. in C.

HARRY WHITTLE .. Treble.	JOHN W. TAYLOR .. 5.
RICHARD LANE .. 2.	REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 6.
JOHN SMITH .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. 7.
EDWARD READER .. 4.	HORACE J. ABBOT .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

##### WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.

##### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 15, 1907, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 9 cwt.

G. SKINNER .. Treble.	C. STREET .. 4.
H. TULETT .. 2.	C. GOLDRING .. 5.
H. PARSONS† .. 3.	*F. CHIPPER .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. GOLDRING.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Parsons.

## SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 16, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HENRY STALHAM .. .. Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 5.
JOHN T. RICKMAN .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 6.
ERNEST GOWER .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. .. 4.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

## BIRMINGHAM.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, October 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At St. Chad's (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5184 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

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

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

This is the first peal of London Surprise Major ever rang in the city of Birmingham.

## PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 17, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

B. MOODY* .. .. Treble.	J. FRYER .. .. 5.
W. BROOK .. .. 2.	J. JACKSON .. .. 6.
A. WALKER .. .. 3.	T. M. BARKER .. .. 7.
J. PRASE* .. .. 4.	W. PEARSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. M. BARKER.

\*First peal in the method.

## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 18, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At Christ Church,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST GOWER .. .. Treble.	FRANK MEDHURST .. .. 5.
WALTER ALCOCK* .. .. 2.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. .. 6.
GEORGE PENFOLD .. .. 3.	GEORGE WATSON .. .. 7.
FRANCIS A. KENNETT .. .. 4.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal of Major. Arranged as a birthday compliment to F. A. Kennett.

## TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Gwendoline,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM PRITCHARD .. .. Treble.	*JOHN HAMMOND .. .. 4.
ARTHUR J. GRIFFITHS .. .. 2.	LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. .. 3.	HENRY HARRISON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. D. L. Davies (Vicar), and Mrs. Davies; also to W. D. Griffiths. \*First peal.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1907, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

HENRY STALHAM .. .. Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. .. 5.
ALBERT D. STONE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM C. HART .. .. 3.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

## DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

PERCY JOHNSON .. .. Treble.	JOHN FRYER .. .. 5.
THOMAS B. KENDALL .. .. 2.	FRANCIS BARKER .. .. 6.
JOSEPH JESSOP* .. .. 3.	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE .. .. 7.
THOS. M. BARKER .. .. 4.	MICHAEL KILLORAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE.

\*First peal. The figures of this composition will be found on another page.

## WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDGAR WHITTINGHAM* .. Treble.	†WILLIAM J. PAICE .. .. 5.
FRANK LUSH .. .. 2.	SAMUEL C. ADAMS .. .. 6.
SAMUEL PAICE† .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HOULTON .. .. 7.
JOSEPH RICHARDSON .. .. 4.	ALBERT HILL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

\*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire with a bob bell. †First peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the tenor, who celebrated the twenty-third anniversary of his wedding on the above date.

## HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At Christ Church, BLACKLANDS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS A. KENNETT .. .. 5.
WALTER ALCOCK .. .. 2.	ERNEST GOWER .. .. 6.
GEORGE H. HOWSE .. .. 3.	GEORGE WATSON .. .. 7.
GEORGE PENFOLD .. .. 4.	FREDK. W. RICHARDSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

## ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 19, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Treble.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 5.
REV. A. T. BRESTON .. .. 2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 6.
THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 3.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 4.	SAM THOMAS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.  
First peal of Surprise on the bells.



## WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1907, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALFRED WHIGHT .. .. Treble.	† THOMAS C. GOZZETT .. 5.
ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. 2.	FREDERICK GILL .. .. 6.
THOMAS LINCOLN .. .. 3.	* ALFRED GOZZETT .. .. 7.
GEORGE WATERMAN .. .. 4.	HENRY F. COOPER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

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

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

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH)

On Saturday, October 19, 1907, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN MONK.. .. Treble.	LEONARD FIDLER .. .. 5.
ALBERT BROOKS .. .. 2.	THOMAS BULL .. .. 6.
FREDERICK POUNDS .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY BROOKS .. .. 4.	JOHN RICHARDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Depnty-Master of the Guild, and curate of Witney, on his return home after undergoing an operation.

## CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5027 CHANGES

Tenor 11 cwt.

WALTER S. BROCKHURST.. Treble.	FREDERICK BENNETT .. 5.
ALFRED H. PULLING.. .. 2.	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT .. 6.
THOMAS BURDOCK .. .. 3.	HERBERT J. ELLIS .. .. 7.
THOMAS MACK .. .. 4.	THOMAS ATTWELL .. .. Tenor.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. Attwell.

## HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM PAGE .. .. Treble.	ALFRED MOORE.. .. 5.
JOHN MORRIS .. .. 2.	J. R. NEWMAN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM C. JONES .. .. 3.	GORDON CHECKETTS.. .. 7.
OLIVER JAMES .. .. 4.	* JOHN GUEST .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. R. NEWMAN.

\* First peal. This is the quarterly peal for this Association.

## RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1907, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6144 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY ENTWISTLE .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL CORNISH .. .. 5.
TOM REDMAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM MALLINSON .. 6.
EDWIN TIMBRELL .. .. 3.	THOMAS MOUNCEY .. .. 7.
WM. T. H. TIMBRELL .. 4.	RENNIE HARTLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL, and Conducted by RENNIE HARTLEY.

First peal in the method, and the longest on the bells.

## WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CIRENCESTER BRANCH)

On Saturday, October 19, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JAMES TAZWELL* .. .. Treble.	OWEN W. LAYNG .. .. 5.
CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 2.	THOMAS RICKETTS .. .. 6.
LOUIS A. WILSON .. .. 3.	THOMAS ROBINSON .. .. 7.
ROBERT W. HYNTER .. .. 4.	HENRY HATTON.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS RICKETTS.

\* First peal on eight bells.

## HORLEY, SURREY.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 20, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

ALFRED ETHERIDGE .. .. Treble.	ALBERT SONGHURST .. .. 5.
STEPHEN KENWARD .. .. 2.	JOHN SHERLOCK.. .. 6.
PETER ETHERIDGE .. .. 3.	NORMAN C. WAKEFIELD.. 7.
GEORGE F. HOAD .. .. 4.	J. WILLIAM POOLEY.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

## SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, October 20, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 249 each of London Treble Bob, New London Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, Violet, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, and College Exercise.

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE CHEESMAN .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR LINTOTT .. .. 4.
JOHN AKKHURST .. .. 2.	FREDK. R. TULLETT, JUN. 5.
ARTHUR W. TULLETT .. 3.	FREDK. R. TULLETT, SEN. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK R. TULLETT, SEN.

## HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 20, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT.. .. Treble.	JAMES REYNOLDS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. .. 2.	GORDON CHECKETTS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM PAGE .. .. 3.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 7.
JOHN BASS .. .. 4.	ALBERT THOMASON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

## BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 21, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN OVERTON .. .. Treble.	BERTRAM HEAD.. .. 5.
JOHN E. OVERTON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
JOHN ELCOCK .. .. 3.	HORACE W. OVERTON .. 7.
WILFRED OVERTON .. .. 4.	HARRY JONES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Rung in honour of Trafalgar Day, and as a birthday compliment to the son of C. H. Deighton, Esq. (churchwarden).

**Date Touches.****THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

PENARTH.—On Sunday, October 20th, for evening service, a date touch of 1907 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 5 mins. J. Jones, F. Bartlett, D. Thomas conductor, A. Jones, S. Dawe, J. Clutterbuck. Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Dawe, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

**Miscellaneous.****GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

SWINDON (Wilts).—On Tuesday, August 20th, for practice at the parish church, 462 Grandsire Triples. T. Lawrence, A. Lawrence conductor, R. W. Hyner, W. Apperley, T. Ricketts, T. Robinson, C. J. Gardiner, J. Brewer. On Sunday, September 8th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. A. Lawrence, T. Ricketts, R. W. Hyner, H. W. L. Wells, T. Robinson, O. Norman, C. J. Gardiner conductor, A. W. Harrington. On Sunday, September 29th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. A. Lawrence, T. Robinson, R. W. Hyner, S. Palmer, L. A. Wilson, O. Norman, C. J. Gardiner conductor, A. W. Harrington. For evening service 462 Grandsire Triples. A. Lawrence conductor, O. W. Layng, R. W. Hyner, C. J. Gardiner, A. Knight, O. Norman, T. Robinson, A. W. Harrington.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday, August 4th, for Divine Service, 1024 London Surprise Major. G. T. Potter, J. Scott, G. W. Dix, R. M. Hogg, E. Hern, T. Hogg, J. Hern, T. Teasdale conductor. On Sunday, September 15th, for Divine Service, 1008 Stedman Triples, conducted by J. T. Hogg. On Sunday, October 6th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 1080 Stedman Caters. J. Hern, J. Scott, A. Tally, R. M. Hogg, E. Hern, T. Teasdale conductor, J. T. Hogg, G. T. Potter, G. Dix, E. E. Ferry.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Saturday, September 28th, at the parish church, 404 Stedman Caters. G. J. Clarkson, J. Keen, J. Hall, J. Rowell, A. Holmes, J. Foreman, T. Metcalfe, A. Hillier, R. Richards conductor, R. Greenwood. A course of Bob Major, J. Kemp ringing the treble.

SALTBURN (Yorks).—Recently, at the parish church, 216 and 504 Stedman Triples, 576 and 288 Kent Treble Bob Major, 240 Bob Major, and a course of Double Norwich. J. Hall, J. Rowell, A. Holmes, J. Foreman, T. Metcalfe, A. Hillier, R. Richards, J. Kemp, J. Keen conductor.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

FARNHAM (Essex).—On Sunday, September 29th, five members of the Stansted company paid a visit to this place and rang at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor. H. J. Tucker, R. J. Milton, G. Jordan, J. Luckea, T. J. Watts conductor. After service 216 Bob Minor. G. Jordan, J. Gardiner, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. White, W. Watts conductor.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, September 25th, for practice, 720 Double Court Bob Major. A. Jordan, J. Luckey, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, September 26th, for morning service, 384 Cambridge Surprise Major. G. Gray, H. Little, G. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, October 6th, for morning service on the occasion of Harvest Festival, 756 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, H. Little, T. Jordan, J. Luckey, G. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. For afternoon service 384 Cambridge Surprise. G. Gray, H. Little, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, October 13th, for morning service, 408 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, H. Little, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, G. Jordan, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

ISLEWORTH.—On Friday, September 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Ransome, W. Lidbetter, C. Dell, J. Merrick, F. G. Goddard, T. Beadle, G. Spencer, W. Ransom first quarter-peal. Rung as a farewell compliment to W. Lidbetter.

FELTHAM.—On Monday, September 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Howse, G. Ransome conductor, J. Merrick, T. Beadle, F. Rice, F. Goddard, G. Spencer, W. Wheatland. Rung on the occasion of a visit of F. Rice, of Crawley.

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

ASHTED (Surrey).—On Saturday, September 6th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Shepherd conductor, A. Shepherd, A. Winch, J. Hoyle, W. H. Corbett, G. Edser, jun., F. Shepherd, J. Merrick. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Sunday evening, September 29th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. F. Collett, E. Butler, E. Napper, J. Napper, T. East conductor, M. Caudwell, J. Butler, W. Woodley. On Tuesday, October 9th, for practice, 504 in the same method. F. James, T. East conductor, W. Grace, J. Napper, E. Butler, J. Butler, H. Woodley, W. Warwick.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

LEICESTER.—On Saturday, October 19th, at St. Martin's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 57 mins. G. Cleal, L. Allen, G. Burrows, F. Dexter composer and conductor, J. O. Lancashire, J. Buttery, S. Cotton, J. S. Needham, A. Martin, T. Taylor. And 611 Stedman Caters, standing as before, conducted by J. O. Lancashire. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Lady Wood, wife of Sir Edward Wood, Mayor of Leicester, who was interred in Leicester cemetery that day.

**THE SALOP GUILD.**

LLANBADARN (North Wales).—On Monday September 16th, after an attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1280 changes. P. Baker, Miss M. Gilbanks, T. Horton, J. Carter conductor, W. H. Godden, G. Hancox, J. Bradney, J. E. Groves. This is the first quarter-peal in which a lady has taken part in in Wales. Miss Gilbanks was proposed a member of the Guild previous to starting.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, September 15th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Edward's church, 720 Double Court Bob Minor. G. Roughton, H. Catterwell, G. R. Pye conductor, H. F. Dawkins, E. Pye, W. Watson. On Thursday, September 19th, for Harvest Festival, 1008 Grandsire Triples. R. Vyse, T. E. Loosemore, H. Catterwell, G. Roughton, W. Woodgate, H. F. Dawkins conductor, W. Watson, A. Sorrell. On Sunday, September 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. E. Pye, T. E. Loosemore, R. Pye, G. Roughton, A. J. Carter, H. F. Dawkins conductor, H. Catterwell, W. Watson.

WOLLASTON.—On September 28th, at St. James's church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. J. Lewis, Miss M. Gillbanks, R. Matthews conductor, A. Dakin, W. J. Bretherton, J. Bass. 144 Kent Treble Bob. A. Dakin, Miss M. Gillbanks, R. Matthews conductor, W. J. Bretherton, J. Lewis, J. Bass. On September 30th, for Harvest Festival, 300 Plain Bob. J. Parsons, Miss M. Gillbanks, T. Parsons, R. Matthews conductor, W. J. Bretherton, J. Lewis. 240 Kent. J. Parsons, Miss M. Gillbanks, R. Matthews conductor, W. J. Bretherton, J. Lewis, J. Bass.

WRINGTON (Somerset).—On Sunday, September 29th, after evening service, 360 Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Benjamin Rond, who had been a ringer at Wrington for fifty years, and passed away during the afternoon, aged 81. F. Nipper conductor, S. T. Chalk, E. Andon, W. Perry, J. H. B. Hesse, J. Lane, G. Perry. Tenor 38 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

[The following composition, which may be termed an irregular 20-part peal, embraces the 357 leads before a Single is called. First rung at St. Paul's, Drighlington, Yorks., conducted by its author.]

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By J. W. MOORHOUSE, Wakefield.

5040.

234567

752634	1
347265	2
763452	3
247563	1
632754	2
256347	3
472635	2
354267	2
543267	4

725643	1
437562	2
764325	3
537264	1
645723	2
526437	3
265437	4

A

A thrice repeated produces—

326547

753246	1
267345	2
742653	3
367542	1
428756	2
674523	1
426735	3
354672	2
543672	4
725364	2
567243	3

325467	1
563274	3
425763	1
254763	4
632475	2
326475	4
753642	2
347526	3
653247	1

B

B thrice repeated produces—

542637	
375264	2
423675	1
234675	4
752463	2
267534	3
452367	1

Call B four times produces—

235647

542376	3
635742	1
356742	4
273546	1
562347	2

Calling A four times and adding B block at end completes the peal.

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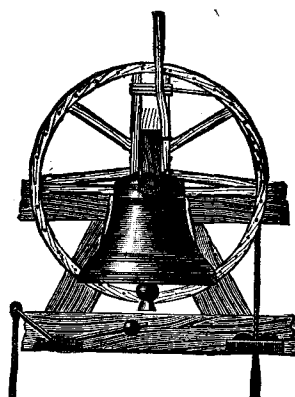
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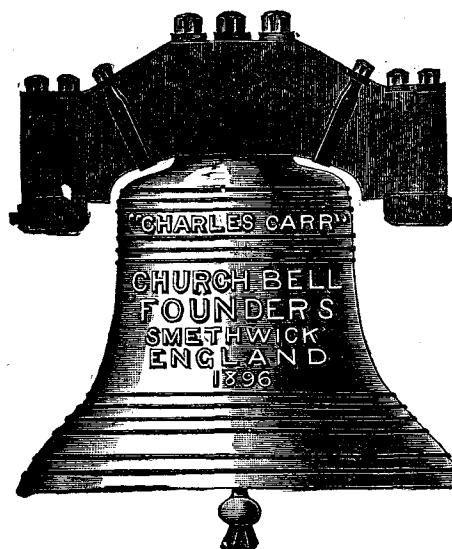
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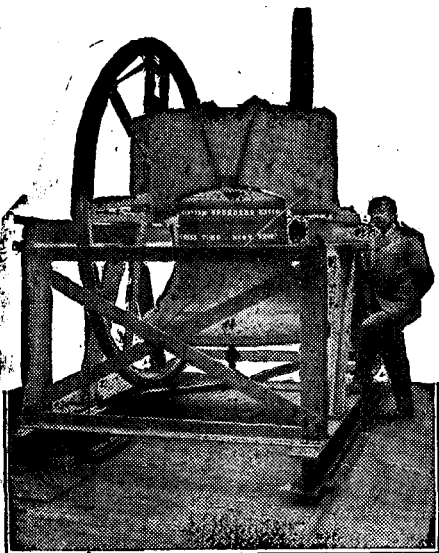
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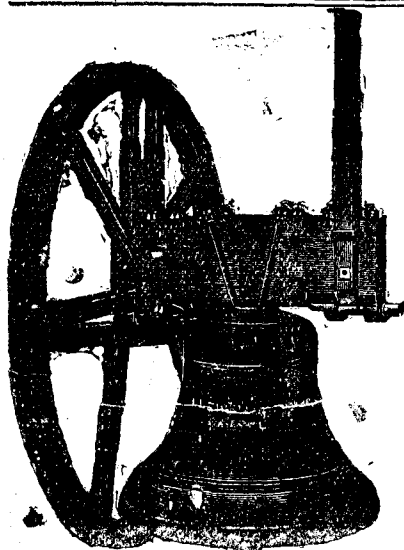
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## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — MEETING AT DEWSBURY, SEPTEMBER 21ST.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

By a curious coincidence, the Mayor of Pontefract, addressing the members in May last, referred to Dewsbury as his native town, and called up reminiscences of the great gathering of ringers there on the occasion of the funeral of Benjamin Thackrah; and this all unconscious that the Association was to receive an invitation next taking them to that great centre of the world of wool.

We cannot pay such a visit as this without our minds reverting to the time when Thackrah was influencing the ringing in the West Riding, and notably to the peal of 5152 of Superlative Surprise Major, conducted by him at Huddersfield parish church on November 5th, 1851, the first known true peal accomplished in the method. In connection with the ringing of this or some kindred peal a good story remains to us. Thackrah, living at Dewsbury, and practising with the Huddersfield company, was in the habit of walking between the two towns—which are eight miles apart—returning in like manner after the meeting. On one of these occasions on which he had secured his five-thousand, he was naturally somewhat late in reaching his abode. On gaining admission he is said to have been greeted with the remark—"So you've come home, you idle devil." This, to say the least, was somewhat rough on one who had accomplished his peal and walked sixteen miles into the bargain; but then, perhaps it was not intended to apply *literally*, or at any rate to ringing.

Naturally we turn to his book to see what lesson we may glean from the publication, dated from Dewsbury in 1852, and we get no further than pages 6 and 7 before we have something very definite for the six-bell brethren of the country to digest at their leisure, and explain away, if they can. Thus the author—"And here it may be necessary to offer some observations respecting the time or compass of ringing in general. Supposing the learner to be ringing the treble, say on six bells, he should lead off the hand stroke, and bring her off the back stroke in the same time or distance that the other bells strike from each other; and should allow twice the said time or distance every time he leads at the hand stroke; which may be understood thus:—

Hand. Back. Hand. Back.  
1 2 3 4 5 6 1 2 3 4 5 6 — 1 2 3 4 5 6 1 2 3 4 5 6 —

... This is a general rule on any number of bells. ... It is this distinction or open lead at the hand stroke that gives a bold and striking effect to change ringing and makes it very pleasing to the hearers, when it is well performed."

And yet there are those—good men and true otherwise—who give us no leads, and allow us no course-ends such as can be traced and heard without painful effort, and not at all when the wind, playing with the music in its most effective mood, often sweeps all away for a time. And if we remonstrate on the want of punctuation, they say they are sorry for us.

But we are standing in the market place at Dewsbury, and can hear the parish church bells merrily voicing themselves whilst other friends are boarding tram-cars for Batley Carr and Thornhill, where the bells have been kindly lent: and thus the afternoon passes.

At four o'clock the committee has the Selby Abbey bells under consideration, and at five o'clock we assemble for tea. This great social function, which brings all together, is honoured by the presence of the Mayor—Alderman Parr—who is presently to be seen chatting away between the Vicar and the president, and all goes merrily as the proverbial marriage bell. Some 250 are to be seated at once, but a second edition has to be arranged for extra subscribers, and the cry for a time is "still they come," for Dewsbury has not been visited for about a quarter of a century, and the occasion is held in high esteem. In order to secure the unity of the occasion the business meeting blends somewhat with the overflow refreshments, whilst the minutes of the previous meeting are read, the president occupying the chair. The first matter on the agenda is a vote of condolence in connection with the decease of the veteran vice-President, Mr. W. H. Howard, whose funeral service at York Minster was in itself a grand testimonial to his high character. This is followed by a vote of thanks to the Mayor for his presence, and in replying, his worship touched upon the life of an old ringer prolonged to 95, some 80 of which he had been a ringer, as a proof of the healthiness of the art. Referring to an old Dewsbury custom of ringing the devil's passing bell on Christmas Eve, he thought the best plan for frail mortals was to have as little to do with that personage as possible; struggle along in the right path, lead a good life, and there would not be much for anyone to fear in that direction.

The president then spoke on the question of the Selby Abbey bells, explaining the views of the committee who had spent the greater part of their meeting that day in considering what could be done, and how best to set about it. It was believed by some of those well informed in all the circumstances that the abbey fire would, in the end, prove a blessing, as the restoration thus forced on them had proved in what a dangerous condition the tower foundations were in, and how the underpinning now taken in hand was proving more and more that the condition of the tower had been perilous to a degree unsuspected. No loss of life had occurred through the fire, but it was easy to imagine how, sooner or later, the tower might have fallen with our very members at the ropes. Whereas, now there was a certainty of the grand old fabric being handed down to generations unborn, as a gem of architectural purity and interest. An outline of what has already appeared in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" was then sketched, viz., how a sum of £300 would turn the old ring of eight, with a tenor of some 18 cwt., into a larger one of ten with a tenor of some 26 cwt. It was a national affair, Yorkshire members would do their share, of that there was no doubt, but could the rest of the Exercise be roused to take an interest in the question? If they could, the sum was assured.

The Vicar of Dewsbury, the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, was then elected a ringing member, after which, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to him for the use of his bells and school. A more interesting reply has seldom been given at a meeting of Yorkshiremen. Somewhat to his dismay during his first curacy his Vicar instructed him to take an interest in the belfry on the grounds that none of the clergy there knew much of the art of change-ringing, and that as he was the new comer it was thought it would provide him with something for his leisure time if he happened to have any. Hence he had to learn something, if only to prove himself a man, and later he found himself having to teach others. A nicer set of men he never met with, the very recollection of those early days always came to him with a friendly freshness that made the memories of his old tower a real pleasure. He had one pupil who had a very bad fault, even when he had made considerable progress, of setting his bell if the ropes to his mental vision became confused. Hence, when he was afterwards called to his place, he was invariably at "wrong-ends." As the Vicar may have his system of correction "registered at Stationers' Hall," it will be as well to refer to nothing more than the laughter and sympathy with which his account of the educational process was received. The Vicar's best story perhaps was how one of his veterans had published the calling of a complete extent of Caters, which he was selling in sheet form at sixpence a copy. One morning a letter came enclosing 5s., and asking for that value of changes, whereupon the old man posted off some dozen copies in return. A few days later came another letter from his five-shilling-friend saying that he could make nothing of the figures sent, and informing him that what was wanted was the whole of the figures written out change after change, adding that he would be paid for his work if he would give an idea of the cost. The old man thinking that someone was trying to "pull his leg," replied that his price for the lot would be £100 and his expenses in paper, etc. Expecting to hear nothing more, he was vastly astonished to receive an acceptance of his offer with a request for an early delivery. Enquiries proving that it was no hoax all the old man's ringing friends were enlisted in helping him to earn this great nest egg for his old age; sheets after sheets were sent out with the required course ends at the head and foot and with the intermediate calls. And so the work was accomplished, the speaker adding that he had filled in what seemed hundreds of sheets himself, and the money thus secured for the veteran quite soothed his remaining years.

As everyone was wondering what the changes were wanted for, the Vicar added, the figures were secured for a firm of Safe Makers for the wards of their lever-locks, and when it is remembered that when this extent of Caters is run through they have only to alter the depths of their wards, and they have at once a new set of "rounds" to start from once again, and so *ad infinitum*, or nearly so.

Dealing with the place of next meeting, it was agreed to leave it to the Committee to arrange the matter.

The Rev. B. T. Tyrwhitt Drake and Mr. W. Stainthorpe, late Hon. Treasurer, were elected auditors for the Annual Meeting by a unanimous vote.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. G. Cutcliffe, Vicar of Batley Carr; the Rev. Stelford Hayman, Vicar of Thornhill; and the Rev. R. S. Davies, Vicar of Earlsheaton, for their kindness in lending their respective bells; and these were acknowledged in a kindly speech by the

Association's old friend and hon. member, Mr. Davies, who met with a hearty reception.

On the motion of Mr. Barker, of Pontefract, one of the local committee who had so successfully carried the previous meeting through, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Dewsbury branch, and to the ladies for presiding at the tea tables after which a suitable reply from Mr. Walter Idle, local Hon. Secretary for the meeting, brought to a close another gathering of the Association, which amply upheld the high level on which these reunions are carried out, and for which there was nothing but praise for those who had so successfully worked to secure the comfort of the visiting members.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The Annual District Meeting was held at West Ham on Saturday, October 19th, when there was a good attendance of members from Barking, Romford, Wanstead, Hornchurch, Loughton, Leytonstone, Woodford, etc.

About thirty sat down to tea at the Meeson Institute, and at the business meeting that followed, the District Master (Mr. S. Hayes), took the chair. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Mr. Hayes was unanimously re-elected Master for the ensuing year.

Mr. Black intimated that he much regretted that for various reasons he was unable to offer himself for re-election as Secretary. He thanked the members for the kind way they had supported and helped him during his three years of office, and stated how pleased he was at the progress that had been made in ringing at various towers in the division, the credit for this progress, however, he did not claim, as he had been able to do very little towards it. He instanced as towers who had come to the fore, Dagenham, where there was now a change-ringing band; three years ago they were only stoney ringers there; Wanstead, who had so far progressed that they had been able to ring a peal by an entirely local band; St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, where the younger ringers were remarkable keen, and were steadily coming on; and Woodford, where they were all Treble Bob ringers now; and three years ago Grandsire Doubles was considered by some of the band as the summit of their ambition. While regretting that a few more peals were not rung, he thought that peal-ringing was not everything, but that the test of the success of the Association lay in the fact that the bells of the various churches were rung for Sunday services by bands of change-ringers. He would like however to see a few more peals rung by mixed bands representing various towers, and concluded by again thanking the members for their support which he hoped would be extended to his successor.

After one or two names had been presented to the Association, Mr. G. F. Margetson, of Woodford, was elected as Secretary for the next year.

Romford was selected as the place of the next meeting. Four new members were elected, and a vote of thanks to Mr. Black for his services, and another to the Vicar for the use of the bells and room for meeting having been carried, an adjournment was made to the tower, and the bells kept going until 9 o'clock.

The methods rung included Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Triples, Treble Bob Royal and Major, Bob Major and Superlative Surprise. Two courses of London were unfortunately lost in the penultimate lead. The conducting was shared by Messrs. Doran, Perkins,

Faulkner, and Wightman. During the evening the tower of Holy Trinity, Barking Road, was open and made use of by members.

### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery branch of the above Association was held by the kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill), at Leigh-on-Mendip, on Saturday, October 26th. Members began to arrive early in the afternoon, and soon after three o'clock the bells were going merrily. At five o'clock forty members sat down to a most excellent meat tea, kindly provided by the above-mentioned reverend gentleman with his usual generosity. Tea being over, a short business meeting followed, at the conclusion of which a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the host for his kindness and hospitality as manifested by his invitation of the meeting to his parish, and his entertainment of the members.

Evensong, conducted by the Vicar, followed, in the fine old parish church, at six o'clock, and the rest of the evening was devoted to the belfry, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Bob Minor were successfully brought round. The following towers were represented:—Leigh-on-Mendip, Shepton Mallet, Frome, Buckland Dinham, Midsomer Norton, Camerton, High Littleton, and Timsbury. The ringers from Shepton Mallet, High Littleton, and Leigh-on-Mendip are to be highly congratulated on the marked advance they have made in the art of change-ringing. The meeting was one of the most successful ever held in the deanery, and certainly the most enjoyable.

### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. (PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.)

The annual meeting of the above was held on Saturday, October 26th, when there were members present from Petersfield, Havant, Fareham, Wickham, Swanmore, Portsea and Portsmouth, also visiting members from the Winchester District: Messrs. G. Williams, W. Rowe and C. Valentine, North Stoneham; and H. W. Wilkes and P. E. Morfee, St. Michael's, Southampton. The bells were available from 2.30, and at 5.45 there was a short service in the church. The Rev. C. W. Scott conducted the service and gave the ringers present an excellent address. The speaker apologised for the absence of the master, the Rev. C. E. Matthews, who had promised to speak to the members if possible. Tea was held at the Institute at 6.15, to which 40 members sat down.

At 7.15 the business commenced, the Rev. C. W. Scott presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. The Rev. C. W. Scott, chairman, Mr. J. W. Whiting secretary, and Mr. G. E. Chappell, assistant secretary, were all re-elected. Messrs. E. J. Harding and O. C. Coombs were appointed representatives on the central committee and Mr. F. S. Bayley, auditor.

The following places were chosen to hold the quarterly meetings, viz., Bishops Waltham, in January; Privett, Easter Monday; Brading, Isle of Wight, August Bank Holiday, and the annual at Portsmouth.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, Canon B. R. Wilson, for the use of the bells and the Institute, also the Rev. C. W. Scott for his excellent address and his presiding at the meeting.

### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Thrapston district of the above Association was held at Islip on Saturday, October 19th, by the kind permission of the Rector (Rev. W. St. G. Coldwell.) Ringers were present from Islip, Thrapston, Woodford, Ringstead, Cranford, Burton Latimer, Lowick, and Raunds. The bells were rung during the afternoon in various methods until 5 o'clock, when an excellent tea was provided in the parish room, about thirty sitting down. The tea and meeting was presided over by the Rev. W. Dennett, Rector of Tugwell, in the absence of the Rector.

The minutes of the last meeting was read by the District Secretary, and signed by the Rector of Tugwell.

It was proposed that the next meeting be held at Tugwell. The Rector said he should be pleased to meet them all at Tugwell, and hoped he would be able to have some ringers by then.

Six new members were elected, and one honorary member. Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and tea. The Rector in reply said it gave him great pleasure to welcome them, at the same time he was sorry they could not have held the gathering at Thrapston.

### DEATH OF MR. SAMUEL COUGH.

Mr. Samuel Gough, one of the oldest of the Garston ringers, died suddenly on Sunday, October 21st. The deceased had been associated with the Garston parish church for many years as warden and sidesman and chief ringer. He was instrumental in securing the peals of bells for Garston and Halewood churches, and as a jubilee gift he presented an illuminated clock. He rang his first peal away from the tenor in 1876, at Sandbach and his last peal in 1902, in memory of the late Queen. His last visit to the tower was in June last.

His funeral took place on Wednesday, October 23rd. The service was conducted by the Vicar, and was attended by about 30 members of the Liverpool branch. The bells were rung muffled by members of Liverpool branch. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the hand-bells at the graveside by Messrs. T. Hammond, jun., J. Aspinwall, T. Hammond, sen. and W. Hughes. Four of the Garston Church company carried him to his last resting place.

WALTER HUGHES.

### NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT STANSTED.—This method was composed by J. F. Penning, of Saffron Walden, and was published in "THE BELL NEWS" on August 17th, 1907; to be named after the place where the first peal in the method was rung, the Stansted company have succeeded in ringing the first peal in the method, and have named it Stansted Triples. This is the first peal ever rung in the method and was rung at the first attempt. It was rung after only three practices, the longest touch rung being 504 changes: it was also rung as a birthday compliment to G. Gray.

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## HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting and contest took place at Lightcliffe Congregational Church, on Saturday, October 19th, where the bells and schools had been placed at the Association's disposal by the kindness of the deacons and other authorities. A numerous representative gathering from the district assembled.

Nine sets of ringers took part in the contest, each set ringing a test piece of 600 changes of Treble Bob Minor, on the ring of six bells, tenor 12½ cwt. The judges were Mr. F. Schofield, Lindley; and Messrs. F. Whiteley and P. Kershaw, Lightcliffe.

After the draw for order of ringing had taken place the bells were soon going merrily, and continued for a period of six hours, being completed at 9.15 p.m. During the afternoon tea was served in the schools by the local branch, and over 100 visitors did full justice to the good things provided, the remainder of the time being fully occupied in listening to the progress of the ringing.

The meeting and presentation took place in the schools immediately the contest was completed, the president, Mr. Lamb, in the chair, supported by Deacon Shackleton and the society's officers. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mr. Cotterell (hon. sec.), which were duly ratified, and on the invitation of Mr. Drake, the January meeting and contest was fixed for Brighouse.

The result of the afternoon's contest was declared by Mr. Schofield on behalf of his co-judges as follows:—

No. 1	Company, Tong	160 faults
— 2	Low Moor	252 "
— 3	Ripponden	Rung out
— 4	Brighouse	Rung out
— 5	Mytholmroyd	360 faults
— 6	Birstal	248 "
— 7	Lightcliffe "Parish"	197 "
— 8	Heptonstall	147 "
— 9	Kirkheaton	178 "

No. 8 Company, Heptonstall, he declared the winners.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the deacons for the use of the bells and schools, and to the local branch and the ladies for the arrangements made for the visitors' comfort. Mr. Shackleton responded, and at the chairman's request at once handed the silver cup to Mr. Joseph Nowell, a member of the winning company, and congratulated Heptonstall on their success. It gave him more pleasure than he could express to make the presentation, as his father was a chorister at Heptonstall church some 80 years ago, and that he should have the honour of presenting the bell ringers of the same church with that beautiful cup, after so great a lapse of time was very interesting, especially to himself; he had that day learned something about campanologia, and it was a pleasure to see so many ringers taking part and listening to the ringing. He thought every one should have something to interest and sweeten life, where the £ s. d. did not participate, and something which tended to make unselfish men, he believed that there was only one religion, and that was goodness, and there was nothing to prevent one and all from being good in bell ringing, therefore he recommended them to follow ringing with interest. He had pleasure personally and on behalf of his fellow deacons and the authorities, in placing the bells and schools at the Association's disposal, and hoped every one present that day would have pleasant recollections of Lightcliffe in the future.

Mr. Joseph Nowell suitably thanked Mr. Shackleton for the present, and remarked that he had been a ringer 35 years, but this was the proudest moment in his career in

accepting the cup on his band's behalf, and he had pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks to the judges for their services, and hoped the result had given satisfaction.

This Mr. Bolland, of Tong, seconded, he knew that the duties were not light and easy, and as the conductor of the second in the result, he was sure the result would be satisfactory. Mr. Schofield, in replying, said that the cup had been awarded to the company that the judges honestly believed had won it.

Mr. Whiteaker moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Shackleton, for making the presentation, to which he briefly responded, saying it had been a pleasure to see so much interest taken in bell ringing, people heard the bells going when passing by, which sounded nice to the ear, but that was about as much as they knew of the science. He hoped every one had enjoyed himself and that the Lightcliffe meeting would be remembered with pleasure. This brought another successful meeting to a close.

## Correspondence.

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

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

## ALDBOURNE BELL FOUNDRY.

SIR,—I beg to call your attention to an error in the name of the early proprietors of this foundry which appeared in your last issue. The name should be "Corr," not "Carr." I thought at first it was a printer's error, but I find the same mistake repeated further on. I may say that the same mistake occurs in the account of the Rev. F. E. Robinson's ringing career "Among the Bells," part xv. page 470. The earlier members of the Corr family spent the name with one "r" only.

Most of the bells cast by Wm. and Robt. Corr are highly ornamented. Tisbury (peal of six) is a good instance of this. These bear cherubs, royal arms, flowers in ornamental vessels, grotesque faces, a medallion representing the Adoration of the Magi, and other devices. Tisbury bells were cast in 1700. The same devices appear on Corr's bells at Malmesbury, Aldbourne 5th, Kintbury, and other places.

J. R. JERRAM.

## MR. L. MASON'S PEAL.

SIR,—The peal of Double Nowich Major by Mr. L. Mason published in your issue of October 19th, is almost identical with one of mine, having the same qualities, published in your issue of May 26, 1896. The only difference is that bobs at 1 are substituted in the third, fourth, and fifth courses for bobs at 6 in the second, third, and fourth courses. Mr. Mason has therefore no claim to the composition.

JOS. W. PARKER.

## LAUNTON CHURCH BELLS.

SIR,—I read in your issue of October 12th the note of the opening of a ring of bells at Twyford, Berks., in which it is mentioned that the founders are about to remove the bells from Launton church for recasting. May I appeal to all those interested in these bells or any others to make sure to preserve any of pre-Reformation date there may be in the ring, and retain them in the church in which they have been handed down?

Old bells are becoming very scarce, and at least in this neighbourhood are few and far between. I am sure the old bells as works of art, with their inscriptions and crosses, would, if seen and examined, speak with effect to all ringers for their careful preservation.

H. C. PAULI.

## ARE "POINTS" JUSTIFIABLE?

SIR,—I am glad your correspondent, Mr. B. Keeble, has raised the question, "Are peal points justifiable?" In my humble opinion they certainly are not, as the recent peal of Bristol Surprise on handbells clearly shows—a truly wonderful performance indeed, the likes of which few of us can ever aspire to—I know, of course, the band had a perfect right to credit the peal to whichever society they chose, if they were all members,



but strictly speaking it belonged to the Essex Association for the reasons given by Mr. Keeble. This is only one instance of the unfairness of peal points. But apart from all that, why have points at all. Surely every ringer worthy of the name knows the difference between the amount of skill required to ring a peal of Bob Major and that of London Surprise, and yet perhaps a young band, after great difficulties and perseverance, may ring a peal of the former, and in a way, be entitled to more points than some bands who ring a peal of the latter. Not that I wish to speak slightly of peals in the more complex methods, far from it, for the more difficult the method, the more I am pleased to be able to take part in it. I repeat what I said at the Central Council meeting, at Exeter, that while I thank those gentlemen, the Peal Points Committee, most heartily, and greatly appreciate their work, yet I consider it is labour entirely wasted and could be more profitably employed in many other more important ringing matters.

Let us have the peal analysis, by all means, which is always most interesting reading and eagerly looked forward to by most ringers, but abolish "points," which is always unsatisfactory, and, in my opinion, never can be properly apportioned.

Crayford.

E. BARNETT.

SIR.—I see in your last issue there appears under the above heading a letter from Mr. Keeble, of Romford, objecting to peals being rung in Essex for other Associations. I wonder Mr. K. did not raise an objection some twenty years ago, when so many Essex Association peals were being rung in Herts. and Suffolk, and a number of peals being rung in Essex by members of the College Youths and Cumberland Youths. Had he done so the Exercise might think there was a principle in his present objection. It's quite immaterial to me whether points are given for peals or not, I don't ring peals for the sake of points, but for my own pleasure, and to please brother-strings. Until about a decade ago the Essex Association had no greater supporter than no greater supporter than myself, as my best records will prove, and it was through the fault of no one but that Association's officials that my interest in that Association began to cease, and if Mr. K. or any one else doubt my word, let them read the reports and see the comments on some of my performances, and if they are anyway reasonable, they will agree that such remarks are not only uncalled for, but quite devoid of common sense, and enough to make any company withdraw their support. Mr. K. says he has no brief for any one, if this be true why has he kept getting at me and other members of the Romford company for the last ten years? for although he has generally done either through the agency of Plain Speaker or covered himself under some other nom-de-plume, he is not quite clever enough to conceal himself. Mr. K.'s grievance is in the fact that up till about ten years ago he had been a member of the Romford company for a number of years, during a greater part of which the bells were seldom rung, and scarcely a year passed without some grievance or other cropping up, with the result that not only the ringers but the Vicar and churchwardens became tired of Mr. K., and a meeting was called resulting in the Vicar's informing Mr. K. that his position as a member of the band must cease, and with his departure and that of another member also all trouble departed with them, and the bells are now rung twice on Sunday and on all festivals, and the most friendly feeling exists among the ringers, Vicar, and churchwardens, who are by no means loth to appreciate their services, and although Mr. K. has several times tried to upset the company his efforts have not met with any success. The handbells he speaks of are the property of the church authorities, who have no objection to them being used for peal-ringing. They have been voluntarily kept in order by some of the ringers for some time past. I have stated why my interest in the Essex Association ceased, and Mr. K. had better bury his objections, as it is useless to bring them forward now, as I shall certainly not consult him as to what society I credit peals to.

W. PYE.

[Another letter on the same subject is sent by W. Keeble, but such correspondence as this had better be kept within bounds.]

#### PROPOSED GUILD FOR WARWICKSHIRE.

SIR.—It has been finally decided to hold a meeting at The Dale Temperance Hotel, Warwick, on Saturday afternoon,

November 23rd, at four o'clock (and not on Saturday, November 16th, as stated in my previous letter), with the view of the formation of a guild of change-ringers for the county of Warwick. It is earnestly hoped that all ringers in the county, and also all those interested in bells, will do their very best to attend this meeting.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN.

#### THE RECENT PEAL AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.), BIRMINGHAM.

SIR,—I beg to state that the peal rung at St. Chad's cathedral, Birmingham, on October 16th last, and published in last week's number of your paper, will not be entered in the peal-book of the St. Martin's Guild for the diocese of Birmingham, as the Guild does not recognise any peals rung and published when the title of the said Guild come second to other Associations, and who have the points credited to them.

ALBERT WALKER.

#### KING'S NORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

There are two King's Nortons. One is, as all ringers know, in Worcestershire; but it is the one in the hunting county that is the object of these lines. Many years ago—quite 160 years ago—one Squire Fortrey lived at King's Norton-by-Gaulby. He was perhaps the only man in the Midlands who gave all his wealth to bells and bellringing. Inscriptions upon numberless bells in the locality bear witness to his generosity. He it was who with others financed John Holt to bring out his peals (see "Grandsire"). When the Leicester ringers rung Holt's ten-part at St. Margaret's in 1773, he gave two trebles to complete the ring of ten, at the same presenting the company with a set of handbells—cup shape—which are still in existence. History deponeth that William Fortrey put ten bells into the tower of King's Norton, and certainly the frame is made for ten. The locals believe that some one from Leicester annexed the two trebles, and left King's Norton with only eight. But they are eight good ones. It is a grand ring with tenor of about 19 or 20 cwt. The tower is high and battlemented, and originally there was a spire, which after being struck by lightning was never rebuilt. On the wall of the belfry is a tablet which tells how the Leicester men rang 5040 of Grandsire Triples in 1816. Is this the only peal on the bells? Laurence Staynes, mentioned in Shipway, rang the 5th. The writer once heard from the last descendant of Staynes (a daughter now deceased) that Squire Fortrey, when an old man, put the Leicester men on five pounds to nothing if they rang the peal, and another five if completed within 3 hrs. 20 mins. The time was 3 hrs. 15 mins. For nearly one hundred years the bell-chamber has been the refuge of birds, and although ringers had heard of this quaint old-world peal where there were no stays or sliders, none had journeyed to see or hear. It had been the talk of Leicester ringers for half a century to visit this place, but it got no further than talk until Saturday, September 28th, when an expedition was started to unearth it. Sixteen rode on cycles, and for those who had reached the fifth and sixth stages of Shakespeare's "Seven Ages," a furniture van was requisitioned. The younger generation arrived first, and pulled up the bells in peal, that is to say some of them, for when frame high an acute attack of blue funk set in through fear of sending the bells over, having no stays. At last they were up, and only one went over. After a rest, a touch of 168 was rung; the first for nearly one hundred years. Later on the van, or hearse, arrived, bringing Messrs. J. Parson Needham, A. Martin, W. P. Cooper, J. Buttery, and others who had passed the age of "looping the loop" on cycles. Again the bells were pulled up, and with the veterans in a fine 350 was rung, the band being W. Cooper, J. Morris, W. Willeon, jun., J. Wilson, J. Needham, J. Buttery, W. Willson (conductor), A. Martin. A splendid tea was awaiting us, and we wound up the evening by playing tunes on the rectory lawn, and a fine ride home. In addition to those mentioned were Messrs. C. H. Fowler, J. Wurtzel Browne, Bottrill, Jackson, Richards, Bolton, Jarvis (who knew some of the peal men of 1816), and several juniors, who will long remember the visit. The front six bells are pealable, and given two men on 7-8 who can stand some punishment a peal is possible, and without stays. Who offers to ring the 7th or tenor to a peal?

W. W.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1907.

THE weekly papers, or some of them, are continually enjoying themselves with publishing historical abridgments of veteran ringers, but they appear to go outside the area, almost, where the genuine article is to be found. We do not object for one moment to the notices of old ringers which they give now and then. But why have they not chanced to alight on such a ringer as MATTHEW WOOD, a veteran who has just rung a 5000 to celebrate his 82nd birthday? Is there another instance on record where a ringer has rung a peal at such an age?

## The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, October 12, 1907; in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

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

FREDERICK G. PERRIN	.. Treble.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS..	.. 5.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN..	.. 2.	SIDNEY A. WRIGHT..	.. 6.
HENRY S. ELLIS	.. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS	.. 7.
FRANK BENNETT	.. 4.	ALFRED B. PECK	.. Tenor.

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

The above was rung previous to the annual concert.

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

On Saturday, October 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. Treble.	ERNEST BRETT .. .. 5.
HORATIO GUMMER .. .. 2.	D'OYLEY S. SIMONS .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. .. 3.	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HEWETT* .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method.

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

On Saturday, October 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. Treble.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 2.	BERTAM PREWETT .. .. 7.
ROBERT S. STAVERT .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 8.
CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 9.
CHARLES POTHECARY .. .. 5.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. Tenor.

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

### The Provinces.

#### IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, October 19, 1907, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

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

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 32 cwt. in C.

CHARLES H. CLARKE .. Treble.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 7.
EDWARD SHERWOOD .. 4.	EDWARD EVANS .. 8.
JAMES MOTTS .. 3.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 9.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 4.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 10.
DANIEL PRENTICE .. 5.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 11.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. 6.	JAMES GEORGE .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung on the eighteenth anniversary of the peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London.

#### HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

ALFRED TULETT .. Treble.	BENJAMIN BASSETT .. 5.
HARRY EVANS .. 2.	EDMUND LINDUP .. 6.
JOHN H. PAICE .. 3.	GEORGE J. NORRIS .. 7.
ALFRED W. GROVES .. 4.	FREDERICK LINDUP .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

#### DARTFORD, KENT.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES GRAY .. Treble.	RICHARD MORGAN .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 2.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. 6.
FREDERICK BARKER .. 3.	HENRY SIMMONS .. 7.
JOHN WHEADON .. 4.	*CHARLES FILMER .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. FRENCH.

\*First peal.

### EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 24, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

ALBERT COLEMAN* .. Treble.	JOHN CRAWFORD .. 5.
ALFRED E. BASSETT .. 2.	THOMAS SHRUBB .. 6.
ALFRED H. WINCH .. 3.	WILLIAM GEARING .. 7.
DANIEL SNELLING .. 4.	PERCY COOPER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM GEARING.

\*First peal away from the tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Coleman, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

#### DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 24, 1907, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW LITCHURCH,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HAROLD INCKLE .. Treble.	CHARLES DRAPER .. 5.
CHARLES E. HART .. 2.	SAMUEL MASKREY .. 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 3.	EDMUND WILLIS .. 7.
WALTER WALLACE .. 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. BARKER, and Conducted by CHAS. W. CLARKE.

#### KELSEA, SUFFOLK.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 25, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM FLEMING .. Treble.	NORMAN BAILEY .. 5.
GEORGE BERRY .. 2.	CHARLES SAMPSON .. 6.
EDGAR BAILEY .. 3.	*F. GORDON THOMPSON .. 7.
ERNEST S. BAILEY .. 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by F. G. THOMPSON.

\*First peal in the method as conductor.

#### HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, October 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

DANIEL PRENTICE .. Treble.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON* .. 2.	WILLIAM MOTTS .. 6.
EDWARD SHERWOOD .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. 7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\*First peal in the method. For composition of the above peal see "BELL NEWS" October 19, 1907, page 364.

#### CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

#### A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HAROLD WRIGHT* .. Treble.	HENRY W. WILDE .. 5.
ROBERT SPERRING .. 2.	JAMES V. WRIGHT .. 6.
GEORGE R. NEWTON† .. 3.	JAMES MORGAN .. 7.
EDWIN H. LEWIS† .. 4.	GEORGE JONES .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. Quickest peal, and first peal in the method on the bells.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 26, 1907, in Three Hours Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

ALBERT H. WARD .. .. Treble.	CHARLES E. HART .. .. 9.
CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 2.	EDMUND WILLIS .. .. 6.
HAROLD INCKLE .. .. 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. .. 7.
SAMUEL MASKREY .. .. 4.	*GEORGE W. ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

\*First peal. This peal has 240 bobs and ten singles, and in this form is now rung for the first time by this Association.

WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Oxford, and three of Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

STANLEY WHITE .. .. Treble.	SIDNEY WALTER .. .. 4.
ERNEST SLINGSBY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM NORRIS .. .. 5.
HARRISON SMITH .. .. 3.	EDWARD TRENDLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by STANLEY WHITE.

Rung on the occasion of the home-coming of Mr. and Mrs. Jabez Walter from their wedding-tour.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 4 lbs.

ALBERT BLUNDELL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 6.
HORACE BELCHER .. .. 2.	ROBERT PICKERING .. .. 7.
THOMAS H. REEVES .. .. 3.	JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. 8.
ALFRED J. WALLATER .. .. 4.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 9.
GEORGE HUGHES† .. .. 5.	FRANK HALLSWORTH .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by G. HUGHES.

†Fiftieth peal.

CHARLBURY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, October 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of Canterbury, Plain Bob, St. Dunstan's, and Grandsire.

THOMAS WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE LARGE .. .. 4.
FREDERICK A. CASE .. .. 2.	WALTER LARGE .. .. 5.
STANLEY GREEN .. .. 3.	ALFRED PARDINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER LARGE.

First peal on the bells.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STANSTED TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by JOHN F. PENNING, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

Reference elsewhere.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 5 lbs. in F.

RICHARD POTTER .. .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER .. .. 5.
EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM .. 2.	JOHN BUCKINGHAM .. .. 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
PERCY LANGSTON .. .. 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN BARKER, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE CLARK .. .. Treble.	JOHN M. BROOK .. .. 5.
FREDERICK WATKINSON .. 2.	HERBERT ALLSOP .. .. 6.
CHARLES CARR .. .. 3.	HENRY GEORGE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM G. CHESTIAN .. 4.	THOMAS BETTISON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. SEVERN, and Conducted by T. BETTISON.

First peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Clark and Allsop, the ringers wishing them many happy returns.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WHITTLES'S VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM WAGSTAFFE .. Treble.	ERNEST W. ABBOTT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM ALLISON .. .. 2.	JOSEPH DAVIES .. .. 6.
HARRY WHITTLE .. .. 3.	THOMAS SQUIRES .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PEEVIN .. .. 4.	JOSEPH POWELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

This peal was arranged for Messrs. Wagstaffe, Allison, and Squires. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Whittle on completing her 70th birthday.

LEE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

GEORGE R. SIMMONDS* .. Treble.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	HARRY WARNETT .. .. 6.
JOSEPH LAW .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 7.
THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. 4.	FREDERICK H. GOOCH .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES.

Specially arranged as a compliment to the Rector, the Rev. E. Louis C. Clapton, M.A., on completing seven year's ministry at this church; and as a birthday peal for G. R. Simmonds on completing his 42nd year.

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

On Thursday, October 26, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being forty-two 6-scores.

JAMES TOMPKINS† .. Treble.	GEORGE W. TOMPKINS .. 4.
WILLIAM BULL† .. .. 2.	HARRY SEAR .. .. 5.
WILLIAM EDWARDS* .. 3.	*FREDK. G. TOMPKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

\*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. ‡First peal with a bob bell.

**MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES:**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE E. TURNER.. ..Treble.	WILLIAM H. SHUKER .. 5.
JOSEPH TURNER .. .. 2.	RICHARD NEWTON .. .. 6.
GEORGE A. SMITH .. .. 3.	HENRY CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
ARTHUR A. CLAY .. .. 4.	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. ..Tenor.

Composed by S. WOOD, and Conducted by J. RIDYARD.

This peal was arranged for Messrs. Smith and Clay.

**DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, October 27, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM GRIMES .. ..Treble.	GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. 5.
EDWARD SHERWOOD .. .. 2.	JAMES G. RUMSEY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM J. GROOM .. .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
PETER LAFLIN* .. .. 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. ..Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\*First peal in the method.

**PULHAM, NORFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, October 28, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

ARTHUR ROOPE .. ..Treble.	FREDERICK J. ROOPE .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 6.
CHARLES BAKER .. .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 4.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE ..Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

For composition of the above peal see "BELL NEWS" October 26th, 1907, page 377, No. 2.

**PULHAM, NORFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, October 28, 1907, in Three Hours,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT ..Treble.	FREDERICK J. ROOPE .. 5.
REV. EDMUND C. HOPPER* 2.	ARTHUR ROOPE .. .. 6.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 7.
JAMES MOTTS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM STEELE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK R. BORRETT.

†First peal. \*First peal in the method. The composer of the above peal is unknown. It was first rung by the Union Scholars on December 27th, 1718. See Snowden's "Treble Bob," Part II., page 5.

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

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH)

*On Monday, October 28, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY G. WELHAM* ..Treble.	ERNEST G. MYNARD.. .. 4.
JOHN LOVELL .. .. 2.	EDWIN S. MYNARD .. .. 5.
FREDERICK W. BOOTH .. 5.	WILLIAM FREEMAN .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FREEMAN.

\*First peal of Treble Bob on six bells. Arranged specially for H. G. Welham.

**LEINTWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.****THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, October 28, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,****A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s each called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt.

SAMUEL ROBERTS .. ..Treble.	JOHN NEWMAN .. .. 4.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 2.	CHARLES L. SADLER .. 5.
LEONARD WILLIAMS .. 3.	JOHN EVANS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES L. SADLER.

First peal of Minor by all except the ringer of the 2nd, and first peal of Minor on the bells.

**FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, October 28, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

E. BUCKINGHAM.. ..Treble.	JOHN SADLER .. .. 5.
R. HAYWARD .. .. 2.	J. BUCKINGHAM .. .. 6.
A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 3.	D. ELLIOTT .. .. 7.
P. LANGSTON .. .. 4.	J. NEWMAN .. ..Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by D. ELLIOTT.

This peal was arranged for R. Hayward, and was rung on his 48th birthday. It was also J. Sadler's 50th peal.

**Handbell Peal.****ROMFORD, ESSEX.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, October 24, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,***IN THE BELFRY OF ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH,****A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 1-2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 3-4.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. 7-8.

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

Umpires—H. Catterwell and W. Watson.

The following peals are the result of three day's ringing in Northampton and Bedfordshire, specially arranged for the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

**NORTHAMPTON.****THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, October 24, 1907, in Three Hours and One Minute,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt.

SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE ..Treble.	JOHN METHERALL .. 5.
HERBERT J. LAWRENCE .. 2.	*GEORGE FLAVELL .. 6.
WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
FRED WILFORD .. .. 4.	WILLIAM FAREY .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON

\*First peal of Stedman Triples.

**TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.****THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, October 25, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM FREEMAN .. 5.
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 2.	*REV. C. B. HULTON .. 6.
JOHN HARE .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
FRED WILFORD .. .. 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY ..Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rector (Rev. C. B. Hulton), for his kind hospitality after the peal.

## CLIFTON BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. Treble.	FRED WILFORD .. .. 5.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 6.
JOSEPH C. SHATFORD .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN HARE .. .. 4.	*JAMES BLOTT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

## Date Touches.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH.—On October 25th, being the third anniversary of the re-opening of the bells, a date touch of 1907 Grandsire Triples. W. Howlett, G. Ransom conductor, W. Meaton, C. Dell, W. Lidbetter, T. Beadle, G. Spencer, H. Seward.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

RUGBY.—On Monday, October 7th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 55 mins. A. Dubber, R. Watson, A. J. Hessian, C. W. Wheeler, H. O. White, F. Sear, J. B. Fenton conductor, J. George. This was the first quarter-peal in the method on the bells, and was also the first quarter-peal by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th. On Sunday evening, October 13th, for Divine Service, 560 Double Norwich Major. A. Coleman, J. B. Fenton, A. Dubber, C. W. Wheeler, A. J. Hessian, G. W. Murray, F. Sear, J. George conductor. On Saturday, October 26th, on the occasion of the opening of the children ward of St. Cross Hospital, Rugby, by Her Royal Highness Princess Henry of Battenberg, 560 Bob Major. A. Coleman, J. B. Fenton, A. J. Hessian, W. Taylor, H. O. White, J. W. Murray, F. Sear conductor, A. Bramall. On Monday evening, October 28th, 560 Double Norwich Major. A. Coleman, H. O. White, S. Small, C. W. Wheeler, J. B. Fenton, A. Dubber, J. H. Shepherd, F. Sear conductor.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHALFONT ST. PETER (Bucks).—On October 21st, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Bob. W. Briden, R. Bolton, J. J. Parker, F. Bolton, A. Swan, J. Blackmore conductor. On October 26th, 720 Oxford Bob and 720 Grandsire. J. Barnes, J. J. Parker, G. Basden conductor, F. Bolton, A. Swan, J. Blackmore.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAYFIELD (Sussex).—On Thursday, October 24th, as a wedding compliment to William Bagley, one of the local band, who was married on the 23rd, 720 Doubles, being two 6-scores each of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. W. G. Paine, T. Lade, F. Eade, W. Brown, A. R. Miles conductor, E. G. Fenner A. Groombridge. On Saturday, October 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 50 mins. F. Eade, W. Barrow, T. Lade, A. R. Miles conductor, W. Ragley, A. Groombridge.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday, October 13th, at Charles Church, for morning service, at which the Mayor and Corporation attended, 168 and 336 Stedman Triples. G. Williams conductor, W. Hiscott, C. R. Lilley, G. Stroud, W. H. Marsh, E. Marsh W. Gifford, W. Greenwood. G. N. Price took G. Stroud's place in the 336.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CLAPHAM (Surrey).—On September 25th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob. F. Hairs, J.

Driver, L. Attwater, V. Harvey, W. Troughton, G. Huggett, R. Dunk, R. Blanchard conductor.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, October 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. G. Barrington, H. Pates, F. Pates, G. Huggett conductor, L. Attwater, R. B. Blanchard, C. J. North, C. Daniel.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 22nd, for Divine Service in the evening at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Smith, Rev. J. H. Pilkington, H. Lambert, H. Collis, W. H. Baldry, W. Lovett. For practice on Thursday, September 27th, 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. C. Smith, O. Fryer, H. Lambert, F. Watling, W. H. Baldry, W. Lovett. On Tuesday, October 1st, 720 Kent. W. Lovett, 5; F. Watling, 6; the rest as before. On Thursday, October 3rd, 720 Double Court. C. Smith, O. Fryer, H. Lambert, W. H. Bailey, W. Lovett, F. Watling.

WEST TOFTS (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, October 2nd, for the Harvest Festival, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Radley, L. Dickerson, W. Westlake, H. Hawes, G. Flatt, T. Fitzjohn conductor, C. Carter, J. Deeks.

THETFORD (Norfolk).—On Thursday, October 3rd, for Harvest Festival, 448 Bob Major. E. Carter, L. Dickerson, W. Radley, H. Hawes, T. Fitzjohn conductor, G. Flatt, W. Westlake, C. Carter. And 378 Grandsire Triples. C. Carter, L. Dickerson, W. Radley, W. Westlake, T. Fitzjohn, G. Flatt, C. Carter, J. Deeks.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, October 13th, for the Harvest Festival service in the morning, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major. C. Whiting, C. Samson, F. Smith, C. Bailey conductor N. Bailey, E. Bailey, J. M. Button, E. S. Bailey. For evening service 768 Kent. C. Samson, J. Bailey longest length, F. Smith, E. S. Bailey, N. Bailey, C. Bailey conductor, J. M. Button, E. Bailey.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

EWHRIST (Surrey).—On Friday, October 4th, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, being the first in the method on the bells. H. Hutton, W. Streeter, A. Charman, R. Whittington, J. Knight, W. Charman conductor.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GLASBURY (Breconshire).—On Sunday, October 6th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. W. Pritchard, A. J. Griffiths, L. S. Griffiths, conductor, J. Hammond, W. D. Griffiths, H. Harrison. First quarter-peal on the bells.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP.

SHREWSBURY.—On Thursday, October 3rd, for the Harvest Festival at St. Julian's church, 360 Grandsire Minor. G. Scarratt, G. Byolin conductor, W. R. Stockdale, H. Jones, F. W. Taylor, G. J. Taylor. On Sunday, October 6th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Tectoe, W. J. Taylor, H. Jones, G. J. Taylot, F. W. Taylor, E. H. Lewis conductor. First 720 of Bob Minor on the bells.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RADWINTER (Essex).—On Sunday, October 13th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. J. Freeman, G. Sparrow, A. F. James, E. Pitstow, R. Strong, A. Evenett, F. Pitstow conductor, W. Parish.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 13th, for evening service at St. John's church, Waterloo Road, 1200 Double Norwich Major, in 41 mins. A. Turner, W. H. Taffender, W. W. Matthews, J. E. Davis, T. Langdon, M. Melia, D. S. Simons, H. Gummer composer and conductor.

MALDON (Essex).—On Sunday morning, October 6th, for the Harvest Festival, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Finch, A. Mansfield, H. Mansfield conductor, T. Gozzett, W. Brinkley, A. Gozzett. For evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Finch, A. Mansfield, W. Cranmer, T. Gozzett, W. Brinkley conductor, A. Gozzett.



**Notices.**

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on November 5th (election of officers); St. John-at-Hackney on November 5th and 19th; St. John, South Hackney, on November 4th and 18th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on November 7th; St. Magnus on November 14th; all at 8 p.m.

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**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Shore, near Littleborough, to-day, Sat., November 2nd. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. All ringers welcome. A good attendance requested.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

**Central Northamptonshire Association.**—Northampton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Grendon to-day, Sat., November 2nd. Tea at 4.30.

F. WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*  
55, Lutterworth Road.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent to-day, Sat., November 2nd. Bells at 4. Tea at 5.30. Service at 7 p.m.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shipley to-day, Sat., November 2nd. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar at 5.30. Business meeting to follow.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*  
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, November 16th. The Cathedral belfry will be opened at 2 o'clock. Evensong in the choir of the Cathedral at 4 o'clock. Tea at Dumper's, Jewry Street restaurant at 5.15. Meeting immediately after the tea.

JAS. W. ELKINS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—Next meeting at Crawley on Saturday, November 16th. Tower open from 3 to 9. Tea at 5 o'clock. Members intending to be present at tea please inform me not later than the 13th inst.

ROBERT J. DAW, *Hon. Div. Sec.*  
15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 9th. Bells ready at 4.30. Members intending to be present please send word to

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35, Church Road, Garston

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, November 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea kindly inform me not later than November 15th.

GEO. PRESTON, *Dis. Sec.*  
Christchurch

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Stretford Road, on Saturday, November 16th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Daybrook on Saturday, November 16th, from 3 till 8. Meat tea (tickets 1s. 3d.) at The Old Spot. Those intending to be present at tea, notify Mr. Mitchell, sen., Front Street, Arnold, Daybrook, not later than the 14th inst.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Sec.*

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—The annual dinner will be held at The Champion hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., to-day, Sat., November 2nd, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. Bayley, Buckingham, Burden, E. A. Davies, Garrard, Golding, Harman, Horrex, Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, O'Meara, Newton, Peck, Pettit, Price, Prime, Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, Taffender, Winney, Wood, or

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43265	-	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-	-
34265	-	-	-	s
23546	-	-	-	-
35246	-	-	-	-
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**STANFORD-LE-HOPE (Essex).**—On Monday, October 22nd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (26 singles). C. Smith conductor, W. Wade, B. Taylor, W. Taylor, R. Smith, A. Cowell. Messrs. Smith (2) hail from Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

**GLINTON, NORTHANTS.**

At the above parish church on Tuesday, October 21st, through the kindness of Mr. J. T. Hollis and his nephew, Mr. G. Hollis, of Chesterfield (who at one time resided there), a party of ringers from Bourne and Market Deeping were invited to test this handy ring of six bells after being rehung by Messrs. Taylor. The following ringers rang the first 720 of Bob Minor on the bells since they have been rehung: J. W. Lane, R. Brightman, F. Blood, H. Day, G. Wells, J. Osborne conductor. Another 720 by J. W. Lake, G. Hollis conductor, H. Day, J. T. Hollis, F. Blood, J. Osborne. The ringers wish to tender their thanks to the Messrs. Hollis for obtaining permission to ring, and inviting them to take part in the same. The ringers also wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Vicar for granting them the use of the bells.

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## WEDDING BELLS.

On Wednesday, October 23rd, the marriage took place of Mr. Henry J. Tucker, of Bishops Stortford, with Annie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hayes, at St. Saviour's church, Forest Gate, Essex. The bride was given away by her father, and her brother acted as best man, the bridesmaid being Miss Gertrude Martin, cousin of the bride. On Saturday, 26th, a peal of Kent Treble Bob was attempted at St. Mary's, Stratford-le-Bow, which was unfortunately lost after ringing 1½ hours. E. Lucas, 1; S. Hayes, 2; T. Faulkner, 3; A. C. Hardy, 4; S. J. Bird, 5; W. Truss, 6; Y. Green, conductor, 7; H. Torble, 8. The band afterwards entertained at the residence of the parents of the bride, 19, Suffolk Street, Forest Gate, to high tea, followed by hand-bell ringing, etc., all wishing the happy couple long life, health

and happiness. The peal will be attempted again as soon as possible.

Mr. Tucker and the father of the bride, being well-known ringers, and popular in their respective ringing circles, this union is regarded with interest by many ringing friends, both near and far.

## ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.

On Sunday, October 20th, for evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob by J. Taylor, H. Howell, G. Lancaster, J. Howell, W. J. Hazell, W. J. Nevard (conductor). This was especially arranged by W. J. Nevard for Mr. H. Howell, of Ipswich, to celebrate his seventy-eighth birthday, Ardleigh being his first place to ring a 720 of Minor, sixty-one years ago. The band wished him health and strength to ring for some time to come yet. Recently he paid a visit to Great Bentley and rang Bob Major and

Kent Treble Bob; St. Osyth, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Bob Minor; and Thorington 720 Bob Minor.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY BRANCH.

The bells of Chipping Norton parish church, after re-casting and re-hanging in a wrought steel frame, will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Reading, on Thursday next, November 7th, at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon. Ringers are cordially invited to be present. J. F. BARLOW, Chipping Norton. Hon. Sec.

## FRAMLAND SOCIETY, LEICESTER.

The half-yearly meeting was held at Bottesford, on Saturday, October 12th, members attending from Melton Mowbray, Croxton Kerrial, Harby and Bottesford, when a very pleasant afternoon was spent. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Oxford Bob Minor, etc., were rung up to 6.30, when the members adjourned to the Belvoir coffee house, where they found a splendid spread awaiting them. A letter was read from the secretary, the Rev. F. Neugee, expressing his regret at not being able to be present. On the proposition of Mr. Bartram, seconded by Mr. Wildman, the best thanks of the members was given him for the trouble in making all the arrangements of the tea and meeting. After tea the belfry was again visited, when ringing was kept going by mixed bands till 9 o'clock. The Rector, Canon Jackson, visited the belfry during the afternoon. These meetings are doing a great deal in bringing about a great improvement in change ringing, as it is the only chance some of the members have in ringing with mixed bands. S. B.

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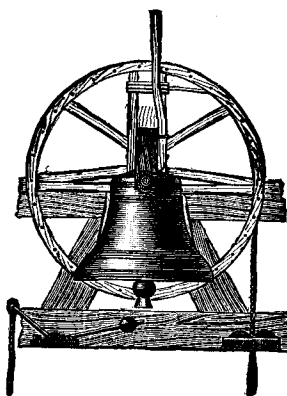
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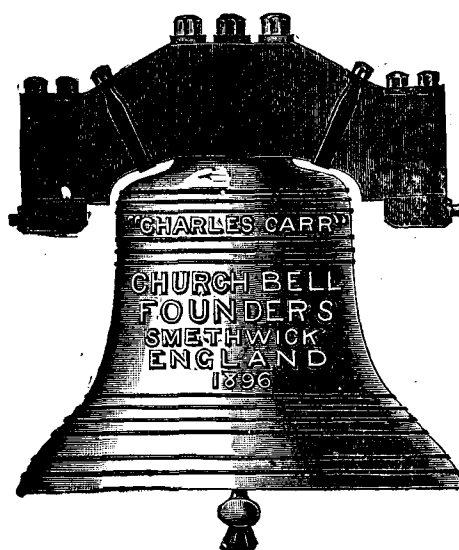
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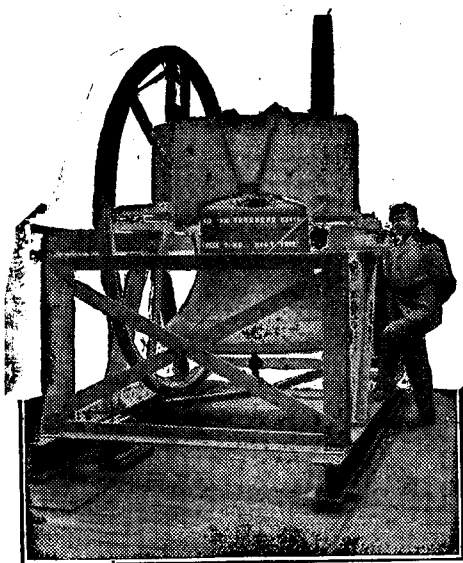
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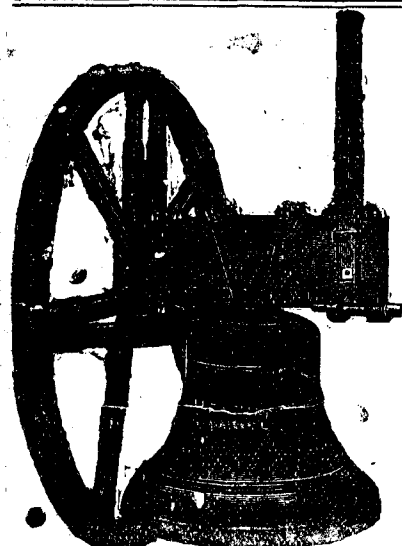
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## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, October 19th, and was as usual very well attended. St. Nicholas, Deptford, and St. Mary's, Lewisham, were also open for ringing. Evensong and a very interesting address by the Vicar (Rev. W. F. Jepson), took place in St. John's church at 5 p.m., at which a good number were present, including the Ven. the Archdeacon of Lewisham.

Tea followed at 6 p.m. in the Church Room, to which seventy-six sat down, including the Vicar, supported by the Archdeacon of Lewisham, and F. Stooke, Esq., Tower Warden of St. John's.

The Vicar having to leave early to attend a service at Greenwich, extended a very hearty welcome to the members of the Association. He attached a very considerable importance to bell-ringing, and was glad St. John's had a peal of bells before the London County Council obtained any power to stop them. He was impressed with the sacredness of the ringers' office, and looked upon them as fellow-workers in the Church, for they summoned the people to worship God in His house.

F. Stooke, Esq., presided at the business meeting which followed. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed. The Rev. F. Jepson was elected an hon. member. Messrs. E. E. Richards, T. Groombridge, jun., J. Howes, and J. H. B. Hesse were elected practising members. Sidcup was the place selected for the next quarterly meeting on January 25th, 1908.

The District Secretary then read his annual report. Mr. T. Groombridge and Mr. G. Conyard were again returned to their respective offices as District Secretary and District Representative.

The District Secretary then gave notice of a motion he intended to bring before the General Committee for the improvement of the quarterly meetings, and after a good discussion it was proposed that the progress of same be reported at the next quarterly meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding brought the meeting to a close, the members again dispersing to the various towers.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this Association was held at the parish church, Tettenhall, on Saturday, October 19th, when the following towers in the Archdeaconry were represented: West Bromwich, Wolverhampton, Tipton, Wednesbury, Darlaston, Wombourn, Walsall, Coseley, Bradley and Wood Green. The bells were rung during the afternoon, and some good touches in various methods were brought round. A short service was held in the church at 5 o'clock, when the curate (owing to the indisposition of the Vicar), gave a very hearty welcome to the members. At a committee meeting held in the vestry afterwards, some new members were elected, and several tower elections ratified. It was also

decided to hold the next meeting at Darlaston early in January 1908. An adjournment was then made to the schoolroom where a substantial knife and fork tea was found to be in readiness, ample justice being done to the good things provided. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed, seconded and carried to the Vicar for the use of the bells; to the curate for his excellent address; and to all others who had been the means of the members having such an enjoyable afternoon. During the progress of the tea, Miss M. Gilbanks, of Wollaston, a lady member of the society, joined the party, and another visit being made to the belfry, she was very pleased to take one of the ropes during the ringing.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch of the above Association was held at Shore, near Littleborough, on Saturday last, November 2nd. The following towers were represented: Rochdale, Todmorden parish and Unitarian, Milnrow, Moorside, Heywood, Middleton, and the local company. The methods rung were Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and also of Kent Treble Bob Major. The business meeting was then held, presided over by the President, Mr. S. Brierley, who called on the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting, which were passed as read. It was proposed that the Shore company be enrolled performing members of the Association. Oldham parish church was proposed for the next meeting on Saturday, November 30th. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells and tower, also to Mr. Brierley for presiding, thus bringing to a close one of the most successful meetings held by the branch.

## TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On a recent Saturday members from the belfries of Erston, Neston, Towcester, Greensnorton, Milton, Blakesley, Helmdon, and Bradden, had a very pleasant meeting at the last-named place, kindly arranged by Mr. J. Slarke. The ringing began at 3 o'clock, and was kept up until 5 o'clock, when tea was partaken of in the village room, and much enjoyed by all present, the ladies of the village looking after their wants. The Rev. C. Blathwayt (Rector), was present, and after tea took the chair, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet them there that afternoon. It was the first time to his knowledge that there had been a bell-ringers' meeting at Bradden, and he hoped it would not be the last. He should be very pleased to welcome them there again. He always looked upon bell-ringing as a great work, and he was very pleased to see it taken up so heartily in the district, and hoped it would still go on and do that good work.

Mr. U. Tack, of Milton, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for so kindly waiting on them at the tea, which all enjoyed.

This was seconded by Mr. Slarke, who expressed his pleasure at again meeting his brother-ringers,

## WOOL, DORSET.

## BISHOP OF SALISBURY'S ADDRESS.

A full description of the old peal, the arrival ceremony of the new, and the fine quality of the work done by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston has already appeared in these pages, and there only remains to be given some account of the dedication service.

The gay appearance of the whole parish that afternoon, and the sight of the people gathering to the fast overfilling church, were a curious contrast to the stillness of the scene, the bells of course being silent, as the new ones were both the treble and tenor, and therefore the first music came from the opening notes of Psalm xxxi. raised by the choir when they entered the churchyard led by the Vicar, the Rev. A. C. B. Dobie. By the time the selected verses of the Psalm were finished, the Bishop had taken his stand among the ropes, and after the dedication prayers the opening touch was rung. Choral Evensong followed, the service being intoned by Canon Carpenter. The special lessons (1 Chron. xxix. and 1 Peter ii.) were read by the Rev. W. P. Schuster, the Archdeacon, the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were sung to the setting by Lloyd in A, and the words of the anthem were "Thine, O Lord is the greatness," and the hymn before the sermon "Praise my soul the King of Heaven."

The Bishop took for his text Psalm xcv. 7 8. He said that these words—so familiar that he feared they were accustomed to repeat them without thinking enough of their meaning—appealed to them not to despise the blessings which God gave them every day, and especially not to despise his warnings. And as such they seemed very fitting for their consideration that day. He would like, in speaking from them, to take four points—preparation, punctuality, solemnity and sympathy. With regard to the first point, the bells taught them to prepare. They did not merely ring just a minute or two before the service—though even that was worth something—but they generally prepared the way to God's house by a peal lasting a full half hour or sometimes longer. In that way the bells said to all who heard them that they ought not to go into God's presence without previous thought, but that they should go with a mind properly attuned to what they were going to do there. And he hoped and believed that the ringers in their ringing chamber were doing their part in this preparation as Christian men. He was thankful to know during the last few years the office of bell-ringer had risen in character and reputation, and now very rarely was there anything like want of reverence in the ringing chamber. This was a happy example of one of the things for which they had to thank God when they asked themselves whether the Church was making any real progress or not. First then, the bells were to them the Voice of God bidding them prepare. And the thought of preparation for death, judgment and eternity ought also to be always brought before them, when they heard the sound of the bells. Then there was the voice which bade them be punctual and in time. He thought they owed a very good deal to those who had invented the use of bells and clocks, as it had cultivated the habit of being in time for what they had set their minds on doing. In that way they not only did not waste their own time, but they saved that of others, and thus they got into the habit of doing things regularly, and learning a great deal about united work. He was thankful to know that their parish was so united in the matter they were doing that day,

Dealing with the third point of solemnity, he thought that there was a peculiar solemnity about bells which every one must have felt. They spoke not only of the present, but of the past and future, and how they had rung for the worship, joy and sorrow of so many past generations, and would go on sounding long after the present listeners would have gone to their rest. He supposed too that listening to the bells put their minds into a kind of rhythmical state, most conducive to worship, and took away from them the confused sounds of daily life, and put them into a frame of mind which was prepared to receive the word of God. This was perhaps never so true, as a crowded congregation stood and knelt in silence during the solemn pause made in a dedication for the opening peal. Lastly, he would say one word about sympathy. Just as the merry marriage, or muffled funeral bells roused general sympathy in a neighbour's joy or sorrow, so let the Sabbath bells be a call to greater friendliness and fellow-feeling. He thought that they ought to be more homely and sympathetic with one another, and make their churches not mere places of public worship, where everything was done to settled rule and fixed plan, but there should be greater homeliness and familiarity. When he was a boy he used to see groups of people shaking hands with the clergyman after the service, and talking about the sermon. All that homeliness was a very real part of Christian life, and he hoped that in their country places it would be maintained. Might God grant them, and his dear friends, neighbours—for they knew how closely he was connected with the neighbouring parish of West Lulworth—a great deal of such happiness, and that that day might be a beginning to many of them of a holier life.

After the address the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy," was sung, during which the offertory was taken towards the bell fund, and amounted to over £10. The recessional after the Blessing was the familiar "Now thank we all our God." At the conclusion of the service some good six-scores were struck off by the official openers, Messrs. Hodges, Harris, Orchard, J. H. Coombes, J. Bengier conductor, and Frost, all from Dorchester, with the exception of the 3rd, who hailed from West Lulworth: after which a Christchurch party, conducted by G. Preston, rang several course of Bob Minor. The whole company, which included also representatives from Wareham, Mr. Johnston himself, and — Taylor, were then entertained by the Vicar at the excellent public tea in the Oddfellows Hall.

On the following day, being Sunday, the festal services were kept up, and the morning congregation called together to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles; and after the service, the first 720 of Grandsire Minor was scored on the second attempt by J. Bengier, F. Taylor, F. Uphill, J. H. Coombes, G. H. White, T. H. Beams conductor. The striking was very good, and the bells are pronounced to be capitally balanced for Minor ringing, no one bell being more prominent than another.

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## ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH.

There is, as the majority of ringers know, a fair ring of ten bells at this church. On taking a survey of the names of the St. Alfege company we find among them some very fair, and some very good, ringers; and no one would expect to hear of bad ringing there. Two letters have however appeared in a local paper, from anonymous correspondents, complaining of the bad ringing.

We have no room to insert these letters, but a correspondent admits there are ample causes for these "just and righteous complaints," which he says are couched in terms far too moderate. He goes on: "The ringing (?) has been dreadful for a long period. Causes—practising Surprise at every opportunity; putting a recruit (who cannot ring the treble in Grandsire) to pilot the treble through Double Norwich; placing another weak Grandsire hand on the 7th to ring Stedman without knowing the slow work. Effect—bang, clash, fire, smash! plenty of it. All the admonitions to 'strike 'em' apparently of no use."

We expect our Greenwich friends will, after this, do their best to prevent any future complaints.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

The 270th Annual Dinner of the above was held on Saturday evening, November 2nd, at The Champion hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. The Master (Mr. Edward P. O'Meara) presided, and Mr. E. A. Davies occupied the vice-chair. There was an excellent attendance of members from all parts of the country, including the Lord Bishop of Barking, Canon Bell (Rector of St. Michael's), Rev. A. W. Hutton (Rector of St. Mary-le-Bow), Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Vicar of Crowthorne), Miss Macalpine Leny, of Speldhurst, Mr. C. H. Hattersley (Sheffield), Mr. G. Potter (Newcastle), Mr. W. Newell (Reading), Mr. J. W. Taylor (Loughborough), Mr. G. Bowen (Ilfracombe), Mr. R. A. Daniell (Chiswick), Mr. T. Groombridge (Chislehurst), Mr. J. C. Truss (Great Marlow), the great Matthew Wood, Edwin Horrex, Challis Winney, James Pettit, and other well-known lights in the ringing world. An extended report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

At a meeting of the above society held at The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, on Tuesday, November 5th, the following officers were elected for the year 1907-8:—

Master, Mr. Arthur Hughes; Treasurer, Mr. Albert A. Hughes; Senior Steward, Mr. James C. F. Bayley; Junior Steward, Mr. Alfred Jones; Trustees, Messrs. C. F. Winney and W. Prime; Auditors, Messrs. J. W. Rowbotham and H. R. Pasmore; Secretary, William T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

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No one really doubts that by the establishment of ringing guilds all over the country the knowledge and practice of ringing has been greatly extended. Many who never thought of becoming ringers, many who regarded ringing—if it entered at all into their consideration—as an occupation of a mean and trivial nature, not only to be lightly esteemed, but discouraged when possible; many such people as these, through the spread of these ringing communities, have been converted to an opposite way of thinking, and in the end have become skilled ringers. This is not all. By the formation of these societies, and the regular and constant published reports of their doings, can it be denied that the craft of church bell founding has been enhanced; that many rings of bells have been supplied, if not directly through the agency of bell-ringing institutions, but in a very great measure by means of their influence and continued progress? The published transactions of ringing associations, week by week, have had a great deal to do in popularising church bells and bell-ringing, and bringing both into prominence. The more frequently they appear the greater will be the spread of the art; and as a certain corollary, a greater number of church bells will be cast.

A proposal is made to establish a ringing association for the county of Warwick, and a meeting is announced to be held for the purpose of launching it. The promoters have been favored with some hints as to what they should do in this matter, and also what they should avoid. They have been told not to depend solely upon ringers, but to secure, in addition, the aid and co-operation of influential churchmen, men of practical business experience. There has also been a covert suggestion to avoid anything of a grotesque or effeminate character. Good advice, some will say, though the latter was perhaps hardly necessary. But complete success is wanted, and to ensure this, practical sound hard common-sense is necessary, with a minimum of useless talk. At most business meetings a few people will be found who like to hear their own voice, their enunciations being neither attractive or beneficial. Such should receive short shrift: it is however hoped that those who have arranged this Warwick meeting will have everything in readiness, resolutions and so forth prepared, so that there will be more work than talk. A good chairman is essential—the Vicar of St. Mary's for instance, or some influential churchman who may be found useful in the future.

It may be thought well to have some prominent man as patron, or president. If the headquarters are to be at the old historic town of Warwick, the castle of the Earl is within a stone's throw of St. Mary's church. But the county has plenty of notabilities, so there will be no difficulty in this respect. The Archdeacon of Coventry should be invited to join, and as many as possible of the county clergy. Nothing whatever should be lost sight of calculated to assist in making the first meeting a success in every way.

Warwick has one ring of ten and two of eight; Leamington (2 miles away) eight and six. There are rings of eight at Nuneaton, Stratford-on-Avon, Stoke (a suburb of Coventry), and Rugby. Not much metal, it has been said, to commence a ringing guild with. But there are plenty of six in the county (the village church of Brailes has the heaviest ring of six known), and much could be done with

these six-bell towers. Warwick or Coventry should be the headquarters of the new organisation, the former to be preferred, though some inclination has been shown for the latter on account of its being an ancient city. If the celebrated St. Michael's had not been silenced, Coventry would have been selected. Rugby, situated as it is on the edge of the county, is out of the question.

Another consideration will be the component parts of the Executive of the new society. This should be a very simple matter if incompetent persons hungry for any kind of office will keep their ambitions in check. An excellent Secretary to begin with is essential, a man with some knowledge of organisation, and possessed of great administrative ability, who will become the real mainspring of the Association. Mr. Smallwood, of Coventry, who has the credit of initiating the movement, is spoken of as the man. The idea of having a Master may be dismissed, unless under exceptionally favourable circumstances. The office is often (not always) only an ornamental one, and holders of it have before now been known to play some "fantastic tricks." Is this the reason of the caution to avoid the grotesque or effeminate? A good executive committee of honorary and ordinary members combined has been found an excellent arrangement. All these things cannot be decided upon at the first meeting, but those present should ever bear them in mind, and also any other practical resolves determined upon. The provisional executive cannot let the grass grow under their feet. They must not get weary in well-doing until everything has been placed on a sound footing, and then success will be sure to follow.

One word more. No Guild or Association has yet a member appointed as a kind of travelling representative. Such an officer would in most cases nowadays be superfluous. But in the establishment of a new society like the one under review he may be of use. A man to go from town to town, from village to village, a missionary, to give advice, apt to teach when required, to promote with all his might the interests of Church bells and change-ringing; to agitate for new bells; constantly on the *qui vive* for anything which may be turned into positions for good; a man who will do all this from pure love of the cause. Is there a man like this to be found in the county. It is thought so. Mr. George, of Rugby, is the man pointed at. He has earned the title of "the ubiquitous" on account of his being here, there and everywhere, six or seven different places in one day for ringing. Such an officer would be invaluable to the new Guild.

The writer of the letter in "THE BELL NEWS" announcing the meeting at Warwick, has asked for some hints relative to the new venture; perhaps the foregoing may be of service to him.

#### DEPTFORD BELLRINGERS' DINNER.

The Rev. Arthur Hart, Vicar of St. Nicholas, Deptford, entertained on Thursday, October 10th, the ringers associated with that parish to dinner at the schoolroom on Deptford Green. The Vicar presided, and amongst others present were Messrs. R. E. Warry and F. G. Skinner (churchwardens), Messrs. H. Ford and H. W. Bellingham (sidesmen), besides a numerous company of ringers. In extending a hearty welcome to his guests, the Vicar thanked the ringers for their voluntary efforts, which, he said, relieved the churchwardens and himself of a heavy financial burden. He never met anybody as a parson, but he liked to grip the hand of a warm-hearted man as a

brother and fall in with him in amity. It gave him the greatest pleasure to meet ringers, because in his earlier days he was associated with them in the City, and he could look back upon those days as having been among some of the happiest days of his life. On October 4th, ten years ago, he was ordained, and during a portion of the time that had elapsed he was curate in the north of London, where he conducted the first men's service ever held in the Metropolis, having a congregation of 800 to 1000, many of whom held various and diverse opinions. Then he came to Deptford, where he hoped that his ministry would be a blessing to many. It was his earnest desire to still further the work in that parish, and, with their help, the ministry would receive God's blessing.

Mr. F. W. Thornton proposed the health of the Vicar, whom they thanked, not only for his generous hospitality, but for his kind words of welcome.

Responding, Mr. Hart said he should never forget the warm welcome he received when he came to St. Nicholas parish, and he thanked all for their brotherly love and fellowship, which was of so much importance in ministerial work. He should value it all his life. The object of the Church was to make men and women better. Autocracy was dead, and they were all workers together in a common cause, tending to make the work of the Church a success and a centre of influence. He wanted them to realise that there was something deeper than music, although that was very beautiful. It was a solid, good feeling, which should be in evidence in all things, and brotherliness, which was furthered and strengthened by mutual understanding. He was glad that he was Vicar of a parish which had a church in which there was such a splendid set of bells. That church had been the centre of religious life for 600 years, and although others tried to take the palm for the best work, history was against them, and they in that parish were proud of God's House. If they all pulled together their aims and interests would be extended and brought to a successful issue. Wherever he went he would ever be ready to do what he could for church bellringers, and Mr. F. G. Skinner and Mr. Warry thanked the ringers for "coaching" the amateurs, who were engaged in learning the art.

Songs were contributed by the chairman, Messrs. F. G. Skinner, W. J. Jeffries, A. H. Ford, F. W. Thornton, and F. W. Richardson (who also acted as accompanist), and selections on the handbells by Messrs. Jeffries, Thornton, Lamb, and Warnett.

#### BINSTEAD, HANTS.

On Wednesday, October 16th, for the Harvest Thanksgiving service, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 30 mins. G. Cranham, C. Edwards conductor, E. Bowditch, E. Clapshaw, E. Newell. This is the first 720 ever rang on these bells, the above ringers receiving invitations from the Vicar for the occasion. Change-ringing here is very difficult, owing to the bad "go" of the bells, and the centre of the ringing-chamber being filled up with a clock-case. An effort is now being made to have the present five rehung, and to add a treble to make six. There has evidently been nothing done to them since they were first hung. The 4th was recast in 1864 by Mears, it having fell down in 1812.

RAWTENSTALL (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, October 13th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Rollerson, T. Collinge, E. Taylor, H. H. Shaw, G. H. Hargreaves, T. Rollerson conductor.

## Correspondence.

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

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

## TREBLE BOB MAJOR AND SOTTANSTALL'S TWELVE COURSES.

SIR,—In your issue for September 28th last you kindly published for me two peals, one of Sottanstall's and one of mine on the same plan as above, placed side by side, to show how my peal comes directly from his, excepting the first two courses. This is where the improvement comes. This was done in vindicating my contention that my peal is not Robinson's. In the same letter I challenged this gentleman by some proof to show his contention that my peal is his, as he had repeatedly stated, without proof. In your issue of October 12th last Mr. Robinson starts his letter by acknowledging that all peals on the above plan in question are variations of one another. This is what I have said all along. Then he goes on to compare my peal with his, and finds the only real difference exists in the first and twelfth courses. Quite correct. But this is the difficulty, and here is where our friend should have given some proof of all he has said and repeated so often. But no; not a word upon the real difference of how one is obtainable from the other did he say, not even an attempt. Most disappointing, almost insulting. But he runs away expressing a hope that I accept the explanation. Well, Mr. Editor, I don't find any explanation to my question nor to my challenge. All I do find is an apology for same. This being so Mr. Robinson has no proof for what he has said, and his statements collapse. Here, Mr. Editor, let me thank you for all your kindness upon this subject, which has been so prolonged, and unless Mr. Robinson has new light to throw upon the question I shall take no further notice of his letters.

The following is a new peal upon Sottanstall's plan, the 6th place bell being brought up by different calling each time, and that at \* is a new element in these peals.

5056.									
2	3	4	5	6		M	B	W	H
4	3	5	2	6				2	1
3	6	5	2	4		2	-	1	2
2	3	6	4	5		2		2	2
2	6	4	3	5		1	-	2	2
2	4	3	6	5		1	-	2	2
2	4	6	5	3		2		2	1
2	6	5	4	3				1	2
2	5	4	6	3		1	-	2	2
2	6	3	5	4		2		1	1
2	3	5	6	4				1	2
2	5	6	3	4		1	-	2	2
*2	4	5	3	6		2			1
2	5	3	4	6		1	-	2	2
2	3	4	5	6				1	2

By using alternate calling to either the 9th or 12th courses the number of changes are reduced to 5024.

H. DAINS.

## LAUNTON CHURCH BELLS.

SIR,—I notice in the letter of Mr. H. C. Pauli, *re* Launton Church Bells in your last issue he mentions of the opening of bells at Twyford Berks. May I state he is somewhat premature? We have not got a ring of bells, but are trying our utmost to get one, and the unfortunate part is we have to build a tower first. There are not any really rich people in the parish who are able to give big sums, but am pleased to say we have a good number of the poor and working class who are taking an interest and doing their part in getting the money together by giving anything from a penny a month to a penny per day, according to their incomes, and am glad to state since the fund has been started a year ago some £700 has been subscribed. I take this opportunity of appealing to the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" and lovers of bells generally for any donation,

however small, towards the object, so that Twyford, Berks, may have a tower and bells as well as Twyford, Bucks, which county Mr. Pauli really meant in his letter. Any donation will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the Vicar, the Rev. R. W. H. Acworth, St. Mary's Vicarage, Twyford, Berks., or by FREDERICK DENTRY, *Change-ringer and Member of Committee, Twyford, Berks.*

## ARE "POINTS" JUSTIFIABLE?

SIR,—W. Pye's tautological and tangled epistle in which not a single sentence has an atom of foundation, will, so far as I am concerned, be treated with the contempt it deserves.

I have raised the question upon principle, and not by misrepresentation or ignorant and uncultivated personalities, and it is upon principle only that I take my stand. Those determined to carry on a system so unjust to the county to which they belong, and in which the foundation of their knowledge was laid and built up, simply because of the financial benefit reaped from other quarters, will do well to make all the use of the towers in this district they intend between now and Whit-Monday, when an effort will be made to pass a resolution, the effect of which will be "That's all."

B. KEEBLE.

## POINTS FOR PEALS.

SIR,—Messrs. B. Keeble and W. Pye can take care of themselves, and I only allude to their discussion in order to express my regret that the latter, in writing to you last week, did not confine himself to a statement of his views without introducing personalities. I understood Mr. Keeble to contend that a peal rung in an Essex tower by Essex men, members of the Essex Association, should in fairness be credited to that rather than to some other Association—a reasonable contention, for which there is a good deal to be said, though Mr. Pye does not accept it. May I also, by the way, express my regret at reading that Mr. Pye, whose ringing abilities we highly value, has lost his interest in the Association under which he began his career? But that, again, is his affair, not ours.

My real object in writing is to suggest that this dispute would probably not have arisen but for the system which has grown up of competition between different societies in scoring points for peals rung. That system helps to divert attention from the main object of a ringing Association; which is to promote and encourage change-ringing not only among experts, but among learners and beginners at every stage of progress. We want to educate the whole school, not only to show off the top boys; and I am inclined to think that our most valuable work is sometimes evidenced by records of peals in the simpler methods where no peals have previously been rung. We hope, of course, to train experts—the more of them the better; and when we have got them, we like them to display their skill, and thereby gain credit for the society to which they belong. But when I see in "THE BELL NEWS" that some eminent ringer has been helping the "lame dogs" of a young band over their first stile of Grandsire or Plain Bob, I respect and admire him even more than when I see his name in a peal of London Surprise, because he has been doing good service for the education of ringers, without regard for his own pleasure or credit.

I will not dogmatise upon a subject with which I am but imperfectly acquainted; but I am inclined at present to agree with those who think that we should be as well without "peal points."

T. L. PAPILLON,

Master of the Essex Association.

## A WITHDRAWAL.

SIR,—The peal of Double Norwich Major by me, published in your issue of October 19th, from what Mr. J. W. Parker says is a variation of one of his. As I was not aware until now of Mr. Parker's composition, I willingly withdraw my claim.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1907.

LAST week we made allusion to the 81st birthday of a famous London ringer—MATTHEW WOOD. This week another distinguished member of the Exercise, famed not only as a ringer, but a composer of as many peals in the intricate methods as any one, reaches his 70th birthday. This is our old friend HENRY DAINS. In acquainting us with the fact he gives us a few pleasing reminiscences, with some complimentary allusions to this journal and its editor.

The period of "three-score years and ten," which is mentioned by the Psalmist as the probable duration of man's pilgrimage here below, is a stage which inclines one to have a look at the past—a retrospect. If our friend has not been a prominent bob-caller during his forty years' ringing experience, his position in the Exercise is among the highest. All who read these lines will hope that he may live to enjoy many more birthdays.

We hear that JOHN CARTER has made arrangements to attempt to-day (Saturday) what he calls an "old man peal," in honor of older veterans than himself.

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On Saturday, November 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

SAMUEL REEVES.. .. Treble.	HORACE BELCHER .. .. 6.
HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 2.	REUBEN HALL .. .. 7.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 3.	*JESSE SCREEN .. .. 8.
ROBERT PICKERING .. .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 9.
THOMAS H. REEVES.. .. 5.	JAMES HARES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the opening of these bells as a ring of ten; also as a compliment to T. Horton on the thirty-eighth anniversary of his wedding.

## HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM SBELEY* .. .. Treble.	*ALFRED G. KEDWELL .. .. 5.
HENRY G. FAIBBRASS .. .. 2.	EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. .. 6.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.. .. 3.	FREDERICK G. BRETT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. WOOD .. .. 4.	*FREDERICK JORDAN.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

\*First peal in the method.

## NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHARLES DRAPER .. .. Treble.	JOHN M. BROOK .. .. 5.
GEORGE HOLLIS.. .. 2.	SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 6.
REV. R. P. FARROW.. .. 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. PEABODY .. .. 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

## WILLINGTON, BEDS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

## 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 9 cwt. in G.

*CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Treble.	JOHN HARE.. .. 4.
SIDNEY J. PECK .. .. 2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. .. 5.
SIDNEY J. COLEMAN .. .. 3.	HERBERT FIELDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

## ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT V. INNS .. .. Treble.	ROBERT F. TURNER.. .. 5.
CHARLES W. BIRD .. .. 2.	HERBERT J. JULIAN .. .. 6.
ARTHUR E. PAYNE .. .. 3.	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT .. 7.
EDWARD CHAPMAN .. .. 4.	DAVID J. NICHOLS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES HOUGHTON, and

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

## FAREHAM, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 2, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN W. WHITING .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. .. 5.
CECIL A. VALENTINE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM ROWE, JUN., R.E.* 3.	EDWIN J. HARDING .. .. 7.
GEORGE E. CHAPPELL .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the composer, also Messrs. Valentine and Rowe, all of whom celebrated their anniversary during the week. It was also the conductor's 700th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

## KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 25½ cwt.

GORDON CHECKETTS .. .. Treble.	JAMES R. NEWMAN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. .. 2.	GEORGE FIGOTT.. .. 6.
ALFRED DAVIES .. .. 3.	JOSEPH FIGOTT .. .. 7.
JOHN BASS .. .. 4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS.. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung on the occasion of the Dedication Festival.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 3, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

FREDERICK RICE .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR LEWIS .. .. 5.
JOHN STEDDY .. .. 2.	ALFRED MILLS .. .. 6.
ALFRED WYNCH.. .. 3.	JACK PRESTON .. .. 7.
DAVID WRIGHT .. .. 4.	PETER TYLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. PRESTON.

D. Wright was elected a member of the above Association in the tower.

## REIGATE, SURREY.

On Monday, November 4, 1907, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

J. WILLIAM POOLEY.. .. Treble.	HENRY A. HOAD .. .. 6.
HENRY F. EWINS .. .. 2.	GEORGE F. HOAD .. .. 7.
ARTHUR HOLMAN .. .. 3.	JOHN CAPP .. .. 8.
WILLIAM ARGENT .. .. 4.	HENRY REEVES.. .. 9.
WILLIAM H. CARD .. .. 5.	HENRY W. EDWARDS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by GEO. F. HOAD.

**Miscellaneous.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**YATELEY (Hants).**—On Sunday, September 8th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Butler, S. Riddell conductor, H. Tice, C. Hilton, W. Horne, F. Hagley, G. Bunch, B. Bunch. On September 1st, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Bunch, H. Tice, W. B. Tice, F. Hopgood conductor, W. Horne, G. Bunch, S. Riddell, B. Bunch. On September 15th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Bunch, S. Riddell, G. Bunch, C. Hilton, W. Horne conductor, F. Hagley, W. Horne, G. Bunch. For evening service 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Bunch, sen., C. Hilton, F. Hopgood, S. Riddell conductor, H. Tice, F. Hagley, W. Horne, G. Bunch. On Thursday, September 26th, for practice, 630 Grandsire Triples. G. Butler, F. Hagley, W. G. Bunch, W. Horne conductor, J. Moth, G. Bunch S. Riddell, B. Bunch. On handbells a course of Stedman Doubles. On Sunday, October 6th, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. G. Bunch, S. Riddell conductor, C. Hilton, W. Horne, H. Tice, F. Hagley, G. Bunch, B. Bunch. On Thursday, for practice, 120 Stedman Doubles. G. Butler, W. Horne, F. Hagley, G. Bunch, S. Riddell. On Sunday, October 13th, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Bunch, S. Riddell conductor, W. Horne, C. Hilton, H. Tice, F. Hagley, G. Bunch, B. Bunch.

**THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**

**LLANGOLLEN.**—On Monday, October 21st, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. J. Davies, F. Edwards, T. James, J. W. Bailey, C. E. Williams, T. Davies, J. W. Davies conductor, D. R. White.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

**THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).**—On a recent Sunday evening, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. C. Rose, E. Youngs, A. Berry, G. Cattermole, E. H. Symonds, G. E. Symonds conductor. And two courses of Double Court Minor.

**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**OXHEY (Herts).**—On Sunday, November 3rd, for morning service, 1344 London Surprise. W. Compton, T. L. Simmons, A. D. Bates, A. W. Dix, G. N. Price, F. White, H. Eden, F. W. Brinklow conductor. First quarter-peal in the method by all except the ringers of 5, 7 and tenor.

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**BRIDGNORTH.**—On Thursday, October 24th, for practice at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Overton, W. Hayward, G. Jones, H. W. Overton, W. Short, G. Case conductor. 120 Stedman Doubles. J. Overton, G. Case, G. Jones, H. W. Overton, W. Short conductor, T. Humphries.

**MADELEY (Salop).**—On Sunday, October 27th, for evening service at the parish church, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Taylor, G. Jones, W. Hayward, C. Clifford, G. Case conductor, F. Stalker. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Taylor, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

**STREATHAM.**—On Saturday, October 9th, a course of Superlative Surprise Major. J. A. Lambert, C. J. North, E. Walker, A. H. Winch, G. Huggett, L. Attwater, J. Driver, W. S. Smith, 416 Double Norwich. A. Jones, C. J. North, G. Edser, A. H. Winch, J. Wyatt, C. J. Hamlin, L. Attwater, W. S. Smith conductor. 504 Stedman Triples. W. S. Smith conductor G. Edser, C. J. Hamlin, C. J. North, W. Kelly, L. Attwater, J. Wyatt, G. Barrington. A course of Grandsire Cinques and touches of Stedman Caters, Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major on handbells by Messrs. Driver (conductor), Kelly, Judd, Attwater, Harvey and North. The above were rung at the quarterly meeting of the above Association held at Streatham on the above date.

**BEDDINGTON.**—On Thursday, October 17th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes. J. Trappitt, E. Bennett conductor, A. Boxall, F. Holder, W. Joiner, W. Smith, A. Trappitt, C. Gordon, A. Clayton, J. Rumble. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

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

**BIRMINGHAM.**—On Tuesday, October 22nd, at St. Martin's church, a peal of Stedman Cinques was lost through a change-course after ringing 2 hrs. 30 mms. J. E. Groves, A. Walker conductor, A. Chambers, F. Dickens, T. Miller, E. J. Hyland, J. Neal, A. P. Smith, T. Reynolds, S. Grove, J. George, S. J. Jessop. Arranged for J. George of Rugby. On Sunday, October 27th (Hospital Sunday), for Divine Service in the morning, six courses of Stedman Cinques. J. E. Groves, G. Pigott, J. Neal, W. R. Small, T. Reynolds, T. Pigott, E. J. Hyland, A. Walker conductor, . Burleigh, J. L. Wells, A. P. Smith, S. J. Jessop. For evening service six courses of Stedman Caters. T. Pigott, W. H. Godden, A. Walker conductor, W. R. Small, E. J. Hyland, G. Pigott, T. Reynolds, A. P. Smith, J. E. Groves, J. Neal.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**LINDFIELD (Sussex).**—On Saturday, October 26th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. F. Willey, H. Tomsett, R. Holder, H. Gravett, A. Gravett, A. Tomsett, G. Tomsett conductor, G. Gaston. On Sunday, October 27th, for morning service, 224 and a plain course of Grandsire Triples. C. Grundy, H. Tomsett, R. Holder, G. Tomsett, E. Patching, A. Tomsett conductor, J. W. Steddy, F. Willey. For evening service 360 Grandsire Minor. C. Grundy, R. Holder, G. Tomsett, H. Tomsett conductor, E. Patching, F. Willey, C. Featherstone, T. Patching.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**SHIPLEY (Yorks).**—On Sunday, October 13th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Broadley, E. Murgatroyd, E. Wickham, E. Simpson, W. Joyce, J. Joyce, J. Ross, F. London conductor. For evening service 500 Forward Major. B. E. Howe, E. Murgatroyd, A. Gill, F. London, W. Joyce, J. Joyce, T. B. Kendall conductor, J. Broadley.

**BRADLEY (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday evening, October 13th, for the Harvest Festival service at St. Martin's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Bayliss, A. Baker, J. Harper, S. Pearce, W. Bayliss, W. Fisher, J. A. Brown J. Dicken. Composed by T. Collinson and conducted by W. Fisher. After service 377 Grandsire Triples. A. Bayliss, A. Baker, S. Pearce, W. Fisher, J. A. Brown, W. Bayliss, J. Harper, J. Dicken.

**HERNE (Kent).**—On Tuesday, October 22nd, 720 Bob Minor. T. Stone, A. Stemp, C. Holman, E. Slingsby, G. Simpson, W. J. Sorrell conductor.

**HOLSWORTHY (Devon).**—On Wednesday, October 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins. A. Metters, C. Vam stone, J. Hockin, F. Rowland, W. Gerry conductor, W. H. Smale. Rung on the anniversary of the Rector's birthday.

**HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL (Leicestershire).**—On Sunday evening October 13th, for the Harvest Festival, 720 Grandsire Doubles. W. Martin, S. White, G. Thompson, F. Cotton conductor, M. Clayfield.

**PENGE (Surrey).**—On Sunday, October 8th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor. W. G. Conn, jun., E. A. Hull, W. G. Conn, sen., S. Hopkins, E. Pobjee, G. Wickens conductor. On Sunday, October 13th, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor. W. G. Conn, jun., E. A. Hull, W. G. Conn, sen., H. Edwards, E. Pobjee, G. Wilkins conductor. On Tuesday, October 15th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. G. Conn, jun., E. A. Hull, W. G. Conn, sen., H. Edwards, E. Pobjee, G. Wickens conductor. And 360 in the same method.

**ROMFORD (Essex).**—On Sunday, October 20th, for evening service, 672 Superlative Surprise. A. W. Coles, C. T. Coles, E. Loosemore, H. Catterwell, A. J. Carter, G. R. Pye conductor, W. Watson, E. Pye. On Sunday evening, October 27th 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. R. Pye conductor, E. Pye, A. J. Carter, G. Roughton, W. Woodgate first quarter-peal in the method, H. F. Dawkins, H. Catterwell, W. Watson.

## STEDMAN CATERS.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

5033.

231456789 I 5 6 15 16

543126978 - S -

315426 - - -

135426 - S -

541326 - - -

451326 - S -

134526 - - -

314526 - S -

453126 - - -

215346 S - -

532146 - - -

352146 - S -

213546 - - -

123546 - S -

351246 - - -

531246 - S -

125346 - - -

432516 S - -

254316 - - -

524316 - S -

435216 - - -

345216 - S -

523416 - - -

253416 - S -

342516 - - -

154236 S - -

421536 - - -

241536 - S -

152436 - - -

512436 - S -

245136 - - -

425136 - S -

514236 - - -

321456 S - -

143256 - - -

413256 - S -

324156 - - -

234156 - S -

412356 - - -

142356 - S -

231456 - - -

124365879\*

132465 - - -

143265 - - -

123465 - S -

142365 - - -

134265 - - -

312456

132547

123456

\*1, 3, 13S, 15, 17, 24.

This peal has the 6th her extent at home in the tittums, also six courses at home in the handstroke home position; and is the very first peal

that has the 6th her extent in one position.

I will publish my other peals with the extents of Caters and Cinques in due course.

5019.

By GEORGE R. FARDON, *Oxford.*

231456

165243978\*

4 5 16

563412 - - -

163254 - - -

164352 - - -

162453 - - -

261354 - - -

264153 - - -

263451 - - -

362154 - - -

364251 - - -

463152 - - -

462351 - - -

461253 - - -

461352 S - -

462153 - - -

463251 - - -

364152 - - -

362451 - - -

361254 - - -

163452 - - -

162354 - - -

261453 - - -

263154 - - -

315462879†

513264 - - -

514362 - - -

512463 - - -

215364 - - -

214563 - - -

213465 - - -

312564 - - -

314265 - - -

413562 - - -

412365 - - -

415263 - - -

415362 S - -

412563 - - -

413265 - - -

314562 - - -

312465 - - -

315264 - - -

513462 - - -

512364 - - -

215463 - - -

213564 - - -

214365 - - -

Round next change.

\*12, 13, 15, 18, 20, 21, 22.

†18, 20, 21, 22.

## BOB MAJOR.

By MORRIS J. MORRIS, *Rhyl.*

5088.

23456 W 5/4 B M H

23564 I - -

52364 - - -

24365 - - -

45362 - - -

45236 - 2 -

24536 - - -

52436 - - -

34256 - - -

Five times repeated; single midway and end. 6th her extent each way in 5/6.

5472.

By the same Author.

23456 W 5/4 B M H

53462 - I -

43265 - - -

23564 - - -

35264 - - -

35426 2 - -

43526 - - -

54326 - - -

32456 S - -

Five times repeated; omitting bobs at home in last course of 2nd, 4th, and 6th parts. 6th her extent each way in 5/6.

5184.

By the same Author.

23456 W 5/4 B M H

53462 - I -

43265 - - -

23564 - - -

35264 - - -

64235 - - -

52436 - - -

24536 - - -

45236 - - -

34256 - - -

Five times repeated; single to be added midway and end. 6th her extent each way in 5/6.

## LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROSTON (Lancashire).—On Thursday, October 31st, at the parish church, a half-peal (2520 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 30 mins. W. Dalton, T. Dalton, W. Bannister, W. Sumner, J. Hough, J. Acroft, P. Ascroft conductor, J. Cottam.

**Notices.**

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page 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. John-at-Hackney on November 19th; St. John, South Hackney, on November 18th; St. Magnus on November 14th; all at 8 p.m.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton to-day, Sat., November 9th. Bells ready at 4.30. Members intending to be present please send word to  
WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*  
35, Church Road, Garston.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, November 16th. The Cathedral belfry will be opened at 2 o'clock. Evensong in the choir of the Cathedral at 4 o'clock. Tea at Dumper's, Jewry Street restaurant at 5.15. Meeting immediately after the tea.

JAS. W. ELKINS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—Next meeting at Crawley on Saturday, November 16th. Tower open from 3 to 9. Tea at 5 o'clock. Members intending to be present at tea please inform me not later than the 13th inst.

ROBERT J. DAWES, *Hon. Div. Sec.*  
15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, November 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea kindly inform me not later than November 15th.  
GEO. PRESTON, *Dis. Sec.*  
Christchurch.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Stretford Road, on Saturday, November 16th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.  
W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Daybrook on Saturday, November 16th, from 3 till 8. Meat tea (tickets 1s 3d.), at The Old Spot. Those intending to be present at tea, notify Mr. Mitchell, sen., Front Street, Arnold, Daybrook, not later than the 14th inst.  
REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Leatherhead District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Dorking parish church on Saturday, November 16th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Short service at 6 p.m., with address by Canon Chichester. Tea at 6.30 in the Church Room. Meeting after tea. Members requiring tea please let me know by the 14th inst.  
E. E. LODD, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Guildford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Guildford on Wednesday, November 20th. 4.0.—Bells available at Holy Trinity. 5.0.—Bells available at St. Mary's. 5.30.—Festival Service as St. Mary's church. Preacher—Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of

Crowthorne. 6.15.—Tea at The Star hotel, to be followed by business and social evening. Mr. C. Willshire will arrange the programme.  
JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dulverton on Saturday, November 23rd. Particulars to follow.  
E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

**ST. MATTHEW'S, IPSWICH.**

(A SOLILOQUY.)

In the sacred calm of a belfry,  
With the bells I am dreaming alone,  
Where oft in rapture and medley,  
We rang in the years that are gone.

'Neath that arch thro' the casement  
window  
I first caught Mary's dark eye,  
No lily or rose in the garden,  
I thought with her beauty could vie.

Her smile gave me hopes I might win her,  
And own all the charms she possessed,  
But alas! the sweet artless sinner  
Discarded the love I confessed.

Above the old bells wrapp'd in silence,  
Like spectres and seers of the dead,  
Are watching the flight of the shadows—  
Recording the years that have fled.

How merrily once they responded,  
To our first peal ardently won!  
We thought all the town stood and  
wondered—  
Amazed at the task we had done.

Ah! yes, there's the peal-board purporting,  
All we did thirty-eight years ago,  
When we rang that five thousand and forty,  
He is dead—the conductor—poor Joe.

Those two older boards tell a story,  
Forgotten, yet bid us behold  
How soon all ambition and glory  
Lie sunk in oblivion's fold.

No more shall they ever assemble  
To ring when the day's work is done;  
They sleep 'neath death's sombre mantle,  
In hope of that bright dawn to come.

O years, that have vanished as meteors,  
How soon lowers the day to the west!  
Dame Nature but seem to awake us  
That soon she may lay us to rest.

Ye spirits, now long since departed,  
In silence I muse here alone;  
O say to what realm be thou wafted,  
Shall we meet in that glorious zone?

G. F. MARGETSON.

**NOTE TO PEAL.**

**THE PEAL AT FARNHAM.**—G. Williams' 700 Peals.—5040 on six bells 19, conducted 14; Bob Triples 6, conducted 4; Major 35, conducted 30; Royal 1, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples 74, conducted 60; on handbells 4, conducted 4; Major 1, conducted 1; Caters 9, conducted 4; Union Triples 1, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 173, conducted 124; Caters 23, conducted 15; Cinques 1; Kent Major 53, conducted 43; Royal 14, conducted 7; Maximus 1; Oxford Major 3, conducted 2; Double Norwich Major 77, conducted 64; Royal 1;

College Exercise Major 1; Champion 1; Norfolk Surprise Major 2, conducted 1; Westminster 3, conducted 1; Gloucester 3, conducted 1; Oxford 3, conducted 2; New Cumberland 6, conducted 6; Superlative 103, conducted 81; Cambridge 35, conducted 28; London 45, conducted 40; Bristol 2, conducted 2. Total—700; conducted 536.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.**

BY LOUIS HEAD, *Lyminge.*

5056.

23456 W B H

52436	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-

Three times repeated; s instead of b at the end of the 2nd and 4th parts.

**ABINGDON (Berks.)**—On Sunday, October 6th, at the church of St. Nicholas, 720 Bob Minor. G. Spencer, H. Holifield, A. Fawdry, F. Barratt, J. Merrick, C. A. Valentine conductor. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. W. Holifield, C. Valentine, A. Fawdry, F. Barratt, J. Merrick, G. Spencer.

**FARNHAM (Surrey.)**—On Sunday evening, October 12th, for the Harvest Thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Lowman, G. Upshall, A. Smith, C. Edwards conductor, A. Baigent, E. Newell, T. Upshall, H. Kimber.

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joyed. Tracks were now made for the parish church, where hangs a fine ring of eight, tenor 23 cwt. After a short touch of Stedman Triples our Vicar took his departure, he having several duties to perform in his parish. A walk through some lovely woods brought on tea time; then back to the church, where touches in several methods were brought round. The return journey was then made, Newcastle being reached at 10.40, thoroughly satisfied with the outing. The company take this opportunity of thanking all who helped to make it so successful. B. K.

THE BURNHAM SOCIETY, SOMERSET.—On Saturday, October 26th, the Burnham ringers visited Weare and rang some touches of Grandsire Doubles, and then proceeded to Wedmore, where some capital touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, including a quarter-peal, in 50 mins. A. Routlev, E. Cox, J. Dunn, F. Iley, E. Mad-

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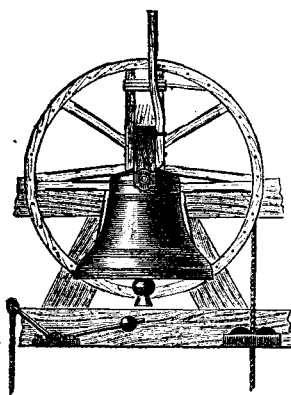
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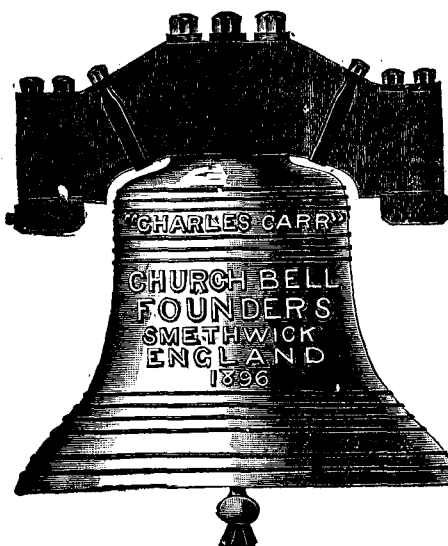
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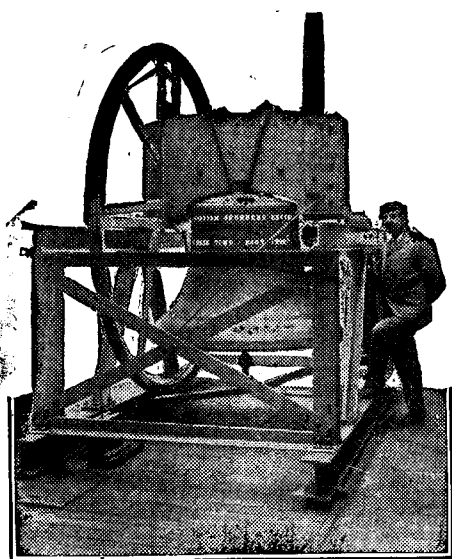
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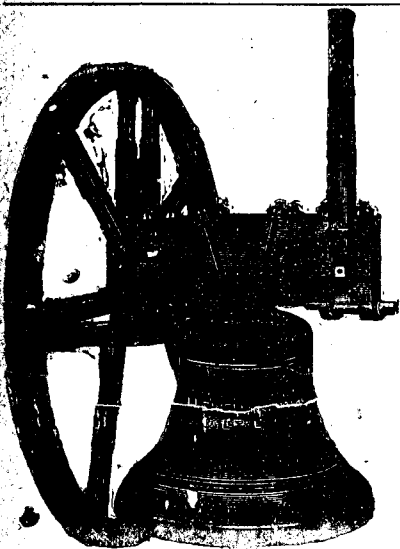
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## ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The Two Hundred and Seventieth Anniversary Dinner of this society was held at The Champion hotel, Aldersgate, London, on Saturday, November 2nd. Mr. Edward P. O'Meara (the Master) occupied the chair, and Mr. E. A. Davies the vice-chair. The large gathering present included the Right Rev. the Bishop of Barking, the Rev. Canon Bell, D.D., Rector of St. Michael, Cornhill, the Rev. A. W. Hutton, Rector of St. Mary-le-Bow, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne, Miss MacAlpine-Leny of Speldhurst, R. A. Daniell esq., Mr. John William Taylor of Loughborough, Mr. C. H. Hattersley of Sheffield, and many other provincials, together with nearly all the great and well-known ringers of London.

Letters and telegrams regretting inability to attend and wishing prosperity to the ancient society were received from the Archdeacon of London, the Rev. Donald Mackinnon, Rector of Speldhurst; Rev. D. T. Redpath, Vicar of St. Dunstan's-in-the-Eas; Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., General Mackinnon, C.B., Lieuts. George and Lachlan Mackinnon, etc.

The report of the Hon. Secretary, Mr. William T. Cockerill, shews that during the year twenty-one members have been made. Practices to the number of fifty-eight have been held in London, viz.: St. Paul's 9, St. Dunstan's 9, St. Magnus 24, St. Mary-le-Bow 8, St. Michael 6, and Cripplegate 2.

Nineteen peals have been rung, including 5 Stedman Triples, 4 Stedman Caters, 1 Treble Bob Major, 2 Treble Bob Royal, 2 Treble Bob Maximus, 1 Bob Major, 1 Superlative, 1 London, 1 seven 720s; 4 handbell peals: 1 Treble Bob Maximus, 1 Stedman Caters, 2 Stedman Triples.

In submitting the toast, "Church, King, and State," the Master said: As it falls to my lot to propose the first toast—"Church, King, and State"—I have very great pleasure in doing so. As church bell ringers we are first of all loyal churchmen, and after that we are loyal Englishmen. I can say very little about the latter part of the toast. I am sure that as loyal Englishmen we all wish long life to our King and royal family, and prosperity to the nation as a whole. I cannot give you a speech like Sir Arthur Heywood did last year in submitting this toast. As churchmen we all feel we want our established Church always to remain. We feel it is very good and fine to have these gatherings, and to get among us such dignitaries of the Church as we have here to night. It is exceedingly good of the Bishop of Barking to come among us. From what he has told me to-night I feel sure that he will favour again us at some future gathering. Then we have the Rector of Bow, and the Rector of St. Michael's Cornhill, and last, but not least, we have our old friend the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, whom we all know so well, and who always comes to support us on these occasions. In asking you to honour the toast, I couple therewith the name of the Right Rev. the Bishop of Barking.

The toast was received with musical honours.

In rising to respond, the Bishop of Barking was heartily

greeted. His lordship said: When your secretary asked me if I would respond to the toast of The Church, and when I looked at the programme this evening and saw that that was coupled with the King and the State, I felt that my work was rather cut out for me. We all know with regard to the toast of The King it is not usual to make any response at all. Nobody but his majesty, I think, has any right to respond to that toast. We rejoice to have such a king as we have. I do not know whether he is a bell-ringer, but in his early days he was an athletic man, and took an interest in athletic sports. He is a cricketer and tennis player. I will not take up your time by responding, or attempting to respond, to that toast. Nor am I a statesman, and therefore I do not know that I can say very much about the State. On the other hand I do feel that on this particular occasion it is a very great privilege to respond at this meeting of the College Youths on behalf of the Church, because the Church and the College Youths ought to be working together if the work of either the one or the other is to be done as it ought to be done. I think the more we recognise ringers as Church workers the better for the Church as well as the better for the ringers. I must not anticipate the toast that will come presently, and therefore I must not dwell too much on this point. When I heard the applause with which the name of your old friend Mr. Coleridge was received, I thought you had made a mistake in not calling on him to respond instead of me. But on second thoughts I came to the conclusion that whilst it is a good thing to be well on with the old friends, it is also not a bad thing sometimes to get on with the new. I am a new friend of yours so far as having been present on one of these occasions, but I can assure you that for a great many years I have taken a keen interest in bellringing. I am not a practical bellringer, I do not handle the ropes, but I have done in my little way what I can to forward the interests of bellringers, and to do what I can to see that the belfries are kept in the condition that they ought to be kept in. I believe that the condition of belfries is a good deal better, but I also think that it might be a deal better still in many churches. So far as my little influence goes, and I may say in passing that I am one of those bishops they call "suffering" bishops, you know. I am also an archdeacon, and my province of archdeacon is very greatly to look after the condition of the fabric of churches, and the condition of church property. Well, wherever I go, as far as I possibly can, I ask the question: What is the condition of your belfry, and how are the bells hanging in your belfry, and how are the bells rung? I do the utmost I can to call attention to the state of bells and bellringing, and bellringers, wherever I go. I may say that one result of that has been that nearly wherever I go where they have a peal of bells, I always hear those bells ringing out merrily whenever I visit a parish. And I generally try to have a word with the ringers before I come away, and if I cannot do that, to send up a message by the Vicar or the Rector of the parish to thank them for the peal they have been good enough to give. There was a time when they used to say when the Bishop was in the parish they put the flag at the top

of the mast, and when the suffragan came they put it half-mast. It was only a little intimation of the way in which they regarded the position of the occupants of those places. I think the Suffragan-Bishop and the Archdeacon are welcomed by bellringers who like to be recognised as Church workers. I hope very much that in the years to come we may see that the old days when the belfry was neglected, and when the approach to the belfry was left in a dirty condition, and when the bells themselves were badly hung and could not be rung properly because something or other had gone wrong with the framework or the hangings of the bells, I hope those days are gone, and before long wherever there is a good peal of bells we shall have a good belfry kept as it ought to be kept, and that we shall have, as one is thankful to know that we have in so many places, a good band of ringers to do what can be done with those bells, and to ring them out on all occasions, either of joy or whatever it may be, national rejoicing or anything else. Bells in our history have played a great part. You have existed for 270 years, and yet are Youths. A society that has lived for 270 years and calls itself youthful must have been renewing its youth over and over again. One of the best things that can happen for the College Youths is the accession of what one sees down the tables of so many young ringers that have been brought into its ranks to carry it on. You know the old story of the bells ringing out on one occasion when war was declared, and when the troops were going out to fight, and the old bitter saying of the statesman who heard the bells ringing—"They are ringing their bells, are they? they will soon be wringing their hands." I hope that bells in belfries will ring out on joyous occasions, and not have occasion to ring out for sad ones, though the muffled bell as well as the joyous bell has its place in the programme of bellringers. I have digressed from my subject and gone beyond what I meant to say, but so far from accepting your thanks for my being present, let me thank you most heartily for the way in which you have received this toast of the Church this evening. I must not anticipate, but I do just say that I wish the Society to flourish for many years to come, in accordance with what I believe is its motto—"May it be perpetual." May it go on for ever. "Sit perpetuum" is your motto. You have gone on for 270 years. I hope, though we shall not be here to see it—you will go on for 270 more.

(To be continued.)

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Tonbridge District of this Association was held at Shipbourne on Saturday, October 2nd, and was attended by about thirty members. The following branches were represented: Hadlow, Limpsfield (Surrey), Seal Chart, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Westerham, and the local band. Ringing commenced at four o'clock. At six o'clock the members sat down to an excellent meat tea, kindly provided at The New inn, the Vicar (Rev. H. L. Schreiber), presiding. The usual business meeting was then held, at the conclusion of which Mr. W. Steed (Tonbridge), proposed, and Mr. D. J. Goldsmith seconded, that hearty votes of thanks should be accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding, and also to the Vicar and Mrs. Cazalet for kindly providing such an excellent tea.

The District Secretary (Mr. W. Latter, of Tunbridge Wells), in supporting this, said nothing tended to make

these meetings a success so much as the opportunity to have a chat together over a cup of tea. They had been fortunate this year in having tea provided for them at two meetings out of three, and he had no doubt that, if it was thought about, the authorities at other towers they visited would follow suit.

The votes of thanks were carried with applause.

The Vicar, in replying, said it had given him the greatest pleasure to meet the members again, and he hoped that they would again visit Shipbourne again at an early date. Their visit had been very opportune on that day, for a little earlier a young couple had been married in the church, and he had told them that the bells were going to be rung in their honour, which no doubt pleased them very much. On that day also the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Cazalet had returned home for the week-end from his first term at Eton, and no doubt they were very pleased to hear the bells ringing on that occasion. Continuing, the rev. gentleman gave a little homely speech on ringers and ringing, saying he knew enough about it to know a little of the difficulties they met, and the patience necessary to master the art of change-ringing, and said that this all tended to bring out the good qualities of the ringers. He wished he could take it up himself, but it was very difficult for the Vicar of a parish to devote the time necessary for it. He would convey their vote of thanks to Mrs. Cazalet, who, he was sure, would be very pleased to hear that they had enjoyed themselves.

A vote of thanks to the Shipbourne company for having everything in readiness brought the meeting to a close, and the members adjourned to the tower, where the bells were kept going in various methods until nine o'clock.

#### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

May I call the attention of the Exercise to the fact that the First Section of the Collection of Legitimate Methods has been published, and is now on sale (9d. post free), at the Council's Publishers, Messrs. Bemrose and Sons, 4, Snow Hill, E.C. It contains the Collection of Methods for Doubles, Minor, and Triples, and will I feel sure be found a valuable addition to the Council's Publications, of which a full list appears each week among the advertisements in "THE BELL NEWS."

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

#### ANOTHER VETERAN.

On reading your notes in the two previous editions of "THE BELL NEWS," re old ringers, I should like to place one before your notice, Mr. William Gosling, of Mansfield, Notts., who is in his eighty-first year. It is seldom he is absent from Sunday ringing or weekly practices. He rang in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on Saturday, November 9th, in honour of the King's birthday, which peal makes him three for the present year. In 1906 he also rang three peals, one being on his seventy-ninth birthday. The peals he has taken part in are Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major. His ambition is to ring a peal of Stedman before the year is out. He commenced ringing sixty-four years ago, and rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) on Easter Monday, 1848. He joined the Midland Counties Association in 1885, and has been a regular attender at the General and Quarterly meetings.

S. STEVENS.

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6591. (No. 5.)

231456

365421\*

561423 5

163425 5

361524 5 16

164235 4 16

364512 4 5 16

362415 16

365214 16

563412 5 16

562314 16

564213 16

465312 5 16

462513 16

463215 16

365142 4 16

465231 4 5 16

561342 4 16

165243 5 16

163542 16

162345 16

261543 5 16

263145 16

463521 4 5 16

364125 5 16

264531 4 5 16

261435 16

265134 16

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364251 4 16

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462351 4 16

461253 16

463152 16

362541 4 16

361245 16

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265341 4 16

562143 5 16

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162534 16

264315 4 16

265413 16

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164523 4 5

461325 5 16

165324 5

564321 5

465123 5 16

563241 4 16

361452 4 16

163254 5 16

164352 16

162453 16

261354 5 16

264153 16

Round at 2, 7, 8, 9.

\*2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 15, 16, 18.

This peal has a greater variety of calls than any peal hitherto published on this plan and purposely to be of some interest to the Bob caller.

## BOB MAJOR.

By MORRIS J. MORRIS, *Rhyl.*

5184.

23456 W 5/4 B M H

52364 - I - -

24365 - - - -

32546 - - - -

25346 - - - -

25463 - I - -

42563 - - - -

54326 - - - -

32456 S - - -

Five times repeated; omitting bobs home in last course of 2nd, 4th, and 6th parts. 6th extent each way in 5/6.

By the same Author.

5664.

23456 W B M H

52364 - I - -

43526 - - - -

24365 - I - -

53246 - - - -

45362 - I - -

34562 - - - -

25346 - - - -

34256 - - - -

Five times repeated; single midway and end. 6th extent each way in 5/6.

## STEDMAN CATERS.

By JOHN CALTER, *Birmingham.*

5037.

123456789 4 5 14 15

153462978\*

341562 - - -

431562 - - S -

154362 - - - -

514362 - - S -

435162 - - - -

345162 - - S -

513462 - - - -

Four times repeated; calling the first course of each part 5 16s instead of the above, produce—

324165978

354162879†

123465 5 16s

421365 5

124365 5s

321465 5

423165 5

324165 5s

231456

213547

123456

\* 1, 6, 9s, 11s.

† 1, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15

5035.

324165978 4 5 14 15

342165879†

213465 - - -

123465 - - S -

341265 - - - -

431265 - - S -

124365 - - - -

214365 - - S -

123456

† 1, 8, 12, 13, 15, 16.

The above two peals have the 6th forty courses behind the 9th (extent) in the tittums position; and the 5037 has six courses with 5 6 7 8 9 in the hand-stroke home position; and the 5035 seven courses with the 5 6 7 8 9 in the same position; and is the first peal of Caters ever composed with these qualities.

A CORRECTION.—In the peal of 5019 Stedman Caters by G. R. Fardon, published last week, the bob at 16 in the turning course was omitted.

### "ARE 'POINTS' JUSTIFIABLE."

If Mr. Keeble wishes to collect opinions given on principle in reply to the above query, I will give him mine for what he may deem it worth, that most emphatically "points" are NOT justifiable. The system has always appeared to me ridiculous and degrading, and its statistical value is just nothing at all.

When we read the results for the season of the performances of organised cricket and football clubs we know that the results, subject of course to accidental circumstances such as illness or weather, are an evidence of relative strength and success, because for each season all the competing clubs are mutually exclusive, that is to say that no man can play in matches recorded for more than one club in the same season. But in our case, with the exception of the College and Cumberland Youths Societies of only one of which a man can be a member at the same time, there is nothing to prevent a man belonging simultaneously to every Society which will elect him. We know that as a matter of fact in the course of the year the majority of the most talented ringers do ring peals with more than one society, and consequently when the Analysis appears no one can on the face of it discover how much credit for the total points allotted is due to the resident men for whom the Association primarily exists. Of course I am not criticising the journeys of ringers about the country—quite the reverse. It is the "points" I am thinking of. With how many Associations in the course of the year does the Rev. F. E. Robinson ring peals, most if not all, of which would not have been rung without his assistance? And the consequence is that in the compilation of the Analysis his efforts are appraised goodness knows how many times, in competition with himself as though instead of being one man he was a dozen or two. Where is the sense of this proceeding? Yet if we retain the point system at all, it is difficult to see how to avoid the absurdity, because the fact is that the system is a hopeless misfit for the nature of the organisation of the Exercise.

But the strangest thing of all is the total of the Middlesex Association and London Diocesan Guild. In the Analysis for 1906 it comes out at the head of the list with a total of 2198. The enquiring stranger may feel inclined to ask who are the Middlesex men who have achieved this result? And the answer is very few proportionately. The wise man came from the East in the person of Mr. Pye, who stepped across the border of Essex, in which county he resides, and bestowed his patronage upon the Middlesex Association, and hence the result. He has successfully played the part of the king-making Earl of Warwick, and if in an ensuing year he chooses to repeat it in favour of some other Association to which he belongs, he is under the present system entitled to do so, and I see no reason why a man of his great ringing abilities and the able colleagues he secures should not repeat the process.

But what a farce all this is! Is it consistent with common sense? Can anyone suppose that when the Central Council afforded its countenance to peal "points" its members contemplated such a state of things as I have described? Did they ever contemplate such a use of the point system by any member of the Exercise, however gifted? Did they contemplate the use of the steeples of one Association by its own members to score points for another Association?

This matter of the use of tower appears to have aroused some criticism in Essex, and I do not wonder that it has.

I am a member of both Associations, but I reside in Middlesex, I shall not therefore be liable to the charge of local partiality when I say that in this case my sympathies are entirely with Essex. I conceive it to be no part of the objects for which the Middlesex Association and London Diocesan Guild exists, to encourage exotic persons to ring peals for it in the towers of another county and diocese, in selfish disregard of the feelings of the resident change-ringers, in order to pile up points for Middlesex; and I think points so gained are a most discreditable acquisition; and this shady business is a main factor in the position, as to "points" of Middlesex! In my opinion a position so gained amounts to a scandal.

It is difficult to see what the practical use of points is. Surely there must be very few men who would learn advanced methods solely in order to gain points. According to Mr. Law James, points can have a deterrent influence; for he told the Central Council at Exeter that in some places men will not practice higher methods because they want points and they think it safer to make them in methods they already know. I entirely agree with what Mr. Papillon says in his second paragraph, and I am happy to say that London ringers as a body have a wholesome contempt for points.

Lastly, is it seemly and decent—is it in accordance with the views of our church steeples which Associations seek to inculcate—that we should turn them into places for the petifoggish business of piling up "points"? It seems to me that the common sense and dignity of the Exercise demand the utter abolition of this wretched system.

R. A. DANIELL.

### THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS. ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Northampton branch of this Association was held at Easton Mandit on Saturday, November 2nd.

The bells, which are a fine ring of five, the go and tone of which are everything to be desired, have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor. They were placed at the use of the members from three o'clock. The meeting was arranged to take place at Grendon, but owing to illness the Grendon bells could not be rung, so arrangements were made for it to take place at the next village—Easton Mandit. An admirable tea, served in the schoolroom by the local ringers and their wives, was thoroughly enjoyed, about twenty members and friends being present from Northampton, Ecton, Earls Barton, Harold, and Bozeat.

Tea over, a short business meeting was held, the Rev. E. C. Channer, president of the Association, in the chair, supported by the Rev. F. Ball, Vicar of Easton Mandit. An apology for non-attendance from Mr. J. Slarke was read by the secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The place fixed upon for the next meeting was Wootton, in February next. The Rev. F. Ball was elected an honorary member, and two ringing members from Easton Mandit.

Hearty thanks were accorded the Rev. F. Ball for the use of the bells, and to the ringers and their wives for the very excellent tea provided, on the proposition of the hon. secretary, seconded by Mr. W. Rogers, and supported by Mr. F. Hopper, and the Vicar of Easton Mandit in a brief reply said how pleased he was to welcome the Association there that day. He sincerely hoped it would not be the last time they would pay them a visit. He also spoke very highly of his own ringers, saying how fortu-

nate he thought they were to have such a good company of ringers in so small a parish. Hearty thanks to the chairman closed an agreeable day.

### 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."

#### "POINTS FOR PEALS."

SIR,—While fully admitting that as at present arranged the points for peals are not wholly satisfactory, permit me to say that their value or otherwise will not be decided by what happens in one particular case. Those who object to points belong to two classes, first, those who hold that they, as they say, "degrade ringing to the level of football"; and those who, usually for some local reason, hold that they treat particular associations unfairly.

As for the first lot of people, their objection is a purely sentimental one. I sometimes think that we ringers can, when it so suits us, be rather hypocritical when comparing ringing with other pastimes. Service ringing is one thing; but do we when we ring peals do so in any different spirit to what we should play cricket, football, whist or billiards? We do not, and it is pure humbug to pretend that peal ringing is in itself one whit more exalted, morally or intellectually, than any one of these. That we ring in churches exercises a restraint in ringing from which the others are free. But that is all. Service ringing may be—is in fact, part of divine worship. Peal ringing is a pastime which in itself is no different from other pastimes. That being so, this talk about points for peals "degrading" ringing becomes meaningless. Now for the other objectors. When I find these people making their complaint I generally fancy I can detect behind their objection some local grievance or some local jealousy, and this fact robs their criticism of almost all its value. Still, I admit the present scale of points does not work quite fairly, but surely it should not be beyond the wit of man to devise some scheme which shall be generally satisfactory. The one use of points or of the analysis is to stimulate ringing of the higher methods. We are not concerned in this connection with belfry reform; we are not concerned with the promotion of brotherly love among ringers; we are simply concerned with promoting the advancement of scientific ringing. This is not by any means the highest duty of the Associations or the Central Council; but it is a very real one, otherwise all the labour that been expended on the peal collections and method reports and such like were merely vain. And you will best stimulate practice in the higher methods by some sort of rivalry. Now it should not be possible for one association to head the analysis by mere weight of numbers as was possible before points were adopted. Nor is it quite satisfactory that one isolated band should put one association at top, as at present, while the average members of that society are certainly not above the average members of many other societies. I occupy a detached position in that I am not tied to any one particular society; I have had some experience of the matter as a member of the analysis committee; and I have considered the subject with some attention. I do not pretend to have a perfect scheme, but I think something like the following would work fairly all round. Thoroughly revise the scale of points, if necessary. Then take the total aggregate of points for the peals rung by each society and divide it by the number of ringing members, resident and non-resident, on the books, the result to give the positions of the societies in the analysis. A scheme like this would make the championship a far more open thing than at present; would give every society a chance and the larger would not, as now, swamp the smaller. Both number of peals and quality of peals would count, and more important than all, the value of what each individual member does, positive or negative, in peal ringing would count. There are two difficulties. First, for which I offer no solution, the College Youths. And the second, which I consider no difficulty at all, the over-lapping of societies' territories. This latter only occurs in and about London, and even there we should not hear much of it were it not for those local jealousies and interests of which I have spoken. They are, no doubt, very

important to those immediately concerned, but do not in the least effect the Exercise at large. J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

#### ENQUIRIES.

SIR,—The writer of the Burnham Society, Somerset, is quite correct in saying the quarter peal rung at Wedmore, on October 26th is the longest length of change-ringing on the grand old peal, but I beg to differ as to the weight of the tenor, 33 cwt. would be nearer the correct weight, not 39. A bell that is 57 inches across, and is 3½ inches thick at the sound bow would not weigh 39 cwt.

I see under the heading "wanted, a ringers' guild," the writer states that Brailles has the heaviest ring of six known. Can any one kindly tell me the weight of the tenor, when she was cast, and by what founder. Thanking some reader of this paper in anticipation. JOHN H. B. HESSE.

SIR,—I send you for insertion in your correspondence column several items out of our parish registers for 1695 and 1696, referring to the casting of bells. Hoping that some of your readers can enlighten me on two of the items, viz., whether it was the custom to collect the metal in the neighbourhood and if the bell founder mentioned is known.

Vere House, Llangollen

J. W. DAVIES.

1695	Pd. for a warrant to search for the Bell metall	2	0
"	Spent two days making search for the Bell metall	0	9
1696	Pd. at Llangollen meeting Ellis Hughes, bell-founder	1	8
—	Pd. at Salop in casting the bells	1	0
—	Pd. in bringing home the Bells	1	0
—	Pd. Bell-founder	9	16

#### A CORRECTION.

SIR,—With reference to the account of the Yorkshire Association in which the Mayor of Pontefract states that the first known peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung at Huddersfield church on November 5th, 1857. I beg to inform him that a peal of Superlative Surprise Major 5576 changes was rung on Monday, February 10th, 1849, at St. Mary's parish church, Woolwich.

H. G. HILL, Hon. Sec.

We have received a letter from Mr. W. Pye, but it is too long for insertion. We hope he will be satisfied if we allude to its most important feature, viz.: his comment on the phrase "financial benefit received from other quarters," used by Mr. Keeble. Mr. Pye is naturally incensed at this. We are in a position to know full well that the insinuation is entirely devoid of foundation, and we say unhesitatingly that it should never have been made.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1907.

A peal record on the next page is worthy of remark "London Surprise Royal," the first peal of Royal ever rung in the method, has been achieved by a company of the College Youths—a notable performance, if we take into consideration only the bare fact. A glance at the names of the performers will strike the reader that the company are all young men of high standing in the Exercise, if their previous records are any criterion. We hope they will still further advance; perhaps they may have Maximus of the same method in prospect. The society who has the honour of "booking" this peal, will no doubt give it more than usual embellishment in their elaborate records.

## The Metropolis.

## THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Saturday, November 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5013 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

FREDERICK EDWARDS	.. Treble.	SIDNEY A. WRIGHT	.. 6.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD	.. 2.	HENRY G. MILES	.. 7.
JAMES R. MACKMAN	.. 3.	ALBERT V. SELBY	.. 8.
ARTHUR CUTMORE	.. 4.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS	.. 9.
ERNEST G. STIBBONS	.. 5.	FREDERICK J. REDKNAP	.. Tenor.

Composed by H. G. MILES and Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.  
Rung on the occasion of the King's birthday.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, November 11, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 31 cwt.

WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. Treble.	HENRY G. MILES .. .. 6.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. 3.	ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 8.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 9.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 5.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

This is the first peal of London Surprise Royal ever rung, the method having been extended to ten bells by G. Lindoff, of Dublin.

## The Provinces.

## GARSTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 21, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

ROBERT KELLY .. .. Treble.	J. WILLIAM RAWLINSON .. 5.
THOMAS MORRIS .. .. 2.	JOHN ALLEN .. .. 6.
ALBERT H. EDWARDS .. 3.	WALTER HUGHES .. .. 7.
RICHARD H. GREEN .. .. 4.	EDWARD B. BRIGHT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER HUGHES.

Rung in memory of Mr. S. Gough, for thirty-nine years chief ringer at the above church.

## TWYWELL, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qrs. 23 lbs.

DANIEL REDHEAD .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR JOHNSON .. .. 3.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. .. 2.	*EDWARD CURTIS .. .. 4.
REGINALD LOVEDAY .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by REGINALD LOVEDAY.

\*First peal, First peal on the bells. \*The ringers wish to thank the Rev. W. W. Denny for the use of the bells; also for his kindness in providing tea after the peal.

## HAWKHURST.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. Treble.	FREDERICK BUTCHERS .. 5.
ANDREW MARSHALL* .. 2.	EDWIN LAMBERT .. .. 6.
ERNSST C. LAMBERT* .. 3.	JIM BEACH .. .. 7.
SAMUEL T. WALLIS* .. 4.	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

\*First peal in the method.

## KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(THE KING'S NORTON GUILD.)

On Monday, November 4, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

WILLIAM PALMER .. .. Treble.	JOHN WITHERS .. .. 5.
FRANK WITHERS .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
ALFRED PRITCHETT .. .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
THEODORE PRITCHETT .. 4.	WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT.

## GLODWICK, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALBERT CLEGG .. .. Treble.	JAMES LEES .. .. 5.
GEORGE H. BREVER .. .. 2.	GEORGE ASTBURY .. .. 6.
GEORGE HARRIS* .. .. 3.	RICHARD NEWTON .. .. 7.
JAMES W. TAYLOR .. .. 4.	FRED H. BUCKLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD NEWTON.

\*First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor. G. Astbury was elected a non-resident life member of the above Association previous to starting.

## ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

WESLEY WATSON .. .. Treble.	ALFRED J. T. CARTER .. 5.
HARRY W. CATTERWELL† .. 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS .. .. 6.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM MILLER .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

†First peal in the method.

## TUNSTALL, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Oxford Single Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM TICKNER .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR LURCOCK .. .. 4.
WILLIAM SPICE .. .. 2.	ALBERT EASTMAN .. .. 5.
THOMAS JULL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM NYE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, November 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.  
Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

ALF. PADDON SMITH .. Treble.	THOMAS MILLER .. .. 7.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 2.	ALBERT WALKER .. .. 8.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. .. 3.	*JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 9.
FREDERICK DICKENS .. .. 4.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 10.
JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 5.	JOHN NEAL .. .. 11.
EDMUND J. HYLAND .. .. 6.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

\*First peal on twelve bells. This peal, now rung for the first time, has the 5th and 6th thirteen times wrong in the tittums position, with all the 5-6-7-8s and 6-5-7-8s, and twelve courses with the 6-7-8-9s in the handstroke home position with all the 5-6-7-8s.

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## HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 6, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	GEORGE DENT .. .. 5.
ISAAC CAVILL .. .. 2.	WALTER TARLING .. .. 6.
GEORGE F. MARGETSON .. 3.	WALTER HOBBS .. .. 7.
JOHN LUCKEY .. .. 4.	FREDERICK PALMER .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. HOBBS.

## GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 6, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD-BOB ONE-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOHN F. BIRD .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 5.
JOHN RICHARDSON† .. .. 2.	†GEORGE WARDLE .. .. 6.
GEORGE T. POTTER .. .. 3.	ERNEST E. FERRY .. .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 4.	JOHN FOREMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

†First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Newcastle's (Dr. Straton) visit to lay the foundation-stone of the new Church Hall.

## CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 6, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM PRITCHARD .. Treble.	WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. 4.
ARTHUR J. GRIFFITHS .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 5.
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS .. 3.	HENRY HARRISON .. Tenor.

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

After the peal the ringers were entertained to tea by the Rev. T. W. Walwyn Trumper, Vicar.

## CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CIRENCESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 7, 1907, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILFRED G. COOK .. Treble.	JOHN J. JEFFERIES .. 5.
HARRY LEWIS .. .. 2.	FREDERICK PROTHEROUGH 6.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS .. .. 3.	FREDERICK LEWIS .. .. 7.
H. CHARLES BOND .. .. 4.	HENRY CLUTTERBUCK .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

Rung to celebrate the Dedication Festival of the church.

## BIRMINGHAM.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE BISHOP RYDER'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS COLLINSON .. Treble.	JOHN T. PERRY .. .. 5.
RICHARD HACKLEY .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM H. CARROD .. 6.
JOHN COLLETT* .. .. 3.	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 7.
WILLIAM F. WEBB† .. .. 4.	*GEORGE W. RASTALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. T. PERRY.

\*First peal, and proposed members of the Association before starting. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the King's birthday, and as a birthday compliment to J. Hodson, towerkeeper.

## BEDFORD.

(THE ST. PAUL'S COMPANY.)

On Saturday, November 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs. in D flat.

ALBERT T. BARKER* .. Treble.	*CHARLES MORTIMER .. 6.
JOHN W. BARKER .. .. 2.	CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. DAVISON* .. 3.	FRANK WEBB .. .. 8.
HARRY TYSOE .. .. 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 9.
ISAAC HILLS .. .. 5.	*HERBERT L. HARLOW .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

\*First peal on ten bells.

## ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

JOHN TOMLINSON .. Treble.	HENRY DEW .. .. 5.
GILBERT GERBARD .. .. 2.	JOHN SCONCE .. .. 6.
ERNEST SMITH .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SCONCE .. .. 7.
CHARLES SCONCE .. .. 4.	ERNEST CHANNELL .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES PRICE, and Conducted by WILLIAM SCONCE.

First peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the King's birthday. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for the use of the bells.

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

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 9½ cwt.

RICHARD NICHOLS .. Treble.	JOHN HIGGINS .. .. 3.
WILLIAM J. GOODMAN .. 2.	CHARLES W. SMITH .. 4.
GEORGE W. TOMPKINS .. ..	.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HIGGINS.

\*First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to His Majesty the King.

## EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 22½ cwt.

ALFRED NEAL* .. .. Treble.	†HARRY ENGLAND .. .. 4.
ALFRED ROSEWELL .. .. 2.	GEORGE H. GALE .. .. 5.
URCH GREENSLADE .. .. 3.	ARTHUR RUMBLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. GALE.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

## KEIGHLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT GREEN .. Treble.	WILLIAM L. MASON .. 5.
WILLIAM TOWNSON .. .. 2.	SAMUEL BATEMAN .. .. 6.
ROBERT W. JENNISON .. 3.	WILLIAM D. HILLARY .. 7.
JOHN MCKELL .. .. 4.	SMITH MURGATROYD .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by J. MCKELL.

Rung to celebrate the election of W. Clough, Esq. as Mayor of Keighley.



## DUNSFOLD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs.

PERCY STENNING .. .. Treble.	ALBERT SMITHERS .. .. 4.
ERNEST W. SMITHERS* .. 2.	FREDERICK PLEASANCE .. 5.
HARRY DAVY .. .. 3.	†JESSE W. HARRISON.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. HARRISON.

\*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by the local band.

## GLOWWICK, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5568 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

ELIJAH GEARY* .. .. Treble.	JAMES LEES .. .. 5.
GEORGE H. BEEVER.. .. 2.	*FRED H. BUCKLEY .. .. 6.
EDWIN B. SHAW.. .. 3.	*JAMES W. TAYLOR .. .. 7.
JAMES TAYLOR .. .. 4.	ALBERT CLEGG .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. BEEVER.

\*First peal. First peal in Oldham for upwards of fifty years by the local company.

## ASSTEAD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK BENNETT .. Treble.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 5.
HENRY HUTTON.. .. 2.	ERNEST C. BONIFACE .. 6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN. 3.	HENRY L. GARFATH .. 7.
ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. 4.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS.. .. Treble.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 6.
SAM THOMAS .. .. 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 7.
JOHN FLINT.. .. 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty the King, and the election of George A. Eastwood, Esq., as Mayor of Chesterfield.

## EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DR. CARPENTER'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JOHN BEAMS† .. .. Treble.	STEPHEN WILSON .. .. 5.
CHARLES E. READ .. .. 2.	JOHN WYATT .. .. 6.
HARRY G. BEAMS† .. .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 7.
EDWARD T. GROVE† .. .. 4.	†WALTER SHERMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

†First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung on the occasion of the birthday of His Majesty the King.

## ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

(THE ANSTEY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

JOSEPH J. JACKSON* .. Treble.	ALBERT MASON .. .. 5.
EDWARD JACKSON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM BOTTRILL .. .. 6.
ALEXANDER BRAMLEY .. 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 7.
DANIEL RICHARDS* .. .. 4.	*ALFRED CUFFLIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

\*First peal. Rung in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday. The above are all local men except the conductor.

## MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS BETTISON .. Treble.	GEORGE CLARK .. .. 5.
WILLIAM GOSLING, SEN. 2.	HERBERT ALLSOPP .. .. 6.
SAMUEL STEVENS .. .. 3.	FRANK MAY .. .. 7.
CHARLES CARR .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GOSLING .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by WILLIAM GOSLING.

Rung in honour of the King's birthday, and also the ringer of the 7th, Frank May, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 11, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. Treble.	JAS. H. RIDYARD .. .. 5.
JOHN WORTHINGTON .. 2.	TITUS BARLOW .. .. 6.
JOSEPH LOWE .. .. 3.	ALFRED POTTER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM DENNER .. .. 4.	JOHN POTTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. ROYLE, and Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Mr. Charles Noel Heath, son of the late Rev. C. Heath, formerly of Walkden.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 11, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH E. KEEN .. Treble.	JOHN G. HALL .. .. 5.
ALFRED DALTON .. .. 2.	JACK FOREMAN .. .. 6.
GEORGE HANDLEY .. .. 3.	ROBERT RICHARDS .. .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIBR.. .. 4.	JOSEPH ROWELL.. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOSEPH ROWELL.

First peal as conductor. All the above are regular Sunday ringers at the above church.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 11, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt.

FREDERICK SMITH .. Treble.	ERNEST S. BAILEY .. .. 5.
JAMES M. BAILEY* .. .. 2.	NORMAN R. BAILEY.. .. 6.
GEORGE BERRY .. .. 3.	EDGAR H. BAILEY .. .. 7.
CHARLES SAMSON .. .. 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY.. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. COX, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

\*First peal.

**Handbell Peal.**

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Friday, November 1, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes.

At 14, WELLGATE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES.**

SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN .. 5-6.
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 3-4.	WALTER COATES .. 7-8.

Composed by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE, and Conducted by C. GLENN.

Umpire—G. Oakes. This composition appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of September 9th, 1907, and is now rung for the first time.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

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

On Thursday, November 7, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

GEORGE R. PYE .. 1-2.	ERNEST PYE .. 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE .. 3-4.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. 7-8.

Composed by WILLIAM PYE, and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Umpires—H. Catterwell and W. Watson. Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, who is leaving the neighbourhood, much to the regret of his many ringing friends.

**CORRECTED ISSUE.**

The following report of peal is reprinted owing to accidental transposition of names last week:—

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, October 29, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, City Delight, New London Measure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR PHILLIPS .. Treble.	ALBERT PHILLIPS .. 4.
EDWARD H. KING .. 2.	FRED W. ELLIOTT .. 5.
ERNEST A. OVERALL .. 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED W. ELLIOTT.

First peal as conductor.

**DEFECTIVE REPORT.**—A peal of Bob Major rung at Buxted, has been sent without any date.

**Date Touches.**

**BENTLEY (Essex).**—On Sunday, November 10th, for Evening, a date touch of 1907 changes, in 60 mins., being 1427 Grandsire Doubles and 480 Plain Bob, each called differently. Otley, C. Sheldon, A. Rainbird conductor, Arthur Rainbird, Drake. Longest length on the bells and by the band.

**Miscellaneous.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

**STONEY STANTON (Leicestershire).**—On Sunday evening, October 13th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. J. Pickering, W. A. Sedham, C. Briggs, A. R. Aldham, T. W. Wright, F. Stevens, Briggs conductor, W. Jones.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

**KELVEDON (Essex).**—On Saturday, November 2nd, for practice, 360 Double Court, 360 Oxford, and three courses of Plain Bob. F. Deal, C. Elliott, H. Elliott, W. Cranmer, H. Roger, G.

Keeble, H. Evers, W. Elliott. On Sunday, November 3rd, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Deal, H. Elliott, C. Elliott, P. Langston, W. Keeble, W. Elliott conductor.

**COLNE ENGAIN.**—On Sunday, October 6th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Turner, G. Arnold, W. Burst, H. Claydon, F. Ridgwell, E. Ridgwell conductor. And 720 Plain Bob. S. Burst, H. Claydon, W. Burst, J. Turner, E. Ridgwell conductor.

**EARLS COLNE.**—On Tuesday, October 8th, 720 Woodbine. H. Claydon, F. Ridgwell, S. Fleuty, W. Burst, W. Sillitoe, E. Ridgwell conductor.

**GRENSTEAD GREEN.**—On Saturday, October 5th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Saunders, F. Ridgwell, W. Root, G. Arnold, W. Whiffin, E. Ridgwell conductor. On Thursday, October 10th, 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, and 467 Plain Bob. W. Whiffin, O. Laver, F. Ridgwell, G. Arnold, A. Saunders, E. Ridgwell conductor.

**STISTED.**—On Sunday, October 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, W. Whiffin, F. Ridgwell, G. Arnold, E. Ridgwell, F. Saunders, E. Radley conductor.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

**SWAFFHAM (Norfolk).**—On Monday, October 14th, on the occasion of the visit of the Prince of Wales to the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Bob Major. G. Hamble, B. Beckett, H. Howes, H. Hoskins, A. Overton, H. Hunt, J. G. Miles conductor, W. Miller.

**CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**DALLINGTON.**—On Saturday, October 12th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Groves, H. Clarke, T. Law, G. Parker, F. Hopper conductor, F. Wilford. Another 720. F. Rollins, F. Hopper, T. Law, G. Parker, F. Wilford, J. Groves conductor. 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Groves, 1-2; F. Hopper, G. Parker, T. Law, F. Wilford conductor.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**BECKENHAM.**—On Sunday, October 6th, for the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. C. Terry, W. Dennis, G. Clarke, F. King, F. Terry, J. Lovell, W. Smith, C. Austin. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells by an entirely local band. On Thursday, October 10th, 336 Bob Major. C. Terry, F. A. Terry, G. Clarke, F. King, G. Durling, J. Lovell, F. Terry, W. Smith conductor.

**THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.**

**PRESTBURY.**—On a recent Sunday evening, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. Major, W. T. Pates, A. W. Humphris, S. Greenwood, C. Tovey, C. Pockett, T. Pendry conductor, J. Harrison. Tenor 14½ cwt.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**KIDLINGTON.**—On Sunday, October 13th, for evening service at the parish church, 720 Stedman Triples. H. Judge conductor F. Webb, W. Stone, W. Judge, J. Matthews, J. Franklin, E. Hims, W. Franklin. And 252 in the same method. F. Webb, E. Hims, W. Stone, W. Thorpe, W. Judge, H. Butler, H. Judge, conductor, J. Franklin.

**ANSTEY (Leicestershire).**—On Thursday, October 3rd, 720 Bob Minor at first attempt and by all except the conductor. J. J. Jackson, D. Richards, A. Bramley, T. Bottrill, W. Bottrill, W. Willson. And 336 Bob Major. J. Jackson, E. Jackson, A. Bramley, D. Richards, T. Bottrill, A. Mason, W. Bottrill, W. Willson.

**KIBWORTH (Leicestershire).**—On Saturday, October 13th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. J. Waterfield, F. Staniforth, J. Taylor, E. Morris conductor, W. N. Adkinson, J. Buckley. On Sunday, October 20th, for morning service, 600 Grandsire Doubles. J. Wakefield, E. Morris conductor, J. Taylor, F. Staniforth, W. N. Adkinson, W. Ward. For evening service 360 Grandsire Doubles, standing as above.

**SILVERDALE.**—On Friday, October 18th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Hill, J. Nicklin, J. Beech, H. Hough, B. Suow, Rev. E. V. Cox conductor, E. Sherratt, W. Edwards.

**Notices.**

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page 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. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 19th inst.; and at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 28th, both at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on financial matters, is now due, and should be paid before February 29th next.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Winchester to-day, Saturday, November 16th. The Cathedral belfry will be opened at 2 o'clock. Evensong in the choir of the Cathedral at 4 o'clock. Tea at Dumper's, Jewry Street restaurant at 5.15. Meeting immediately after the tea.

JAS. W. ELKINS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—Next meeting at Crawley to-day, Sat., November 16th. Tower open from 3 to 9. Tea at 5 o'clock.

ROBERT J. DAWK, *Hon. D.V. Sec.*

15 Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Christchurch to-day, Sat., November 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m.

GEO. PRESTON, *Dis. Sec.*

Christchurch.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Stretford Road, to-day, Sat., November 16th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Daybrook to-day, Sat., November 16th, from 3 till 8.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Leatherhead District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Dorking parish church to-day, Sat., November 16th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Short service at 6 p.m., with address by Canon Chichester.

E. E. DODD, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Guildford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Guildford on Wednesday, November 20th, 4 o'clock. Bells available at Holy Trinity, 5 o'clock. Bells available at St. Mary's, 5.30.—Festival Service at St. Mary's church. Preacher—Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne. 6.15.—Tea at The Star hotel, to be followed by business and social evening. Mr. C. Willshire will arrange the programme.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dulverton on Saturday, November 23rd. Particulars to follow.

E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held by kind permission of the Rev. W. Templeton King at Christ Church,

Ealing, on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells available from 4.30 p.m. Meeting in school-room at 6 p.m. Members are requested to forward outstanding subscriptions before the date of meeting.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Penwortham, on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

**The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.**—On Saturday, November 23rd, the Rector of St. Martin's, the Rev. Canon Denton Thompson, M.A., will unveil the tablet erected in St. Martin's belfry to record the muffled peal of Stedman Cinques rung in honour of the late William Wakley, of Burton-on-Trent. The ceremony will take place at 5.30 p.m., and all members and friends—especially ladies—are cordially invited to be present. Ringing from 4.30 p.m.

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

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 26th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there will be business of importance, every member who can make it convenient is requested to attend.

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

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**The Essex Association.**—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, November 30th. Tea at 5 o'clock at King William the Fourth. Meeting after tea. Members intending to be present are requested to inform me not later than November 26th.

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

Saffron Walden.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at the parish church, Oldham, on Saturday, November 30th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. A good attendance is earnestly requested.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

**MIDDLEHAM, YORKS.**

St. Alkelda's Guild was not wanting in showing its loyalty on Saturday last being the King's birthday. At 7.30 a.m. the parish church bells were rung, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor tapped off, and the bells lowered in very good style by Messrs. Croft, Collinson, Parrish, Peacock, Clarkson (whose birthday is about the same time as His Majesty's), and Pauli.

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**Ringers' Outing.**

Saturday, October 26th, was the day set apart for the annual outing of the Bolsover parish church ringers, Loughborough being the place selected. Starting from Bolsover at 6 a.m. by brake to Chesterfield to catch the 7.35 express to Nottingham, we found the train waiting for us, and were on the way, Loughborough being reached at 9 o'clock. After breakfast we made our way to the world-renowned bell foundry of Messrs. Taylor. Mr. D. Taylor devoted the whole of the morning in showing us round the works and foundry, every detail being explained as we went along, the principal item of the day being the casting of four bells for the following places: two for Tiverton, one for Kirby Muxlove, and one for Letchworth (Garden City). These bells were specially cast on the above day for the benefit of the visitors. In going through the works one and all were struck by the systematic way in which the work is carried on, and in clean and properly heated and ventilated shops. Then the carillon tower was visited, where Miss Taylor and Mr. D. Taylor played selections of music on the beautifully arranged bells, thirty-nine in number. A move was then made to the parish church tower, and touches of Double Norwich, Plain Bob and Grandsire were rung. A brake being in readiness a drive was taken to Shepshed, where dinner was served up in fine old English style by host Whitworth (who is a ringer). After dinner the tower was visited, touches of Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Double Norwich being rung. Adjourning to The Black Swan a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and ringers for the use of the bells. A drive back to the Foundry found tea waiting for us kindly provided by Miss Taylor. Tea over Mr. Flint proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Taylor for providing tea, and to Messrs. Taylor and Co. for the way they had entertained us during the day, and for the able arrangements they had made to make our outing the success which it had been. Mr. J. W. Taylor suitably replied. A move was then made to the Foundry tower. Much amusement was caused by the way some of the members tried to manipulate the front bells. After finding the pull of them touches of Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative were rung. The return journey was then commenced. The visitors wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicars of Loughborough and Shepshed for the use of the bells; also Mr. Lamb and others who helped to make the outing a success, and we must not forget our friend Mr. York, station master at Bolsover, for the excellent arrangements he made for our travelling.

N. D. P.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**—With a view to stimulating some interest in the aims and work of this Association in the southern part of the Archdeaconry, six of its members decided to visit Eccleshall, where there is a magnificent old church and a ring of six bells. The party consisted of Messrs. D. Preston, C. Preston,

W. Wheeldon (Bucknall), J. E. Wheeldon, W. C. Taylor (Norton), and the Rev. E. V. Cox (Fenton). Leaving Stoke station on Saturday afternoon, November 9th, at 4.2, we reached Norton Bridge at 4.30, where we literally packed ourselves into a 'bus for a drive of three miles to the tower. On our arrival, we were met by Mr. John Plant, the leader of the local ringers, who had got everything in readiness. After raising the bells we went for a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, which unfortunately came to grief. Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar (Rev. Prebendary Allen), was now ready for us in the parish room close by. At the conclusion of the tea Mr. Cox thanked the Vicar for his kind hospitality and for granting permission to visit the tower that day. Mr. J. E. Wheeldon expressed the gratitude which we all felt to Mrs. Plant for the excellent tea which she had put on the table. The Vicar, who

has recently become an honorary member of the Association, said what a real pleasure it gave him to entertain our party, and hoped we should come again. After a short interval, during which pipes and cigarettes were brought out, we again visited the tower and were successful in bringing round a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. Some of the local men, who came up, then joined with us in a few call changes. A 720 of Violet Treble Bob brought the ringing to a conclusion, after which the bells were lowered. We are pleased to say we were able to maintain good striking throughout, for we believe this to be essential if visiting parties of change-ringers are to expect their Art to gain a footing amongst round ringers. After some light refreshment we set out on our walk back to the station, eventually reaching Stoke just before 11 p.m. The outing was unanimously declared to have

been a most enjoyable one, and it is hoped to arrange another shortly. C.

#### GARSTON, LANCASHIRE.

The following ringing took place in memory of Mr. Gough. On Sunday morning, October 21st, 574 Grandsire Triples. R. Kelly, T. Morris, J. Case, R. H. Green, J. Turner, J. Allen, W. Hughes conductor, E. W. Kneen. On Monday, October 22nd, a peal of Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 53 mins. at Garston parish church, Holt's Ten-Part, tenor 12 cwt. K. Kelly, T. Morris, A. H. Edwards, R. H. Green, J. W. Rawlinson, J. Allen, W. Hughes, E. B. Bright. Rung by members of the Garston and Grassendale towers in memory of Mr. Gough, who was thirty-nine years chief ringer. Conducted by Walter Hughes.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, October 20th, at Bishop Ryder's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major. S. Coley, J. Perry, J. Collett, W. Webb, R. Hackley, T. Collinson conductor, J. Smallwood, J. Porter.

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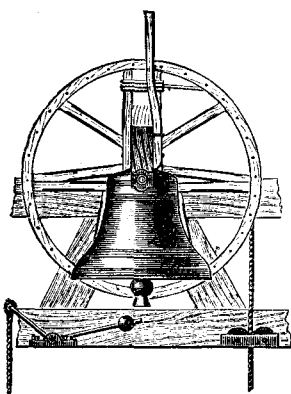
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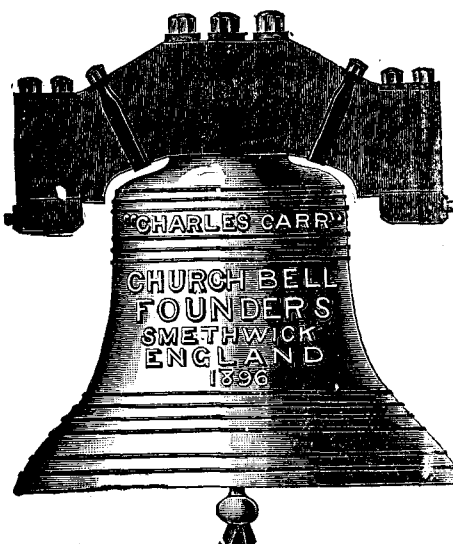
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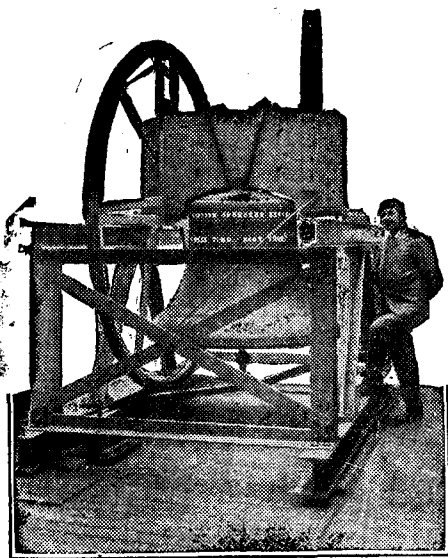
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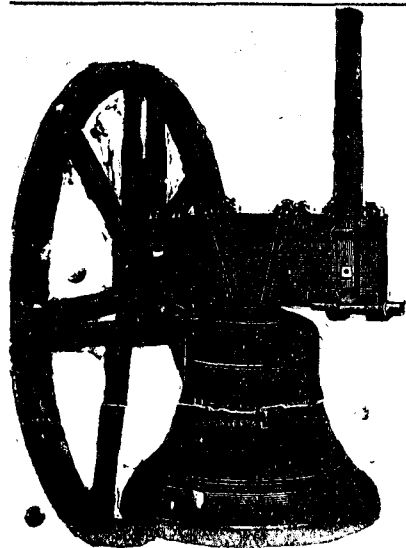
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## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The weather was fine on Thursday afternoon, November 7th, and as a result there was a large attendance at the service for the dedication of the eight new bells in the belfry of the parish church of Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire. The work of rehangng had been completed on the previous Thursday. Shortly before 3.30 the choir, headed by the processional cross borne by Dr. Hutchinson, awaited the arrival of the Bishop of Reading, who was attended by the Rev. R. P. Burnett (Rector of Cornwell), who carried the pastoral staff, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and other clergy. The service consisted of shortened evensong, the psalms being the 122 and 150. The first lesson (Numbers x. 1 to 11) was read by the Master of the Guild, and the second (Heb. xii. 18 to end) by the rural dean. The anthem, "Rejoice in the Lord alway," by Purcell, was well rendered by a full choir.

After evensong the dedication services commenced with a procession of ringers, the contractors, and the wardens (Messrs. A. C. Rawlinson and T. Donnelly and Captain Daly). They proceeded to the tower, headed by the Vicar and the Master of the Guild, and followed by the Bishop. The choir and visiting clergy remained in the chancel, and the dedication prayers were recited by the Bishop, standing at the entrance to the tower. The bells were then rung for the first time, after which hymn "Now thank we all our God" was sung. The bishop, clergy, churchwardens, and ringers having returned to their seats, the Bishop gave an address from Ephesians iv. 6: "From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." In the course of his address his lordship said it was a real joy to come together that day and offer their thanksgiving to God for the way he had allowed this work to prosper, and then to join in the great final effort to finish the work, and start the bells without any debt whatever upon the undertaking. They had to supply the balance of £31 which was required to start the bells free of debt. He knew very little about bellringing, and what he did know had been gathered not inside but outside the belfry. However, in bellringing there were many parables from which they might draw lessons of infinite value to themselves. It was a science that had come into vogue long since he was a young man, but had it been prevalent in those days he would have gone to the belfry and done his best to learn the difficult and intricate science. The bells spoke of a common purpose, the due harmony and combination of the whole body and of each member. Speaking directly to ringers he said they knew that it was absolutely necessary in ringing that every one must carry out his part, or the peal would be broken down. Therefore there was a special lesson for them which pertained to their calling: combination in action for a common end. A ringer should go to the belfry with the object of ringing the greatest

peal that had ever yet been rung. The ringing of peals was English. They did not find such a thing abroad. True there were beautiful bells abroad, but there was no set combination. This was a peculiarity of English bellringing, in which they had peals and concerted peals of science and great intricacy. The lesson he wished to draw was this, were they carrying on in the church the laws which guided them in the belfry? This was a special day for the bellringers, but the parable was just as applicable to others. How were they carrying out their duty to the Church of Christ? Christ was able to say, "I have finished the work Thou gavest to do." How many of them could say that when the time came for them to leave the world?

During the offertory the hymn "When morning gilds the skies" was sung.

Immediately after the blessing, given by the bishop, the churchwardens headed the procession of ringers to the tower, followed by the choir. In the vestry the bishop addressed a few words of congratulation and encouragement to the ringers, and thanked the choir for their attendance on a weekday. The offertory amounted to £11 2s.

Tea was afterwards held in the parish room, at which a large number were present. The arrangements were carried out by Mrs. Barlow, assisted by a number of ladies of the congregation. The bishop said he could not remember the quality of the old bells, but he was sure that the new ones were exceedingly good, and constituted a really musical peal. The possession of a good set of ringers in their midst depended not only on those who rung, but upon their employers. He hoped there would be no hindrance on the part of employers in allowing the ringers to take their places in their belfry.

The Vicar said they owed a great deal, if not all their success to Mr. Barlow. They had laboured for two years to bring about this happy result of bells, of which the Master of the Guild said, when he heard them, that they were as excellent a peal as he had ever heard in his life. After such a tribute from a man of experience such as the Rev. F. E. Robinson, he thought they should be proud of the bells of St. Mary's church. He would again like to express the gratitude of the Vicar and churchwardens to Mr. Barlow for the way he had pushed forward the scheme.

During the evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, and general satisfaction was expressed at the tone of the bells. The Master of the Guild said he was thoroughly satisfied with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's work, and they in turn have expressed entire satisfaction with the way Messrs. Webb and Bennett, of Kidlington, have carried out the rehangng.

Among those present were in addition to the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Mr. A. E. Reeves (Guild Secretary), Mr. A. A. Hughes (representing Mears and Stainbank), and Mr. Webb (Webb and Bennet, the hangers).

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Listen to yon merry bells,  
To their music as it swells;  
From St. Mary's ancient fane,  
Cheering those on land and main.  
Note the seething of the wave,  
As each in turn the beach they lave;  
How the music of the bells,  
Mingles with the ocean's swell.  
Open now the window wide,  
Towards the church, towards the tide;  
Whilst these sounds we now enjoy,  
Thankfulness our hearts employ.  
For the harvest of the field,  
Unto God our thanks we yield;  
For the harvest of the sea,  
Likewise thanks we give to Thee.  
Thus the ringing of the bells,  
Mingling with the ocean's swells:  
Whilst to hearers giving joy,  
Thoughts of praise their hearts employ.  
And prayer mingles with their praise,  
For the coming Mission days;  
Harvesters! be all sincere,  
Love for sinners be your cheer.  
To the Saviour may be led  
Souls for whom His blood was shed:  
Sow in hope, and do not fear  
But that good fruit shall appear;  
Grant that you together bound  
In God's harvest-home be found.

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## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the Central Committee held at the house of the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, The Precincts, Canterbury, on Saturday, November 16th, 1907, it was decided to hold the next Annual General Meeting on Whitsun Monday at Maidstone. W. Spice (Tunstall), and J. Wheadon (Dartford), were added to the Committee to serve for three years; G. Edwards (Chiddingstone), for one year in place of W. Harper (Swanscombe), resigned; A. R. Manning (Hythe), late Hon. Secretary Ashford District, for two years in lieu of J. E. Grensted, who has gone to Canada. It was agreed that at the annual meeting in each of the six districts a tea should be provided for members attending, but that no travelling expenses should be allowed; while at one of the other meetings held in each district the usual travelling allowance should be granted, but no tea.

The sum of £2 2s. was voted from the Belfry Repairs Fund towards the re-hanging of the bells at Newington-next-Hythe.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Christchurch District of the above Guild was held at Christchurch on Saturday, November 16th, when thirty-four members represented the following towers: Bournemouth (St. Peter's and St. John's), Christchurch, Lymington and Ringwood.

Ringling commenced at 3.30 p.m. A short service was held at 4.15 p.m., and at 5 p.m. the party sat down to a knife and fork tea. The business meeting was held after tea, presided over by the Rev. W. J. Iremonger. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary reported that seven peals had been rung during the year, and that meetings had been held at Bournemouth, Lyndhurst, and Ringwood, the one at Lyndhurst at least producing good results, the bells there then being in a very bad state, which caused a resolution to be drawn up and forwarded to the Vicar, who to his credit let it be said, immediately took steps to have them put in good ringing order at a cost of about £90.

The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year: Chairman—Rev. W. J. Iremonger; Secretary—G. Preston; Representative on Central Committee—C. Goodenough; Auditor—G. Plummer. It was also decided to hold quarterly meetings at St. John's (Bournemouth), Fordingbridge, Lymington, and the annual again at Christchurch.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The ninth monthly meeting of the Nottingham District was held at Daybrook on Saturday, November 16th, twenty-seven ringers, besides their friends being present. The bells were rung in various methods from 3.30 till 7.30. Afterwards an entertainment was got up by Messrs. Rhodes and Clarke. The following gentlemen gave several songs: Messrs. Meakin, Rhodes, Clarke, Pitts, jun., Goddard and Pain. Several courses were rung on the handbells, Mr. Gosling, sen., of Mansfield, taking part. The next monthly meeting will be held at Sawley, of which due notice will be given.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The usual quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Shipley on Saturday, November 2nd. Not many visitors however were present, which was perhaps owing to it being situated a long distance from the station. Ringling commenced soon after 4 o'clock, and some good touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Oxford Single Bob Minor were rung.

Tea was held at the parish room at 5.30, kindly provided by the Vicar (Rev. A. G. Baker), who was also present and presided, being supported by Messrs. F. B. Tompkins (Treasurer), and H. Evans (Divisional Secretary). The towers represented were Lindfield, Henfield, Steyning, and Shipley, numbering about a dozen. Tea over, the usual business followed. The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed. Mr. Matthews proposed that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Steyning. Mr. Tompkins proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for providing the tea, and granting the use of the bells.

The rev. gentleman suitably replied, and said it gave

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. C. W. Clarke has removed from Derby to 18, Millbrook Road, Bedford.

him very great pleasure to welcome the ringers to Shipley, and he should like to have seen more present, and he hoped they would soon pay him another visit.

The belfry was again visited, and ringing continued till 9 o'clock.

The usual quarterly meeting of the Central Division was held at Crawley on November 16th, about forty members representing the following towers putting in an appearance: Burgess Hill, Brighton, Bolney, Burstow, Lower Beeding, East Grinstead, Balcombe, Hurstpierpoint, Horley, Southover and Crawley. Tea was served in The Northgate refreshment room at 5 o'clock. After tea the Rector (Rev. Barrett Lennard), took the chair at the usual business which followed. The minutes of the previous meeting having been passed, Mr. W. Baines was elected a member of the Lower Beeding band, and Mr. Guy Edwards of the Crawley band. The place chosen for the next quarterly peal was Lindfield, to be attempted as soon as can be arranged.

Mr. A. B. Bennett then proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for allowing the Association the use of the bells, and presiding at the meeting; also for his generosity; and to Mr. Boswell, a local gentleman, who takes a deep interest in ringing, although not a ringer himself.

The Rector, in reply, said he was very pleased for the meeting to be held at Crawley, and Mr. Boswell gave a most hearty welcome to the Association, and hoped they would visit Crawley again before long.

This concluded the meeting, and the tower was again visited, and ringing in the Standard methods kept up till a rather late hour.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. ANNUAL DINNER.

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The Vice-chairman, Mr. E. A. Davies, proposed the toast, "The Ancient Society of College Youths." In doing so he said that as a tenor bell ringer he was highly honored at occupying the Vice-chair on three occasions at their annual dinners. He claimed to be second to none in his love for the church bells and ringers, and he was never happier than when in their society. The College Youths was the premier society of bell ringers in the country, and they had done much in the past for the cause of the science, and also for belfry reform. Their example had been followed by bell-ringing societies throughout the country. He recalled to mind some of those ancient members who had long passed to the great majority, but who in their day had done much to make the society what it now is—Benjamin Annable, John Hardman, John Holt, and Joseph Monk. Coming to later times, there were Mr. Haley, John Cox, and they had still the privilege and acquaintance of knowing their venerable friend Mr. Mat. Wood, a man who was able to ring his 5000 on his 82nd birthday. He was glad that Mr. James Pettit was present that night. He would also allude to Mr. Keeble, also to their friends Mr. Haworth and Mr. Horrex. Among those who were carrying on the good work of the society was their valued and esteemed friend Mr. W. T. Cockerill. They had distinguished members with them there including their good friend and master Mr. O'Meara, Mr. Pasmore, Mr. Newton, Mr. Hughes, Mr. W. D. Smith and many distinguished country members. He hoped the young members would follow in the footsteps of those who had gone before and in their day upheld the strength and the prosperity of the Society of College Youths, and be loyal churchmen and Englishmen, and he hoped that some day one of their young friends present would be occupying the proud position that Mr. O'Meara did that night. Since he had the pleasure of addressing them two years ago on the question of the condition of some of the belfries and bells, something had been done for the better, and more was looming in the distance. Bow bells

had been rehung and a peal of Treble Bob Maximus rung on them. Cripplegate bells are better than they were. He regretted that nothing had been done to the bells of Southwark cathedral. The College Youths at one time were proud of those bells. It was a good thing that the heads of bell foundries were practical ringers. The bells of St. Michael, Cornhill, required attention. The practices of the society during the last twelve months had been well attended at St. Paul's, Bow, Cripplegate, St. Michael's, St. Magnus, St. Dunstan's, and at South Hackney. He congratulated the society on its continued success. He apologised for the absence of the Vicar of Barking owing to family bereavement, and also for the absence of Mr. Tom Faulkner, owing to indisposition. He coupled with the toast of prosperity and success to this ancient Society of College Youths the name of Mr. T. P. O'Meara.

In responding Mr. T. P. O'Meara, master, said:—Brother and sister College Youths, I suppose Mr. Cockerill thinks that if you have a donkey in harness it is well to make him work. I thank Mr. Davies for the way in which he proposed the toast and you for the way you received it. Mr. Davies expressed the many points in relation to the College Youths. He, however, omitted to mention in his list of ringers many who are present here. Gentlemen will like to hear that there are present to-night Mr. C. H. Hattersley, of Sheffield, Mr. W. Newell, of Reading, and Mr. J. C. Truss, of Great Marlow. I have had handed to me telegrams from our dear old friend the Rector of Speldhurst, and from George and Lachlan McKinnon who, as most of you know, are at Portsmouth. They send best wishes. In thanking you for the way in which you received the toast I can only say that I hope the society will, as the Bishop of Barking said, go on perpetually.

Mr. Frank E. Dawe proposed the toast "the visitors," and in the course of an eloquent peroration said that it was pleasant to have visitors and to be a visitor. Bell ringing is singularly English, and they were all pleased to see present the distinguished visitors representing their dear old church of England. They were pleased that arrangements had been made for the Bishop's attendance again next year. They were delighted to make the acquaintance of Canon Bell, of St. Michael's. James Dwight, a well-known College Youths of days of yore, had put together an interesting little song, one of the verses being:—

T'was at St. Michael's 'pon Cornhill,  
In famous Loudon City,  
Where the big bells are so grand,  
And the little bells so pretty.

All were agreed that he scored in the last two lines. It would indeed be difficult to find a more beautiful peal of twelve. He regretted that they were now in a bad state. He hoped there would be no cheeseparing, but that the work would be done thoroughly. They looked upon St. Michael's from a bell-ringing point of view almost as national property. They were delighted to see the Rev. A. W. Hutton, the Vicar of Bow. Notwithstanding what had been done at Bow he would have liked to have seen the lads and lasses, the toilers of the city, appealed to for funds, so that the bells of Bow church and its belfry may be made the finest in the world—it being a national monument. Mr. Dawe criticised the chimes at Bow church, and stated that Dick Whittington would not have come back to London if he had heard such, and certainly the cat would have run away. He felt like a visitor himself for he had buried himself in the country and he had to cycle eight or nine miles to be able to hear a bell. He spoke in glowing terms of Mr. Joseph Munday and his company of singers. They were delighted to again have Miss Leny with them. Ladies were ornaments to the Society and he hoped to see more ornaments present next year. He hoped their visitors would come among them for many years to come.

*(To be continued.)*

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## Correspondence.

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

## "POINTS FOR PEALS."

SIR,—I have read with some amazement Mr. Daniell's article in your issue of the 16th November. It professes to be a contribution to the vexed question of "points for peals," and one would have thought that after so much destructive criticism it would have ended with some useful suggestion. There is plenty of needless vituperation, which does not become Mr. Daniell. No one can fail to admire him when he deals with the many subjects, historical and otherwise, which are of abounding interest to ringers; but when he singles out the Association which I so imperfectly serve, and proceeds to exercise his literary abilities in abusing it, I cannot sit idly by, without making an emphatic protest.

It seems hard that I should have to plead for simple fairness in dealing with a position for which I am not in the least responsible. Mr. William Pye and his brothers are members of the Middlesex County Association, and it is their own zeal in attempting difficult peals, and (be it said) their phenomenal success in getting them, that brings us under Mr. Daniell's lash. But are we exceptional in availing ourselves of the services of non-resident expert members? Does not the same thing go on in almost every other Association? The only difference seems to me to be that in other cases the ringers are perhaps a trifle less prominent. It is not an easy thing to prevent anyone from giving his active help to any Association that he chooses. Any attempt to lay down rules to prevent this, would only end in raising many more difficulties than those they were designed to obviate. And here comes in the question: Why do Mr. William Pye and his brothers elect to ring for us? I cannot answer this. It is a matter which they alone can explain, if they think it worth while. It is certainly not due, as Mr. Benjamin Keeble and many others have persistently asserted, to the question of "financial benefit." May I say at once, what it ought not to be necessary for me to say, that I have never given them a farthing for their services, and have never paid a single railway fare. I must protest against being forced into publicity upon a charge which ought never to have been insinuated. Evidently Mr. Daniell is tainted with the bias of this most unworthy insinuation, when he says that my Association "encourages exotic persons to ring for it"; and hitting out wildly with the words "discreditable acquisition," "shady business," and "a position which amounts to a scandal," he winds up with an irrelevant shriek, as to which I can only observe that our peals are rung quite apart from any influence of "points for peals," for if these "points" were done away with to-morrow, I should never regret it, and I have often openly said so. Moreover, he little knows, or if he does, he gives me little credit for my frequent attempts "magnas componere lites" as between my friend Mr. Pye and his local Association; but how can he expect me or anybody else to succeed in the face of such complete want of tact as his violent attack exhibits? Perhaps this want of tact is at the bottom of all the trouble. I don't know. I only throw it out as a possible suggestion.

And now let me turn to consider the question of "points for peals," as to which Mr. Daniell and I are perhaps more in agreement than he thinks. On this point, I have read with pleasure Mr. Trollope's very able exposition. He states his case temperately, and with an ability which entitles him to a respectful hearing. When he says that the present scale of points does not work fairly, I am quite in agreement with him. He propounds a scheme, designed to put the spirit of friendly rivalry on an intelligible foundation. All ringers, resident and non-resident, are to be taken into consideration, and by a very simple process an average is struck, the resulting figure of which would take the place of the "points" as we at present know them. It ought certainly to encourage younger men to do better; and, while doing so, (for I cannot admit the particular experience put forward by Mr. Daniell to be the universal experience) it would not discourage the zeal of expert men, whether resident or non-resident, nor would it fetter the individual liberty of men to ring for the Association of their choice.

It would also enable smaller Associations to rise by their own abilities, without fear of being swamped by the larger. There will, I suppose, be local jealousies to the end of time; jealousies, which in the past I have had much reason to deplore, but which I honestly believe, by the exercise of a little tactful patience and good nature on all sides, are rapidly being consigned to oblivion.

In conclusion, I think Mr. Trollope's temperate letter is a most useful contribution to the solution of the vexed question under consideration. For my own part, I am prepared to give it careful attention, and, perhaps, with the aid of other suggestions which may reach you, to assist, at the proper time, in formulating something which may commend itself to the Exercise at large, and possibly even to Mr. Daniell.

ARTHUR T. KING.

SIR,—Mr. Daniell has said, and said clearly and fairly, everything I think that can be said against Points for Peals. May I say a few words more on the other side. First there is a majority, a large majority of ringers, who not being influenced by the reasons which explain the attitude of Mr. Daniell and the London men, do take a deep interest in the Analysis and its points. Then there is a minority, a small minority I believe, who profess a most hearty contempt for the whole affair, and these latter belong for the most part to London. Now it is possible for the minority to ignore the Analysis if they feel so disposed, and let the majority still enjoy it; but isn't it just a little bit selfish of them to try and do away with what does really appeal to the majority of ringers because they disapprove of it for purely local reasons? Mr. Daniell has pinched on the one and only real objection when he refers to Mr. Pye and the Middlesex Association. It is rather delicate to refer to persons, and I want to hurt no man's feelings. But the facts are plain. You have first the old Societies and their members with naturally somewhat conservative ideas. Old societies are not always composed of fools, and conservative ideas are usually sound ones. Then you have a younger man, a perfect genius for peal-ringing, willing apparently to devote his whole time to his favourite pastime, but impatient of control and unfortunately but notoriously with a badly curbed tongue. Here are the elements which must lead sooner or later to a split. And when the split transfers to one outside society this man and his great abilities, and so puts that society at the top of the Analysis, you can see why "London ringers as a body have a whole-hearted contempt for points." I have not referred to this personal matter willingly, but I want to show that London opposition to points for peals is not a genuine one. Now as to the objection that Mr. Daniell urges with so much force, about one ringer ringing peals in several societies. Quite true; but it is the societies and not the individuals who are competing for the first place, and if two societies have a part share in any one ringer, why should they not use him both? And the analogy Mr. Daniell draws between the Analysis and the results of football and cricket does not prove so very much. Do not Trott and Tarrant, both Australians, play for Middlesex, and Hobbs, a Cambridgeshire man, play for Surrey? And do not football teams trade their men about one to another? I know that these teams are for each season mutually exclusive, but they exist for competition only, and competition only enters into ringing in a left-handed way. Consequently we cannot be so strict on these as they must be.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

P.S.—I should have said that in my scheme for revising position of Societies in Analysis, the total number of points is multiplied by the number of methods rung, and then divided by the number of practising ringers on the books.

## RINGING AT BEDFORD.

SIR,—I was surprised at seeing a peal of Grandsire Caters rung at St. Paul's, Bedford, on November 9th. How can the St. Paul's company honestly call it a peal? The bells were firing from 9.10 to 9.15 p.m., and again at 9.20 p.m., the last half-hour being far from peal-ringing, simply rushing for places. It is about time they gave a little explanation of the firing. I do not think the composer composed it with these qualities in it. Several more ringers here heard it, and cannot see how it can be claimed as a peal.

C. R. LILLEY.



**Notices.**

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 28th, at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on financial matters, is now due, and should be paid before February 29th next.

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

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dulverton to-day, Sat., November 23rd. Service at the parish church at 2.30 p.m. Meeting at The Lion hotel at 3 p.m. Tea to follow.

E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held by kind permission of the Rev. W. Templeton King at Christ Church, Ealing, to-day, Sat., November 23rd. Bells available from 4.30 p.m. Meeting in school-room at 6 p.m. Members are requested to forward outstanding subscriptions before the date of meeting.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Penwortham, to-day, Sat., November 23rd. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

**The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.**—To-day, Sat., November 23rd, the Rector of St. Martin's, the Rev. Canon Denton Thompson, M.A., will unveil the tablet erected in St. Martin's belfry to record the muffled peal of Stedman Cinques rung in honour of the late William Wakley, of Burton-on-Trent. The ceremony will take place at 5.30 p.m., and all members and friends—especially ladies—are cordially invited to be present. Ringing from 4.30 p.m.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 26th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there will be business of importance, every member who can make it convenient is requested to attend.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**The Essex Association.**—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, November 30th. Tea at 5 o'clock at King William the Fourth. Meeting after tea. Members intending to be present are requested to inform me not later than November 26th.

N. J. PIESTOW, *Dis. Sec.*

Saffron Walden.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at the parish church, Oldham, on Saturday, November 30th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. A good attendance is earnestly requested.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—York-

town District.—The annual meeting will be held at Old Woking on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available from 3. Tea at Vicarage Room at 5 p.m. for those only who inform me by November 27th. Meeting after tea.

C. H. PEARCE, *Dis. Sec.*  
19, Vale Road, Yorktown.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Leicester District.—A district meeting will be held at Syston (8 bells), on Saturday, November 30th. Tea at 4.30, 9d. each. Any member welcome.

J. S. NEEDHAM, *Local Hon. Sec.*

**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Christ Church, Aughton, on Saturday, November 30th. Full particulars by circular.

REV. W. T. BULFIT, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. BENTHAM, }

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at the Three Horse Shoes at 7.30 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Oldbury on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5 o'clock.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

**The St. Martin's Guild.**—On Saturday, November 30th, the Rector of Handsworth, the Rev. Prebendary Burns, will unveil the tablet erected in the belfry of the parish church to record the peal rang on December 8th, 1906, by the eight Thomases of the above Guild. Members and friends invited.

THOMAS RUSSAM.

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting will take place at Penistone on Saturday, December 7th, instead of Rotherham. Usual times.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**Notice.**—Beeston bells will be re-opened on Saturday, December 7th, from 2 till 5.30. A supper will be held at The Royal Oak. Any ringer wishing to come kindly send me 2s. for ticket not later than December 3rd. An entertainment will be given afterwards. Supper at 6 o'clock prompt.

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**THE PEAL AT LOUGHBOROUGH.**—E. Reader's 100 Peals.—Grandsire Caters 7; Triples 12, conducted 6; Stedman Caters 16, conducted 7; Triples 17, conducted 10; Kent Major 9, conducted 4 (including 7,616); Royal 5, conducted 1; Oxford Major 2 (including 7,168); Forward Royal 2; Major 1, conducted 1; Bob Major 8, conducted 4 (including 7,040); Double Norwich Major 10, conducted 5 (including 7,296); Superlative 4, conducted 1; Bob Triples 1, conducted 1; On six bells 6, conducted 3. Total 100; conducted 43. Rang in 23 different towers, and 9 counties.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, Hon. Sec.

## LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have in hand the work of completing the octave by adding a new treble and tenor, and recasting the 4th. The new bells are already cast, and it is hoped that the work will be completed during the next few weeks.

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Composed by JAMES HUNT. and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

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ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 6.
THOMAS TITCHENER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS .. .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Berry.

**The Provinces.****CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, November 7, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S (No. 1.) Tenor 19½ cwt.**

FREDERICK WHIBLEY .. Treble.	ELGAR KING .. .. 5.
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Conducted by EDWIN SMITH.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. E. H. M. Dinoy to Miss B. Hood, which was solemnised in London on that day. \*First peal.

**STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, November 9, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

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Rung to celebrate the King's birthday. First peal on the bells, and first peal by all the members of the band.

**WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.****SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Tuesday, November 12, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

SAMUEL REEVES .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. 5.
JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 2.	JOHN JAGGAR .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 3.	THOMAS HORTON .. .. 7.
JOHN CARTER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal was rung on the front eight bells, and it is over forty years since a peal was rung on them. It was also rung on the 68th birthday of W. R. Small, his brother-ringers wishing him the usual compliments. It was also his 286th peal on 8, 10, and 12 bells. All the above are members of the St. Martin's Diocesan Guild.

**CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.***On Wednesday, November 13, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES  
Tenor 14 cwt.**

OSCAR GILBEY .. .. Treble.	GEORGE IRVINE .. .. 5.
ALBERT D. CULLUM .. .. 2.	GEORGE ESSEX .. .. 6.
LEWIS GREEN .. .. 3.	HENRY SIMMONDS .. .. 7.
WALTER WEBB .. .. 4.	ERNEST W. MENDAY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and Conducted by E. W. MENDAY.

**BISHOP STORTFORD, HERTS.****THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, November 13, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF STANSTED TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 20 cwt.**

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

Composed by JOHN F. PENNING, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

\*First peal in the method with a bob bell. †First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. It is also the first peal in the method ever rung in the county of Hertfordshire. Fiftieth peal on the bells.

**WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wednesday, November 13, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.**

JOHN EMERY .. .. Treble.	CHARLES J. HAMBLIN .. 5.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 2.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 6.
GEORGE EDSEY, JUN. .. 3.	GEORGE WOODISS .. .. 7.
TOPHAM CUTFORTH* .. 4.	BENJAMIN B. WICKENS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

\*First peal of Grandsire.

**WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, November 14, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
CARTER'S NO. 1. Tenor 21 cwt.**

FREDERIC DERBYSHIRE .. Treble.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 5.
ARTHUR RIDYARD .. .. 2.	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. 6.
GEORGE WAY .. .. 3.	JAMES H. RIDYARD .. .. 7.
PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE .. 4.	JOHN T. BAGULEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES H. RIDYARD.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Viscount Brackley.

**NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thursday, November 14 1907 in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

ALBERT MARKS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 4.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	CRCIL A. VALENTINE .. 5.
CHARLES J. FRAY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First 5040 in seven methods by all except the conductor, and on the bells. It is also the first in seven methods in the county of Hants. The above are all voluntary ringers at St. Nicolas church.

**BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

*On Friday, November 15, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 5.
JESSE MOSS .. .. 2.	THOMAS RILEY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 3.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 7.
HARRY MOSS .. .. 4.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung as a welcome to the conductor, who has taken up his residence at Bolsover.

**WARNHAM, SUSSEX.**

*On Saturday, November 16, 1907, in Three Hours,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

WALTER CHARMAN .. .. Treble.	*J. BRANCH .. .. 5.
PETER CHARMAN* .. .. 2.	*W. PETTIFER .. .. 6.
EDWARD STANFORD† .. .. 3.	G. WOODMAN .. .. 7.
J. COOK .. .. 4.	ALBERT CHARMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. COOK.

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

**WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION**

*On Saturday, November 16, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES MORLEY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. 5.
FREDERICK MARTIN .. .. 2.	JOHN MORLEY .. .. 6.
ALBERT MILLER* .. .. 3.	JOHN JOHNSON .. .. 7.
CHARLES BISHOP .. .. 4.	JAMES WHITFIELD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. MILLER.

\*First peal as conductor.

**HENLEY, SUFFOLK.**

**\* THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, November 16, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. Treble.	*CHARLES P. RAMPLIN .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 4.	*FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\*First peal in the method.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, November 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5125 CHANGES.**

Tenor 30½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. Treble.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 6.
HARRY SEAR .. .. 2.	JOSEPH DAVIES .. .. 7.
GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 3.	HORACE W. ABBOTT .. 8.
ERNEST ABBOTT .. .. 4.	EDWARD READER .. .. 9.
CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 5.	HORACE E. STUBBS .. Tenor.

Composed by G. ASTBURY, and Conducted by E. READER.

This composition is now rung for the first time. This is H. Sear's 60th peal; also the conductor's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

**BENGEO, HERTS.**

**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, November 16, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**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.

FREDERICK C. BENNETT* Treble.	EDWARD H. KING .. .. 4.
ARTHUR WRIGHT† .. .. 2.	GEORGE H. AUSTEN .. 5.
DANIEL BENNETT .. .. 3.	ALBERT PHILLIPS .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT PHILLIPS.

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

**HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.**

**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, November 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. Treble.	FRED CAUSEY .. .. 5.
LEWIS CHAPMAN .. .. 2.	JOHN B. MARTIN .. 6.
WALTER GRAY .. .. 3.	ARTHUR E. CHAPMAN .. 7.
ALFRED EVERITT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GROOME .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM V. NEWMAN.

**BECKINGTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, November 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT E. SEERS .. .. Treble.	EDWIN C. FRICKER .. 5.
GEORGE TEMPLE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 6.
HERBERT LEWIS .. .. 3.	THOMAS F. KING .. 7.
CHARLES W. BELL .. .. 4.	JOHN ODEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

First peal on the bells which were originally a peal of six. The recasting of four of the old bells, and the additional trebles, together with the rehanging, reflects great credit on the firm of Mears and Stainbank.

**COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, November 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 5 lbs. in F.

RICHARD POTTER .. .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER .. .. 5.
DAVID ELLIOTT .. .. 2.	CHARLES NORFOLK .. 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	JAMES NEWMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SHIPWAY, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to the ringer of the 7th.

**SKIPTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****HOLT'S TEN-PART.****Tenor 18½ cwt.**

TOBIAS LAMBERT .. .. Treble.	WM. L. MASON .. .. 5.
WM. TOWNSON .. .. 2.	WM. BILLOWS .. .. 6.
E. METCALFE .. .. 3.	H. HORNER .. .. 7.
F. METCALFE .. .. 4.	W. D. HILLARY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. L. MASON.

First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells.

**CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, November 16, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;****HOLT'S ORIGINAL.****Tenor 11 cwt.**

WALTER G. BROCKHURST Treble.	THOMAS BURDOCK .. .. 5.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. .. 2.	HENRY L. GARFATH .. .. 6.
THOMAS ATTWELL .. .. 3.	HERBERT J. ELLIS .. .. 7.
THOMAS MACK .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. BARTLETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the 4th and 5th ringers.

**SOWERBY, YORKS.****THE YORKSHIRE AND HALIFAX AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATIONS.***On Saturday, November 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, — CHANGES;****IN THE KENT VARIATION.****Tenor 15 cwt.**

J. S. AMBLER .. .. Treble.	C. E. STEWART .. .. 5.
G. H. WHITEAKER .. .. 2.	F. WHITELEY .. .. 6.
J. LAWSON .. .. 3.	J. W. EMMETT .. .. 7.
L. MIDGLEY .. .. 4.	F. SALMONS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. H. HARDY and Conducted by F. SALMONS.

**SHEFFIELD, YORKS.****THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Saturday, November 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.****Tenor 41 cwt.**

THOMAS H. REEVES .. Treble.	THOMAS MILLER .. .. 7.
ALF. PADDON SMITH .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 8.
THOMAS RUSSAM .. .. 3.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 9.
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 4.	JOHN NEAL .. .. 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 5.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 11.
EDMUND J. HYLAND .. 6.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and  
Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

The figures of this peal (No. 16) was published by C. H. Hattersley in "THE BELL NEWS" of May 11th, 1907, in his review of Stedman Cinques. Further reference next week.

**TILEHURST, BERKS.****THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.***On Saturday, November 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.****Tenor 18 cwt.**

OSCAR GILBEY .. .. Treble.	GEORGE ESSEX .. .. 5.
JOSEPH HANDS .. .. 2.	ERNEST W. MENDAY .. 6.
LEWIS GREEN .. .. 3.	HENRY SIMMONDS .. .. 7.
WALTER WEBB .. .. 4.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

**STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, November 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,****5216 CHANGES.****Tenor 19 cwt.**

GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 6.
JOHN FLINT .. .. 3.	GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

**PENDLETON —THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, November 18, 1907, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,****5088 CHANGES.****Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lbs. in E.**

FRANCIS SMITH .. .. Treble.	WINLIAM H. SHUKER .. 5.
GEORGE E. TURNER .. .. 2.	*A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 6.
JOSEPH TURNER .. .. 3.	SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. 7.
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

Rung to celebrate the birthdays of Messrs. Barratt and Chapman.

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

**ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, November 19, 1907, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****PITSTOW'S VARIATION.****Tenor 20 cwt.**

F. BARRETT .. .. Treble.	E. HUMFREY .. .. 5.
F. JUGGINS .. .. 2.	H. HOLIFREY .. .. 6.
A. FAWDRY .. .. 3.	REV F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
J. JUGGINS .. .. 4.	E. LANGFORD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Wooburn, Bucks., has been sent without any date.

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

HAZEL GROVE.—On Thursday, October 17th, at St. Thomas's church, a date touch of 1907 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 3 mins. H. Williamson, H. Langley, J. W. Hartley, G. D. Warburton, A. S. Gordon, J. Fernley conductor. Longest length by the ringers of the treble, 2nd and 3rd.

BURTON LATIMER.—On Saturday, November 9th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Minor, 1907 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins., being 365 of Woodbine, 144 of Oxford, 360 of Kent, 120 of Double Oxford, 192 of Double Court, 360 of Plain Bob, and 11 odd changes. J. Neal, J. Pratt, M. Norton, W. B. Meadows, F. Sturman, G. Lines conductor. First date touch on the bells. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

GRASSENDALE.—On Tuesday, October 22nd, a date touch of Minor, 1907 changes, being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Woodbine, and 467 of Oxford Treble Bob. T. Morris, R. H. Green, W. Booth, W. Hughes, J. Turner, J. Allen conductor.

**Miscellaneous.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

GARSTON.—On Saturday, October 26th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, in memory of the late Mr.

Gough, but after ringing 2 hrs. 20 mins. a rope broke. R. Kelly, G. Woodhall, J. Aspinwall, E. Caunce, A. Lovel, W. Hughes, T. Hammond, sen., S. Stewart.

GARSTON.—On Wednesday, October 23rd, 994 Grandsire Triples. R. Kelly, A. H. Edwards, J. Aspinwall conductor, W. Hughes, J. W. Rawlinson, A. Lovel, E. Caunce, T. Hammond.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On August 21st, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Turner, H. Beckett, H. W. Merrett, N. Welch, W. Churcher, G. E. Chappell conductor. On October 2nd, 720 College Single. H. J. Smith, W. Singleton, H. W. Merrett, J. W. Whiting, W. Churcher, G. E. Chappell conductor. On October 16th, 720 Single Court. H. W. Merrett, W. Singleton, H. Beckett, H. J. Smith, W. Churcher, G. E. Chappell. First on the bells and by all the band.

UPHAM (Hants).—On August 22nd, on the occasion of the opening of the bells, 720 Bob Minor. Rev. W. E. Colchester, E. C. Lampard, W. G. Lampard, W. H. Crute, G. E. Chappell conductor, J. W. Whiting.

TITCHFIELD (Hants).—On October 5th, on the occasion of the induction of the new Vicar (the Master of the above Guild) 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Privett, G. E. Chappell, W. Cooper, A. Millard, J. W. Whiting, G. Williams conductor. 720 Plain Bob. H. W. Merrett, S. Churcher, W. Cooper, A. Millard, G. Chappell conductor, J. W. Whiting. 360 College Single. G. Williams, W. Cooper, H. W. Merrett, P. E. Morfee, A. Millard, G. E. Chappell.

WINCHESTER.—On Saturday, November 16th, on the occasion of the annual district meeting, 336 Double Norwich Major. Miss A. White, M. Ellsmore, H. White, H. W. Wilkes, W. T. Tucker, A. C. Valentine, G. Williams conductor, F. S. Bayley. This is the first touch in the method rung by resident members in the county at a district meeting.

WINDSOR.—On Sunday, October 6th, for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, 360 Mop Triples. T. Smith, A. Webb, S. Coventry, A. Kerry, G. Ashley, A. H. Higgs, J. Nicholls, A. Pether.

CLEWER.—For evening service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 1080 Grandsire Doubles. T. Smith, A. Webb, S. Coventry, G. Ashley, J. Nicholls conductor, A. Pether.

WESTON FAVELL.—On Sunday, October 13th, 240 Grandsire Doubles. W. Rogers, T. Law, J. Groves, F. Rollings, F. Wilford. 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Groves, 1-2; F. Hopper, F. Wilford, T. Law. Another 120. W. Law, G. Luck, W. Rogers, F. Wilford, T. Law.

WORCESTER.—On October 22nd, 1259 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, J. Hill, B. Hill, J. Norris, C. Jones, W. Jones, H. Wilkes, W. H. Johnson, J. R. Newman conductor, E. Watkins. On October 27th, 828 Grandsire Caters. J. Morris, J. Hill, B. Hill, A. Hill, C. Jones, J. Pardoe, H. Wilkes conductor, W. H. Johnson, J. R. Newman, H. Martin. On November 10th, 701 Grandsire Caters. J. Hill, A. Hill, B. Hill, J. Norris, W. C. Jones, J. Pardoe, H. Wilkes, G. Checketts, J. R. Newman, W. Johnson.

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First rung at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, by the Ancient Society of College Youths, on 11th November, 1907, in 3 hrs. 38 mins., conducted by George N. Price.



**Obituary.****ROBERT BAKER.**

The death of this ringer occurred at Ditchingham, Norfolk, on the 7th November, aged 76 years. He had been a ringer at St. Mary's, Bungay, for upwards of 50 years, and had conducted peals there and at other towers in the district. The funeral took place at Ditchingham, last Monday, at which members of the Bungay company were present, and in the evening the bells at St. Mary's, Bungay, were rung muffled as a mark of respect to his memory, and also on Thursday evening at Ditchingham.

**GEORGE HODGE.**

On November 12th the death occurred at Tunbridge Wells hospital of George Hodge, for many years a member of the Horsmonden Band of Ringers and latterly

Captain. Deceased who had been failing for some weeks, though his death was unexpected, was only 36 years of age. He leaves a widow and six children. He was also a member of the village brass band, and well known and respected. At the funeral, which took place on Saturday, 16th, a large number of friends and comrades attended. The bells were rung muffled after the funeral by the local company and a 720 Bob Minor by the following: B. Hope, J. Beach, E. C. Lambert, conductor, E. Lambert, F. Butchers, and F. J. Lambert. Deceased had taken part in several peals of Minor in the district, including the first peal on the Horsmonden bells; his last peal was on November 8th, 1906 when he rang the Treble to seven methods.

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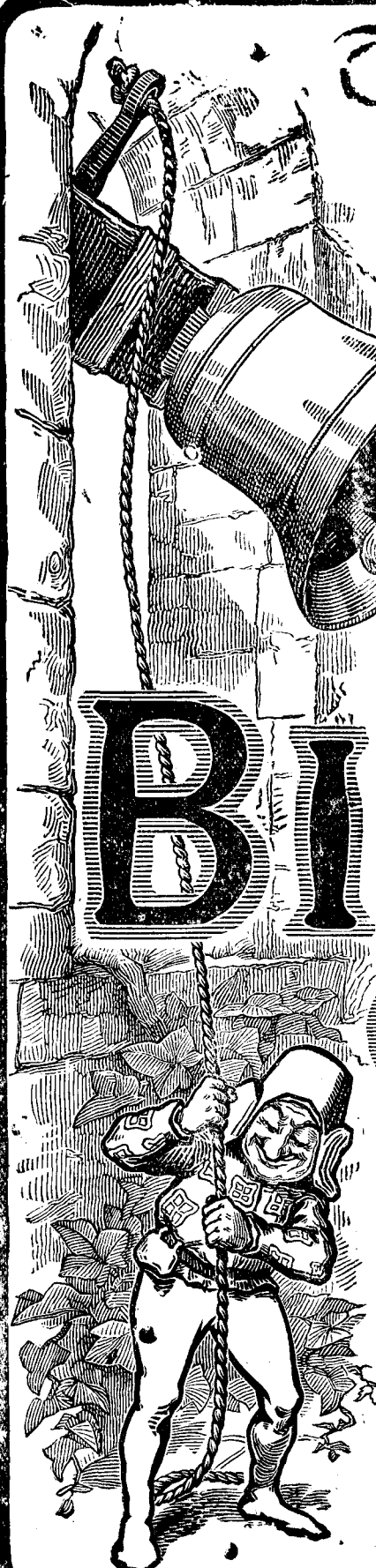
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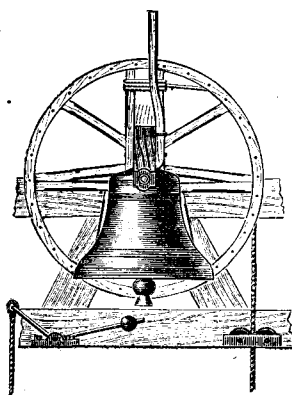
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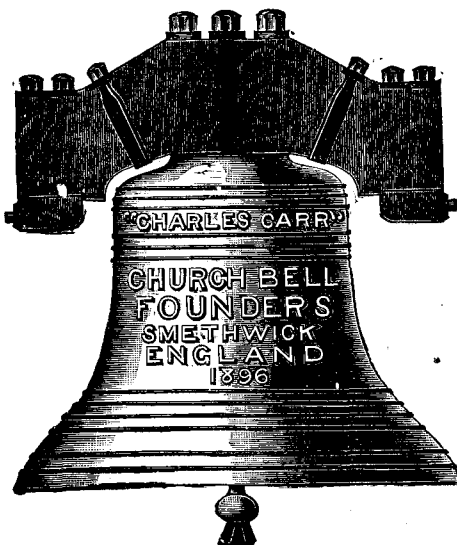
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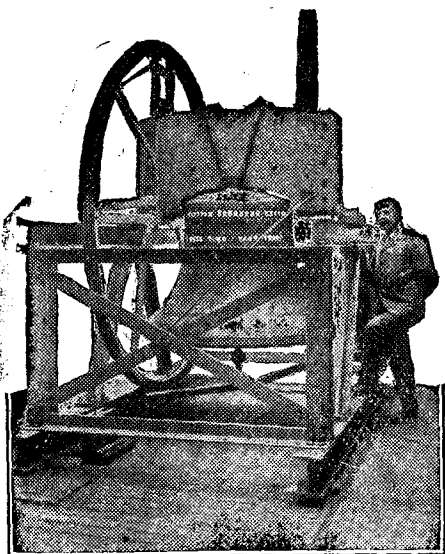
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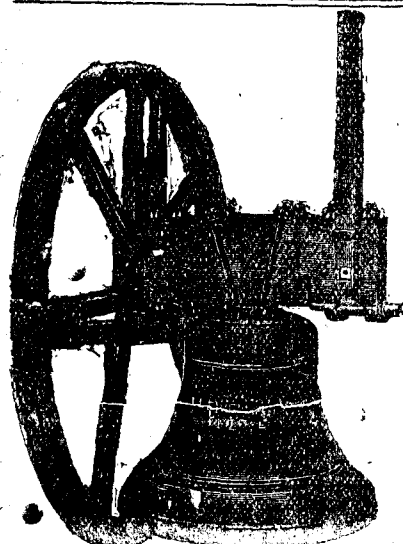
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## FORMATION OF THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

In response to the circular sent out summoning the ringers of Warwickshire and its capital, a very large and enthusiastic body of ringers met at the Dale Temperance hotel, Warwick, on Saturday, November 23rd, with the object of founding a Guild of change-ringers for the county of Warwick. Amongst those present were the Rev. Allan Williams, Vicar of the Collegiate church of St. Mary, Warwick, who was unanimously voted to the chair; Mr. E. H. Adams, Mr. A. L. Coleman, Mr. W. G. Dickens, Mr. A. J. Hessian, and about forty ringers from the following places, viz.: Warwick, Rugby, Coventry, Nuneaton, Solihull, Bedworth, Berkswell, Clifton, Edmonscote, Leamington, Stoke Allesley, and Walsgrave-on-Soar.

The chairman, in opening the meeting, explained the object, which was a worthy one, and also pointed out how the history of our life is bound up with the message that comes with the melodious sound of bells. How they have spoken in many voices, and none of them have been without some significance.

Several letters were received from well-known ringers supporting the object of the meeting. Mr. Coleman in the course of a few remarks, informed the meeting that the idea of a County Guild was not at all a new one, it having been brought forward some five or six years ago by Messrs. Adams and Dickens, of Warwick, and again quite recently by Mr. Smallwood, of Coventry. Mr. Coleman also pointed out that Warwickshire, with the exception of that part in the diocese of Birmingham covered by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, was the only county in England having no Guild or attached to any Association. The object of the Guild was threefold, viz.: (1) The recognition of Church Bell Ringers as Church Officers; (2) The cultivation of scientific change-ringing; (3) Belfry Reform, and also the proper care of Church Bells; and after giving some of the benefits to be derived from such a Guild and a general idea of the lines on which it would probably be run, he proposed: That a Warwickshire Guild of change-ringers be formed, and to be called "The Warwickshire Guild of Change-Ringers." This was seconded by Mr. E. H. Adams.

Mr. Randall proposed as an amendment, seconded by Mr. J. George, that the Guild be called "The Warwickshire Guild of Church Bell Ringers," and this was carried by a large majority.

Mr. Coleman proposed, and Mr. Adams seconded, that this meeting do now proceed to elect the officers of the Guild.

The chairman proposed that the Lord Bishop of Worcester be approached with the view of becoming the Patron of the Guild.

The following officers were elected: The President (Rev. Allan Williams); Vice-Presidents—

(It was proposed that Archdeacon Bree, Canons Baillie and Flory, and several well-known gentlemen be approached with the view of their becoming Vice-presidents of the Guild); Master—Mr. Edward H.

Adams (Warwick); Hon. Secretary—Mr. Arthur L. Coleman (Rugby); Hon. Assistant-Secretary—Mr. Alfred J. Hessian (Rugby); Hon. Treasurer—Mr. W. G. Dickens (Warwick).

The following ringers were elected on the Committee; Mr. C. A. Martineau (Solihull); Mr. R. Watson (Rugby); Mr. J. H. White (Nuneaton); Mr. J. F. Smallwood (Coventry); Mr. J. Pinfold (Warwick); Mr. J. H. Sharratt (Bedworth).

Amongst the general business it was decided that the Annual General Meeting should be held in Warwick, and the quarterly meetings in different parts of the county, each quarterly meeting to fix the place and date of each successive quarterly meeting.

The first quarterly meeting was fixed to be held at Stoke near Coventry, on Saturday, January 11th, 1908. The Committee was also empowered to draw up rules for the Guild to submit to a general meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman for presiding. This was acknowledged, and terminated a most successful and enthusiastic meeting. The company then adjourned to tea, and in the evening the following rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 50 mins., upon the magnificent ring at St. Mary's, Warwick, to commemorate the founding of the Guild: J. Standly, J. Collet, S. Bragg, J. H. White, J. F. Smallwood, J. B. Fenton, A. J. Hessian, J. George, E. H. Adams conductor, A. L. Coleman.

## CALNE, WILTS.

The Calne bells have been rehung in a new timber frame, and tuned, by Messrs. White and Sons, after hanging silent for about ten years. The opening ceremony was fixed for November 7th, when the Archdeacon of Wilts., the Ven. T. B. Buchanan, and the Vicar, the Rev. E. J. Bodington, officiated, the local ringers with some friends doing their part of the ceremony in the belfry. On the following Saturday was held a general gathering of ringers, who assembled from Devizes, Bromham, Seend, Chippenham, Swindon, Great Chennett, Market Lavington, Potterne, Wootton Bassett. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Doubles and Stedman Doubles were rung. New ropes and a draught of about seventy feet rather militated against even striking. It had been arranged to attempt a peal on the 23rd, but grave doubts were expressed as to the probability of success with new ropes. However Mr. Grainger and Mr. Gunning, in their keenness, kindly came to the rescue by having weights attached to the ropes during the intervening week. The desired effect was attained; the springiness was gone, and the first peal of Grandsire Triples was successfully scored. The Vicar and many parishioners gave their congratulations with unstinted praise, and expressed pleasure at hearing their bells pealable again.

The work of rehanging has been excellently done. Two conditions were made; a timber frame, and the cannons not to be removed. The writer is of opinion that if these conditions had not been enforced, the bells would go even

better. The 3rd bell (1658) is the most interesting of the ring, being of the Cromwellian period, and given by a Calne cloth manufacturer; but her note is thin, and her long-waistedness gives her a tendency to drop.

The Vicar entertained the visitors to tea on each occasion; his kindness was much appreciated, and a special vote of thanks was accorded him. With bells going so excellently, and a ringing-chamber comfortable and roomy, and a company of ringers of undoubted keenness, change-ringing ought soon to be a flourishing Art at Calne.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Winchester District was held at Winchester, on Saturday, November 16th. Evensong was attended in the Cathedral at 4 o'clock. Tea was had at Dumper's restaurant at 5-15, and was followed by the business meeting. In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of the district (Rev. Canon Braithwaite) the Very Rev. the Dean presided and was supported by the Master of the Guild (Rev. C. E. Mathews) Henry White, Esq. (hon. member) and the Cathedral Chapter Clerk (F. Bowker, Esq.)

After the minutes of the last annual meeting had been passed the balance sheet was adopted, showing a favourable balance of £5 11s. 11d. Mr. Wilfred Andrews was re-elected the district Representative on the Central Committee and Mr. J. W. Elkins was also re-elected Hon. Secretary for the ensuing year. Mr. G. Smith was re-elected Auditor for the district.

It was decided to hold the next Annual meeting at Southampton on the third Saturday in November 1908. The district has now 13 towers affiliated to the Guild two more having joined during the past year, namely Dibden and Owslebury, and a membership of 115 members, 88 full members and 27 probationers. In responding to a vote of thanks the chairman said he was most glad to meet the ringers, and it was his wish that the Cathedral should be looked upon as the centre of church work in the diocese. Ringers were a people of strange tongues, if they would talk to him of Greek or Latin he might be able to have something to say but when they started Grandsire Triples, Treble Bob, Bob Major and so on he felt himself quite at sea, but although they were much given to "changes" he was glad to see they did not change their officers, and hoped he should have the pleasure of meeting them all at Winchester again. The master of the guild said he had now in his church a nice ring of six bells and if any of the members wished to have a ring on them he would be very glad to welcome them if they would let him know when they were coming.

At a subsequent committee meeting of which Mr. G. Williams was chosen chairman, the Rev. Canon Braithwaite was re-elected Chairman of the District, and it was decided to hold three quarterly meetings during 1908: the first in February at Alresford; the second at Twyford in May; and the third at Dibden in September, and to hold them on the second Saturday in each month. Most of the affiliated towers in the district were represented at the meeting, and during the afternoon and evening the members rang on the Cathedral bells Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Triples, etc. It gave great pleasure to see old friends from adjoining districts present, viz.: Messrs. H. White, Burgess, and Miss Alice White (Basingstoke).

The annual meeting of the Guildford District of the

above Guild was held at Guildford on Wednesday, November 20th, when in the afternoon there was ringing at St. Mary's church, followed by a service, at which there was a good attendance. The preacher was the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne, who gave an admirable address from the text: "And when he came to the tower." The preacher said they all knew what Gehazi did when he came to the tower—he told a lie, and then went indoors and told another. He wanted his hearers to act in a very different way to that. He hoped that when they came to the tower they would be punctual—nothing was more annoying than for one or two members to keep a company waiting—and patient—not to get out of patience with a young ringer—and persevering—ringing required that, as he himself did not consider a man a ringer till he could go into a strange tower and ring either bell in 500 changes in each of the four Standard methods, and finally to be perfect, even as their great Example had shown them the way.

A company numbering nearly ninety subsequently sat down to tea at The Star inn, Mr. H. Nevill, J.P., C.C., (churchwarden of Holy Trinity, Guildford), presided, and was supported by the Rev. G. N. Coleridge, the Rev. A. R. Wiseman (Seale, chaplain of the district), Messrs. A. Hollier, N. Vincent, G. H. Fison, J. J. Jones (hon. secretary), and C. Willshire (chairman of the district). The attendance included representatives of nearly all the affiliated branches. Afterwards the annual business meeting was held. The chairman expressed his pleasure at seeing such a large gathering of enthusiastic bellringers. Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. C. W. Scott (General Secretary of the Guild), the Rector of Haslemere (Canon Grane), and the Rev. E. C. Kirwan, Rector of Holy Trinity, Guildford.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Garfath memorial was now completed. He read a letter from the Rector of Farnham stating that the cost of the memorial was £12; the fee to the incumbent of the church £5; and to the parish clerk 10s. Out of this the Guildford district provided £9 12s., and the Farnham ringers £3 17s.; the Rector and churchwardens supplying the balance of £8 15s. Thus Farnham, which would possess the memorial, would provide nearly two-thirds of the cost. A letter was also received from Mr. H. L. Garfath on behalf of his mother and family, thanking those who subscribed to the memorial. They appreciated the honour that had been done to the memory of Mr. Garfath, and it seemed appropriate that it should be erected close to where so many of his happiest hours were spent.

Two new members were then elected from the Cobham band, four from West Clandon, two from Woking, one from Shalford, one from Holy Trinity, and the whole of the members of St. Mary's, Worplesdon. In addition the chairman was elected an hon. member of the Guild.

It was decided to make a grant of two guineas towards re-hanging the present peal of six at Haslemere, and the repairs to the tower, where two more bells are to be erected.

The Woking branch wrote objecting to being transferred from the Guildford to the York Town district, and it was decided to lay the matter before the Central Committee with a view to retaining the tower in the Guildford district.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the strength of the district was 13 honorary members, an increase of ten over the preceding year; 215 ordinary, an increase of 21, with twenty-one towers in the union, an increase of three. The balance-sheet showed expenses amounting to

£31 4s., leaving a sum of £12 10s. 2d. to be carried forward. The balance-sheet was adopted.

Mr. Pulling (Peal Secretary), reported that during the year one peal of Stedman Caters, two of Bob Major, four of Grandsire Triples, one of Bob Minor, and one in seven Minor methods had been rung by ringers resident in the district.

The following officers were then re-elected: Hon. Chaplain—Rev. A. R. Wiseman; Chairman of Committee—Mr. C. Willshire; District Representatives on the Central Committee—Messrs. J. Hunt (Guildford), and R. Whittington (Cranleigh). Mr. W. H. Tunnell (Merrow), was elected hon. auditor, and Mr. J. J. Jones was unanimously re-appointed hon. secretary.

In acknowledging his re-election, Mr. Jones said the district had grown to a strength equal to that of the whole Diocesan Guild ten years ago, having now got as many members and as many towers the whole Guild had at that time.

It was decided not to elect a peal secretary, and Mr. Pulling was cordially thanked for his services in the past.

The following meetings were fixed for 1908: February—Haslemere (if the bells are ready), or Bramley or Womersley; May—Farnham; August—Worplesdon (if the re-hanging of the bells has been completed), or Woking; November—Guildford.

The next quarterly peal was arranged to take place at Farnham. A smoking concert followed the meeting.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On a recent Saturday eight members of the above Association made an attempt for a peal of London Surprise Major, but after ringing 3 hrs. 25 mins., and only three leads from home, the electric light was switched off, leaving the ringers in total darkness, and naturally causing "stand." This of course was a keen disappointment to all the band, also to the Sheffield ringers assembled outside the tower, as the honour to hear the first peal of London Surprise at St. Marie's church, Sheffield, was denied them. The following were the band: W. Short, F. Withers, F. Fay, C. Dickens, H. F. Street, S. Grove, J. Dowler, A. E. Pegler conductor. It should be stated that the ringing was to be finished at 8 p.m., but owing to the late arrival of the tower-keeper, a start could not be made until 4.45, and the Dean of St. Marie's knowing it was after the fixed time, switched off the light, and put a stop to what would have been an excellent peal.

#### NORTH CRAWLEY, BUCKS.

The five bells at this church have been augmented to six by the addition of a new treble; the old tenor and treble have been re-cast, the 2nd and 3rd quarter-turned, and the whole six re-hung in a new iron frame with steel headstocks, new wheels and bearings, all being done in a satisfactory manner by Mr. A. Howell, of Ipswich. On Wednesday, October 23rd, a party of ringers from Emberton and Olney tested the bells by ringing two 720s of Treble Bob. A. Howell, F. Howell, F. J. Mynard, S. Smith, W. Freeman conductor, R. Perkins. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Sharp, W. Freeman, E. G. Mynard, F. J. Mynard conductor, S. Smith, A. Howell. Too much praise cannot be given to Mr. Howell for the

excellent way in which he has carried out the work entrusted to him, every one being quite satisfied with the "go" of the bells.

#### NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT GREAT WALTHAM**—This noted ring, the heaviest of eight in Essex, has once again been rung to a peal. Sixteen years have elapsed since the last peal was rung on these bells, two men ringing the tenor. Since then they have been overhauled and done up, but the old hands who rang in the last peal declare the bells go worse now than then. Three attempts have been made to ring a peal during the past summer, single-handed, but each failed as the bells proved masters. The fourth attempt was successful as the report in another column shows, but with a ninth man. Owing to the space of the ringing chamber being filled with a large clock case, it was deemed advisable not to have a strapper but to take turns, thus G. Piper rang the Tenor for the first hour and a half; J. Wood relieved him and rang it to the end. After two hours and a half, W. J. Piper was done up, and George, seeing his father's difficulties stripped again and finished the peal. The ringers here wish to thank the Rector, the Rev. A. C. Nanson, for permission to ring and hope something may shortly be done to improve the go, as these bells are noted for their mellow tone; the Tenor being the best in the County.

H. F. COOPER.

**THE PEAL AT SOUTHGATE**—Mr. John E. Miller's 100 Peals.—Six bells 14, Grandsire Triples 22, Bob Triples 7, Stedman Triples 8, Bob Major 25, Kent Treble Bob Major 8, Double Norwich Major 8, Superlative Surprise 6, London Surprise 2.

#### A MANIFESTO.

We are requested to publish the following manifesto:—

"ST. PAUL'S BELFRY, BEDFORD.—We, the undersigned ringers, knowing of the attitude of Charles R. Lilley towards the St. Paul's Company, also of the misrepresentations and falsehoods he has made concerning the members and their ringing, desire to state:—That in future, we absolutely refuse to answer or to give any explanation in THE BELL NEWS to any communication, direct or indirect, that he may make. Frank Webb, Harry Tysoe, Charles Chasty, Albert Barker, Charles Wm. Clarke, Herbert F. Harlow, John W. Barker, C. Mortimer, Joseph Church."

**GREAT BENTLEY (Essex)**—On Saturday, November 16th, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 of Double Court. J. Taylor, J. F. Souter, W. J. Nevard, J. Bowell, J. Souter, G. A. Andrews conductor. This was arranged for the Messrs. Souter (father and son).

**LITTLE HORKESLEY (Essex)**—On Sunday afternoon, November 17th, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, Plain Doubles, and St. Simon's Doubles. G. Miles, G. A. Andrews, W. J. Hazell, W. J. Nevard, G. Lancaster, J. Bowell.

**PORTSEA (Hants)**—On Sunday evening, October 13th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. J. Smith, J. Harper, C. Groves, J. Harris, D. Matthews, H. Northfield, E. J. Harding conductor, S. Thomas. On October 20th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Smith, C. Groves, J. Harris, A. Collins, J. Matthews, H. Northfield, E. J. Harding conductor, S. Thomas.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**—Mr. J. Holman has removed to 9, Bolsover Road, Firth Park, Sheffield.

**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.—WILFRID MATTHEWS, change-ringer, Macclesfield. PATTERNS FREE.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. ANNUAL DINNER.

[Continued from page 423.]

The Rev. A. W. Hutton, Rector of St. Mary-le-Bow, in responding, said: I almost wish that I had replied to this toast before it was proposed, because I cannot emulate the eloquent language with which Mr. Dawe proposed it, and so my remarks must sound rather flat, but I also wish that I had replied to it before I knew that the champion shorthand writer of the kingdom was in the room. That makes things worse. I also wish I could have replied to it before Mr. Blackmore sang so splendidly "The Dream of Paradise." There will be no dream of paradise in my speech. So I feel myself rather unfortunately placed, but you will make the best of what is evidently a bad business from the beginning. You are keeping, gentlemen, the 270th anniversary, and if you have not forgotten your multiplication table—most of you are old enough to have forgotten it by this time—you will see why 270 is a very great occasion indeed, and I will prove it. Mr. Cockerill will bear me out if I go wrong in the multiplication table, for he knows something about it still I believe. We will start with 3, which has always been a sacred number both in pagan and christian times. If 3 is a sacred number three times three must be more sacred still. Three times three is 9, and if 9 is a sacred number three times nine must be more sacred, and this is 27. 10 is a sacred number, and ten times twenty-seven is 270, the anniversary that you are keeping to-day, according to Euclid Q.E.D. And it is an anniversary for Bow church as well as for you, gentlemen, because I think I am right in saying, although I was not Rector at the time, in 1637 this honourable Society became the bellringers of Bow church. You broke ringing for a time when the church was burnt down in 1666, and there was a little bit of rumpus about 200 years ago, and I think you ceased to be ringers for a short time then. But let bygones be bygones. At any rate you have been ringers now for a great many years, and I trust you will continue to be the ringers of Bow Bells for a great many years to come. You have made me a visitor to-night, and it is a great deal of pleasure to me to be a visitor. It is not the first occasion you have invited me. I thought however I should like to wait until I had a certificate of good conduct, but after what has been said by Mr. Dawe I think my certificate is not sufficient. I thought it was a sufficient certificate to place in the lobby under the tower itself in Bow church, that tablet which some of you may have seen commemorates the wonderful ring on the bells which was done last January, and which proves that the bells are in good ringing order, thanks to Mr. Hughes and his exertions. Mr. Dawe says we have not spent enough money. Well, we have not spent as much money as he says we ought to have spent, but there is a proportion in all these things. He calls my attention to all the youths and maidens in London, not only the ancient youths, but young youths, who would all of them have given their shillings and their pennies. They might. But I can tell you this, that it is a great handicap in the City of London to be a Rector of a church which is known to have some endowments for its upkeep. It is wonderful how it chokes off people to whom you might otherwise look to help you. I find it makes it impossible to get any money at all given for any good work you want to do in the church, because they know you have certain funds allowed you by the Charity Commissioners, in return for the vast sums they have taken away, and as you have got this they think you ought to be content and ask for no more. I agree that it would have been a great thing if you could have swept out the whole of the present apparatus and put in a new one of quite our own time, but it was quite impossible for me to appeal to the gentlemen who form the vestry of Bow church to spend anything like that sum. Since I have been Rector we have spent £250, and just before I came £250 were spent on the bells. I think that is a fair sum to be given to the upkeep of a belfry in London. But as you say, the bells do not belong to London, but to the country at large. When I was in America this spring I found that Bow bells were very much better known than I was myself. In fact when I was going to preach they advertised me as the man who has the church where Bow bells are. So I have every wish and every reason to keep them up. But we have done what we could, and I trust, gentlemen, that you are

not otherwise than grateful for what has been done. Mr. Dawe was a little bit hard I think on Sir Charles Villiers Stanford in reference to the chimes. He has taken the old Whittington melody as recorded in Cassell's Book of Popular Music, and he has turned them into the extremely beautiful chimes which we hear in the quarters of the hours. I think it needs a musician to see the beauty of the third chime, but the others are pretty clear what it is about. I confess I think he has done a good work. It is always a pleasure to me to hear the bells chiming in the church. The noise of Cheapside is now perfectly awful with these motor buses and one thing and the other. You might as well have no bells at all. The chimes are short and I think suggestive of the old melody. And then before our services we do give exactly the old Whittington chime as contained in the book. I cannot say that the young man who does it now, does it as well as his father used. Many of you remember old John Clark, who was steeplekeeper for many years. Dick Whittington was not brought back by hearing any chimes at all. What did bring him back was the curfew bell. The big bell which was tolled at 9 o'clock at night, and on a peaceful evening that bell would be heard well on Highgate Hill. It was the time when all apprentices had to go to bed in accordance with the laws of those days. I have no doubt that Dick Whittington heard the curfew tolled, and that is what brought him back. The chaff you gave us about our present chimes instead of bringing him back would send him further. We will let bygones be bygones. I will tell you what one of the ornaments, as they have been called, sitting on my left said to me about you. Do you notice what a wonderfully good looking set of men you are? Ladies have wonderful insight. I have been sitting here the whole evening, and it never occurred to me, but as soon as she mentioned it I saw it. It needs a lady to see such things. We are all the better for it. I thank her for myself. I thank you for your kind welcome. I am not a bellringer. Three times in my life I have as a matter of duty pulled a bell; one in a village church, Lincolnshire, one in a village church in Shropshire, and the last time in Bow church at the time of my induction, and through the kindness of the man who fixed the rope I managed to sound the bell each time. That is all I have achieved as a bellringer. But I am proud to be in the society of bellringers. I am a kind of honorary nothing. Though I cannot call myself a brother it is a pleasure to be with you; for besides being good looking I know you must be all level-headed men—only a level-headed man could ring a bell—you must have wonderful ears for music, and for exactitude of time; you must have endurance; you must have patience, and you must of course begin with a remarkable aptitude for this kind of thing. The proper ringing of bells is no child's play. I am speaking for the other visitors as well, when I say that it has been an extremely agreeable evening to myself. I thank you for your hospitality and for the way in which you have received us. It is a memorable evening for us all.

(To be continued.)

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT HORKESELEY (Essex).—On Sunday, November 17th, six members of the above Association paid a visit to this place and rang for morning service 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Kent. G. Miles, G. A. Andrews, G. Lancaster, J. Howell, W. J. Hazell, W. J. Nevard. After the service the Rector, the Rev. J. Storr, unveiled a peal tablet recording a peal of Minor which was rung on December 9th, 1905, by the above company, being the first peal on the bells. Mr. W. J. Nevard is the donor of the tablet, and conducted 720 and 360 of Double Court after the unveiling ceremony. The tablet is the work of Mr. J. Hunt, of Guildford, and was much appreciated by all.

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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. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on December 3rd and 17th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on December 5th; and at St. Magnus on December 12th. Also at St. John's, Hackney, on the 3rd and 17th; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 2nd, 16th, and 30th. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on financial matters, is now due, and should be paid before February 29th next.

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

**The Essex Association.**—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Sawbridgeworth to-day, Sat., November 30th. Tea at 5 o'clock at King William the Fourth. Meeting after tea.

N. J. FITSLOW, *Dis. Sec.*

Saffron Walden.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at the parish church, Oldham, to-day, Sat., November 30th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. A good attendance is earnestly requested.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting will be held at Old Woking to-day, Sat., November 30th. Bells available from 3.

C. H. PEARCE, *Dis. Sec.*

19, Vale Road, Yorktown.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Leicester District.—A district meeting will be held at Syston (8 bells), to-day, Sat., November 30th. Tea at 4.30, 9d. each. Any member welcome.

J. S. NEEDHAM, *Local Hon. Sec.*

**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Christ Church, Aughton, to-day, Sat., November 30th. Full particulars by circular.

REV. W. T. BULFIT, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. BENTHAM, }

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, to-day, Sat., November 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at the Three Horse Shoes at 7.30 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Oldbury to-day, Sat., November 30th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5 o'clock.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

**The St. Martin's Guild.**—To-day, Sat., November 30th, the Rector of Handsworth, the Rev. Prebendary Burns, will unveil the tablet erected in the belfry of the parish church to record the peal rang on December 8th, 1906, by the eight Thomases of the above Guild. Members and friends invited.

THOMAS RUSSAM.

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting will take place at Penistone on

Saturday, December 7th, instead of Rotherham. Usual times.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**Central Northamptonshire Association.**—Wellingborough District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Saturday, December 7th. Ringing from 2 p.m. till 6.30. Tea as usual.

J. B. MARTIN, *Dis. Sec.*

**Central Northamptonshire Association.**—Kettering District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Burton Latimer on Saturday, December 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Tuesday, December 3rd.

J. C. SHATFORD, *Dis. Sec.*  
50, Gordon Street, Kettering.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dewley and Malins Lee on Saturday, December 7th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

**West Wales Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Aberavon on Saturday, December 7th. Tower open from 3. Service in church at 5. Tea in school at 6. Meeting afterwards. Members intending to be present please inform me not later than Thursday, December 5th.

CHARLES MORSE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Tycock Road, Shetty, Swansea.

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Stockport Branch.—Next quarterly meeting at Reddish on Saturday, December 7th. Tea, 8d., for non-resident members and visitors.

A. T. BEESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—East Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. James's church, Poole, on Saturday, December 7th. Service at 3.30; address by the Rector, followed by tea and business meeting. Further particulars next week.

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

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—North Bucks Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Old Wolverton, Bucks., on Saturday, December 7th. Bells open at 2 p.m.

F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Silverdale (new peal of eight bells), on Saturday, December 7th. Bells at 4. Tea and meeting at 5.30 (small charge). Short service at 7.15 p.m. Members who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, December 4th.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
16, High Street, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 14th, when the tablet in memory of the late Samuel Gough will be unveiled. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word before December 10th to

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

35, Church Road, Garston.

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon East, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells ready at 4 p.m.

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

**The Essex Association.**—North-Eastern District.—The annual meeting of this district

will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, December 14th. The towers of Coggeshall (8), Great Tey (8), Feering (8), and Kelvedon (6), will be open all day. The tea (6d. each), will be held at The Woolpack inn at 5 o'clock, and the meeting afterwards, which will be presided over by the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Stoney. Members intending to be present kindly oblige by giving notice.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
Coggeshall.

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Tibshelf on Saturday, December 14th. Meeting in the Church Room at 5.30 p.m. All ringers and members invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

**The Gloucester and Bristol Association.**—The anniversary meeting will be held at Cirencester on Thursday (Bank Holiday), December 26th. There will be service in the parish church at 12.30, with an address. Dinner will be held at The Crown hotel, 1s. 3d. to members who have obtained them from the Local Secretary on or before Saturday, December 21st. The price without tickets will be 2s. 6d.

S. MOORE, *Local Secretary.*  
69, Cheston Street, Cirencester.

**Notice.**—Beeston bells will be re-opened on Saturday, December 7th, from 2 till 5.30. A supper will be held at The Royal Oak. Any ringer wishing to come kindly send me 2s. for ticket not later than December 3rd. An entertainment will be given afterwards. Supper at 6 o'clock prompt.

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**GALLEYWOOD (Essex).**—On Sunday, October 6th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Usher, H. Richell, J. Tarbun, W. Wellington, H. Dawson, G. Green, W. Lilley conductor, C. Waskett.



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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1907.

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

Saturday the 16th November was a red letter day in the annals of the above Guild, for surely it cannot be said to be an every day sort of occurrence for the ringing master at St. Martin's Birmingham, to organise a half-day excursion which shall comprise in its limits a 75 miles' journey by rail, a creditable peal of Stedman Cinques in 3 hours and 57 minutes, a most hospitable reception by their Sheffield neighbours which ran into well-nearly into the Sunday morning, the return railway journey, and Shanks' pony to convey some of them about 5 miles.

Well might the Yankee poet sing—"Are things what they seem or is visions about."

The peal has been duly recorded in our columns (p. 429 of our issue of November 23rd,) and it was listened to with the greatest interest by its composer and several of the Sheffield ringers, as well as by Mr. John Carter and others from the Birmingham District who accompanied the band on their excursion.

How can one sufficiently extol the brotherly feeling ("freemasonry" some call it) which enables a considerable company including "Sisters, Cousins and Aunts"—not to say wives as well—to journey from one large city to another and find a reception so well organised that no one single item of comfort had been overlooked? From the meeting at the Railway Station in the afternoon, until the send off on the return journey in the early morning, each visitor might have felt that the freedom of the city of Sheffield had been conferred upon him. Not only were the parish church bells ready for the men who rang the peal as soon as they arrived, but the other visitors had ringing provided for them, and after listening to the opening courses of the Stedman Cinques many of them were afforded the privilege of a pull on the noble ring of 8 at St. Marie's Norfolk Row. As soon as might be after the accomplishment of the peal the visitors and their Sheffield hosts were seated at a bountiful spread, and the clatter of the Sheffield tools seemed a happy adjunct to the sonorous roll of the Sheffield bells. Surely no one more fitting to preside than Mr. C. H. Hattersley could have been found, and, as Chairman, his versatile genius was as exemplary on this occasion as his well known qualities at the end of a rope. In one of his speeches he gave a rapid but most interesting history of past associations and rivalry between Sheffield and Birmingham ringers running over portions of three



centuries, and a thoughtful listener could not help feeling that a glorious opportunity exists for some historian to gather together the various threads of a like kind which must exist in every ringing locality and weave them into a well blended skein which shall give a harmonious history of the Exercise.

The proceedings were further enlivened by an excellent musical programme in which members of both companies as well as some of the Sheffield friends took part. Judging by Miss Willey's beautiful rendering of "Angus McDonald," and an encore "Flight of Ages," the daughter of our old friend Frank has a promising future. A humorous song, "Tuesday afternoon" by Mr. Atkins, of Sheffield, caused much amusement, while Mr. H. Withers, of the Birmingham company, with his beautiful toned dulcimer, on which he tapped a course of Superlative Surprise Major, was greatly admired. Tunes on a large number of bells by four Sheffield ringers were expressively rendered and greatly appreciated, as were also some faultlessly struck Stedman Triples by Mr. C. Glenn's party (Rotherham). Six of the visitors gave a course of Stedman Cinques on bells retained in hand, while Mr. T. Miller, of Birmingham, was an unqualified success in his two songs for ringers—"Bob Major" and "Stedman," each with its rousing chorus.

The chairman, who was supported on either side by Messrs. John Carter and W. H. Godden (Hon. Sec. of the St. Martin's Guild), was particularly felicitous in his welcome of Birmingham friends, and in his response Mr. Godden was not sparing in expressing the appreciation of his friends and himself for the bountiful hospitality extended to them. The proceedings, which extended over an extra hour granted for the convenience of the visitors and their return ended with the usual vote of thanks and health of the chairman.

In conclusion the visitors take this opportunity of expressing their gratitude to the Sheffield Secretary—Mr. S. F. Palmer and his committee; to the ladies who were so good as to take charge of the visiting ladies and the sight seeing; to the ringers at the parish church who welcomed them with ringing, and thus afforded the peal-ringers an opportunity of hearing and admiring the bells from the outside; to the various church authorities for the use of the bells, and to the several tower-keepers for having everything in readiness.

Is it expressing a wish for too much by saying that these welcome re-unions and reciprocal visits ought to occur annually?

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 23, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, STRATFORD-LE-BOW,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD LUCAS .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL J. BIRD .. .. 5.
SAMUEL HAYES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. 6.
THOMAS FAULKNER .. .. 3.	YORK GREEN .. .. 7.
HENRY TORBLE .. .. 4.	ALBERT C. HARDY .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by YORK GREEN.

This composition is now rung for the first time. This peal is now rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. H. J. Tucker and Miss Annie Hayes. It was unsuccessfully attempted on a previous occasion, as notified in this paper. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. J. Tucker, the band wishing her many happy returns.

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

On Saturday, November 23, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

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

SHIPWAY'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WATKINS .. .. Treble.	EDWARD CASSELL .. .. 5.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. .. 2.	SPENCER DODINGTON .. .. 6.
FRANK A. SMITH .. .. 3.	HARRY MANCE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM Y. DEAN .. .. 4.	HENRY JACKSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. MANCE.

First peal on the bells since the restoration and rehanging of them.

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

On Thursday, November 21, 1907, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. Treble.	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 5.
CHARLES J. COLES* .. .. 2.	NORMAN T. TOMLINSON .. 6.
HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 3.	JOHN E. MILLER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 4.	SIDNEY WADE .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal. This is J. E. Miller's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

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

On Saturday, November 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE .. .. Treble.	JOHN E. BAKER .. .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	CHARLES POTHECARY .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	*ALBERT W. COLES .. .. 8.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 9.
A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 5.	FREDERICK SQUIRES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal on ten bells.

### The Provinces.

#### BUXTED, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

J. A. HART .. .. Treble.	R. J. DAWE .. .. 5.
E. C. MERRETT .. .. 2.	A. CAUSLEY .. .. 6.
E. GOWER .. .. 3.	A. D. STONE .. .. 7.
H. STALHAM .. .. 4.	K. HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. WILLIAMS, and Conducted by K. HART.

This was the quarterly peal of the Central Division, and the band wish to thank the Rector (Rev. G. S. Pownall), for his very kind hospitality after the peal.

#### HEMEL HEMPSTEAD HERTS.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY HANCOCK* .. Treble.	JAMES FLOYD .. .. 5.
HARRY GOLDING .. .. 2.	CHARLES GOLDING .. .. 6.
WILLIAM FLOYD .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. NEWELL .. 7.
BENJAMIN JARMAN .. .. 4.	GEORGE SELLS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. NEWELL.

\*First peal. Rung in honour of the King's birthday, and the election of J. R. Drake, Esq., as Mayor, and to commemorate the opening of All Saints church.

## RYE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 19, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lbs.

AMBROSE HUXSTEP .. .. Treble.	CHARLES PRICE .. .. 5.
ALFRED JOHNSON .. .. 2.	†GILBERT J. YOUNGS .. .. 6.
JOSEPH B. BENNETT† .. .. 3.	GEORGE BILLENNESS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BENNETT .. .. 4.	*GEORGE PERRIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

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

## CHEVINGTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 6-score each of Bob Doubles and Morning Star, and forty 6-score of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt.

F. KING .. .. Treble.	C. BOWERS .. .. 3.
A. ROFFE .. .. 2.	W. COOPER .. .. 4.
E. BRADFIELD .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by E. BRADFIELD.

First peal on tower bells by all except the conductor. Messrs. King and Bradfield are members of the St. James's Society, Bury St. Edmunds.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 20, 1907, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY HODGETTS .. .. Treble.	HUBERT EDEN .. .. 5.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. .. 2.	FREDERICK WHITE .. .. 6.
THOMAS R. SCOTT* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. .. 7.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. .. 4.	FREDERICK EDWARDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. Newton Price, Vicar of Oxhey, who was buried at Bushey the same day. \*First peal of Stedman.

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 21, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in a flat.

WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. Treble.	GEORGE ROW, JUN. .. .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
JAMES G. RUMSEY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GRIMES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and  
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

## NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 21, 1907, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH ATKIN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. 5.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 2.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 6.
EDWIN JAMES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM S. PLANT .. .. 7.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. .. 4.	ANTHONY V. DENT* .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Beatrice M. W. Bagshawe, of Norton Oaks, to Henry B. Isherwood, Esq., which was solemnised in London on the above date. \*First peal.

## HUGHENDEN, BERKS—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, November 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MAURICE SMITHER .. .. Treble.	†CHARLES SMITH .. .. 5.
FRANK BOREHAM .. .. 2.	THOMAS PRICE .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. BIGGS .. .. 3.	GEORGE MARTIN .. .. 7.
HERBERT COX .. .. 4.	JESSE ELDRIDGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by G. MARTIN.

†First peal in the method.

## BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, November 23, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GILBERT GUEST .. .. Treble.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 5.
CHARLES E. PERKINS .. .. 2.	*CHARLES ROLLINSON .. .. 6.
JOSEPH SMITH .. .. 3.	HARRY PRICE .. .. 7.
JOHN PIPER .. .. 4.	JOHN BASS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the fifty-second anniversary of the wedding of W. Lawrence.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE DEBENHAM SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by Wm. J. GROOM.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor. First Surprise peal by a local band.

## NETLEY ABBEY, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

JOHN W. WHITING .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. .. 5.
CECIL A. VALENTINE .. .. 2.	EDWIN J. HARDING .. .. 6.
WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
HENRY W. WILKES .. .. 4.	PERCIVAL E. MORFEE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to James George, son of the ringer of the 5th.

## GLASBURY, BRECONSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM PRITCHARD .. Treble.	WILLIAM EVANS .. .. 4.
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. .. 5.
ARTHUR J. GRIFFITHS .. .. 3.	JOHN HAMMOND .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

First peal on the bells. Rung on the back six; also as a birthday compliment to the tenor-man.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 24½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. Treble.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM E. TYDEMAN .. 2.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 6.
GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. 3.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 7.
THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

## PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY .. .. Treble.	J. W. BAKENDALE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BIRKS .. .. 2.	HARRY WARD .. .. 6.
TOM LATIMER* .. .. 3.	GEORGE B. BOLLAND .. 7.
SAMUEL WARD .. .. 4.	*FRANK BIRKS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by PRATT CORDINGLEY.

\*First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since the re-hanging and quarter-turning by Mears and Stainbank. The "go" of the bells is perfect, and the work carried out in the most satisfactory manner.

## GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL (Reversed). Tenor 25 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM C. WADE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. PIPER } .. 6.
GEORGE WATERMAN .. .. 2.	GEORGE PIPER .. .. 6.
ERNEST W. DAVIS .. .. 3.	HENRY F. COOPER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WELLINGTON .. 4.	GEORGE PIPER } .. .. Tenor.
ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. 5.	JOHN WOOD .. .. 7.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

Rung in honour of the coming of age of Prince Alexander of Battenberg. Reference elsewhere.

## ISLIP, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Oxford Bob, and four 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qrs. 9 lbs.

MISS ALICE M. HORN* .. Treble.	ARTHUR JOHNSON .. .. 4.
LEONARD J. WYMAN .. .. 2.	FRANK KIRK .. .. 5.
REGINALD C. LOVEDAY .. 3.	JAMES M. NICKERSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.

\*First peal. This is the first peal by a lady member of the Association, and is believed to be the first in the county by a lady ringer, and great credit is due to her for the way she rang her bell throughout the peal.

## WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE KEMP .. .. Treble.	ALPHAERUS BERRY .. .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. 5.
THOMAS DAVY .. .. 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, November 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

CHARLES H. CLARKE* .. Treble.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
EDWARD EVANS .. .. 2.	*CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE .. 8.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 9.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 10.
DANIEL PRENTICE* .. .. 5.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. .. 11.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 6.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN NELMS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\*First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung to celebrate the 21st birth of the steeplekeeper, Mr. C. H. Clarke, who received the customary congratulations from all his brother members.

## WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,

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

ALBERT BLUNDELL .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HUGHES .. .. 5.
FREDERICK BYWATER* .. 2.	EDWIN J. TYLER .. .. 6.
SAMUEL BAKER† .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 7.
JOHN MALPASS† .. .. 4.	*BENJAMIN REEVES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal in the method as conductor.

## NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, November 23, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON .. Treble.	WILLIAM FOX .. .. 5.
WILLIAM LOWERY .. .. 2.	GEORGE D. WARBUETON .. 6.
REV. REGINALD STOWELL .. 3.	*THOMAS RAMSEY .. .. 7.
JAMES FERNLEY .. .. 4.	FRED HOLT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by E. A. RIDGEWAY, and  
Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

Rung on the occasion of the anniversary of the dedication of the bells, and as a mark of respect to the memory of the donor, Mr. James Hibbert. \*First peal of Major.

## NORTH CRAWLEY, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 23, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FIRMIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM SHARP .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK J. MYNARD .. 4.
ERNEST G. MYNARD .. .. 2.	EDWIN S. MYNARD .. .. 5.
JOHN LOVELL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FREEMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FREEMAN.

First peal on the bells, which were originally a ring of five. The new treble and re-hanging of the old bells reflects great credit on Messrs. Bowell, of Ipswich, who have carried out the work.

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

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On Saturday, November 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
6016 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK PITSTOW .. .. 5.
ARTHUR F. JAMES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WATTS .. .. 6.
GEORGE JORDAN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. PRIOR .. .. 7.
WALTER PRIOR .. .. 4.	ERNEST A. PITSTOW .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

This is the longest peal rung in the method in two parts. Longest peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Pitstow.

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## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, London Scholars', Duke of York, Violet and Oxford.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs.

GEORGE LEWIS .. .. Treble.	*WILLIS WHITHAM .. .. 4.
WALTER KITSON* .. .. 2.	JOHN BROTHWELL .. .. 5.
THOMAS KITSON* .. .. 3.	WALTER ALLWOOD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS KITSON.

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

## CALNE, WILTS.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 24 cwt.

REV. H. E. T. BASSETT .. Treble.	CHARLES J. GARDINER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. .. 2.	SYDNEY HILLIER .. .. 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE .. .. 3.	THOMAS RICKETS .. .. 7.
EDWIN C. FRICKER .. .. 4.	ERNEST BISHOP .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. PRESCOTT.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 25, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

W. H. INGLESANT .. .. Treble.	*J. DAVIES .. .. 5.
E. W. COULSON .. .. 2.	E. W. ABBOTT .. .. 6.
H. WHITTLE .. .. 3.	E. READER .. .. 7.
J. SMITH .. .. 4.	W. T. BILLINGHURST .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. READER.

\*First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a memorial peal to the late Mr. J. W. Taylor, sen., who died on November 20th, 1906.

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

On Tuesday, November 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

EDGAR HUMFREY .. .. Treble.	FRANK WEBB .. .. 5.
HARRY HOLFIELD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM STONE .. .. 6.
FRANK BARRETT .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
MAURICE SMITH .. .. 4.	ALBERT E. LOCK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DAGENHAM.—On Sunday, October 6th, after evening service, 720 Plain Bob. D. Chaplin, R. Miles, R. Ward, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor. On Saturday, October 12th, 720 Kent. I. Dear, T. Bird, R. Ward, C. Cranfield, G. Playle, J. Dale. On Sunday, October 20th, for morning service, 720 Double Court. A. Chaplin, E. Hawkins, R. Ward, R. Miles, G. Playle, J. Dale. On Wednesday, October 23rd, two 720s of Plain Bob. J. Hawkins, E. Hawkins, R. Ward, R. Miles, G. Playle, J. Dale. 720 Double Court. D. Chaplin, the rest as before. On Saturday, October 26th, 720 Double Court. A. Carter, E. Hawkins, R. Ward, A. Chaplin first in the method. G. Playle, J. Dale. All conducted by J. Dale.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

PAINSWICK.—On Sunday evening, October 13th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. G. Miles, F. Cole, J. Wigmore, A. Gwinnett, W. Bateman, W. Staite, W. Hale conductor. W. Ireland. On Tuesday, October 15th, 828 Grandsire Caters. T. Wright, J. Wigmore, G. Miles, W. Sevier, A. Gwinnett, W. Staite, W. Hale conductor, W. Bateman, F. Cole, W. Ireland. On Sunday, October 20th, for morning service, 559 Grandsire Triples. T. Wright, F. Cole, W. Staite, A. Gwinnett, C. West, W. Bateman, W. Hale conductor, W. Ireland. On a recent Saturday evening, twelve members of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths attempted a peal of Grandsire Cinques, but after some very good striking for 2 hrs. and 35 mins. it came to grief. T. Wright, G. Miles, J. Wigmore, J. Austin, A. Gwinnett, T. Baldwin, H. Scrivens, W. Staite, W. Hale, W. Bateman, F. Cole, W. Sevier. Longest length by several of the band.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.—On October 13th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob. For afternoon service 720 College Single. For evening service 720 London Single and 720 Court Bob. After service 720 Oxford Bob. H. E. Gillett, J. Collett, H. Packer, H. Gillett, W. Stratford conductor, T. Banning.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—On Monday, October 7th, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal, 1260 changes, in 58 mins. Miss C. Sparshott, E. Hinton, G. Stone, R. Street, W. Kerley, G. Plummer, S. Best, A. Wooff, A. Best, G. Preston conductor. First quarter-peal of Royal on the bells and by the band. On Monday, October 14th, a quarter-peal in the same method, in 56 mins. Miss C. Sparshott, V. Street, G. Stone, E. Hinton, R. Street, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, A. Best, W. Kerley, W. Ingham, G. Preston conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Sunday, October 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. F. Phillips, T. Green, C. Forfitt, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore conductor, M. Stewart, W. Inham, W. Kerley, E. Waters.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On October 15th, for practice, 1024 Superlative Surprise Major. J. M. Button, N. Bailey, G. Berry, E. S. Bailey, G. F. Thompson, E. Bailey, C. Samson, C. Bailey conductor. On Tuesday, October 22nd, 1008 Double Norwich. J. Button, F. Bailey, F. Smith, E. S. Bailey, N. Bailey, G. Berry, C. Samson, C. Bailey conductor. On Tuesday, October 29th, for practice, 1120 Superlative Surprise Major. F. Smith, N. Bailey, G. Berry, E. S. Bailey, G. F. Thompson, E. Bailey, C. Samson, C. Bailey conductor.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NEWHALL (Burton-on-Trent).—On Wednesday, October 16th, as a wedding compliment to Mr. J. M. Stretton, one of the local ringers, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 29 mins. H. Sharpe, H. Hardman, F. Godfrey, F. Shepherd, D. Cotton, J. Hough conductor.

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## Correspondence.

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

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

MR. CHARLES R. LILLEY.

SIR,—C. R. Lilley has at last come in the open in your columns. Some few months ago he engineered an agitation against a peal rung at Bedford: after that he complained under a nom-de-plume against a peal rung by Bedford ringers; now he desires in his own name an explanation of some alleged firing in a peal rung Nov. 9th at Bedford.

Some ringers (who do not know him) may desire to know why he is so vigilant? with regard to St. Paul's Co. We have at last an opportunity to give an explanation and wish to make it first and final.

Owing to his disorderly conduct, his abusive language, and his well-doubtful veracity, his presence in the belfry was refused by the Vicar, the Revd. Lambert Woodard, Mr. Thos. Bull churchwarden, and the St. Paul's Co. Since then he has stated that there would never be a peal rung at St. Paul's while he was about, he would see to that.

His misrepresentations and falsehoods about our ringing and the company, also his abusive and obscene language, are known all around this district, also in other parts of the country.

A couple of mild instances will slightly illustrate his methods. I give them because there are a few ringers who accept his word as truth.

In a peal of Double Norwich attempted, he stated if we got it we should never have claimed it, he would prevent that as the ringing was rotten throughout, and the halfway single was never made. Regarding the first part of the statement the lie was given direct by others who heard it; as to the latter part, Mr. Editor, there is not a halfway single in the composition, and to this day he does not know a single course of the composition. Again in a peal of Stedman Triples attempted, he stated to one who stood in that there was not a single change struck, he knew the peal, Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition, and 4 and 6 never made the single. Mr. Nunneley-Wood gave him a mild correction, and sympathised with us on losing the peal after such excellent striking.

I can, so can other ringers, give numberless instances of his wild statements, misrepresentations, falsehoods, also phrases regarding the members of the company which you, Mr. Editor, would never utter, let alone put in your paper.

We have been told, and have tried, to ignore him, but there are some "gentlemen" who accept and repeat his statements; so in justification to ourselves we are compelled to seize this opportunity to wring the linen that he so much desires to wash in public.

We, knowing Mr. Lilley as we do, are not surprised at him trying to condemn our ringing; we are not surprised that he does not withdraw a large batch of his own peals; but we are surprised at others for encouraging him; and we believe if ringers would act according to their honourable convictions instead of being intent upon seizing points, such a character would never exist in the ringing world.

I apologise to you, Mr. Editor, for being compelled to trespass upon your space, but you will notice by the subjoined statement that we will not do so in future unless for the promotion of scientific change ringing. On behalf of St. Paul's Co.

JOHN W. BARKER.

## "POINTS FOR PEALS."

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me space to say most strongly that in my former communication I never intended to convey any personal reflection on anybody? I was trying to deal with the question in the abstract and only used the Middlesex Association as a crucial illustration of what I conceive to be the false position which the present system thrusts upon us. I had no intention to criticize Mr. King or Mr. Pye or anyone, and I therefore withdraw all words which may appear to have that effect with apologies. One can, of course, discuss collective bodies and their proceedings in terms one would never dream of applying to their individual members, and I did not foresee that my remarks would present to Mr. King the personal aspect he has found. If I had, of course I should have expressed myself more carefully. With regard to what Mr. King says about "financial benefit," I have

never believed or suggested that there is any ground for such an insinuation. I repeat that I find no fault whatever with anyone, but only with the System, which in my opinion is absurd.

Mr. Trollope proposes to mend it, and as he is a most ingenious person no doubt he will be able if desired to invent a plan whereby the last shall be first and the first shall be last—or anywhere else; but as I am one of those who think that to tag on points to a peal is to degrade it, I would prefer to see the Analysis without the points columns.

"Ringing is a Branch of Music," wrote William Laughton in the eighteenth century, and I think so too. It has always appeared to me that peal ringing is of the same genus as the performances of amateur Choral or Orchestral Societies, who of course would not stoop to "points."

I have stated my views and reasons, which I have held for years. They are of the nature held by the generality of my London ringing friends and acquaintances, and it is rather amusing to learn from Mr. Trollope that the London view is based on jealousy of Mr. Pye! Who grudges Mr. Pye his abilities? Who does not admit them and admire them? There may be a few cases of jealousy perhaps, but to assert that the London Exercise as a body is actuated by malevolence towards Mr. Pye is farcical. What possible grievance, for instance, can the Cumberlands have against Mr. Pye? Mr. King cannot be actuated by ill feeling towards Mr. Pye, yet Mr. King has stated he would rather there were no points, and for anything I know Mr. Pye may care nothing about them himself. Be that as it may, I have nothing but good will towards Mr. Pye, whose peal records I read with interest, and I must dissociate myself from any suggestion of personal feeling.

R. A. DANIELL.

SIR,—As one who has taken part in a great number of peals in most of the practised methods of the present day, both simple and intricate, and also had something to do in assisting the Sussex County Association in securing the first place in the Analysis more than once, I feel naturally interested in the correspondence now appearing in your paper re "points for peals." This question appears now to have come to an head, as the saying goes, owing to the fact of one Association jumping to the top of the Analysis by the performances of its non-resident members. Well we have no rule to say this is out of order, but as some one else has said, I am quite sure this is in opposition to the intentions of the first compilers of the Analysis. There being nothing to show that the present system is illegitimate, why have not some of the objectors, or fault-finders, shall we say, suggested an idea out of the difficulty before? I will say nothing for or against points, but I certainly think now is the time to devise some scheme by which an Association or Guild can be judged by the performances of its resident members, at the same time giving in the Analysis the total number of points scored by non-residents. This would be a similar way in which points are dealt with by the Sussex Association in the competition each year by the towers in union for the challenge bell. By something in this way the real position of an Association or Guild would be seen at a glance, and could be judged on its merits. It is quite evident the present system is out of date; as we know (some of us especially) that by the present arrangements there is always a tendency to rush your Association that you are mostly in touch with for a certain position, the object for which is best known to the performers themselves.

GEO. WILLIAMS.

## A REQUEST.

SIR,—I have just noticed Mr. H. G. Hills's interesting letter in your issue of the 16th inst. Can he favour us, further, with the calling used on the occasion when the 5576 Superlative Surprise Major was rung at St. Mary's, Woolwich, as this is some eight years before Thackrah's peal. If he can I shall be very grateful for the information, as I fear that the Mayor of Pontefract was not responsible for the statement! Thackrah's calling is in his book.

Leeds, Nov. 25th.

W. M. SNOWDON,  
President of the Yorkshire Association

## A DISCLAIMER.

SIR,—Hearing that a peal of Stedman Triples conducted by me at St. John's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on September 2nd, 1907, has not been booked by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, I hereby disclaim it, F. E. ROBINSON,

**Obituary.****WILLIAM FRIGHT.**

The death occurred on November 21st, of the above, at the advanced age of 81. Deceased was the oldest member of the Hythe band. Owing to his duties as stationmaster at Hythe and other places on the South-Eastern Railway, he was unable to indulge in change-ringing to any great extent, but he was a very enthusiastic ringer, nevertheless. He rang at the Coronation of Queen Victoria in 1837; at her Jubilee celebrations, and at the Coronation of King Edward VII. As a last token of respect to a very much esteemed member, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung after the interment with the bells muffled, by the following members of the Kent County Association: W. Prebble, H. Petts, A. Binfield, A. R. Manning, J. Mann, S. Binfield, S. A. Gower, B.

B. Barker. Messrs. Binfield (2), and Petts hail from Folkestone; the rest belong to deceased's old band. His son at the present time is stationmaster at Westham, and his many change-ringing friends will sympathise with him and his family in the loss they have sustained.

**ICKLETON, CAMBS.**

The church and bells of the above will be re-opened on Friday afternoon, December 6th. Service in the afternoon. Bells open afterwards, when all ringing friends will be made welcome.

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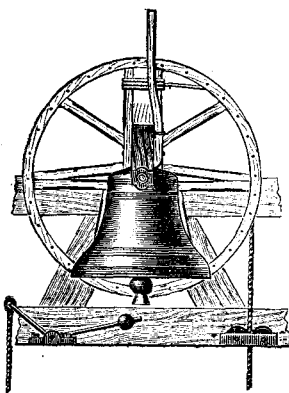
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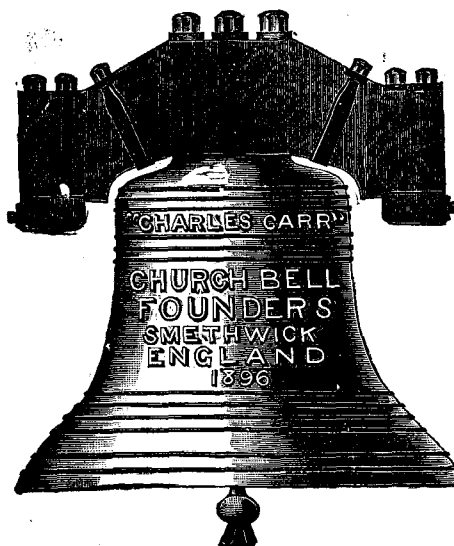
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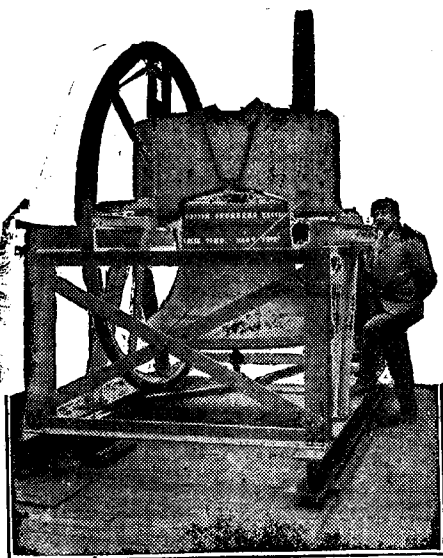
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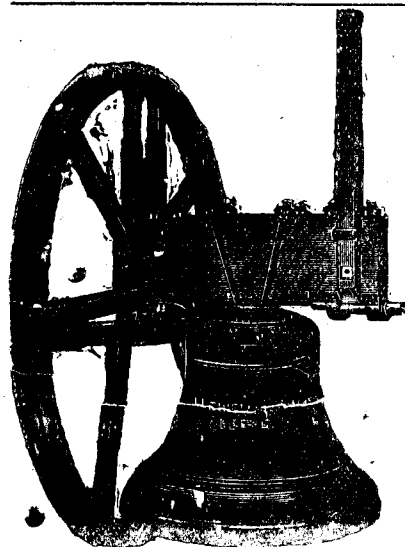
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## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of the above was held at Dulverton on Saturday, November 23rd, when thirty-five members attended, eleven towers being represented. A short service was held in the parish church, the Rev. J. B. Philby, Vicar, giving a very appropriate address.

The business meeting followed, at which the Master of the Association (Rev. C. C. Parker) presided. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. J. B. Philby for his address and for the use of the bells. A vote of condolence with the Rev. F. M. Etherington, Vicar of Minehead, and President of the Dunster Deanery branch, in his severe illness, was also unanimously passed.

A meat tea was provided at The Lion hotel, at which there was no shift-course. The bells have just been rehung in a new cage and two trebles added, making a nice ring of eight, tenor 13½ cwt. The work has been carried out by Mr. J. Sully in his usual satisfactory manner. The "go" of the bells is all that can be desired, and Mr. Sully was highly complimented by all on the way the work had been carried out. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung during the evening.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(NORTH WESTERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 30th, the annual meeting of this district was held at Sawbridgeworth. Members were present from Saffron Walden, Stansted, Harlow, Ware, Bishop's Stortford, and Tottenham, and were joined by the local company. On the arrival of the visitors the grand ring of bells were quickly enlivening the country around, London, Cambridge, Superlative, Treble Bob and Stedman Triples being rung. A capital knife and fork tea was served at The William IV. inn at 5 p.m., the table being graced by the presence of the Master, the Rev. J. B. Andrewes, supported by the Rev. H. W. Parker. At the business meeting afterwards several probationers were added to the roll of membership, and Harlow was selected as the place for the next meeting, on Saturday, February 29th, 1908. The Rev. J. B. Andrewes was re-elected Master, and to a hearty vote of thanks for his services replied that he was always pleased to see a goodly gathering at Harlow, and hoped that it would be so on February 29th.

Mr. N. J. Pitstow having intimated his desire to be relieved of the duties of Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. F. Penning was unanimously elected to the post. A vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. H. W. Lipscomb, was proposed and carried and suitably acknowledged by the curate, the Rev. H. W. Parker, on his behalf.

Mr. F. Pitstow then introduced the subject of obtaining cheaper railway fares by members attending these meetings, and stated he thought ringers were as justly entitled to consideration as anglers, golfers, etc., and he was convinced that if the ringers of the country at all their meetings expressed their opinion on the matter and made their desires known to the railway companies doubt-

less their united applications would have a great influence upon them; and if need be they must be as pestering to these bodies to obtain their desire as the suffragists were to the Government. He felt that the reason that some meetings were not well attended was not on account of apathy, but because of the cost of travelling; but if the old reduction of fares was conceded, instead of ten attending as in some cases, fifty would be present, which would be a gain to the railway companies as well as to themselves. Several others expressed similar opinions, and it was thought to be of such importance to ringers throughout the country that something ought to be attempted in this direction.

## COMPLIMENTARY DINNER AT DUDLEY.

On Saturday, November 23rd, the ringers of St. Thomas's church, Dudley, by special invitation met at The Station hotel to dine with Watkin W. Jenkins, esq., who had also invited the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar, the churchwardens, the ex-wardens, the sidesmen, the sexton, the vergers, W. R. Small, Treasurer, W. Micklewright, Secretary of the St. Thomas's Guild, W. Painter, J. Smith, and A. Spittle. An excellent menu was well served and highly appreciated. Afterwards the chairman proposed "The health of the King," giving an interesting sketch of his good qualities, especially the happy way in which he played the part of the peacemaker.

"The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese" was proposed by Mr. W. H. Thompson. The Vicar responded.

"The Founder of the Feast," proposed by Mr. S. Spittle, with musical honours, received quite an ovation.

In responding, the chairman related the happy experiences he had in his connection as sidesman, churchwarden and chorister at St. Thomas's church. The work of raising funds for the expenses of the church, especially for the restoration and enlargement of the grand old organ, had been very hard, but with the help of his excellent co-warden, they had been able to surmount all difficulties, which was something to look back upon with pleasure. He also paid a high compliment to Mr. S. Spittle and the ringers for the regular and efficient manner in which they had done their work in the belfry for so many years, and hoped they would have health and strength to continue their good work in as able a manner as they had done in the past. It was to this end he had the great pleasure of inviting them to dine with him and his other friends that night.

The Vicar, President of St. Thomas's Guild, proposed "St. Thomas's Guild." In doing so he stated the object of the Guild was to bring the members of the different belfries within a radius of five miles of St. Thomas's church more in touch with each other, so that they may be able to render each other greater help in the science of change-ringing.

Messrs. C. Spittle, W. R. Small and W. Micklewright responded. The toasts were interspersed with songs by Messrs. Thompson and Goodwin, and courses on the handbells. Thus ended a very happy evening.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery branch of this Guild was held at the picturesque village of Great Tew on Saturday, November 23rd. The church of St. Michael is an ancient structure in mixed styles, situated in a wooded enclosure. It consists of chancel, clerestoried nave of four bays, aisles, and a lofty embattled western tower of Perpendicular date. The tower contains a peal of eight bells of silvery tone, mostly the gift of Francis, son of Sir Anthony Keck, in 1709, but the third and fifth were respectively cast in 1785 and 1842. They were re-hung in 1892 at a cost of £80, which was raised by public subscription.

Service was held at the church at four o'clock, the Vicar, Rev. J. P. Malleson, officiating. The Rev. E. C. Freeman read the first lesson, the second lesson was read by the Rev. W. Collingwood Carter, rural dean, and chairman of the branch. The Rev. E. C. Freeman, rector of Hook Norton, preached an appropriate sermon from John xii. 26. The members afterwards assembled at the schoolroom for tea, to which 45 sat down. The business meeting followed, presided over by the chairman. Letters of apology for non-attendance were announced.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. F. Barlow) presented his report for the past year as follows:—"The membership is not quite up to last year, being 146 against 151 for 1906. It is with regret that we have to report the loss of two honorary members by death, the Rev. A. W. Russell and the Rev. W. S. Guest-Williams, two loyal supporters of the guild for many years. We sadly need more honorary members. It is not possible to present the balance-sheet to-day as a few subscriptions are still unpaid. It is pleasing to be able to report that the bells of Chipping Norton parish church have now been re-cast and re-hung in steel frame at a cost of over £400, and the whole of the money has been subscribed. The re-dedication by the Lord Bishop of Reading took place on the 7th inst."

The report was adopted, and the following were elected members:—The Rev. E. C. Freeman, Lancelot Spatcher, P. E. Welch, and Alfred Gibbard. The officers were re-elected as follows:—Chairman, the Rev. W. Collingwood Carter; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. J. F. Barlow; Auditor, Mr. T. H. Burbidge.

Enstone was fixed upon as the place for the spring meeting, probably owing to the cordial invitation of the Vicar of that parish, otherwise it was thought that Leafeld should be the place of venue, as it is now some years since a visit has been paid to what was almost the first place from which members joined the guild.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Great Tew for welcoming the members of the branch to his parish, to the organist and choir for assistance at the service in the church, to the Rev. E. C. Freeman for his sermon, the Master of the Guild, and to the Chairman of the branch for presiding.

## QUEENSBURY, NEAR BRADFORD.

The dedication and re-opening of the Queensbury church and tower, will take place on Saturday, December 14th, by the Lord Bishop of Ripon. Service at 3 p.m.

At the close of the service a date touch will be attempted, after which the bells will be at visitors' disposal until 7.30 p.m.

## THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON'S 1200 PEALS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Grandsire Triples ... ..	54	8
Grandsire Caters ... ..	29	1
Stedman Triples ... ..	820	678
(1 uncondacted.)		
Stedman Caters ... ..	77	43
including a 15041 (record).		
Stedman Cinques ... ..	5	1
Union Triples ... ..	1	
College Single Triples ... ..	1	
Bob Major ... ..	2	
Bob Royal ... ..	1	
Double Oxford Major ... ..	1	
Double Norwich Major ... ..	91	5
Duffield Major ... ..	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Major ... ..	3	
Kent Treble Bob Major ... ..	11	2
Kent Treble Bob Royal ... ..	11	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus ... ..	2	
Duffield Royal ... ..	1	
Superlative Major ... ..	60	6
Cambridge Major ... ..	16	4
London Major ... ..	13	3
	1200	751

Rung in 436 towers.

## ANALYSIS OF ASSOCIATIONS FOR WHICH THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON'S 1200 PEALS HAVE BEEN RUNG.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Appleton Society ... ..	26	10
Bedfordshire Association ... ..	2	2
Chester Diocesan Guild ... ..	14	14
Cleveland and North Yorks. Association ... ..	1	1
College Youths ... ..	37	25
Devonshire Guild ... ..	42	16
Durham and Newcastle Association ... ..	17	15
Ely Diocesan Association ... ..	5	5
Essex Association ... ..	19	12
Gloucester and Bristol Association ... ..	39	23
Hertford County Association ... ..	42	15
Irish Association ... ..	3	2
Kent County Association ... ..	16	16
Lancashire Association ... ..	8	7
Lincoln Diocesan Guild ... ..	15	14
Middlesex Association ... ..	4	4
Midland Counties Association ... ..	57	40
Central Northamptonshire Association ... ..	47	43
Norwich Diocesan Association ... ..	20	10
Oxford Diocesan Guild ... ..	639	393
Oxford University Society ... ..	1	1
Salisbury Diocesan Guild ... ..	17	7
Society for Archdeaconry of Stafford ... ..	3	3
Stoke Archidiaconal Association ... ..	3	3
Surrey Association ... ..	10	5
Sussex County Association ... ..	15	2
Trinity Youths ... ..	1	
Truro Diocesan Guild ... ..	3	1
Winchester Diocesan Guild ... ..	81	49
Worcester Association ... ..	6	6
Yorkshire Association ... ..	7	7

1200

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## AN OLD-FASHIONED BELLRINGER.

(BY ONE OF THEM.)

I have often thought an amusing book might be written, not only giving us information of the churches and bells of our native land, but furnishing us with tales and incidents that occur more especially in the country villages. There are persons we meet there as antique as a grandfather's clock and as comical as the gargoyles or water-spouts of a mediæval piece of architecture. I have noticed some as vain as Diogenes, who, despising all human institutions, preferred to live in a tub, yet had the presumption to order King Alexander from his presence, and who strolled into the luxurious apartments of Plato to tread with contempt upon his rich carpets.

The rustic villager possesses a charm of innocence, though sometimes with levity, in his conversation. He is so simple and crude in his behaviour; to him dissimulation is unknown, though often droll and brusque in his remarks or observations; a trifle inelegant and uncouth withal, but yet the pet of nature and the child of virtue. While I am thinking of him, I recall a true story and will relate it with few embellishments.

Some short time ago I had the pleasure of ringing a peal in a remote country village, where I found the inhabitants looked as quaint and interesting as the parish church. Among the company was one of the clouted shoon, an excellent ringer. In the spirit of self-sacrifice he essayed to ring the tenor bell behind our Triples. There was also another amongst us—a collegiate gentleman and a ripe scholar, antithesis of the one I have before mentioned. Extremes had met.

The countryman had been born in days when the school board had not reared its gigantic head, and he still retained much of the broad dialect of his forefathers. He had left the farm for the belfry on this occasion, and the peal, being successful, no doubt returned home to the joys of the stable and cowsheds full of enthusiasm, giving the cattle a little extra fodder for delaying their evening meal, while perhaps he whistled to them the coming-home course and locked them up in safety for the night as the sun dipped behind the hills and the spire of his venerable church.

While we were ringing our country friend seemed to be enjoying his usual freedom, now and then smiling as he observed the troubles of his more aspiring brethren, who, like the proverbial sheep sometimes leave the right path to err and go astray:—

"Tis sweet from land to see a storm at sea,  
And others sinking, whilst ourselves are free."

But his attention seemed more particularly centred upon the learned gentlemen ringing at his side, who appeared to be eating or masticating, or as our country friend thought, "chewing the cud." At times the tenor man would look dreamingly through the window, as if he was thinking of home or something he had left there in mistake and then gaze wistfully at the gentleman's watch to see how sped the time.

However that delightful moment of relief "that all" having arrived, the usual compliments which follow fell thick and fast. Some were counting their hand-blisters and rubbing in the juice of lemon, others kicking up their heels in the delirium of delight, but the old-fashioned countryman did none of that. He had a problem to solve.

With slight temerity he approached the squire, apparently with the desire to feel at home with him and on the same plane. Was not Jack as good as his master?

"I kipt looking at yaw," he began with the learned gentleman, "and kipt wanderen what yaw had in yer mouth a munchen on," he finished.

"My dear sir," said the polished ringer, equal to the occasion, "the doctor, in diagnosing the abnormal conditions of my perfunctory organs, has advised that I counteract the disturbing element set up by chymic inaction by taking, prior to any laborious exertions of my campanalogical efforts—a few currants. These, I am glad to say, have proved beneficial."

"Haw! I see!" said the rustic tenor-man. "I thowt praps yaw wur er chawen er quid er bacca," was the laconic reply.

The bells seemed to have suddenly ceased. I felt giddy and staggered. Whether my dizziness was occasioned by going too hurriedly down the circular staircase or not I cannot now determine.

No doubt blowing the bellows is a rather monotonous undertaking, requiring some stimulant. If the countryman had known he should ring the tenor-bell he might not have forgotten his tobacco-pouch, and I have since thought that, in the event of similar occurrences, a box containing all sorts of narcotics might be desirable and placed conveniently at the elbow of those who sound the loud cymbals while others are more highly exalted in the musical scale.

WOODFORD.

## FROM DIVERS POINTS OF VIEW.

"Ah! Points for peals" cries ORACLE, "egad the theme is fine!  
Again the fretful Exercise a thing or two I'll show,  
I'll beard the Daniel in his den by Jove, and shine  
As I do on every subject;  
Don't you know?"

"Oh dash the points (who said sour grapes?) we College Puddings true  
And band of Ancient Sausages all say its simply rot,  
Shall we bow the knee to Billy—Baal I mean—thats what its coming to  
Eh? 'Bells are hung for worship'? my word!  
I'd clean forgot!"

"Wots this ere blarney pints for peals, wot o eres something new"  
Says HODGE when he on Saturday "BELL NEWS" has bought  
"When I hev lugged our blooming tenor through,  
A pint it baint no use to me  
I wants a quart."

"This Race for peals" the Vicar hung his head  
"Has now become a Scandal ont and out,  
The ART of RINGING levelled to a sport!" he said  
"Church bells were never meant for this  
There is no doubt."

Good Ringers all might pause and think—I'll point out if I may.  
As a Standard of efficiency a peal of course is right  
But 'peals' have grown too common, and there's bound to come  
a day  
When the tired and weary PUBLIC will have a word to say  
I think so Quite. W.W.

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# THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. ANNUAL DINNER.

[Continued from page 436.]

Mr. Arthur Hughes proposed the toast "London and Provincial Ringing Societies," and in doing so said that he had had the same honour last year. He was glad to see that most of the representatives of the London and Provincial Ringing Societies who were present last year were there again that night, which was gratifying to the members concerned and also to the Society. It showed that there was a difference between rivalry and antagonism, that they were rivals simply for the good cause of church bell ringing and that being rivals were not antagonists. There were many who had travelled a great distance to get there that evening. Mr. Bowen had come from Ilfracombe, over 200 miles. He was glad to see Mr. Taylor of Loughborough present again, and there was a gentleman who had come still farther, Mr. G. T. Dawtry of Newcastle. They wanted harmony of which they had good quality and he would not make a long speech. He associated the names of the Revd. G. F. Coleridge and Mr. R. A. Daniell with the toast.

The Revd. G. F. Coleridge, who had to catch a train replied first. The reverend gentleman said:—You may possibly have observed one thing this evening and you will certainly observe another thing. The one thing you may have observed is that I have left the seat which I occupied during the dinner, the second thing you will notice is that in that seat I have also left my eloquence which has been appropriated by my friend Mr. Dawe already. I left that seat of set purpose, not to leave the most excellent company of Canon Bell—I was not afraid of him, for I was never a boy under him when he was Headmaster of Marlborough, and we know what is permitted in public schools is not permitted in public elementary schools in the way of chastisement. It was not for that reason. I was sorry to leave the delightful company of the Dean's verger at St. Paul's who was sitting next to me. The reason I did come and sit here was this. I felt that by taking this chair I should be supported by two of my fellow countrymen or rather one country man and one country woman, Mr. and Mrs. Kennaway who are connected very closely with Tiverton, our post town in the West of England for more years than I like to think of. And another reason was that two chairs off was my old friend Mr. Bowen who came from Ilfracombe, and I felt that to reply to this toast, the Provincial Societies was an uncommon tall order and I should want all the support I could command of my fellow countrymen to do justice to it. And so I am here. Mrs. Kennaway is on my right. She has rung as most of you know I suppose, a quarter peal at Tiverton, and I understand she has rung at St. Paul's. I hope it won't be long before I hear her name appear in a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's. I might say a good deal about provincial Societies. This is a very tall order indeed, for it ranges from Berwick-on-Tweed to Brighton and from Lowestoft to Land's End. That is a bigish order. If I was to speak of the older Societies like the Society of Norwich Scholars or the St. Stephen's Society of Bristol I couldn't do justice to them, nor can I do justice to those more modern Societies which every diocese and county nowadays boasts, while I am on my feet may I say a word or two about the youngest of those Diocesan Societies, the Truro Diocesan Guild. I speak about that specially as a sample of what has been done by people who are situated at the utmost extremity of the earth. Just 3 weeks ago it was my privilege to get up a party and in conjunction with Mr. Kelly the president of the Devon Guild, to make a display of change ringing in the benighted parts of Cornwall, and we did a great deal of good. We went to two towers one of which we knew was unpealable, and we rang a peal with difficulty at another, and in each case we encountered the Vicar. In the first case the Vicar said, well tell me what ought to be done and I will have it seen to if I can. That was good. The next place was at Bodmin the county town—called a town—it has one street I believe, and the sun never shines on half of it from one year's end to another. Two days after we met the Vicar at Bodmin Road Station and he said to us, I am glad to meet you fellows. Directly I heard that you said our bells were not in good order I summoned the churchwarden and said this must be seen to—we must put them in thorough good order. The Vicar said to me Do you think I can face my people with anything wrong in

Bodmin church—I couldn't face them; that is a very grand thing. If every parson felt he could not face his parishioners if anything was wrong in his church it would be a very good feeling indeed. It is my custom to put before Vicars whenever I go about and things are not what they should be I try and impress upon them the extreme value they possess in the bell metal in their tower. Well, I am not interested at the present moment nor ever have been nor ever likely to be in the price of Golconda Copper or Cornish Tin, but if you take the market price for bell metal at the present time £7 a cwt. and we had a little bit of Euclid from Mr. Hutton just now—I think the weight of Bow tenor at £7 a cwt. means nearly £400—that is in metal alone of the tenor—what must be the value of the whole peal—apart from the intrinsic value there is what I might call the sentimental value as well—the old age and the fact that Bow tenor in my mind is only equalled and not exceeded in beauty by the 9th at Exeter Cathedral. I consider those the two finest bells in England as far as I know any. Think of the sentimental value attaching to a peal? You cannot calculate it by hundreds, you cannot calculate it by thousands of pounds—it is simply priceless. So every parson ought to try and understand what tremendous value he has in his tower, and he ought not to tolerate anything being bad and unringable any more than he would tolerate an organ that is useless. If the organist could not make it sound it would not be tolerated. We try to teach the parsons and the churchwardens the value of the metal in their towers and we try to teach ringers who do not know about it that there is something better than round ringing. That is what we did down in the west. I give you just one example. We were going for two peals at one one place during the day and we rang for about 1½ hours very good Superlative Surprise. A round ringer said "I like that Minor ringing, it was beautiful." He had never heard it in his life before—the tenor turned in, and he couldn't till Mr. Kelly explained to him that he was to count from the open lead. He was the sexton, and the only man who did distinguish that the tenor was turned in of many hundreds present. One man said I do hope you will ring that other sort with the tenor behind—we don't understand this. We were off for a peal of Stedman Triples and we rang about 12,500 changes during the day. It was not very much—we were all enjoying ourselves very much when the west door was opened there was a company of ringers from miles and miles round all looking on us with the greatest awe and amazement too fearful to speak. We couldn't understand why till one old fellow came in and said "We never heard the like. I daunt know who you bey, but fur certain you baint none of you men." Well now that has stirred up an interest. We got one of those men through the plain course—told him how to ring a treble on handbells. I am perfectly certain it will do good. We rang seven peals down there. Some of those ringers there are good ringers according to their lights. They belong to parish bands—musical bands, and I could tell you a good deal about the ringing band but I must not take up too much of your time. When a village band was formed there was a great competition as to who should play the big drum and eventually one man said I must play that, and the reason he alleged was that he had the proper sort of front piece for it to rest on. Another insisted on playing the French horn because his grandmother was a Frenchwoman and he thought he had it in the blood like. At the first practice a man was anxious to jom rather short winded but he played the double bass in a brass band and there was a good deal of demur made to this. They said you cannot because when we go out to march like the soldiers you can't take your instrument with you. Oh yes I can he says. They marched out one day to a club walk and to their surprise they found this man had come with a little boy to whom he paid 2d. and a barrow. There he marched, the boy pulling the wheelbarrow behind him, the bass viol up on top and the old fellow fiddling like billy ho. They marched up the town and the fellow who was playing the big drum, very much out of time, happened out of the corner of his eye to see a friend of his looking out of the window he spoke to him and this was the answer he gave. "Daunee spake to me, I be two or dree scats behind already." I daresay some of you London people look upon us provincials in the matter of ringing to be two or dree scats behind. We are doing our best. I may say to my knowledge that if anyone comes down west or in other parts from the metropolis he is always heartily welcomed, as heartily

welcomed as a provincial man is when he turns up on an occasion like this. I always feel very heartily welcomed myself not for any intrinsic merit of my own but because I am representing to a certain degree various Societies, Guilds and Associations throughout England. I feel it a great privilege to be allowed to respond on their behalf, and to say how much we all thank you for your good wishes towards us and we hope those good wishes will bear good fruit and we shall all go on and prosper together.

(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."

#### "POINTS FOR PEALS."

SIR,—In case anyone should misconstrue my last letter, may I say that I did not in the slightest mean to suggest that Mr. Daniell's objection to "points for peals" was caused by jealousy. Of course he would not read such a suggestion into my letter; we know each other too well for that. I am speaking to outsiders. Neither should I, I think use the word "jealousy" to describe the London ringers' attitude to Mr. Pye. Put it this way. Mr. Pye is not a "persona grata" with the older Metropolitan societies, the Middlesex Association is looked on as an upstart by the older bodies; and as Mr. Pye and the Middlesex Association are at the top of the analysis the feelings which London ringers as a body have for these latter are reflected in their attitude toward the analysis.

But let us for goodness' sake drop the personal element and deal with points for peals as they effect the Exercise as a whole. Mr. Daniell quotes Laughton to the effect that ringing is a branch of music and making the statement his own proceeds to argue from what choral societies do and do not. First let me say that ringing, peal ringing at any rate, is certainly not a branch of music, but of that more anon. Even if it were, I don't quite see why we should be bound to follow the custom of choral societies. They certainly don't have "points." How should they? But if "points" suit us why on earth should we not have them because they don't. The whole matter lies in this. The analysis and its points if it is to be of any good at all, is a means of raising the standard of peal ringing. And the questions to be asked are simply these. Do the analysis and its points encourage a higher standard in peal ringing? and if they do not can they be made to do so? The answers to these two questions will decide whether the analysis is any good or not. We may put aside as totally irrelevant any idea abouts points "degrading" peals. If "points" induce men to ring better peals they can't "degrade" them. If they do not they are useless and certainly had better be done away with.

The analysis is a fact and consequently the onus of proof rests with the attackers. Mr. Daniell must give us better argument more worthy of himself not merely wild and whirling words and formless denunciation. I repeat the present system is not ideal. But why not improve it? at any rate it is better than the old style when number of peals alone counted without regard to quality. If we are not to have "points" then the societies should be printed in the analysis in alphabetical order, and I shall look to the agenda of the next Council meeting to see whether Mr. Daniell has the courage of his opinions and by proposing such a thing tries to remove every vestige of competition from the analysis. Whether the analysis in such a case would be worth anything is another matter. J. A. TROLLOPE.

SIR,—With reference to the controversy at present taking place in your journal I would like, if you will spare me the space, to say a few words. There is undoubtedly much to be said from the Peal Ringers' point of view, I refer to peal ringing cliques, of which we have seen so much lately. They naturally say "Well, if we can ring a number of peals in the higher methods and secure the points, we will be bringing our Association into prominence." But Sir, is this the object of these associations, or what the promoters intended? To put it in its proper light from a London ringer's standpoint, it amounts to this: a clique representing what is supposed to be a County Association make up their minds

to ring a number of peals in and around the Metropolis, and to secure these wretched points for their Association. They are backed up by their Secretary, a gentleman who has a certain amount of influence and who procures the towers for them, paying the steeple keeper 5s., and perhaps the sexton or clerk another 5s. for the use of the tower, to the joy of these gentlemen, but to the absolute discomfiture of the Society which ring these bells both for practice and Divine Service upon Sundays. The result of these payments is, that when an application is made to these steeple keepers for the tower by the London society who have the annual ringing to do, they are told, "Oh yes, you can have the tower for a peal if you pay what Mr. — does." Now Sir, I think I shall have the majority of your readers with me when I say that such an absolutely unfair and unjust means of preventing the local ringers should be publicly exposed. I don't assert for one moment that the Secretary alluded to has this object in his mind. Not at all; but then this is the effect of his generosity. Moreover I would add that the clique in question have never been known to meet once at any of these towers upon a Sunday to ring for Service. I ask, is it a wonder that the London Ringers as a body object to points? From the point of view of those members who take part in these performances, of course it is very nice to have the tower procured for them, and who can blame the band who ring the peals? Personally I think that the talented gentlemen who take part in these performances would be fools if they did not avail themselves of the opportunities put in their way, as it is no easy matter at the best of times to get towers open in London for peal ringing, even by the London ringers connected with the churches, but it has been made doubly hard of late years by the way things have been carried on by the so-called County Association without any reference to the convenience or peal arrangements of the London ringers. Another reason why London ringers object to points is that with the restricted use of the towers within their province, and the many members who are constantly meeting the London societies, is it fair that a peal of we will say, Stedman Cinques, rung by men who perhaps do not meet one another once a year, let alone ring that method together half as often, should only count the same number of points as a peal rung by the same band as have been ringing the same or similar peals time after time? It is obviously a complete farce. Great credit is due to a band which meets week after week to accomplish a peal in a new method, such as the peal of London Surprise Royal rung at Stepney a few days ago, but when that band has scored the first peal, it is an easy matter provided the same band meet, to secure further peals. I speak comparatively of course. Mr. Trollope in his letter of the 16th, suggests a way of arriving at a fair division of merited points, but how may I ask are the older societies to obtain anything like a correct estimate of their membership, at present living. Leaving the London societies out how about the Gloucester and Bristol, the Oxford Diocesan and the other County Associations formed some twenty five years ago.

I deeply regret that the matter of points was not more thoroughly gone into at the meeting of the Central Council when last they met in London. Very little was said either for or against except by one or two members who had the matter of keeping the analysis before the ringing Exercise deeply at heart. It is a well known fact to most ringers who move about the country, that the peal analysis was originated when the Sussex County Association was in its prime, by a gentleman who had that society's interest very much at heart, and the sole object was to show that Association with its flag flying at the top of the tree, which it did for some time, but here again all the principal peals were rung by a clique. I hold no brief for any association. I am a member of many County Associations, and will always support them as long as they keep within their bounds, but it is more than the Middlesex Association has done since the present Secretary took the reins. I am not afraid to say what I mean, nor do I fear, as some people do when they write to the press, to subscribe my name. I feel sure London ringers will be pleased to confirm all I have stated. EDWARD P. O'MEARA.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1907.

At a district meeting of the Essex Association, held at Sawbridgeworth on the 30th ult., the question of cheaper railway fares for the benefit of ringers attending such gatherings was brought up by Mr. F. PITSTOW. He rightly was of opinion that members of the Exercise were entitled to as much consideration in such a matter as people who used railways when following other pursuits, such as anglers, golfers, etc. He advocated a strong and united agitation by ringers all over the country for the purpose of bringing moral pressure to bear upon the various companies' officials who regulate and determine the question of popular cheap railway communication.

There is no doubt in the minds of many that if a less expensive means of transit could be procured, meetings of ringers would be more numerous than they are; and the result of this would be the promotion of bell-ringing interests. To obtain what is required the matter must be agitated, *i.e.* brought forward on every conceivable occasion; practical suggestions made towards the appointment of deputations to the various railway

companies, repeated again and again if necessary until they give way to reason. The counsel given by Mr. Pirstow as to procedure, will it is hoped, be adopted by ringers in every part of the country. In such a case union is strength, and a quick and determined resolve to obtain by every endeavour the privilege of cheap railway fares will we think, be successful.

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### The Metropolis.

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On Saturday, November 30, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

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THOMAS MILES .. .. Treble.	*EDWARD F. COLE .. .. 5.
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GEORGE PAICE .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
JOHN H. BENSTREAD .. .. 4.	THOMAS CARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

\*First peal in the method.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

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FRANK BENNETT .. .. 2.	THOMAS CARD .. .. 6.
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Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

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

On Monday, November 25, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 2.	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 6.
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JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

\*First peal of Major.

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

On Thursday, November 28, 1907, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

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Conducted by RICHARD BUCKLAND.

\*First peal of Grandsire.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

FRANK LEWIN* .. .. Treble.	*ISAAC JUDD .. .. 4.
JOHN LEWIN* .. .. 2.	†JOSEPH SADDINGTON .. 5.
ARTHUR SMEATHER .. .. 3.	WALTER PERKINS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

\*First peal. †First peal away from the treble.



### CLANFIELD, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 19, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.)

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART (REVERSED). Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs. 16 lbs.  

WILLIAM FARMER* .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK MESSENGER .. 5.
GEORGE CLARKE .. .. 2.	HARRY WHEELER .. .. 6.
FREDERICK FARMER .. .. 3.	†THOMAS E. KNAPP .. .. 7.
SAMUEL EELES .. .. 4.	*WALTER CLACK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS E. KNAPP.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells by a local band. †First peal as conductor.

### HAMPTON, NEAR EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, November 19, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being 720 each of Court Bob and College Single, two 720s of Oxford Bob, one of Plain Bob, and one each of Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WALTER J. ANDREWS .. Treble.	FREDERICK C. JORDAN .. 4.
THOMAS EDWIN .. .. 2.	FRANK COOK .. .. 5.
JAMES HEMMING .. .. 3.	HERBERT JORDAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

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

On Tuesday, November 19, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT RUFFLES .. .. Treble.	CLIFFE DRONFIELD .. .. 5.
JOHN DRONFIELD .. .. 2.	ARCHIE BREARLEY .. .. 6.
ARTHUR SAXBY .. .. 3.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 7.
JAMES BELL .. .. 4.	JOHN PARKIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. GARRARD, and Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

### SHORE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 23, 1907, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL HOLT .. .. 5.
JAMES ARROWSMITH .. .. 2.	JAMES JACQUES .. .. 6.
THOMAS OLDHAM .. .. 3.	JAMES HY. BASTOW .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SCHOFIELD .. .. 4.	TOM WELLES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by J. H. BASTOW.

First peal in the method on the bells.

### MAIDS MORETON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 23, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

W. JONES .. .. Treble.	E. NICHOLS .. .. 4.
H. JONES .. .. 2.	R. NICHOLS .. .. 5.
W. JONES .. .. 3.	H. JONES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. NICHOLS.

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### NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, November 23, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

JAMES TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	ORMEROD EASTWOOD .. 5.
SAMUEL LORD .. .. 2.	WALTER TAYLOR .. .. 6.
JAMES ASHWORTH .. .. 3.	JOHN B. TAYLOR .. .. 7.
LAWRENCE TAYLOR .. .. 4.	JOHN WM ORMEROD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

Rung to commemorate the conductor's silver wedding.

### NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 5.
ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 2.	GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. 6.
THOMAS RILEY .. .. 3.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 7.
HARRY MOSS .. .. 4.	JOHN FLINT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.

### BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.

#### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 24, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS NICHOLLS* .. Treble.	VICTOR CLARK† .. .. 3.
EDWARD CHAPMAN .. .. 2.	WALTER ROBINSON .. .. 4.
MATTHIAS HOBBS .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by VICTOR CLARK.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

### TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Monday, November 25, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY S. SMITH* .. Treble.	JESSE SCREEN .. .. 5.
FREDERICK BYWATER .. 2.	WILLIAM R. SMALL .. 6.
ALFRED ROWLEY .. .. 3.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 7.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 4.	HARRY GOODMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, of Rugby, and  
Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

\*First peal of Major. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. C. H. Wedgwood, B.A., curate of the parish church, who is shortly leaving to take up work in the Mission field in Africa.

### EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

WALTER SHERMAN .. Treble.	JOHN BEAMS .. .. 5.
HENRY PEDERICK .. .. 2.	THOMAS MILES .. .. 6.
JESSE BEAMS* .. .. 3.	CHARLES E. READ .. .. 7.
HARRY G. BEAMS .. .. 4.	FREDERICK LANER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES E. READ.

\*First peal with a bob bell.



## WESTERHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 27, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

HENRY J. SELBY .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. LEWIS .. .. 5.
GEORGE FRAYNE .. .. 2.	JOHN HEATH .. .. 6.
GEORGE B. SELBY .. .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
DAVID WRIGHT .. .. 4.	ALFRED A. JARRETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID WRIGHT.

\*First peal in the method.

## CHIPPING NORTON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 28, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY JUDGE .. .. Treble.	FRANK WEBB .. .. 5.
WALTER LONGSHAW .. .. 2.	JOHN F. BARLOW .. .. 6.
DANIEL COOMBS .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
GEORGE BARTLETT .. .. 4.	MAURICE SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal on the bells, a melodious ring by Mears and Stainbank. This is the conductor's 1200th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

## SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, November 28, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

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

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by ARTHUR E. PEGLER.

## MILVERTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 28, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART (No. 2.)

Tenor 20 cwt.

E. CHAPMAN .. .. Treble.	WM. CHAPMAN .. .. 5.
F. NORMAN .. .. 2.	A. J. ANDREWS .. .. 6.
R. SCOTT .. .. 3.	WM. ANDREWS .. .. 7.
H. NORMAN .. .. 4.	R. CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. SCOTT.

\*First peal.

## BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 29, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

PHILIP ALFREY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 5.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM ALFREY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM C. HART .. .. 3.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 7.
HENRY STALHAM .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. PATRICK, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 29, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

DANIEL PRENTICE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 5.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. 2.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 6.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
CHARLES P. RAMPLIN .. 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Arranged and rang especially to oblige F. Borrett and C. P. Rampin, of the St. Nicholas society, Harwich.

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, November 30, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	*HENRY A. TURNER .. 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\*First peal in the method.

## TELLING, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. Treble.	A. DOBBIE .. .. 5.
FREDERICK HUNT .. .. 2.	EDWIN G. BURSDEEN .. 6.
ALBERT BIGGS, SEN. .. 3.	HARRY BARTON .. .. 7.
SAMUEL R. GARNEE .. .. 4.	GEORGE WOOD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

## WRINGTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 38 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

F. W. NIPPER .. .. Treble.	W. PERRY .. .. 4.
S. T. CHALK .. .. 2.	G. H. GALE .. .. 5.
E. ANDOW .. .. 3.	G. COLLINS .. .. Tenor.
	T. FRANCIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. GALE.

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

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

On Saturday, November 30, 1907, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble.	JAMES W. WILKINS .. 5.
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS .. .. 2.	RALPH H. BIGGS .. .. 6.
RICHARD R. BUCKLAND .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
PHILBERT W. WILKINS .. 4.	SYDNEY CHILD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on St. Andrew's Day.

**Handbell Peal.**

CHEVINGTON, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 19, 1907, in Two Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH SCHOOLOROOM,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 6-score each of Bob Doubles and Morning Star, and forty 6-score of Grandsire.

F. KING .. .. .	Treble.	C. BOWERS .. .. .	3.
A. ROLFE .. .. .	2.	W. COOPER .. .. .	4.
E. BRADFIELD .. .. .	Tenor.		

Conducted by E. BRADFIELD.

First peal by all except the conductor. Umpire—Edward Avis. The above were made members of the Association at a meeting of the St. James's Society, Bury St. Edmunds. The band are to be congratulated, as they repeated this peal on the bells of the parish church the following evening. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. King.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.)

On Sunday, November 24, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. E. MOORE,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

ARTHUR E. MOORE .. 1-2.	HARRY TURNER .. .. 5-6.
PERCY LAFLIN .. .. 3-4.	HORACE F. MOORE .. 7-8.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

Umpire—H. Foulger. \*First peal double-handed. First peal in the method by all. First peal rung in the method double-handed by the above Association.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Grandsire Triples has been sent from Dorchester, Dorset, without any conductor being mentioned.

**Date Touches.**

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, December 1st, for Divine Service, a date touch, 1907 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins., being 227 Violet, 720 Woodbine, 240 Kent, and 720 Oxford. J. F. Ryles, W. C. Taylor, H. B. Harding, J. E. Wheeldon, B. Pegg conductor, F. Dawson. First date touch by Messrs. Taylor, Harding, and Ryles.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

AMBLESIDE.—On Saturday, November 30th, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1907 changes, in 1 hr. 25 mins. J. Backhouse, W. Nevlison, A. Newton, F. Woodend, W. Sharp, J. Holme, W. Robinson conductor, R. Satterthwaite.

**Miscellaneous.**

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Sunday evening, December 1st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. Dora White, Alice White, J. E. Ballard, C. F. Hansford, J. Ward, A. Burgess, H. White conductor, G. Martin.

Liss (Hants).—On Saturday, October 19th, a 6-score each of Grandsire, Canterbury, and Plain Bob. G. Cranham, C. Edwards, J. W. Read, J. Arthur, E. Newell. Rung after meeting short for Minor.

WINCHESTER.—On Wednesday, October 16th, for practice at

the Cathedral, 305 Grandsire Caters. F. Smith, E. G. Lampard, W. Andrews, W. Crute, Sir Arthur P. Heywood conductor, J. W. Elkins, W. H. Loveland, C. Russell, W. C. Loveland, L. S. Lampard. Also 384 Bob Major. J. W. Elkins, —. Paskins, W. Andrews, W. Crute, C. Russell, R. White, W. C. Lampard, W. G. Fowler conductor. And 504 Stedman Triples. —, Paskins, W. Crute, L. S. Lampard, G. Noice, W. Fowler, C. Russell, W. C. Lampard, J. W. Elkins. On Sunday morning, October 20th, for Divine Service, 305 Grandsire Caters. F. Smith, E. G. Lampard, W. G. Lampard, W. Crute, Sir Arthur P. Heywood conductor, W. Tucker, W. H. Loveland, C. Russell, —. Valentine, J. W. Elkins.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDSOMER NORTON.—On Thursday, November 28th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. R. Jones, J. R. Adams, F. Chivers, G. Maggs, J. G. Hambleton, C. H. Shearn conductor, G. R. Davis, M. Hambleton. Longest length of Triples by G. Maggs. Rung after the dedication of a new of a new organ by the Ven. Archdeacon Brymner.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Sunday morning, October 13th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Paulinus, 504 Stedman Triples. D. Barnes, H. Audsley, G. Povey, A. Rudman, H. Wood, Harry Wood, E. Audsley conductor, L. Webster. For evening service 504 Stedman Triples. A. Rudman, H. Audsley, G. Povey, F. French, P. E. Bex, H. Wood, E. Audsley conductor, W. Smith.

EDINBURGH.—On a recent Sunday evening for Divine Service at St. Cuthbert's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 47 mins. M. Meikle, T. E. Harwood, R. Thom, T. J. Ades, T. S. Thom, D. Stocks, A. Thomson, M. C. Heathcote (conductor).

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, October 13th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 46 mins. W. Messam, G. Marriner, A. H. Winch, A. Otway, H. Wood, E. Hull, W. Marks, W. Crookford, A. Dean conductor, E. Ventham. For evening service 719 Grandsire Caters. W. Messam, E. Hull, W. Crookford, W. E. Otway, W. Judd, J. Wyatt, W. Marks, J. Hoyle, A. Dean conductor, E. Ventham. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, October 20th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 1344 Cambridge Surprise Major in 50 mins. G. Bester, F. G. Tegg, W. Pickworth, J. Armstrong, N. A. Tomlinson, A. Miller, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor. First quarter-peal in the method by all.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—On Sunday morning, October 13th, for Divine Service, 308 Grandsire Triples. E. Johnson, S. Hope, T. Male, J. Fennell, W. Maund, A. Flowers conductor, J. Pinfold, G. Webster. Also 168 in the same method. E. Johnson, J. Pinfold, J. Fennell, T. Hope, A. Flowers conductor, W. Maund, T. Male, G. Webster.

NEWHALL (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, October 22nd, at St. John's church, 144 Grandsire Minor. H. Hurdman, W. C. Wakley, C. Allsop, A. P. Wakley conductor, F. Shepherd, J. Hough. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Hurdman, J. Swinfield, C. Allsop, W. C. Wakley, A. Wakley, L. Bullock conductor. And another 720 of Kent. F. Shepherd, J. H. Swinfield, L. Bullock, C. Allsop, A. P. Wakley conductor, H. Wakley, Tenor 11 cwt in G.

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**Notices.**

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on December 17th; and at St. Magnus on December 12th. Also at St. John's, Hackney, on the 17th; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 16th, and 30th. The subscription of rs. 8d. which entitles members to vote on financial matters, is now due, and should be paid before February 29th next.

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

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting will take place at Penistone today, Sat., December 7th, instead of Rotherham. Usual times.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**Central Northamptonshire Association.**—Wellingborough District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wellingborough today, Sat., December 7th. Ringing from 2 p.m. till 6.30. Tea as usual.

J. B. MARTIN, *Dis. Sec.*

**Central Northamptonshire Association.**—Kettering District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Burton Latimer today, Sat., December 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. J. C. SHATFORD, *Dis. Sec.*  
50, Gordon Street, Kettering.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dewley and Malins Lee today, Sat., December 7th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m.

J. MACKEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**West Wales Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Aberavon today, Sat., December 7th. Tower open from 3. Service in church at 5. Tea in school at 6. Meeting afterwards. CHARLES MORSE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Tycock Road, Sketty, Swansea.

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Stockport Branch.—Next quarterly meeting at Reddish today, December Sat., 7th. Tea, 8d., for non-resident members and visitors.

A. T. BEESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—East Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. James's church, Poole, today, Sat., December 7th. Service at 3.30; address by the Rector, followed by tea and business meeting. Bells of St. Mary's, Wareham, also available. C. A. PHILLIPS, *Hon. Br. Sec.*

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—North Bucks Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Old Wolverton, Bucks., today, Sat., December 7th. Bells open at 2 p.m.

F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Silverdale (new peal of eight bells), today, Sat., December 7th. Bells at 4. Tea and meeting at 5.30 (small charge). Short service at 7.15 p.m.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
16, High Street, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston

on Saturday, December 14th, when the tablet in memory of the late Samuel Gough will be unveiled. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word before December 10th to

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

35, Church Road, Garston.

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon East, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells ready at 4 p.m.

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

**The Essex Association.**—North-Eastern District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, December 14th. The towers of Coggeshall (8), Great Tey (8), Feering (8), and Kelvedon (6), will be open all day. The tea (6d. each) will be held at The Woolpack inn at 5 o'clock, and the meeting afterwards, which will be presided over by the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Stoney. Members intending to be present kindly oblige by giving notice.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
Coggeshall.

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Tibshelf on Saturday, December 14th. Meeting in the Church Room at 5.30 p.m. All ringers and members invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells available from 3 to 5.30. Short evensong. Tea by kind invitation of the Rev. Canon Goodwyn at 6. Christ Church tower open from 7 till 9. Members intending being present should notify the same to me not later than Wednesday, December 11th. It is requested that unpaid subscriptions for 1907 be sent to me as early as possible.

G. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lodge, Vale Road, St. Leonards.

**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rainham on Saturday, December 14th. Tower open at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, December 14th. Bells ready from 3 till 7. Business after.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Gloucester and Bristol Association.**—The anniversary meeting will be held at Cirencester on Thursday (Bank Holiday), December 26th. There will be service in the parish church at 12.30, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Sinclair. Dinner will be held at The Crown hotel at 1.15. Dinner tickets 1s 3d. each to those members only obtaining the same from Mr. S. Moore, 69, Chester Street, Cirencester, on or before Saturday, December 21st. Dinner without tickets 2s. 6d., provided there is sufficient room.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

Bristol.

**Exeter Cathedral.**—Practice on Wednesday next, 7. p.m. EDWIN SHEPHERD.  
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**Notice.**—Beeston bells will be re-opened today, Sat., December 7th, from 2 till 5.30. A supper will be held at The Royal Oak. An entertainment will be given afterwards. Supper at 6 o'clock prompt. RUBEN CLIFFORD.  
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**NOTE TO PEAL.**

**THE PEAL AT ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS.**—F. Bennett's 500 Peals.—In 7 Minor Methods 4; Grandsire Triples 55, conducted 37; Major 1, conducted 1; Caters 14, conducted 7; Bob Triples 6, conducted 3; Major 60, conducted 37; Royal 1; Canterbury Major 1, conducted 1; Union Triples 1, conducted 1; Oxford Bob Triples 1, conducted 1; Kent Major 45, conducted 22; Royal 12, conducted 3; Oxford Major 2, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 91, conducted 38; Caters 23, conducted 8; Double Norwich Major 55, conducted 25; Royal 1; Gloucester Surprise Major 3; Oxford 3; Westminster 3; Norfolk 2; New Cumberland 6, conducted 1; Bristol 3, conducted 1; Superlative 56, conducted 7; Cambridge 19, conducted 5; London 32, conducted 1. Total—500; conducted 200. Rang in 132 different towers and eleven counties.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. W. Ward, late of Edmonton, has removed to Westville, 15, Chester Road, Watford, Herts.

**STEDMAN CATERS.**

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

5019.

123456789	1	4	5	6	15	16
341256978	-	-	-	-	-	-
425136	-	-	-	-	-	-
523146	-	-	-	-	-	-
214356	-	-	-	-	-	-
415326	-	-	-	-	-	-
132546	-	-	-	-	-	-
234516	-	-	-	-	-	-
351426	-	-	-	-	-	-
152436	-	-	-	-	-	-
543216	-	-	-	-	-	-

Three times repeated; omit bob at 1, and call single for bob at the first call of the 20th and 40th courses produce—

123456978

352164879*	-
315264	-
321564	-
123465	-
142365	-
134265	-

Round third change.

5005.

Call from—

123456978

412563879†	-
413265	-
314562	-
312465	-
213564	-
214365	-

Round following change.

\* 1, 3, 17, 24.

† 1, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 15, 21, 22, 23.

These two peals have the 6th forty courses (extent) at home in the tittums, and six courses in the handstroke home position, with only two singles, and is the first composed on this plan.

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5400.

2314567890x	1	5	6	7	18	19
14235678x90	-	-	-	-	-	-
435216	-	-	-	-	-	-
531246	-	-	-	-	-	-
324156	-	-	-	-	-	-
425136	-	-	-	-	-	-
213546	-	-	-	-	-	-
314526	-	-	-	-	-	-
152436	-	-	-	-	-	-
253416	-	-	-	-	-	-
541326	-	-	-	-	-	-

Three times repeated. Omit bob at 1 and call single for bob first call of the 20th and 40th courses, produces—

23145678x90

Round with bobs at 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11.

The above has only two singles, and has the 6th forty courses (extent) at home in the tittums position.

5016.

Call the bells home from the 37th course-end 34215678x90 with calls at

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## STEDMAN CINQUES.

By JOHN CARTER.

5400.

1234567890x	1	5	6	7	18	19
32541678x90	-	-	-	-	-	-
241536	-	-	-	-	-	-
143526	-	-	-	-	-	-
452316	-	-	-	-	-	-
251346	-	-	-	-	-	-
534126	-	-	-	-	-	-
213456	s	-	-	-	-	-
145326	-	-	-	-	-	-
542316	-	-	-	-	-	-
431256	-	-	-	-	-	-

Three times repeated; omitting the bob at 1 produces—

12345678x90

1234567890x 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11.

This peal has the forty courses (extent) with the 6th at home in the tittums position.

5004.

By omitting the last three courses in the fourth part, and calling the homing course 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14s, 16s.

5016.

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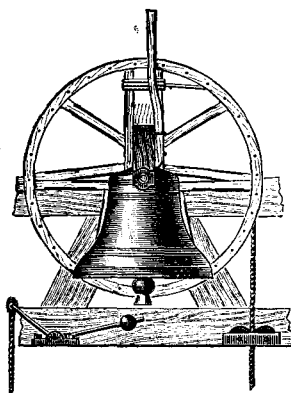
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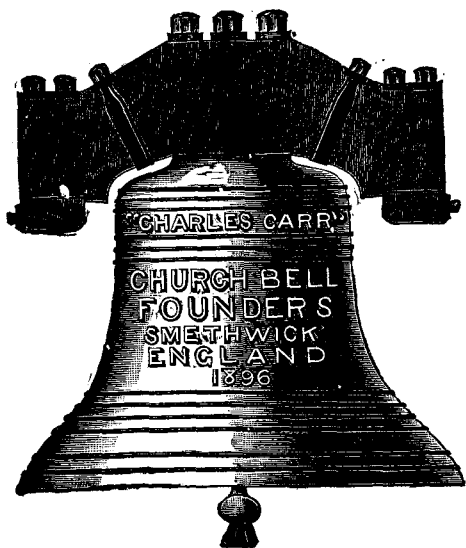
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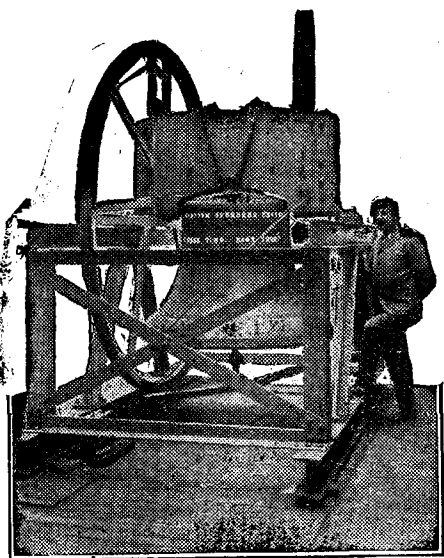
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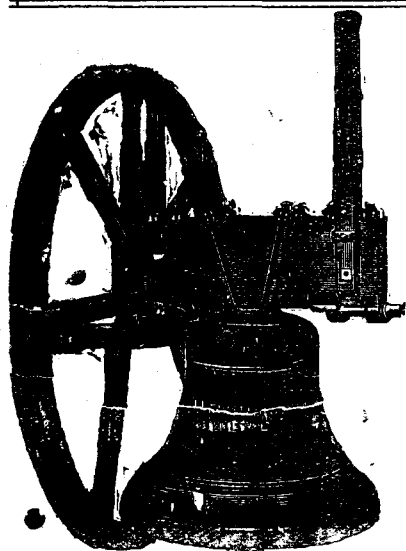
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## RE-OPENING OF THE BELLS AT BEESTON, NOTTS.

An extensive scheme of restoration has recently been carried out in connection with the tower and bells at Beeston parish church, and in commemoration of the re-opening a most enjoyable gathering of the ringers and the choir and friends took place on a recent Saturday night at The Royal Oak hotel, Villa Street, Beeston. The total cost of the repairs amounts to nearly £300—£260 for the tower, and £40 for the bells; and a public subscription list has now reached the handsome sum of £270. The work in connection with the bells have been carried out by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, with their customary efficiency and despatch, and the ringers themselves have contributed £10 10s. to the fund.

The tower and bells were open during Saturday afternoon, and a number of ringers from the district were present, touches in various methods being successfully brought round. A touch of Stedman was brought round by W. Clifford, E. Gobey, J. Hall, J. Ward, E. D. Taylor (Loughborough), W. Clifford, sen., R. Clifford conductor, —. Myers.

Subsequently supper was served at The Royal Oak hotel, and Mr. Millington, a former churchwarden, presided over a large attendance. After the cloths had been removed and the loyal toast honoured, Mr. W. Bostock (vice-chairman) gave "The Vicar and Clergy," to which the Rev. A. J. Price (curate of Beeston), responded. Proposing "The Bellringers," the chairman said he was pleased to note the good spirit which existed between the choir and the bellringers. They as Englishmen were proud of the good old institution—the Church of England, and every one of them was anxious to contribute to its common good.

Mr. W. Clifford, in his response, remarked that people had said they did not know there were bells at Beeston—they could not hear them. He hoped, now they had been rehung, and the tower re-constructed, they would not have people complaining, as they did at one time, that the bells were a nuisance, and that they were rung too often and too long.

Other toasts were "The Churchwardens," to which Mr. Bostock responded; "The Choir," proposed by Mr. I. Thornhill, and responded to by Mr. T. Maltby; "The Sidesmen," given by Mr. W. Bostock, and responded to by Messrs. J. T. Hackett, J. Thornhill, W. J. Johns, and A. W. May; and "The Chairman," which was received with musical honours.

Mr. John W. Taylor, of Loughborough, was among the ringers, and Mr. E. D. Taylor was present at the supper.

A pleasing musical programme was given by Messrs. E.

Spray, E. Gee, J. Barnett, T. Maltby, J. Brown, R. Drinkwater, and H. Walker; whilst the following rang a plain course on handbells: W. Clifford, 1-2; W. E. White, 3-4; R. Clifford, 5-6; F. S. Price, 7-8. Messrs. H. V. Kington, L.R.A.M., and W. Allen acted as accompanists. Mr. R. Clifford (Hon. Secretary Nottingham branch of the Midland Counties Association), was responsible for the arrangements, all of which were most admirably carried out.

## CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.

The fine ring of four bells at this church have just been increased to five by the addition of a treble, supplied by Mr. A. Bowell, bellfounder, Ipswich. The new bell is erected in memory of the late Misses Helen and Frances Tuck, who were great benefactresses to the parish. The Bishop of Ipswich officiated at the dedication service, assisted by the Vicar (Rev. A. R. Upjohn), and various clergy of the neighbourhood. The first quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on November 5th by the following members of the Norwich Diocesan Association: F. C. Lambert conductor, D. Chatten, E. Hurren, H. A. Pratt, L. Hammond. The bell gives every satisfaction, and the ring is now one of the most musical in the district. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Basingstoke District was held at Basingstoke on Saturday, November 23rd, and was very well attended, thirty-one members turning up, representing the bands at Andover, Basingstoke, Bramley, Heckfield, Oakley, and Sherfield. The bells of St. Michael's, Basingstoke (8), were set going at 4.30. Most of those present attended service at 5.30. Tea was arranged for 6.15, to suit late comers, and an excellent touch of Basingstoke Surprise "Caterer's" was brought round in 35 mins. The business meeting followed. The Rev. D. Boustead was unanimously re-elected President; and the Rev. F. G. Hume District Secretary. Miss White was chosen representative on the Central Committee in place of Mr. Stedman, who resigns after a year of useful service. Good reports were given of instruction at Whitchurch and Strathfieldsaye, and a hope expressed that at least three new towers will be ready to join the Guild next year. The accounts showed a credit balance on the year's working of £1 7s. od. This is the best meeting that has been held in the district, and speaks well for the interest taken in the neighbourhood in the Guild and its work.

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## WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKSHIRE.

## AN EXTRAORDINARY POSITION.

A vestry meeting was held on Monday evening to consider the desirability of accepting an offer of the sons of the late Mr. Capewell Hughes to present a ring of bells to the church. The Vicar (the Rev. F. T. Bramston) presided over an assembly which included Messrs. Joseph Hawkes and G. F. Lodder (churchwardens), F. Griffiths (Edstone Hall), W. J. Fieldhouse, G. Sweet, F. Wiber Brown, and many others.

Mr. Fieldhouse explained that Mr. Hughes' sons desired to perpetuate their father's memory, and he reminded the parishioners that the church restoration scheme included re-hanging the bells and putting them in proper order.

Mr. Lodder said the offer had been submitted to the Vicar and churchwardens, who sought the advice of a specialist before bringing the offer before the parish. Mr. Taylor, of Loughborough, one of the best known bell-founders in the country, had made an inspection and reported that two of the bells were badly cracked and the other four were badly out of tune. The framework and fittings also needed renewal. If the two old bells were re-cast it would be difficult to tune the others. The re-tuning process would leave the bells too thin, and he advised that the whole peal should be re-cast. The Messrs. Hughes's offer would enable them to give effect to the expert's advice. The old bell dated 1591 they proposed to retain in the belfry as a monument. If the offer was accepted the other five bells would be re-cast and an entirely new bell be hung in the place of the old one. They would also re-hang the bells according to the best modern practice. He strongly advised the acceptance of such a splendid help to the Church Restoration Scheme.

Mr. Joseph Hawkes also supported the proposal, as did Mr. Frederick Griffiths and several other leading parishioners.

The Parish Clerk (W. Gower) said the bell-hangings were reported to be unsound forty years ago, but had been in use ever since and were as safe now as then.

Mr. Round and Mr. Hopkins accepted their Parish Clerk's opinion in preference to that of the expert.

On being put to the vote 16 were in favour of and 8 opposed to the acceptance of the gift.

Mr. Fieldhouse said although there was a large majority in favour, in view of the minority who opposed the acceptance of the offer, the Messrs. Hughes would prefer to withdraw it as they had no wish to do anything which was not acceptable to the whole of the parish.

## BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

A very interesting ceremony took place at the parish church, Bedworth, on Saturday, November 30th, when the Rector, Canon F. R. Evans, unveiled a peal tablet erected in commemoration of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in the early part of the year. After reading the dedicatory prayers, the Rector, in the course of a short address, expressed the pleasure it gave him to conduct the ceremony. He thought that to learn the Art of change-ringing involved a good deal of self-denial, and that to perfect himself a ringer must take great pains and shew zeal. He congratulated the ringers on their success in ringing a peal of over 5000 changes. It shewed how earnest they must be to accomplish such a feat. He hoped that the conductor, Mr. J. H. White, would soon arrange another peal. He was very glad to hear of the

formation of the new Warwickshire Association, because he was in cordial sympathy with its objects, viz.: (1) the recognition of ringers as church workers; (2) the promotion of the Art of change-ringing; (3) belfry reform. In his capacity as rural dean, when visiting churches round the district, he often found that the belfry was the most neglected part of the building. If the new Association could do something to abolish this state of things it would more than justify its existence.

During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going to touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, in which several visitors took part. Later in the evening the company adjourned to The Bull's Head inn, where a substantial supper was awaiting them, and which was enjoyed by a very good muster of local men and visitors. The remainder of the evening was devoted to a smoking concert, Mr. Randall being unanimously voted to the chair. Songs were rendered in capital style by the chairman, Mr. Sharratt and other members of the local company; also by Messrs. S. Hope and L. Lomas, of Derby, the latter also giving valuable assistance with his 'cello accompaniments.

Mr. E. Johnson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness in giving permission for the tablet to be erected, and also for unveiling it. To this the Rector suitably replied.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood also proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, to which Mr. Randall made an excellent response.

More songs and touches on the handbells brought a happy evening's enjoyment to an end all too soon, and the gathering joined in an effective and affecting rendering of "Auld lang syne," which brought the proceedings to a close.

## CAMPSALL, NEAR DONCASTER.

On Saturday, December 7th, at St. Mary Magdalene, six of the Pontefract ringers met Mr. Halksworth, of Doncaster, and Mr. Goodman, of Askerne (one of the local ringers) to attempt a peal of Stedman. The tower is not an ideal one for peal ringing, as to draw a line from tenor to the fourth, (some six feet) there is treble second and third between, and none of them would be back from the line above two feet, consequently there is not much elbow room or chance of having a decent look round. However a start was made and, (chiefly owing to the bad going of the tenor) a collapse occurred after ringing fifty-three courses of Thurstans's five-part in about 2 hrs. 35 mins. It was a great disappointment at not being able to score a peal, as ropes had to be taken and fixed up, also remove after ringing, as the ropes in the tower are more like cart than bell ropes. To add to the discomfort rain poured down during the 1½ miles' walk on returning to Askerne station. However once in the train the Pontefract men began to compare notes, and came to the decision that another attempt must be made, health and other circumstances permitting, at no distant date. The band were stationed as follows; T. M. Barker, W. P. Brook, F. Moody, G. Hacksworth, J. Fryer, J. Jackson, W. Pearson conductor, G. Goodman. Tenor 13½ cwt.

AMBLESIDE.—On Saturday, November 30th, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1907 changes, in 1 hr. 25 mins. J. Backhouse, W. Nevlinson, A. Newton, F. Woodend, W. Sharp, J. Holme, W. Robinson conductor, R. Satterthwaite.

## ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held on Saturday, November 30th, at Oldbury, Worcestershire. The bells were raised at 4 o'clock, ringing being continued until 5, when evensong was conducted in church by the Rev. A. P. Roberts, Vicar, and an interesting address given. A substantial knife and fork tea was provided by the ringers and friends which was very much enjoyed and highly appreciated. The pleasure was greatly enhanced by the presence of Mrs. Parish, Mrs. Jagger and several other lady friends who were incessant in looking after the wants of the company until all were entirely satisfied. The Vicar presided at the tea and also at the business meeting which followed.

Mr. W. Micklewright (Secretary), read the minutes of the last quarterly meeting held at Smethwick in May, and explained why the meeting proposed to be held at Coseley was unavoidably abandoned. Three new life members were enrolled, propositions for several peals to be attempted during the ensuing quarter were accepted. The next being the annual meeting, it was resolved to hold it at Dudley. Mr. S. Spittle (Master of the Guild) proposed that a substantial tea be provided at the expense of the funds of the guild at that meeting, and expressed a hope that every member would be present to partake thereof. Mr. W. Rock Small (Treasurer) seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for holding the service in church, the use of the bells, presiding at the tea and meeting, to the ladies for their kindness in so willingly looking after the tea, and to the donors who so amply provided it; these were suitably responded to, and an adjournment made to the belfry, which brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

## BELLS FOR TRURO CATHEDRAL.

Mrs. Jane Ellen Hawkins, Portland Place, London, widow of the late Mr. Christopher Hawkins, has supplemented her gift of £20,000 for the completion of the western towers of Truro Cathedral by the promise of a tenor bell of a peal which is eventually to be placed in the north-west tower. Mrs. Hawkins writes to the Dean and Chapter: "I am sure that the great representative Cornish families will like each to give a bell."

Early on Thursday morning the large weight of the clock of St. Mary's church, Ilford, which turns the scale at 6 cwt., parted from the works owing to the snapping of the wire rope, and crashed through two floors into the porch some 50ft. below. Considerable damage was done, but no one was in the building at the time.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, December 1st, for Divine Service, a date touch, 1907 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins., being 227 Violet, 720 Woodbine, 240 Kent, and 720 Oxford. J. F. Ryles, W. C. Taylor, H. B. Harding, J. E. Wheeldon, B. Pegg conductor, F. Dawson. First date touch by Messrs. Taylor, Harding, and Ryles.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Sunday evening, December 1st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. Dora White, Alice White, J. E. Ballard, C. F. Hansford, J. Ward, A. Burgess, H. White conductor, G. Martin.

LISS (Hants).—On Saturday, October 11th, a -score each of Grandsire, Canterbury, and Plain Bob. G. Cranham, C. Edwards, J. W. Read, J. Arthur, E. Newell. Rung after meeting short for Minor.

"AMONG THE BELLS."—The seventeenth part of this publication has just appeared. It is fully up to its predecessors, and has the same number of illustrations. Of these two of them are very interesting and appropriate. One is a portrait of MRS. ROBINSON, wife of "the Master," the other is a view of Drayton Vicarage. These form a pleasing addendum to the work.

## 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."

REPLY TO MR. SNOWDON.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. W. Snowdon's request of November 30th, the number of changes is 5376 Surperlative Surprise Major (not 5576 as published in the issue of the 16th inst.). The calling of this peal is to be found in William Banister's book on page 115.

H. G. HILL, Hon. Sec. St. Mary's, Woolwich.

## "POINTS FOR PEALS."

SIR,—With reference to the correspondence in your columns on this subject it seems to me that at the present time too much thought is given to peal ringing, and that we are thereby apt to forget that the bells were placed in our church towers first of all to be used for the honour and glory of God. Is it not the case that peals are rung more often for the honour of the Association than for the purpose I have named?

Does not peal ringing too often tend to engender envious and unkindly feelings rather than that brotherly kindness and friendly rivalry which are so much to be desired.

Again does peal ringing really promote change-ringing half as much as occasional visits paid by competent ringers to our outlying towers for the purpose of giving a helping hand to their less able brethren.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER.

30, Broad Street, Bristol.

SIR,—I had no intention whatever of taking part in the controversy on the subject of "points for peals" until I read Mr. E. P. O'Meara's long letter in your issue of December 7th. I have read it very carefully and I have arrived at the following conclusion: that the writer has wandered from the straight and narrow path of the subject, and by using it as a kind of screen or cloak he is enabled to make a most determined and uncharitable attack upon the Middlesex County Association and its most esteemed Hon. Sec.

As a resident member of that Association and one of the so called "clique" spoken of by the writer I venture to think a few remarks will not be out of place.

May I ask Mr. O'Meara to name the towers where the bells are rung for Divine Service on Sundays by members of the London societies, and also where the local ringers are inconvenienced by the members of the M.C.A. having obtained permission to ring a peal; I allude to voluntary ringing only.

I have had the pleasure of ringing at most of the towers used by members of the M.C.A. and where local ringers are attached to a church they are generally very pleased to give us a welcome. I can tell Mr. O'Meara it is much easier to get permission to ring a peal at certain towers than he imagines, unless there is someone behind the scenes who uses his influence solely in the interests of one Society; I fancy our friend will remember practising the very thing he complains of when he was connected with a certain tower in London not very long ago.

I have also been a resident member of the Sussex County Association, April 1895 to August 1897, and I might inform our friend that when that association occupied the premier place in the analysis there were fairly good bands at Henfield, Steyning, Southover and Crawley in addition to the "clique," by which is meant the St. Peter's Amateur Society. I welcome Mr. Trollope's suggestion in your issue of November 16th, and I have no doubt it could be made to work very well in spite of some societies not knowing how many members they have, I venture to say the Associations know what theirs is. I hope this "points for peals" question will be discussed by the mem-



bers of the Central Council at their next meeting whether it is in London or not, when probably Mr. O'Meara will hold a watching brief on behalf of the London ringers who will find it no easy business to confirm what he has stated.

JOHN R. SHARMAN.

SIR,—While all this correspondence is going on criticising and condemning the Middlesex Association and its most energetic and generous Secretary, Mr. King,—for that is no doubt who Mr. O'Meara refers to—has it ever occurred to him and others the very great amount of good that that Association and Mr. King has done generally, what great recognition he has gained for ringers among the clergy and many other influential people, how by his great influence he has secured for ringers and ringing many benefits and privileges they otherwise would certainly never have had, also how by his influence he has been able to get towers open for peal ringing which could not be obtained except by a privileged few, who very rarely took advantage of the opportunity they possessed? I am speaking now principally of the twelve-bell towers and the privileged few I mentioned had, I believe, somehow got the idea into their heads that it was only they who could do twelve-bell ringing, but thanks chiefly to Mr. King for getting the towers open and W. Pye and his brothers and other active members of the Middlesex Association, that idea has been entirely dispelled, and they have shewn in spite of considerable adverse criticism and opposition, that there are many others who can ring twelve bells quite as well as they can providing they have the opportunity.

This opportunity has been given to many ringers through the Middlesex Association, and many have rung a peal of Cinques or Maximus who never otherwise would have had that opportunity, probably to the end of their lives. Surely the gentleman who has been the means of giving us these many benefits and privileges is deserving of some thanks for his self-sacrificing labours and the great interest he has taken in the cause.

I had been a ringer more than twenty years before I was fortunate enough to ring a twelve-bell peal, and although it was a Kent County Association peal and called by a resident member, yet the band was composed chiefly of active members of the Middlesex Association. Then again, how many ringers in and about London owe their first Surprise peal to the Middlesex Association and W. Pye? I could give the names of very many to whom a peal of Double Norwich was a positive luxury until W. Pye and Co. by their great ability, showed that Surprise methods could be much more easily mastered with a little perseverance than they had imagined, and so raised the standard of ringing and gave to many the benefit of their experience in helping them to secure peals in the more advanced methods.

Mr. O'Meara spoke of cliques—well, ever since I have been a ringer I think most of the London twelve-bell towers have been in the hands of a clique of ringers, the class I previously referred to as "the privileged few."

Although I have always been strongly opposed to points and think, like Mr. Daniell, that to tack points on to a peal is to degrade it, yet I certainly do not believe, as some of your correspondents seem to suggest that the Middlesex Association ring peals simply to pile up the number of points, they have I am sure a higher motive than that.

Personally, I hope they will continue to flourish and that their most worthy secretary, Mr. King, may long be spared to continue the good work he has always tried to do for the cause of ringing, work which many others would do well to imitate.

E. BARNETT.

SIR,—If I attempt to answer Mr. O'Meara it will only be to tell him that he is wrong in every point he thinks he has made in attacking the Middlesex County Association under the pretext of writing about "Points for Peals." Even then he will not be convinced, nor be weaned of his pet slander, that I bribe the steeplekeepers.

A man convinced against his will,  
Is of the same opinion still,

and I venture to say that any dispassionate reader of his letter will smile when they detect the "green-eyed monster" in almost every word of it, certainly in every line.

Now as regards this so-called bribery. It is not a pretty word; but I state most emphatically that I have never obtained

the privilege of ringing at any tower except directly from the clergyman of the parish, and if Mr. O'Meara will only learn how to write a polite letter, he will assuredly meet with just the same amount of success as any other applicant. What I give the steeplekeeper is no concern of his, but it is based on two considerations, first, the time involved in waiting about to let ringers up and down; and secondly, the satisfactory performance of the unpleasant job of greasing the bearings of the bells. There is but one case in which I make any payment to a sexton or clerk, and then it is not 5s., or anything like it. Whatever I am in the habit of paying, is always with due regard to the trouble taken and work done. I cannot conceive of a case where a steeplekeeper has given to Mr. O'Meara such a reply as he suggests. Granted, however, that this is so, it is no reflection on me; and may I add that it might have been set right by a report addressed to the proper authorities.

Again, Mr. O'Meara says that "the clique in question have never been known to meet once at any of those towers on a Sunday to ring for service." This is not in the least true, but if it were, why should he omit to mention the encouragement and help given by my Association in the formation of local bands for Sunday ringing in churches in and around London? Surely this is far better than spasmodic assistance.

Lastly, Mr. O'Meara seeks to put me in a pillory for carrying on the so-called county Association without any reference to the convenience or peal arrangements of London ringers. I tried this act of courtesy some years ago, when I informed his Society of my intention to apply to the Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill, for the use of his bells, and asked if a date could be suggested which would in no way interfere with their arrangements, I regret to say that the answer I received was not such as to encourage me ever to repeat the courtesy; and since then I have acted on my own initiative.

Let me give one word of advice to Mr. O'Meara. Do not distort another man's actions, and call them facts; and above all, do cease to impute improper motives. Mr. O'Meara is a distinguished ornament of a distinguished society, but if he will only believe me, he will not shine any the brighter by endeavouring to belittle the work of the Middlesex County Association.

ARTHUR T. KING.

[Other letters on this subject from R. A. Daniell A. Pye and others next week. No others will be inserted in our next.]

#### LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

SIR,—Since the publishing of a lead, and composition of London Surprise Royal, I have been waiting to see whether the Rev. E. B. James would make any comment on the construction of the method, but as he has not done so, and not knowing whether he is in England or not, I beg to be allowed to make one or two remarks thereon.

In the first place, as I know most of those who took part in the peal rung, I very heartily congratulate them, also the builder of the method, and I sincerely hope they will one and all pardon me, for opening up what may not appear a friendly attitude, by suggesting that the construction of the method is very far removed from being an extension of London Surprise Major, for it does not deserve the prefix of London at all. In fact there is no resemblance between the two, and to my mind is not above Cambridge Surprise Royal in difficulty or quality; fancy getting a triple dodge in London? that in itself simplifies the ringing of it, and is a great help to both ringers and conductor. I assert, that for the method to be called London Surprise Royal, it should as nearly as possible appear as an extension of the Major method; in the lead published, there is no similarity between the two. For comparison, I now have the pleasure of submitting to you for insertion in "BELL NEWS" a lead as produced by the Rev. E. B. James, when the Exercise can judge as to which deserves the honor of being called London Surprise Royal.

The method I may add, has been in my possession since Feb. 1904, and was sent to me by the Rev. James, also a composition, this composition is the same as published with the lead of Mr. Lindoff's production, but beginning at the last course but one, viz: W. H. and continuing as written to complete the 14 courses.

To prevent any controversy arising as to who has the prior claim to the honor of first producing London Surprise Royal, I may say I have before me at the time of writing, a communica-



tion from Mr. Lindoff post-dated June 1904, asking me if I could oblige him with a lead of London Surprise Royal, a request I regret to say I could not at that time comply with. Hoping you will give publicity to this letter at your earliest convenience.

Bristol.

F. G. MAY.

P.S.—I have a diagram course of Mr. Lindoff's method, and I unhesitatingly come to the decision, that apart from its being a Treble Bob method, I fail to see how it can be classed as a Surprise method.

*London Surprise Royal by the Rev. E. B. Jamee. Feb. 1904.*

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#### LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL AND MAXIMUS.

SIR,—Some weeks ago a peal rung in London was published, and described as London Surprise Royal, and the following week the method was published. I was busy at the time, and could not properly examine it, but on doing so during the last few days I have no hesitation in saying that, although it is a legitimate Royal Surprise method, which must be distinctly difficult to ring, it is not London Surprise at all.

A careful examination of London Surprise Minor and Major gives the following results:—

i.—When the treble is in 1-2 all the working bells above seconds place plain hunt in reverse course order.

ii.—When the treble comes up into 3-4 the bells behind reverse their coursing order and ring a treble bob hunt in direct course order.

iii.—When the treble dodges in 3-4, seconds place is made.

iv.—When the treble dodges in any other position no places are made at all.

v.—When the treble comes into 3-4, the bell which is to dodge with her there makes one of the places before the dodge and the other after.

vi.—The bell that dodges with the treble in 5-6 makes the fifth place only.

vii.—The leads of the Plain Course come up in reverse order to Plain Bob.

viii.—Only one internal place is made at a cross section.

Now Mr. Lindoff's new method breaks rules ii., iii., vi., and viii., and therefore cannot fairly be London Surprise.

During the last few days I have had another method sent to me by Mr. Catchpole, of Ipswich. It breaks rules ii., iv., vi., and viii., therefore it cannot be London Surprise.

I enclose a lead of Royal in which all these rules are rigidly observed, and in which there is no alteration from Major work until the treble gets into 9-10. While she is in 9-10 new work is introduced in order to keep the bells right, and as soon as she returns into 7-8 London Major work is strictly adhered to all the way back to lead.

I also enclose a lead of Maximus, in which all these rules are rigidly observed until the treble gets into 11-12, when new work appears for the same reason, and disappears again as soon as she gets down into 9-10.

I believe that these two courses of Royal and Maximus are the nearest possible to London Surprise on ten and twelve bells, and I publish them in order to see if any one can improve upon them, and anyhow, in order that the matter may be thoroughly investigated and set at rest. I may add that the Maximus is nearer to the Minor and Major than the Royal.

H. LAW JAMES.

London Surprise Royal.	London Surprise Maximus.	Superlative Surprise Maximus.
1234567890	1234567890ET	1234567890EX
2135476980	2135476980ET	2143658709XB
1253749608	1253749608TO	1246357890EX
2157394068	2157394068TO	2164538709XE
2517930486	2517930486TO	2614357890EX
5271903468	5271394068TO	6241538709XE
5217094386	5217930486TO	261458307X9E
2571903468	2571394068TO	62418503X7E9
5279130648	5273149608TO	264810537X9E
5729316084	5723416980ET	62840135X7E9
7592136804	7532149608TO	6824103X5E79
7952318640	7352416980TO	864201X3E597
9725381604	3725461890ET	68402X1E3579
9273586140	3274568109TE	8604X2E15397
2937851604	2347651890ET	806X421E5937
2398756140	2436758109TE	08X624E19573
3289576410	426357801T9E	806X2E491537
3825967401	462538709TIE9	08X6E2945173
8352694710	645283071T9E	0X8E69241537
8536249701	65482037TIE9	0X8E69245173
5863429071	56840273TE19	0X8E69245713
5684392017	58604723ET9I	0X8E69472513
6548930271	85067432TE19	0X8E6974523I
6459803217	58076342ET9I	0X8E6947253I
4695083127	85703624E9TI	0X8E69745213
4960581372	587302649EIT	0X8E6975423I
9406853127	85372046E9TI	0X8E69572413
9048651372	835274069EIT	0X8E69752143
0984615327	3825476091ET	0X8E69571234
0894163572	3284567019TE	0X8E69572143
8049613752	2348650791ET	EX9058761234
8409167325	2436805719TE	EX0957816243
4801976235	426308517T9E	EX9075182634
8410792653	46203815T7E9	EX9705812364
8401976235	640283517T9E	9E7X50183246
4810967253	60482315T7E9	E975X1038264
4180692735	0684213T5E79	9E571X302846
1486029375	086412T3E597	95E7X1320486
4168203957	8046213T5E79	597E1X234068
1462830597	840612T3E597	9571E2X30486
1426385079	48016T2E3957	59172E3X4068
	8410T6E29375	957123E4X608
	84016T2E3957	5917324E6X80
	4810T6E29375	519723E4X608
	41806T2E3957	1579324E6X80
	148602T3E597	517392E4X608
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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1907.

OUR readers will peruse with some amount of astonishment the report of a vestry meeting which was held at a village in Warwickshire, which appears in another column. The sons of the late Mr. Capewell Hughes offered to present a ring of bells to the church in memory of their father. Messrs. TAYLOR were consulted, and they made certain recommendations, and the vestry meeting was called for the purpose of accepting Messrs. Hughes' generous offer. For some unaccountable reason eight persons voted against the proposal, and although there was a majority in favour of its acceptance the offer is now withdrawn, as Messrs. Hughes have no wish to do anything which is not acceptable to the whole of the parish. We know nothing of the circumstances of the case beyond what appears in the report, but it is an extraordinary thing that any people should be found unwilling to accept such an offer. The Vicar should have accepted the offer without referring it to others.

This extraordinary behaviour of vestrymen surpasses anything we have ever heard of. A new ring of bells

offered free of cost to fulfil pious aspirations, and then to be lightly regarded, is shocking! One wonders if the apathetic or dunderheaded vestrymen who formed the opposition are in the possession of their full mental faculties.

### HANDBELL MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS.

MR. W. GORDON, of 44, Celtic Street, Stockport, has just published a splendid Christmas piece for handbell ringers, the title being as follows: "No. 196. Christians awake; and Hark! the Herald Angels sing." Arranged for six ringers, with two octaves of bells in G, also two Fs natural and two Cs sharp, 19 bells in all. This music is quite new, and is published at the low figure of 1s. 6d. Our friends, especially those who are looking for a Christmas novelty, should apply for this at once.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, AND THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Thursday, December 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

WM. WEATHERSTONE .. Treble.	RICHARD F. DEAL .. 6.
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HENEY ELLIS .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. 9.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 5.	SPENCER M. DODINGTON .. Tenor.

Composed by G. R. FARDON, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

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

On Saturday, December 7, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

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

WILLIAM PYE .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADH .. 5.
THOMAS LOOSEMORE* .. 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. 6.
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Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal in the method. Rang to celebrate the 38th year of service with the London and North-Western Railway Company of J. George, of Rugby.

### The Provinces.

#### HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 18, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PENNING'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS MANSBRIDGE .. Treble.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 5.
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Conducted by A. A. FULLER

#### MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Friday, November 22, 1907, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

F. LAWTON* .. Treble.	*J. WILD .. 5.
H. BARLOW* .. 2.	C. MARSLAND .. 6.
J. OGDEN* .. 3.	*L. HAMPSON .. 7.
S. STOTT .. 4.	J. SCHOFIELD .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL STOTT.

\*First peal in the method.

#### DORCHESTER.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

HARRY HARRIS* .. Treble.	TOM WOOLEY .. 5.
SIDNEY HODGE† .. 2.	JOHN BENDER .. 6.
FRANK UPHILL .. 3.	GEORGE WHITE .. 7.
HARRY COOMBS .. 4.	TIMOTHY HYDE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. WHITE.

\*First peal on the treble. †First with a bob bell.

#### CLAPHAM, BEDS.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

#### 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.

HERBERT L. HARLOW .. Treble.	WILLIAM STAPLETON .. 4.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 2.	HARRY TYSOE .. 5.
JOHN W. BARKER .. 3.	FRANK WEBB .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK WEBB.

#### KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 30, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES.

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CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	JOHN HOWES .. 6.
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Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

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#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES WHITING .. Treble.	EDGAR H. BAILEY .. 5.
GEORGE BERRY .. 2.	NORMAN R. BAILEY .. 6.
FREDERICK SMITH* .. 3.	ERNEST S. BAILEY .. 7.
CHARLES SAMSON .. 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

\*First peal in the method.

## ROCHESTER, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30 1907, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 26½ cwt.

WILLIAM EASTER .. .. Treble.	†GEORGE HAYES.. .. 5.
ALEXANDER OSBORNE .. 2.	*ALFRED ROBSON .. .. 6.
FREDERICK RING, SEN. .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 7.
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Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and  
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First peal in the method on the bells, and rang on the third anniversary of their opening. \*First peal in the method. †Fiftieth peal.

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(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

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THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 2.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 6.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 3.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 4.	SAM THOMAS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

First in the method on the bells.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEM,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES BAKER* .. .. Treble.	*CHARLES ROOPE .. .. 5.
FREDERICK BORRETT.. .. 2.	†WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 6.
ARTHUR ROOPE* .. .. 3.	EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 7.
FREDERICK ROOPE* .. .. 4.	*ALFRED SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. BORRETT.

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

## NORTHAMPTON.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,

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

ERNEST HARRIS* .. .. Treble.	JOHN T. HENSMAN .. .. 5.
HERBERT RAINBOW .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FAREY .. .. 6.
ALFRED P. HENSMAN .. 3.	WILLIAM J. ALLEN .. .. 7.
JOHN METHERELL .. .. 4.	HENRY BLUNDELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. ALLEN.

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Rainbow.

## TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

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GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. Treble.	STEPHEN PERKINS .. .. 5.
ALFRED BARDEN* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM LATTER .. .. 6.
STEPHEN FAITHFULL.. .. 3.	*WALTER FRANCIS .. .. 7.
EDWARD MANKELOW .. 4.	GEORGE SMITHERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

\*First peal with a bob bell.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt.

W. FITCHFORD .. .. Treble.	L. F. TAYLOR .. .. 5.
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H. PAGE .. .. 3.	E. A. RIDGWAY.. .. 7.
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On Saturday, November 30, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Treble Bob, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, City Delight, and Burton Treble Bob.

GEORGE KEMP .. .. Treble.	ALPHAERUS BERRY .. .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. 5.
THOMAS DAVY .. .. 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

First peal by all the band with all broken leads.

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On Saturday, November 30, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, one of Oxford Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDWARD SCATTERGOOD† .. Treble.	JOSEPH HALL .. .. 4.
ARTHUR OVERTON* .. .. 2.	†EDWARD C. GOBEY .. .. 5.
RICHARD HICKTON* .. .. 3.	†THOMAS D. THOMPSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

First peal on the bells. \*First peal of Minor. †First peal in four methods.

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(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

HARRY HAYNES* .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH DAVIES .. .. 4.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT.. 2.	HARRY WHITTLE .. .. 5.
ERNEST W. ABBOTT.. .. 3.	EDWARD READER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

\*First peal. First peal of Plain Bob on the bells. Rung to oblige the treble ringer with his first peal, he being one of the local band.

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PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM LOWMAN .. .. Treble.	ALFRED BAIGENT .. .. 5.
GEORGE UPSHALL* .. .. 2.	ERNEST NEWELL .. .. 6.
ALBERT SMITH .. .. 3.	THOMAS UPSHALL .. .. 7.
CHARLES EDWARDS .. .. 4.	HARRY KIMBER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

Rung in honour of the Patronal Festival of St. Andrew, and of the birthday of Queen Alexandra. \*First peal with a bob bell.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent, and 720 each of Woodbine, Plain Bob, and College Single. Tenor 9 cwt.

HERBERT WILLIAMSON* .. Treble.	JAMES FERNLEY .. .. 4.
JOHN W. HARTLEY .. .. 2.	FRED HOLT .. .. 5.
RNV A. T. BEESTON .. .. 3.	GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. A. T. BEESTON.

\*First peal.

## COBHAM, SURREY.

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(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of Stedman's Slow Course, St. Simon's Doubles, Grand-sire and Plain Bob Doubles. Tenor 10 cwt.

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WALTER HOLDEN .. .. 2.	HORACE JAMES .. .. 5.
WILLIAM JAMES .. .. 3.	*JAMES TIDY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JAMES.

\*First peal. Rung on St. Andrew's Day.

PENWORTHAM.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London New Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, College Single, and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

J. W. FITCHIE .. .. Treble.	R. SANDERSON .. .. 4.
W. TAYLOR .. .. 2.	J. ECCLES .. .. 5.
FRED HARWOOD .. .. 3.	*A. E. WOODHOUSE .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. FITCHIE.

\*First peal.

## EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1907, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, New London Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY CLAYDON* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE ARNOLD .. .. 4.
JAMES FLEUTY .. .. 2.	*WALTER SILTOE .. .. 5.
WALTER BURST .. .. 3.	ERNEST RIDGWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST RIDGWELL.

\*First peal.

## GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 2, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. in B flat.

WILLIAM C. WADE .. .. Treble.	HENRY R. DAWSON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. RICE* .. .. 2.	GEORGE GREEN .. .. 6.
HARRY BUSH .. .. 3.	ALFRED RICHELL .. .. 7.
HARRY RICHELL .. .. 4.	FREDERICK NEWMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

\*First peal away from the tenor. This is believed to be the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

## SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in G.

CHARLES H. HALL* .. Treble.	HENRY W. WILKES .. .. 5.
CECIL A. VALENTINE .. 2.	HEBERT PAYNE .. .. 6.
CHARLES J. FRAY† .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
PERCIVAL E. MORFEE .. 4.	*C. RAINBIRD GLADDIS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday. \*First peal. †First peal on eight bells.

## CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 3, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM STATES .. Treble.	*JOSEPH TALBOT .. .. 5.
HENRY BROOKER, SEN. .. 2.	ALFRED THOMAS JONES .. 6.
JAMES RUMBLE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HILL .. .. 7.
EDWARD W. BRAY .. .. 4.	*ERNEST H. POPE .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED THOMAS JONES.

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the ringers wishing him the usual compliments.

## HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY BOTTRILL .. Treble.	WALTER HOBBS .. .. 5.
FREDERICK PALMER .. 2.	*GEORGE CARTER .. .. 6.
GEORGE F. MARGETSON .. 3.	JOHN MOULE .. .. 7.
GEORGE A. BLACK .. .. 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by WM. WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by E. WIGHTMAN.

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. H. Elwell; also to the composer.

## GREENSNORTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being three 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob, and 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM ROBERTS .. Treble.	WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 4.
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 2.	GEORGE FLAVELL .. .. 5.
FRED WILFORD .. .. 3.	FRED HOPPER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

First peal on the bells, which have been rehung by Webb and Bennett, the go and tone being excellent. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. W. Kernaway for the use of the bells, and Mr. Clarke for his kind hospitality after the peal.

**Miscellaneous.****THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On Tuesday, November 26th, 248 Superlative Surprise. W. H. Doran, E. A. Bacon, G. F. Margetson, J. Moule, T. Bird, G. Carter, W. Clark, E. Wightman conductor. Also 448 in the same method. E. A. Bacon, W. H. Doran, G. Margetson, S. Bird, J. Rann, G. Carter, J. Moule, E. Wightman conductor. And a 374. W. H. Doran, E. A. Bacon, G. Margetson, J. Moule, S. Bird, G. Carter, W. Clark, E. Wightman conductor. On Sunday, December 3rd, 448 Superlative. W. H. Doran, E. A. Bacon, G. Margetson, J. Moule, G. A. Black, G. Carter, W. Clark, E. Wightman. Also a 578. W. H. Doran, G. A. Black, G. F. Margetson, J. Moule, J. Rann, G. Carter, W. Clark, F. Wightman conductor. Also 504 Stedman Triples. W. H. Doran, E. A. Bacon conductor, G. F. Margetson, J. Moule, J. Rann, G. Carter, E. Wightman, W. Clark.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

ALBURY (Surrey).—On Saturday, October 26th, at the parish church, 720 Superlative Surprise Minor. C. Willsbire, sen., R. Blake, F. Bennett, J. Goacher, W. Day, A. H. Pulling conductor, First 720 of Superlative rung in the Guildford District.

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

BOLDMERE (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, October 26th, an attempt for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 5 mins. H. Dickens, J. E. Groves, T. Horton, S. Reeves conductor, F. Dickens, D. Jones, W. Painter. Also 336 Stedman Triples. F. Dickens, S. Reeves, D. Jones, T. Miller, G. Burrows, T. Horton, H. Dickens, W. Painter.

**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, for Divise Service at St. Luke's church, Nutford Place, Marylebone, by the kind invitation of the Rev. W. T. Dickinson, 720 Plain Bob. H. Ellis, N. Alderman, A. Brightman, F. Smith, E. F. Cole, W. J. Nudds conductor. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Ellis, N. Alderman, A. Brightman, W. J. Nudds, E. F. Cole, F. Smith conductor. This is the first change-ringing done on these bells for over twelve years, except a 720 of Plain Bob by the same band just recently. The conductor of the Plain Bob has just started a young band at the above church.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Sunday morning, October 27th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Phillips, E. T. Green, —. Howchin, C. Forfitt, E. Waters, C. W. Goodenough conductor, J. Bristow, C. Merefield. For even-song 560 Bob Major. C. Forfitt, E. T. Green, F. Phillips, A. F. M. Stewart, E. Waters, T. Best, W. Ingham, C. W. Goodenough conductor.

CRANFORD (Northants).—On Saturday, October 26th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. Miss A. Smith, C. Arnold, J. Lewin, B. Saddington, A. Smeathers, J. Saddington conductor. On Thursday, October 18th, for practice, 528 Minor. P. Lewin, J. Judd, J. Saddington, B. Saddington, J. Lewin, A. Smeathers conductor.

GREAT ADDINGTON (Northants).—On Sunday, November 3rd, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Bob Minor. B. Ball, J. Judd, B. Saddington, H. Ball, J. Lewin, J. Saddington conductor.

OXTON (Cheshire).—Recently on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. G. Owens, H. Brocklebank, J. Owens, F. S. Barnes conductor, R. Birchall, J. Evans, S. Moston, G. Smith.

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**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.  
ANNUAL DINNER.**

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Mr. R. A. Daniell also replied to the toast of "The London and Provincial Ringing Societies." In the course of an amusing speech Mr. Daniell said that he reciprocated the spirit in which the toast was proposed. Although they may belong to different Societies, yet as a matter of fact they were different species of the same fungus—they were but one family in feeling. Sometimes on those occasions they had something to use strong language about, but during the past year they had all been able to pursue the even tenor of their way in the societies, to do their best for the object set before them. When he was in South Italy in the spring he was much struck by the utter absence of steeples. He was trying to shew why they had steeples in England and the connection of ringing also with steeples was very interesting. He did not say that he could do it as it ought to be done, but he was going to try. He was a little perplexed about getting suitable illustrations of well known steeples in London—Bow church, St. Bride's and St. Michael's. St. Bride's and St. Michael's were very difficult to get a satisfactory view of—you cannot get far enough away and you can only get the tops of them. He hoped to be able to get out something interesting. He would like to say something in regard to the London County Association. Mr. Taffender had done much for that Society. The circumstances of Mr. Taffender were very interesting at the present moment. When Dr. Johnson was asked by a young man who was rather an ass whether he would advise him to marry said "Sir I should advise no man to marry who is not likely to propagate understanding." He was sure that Mr. Taffender was married, and recently he has a son and heir. He was satisfied that it had understanding. He had no doubt that in the dim future if his ghost revisited that sweet shore and attended the annual dinner of the College Youths he would there see young Mr. Taffender.

Mr. J. W. Rowbotham submitted the toast "The Officers of the Society," and in so doing said that the officers had done great work and they deserved their best thanks. He called for musical honors, and these were rendered.

Mr. T. P. O'Meara (master) heartily thanked Mr. Joseph Munday and the St. George's Glee Union for their kind and splendid entertainment.

Mr. Joseph Munday responded and paid a tribute of respect to one of their members, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, of the College Youths.

The Master amid applause called upon Mr. Cockerill, the genial Honorary Secretary of the College Youths, to reply to the toast of the officers.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill, who received an ovation on rising, said; I hope you have not expected very much for I have very little to say. We can all say that we have a very good Master indeed. He has attended most of the practices, and so also have the Stewards as well as the Treasurer—he has not got any debts. Both of the Trustees are here to-night and they have done very well. If everyone has enjoyed himself our wishes are gratified. I thank Mr. Rowbotham for the very kind words with which he proposed the toast, and you for the very kind way in which it has been received.

The toasts were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. A course of Treble Bob Major was splendidly rung on the handbells by Messrs. C. Fenn, R. Fenn, C. F. Winney, and A. C. Hardy—and a course of Stedman Cinques tapped off in fine style by Messrs. H. R. Newton, C. F. Winney, H. R. Pasmore, H. P. Harman, J. W. Golding and W. T. Cockerill.

Mr. S. F. Clay presided at the piano.

At the close "auld lang syne" was lustily sung and the assembled ringers dispersed to their homes to await the next annual meet.

The Dinner Committee are to be congratulated on the successful evening.

We have been compelled to hold over several peals received late. Reports of several touches also are unavoidably postponed, but all will appear in due course.

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



**Notices.**

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on December 17th; and at St. John's, Hackney, on the 17th; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 16th, and 30th. The subscription of rs. 8d. which entitles members to vote on financial matters, is now due, and should be paid before February 29th next.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston to-day, Sat., December 14th, when the tablet in memory of the late Samuel Gough will be unveiled. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.30.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

35, Church Road, Garston.

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon East, to-day, Sat., December 14th. Bells ready at 4 p.m.

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

**The Essex Association.**—North-Eastern District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Coggeshall to-day, Sat., December 14th. The towers of Coggeshall (8), Great Tey (8), Peering (8), and Kelvedon (6), will be open all day. The tea (6d. each) will be held at The Woolpack inn at 5 o'clock, and the meeting afterwards, which will be presided over by the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Stoney.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
Coggeshall.

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Tibshelf to-day, Sat., December 14th. Meeting in the Church Room at 5.30 p.m. All ringers and members invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, to-day, Sat., December 14th. Bells available from 3 to 5.30. Short evensong. Tea by kind invitation of the Rev. Canon Goodwyn at 6. Christ Church tower open from 7 till 9. It is requested that unpaid subscriptions for 1907 be sent to me as early as possible.

G. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lodge, Vale Road, St. Leonards.

**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rainham to-day, Sat., December 14th. Tower open at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall to-day, Sat., December 14th. Bells ready from 3 till 7. Business after.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Sawley on Saturday, December 21st, from 4.30 to 8.30.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The

annual meeting will take place on December 26th, at 4 o'clock, at St. Woolos, Newport. The bells of St. Woolos (8), and All Saints (8) available.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*  
J. W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

**The Gloucester and Bristol Association.**—The anniversary meeting will be held at Cirencester on Thursday (Bank Holiday), December 26th. There will be service in the parish church at 12.30, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Sinclair. Dinner will be held at The Crown hotel at 1.15. Dinner tickets rs. 3d. each to those members only obtaining the same from Mr. S. Moore, 69, Chester Street, Cirencester, on or before Saturday, December 21st. Dinner without tickets 2s. 6d., provided there is sufficient room.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

Bristol.

**STEDMAN CATERS.**

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

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Round first change last six.

† 1, 3, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.

\* 2, 3, 4, 9, 12, 13.

This 'peal has the 6th at home twenty courses (extent) in the tittums and hand-stroke home position without singles, and is the first ever composed on this plan.

**SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.**

By C. H. HATTERSLEY, *Sheffield.*

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This peal has the 4th and 6th their extent in sixths place, without the 2nd or 3rd being there.

**AUDLEY (Staffordshire).**—On Saturday, October 26th, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. C. Warhom, J. Austin, J. Brassington, J. Matthews, A. Allman, J. Bradshaw conductor.

**HALESWORTH (Suffolk).**—On November 3rd, for practice at the parish church, 1008 Bob Major in 38 mins. S. Kerrison, E. P. Foreman, F. C. Lambert conductor, E. Chatten, J. Howard, G. Tovell, A. Lee, F. Watling.

**STANTON-BY-DALE (Derbyshire).**—On Tuesday, November 25th, for practice, 720 Double Court in 25 mins. H. Fawcett, E. Scattergood, J. Hall, A. Freeman, E. C. Gobey, T. D. Thompson.

**SHEFFIELD.**—On October 20th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. W. Smithson, W. Hammond. T. Chown, A. W. Gledstone conductor, E. Rippon, J. Rowley, F. Willey, J. Lloyd. Rung as a compliment to J. Lloyd on his sixty-first birthday, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

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## UNVEILING OF A PEAL TABLET.

On Saturday, November 30th, the Rector of Handsworth, the Rev. Andrew W. Burn, D.D., unveiled in the belfry of the parish church a tablet recording a "Thomas's peal" of Grandsire Triples, the first ever rung in Staffordshire and by the St. Martin's Guild. It was rung as a birthday peal for Thomas Verry, tower-keeper, on December 8th, 1906.

At 4.30 p.m. a goodly company of ringers and friends assembled, and soon the bells were going to Grandsire Triples, conducted by H. Withers. At 5.15 the Rector and Messrs. Newman and Lister arrived and were introduced to the company. The Rector opened with prayer, and Mr. T. Russam explained why the tablet had been erected, and in the name of the ringers asked the Rector to unveil and accept the same.

The Rector then unveiled the tablet and

spoke in suitable terms. He was impressed by the style of the board. He expected to see a kind of square one, and he was pleased to accept the peal board which the ringers had placed there as a gift to the church.

Mr. Churchwarden Lister supported the remarks of the Rector, and made reference to a "William" peal rung some years ago, promising to have a board recording it to match the one they had unveiled that day.

Mr. Lister also noticed that the peal was rung on December 8th, 1906, and as Mr. Verry would soon attain his jubilee it would be nice to have a supper to commemorate it.

The Rector then thanked Mr. Russam for making the preparations for the ceremony, and stayed while a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, five of the "Toms" taking part, and wished the ringers success in their work, and good afternoon, which

brought the proceedings to a close. The peal board is a fine piece of polished mahogany in the shape of a bell with gold letters, and forms a very handsome decoration to the belfry. T. R.

## STEDMAN CATERS.

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

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351246	-	-	-	-	-
154236	-	-	-	-	-
523416	-	-	-	-	-
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245136	-	-	-	-	-

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132465	15
143265	15
123465	158
142365	15
134265	15

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This peal has the 6th forty courses (extant) with the 6th at home in the tittum position.

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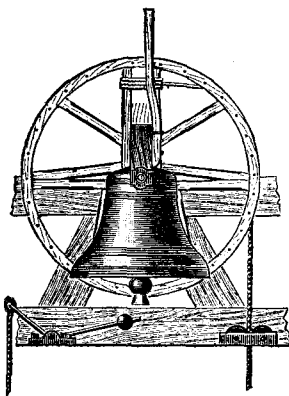
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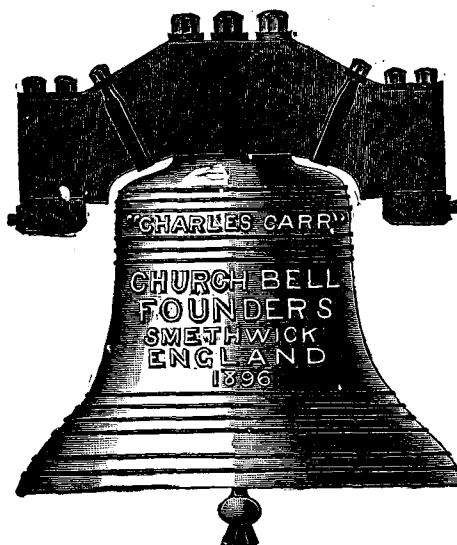
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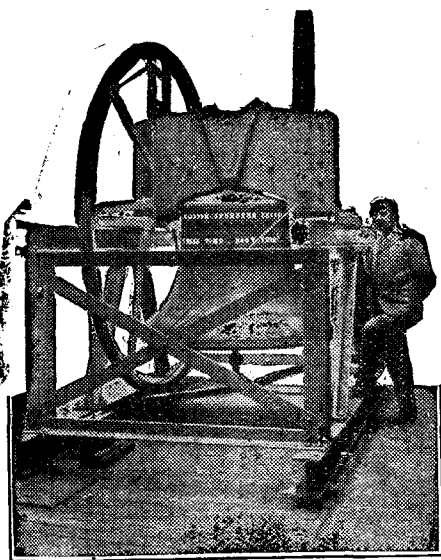
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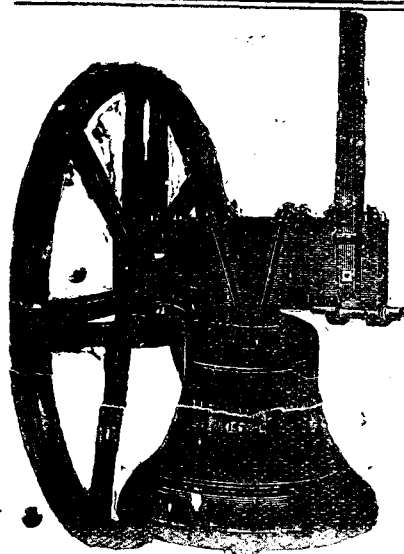
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## TENDRING, ESSEX.

The parishioners of Tendring have reason to be proud of their grand old parish church, with its noble spire, and proud also of their worthy and esteemed Rector, Rev. Arnold Page, and Mrs. Page, his sympathising associate, who are ever seeking to improve and beautify the church they serve so well. The latest improvement to the church has been in the hanging of a new ring of six bells, which, with other handsome gifts, were dedicated by the Bishop of St. Albans on Tuesday. As the Rev. Arnold Page aptly described a brief history of the bells of Tendring, in an interesting pamphlet, distributed on Tuesday—

"Four Tendring bells had served three centuries through;  
Then, hoarse with age, but still to Tendring true,  
Their metal gave in six to serve anew."

—There appears to have been four bells in Tendring church for not far short of three centuries; the tenor, second, and treble bells were inscribed, "Miles Graye made me." The tenor bell was badly cracked in 1876, when the bells were removed from the old belfry into the tower of the new spire, which was then built. The treble bell was also found to be cracked in 1897, and when examined by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank last year, the second bell was found to be cracked too. It is satisfactory to know that the condition of those ancient bells was not the result of negligence or misuse; they were simply worn out. The jarring sound of the defective peal was becoming more and more distracting, and, upon the recommendation of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, that it should be melted down, incorporated in a new peal of six of about twice the weight, the matter was taken seriously into consideration soon after the beginning of the present year. The six new bells were promised as follows:—Treble, to weigh about 4 cwt., by Peggie Crowe; "For childhood's happy hours." Second, 4½ cwt., by the churchwardens, Frederick William Clarke and William Marvin Tricker. Third, about 4½ cwt., by Durrant Edward Cardinall's children, in remembrance of their mother, Nora Louisa Cardinall. Fourth, about 5 cwt., by Durrant Edward Cardinall. Fifth, about 5½ cwt., by the Rector's brothers and sisters, in remembrance of their father and mother. Tenor, about 7 cwt., by the Rector. Only a few days before his death, just after Easter, Mr. Walter Horatio May, for a good many years resident at the Manor House, and, since it was burnt in 1897, at the Hall, had signified his desire to give one of the bells, and, as in Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's judgment, there would not be room in the tower for more than six, Mrs. May very kindly offered, in remembrance of him, and in pursuance of what she felt would have been his wish, to present to the church instead a Communion table of carved oak, and a brass eagle lectern, which were sorely needed, in place of the very unworthy table and lectern which had been hitherto in use. It had also been Mrs. Page's intention to give the treble bell, but as this was being done by her niece, an equivalent contribution from her has been devoted mainly to substituting a pavement of marble flags within the Communion rails for the worn

brick-earth tiles, which had been there before, and to supplying a covering for the Communion table. It was only at Easter that it was finally decided that the provision of a new peal should be definitely taken in hand, and within two or three weeks the sum required for hanging it was subscribed, almost wholly by parishioners, and by a few others who have some link of old association with Tendring. Nearly every household contributed something, and the Wesleyan friends joined in with as much goodwill as any. A faculty was obtained from the Chancellor of the diocese, and the work was entrusted to, and has now been carried out, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, with much credit and success.

Tuesday was quite a red-letter day in the history of Tendring, and nearly the whole of the parishioners took part in the dedicatory celebration. Prior to the service in the church in the afternoon, Mr. G. H. W. Hervey entertained upwards of a hundred of the parishioners to lunch, and at the conclusion of the service, 120 of the labourers dined together in the old schoolroom, the residue, comprising mothers and children, being generously entertained by the Rector and Mrs. Page in the new schoolroom. At the service in the afternoon the church was crowded to its utmost capacity, and many were unable to gain admission. The Bishop of St. Albans remarked that the occasion illustrated the way in which their old church was linked with the homes of the people. Looking at some old wood-carving in the church, the Bishop said he observed that for five centuries the church had been linked with the homes of Tendring, and he took it that for many centuries—almost since the Norman Conquest—there had been a linking between the homes of the people of the parish and some church, if not the present building. The bells of the church were another link—the bells which spoke of sorrow and of joy, the bells that called to worship—and even those who did not worship within the walls of the church were again and again reminded of God and of holy things by hearing the bells rung. What was done that day was not done for to-day; it was done for all time. Each generation had added something to the church, and he hoped there would not be a generation that would not desire to add something for the honour of the house of God. What the people had done that day with such promptness and such unanimity was but another link between the homes of the people and the house of God. That linking was not to be a linking of pathos and sentiment; it must be a linking of character in the purity of the inmates of the homes. They should thank God for what was being done that day—thank Him that He had put it into the hearts of His children to raise their memorials, to equip and adorn the house of God. At the conclusion of the address, the Bishop reverently dedicated the Communion table, lectern, and the bells to the glory of God, and, following on the dedicatory prayers, the bells rang a brief but merry peal, which sent a thrill of joy and satisfaction through the hearts of all the parish. The appropriate hymn, "Great God, to Thee our hearts we raise," was heartily sung by the large congregation, and the Bishop pronounc-

ing the Benediction, a service that will live long in the memory of the parishioners was brought to a conclusion.

The following touches were rung on the opening of the bells:—

A 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Miles, G. Andrews, J. Souter, J. Howell, W. J. Hazell, W. J. Nevard conductor. 720 Kent. W. J. Hazell, W. J. Nevard, J. Souter, ———, D. Elliott conductor, E. W. Beckwith. 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Souter, W. J. Nevard conductor, D. Elliott, E. W. Beckwith, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Hazell. 720 Plain Bob. A. A. Hughes, G. A. Andrews, J. Souter, W. J. Nevard, J. Taylor, W. J. Hazell conductor. 720 Double Court. A. A. Hughes, G. A. Andrews, J. Souter, J. Howell, W. J. Hazell, W. J. Nevard conductor. 720 Plain Bob. G. Jennings, G. A. Andrews, J. Howell, W. Howell, J. Souter, W. J. Hazell conductor, 720 Plain Bob. G. Jennings, G. Miles, J. Howell, W. Howell, J. Taylor, W. J. Nevard conductor. 720 Oxford. W. J. Nevard conductor, W. J. Hazell, J. Souter, F. Souter, G. Miles, W. Honeywood. The following towers were represented: Great and Little Bentley, Great Bromley, Great and Little Coggeshall, Mistley, Thorington, and Great Totham. On Sunday afternoon, December 15, for Divine Service, 720 and 360 Plain Bob. G. Jennings, G. Miles, G. Lancaster, J. Howell, W. J. Hazell, W. J. Nevard conductor. After service two 720s Plain Bob, W. J. Nevard conducting.

### QUEENSBURY, NEAR BRADFORD, YORKS.

On Saturday, December 14th, the dedication of the new tower and augmented peal of bells took place in the presence of a large congregation, the ceremony being performed by the Lord Bishop of Ripon. There was present a large number of local clergy, which included the Revs. Canon Savage, Vicar of Halifax, and Gresford Jones, Vicar of Bradford.

The old tower having become unsafe the advantage was taken in the building of a new tower to enlarge the church, which now gives extra seating accommodation for 100 persons, with new vestries and baptistry. The alterations have taken eighteen months to complete, and have cost £6000.

The order of service was simple and impressive. The Bishop, with the clergy, wardens, and choir, proceeded down the central aisle to the baptistry during the singing of the hymn, "Blessed City, Heavenly Salem." Here the Bishop offered several of the prayers for the dedication of the church and bells, in which it was asked "that whosoever by reason or any necessity shall be hindered from coming to the House of prayer, may at the sound of these bells unite in spirit in the worship of the Church on earth."

A short touch was then rung on the bells by the local ringers, assisted by Mr. Whiteaker, of Halifax, after which the clergy and choir proceeded to their places singing the hymn—"O Word of God above," and the order of evening prayer was then used. The singing of the hymn "Christ is our corner-stone" preceded the sermon, which was preached by the Bishop of Ripon. The text was 1 Cor. iii. 10: "We are labourers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, and his building, but let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon."

At the close of the service a date touch was rung as the opening piece by a company of ringers selected from the committees and officers of the Yorkshire and the Halifax and District Association. The touch consisted of 1907 Kent Treble Bob Major, which was successfully brought round in 1 hr. 13 mins., by J. Hardcastle, J. E. Jenkinson, J. Cotterell, J. S. Ambler, J. Barraclough, T. B. Kendall, G. B. Bolland, J. Broadley. Composed by F. Robinson, and Conducted by J. Cotterell.

The old tower contained a ring of six bells, which have

been augmented to eight by an additional treble and tenor, and the re-casting of the old 4th bell, and the whole peal now hangs in a new iron frame and fittings complete, the whole of the work being carried out in a highly satisfactory manner by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The weight of the bells are not yet to hand, and various estimations were made by the visitors, placing the tenor at from 16 to 18 cwt. Great credit is due to the founders of the new bells, which are now a fine musical peal, and a grand acquisition to the district.

One great fault which is to be remedied at the earliest opportunity is the great noise in the ringing-chamber, which made bob-calling a great effort, and only to be accomplished by a voice in trumpet tones to become audible; learning to ring changes by young ringers would be an impossibility.

The bells are only separated from the ringing-chamber by one flooring covered with lead, and the Vicar and local ringers would be glad of information how to deal with the matter effectively. Was there nor a tower at Leicester similar to this which has been remedied? if so, perhaps Mr. W. Willson could state how it has been remedied, and if satisfactorily.

A layer of green sods placed on the lead flooring, and then boarded over has been suggested. Can any ringer give experience of this? J. C.

### HANDBELL MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS.

MR. W. GORDON, of 44, Celtic Street, Stockport, has just published a splendid Christmas piece for handbell ringers, the title being as follows: "No. 196. Christians awake; and Hark! the Herald Angels sing." Arranged for six ringers, with two octaves of bells in G, also two Fs natural and two Cs sharp, 19 bells in all. This music is quite new, and is published at the low figure of 1s. 6d. Our friends, especially those who are looking for a Christmas novelty, should apply for this at once.

### CHRISTMAS BELLS.

Ring, ring ye bells a royal rhyme,  
We keep the feast of ancient time;  
Ring, ring ye bells with loyal tongue  
The song that in Judea was sung.  
Ye buoyant bells in clarion clash,  
Ye echoes croon, ye joy-bells crash:  
Glad tidings of great joy ye sing,  
"In Bethlehem is born a King."

Woodbridge, Christmas, 1907.

P. O. BIXBY.

E. BARNETT, SEN.—Thanks for your kind remarks.

NOVICE.—Send us your name and address, so that we may know who to thank.

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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Compliments of the Season to you, my dear readers, brother-strings, and otherwise; may this Christmastide be to all of you happy, merry, and superlatively enjoyable. May you all have sufficient of the Roast Beef of Old England (and the boiled) to provide not only a splendid repast for yourselves, but to give a Christmas dinner to one or two of those whom you know are suffering from need or any other adversity. Ah! whatever may be said by cynical and ill-favoured people, the Christmas season enjoins us to be charitable in more senses than one. To do good and to distribute, forget not. As we have freely received, so also should we freely give. We are not all able to minister to the wants of our suffering fellows, but if we can do only a little at such a time as this towards lessening it, we shall be sure to meet with a reward. Once more, my brethren and sisters—"A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" to you.

The composers are having quite a figure-feast. Two of them, as renowned as any in this branch of the Art—Charles H. Hattersley and John Carter—have evidently tapped new sources. Stedman Caters and Cinques has been treated by them both almost exhaustively, and "Sheffield's great gun" (who in the art of ringing is second to none, as the rhymster tells us) wrote several interesting chapters which seemed to show that there are very few original peals (if any) to be got nowadays. But though we have heard this before, young aspirants go on composing (?) and will do, I suppose, until doomsday,

The author of the highly technical method known as "Forward" has evidently some object in view in the displays he is making just now. You won't forget that John, accompanied by a brother-string, goes "on the continent" each summer. You will recollect his last visit, when he and his companion—Rock Small—interviewed the Belgian king. Where is his destination next summer? To Spain or Berlin? I think there is a tradition that a 700 of something has been rung in Germany. He may have got a tower open for a peal of Darlaston Bob at Berlin. Who knows? Ring the ting-tang, John.

"Points for Peals." Here's a precious go. A lot of cry but tremendously little wool. I say, strike the column out. We can pretty well tell by the body of the Analysis what the peals rung by any association are worth. We shall have to do without points. There has never been a unanimous agreement with them, nor is there ever likely to be. Many young 'uns, and old 'uns also, think that when they have rung their first peals, as much credit devolves on them as on a man who has rung his twentieth peal of London. I think points will never be taken kindly to, only by a minority. I am afraid I shall have that very clever writer, J. A. T., down upon me like a load of bricks after this. But when he does differ from any one, it is done in a gentlemanly manner.

The correspondence in connection with this subject has not altogether been pleasant reading. Mr. B. Keeble thinks one thing about peals rung in his county, and speaks his mind not too loudly thereon. He is immediately assailed by personalities having nothing to do with the point. Retaliation follows; and the case shows the great folly of personal retort. Mr. Keeble makes a statement

which, though greatly believed in at the time, is totally denied by a gentleman whose word is not to be doubted for a moment. "It's an ill wind that blows nobody good," and the innuendo, with the belief awarded to it has, as an American would say, "busted up." It is not always pleasant to be abused unnecessarily, though the palpable unfitness of your opponent for newspaper warfare may be amusing, but in retaliating it is better to avoid statements for which you have no chapter and verse to substantiate them. Hearsay and gossip are never to be depended on.

Newspaper correspondence is an important feature nowadays, but it should be kept within bounds. Writers to the "B.N." are very remiss in this way. The question at issue should be treated concisely; matters having no relation thereto should not be allowed. Unfortunately personalities seem to be necessary to those who labour under the disadvantages of an imperfect educational training. A correspondent should often write so as not to tempt a reply, especially when a subject has been threshed out, or where it is desirable that discussion should cease. A letter last week asked an opponent for a reply, and thus correspondence gets unduly lengthened.

So the Rev. F. E. Robinson's ringing career "Amongst the bells," has reached its seventeenth part. Attention was drawn to it last week, and having perused the number, I say ditto to what has already appeared about it. It was a happy thought of the veteran to introduce a portrait of his lady, while the view of the Drayton vicarage makes one's mouth water almost. What a beautiful location. It would be well if our highest dignitaries had such neat and modest residences instead of the immense palaces they have to keep up. The Bishop of Norwich spoke appropriately about this at the recent Chutch Congress. The photographs of churches in "Among the Bells" are excellent, and worth all the cost of publication if only for a picture-feast.

We are just in time to give some of our brethren a business turn. Our old friend William Gordon, of Stockport, is not only a good ringer and composer, but a great musician also. For years he has catered for the handbell fraternity. Scarcely a piece of music exists suitable for handbell ringers which will not be found at his emporium in Stockport. He has composed something specially for Christmas (alluded to on the opposite page), something acknowledged to be very good indeed, and if you write for it without delay you will just be in time, for the edition is going off wonderfully.

Of all I have ever read in connection with bells is the amazing account of some proceedings which recently took place at the village of Wootton Wawen, in Warwickshire. I never heard of this parish till I read about it last week. For any man, whether he be Jew, Turk, Infidel, or Heretic, to refuse an offer of the kind made is what, astounding? the word is not strong enough.

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Some gentlemen wished to perpetuate the memory of their parent by erecting in the parish church a ring of bells. Most ringers would say "God bless them" for it. But there were eight parishioners who objected! Did ever any body hear of such a thing, eight men objected? and the affair is shelved. The names of these eight persons should be inscribed in putty upside down.

In this case our old friend the parish clerk is to the front. He made this sapient remark: The bell-hangings were reported to be unsound forty years ago, but had been in use ever since and were as safe now as then." Then we read that two other worthies named Round and Hopkins, accepted the statement of this clerk in preference to that of the Loughborough expert. We must act with charity in this case even though our indignation at hearing such conduct is immense. But it must be put down to crass ignorance of a very stolid order.

I relate what has been discovered with regard to Wootton Wawen church; and it is obtained from a trustworthy source: "The church bells at this place are in a wretched condition, two are badly cracked, and one of them has an iron band round it. The church of Wootton Wawen is probably the oldest standing in Warwickshire. It is of the greatest interest to antiquarians, being partly Saxon and partly Norman. The tower is a fine central one. The gentleman (Mr. Hughes) whose memory it is proposed to commemorate, bought Wootton Hall some three or four years ago, and after spending a great sum of money on the place, died just as the work was finished." To an edifice of this description eight stolid yokels, with the *intelligent* clerk of the parish to back them, refuse the gift of a ring of bells! Ye gods; was ever anything like this? An ignoramus of a village clerk allowed to express an opinion on such a subject,

What can be done? Let those two gentlemen in favor of Messrs. Hughes's proposal, agitate the neighbourhood, and pooh-pooh the village clerk and the eight yokels. The honest villagers will no doubt see the thing in a right way when they hear what it means. And let the newly-formed Warwickshire Association hold a meeting on the spot to protest against the views of the yokels, and tell the clerk to take a back seat. PLAIN SPEAKER.

### 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."

#### "POINTS FOR PEALS."

SIR,—I do not see that the first paragraph of Mr. Trollope's letter in your issue of the 7th inst. amounts to anything near affecting the matter under discussion. It appears to me that he is only repeating in other words his implication that the objection of the London Exercise to peal points is not genuine, and it is to this that I take exception. That the existing system can promote friction and irritation your correspondence columns afford plain proof, and it is all to the good that neither Mr. Trollope nor Mr. Williams can altogether defend it. But I do not know what Mr. Trollope's qualifications to dogmatise about the mental attitude of London ringers may be. I think his engagements do not permit him to attend our meetings with any regularity, and that consequently he does not realise our attitude at first hand. As one who has been a member of the London Exercise for more than twenty years, and

borne office in two of the principal London Societies, I feel justified in asserting that any suggestion that our dislike of peal points is anything but genuine is wholly unwarrantable. I have never found or heard of anyone who has been stimulated by points to acquire a knowledge of higher methods, and anything like competition between London Societies appears to us absurd. There are the College and Cumberland Youths who are mutually exclusive, but their members meet in other societies. Some years ago I took part in a peal in which all the rest of the band were College Youths. Consequently the peal was rung for the St. James's Society, and I suppose it was duly carried to its account by the points people. But what possible significance could points in such a case have? The thing seems to us simply silly.

I am not going to discuss at length with Mr. Trollope his curious view that ringing is not music. It is clear that ringing is the production of melody, and by what logical process it can be established that the production of melody is not music I cannot conjecture. I content myself with observing that the late Sir George Grove, who was president of the Royal College of Music and Editor of our Standard Dictionary of Music, had the misfortune to differ on this point from Mr. Trollope; and I am further sure that if orchestral or choral societies were to stoop to points for their performances and apply for assistance to Mr. Trollope, he would be fully equal to assist their foolishness with an ingenious system of mathematical bedevilment. But the fact remains to me that for an organization points are, as I have said, a hopeless misfit. Both Mr. Trollope and Mr. Williams admit that some alteration should be made, and Mr. O'Meara's question as to how membership is to be calculated wants a bit of answering. And to Mr. Williams I beg to put another question. He says the originators of peal points never contemplated an Association coming to the top by the performances of its non-resident members. Quite so, but there is another point. The Essex men complain that their towers have been used so as to score points for Middlesex. Does Mr. Williams consider that this proceeding fits in with the intention of the originators of peal points? And if he does not, by what mathematical process does he propose to adjust it to what he conceives to be what they did intend?

R. A. DANIELL.

SIR,—I should like to record my opinion upon the question of "peal points." From observations, and from what I have been able to gather from the correspondence upon the subject, I have come to the conclusion that the thing as it stands is a farce, seeing that we may belong to as many different Associations as we like, and are allowed to ring peals for one or all of them. I do not believe for one moment that the analysis and its points tends to raise the standard of good sound peal ringing; neither do I believe that the points that are piled up for the different Associations does much in the way of promoting good ringing for the Sunday services, or is helpful to any very great extent to the local bands at the towers at which the peals are rung. It seems to me that the whole question of allowing points for peals—rung under the conditions we ring them—without judge or referee, is absolutely absurd, and how on earth we are to reconcile ourselves to such a system I cannot conceive. At the same time I do feel that to have a summary of the doings of the different Associations at the end of each year would be interesting and valuable, leaving points out of the question altogether, for surely points are for the use of judges in the case of contests, and quite right too.

J. J. PARKER.

SIR,—As there are conflicting opinions amongst your correspondents as to why my brothers ring peals for the Middlesex County Association, perhaps you will be good enough to allow me to show that neither of them are right. It is not, as Mr. O'Meara states, to pile up points for the Middlesex Association, and the financial benefit is on the wrong side, as for every peal rung for the above Society 3d. per member has to be paid for booking, whereas it is only 1d. for the Essex Association. I will put it this way. Say a person belongs to two societies; one throws cold water on his performances, if not directly, indirectly. The other society appreciates them, therefore it is only natural we should support the latter. It is, as Mr. King

pointed out, "want of tact." I am sure there would be no more loyal supporter to his own county than my brother W. if there was no cause to the contrary. He is straightforward himself and naturally resents this underhand hitting, and when we read of trying to close the towers against him, and such remarks as were made by the Master of the Essex Association as "Not only want to show off top boys," admiring an eminent ringer more for helping lame dogs, etc., it is not likely to improve matters. With reference to "top boys" I am sure my brother does not want showing off. And with regard to "lame dogs," how many ringers has he helped through their first peal? When he first went to Romford there was only a Grandsire Triples band; now they have a band that can ring London Surprise, and the bells are rung for morning and evening service on Sundays. My brothers live nearly three miles off and nearly always go twice on Sundays in all weathers, about eleven miles. So this, without mentioning the numerous towers in Essex which they visited a few years ago, speaks for itself, and shows how unjust these remarks are. The success of the Middlesex County Association is not due to my brother, but to the personal qualities of its Honorary Secretary, who is a gentleman by nature as well as birth, and whom we admire and respect. If we had all ringers like him what a different atmosphere we should be in. If more courtesy and less jealousy and ill feeling was adopted in some of the correspondence it would be much better for the Exercise, and would bring ringers closer to that brotherhood and good feeling which ought to exist amongst us, for in a lot of the correspondence, although written in a guarded way, we read that terrible word "jealousy" between the lines.

A. PYE.

## A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Notwithstanding your announcement at the end of this week's correspondence, I hope you will be able to find room for a correction. I am reported as saying at the College Youths' Dinner that ringing societies "were different species of the same fungus." What I said was that they were different species of the same *genus*. I admit that this is rather an after-dinner way of stating the case, but I must repudiate the application of the similitude of the Exercise to the particular genus denoted by the term "Fungus."

R. A. DANIELL.

## J. M. BARKER.

SIR,—I wish to inform Mr. Barker he has not had the manners to give an explanation of the firing of the peal of Grandsire Caters November 9th, 1907. I suppose he is caught in his own trap and does not know how to reply, why not own up as men of principle if you have any, but not rake up a lot of falsehoods and lies about C.R.L. which is absolutely untrue. Re the Vicar of St. Paul's it is about time he knew the going on up in the belfry, and the movements after ringing people to divine service. There is not a single ringer in the parish of St. Paul's outsiders from villages. Is not it a nice state of affairs, it simply shows belfry reform is urgently needed. What did Mr. Barker's great friend Mr. Bull do at the 1902 Association meeting when the thing began to be exposed, he simply got up and walked out disgusted when the real facts of the truth began to come to light. Now Sir, I am open to face them before their Vicar and the churchwardens, when they are men enough to have both sides of the tale told. The whole cause of the trouble here in Bedford is Mr. Barker's tongue, lies, and dirty tricks, but he has started to play his cards on the wrong one when he began at C.R.L., but he can keep on with his jealousy to his heart's content, as C. R. L. does not mind, it is the crock black and kettle smutty. Now Sir, he refers to a peal of Stedman Triples they attempted in 1906, he says Mr. Wood congratulated on their excellent striking, now Sir, he does not tell us Mr. Wood told them the firing would not do. No Sir, he knows perfectly well he was trying the cooking. I never heard better firing in my life. Now it was excellent for several sixes, also the Double Norwich, the man who rang the 7th, evidently had no ears whatever. He was hitting the tenor at back-stroke, probably he composed it with dotted notes. It would be so nice if we had no listeners in Bedford, oh it would be grand, probably he is referring to the peal at Biddenham, but Sir, it will not wash, he must get his linen clean, if he had not reported the last 1000 changes rang in the dark to the local

paper and a different version to "THE BELL NEWS," there would have been no question asked, that was where he put himself in his own trap, the facts are these: there always has been these fallings out with St. Paul's company before ever C. R. L. came to Bedford, so it is nothing new, and always will be until things are straightforward, a little less jealousy, back-biting, and lies. I could say a good deal but do not want to waste my time with such a clique. Lastly—the best thing for them to do is to ring a true and complete peal of Stedman Caters, as we have never had no settlement upon the other and still claim the first rang at Leighton Buzzard in 1906.

C. R. LILLEY.

[We can admit no more letters from this correspondent.]

## LEGITIMATE METHODS.

Having seen the announcement in "THE BELL NEWS" that the collection of legitimate methods could be obtained, I sent for it and found it contained various methods on six bells both Plain and Treble Bob. For several years past I have been making a collection of methods from five bells and upwards. I have been very carefully through my list and compared the same with those I have seen in the Council's book, and I find there are some of the same methods which have a name but not in the book and also which have been published in "THE BELL NEWS" at various dates. For the benefit of those who buy the book, at the same time of writing I should like to ask the reason why College Single in Snowdon's Standard Methods has been cast off and another one put in the Council book and different altogether, but bears the same name, it will be found on page 7. What are we to know the original one as? it is a legitimate method, or Snowdon would not have given it in his book. Below I give the list as I have found them, as follows:—

No. 2. Page 8, is Sandal Exercise, was in "THE BELL NEWS," April 28th, 1883.

No. 3. Page 8, is Grandsire Treble Bob, was in "THE BELL NEWS," October 29th, 1904.

No. 12. Page 10, is Cambridge Treble Bob, was in "THE BELL NEWS," October 29th, 1904.

No. 14. Page 11, is Killamarsh Treble Bob, by C. Severn,

No. 21. Page 19, is Norwich Delight, was in "THE BELL NEWS," November 5th, 1904.

No. 13. Page 24, is Kent Exercise, was in "THE BELL NEWS," October 15th, 1904.

No. 25. Page 27, is Coventry Surprise, was in "THE BELL NEWS," April 28th, 1883.

No. 3. Page 31, given as Canterbury Surprise is a different method than the one published under the same name in "THE BELL NEWS." One thing I particularly notice that the majority of the methods have not got any name to them, suppose now a peal was rung in which one of these methods was named after the place where rung, the same method would be rung in another place under another name and be the one method, for instance, I will give an example; Merchants' Return and Oxford Delight are the same method exactly. Will one of those who assisted in classing the same explain the reason they were not named, and by what rule we are to go by. I am waiting to complete my list of six-bell methods, of which I have 250 Treble Bob ones, of the majority taken from all the ringing books obtainable, and in my possession, and from "THE BELL NEWS" also. I have given Roydon to No. 19, on page 6, and No. 1 on page 31 as Munden Surprise, after the place where the cream of six-bell ringers in Hertfordshire live. In conclusion I should like to say the book ought to be in the possession of every six-bell band, and I hope that when the second part comes out they will give a name to those which have been classed by them. A printer's error occurs on page 22, No. 5, should read 156342, on page 18. No. 18 should read 135264.

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Conducted by F. SMITH.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE APPLETON SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, December 3, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

G. HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. 1. Treble.	F. S. WHITE .. .. 5.
R. WHITE .. .. 2.	C. G. WHITE .. .. 6.
T. COLES .. .. 3.	G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. 7.
S. LAMBOURNE .. .. 4.	F. WHITE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,  
AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Wednesday, December 4, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED ROWLEY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 2.	JOHN GOODMAN JUN. .. 6.
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 3.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 7.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

Rung as a welcome to the Lord Bishop of Lichfield on his visit to Tipton on Wednesday, December 4th. to dedicate the new Mission Room at Conygree, and also as a farewell to the Rev. C. H. Wedgwood, B.A., curate of the parish church, on his leaving the parish for the foreign Mission Field.

HERTFORD.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

HERBERT BAKER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 5.
HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. 2.	HENRY S. REEVES .. .. 6.
JESSE PUPLETT .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
ALBERT PHILLIPS .. .. 4.	FRED W. ELLIOTT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells. The Mayor of Hertford (Herbert Baker, Esq.), rang the treble, and is believed to be the first peal in which a Mayor has taken part.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, December 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD* .. Treble.	*GEORGE BULL .. .. 5.
ALBERT P. WAKLEY* .. 2.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. 6.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. 3.	†HARRY WAKLEY .. .. 7.
EDWARD I. STONE .. .. 4.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by HARRY WAKLEY.

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

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, December 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS* .. Treble.	WILLIAM POTTER .. .. 5.
JOHN PIPER* .. .. 2.	JOHN BASS .. .. 6.
JOSEPH SMITH .. .. 3.	HARRY PRICE .. .. 7.
ARTHUR E. WHATMORE .. 4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal of Treble Bob.

We have been compelled to hold over several peals received late. Reports of several touches also are unavoidably postponed, but all will appear in due course.

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## SONNING, BERKS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.  
(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERS HAM.)

On Saturday, December 7, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.  
THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. .. Treble.	GEORGE IRVINE .. .. 5.
LEWIS GREEN .. .. 2.	ERNEST W. MENDAY .. 6.
GEORGE ESSEX .. .. 3.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 7.
JOSEPH HANDS .. .. 4.	HENRY SIMMONDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

## WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

WILLIAM ROSE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS .. .. 2.	*FREDERICK HAYWARD .. 5.
THOMAS DAVY .. .. 3.	ALPHAUS BERRY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

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

## MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES CARR .. .. Treble.	HERBERT ALLSOP .. .. 5.
WILLIAM GOSLING .. .. 2.	FREDERICK WATKINSON .. 6.
REV. R. P. FARROW .. .. 3.	FRANK MAY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM G. CHRISTIAN .. 4.	THOMAS BETTISON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. SEVERN, and Conducted by T. BETTISON.

## CLIFTON, BEDS.

On Saturday, December 7, 1907, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM SHARPE* .. .. Treble.	*ALFRED PRATT .. .. 5.
CHARLES PRATT* .. .. 2.	*CHARLES V. HARE .. .. 6.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 3.	JOHN HARE .. .. 7.
FREDERICK PRATT .. .. 4.	JAMES BLOTT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN HARE, and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\*First peal of Bob Major.

## HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY PRICE* .. .. Treble.	*HARRY WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM COLEY* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. .. 6.
JOHN BASS .. .. 3.	JOSEPH FIGOTT .. .. 7.
VICTOR WHITE* .. .. 4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. FIGOTT, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal in the method.

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

## DUBLIN.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

Tenor 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. Treble.	RICHARD LYNCH .. .. 6.
ROBERT S. F. MURPHY .. 2.	CHRISTOPHER MURRAY .. 7.
HAROLD GREENE .. .. 3.	ROBERT T. F. GREENE .. 8.
GEORGE ANNESLEY RUTH* 4.	JAMES W. TOWNLEY .. .. 9.
ANDREW CORRIGAN .. .. 5.	THOMAS GRANT .. .. Tenor.

Comp osed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

\*First peal.

## KINGSWINFOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 8, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH FAULKNER* .. .. Treble.	JOHN BASS .. .. 4.
HARRY PRICE .. .. 2.	FREDERICK BEACE .. .. 5.
ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 3.	HARRY JONES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal on six bells.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 8, 1907, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE RUMSEY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM RUFFLES .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. GROOM .. .. 2.	GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. .. 6.
WILLIAM GRIMES .. .. 3.	JAMES G. RUMSEY .. .. 7.
PETER LAFLIN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY WILDE, and Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

Rung as a compliment to Peter Laflin on the occasion of his 18th birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Monday, December 9, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS .. Treble.	JOHN BASS .. .. 5.
ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 2.	HARRY PRICE .. .. 6.
ARTHUR E. WHATMORE .. 3.	*CHARLES ROLLINSON .. 7.
JOSEPH SMITH .. .. 4.	JOSEPH FAULKNER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

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

## DARLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
SHIPWAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK A. GREGORY .. Treble.	HUGH GREGORY .. .. 5.
P. B. WRIGHT .. .. 2.	JOHN SIDDAL .. .. 6.
HENRY GREGORY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM TAYLOR .. .. 7.
FREDERICK TRAVIS .. .. 4.	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Oxford Bob Triples by all the band.

## HERSHAM, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 10, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TEN-PART (No. 2). Tenor 8½ cwt.

ARTHUR SHEPHERD .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. .. 5.
GEORGE WOODISS .. .. 2.	CHARLES J. HAMBLIN, SEN. 6.
ALFRED WOODROW* .. .. 3.	JOHN EMERY .. .. 7.
GEORGE EDSEY, JUN. .. .. 4.	ROBERT J. POLLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WOODISS.

\*First peal in the method. †First in the method as conductor. It is also the first peal of Stedman by the local society.

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

On Thursday, December 12, 1907, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WALTER G. CUTBUSH* .. Treble.	CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 5.
ALEXANDER POTTER* .. 2.	JNO. E. BURTON .. 6.
GEO. P. BURTON .. .. 3.	GEORGE MAYERS .. 7.
EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 4.	*DOUGLAS T. POTTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JNO. E. BURTON.

Rung on the middle eight. \*First peal. The ringers of the treble and 2nd are 15 and 16 years of age respectively.

## WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1907, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. Treble.	VICTOR WHITE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM R. MASON* .. 2.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 6.
GEORGE HUGHES .. .. 3.	GEORGE PIGOTT .. .. 7.
JOHN BASS .. .. 4.	JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

\*First peal in the method.

## WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1907, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

J. CHILTON .. .. Treble.	O. ARELESS .. .. 5.
W. PILLAR .. .. 2.	S. T. WRIGHT .. .. 6.
C. RAE .. .. 3.	T. METCALFE .. .. 7.
W. J. MITCHELL* .. 4.	H. H. HANSEN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES, and Conducted by S. T. WRIGHT.

\*First peal of Grandsire.

## BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1907, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 30 cwt.

A. E. MOORE .. .. Treble.	H. F. MOORN .. .. 5.
W. SMITH .. .. 2.	P. O. LAFLIN .. .. 6.
H. FOULGER .. .. 3.	H. A. TURNER .. .. 7.
S. H. SYMONDS .. .. 4.	E. BRADFELD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. A. TURNER.

## BENGEO, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr.

FREDERICK C. BENNETT .. Treble.	GEORGE H. AUSTIN .. 4.
EDWARD H. KING .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM PARCELL .. 5.
DANIEL BENNETT .. .. 3.	ALBERT PHILLIPS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT PHILLIPS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Joseph Parnham, whose funeral took place at Bengoe that day. This is the conductor's fiftieth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

## ANSTON, NOTTS.—THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 10, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Victoria Surprise, Buller's Surprise, French's Surprise, Anston Surprise, Kitchener's Surprise, Baden Powell Surprise, Bradley Exercise, College Pleasure, and 360 Killamarsh.

Tenor 12 cwt.

J. W. MOOR* .. .. Treble.	H. TURNER .. .. 4.
W. PLATTS † .. .. 2.	S. SMITH .. .. 5.
H. STENTON .. .. 3.	C. FOWLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. STENTON.

\*First peal. †First peal away from the treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Turner.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 11, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. in A flat.

HENRY W. WILDE .. .. Treble.	THOMAS NEWALL .. 5.
GEORGE JONES .. .. 2.	WALTER THOMAS .. 6.
ROBERT SPERRING .. 3.	EDWIN H. LEWIS .. 7.
GEORGE PIERCE* .. 4.	JAMES MORGAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Walter Thomas. \*First peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

## DINDER, SOMERSET.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 11, 1907, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM WOOLLARD .. Treble.	JOSEPH E. HODGES .. 4.
JOSEPH V. M. HODGES .. 2.	HERBERT C. MOUNTER .. 5.
ALBERT SPRED .. .. 3.	ALBERT BARNES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT C. MOUNTER.

First peal by all except the conductor.

## EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 12, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

CARPENTER'S SIX-PART.

ERNEST FISHER .. .. Treble.	JOHN CRAWFORD .. 5.
THOMAS GOFF .. .. 2.	THOMAS TUTTE .. 6.
ALFRED MANN .. .. 3.	ALLAN GOWER .. 7.
THOMAS MILES .. .. 4.	ROBERT ETHERINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALLAN GOWER.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 4th.

**Handbell Peal.****TINSLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, December 14, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,  
At Vulcan Road,***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.**

GEORGE LEWIS .. .. 1-2.	WALTER COATES .. .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3-4.	*WALTER ALLWOOD .. .. 7-8.

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—T. Whitworth. \*First peal on handbells.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Grandsire Triples has been sent from Portsmouth without any date.

**Date Touches.****ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**

SOLIHULL (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, December 8th, for evening service, a date touch of 1907 Grandsire Caters. S. Jessop, R. Bragg, S. Bragg, A. Chambers, G. Martineau, A. Walker, S. Bragg, H. Withers conductor, J. Bragg, A. Bragg.

**THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.**

ANSTON (Yorks).—On Tuesday, December 3rd, a date touch of 1907 changes, in 1 hr. 4 mins. in the following methods: 107 Morning Star, 720 Bradley Exercise, 720 Baden Powell Surprise, 360 Kitchener Surprise. J. W. Moor, W. Platts, H. Stenton conductor, H. Turner, S. Smith, C. Fowler.

**Miscellaneous.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

DURHAM.—On October 28th, at St. Chad's Hall, a plain course of Stedman Cinques. W. H. Porter, 1-2; C. L. Routledge, 3-4; J. Goffton, 5-6; Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, 7-8; T. T. Goffton, 9-10; Rev. B. Jealous, 11-12. And two courses of Double Norwich Major. C. L. Routledge, T. T. Goffton, J. Goffton, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson.

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**

BUCKLEY (Fints).—On Monday, December 2nd, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. W. Short, G. Dymont, E. R. Usher, R. Dolby, J. E. Usher, W. T. Pegler, E. Griffiths, H. Hughes.

LLANGOLLEN.—On Monday, October 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. R. Jones, H. Moore, H. Morris, T. James, T. Davies, T. Newell, J. W. Davies conductor, D. R. White.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

BASINGSTOKE.—On Saturday, November 23rd, at the annual district meeting, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Greenaway, Alice White, H. White, O. Smart conductor, W. Hunt, A. Burgess, R. C. Mayo, G. Martin. 168 Stedman Triples. Alice White, F. G. Wilson, H. White conductor, O. Smart, J. Ward, A. Burgess, R. C. Mayo, W. Bennett. 300 Grandsire Doubles. W. Titcombe, Rev. F. G. Hume, W. Hunt, E. Lodge, T. Lewis conductor. A course of Stedman Triples. Rev. F. G. Hume, A. White, F. G. Wilson, O. Smart, J. Ward, A. Burgess, H. White, F. Kimber. 308 Grandsire Triples. F. Kimber, A. White, F. G. Wilson, O. Smart, W. Hunt, J. Ward, A. Burgess, H. White conductor.

EWHRIST (Surrey).—On Sunday, December 15th, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Dorking, 720 Bob Minor. J. Tidy, W. Tidy, W. Denyer, W. Russell, F. Francis, R. Whittington conductor.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Monday, October 28th, for practice 536 Grandsire Triples. J. G. Buckle, C. H. Hall, P. E. Morfee, W.

Chambers, H. W. Wilkes, W. George, G. Williams, C. R. Gladdiss.

**THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

CARDIFF.—On Sunday, October 27th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins., taken from Holt's Original. S. Williams, H. Day, W. B. Biss, W. G. Miller, S. Dawe, F. Chamberlain, A. Rowley, conductor, C. Oram.

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Saturday, December 7th, at the wedding of Miss E. F. Squarey and Mr. W. T. Wood, 2520 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 23 mins. R. Etherington, E. Fisher, T. Goff, A. Mann, J. Crawford, T. Tutte, A. Gower conductor, F. Thomson.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

HARWICH.—On Thursday, December 12th, as a token of respect to the late Vicar, Canon Frayling, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells deeply muffled, in 1 hr. 24 mins. B. Bolton, A. E. Bolton, A. Morris, A. Turner, G. Thompson, W. J. Nevard, J. Motts conductor C. Ellis.

WEST HAM.—On Sunday, November 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 50 mins. W. Doran conductor, A. Neale, J. Scholes, T. Cranfield, J. Moule, S. Bird, R. Saunders, W. Theobald, H. Torbel, G. Potter.

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

WISTANTON (Salop).—On Friday, October 25th, several plain courses of Grandsire Triples. T. Staines, A. Lewis, W. Short, J. Newman, A. Goodman, C. L. Sadler, E. Corfield, T. Lewis. On October 27th, several plain courses in the same method. J. Overton, A. Lewis, C. Beamond, S. Overton, A. Goodman, C. Morris, E. Corfield, T. Lewis.

LEINTWARDINE.—On Sunday, October 27th, for Divine Service in the evening, 1272 Bob Minor, in 42 mins. S. Roberts, W. Short, L. Williams, J. Newman, C. L. Sadler conductor, J. Evans. On Monday, October 28th, 720 of Minor, standing as before. And several 120s of Grandsire, Messrs. Dimmer, H. Corfield, and P. Malpas taking part. On Thursday, 720 Bob Minor, 25 mins. T. Staines, S. Roberts, J. Newman, L. Williams, J. Evans, C. L. Sadler conductor.

KNIGHTON (Radnorshire).—On Tuesday, October 29th, 120 Grandsire Doubles. S. Turnell, J. Burge, R. Tench, W. Short conductor, F. Evans, J. Perks. Several 120s. S. Turnell, W. Hall, W. Short conductor, J. Burge, R. Tench, J. Perks. And another 120. S. Turnell, J. Cooper, F. Evans, R. Tench, J. Perks.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, October 27th at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Corrigan, E. Mullins conductor, J. Porter, R. Ducker, C. Mackenzie, T. Miller, A. Hackley, T. Hales. On Wednesday, October 30th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Corrigan first 720, E. Mullins first 720 with a bob bell, R. Ducker, J. Porter, G. Burrows, T. Miller conductor. And six courses of Grandsire Triples. T. Miller conductor, J. Corrigan, E. Mullins, R. Ducker, C. Mackenzie, J. Porter, G. Burrows, W. Hunt.

CHELMSFORD.—On Sunday, October 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. C. Waskett, W. Newman, G. Jay, W. Rowland conductor, A. Whight, B. Thompson, R. H. Brundle, R. H. Rolfe.

CARHAMPTON (Somerset).—On Sunday, December 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins. W. Manning, A. Sully, J. Sully, J. Parker, J. Watts, J. Farmer.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, December 8th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. A. Hardy, H. Gummer conductor, F. G. Perrin, W. G. Matthews, W. Hewett, G. H. Sentence, J. E. Davis, W. Church.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, October 27th, for morning service, 672 Superlative Surprise Major. G. Bester, F. G. Tegg, C. T. Coles, J. Armstrong, N. A. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, S. Wade.

**Notices.**

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 30th. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on financial matters, is now due, and should be paid before February 29th next.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
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**The Midland Counties Association.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Sawley on Saturday, December 21st, from 4.30 to 8.30.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting will take place on December 26th, at 4 o'clock, at St. Woolos, Newport. The bells of St. Woolos (8), and All Saints (8) available.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*  
J. W. JONES, *Ass. Hon. Sec.*

**The Gloucester and Bristol Association.**—The anniversary meeting will be held at Cirencester on Thursday (Bank Holiday), December 26th. There will be service in the parish church at 12.30, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Sinclair. Dinner will be held at The Crown hotel at 1.15. Dinner tickets 1s. 3d. each to those members only obtaining the same from Mr. S. Moore, 69, Chester Street, Cirencester, on or before Saturday, December 21st. Dinner without tickets 2s. 6d., provided there is sufficient room.

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**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Thomas's, Moorside, on Saturday, December 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. A good attendance requested. New reports ready.

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**NOTE TO PEAL.**

**THE PEAL AT BENGELO.**—A. Phillips' 50 Peals.—3 Minor Methods 1; 4 ditto 1; 5 ditto 8, conducted 2; seven ditto 22, conducted 6; nine ditto (6480), 1; ten ditto (7200), 1; fourteen ditto, 360 of each, 1; Grandsire Triples 2; Bob Major 4; Stedman Triples 6; Kent Treble Bob Major 3. Total—50; conducted 8.

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† 1, 2, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16.

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This peal has the whole of the 5-6s and 6-5s both in the tittum and handstroke home positions, starting as ordinary and coming home at hand; and also the 5th thirteen times behind the 9th, and eight times behind the 8th. First of Stedman Caters composed upon this plan.

5077.

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**Obituary.****THOMAS GRUNDY.**

On December 6th, the above-named ringer passed away at the age of 64 years after a brief illness of less than a week. Although only a tenor man he took part in twenty-three peals with the M.C.A., and ringers who knew him agree that his abilities as a tenor-man could not be excelled. His jovial manner and cheery voice will not be forgotten for a long time by the All Saints' Society, Loughborough. His position as verger will leave a gap hard to fill, the office having been in the family for over fifty years. Four of his brother ringers acted as bearers. A special service was held in All Saints' church, the choir and ringers attending. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to one of our dear old comrades

who was esteemed by all who knew him. We offer our deepest sympathy to the widow and family in their sad bereavement.  
H. W.

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, STRATFORD-ON-AVON.**

On Whit-Monday last a visiting band of Yorkshiremen were successful in ringing the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on the bells in this historical church tower. To mark the event—the ringers having first obtained the Vicar's (Rev. G. Arbutnot, M.A.) permission—subscribed for and have presented to the belfry, a tablet recording the same. The making was entrusted to C. J. Sallaway, a member of the Tong company, and J. Broadley, of Bradford, one of the ringers in the peal, was responsible for the conditioning of the wood. The tablet is painted in gold

letters, and is surrounded by a substantial oak frame, made from an old beam recently taken out of a house at Tong built over 200 years ago, and presented to Mr. George Bolland for the purpose. A group photograph of the ringers accompanies the record.

**BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.**

The ringers of this place were entertained to supper at The Horse and Groom on Tuesday, December 10th, by Mr. W. Hawkes. In addition to the ringers Messrs. Ball, Perkins, Carter, Boardman and others were also present. After the spread Mr. W. Perkins was voted to the chair, and the evening was spent in music. The loyal toast was duly honoured, as well as the health of the donor, Mr. Hawkes, who was accorded musical honours. Messrs. Norton, Hodson, Blake, Curvin and Carter contributed the musical programme.

Mr. G. Lines, on behalf of the ringers, gave a report on the past year, and remarked that the bells had only been chimed on four occasions in four years, testifying to the amount of ringing that had been done.

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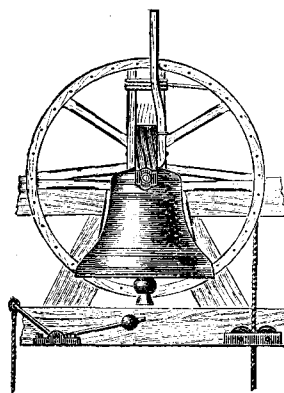
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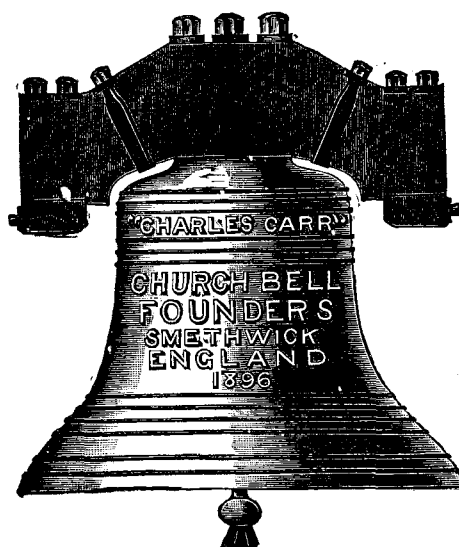
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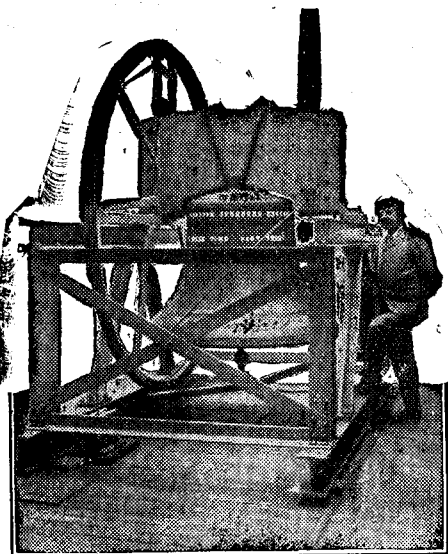
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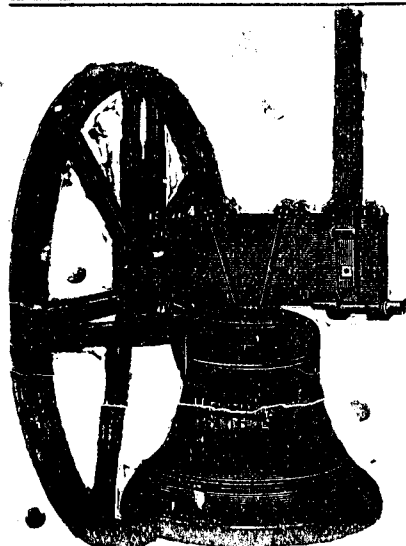
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St. Edward's Church and  
Clerk Bank, Leek.

## LEEK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

"No work undertaken in Leek in recent years has aroused such wide-spread interest as the rehangings of St. Edward's bells, and as the weeks slipped by since the contract was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, there began to be a dread suspicion," says a local print, "that Christmas would arrive without the clamour of merry bells to duly remind us of the fact. The return of the bells, however, after trimming and tuning at the southern factory, reassured us, and after about a fortnight spent in building the massive steel frames which replace the antiquated oaken beams, it was found possible to arrange for a service of thanksgiving for the happy completion of the labours of all concerned. This took place on Wednesday evening, December 11th, when the ancient church held a large congregation, the clergy taking part being the Vicar, Rev. R. D. Stamer, his assistants, the Revs. W. B. Houldey and H. W. Hum-

phrys; the Revs. W. B. Wright and W. R. A. Hill, and the Rev. E. V. Cox, curate of Fenton, and Secretary of the Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association.

"It would not be easy to explain the curious fascination which the music of the bells has for the most cultivated minds, but they are certainly among the very oldest known instruments of music, and their origin is lost in the mists of antiquity. Egyptian festivals of the god Osiris began with bellringing before the time of Moses, and the priests of early Greece also used them in the worship of Dionysus. But these were only miniature handbells, and the first church bells used for purposes of worship are ascribed to Paulinus, bishop of Nola in Campania, in the year 400, hence probably the description of bellringing as campanology. St. Patrick was a contemporary of Paulinus, and a small iron bell of his, about six inches in height, is still shown at Belfast. But it was until the 13th century that bells began to be of any size, and to take a defi-

nite place in worship and ceremony, and the famous St. Dunstan, abbot of Glastonbury, is said to have excelled in the delicate art of bellfounding, to which many others of the monastic order applied their energies. We need scarcely say that the passing bell had its origin in the idea that bells had the power of driving away evil spirits, but the Norman Conqueror found a much more practical use for them in establishing the curfew, which is still rung in many churches. The sanctus and the angelus bells remind us of a mediæval devotion now, alas! seldom regarded in these bustling days, but still we reckon a church without a ring of bells sadly incomplete.

"The peal has been one-eighth tuned, with the result that the bells blend together much more harmoniously than before. During the evening hundreds of people assembled outside the church to hear the bells ring forth after their enforced silence. The new bell-frame is of the most modern type. The foundation consists of rolled steel joists, four of which span the tower (which is 20 ft. across), and each of which weighs a little over 15 cwt. On them are built a series of H-formed castings, each of which vary in weight from 4 to 5 cwt. Instead of the old wood stocks, the new stocks, to which the bells are attached, are made of cast iron: and all the various fittings necessary to hang a peal of bells are of the most up-to-date design. Several visitors have expressed their admiration of the massive, yet neat construction of the frame. The tower is one of the finest in the county, and very spacious; there is room for at least four more ringing bells on the same level as the present eight. The six larger bells were founded nearly two centuries ago by a very famous founder of that period—Rudhall; he used to cast some nice-toned bells, especially in view of the fact that he had no knowledge of harmonies, or any of the modern science, which has of recent years been brought to bear on the founding and tuning of church bells. A perfect bell should have at least five notes in tune, in itself, viz., the strike-note, the hum-note (octave below the strike-note), the nominal (octave above the strike-note), and a third and fifth to the strike-note. And Messrs. Gillett and Johnston now apply this theory to all new bells or recast bells.

"To lose the melody of bells which we have been accustomed to hear every hour of the twenty-four, was therefore a deprivation indeed, and crowds gathered outside the church on Wednesday, in addition to the worshippers, to hear the first peal rung after the bells were fitted in their new surroundings. The service was of a simple character, special lessons being read by the Revs. W. B. Houldey and W. B. Wright, and the prayers, including several special collects, being taken by the Rev. W. Humphrys. The Psalms were the 81st and 150th, and at the close of the service the Te Deum was sung, the whole of the music being excellently rendered under the skilful direction of Mr. W. H. Eaton, organist of St. Edward's. The opening hymn was the Old Hundredth, and before the sermon 'When morning gilds the skies,' was sung.

The Rev. R. D. Stamer preached an extremely interesting sermon from the words—"Things without life, giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known that it is piped or harped." (1 Cor. xiv. 7.) We regret that we cannot in this number give this sermon at length; we may be able to do so later.

At the close of the address the Vicar asked the congregation to remain standing, and a short touch was rung for four or five minutes, including the solid crash and the

"Queen's change," which was very well done, and the tuneful melodies were listened to with great satisfaction. The hymn, "Now thank we all our God" was then sung.

The collection was devoted to the fund for the recent renovation of the interior of the church, and realised a sum of £9 14s. 2d.

As the congregation dispersed, Mr. Eaton performed a prelude and fugue by Bach, written in imitation of the bells, and a joyful peal rang out from the tower, the Rev. E. Cox joining in the first touch of Grandsire. The belfry was besieged by a crowd of sightseers, until it was at last necessary to obtain assistance to prevent mishap. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's work is very highly spoken of, and when the whole eight bells were in full swing, it was impossible to detect any vibration of the metal frames, though the walls of course swayed as usual.

The ringers themselves are delighted with the admirable manner in which the work has been executed, as the highly scientific manner applied to the construction of the frame and headstocks renders the ringing an absolute pleasure.

### ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGE.

For some time past it has been apparent to the churchwardens and others interested in the work connected with the parish church of St. Mary Magdalene, Ickleton, situated five miles from Saffron Walden, that an effort should be made to restore the roof-walls, also the bells, which had not been rung for some years. Ickleton church is one of the oldest in Cambridgeshire, dating back to 1046. The work has been carried out by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, the rehanging of the bells giving satisfaction to all.

The opening service took place on Friday, December 6th. The Archdeacon of Ely (the Ven. Dr. Cunningham) was the preacher, who took for his text Luke xix. 39, 40.

Before and after the service the bells were rung, ringers being present from Cambridge, Royston, Sawston, Elmton, Saffron Walden, and the locals. Methods rung were Double Court, Woodbine, Oxford Bob, College Single, Plain Bob, and Grandsire.

The bells are a nice ring of six, tenor 18 cwt., and it is hoped that some day two trebles will be added. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea by the churchwarden, H. F. Beales, esq., at The Duke of Wellington, where various touches were rung on the handbells.

### HANDBELL MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS.

MR. W. GORDON, of 44, Celtic Street, Stockport, has just published a splendid Christmas piece for handbell ringers, the title being as follows: "No. 196. Christians awake; and Hark! the Herald Angels sing." Arranged for six ringers, with two octaves of bells in G, also two Fs natural and two Cs sharp, 19 bells in all. This music is quite new, and is published at the low figure of 1s. 6d.

### A VACANT SITUATION.

The Rev. T. Lewis Jones, of St. David's Vicarage, Bangor, asks us to get him a Married man who is a good bellringer, to take a place at £1 a week. The nature of the work is cleaning carriages on the London and North-Western Railway at Bangor. It is a permanent job, and he can get one of the railway houses at 3s. 6d. per week; a good house, and very convenient. His age must be from say 20 to 35 or 40. It is necessary that the man should be able to come in four or five days. Mr. Jones will pay the railway journey (single fare), to any suitable man. The railway company require in all cases, the name of the last employer. It is necessary this situation is looked after at ONCE, or it will be filled up,





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**Miscellaneous.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Wednesday, November 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. N. Atkins, F. Sear, J. George composer, J. Sear, J. Higgins, E. Marks, H. Sear conductor, V. Sear. Rung on the occasion of the christening of the son and heir of the Rector, the Rev. F. W. and Mrs. Bennitt.

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

BARKSTON-LE-WILLOWS.—On Saturday, November 2nd, at St. Nicholas church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins. W. E. Woods, R. Hamilton, J. Atkinson, A. Mackears conductor, H. Barnes, F. Pickworth.

**THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

AUGHTON.—Recently, at Christ Church, for practice, 840 Stedman Triples. W. Fairclough, J. Eastham, W. Rimmer, C. Sharples, J. Marsh, J. Gardner, W. Bentham conductor, H. J. Morley. On Sunday, November 3rd, for evening service, 420 Stedman Triples. W. Fairclough, J. Eastham, W. Rimmer, C. Sharples, J. Marsh, J. Gardner, W. Bentham conductor, W. Gibbons.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

MAYFIELD (Sussex).—On Wednesday, October 30th, at the parish church, 840 Kent Treble Bob, in 35 mins. W. Brown, T. Lade, W. G. Paine, F. Eade, W. Bagley, A. R. Miles.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On Sunday evening, December 21st, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Dumper, G. Williams conductor, C. J. Fray, W. H. George, C. A. Valentine, W. T. Tucker.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

HYTHE (Kent).—On Sunday, December 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Prebble, A. Binfield, J. Mann, A. R. Manning conductor, P. W. Crunden, S. A. Gower, S. Binfield, B. B. Baker.

TUNSTALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 10th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major. J. Woodward, G. A. Smith conductor, A. Latham, H. Smith, W. Thompson, A. A. Clay, J. Godber, J. Johnson.

**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."*

**"LEGITIMATE METHODS."**

SIR,—I write to thank Mr. Rowe for the list of names supplied by him to some of the methods in the Report, but I must take exception to some of his statements. No. 2 page 8 must be Sandal Treble Bob, as it is a Treble Bob method, and cannot be an Exercise method on six bells, vide classification in preface. No. 13 page 24 must be Kent Delight, as it is a Delight method. No. 3 page 31 is, I believe, far older than "THE BELL NEWS." The absence of names is easily accounted for, the methods were all worked out from the tables which I published in "THE BELL NEWS" in less than a fortnight, but the collection of the names of those which had been previously published would have taken months, possibly years, but if other persons will supply the names of those which they know, as Mr. Rowe has done, they can be added when a reprint is called for; and anyone who rings any of the methods which are new is at liberty to give what name to them he pleases.

College Single in "Standard Methods" is really College Reverse, and the method given in the Collection is College Single. Omitting methods in which 5ths place is made when the treble is not in 6ths, the book contains every legitimate Minor method that has been produced or ever can be produced.

H. LAW JAMES.

P.S.—Standard Methods contains a large number of illegitimate methods.

#### "LONDON ROYAL."

SIR,—My friend Mr. May appears to be sorely hit in his unsuccessful attempt to land the first peal of London Royal in Bristol. I would remind him that such little reverses ought to tend to bring out the good points in a man, to put him on his mettle, and to spur him on to greater things. Why not rise to the occasion with London Maximus, instead of hitting out wildly at the men who have come out on top in the Royal incident. Does he think that by tearing the laurels from their heads he will bring much credit to himself? Does he think that some day they will adorn his own? Maybe he does. But I don't think he can find a band in Bristol who would help him to place them there under the circumstances. But as they are not torn off yet, nor does he give any reason why they should be I merely say that if Mr. May still persists in his attitude, he must bring good solid reasons to bear. Till he does it is not for us to set up a defence. Before leaving him I would remind him that the composition which he insinuates is not mine was rung as Cambridge Royal several years before 1904. Regarding my letter of June, 1904, asking him for the lead, has it not even occurred to him yet that I wanted it for comparison? When I found that the method they held was for Bristol eyes only, and that no competition was to be allowed, I considered it left me with a free hand. The London men ask me for my method, they got it without any restrictions, gave a fair field and won. If you want to belittle it, well there are more honourable ways which I have mentioned. You have the bells, men, and ability, what more do you want? The advent of the Rev. H. L. James in the field with his horse that would have surely won, and wants the race run over again to give him a chance, is amusing. I am getting used to these late assertions of his, and take them for what they are worth. His rules were made to suit his method, which method I consider is out of the question altogether, therefore unnecessary to discuss it any further. If he will kindly point out where I have departed from London, then I will talk to him. Comparisons drawn from his Mermaid with its London head and Treble Bob tail won't do for me.

G. LINDOFF.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—With regard to the question of the management of the Middlesex Association, which has lately come up in your paper, I have often thought how much better it would be if the energies of this Association were used for the development of change-ringing in the county of Middlesex (as against the county of London) rather than the engendering of bad feeling by encroaching upon a district which has been faithfully served for hundreds of years by the old London Societies.

It seems incongruous to hear of persons gushing over the antiquity of bells and the historic interest of change-ringing, when they are at the same time doing all they can to cut the ground from under the feet of our grand old London Societies, to whom (whatever feelings of enmity may exist to the present management), we owe so much for having kept up the continuity of change-ringing in the past.

As far as my experience goes of outlying parts of Middlesex, I should say they are entirely neglected by their County Association, to whom they have a right to look for support. In fact I think there is a very great need for a bona fide County Association whose object would be the advancement of change-ringing in Middlesex, and the endeavour to work harmoniously with Societies which existed before a Middlesex Association was formed.

Surely the first duty of an Association is the providing of instruction for districts where nothing but "stoney" ringing is to be found, rather than the ringing of peals by a clique recruited from other ringing societies. I could name numbers of towers in Middlesex where call-change ringing, or at the most change-

ringing in the most crude form, is only to be found, and yet I have never heard of any assistance being given by the county Association to which by rights they belong. It may be argued that parts to which I allude are too far afield for instruction to be given, and yet this has not been the case when it has come to a matter of peal ringing; these parts having been visited for peals at a time when instruction was actually being provided by a neighbouring county Association. Can anyone justify this as a correct state of affairs?

G. N. PRICE.

#### "POINTS FOR PEALS."

SIR,—In answer to the letters in yours of the 14th inst. I would like to say a few words. Firstly, in Mr. King's letter, he states that what I have previously written is slander. I deny that one word of my previous letter was slanderous, and Mr. King cannot truthfully refute one word or accusation made by me. May I ask what is the charge for an attempt for a peal at the churches of St. George and St. Giles', Camberwell? and who was the instigation of these charges? In one case 20s. is demanded for an attempt for a peal, and I ask is this fair to the majority of ringers? The same gentleman accuses me of jealousy, a thing I shall never be guilty of in connection with the Middlesex Association, but jealous I am to preserve and hand down to future generations the London Societies (with which I am proud to be connected) in the same or better condition than they have been passed down to us. Where, I ask, did Mr. King's satellites get their twelve-bell practice? With the London Societies! In fact I will go further and say that I can name instances of men being told—"Go up to St. Paul's and get some practice and we will then put you in a peal." Mr. King states that the peal ringers have rung at City churches for Divine Service upon Sundays, but I defy him to mention a single instance. They do no doubt ring for service at churches in the county of Middlesex, which I maintain is their proper sphere, leaving the London Societies to attend to the ringing in the Metropolis, as long as they are able to competently fulfil that duty without Mr. King's assistance.

Mr. Sharman asks for instances where the bells are rung for service without payment by London ringers, and I would inform Mr. Sharman that if he attends the meetings of London Societies (of which he is supposed to be a member) he will have the opportunity of hearing these Sunday meetings announced. Furthermore he asks where London Societies have been inconvenienced; he has only to refer to the 14th inst. (the date his letter was published) when a band of London ringers were supposed to attempt a peal at a church where the Middlesex Association had obtained permission, without any reference to the existing arrangements of the London band, with the consequence that the London band had to give way to the poachers.

There is no use mincing matters, so I will be quite outspoken, as I have a quantity of information on this subject to bring before the Ringing Exercise, but can only give it in instalments as the space in "THE BELL NEWS" is valuable. I might also inform Mr. King that I am quite capable of writing a polite letter to the incumbent of a church asking permission for the use of his bells (which is no news to London ringers who know me), but I am surprised at Mr. King making public his ignorance in this manner. I have neither distorted facts nor imputed improper motives, but the preservation of the London Societies, who handed down the Art to the present generation, is my sole object, but it seems that that of Mr. King is to wipe out all except the Middlesex Association. Furthermore the assertion has been made that what is paid to steeplekeepers is nothing to do with me, but it is to do with every London ringer, where those payments are the cause of closing the towers to them, as in the cases before mentioned, and numerous others which I shall mention later on. Mr. King has stated in your paper that he offers no financial benefits to his members, but I would ask that gentleman if all the members upon the books have paid (1) their entrance fee; (2) their annual subscription since? I will conclude by saying that my object is, not to pick a quarrel with Mr. King, but facts such as I have disclosed, and others I have yet to bring out, ought in the interests of the science to be made public property, although digressing from the original question of "points for peals," from which all this sprung.

EDWARD P. O'MEARA.

## Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 30th. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on financial matters, is now due, and should be paid before February 29th next.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Thomas's, Moorside, to-day, Sat., December 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. A good attendance requested. New prospects ready.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bramley on Saturday, January 4th. Bells (6), available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 7.30 p.m. at The Cardigan Arms.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, January 4th, at 3 p.m. Tea at Franklin's Restaurant, George Street.

REV. A. RUST, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Heavy Woollen District Society.**—The yearly meeting of the above society will be held at Dewsbury on Saturday, January 11th. Meeting-house—The Little Saddle inn. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Members are requested to attend, as there is some important business. Subscriptions are due at this meeting.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Aldenham on Saturday, January 11th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea at The Chequers at 5.30., at 9d. per head. All members and friends invited.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

## NOTE TO PEAL.

**THE PEAL AT OLDBURY.**—This peal was rung on the twentieth anniversary of the opening of the bells, and at the finish the ringers were invited down to The Bird-in-Hand hotel to partake of supper which had been provided for the celebration of the event, through the generosity of the Oldbury friends.

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## "PASSING."

With muffled knells ring out "07,"  
Its dying moments warning;  
And with glad peals ring in "08"  
On this, the New Year's morning.

How sad that music, wafted far,  
When all around seems sleeping,  
It sounds as bugle-calls from heaven,  
To warn us, life is fleeting.

The mournful notes peal from the tower,  
Then, answer, from the distance,  
It seems like messages, sent down  
From heaven, for our assistance.

It lifts our thoughts to that bright home,  
Where evil ne'er assaileth,  
But where, in peaceful bliss all dwell,  
And love o'er all prevaleth.

But hark! the bells sad sounds are stopped,  
Why does this stillness follow?  
It's like the stillness of the tomb,  
Where none a voice may borrow.

It tells the year is from us going,  
That year "1907."  
And in its place a new-born year,  
Comes as a gift from heaven.

The bells, they fire and praises shout,  
With joy their voices blending,  
They wake the sleepers from their dreams,  
That joyous music sending.

O'er hill and dale, the tidings roll,  
In country, town, and city,  
In homes, where peace and plenty reign,  
And those, which claim our pity.

We pray this new-born year will bring  
To each and all a blessing,  
To guard and shelter from all ill,  
All those Christ's Name professing.

May all past failures be forgiven,  
And sins committed, pardoned,  
And in this coming year, our hearts  
To Christian love, less hardened.

May heaven defend and shield each soul  
From Satan's drear confusion,  
And keep each waverer from the snare  
Of sinful pride's pollution.

May strength be given to battle strong,  
Where trials and doubts surround us,  
And keep us in that narrow path,  
Where naught shall there confound us.

And when our life's short year shall end,  
And death's dread form attend us,  
May God our Father help us then,  
And His bright hosts befriend us.

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## STEDMAN CATERS BROADSHEETS.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1907.

THE attitude taken in this paper concerning events at the village named Wootton Wawen, in the county of Warwick, has met with the approval of a great number of our readers, who have been amazed at the refusal of a generous proposal by some gentlemen to provide the necessary funds for putting the church bells into proper order, and increasing their number. Many are indignant that a church official, who certainly could not know anything of the necessities of a church tower, had been one of the means whereby the offer of such a desirable work had not been accepted. It will be a great pity if some measures are not immediately taken whereby the generous and pious offer may be revived. Many correspondents seemed to be aghast at the failure of such a movement, and express themselves on the subject in no mild phraseology.

One of the most enduring materials for the erection of memorials to the departed is church bells. Experience shows that stone or marble, or even stained glass windows, are not so lasting. There was a period, we think, when

the erection of bells in a church tower for this purpose was very favourably regarded, and it would be well if it gained more general approval in the present day. We will see what we can do in the way of printing one or more of our correspondents' letters upon this subject next week.

In wishing all our readers "A HAPPY NEW YEAR," we may hope with them that before 1908 is rung out, we may hear that the beautiful and interesting church at Wootton Wawen has a good ring of eight bells or more.

F. A. HOLDEN.—We have not the least idea.

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### The Metropolis.

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On Tuesday, December 17, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

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Rung on the fifty-first birthday of G. Barrell, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

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

On Saturday, December 21, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, COLEMAN STREET,

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

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES .. .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 6.
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#### CRAYFORD, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 12, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BROWNING .. Treble.	MARK JACOBS .. .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 6.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 3.	*HUBERT J. BLACKWELL .. 7.
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On Thursday, December 12, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR E. WHATMORE .. Treble.	WILLIAM POTTER .. .. 5.
WALTER J. BRETHERTON .. 2.	JOHN BASS .. .. 6.
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ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 4.	CHARLES F. WHITE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

#### HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 13, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

JOHN H. PAICE .. .. Treble.	BENJAMIN BASSETT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HILLMAN .. .. 2.	ARTHUR ARNELL .. .. 6.
ALFRED W. GROVES .. .. 3.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. 7.
GEORGE J. NORRIS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GILBERT .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDMUND H. LINDUP.

#### EYNSFORD, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. Treble.	*ISAAC EMERY .. .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 2.	FREDERICK DENCH .. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
HORATIO GUMMER .. .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

First Surprise peal on the bells. \*First Surprise peal.

#### NORTHAMPTON.

#### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

BERTIE O. SODEN* .. Treble.	*TOM TEBBUTT .. .. 5.
TOM HAYNES* .. .. 2.	JOHN METHERELL .. .. 6.
THOMAS HARRIS† .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FAREY .. .. 7.
ROBERT M. HOWARD* .. 4.	†HENRY BLUNDELL .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by J. METHERELL.

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

#### WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1907, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANK LUSH* .. .. Treble.	*JOHN MOTH .. .. 5.
SIDNEY J. RIDDELL .. .. 2.	BARZILLAI HAWKINS .. 6.
JAMES ABERY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HORNE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. PAICE* .. .. 4.	JOSEPH RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD, and Conducted by WM. HORNE.

\*First peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

SONNING, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 14, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT A. SAVAGE* .. .. Treble.	ALBERT E. REEVES .. .. 5.
SYDNEY FRANKLIN* .. .. 2.	*HENRY HAMMANS .. .. 6.
ARTHUR W. PIKE .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
JOHN WADHAMS .. .. 4.	*GEORGE E. BROWN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman Triples.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSETSHIRE.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
BROOK'S. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER APPERLEY .. .. Treble.	†CHARLES W. BELL .. .. 5.
GEORGE TEMPLE .. .. 2.	†HERBERT E. HOLDEN .. .. 6.
THOMAS F. KING .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. .. 7.
EDMUND KING† .. .. 4.	*ALFRED A. TOWNSEND .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

\*First peal, and was elected a member previous to starting. †First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Master Willie Prescott, the conductor's son, the band wishing him many happy returns.

ASTON MANOR, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1907, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.  
Tenor 22 cwt.

W. HENRY JONES .. .. Treble.	JAMES HOPKIN .. .. 6.
ALFRED T. HYLAND .. .. 2.	RICHARD HACKLEY .. .. 7.
JAMES JONES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS .. .. 8.
EDMUND J. HYLAND .. .. 4.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 9.
THOMAS COLLINSON .. .. 5.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal has the 6th twenty-four times at home both in the tittums and handstroke home positions, and was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Frank Bennett, a ringer at the above church, to Miss Annie Meade, of Shildon, which took place on that day, the ringers wishing them much happiness.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 9 cwt.

H. STANFORD .. .. Treble.	G. SKINNER .. .. 4.
C. STREET .. .. 2.	H. TULETT .. .. 5.
C. GOLDRING .. .. 3.	F. CHIPPER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. GOLDRING.

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(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. 5.
THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 2.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. .. 6.
JESSE MOSS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 7.
HARRY MOSS .. .. 4.	JOHN FLINT .. .. Tenor.

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

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the eldest daughter of Mr. A. Knights, who was interred on the above date.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. Treble.	JOHN JAGGAR .. .. 5.
JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 2.	REUBEN HALL .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. .. 3.	SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 7.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND  
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On Monday, December 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.  
Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM GOODMAN .. .. Treble.	THOMAS WATTON .. .. 6.
HERBERT SHEPPARD .. .. 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. .. 3.	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. .. 8.
WILLIAM MILLS .. .. 4.	ALFRED ROWLEY .. .. 9.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. .. 5.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT, and Conducted by S. SPITTLE.

Rung on the 71st birthday of S. Spittle, and as a birthday compliment to W. Micklewright.

PENDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lbs. in E.

FRANCIS SMITH .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. SHUKER .. .. 5.
ROBERT WALLWORK .. .. 2.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. .. 6.
JOSEPH TURNER .. .. 3.	SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. .. 7.
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM .. .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by H. CHAPMAN.

Rung in commemoration of the first anniversary of the new bells.

HYTHE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Tuesday, December 17, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

A. R. MANNING .. .. Treble.	S. A. GOWER .. .. 5.
A. BINFIELD† .. .. 2.	H. A. PELLIS .. .. 6.
JAMES MANN* .. .. 3.	STEPHEN BINFIELD .. .. 7.
W. SEELEY .. .. 4.	B. B. BAKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by STEPHEN BINFIELD.

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



## ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 17, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM WOODGATE .. 5.
GEORGE JAYE .. .. 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS .. 6.
HENRY F. COOPER .. .. 3.	WESLEY WATSON .. 7.
THOMAS E. LOOSEMORE .. 4.	ALFRED J. CARTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY F. DAWKINS.

\*First peal. Arranged for H. F. Cooper, Secretary of the south-eastern division of the above Association.

## PORTSEA, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 17, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

JOSIAH HARRIS .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 5.
HARRY NORTHFIELD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM LEBBON .. 6.
CHARLIE GROVES .. .. 3.	EDWIN J. HARDING .. 7.
ANDREW COLLINS .. .. 4.	*SIDNEY THOMAS .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN J. HARDING.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung to commemorate the opening of St. Wilfred's church by the Lord Bishop of Winchester on that day.

## SANDHURST, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 17, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent, one of Grandsire, and two of Plain Bob.

J. PITTS .. .. Treble.	H. WATTS .. .. 4.
C. DOE .. .. 2.	A. PAYNE .. .. 5.
M. GODDARD* .. .. 3.	J. MOTH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. MOTH,

\*First peal. First peal in four methods by all except Messrs. Moth and Watts.

## TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 20, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM PRITCHARD .. Treble.	*CHARLES PRICE .. 4.
ARTHUR J. GRIFFITHS .. 2.	WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. 5.
JOHN HAMMOND .. .. 3.	LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS .. Tenor.

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

\*First peal.

## ROLVENDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK JUDGE .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 5.
ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 2.	CHARLES H. SONE .. 6.
FREDERICK BURDEN .. 5.	GEORGE NEVE .. 7.
ROBERT EDWARDS .. 4.	ALFRED BLACKMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Burden.

## NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 21, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM LOWERY* .. Treble.	HENRY W. WILDE .. 5.
EDWIN H. LEWIS* .. 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. 6.
ROBERT SPERRING .. 3.	*JAMES MORGAN .. 7.
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Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

\*First peal in the method. First Surprise Major peal by the Guild.

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

On Saturday, December 21, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

THOMAS ROBINSON .. Treble.	THOMAS RICKETTS .. 5.
ALFRED LAWRENCE .. 2.	ERNEST BISHOP .. 6.
ROBERT W. HYNER .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
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Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

## CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

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On Saturday, December 21, 1907, in Three Hours,

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34265	-	-	-	-
35462	-	-	-	-
43562	-	-	-	-
54362	-	-	-	-
52463	-	-	-	-
45263	-	-	-	-
24563	-	-	-	-
23465	-	-	-	-
24365	-	-	s5	-
32465	-	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-	-
45362	-	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-	-

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54263	-	-	-	-
25463	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-
34562	-	-	-	-
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43652	-	-	-	-
64352	-	-	-	-
62453	-	-	-	-
46253	-	-	-	-
24653	-	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-	-
26453	s	-	-	-
42653	-	-	-	-
64253	-	-	-	-
63452	-	-	-	-
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53426	-	-	s	-
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25436	-	-	-	-
54236	-	-	-	-
25643	-	-	-	-
62354	-	-	-	-
63254	-	-	s	-
32654	-	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-	-
2654	-	-	s	-
36254	-	-	-	-
23465	-	-	-	-
34265	-	-	-	-
42365	-	-	-	-
43265	-	-	s	-
32465	-	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-
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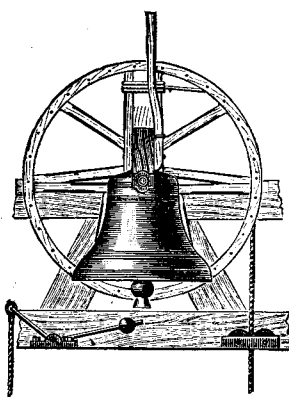
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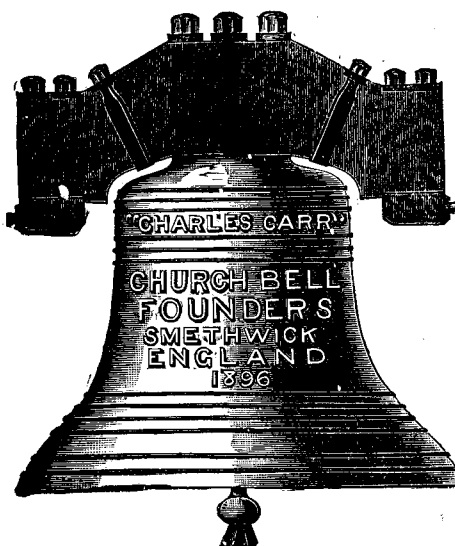
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