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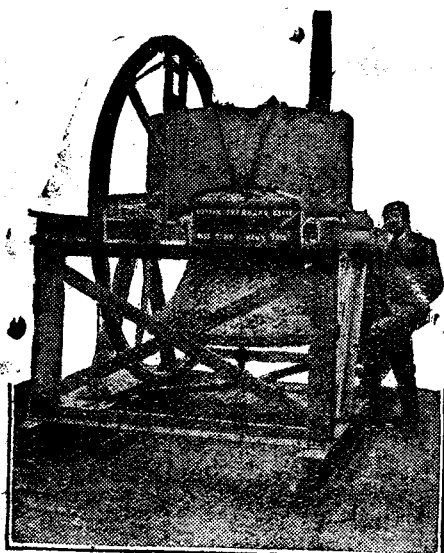
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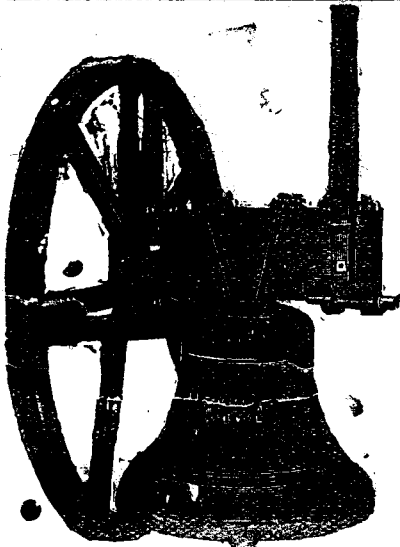
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## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the year of the Gloucester branch was held at Upton St. Leonards on Saturday, February 15th, 1908.

Service commenced at the Parish Church at 4.30 p.m., the intonation being taken by the Ven. Archdeacon Scobell and the address by the Rev. G. F. Helm (Archdeacon's curate).

After service, the Archdeacon kindly invited the members to tea (in the Parish Room), where, after forty-two had done justice to the bountiful provision made, he, in a short but impressive address, welcomed most heartily the Association to Upton.

Speaking feelingly of the absence through illness of the Ven. Archdeacon Hayward (chairman of the branch), it was resolved the Hon. Sec. write the Chairman expressing their condolence with him, and their earnest hope he would soon be well and strong again.

The business meeting followed, the Ven. Archdeacon Scobell being voted to the chair.

The Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the Charlton Kings meeting, which were duly signed, confirming the election of nine new members at that meeting, making a total of thirty-three new members for the year 1907 (including five honorary).

The Hon. Secretary submitted thirty-one names for membership, and one tower election was confirmed (thirty-two in all.)

It was resolved the towers of the Abbey, Tewkesbury, and Ruardean be affiliated, thus bringing back into the society the tower (the Abbey, Tewkesbury) of the birthplace of the Association. Members attended from Lydney, Bisley, Stroud, Painswick, Upton, Barnwood, Harfield, Minchinhampton, the Cathedral, and St. Michael's.

Several touches on the hand bells by Gloucester and Painswick friends, and tunes by Mr. James and Olney Thomas, Lydney, brought a pleasant and most successful meeting to a close, marred only by the absence of the Chairman and Master.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the north-western district of the above was held at Harlow on Saturday, February 29th, representatives being present from Sawbridgeworth, Great Totham, Stansted, Chelmsford, and Saffron Walden, with the local company.

Tea was served at St. Mary's Hall, the chair being occupied by the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Secretary of the Association, in the regretted absence, through illness, of the Vicar, the Rev. J. B. Andrews, Master of the district, who had kindly provided the repeat.

The subject of reduced railway fares was resumed from the last meeting, and it was considered it would be a fitting theme for discussion by the Central Council.

It was suggested that the next meeting should be held

at Newport in conjunction with Wenden, if suitable arrangements could be made.

Votes of thanks were accorded the chairman for his presence and for presiding, and the Vicar for his hospitality and the use of the bells.

The ringing included London and Superlative Surprise and Stedman and Grandsire.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Histon on Saturday afternoon, February 22nd. A meat tea was provided at The Bell inn at 5 o'clock, to which about twenty sat down. In the absence of the Vicar (Rev. W. C. Cooke) through indisposition, the chair was taken by Mr. W. Wolfe, leader of the local ringers.

Members were present from Cambridge, Ickleton, Over, Great Shelford, Great Chesterford, Sawston, and the locals. The minutes of the last district meeting were read and confirmed. Five new ringing members were elected, and one honorary member. It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Willingham on the first Saturday in July next. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

Mr. P. Webb (district secretary) said he should like to re-echo the words of their friend and neighbour, Mr. F. Pitstow, respecting the cheap fares for ringers. He hoped all ringers would agitate for it. The best thing, he thought, would be to bring the subject before the Central Council at their next meeting, to be held at Cambridge. It would be a great credit to the Ely Association if it could initiate a discussion upon the matter which, if the Council's action influenced the various railway companies in the wished-for direction, would be productive of much good to ringers of the working-class who cannot afford to pay the ordinary fare, although they would like often to attend a meeting.

During the afternoon only short touches were rung on the church bells, as they are not in good ringing order, although a nice little ring of six. A bellhanger is much needed there. Some touches were rung on handbells.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Thrapston branch of the above association was held at Twywell on Saturday, February 15th, when forty ringers were present from Thrapston, Islip, Woodford, Finedon, Cranford, Ringstead, Titchmarsh, Raunds, and the locals. The beautiful little ring of five bells were kept going until 4.30. Tea was provided in the institute, thirty-eight ringers sitting down. Following the tea a short business meeting was held, presided over by the Rector (Rev. W. W. Dennett). The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A little discussion took place about keeping the silver jubilee of the association, which falls during the first week in July. Mr. Nickerson proposed: "That a special meeting

be held at Raunds about Midsummer." This was seconded by Mr. Smeathers. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Great Addington.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Rector for the use of the bells and institute. The rev. gentleman, in reply, said he was pleased to meet the members of the association, because it was the first time a meeting had been held at Twywell, and he hoped it would not be long before they came again.

A vote of thanks was also passed to W. M. Plevins, esq., of Woodford House, for his presence with the ringers that afternoon. Mr. Plevins suitably replied, and promised to become an honorary member.

The rectory is well-known for its quiet and pleasant grounds; it being the place where the late General Gordon frequently visited. The organ is a memorial to that great and good man.

### CHRISTCHURCH (NEW ZEALAND) CATHEDRAL BELLRINGING SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the above society was held in the ringing-chamber on Tuesday, December 17th, 1907, at 8 p.m.

The President (Rev. Mr. Haggitt), occupied the chair, and the following members were present: Messrs. T. Biddle, E. Summerfield, L. Clark, S. Cooper, F. Woods, S. McKellon, W. Jones, A. Dunkley, and F. Parker.

The minutes of the half-yearly meeting were read and confirmed, and the balance-sheet (showing a credit balance of £6 2s. 2d.), and Secretary's report, were read and adopted.

The following officers were elected: Master—Mr. T. W. Biddle; Deputy-Master—Mr. A. Dunkley; Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. S. Cooper; Auditor—Mr. W. Saunders; Committee—Messrs. W. Jones, L. Clark, E. Summerfield, and S. McKellon.

It was decided that the society should donate a sum of £2 to the Papanui tower building fund.

It was proposed by the Rev. —. Haggitt, and seconded by Mr. Dunkley, "That this society place on record its sense of appreciation of the services rendered by the late Mr. John Andrews, during his term of office as a ringer, also a sense of deep regret at his decease."

The late Mr. Andrews was the first Master of this society, and always took a keen interest in ringing matters, and it was with sincere regret that the ringers heard of his death, which took place early in November.

It was also decided "that the late Mr. Andrews' name be handed down as a life member as long as this Society exists."

The meeting closed at 9.30, with a hearty vote of thanks to the chair.

EXETER.—On Sunday, January 19th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. F. Gardner, F. Davey conductor, C. Carter, A. W. Searle, E. Barter, H. B. Kindersley, J. Moss, W. Hoskins.

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### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The second anniversary of the restoration of the bells of Southover church was commemorated in the usual manner by the annual dinner of the Southover Guild at The King's Head, Southover, on Monday evening, February 24th, which went off with great success, and was much enjoyed by those participating in it. The company was a larger one than usual, and was under the presidency of the Rector (Rev. Harcourt S. Anson), the vice-chair being occupied by Mr. J. R. Lusted, a Vice-president and churchwarden. The Rev. D. Lee Elliott, a former Rector, sent a telegram wishing the Guild a pleasant evening. Mrs. Goldsmith provided an excellent repast. When half of the toast list had been gone through an interesting presentation took place, the members of the Guild having subscribed. Mr. Glandfield having spoken of the valued services of Mr. Ebrall as Secretary, asked the Rector to hand Mr. Ebrall a fine gold pendant in the shape of a miniature church bell, the work of Mr. G. H. Coldwell, Mirfield, Yorks. This bore the inscription: "H. H. Ebrall, Hon. Sec., a token of esteem from the Southover Bellringers' Guild, February 22nd, 1908."

The toast list was then proceeded with, after which a capital programme was gone through by the Captain, Messrs. White, Dawe, Richardson, Merritt, Tyler, and Meux, who presided at the piano, brought a very successful evening to a close.

E. J. P.

HORLEY.—On Wednesday, January 22nd, on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. William Deavin Graham, Vicar of Christ Church, Somers Town, and Louise, youngest daughter of Thomas Watkins Parrish, of Shrublands, Horley, 504 and 238 Grandsire Triples before the wedding, and a half-peal of Grandsire Triples and a 168 of eight Bob Triples after. A. Etheridge, N. Wakefield, J. Kenward, S. Kenward, P. Etheridge, N. Wakefield, J. Kenward, S. Kenward, P. Etheridge, G. Illman, A. Songhurst, J. Sherlock. On Sunday, January 26th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Etheridge, J. Kenward, N. Wakefield, S. Kenward, A. Songhurst, G. Illman, P. Etheridge, . Osborn.

SELBY (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 2nd, at 51, New Lane, 168 Grandsire Triples. A. Hall, 1-2; F. Cryer, 3-4; F. W. Stokes conductor 5-6; H. Fairlam, 7-8. On Sunday, February 2th, 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Hall, 1-2; F. Cryer, 3-4; F. W. Stokes conductor, 5-6; H. Fairlam, 7-8. Longest length of Grandsire Triples on handbells by all except the conductor. Handbell practice has been taken up since the destruction of the Abbey bells by fire on October 20th, 1906.

SEDBURGH (Yorks).—The following eight methods were rung for the eight services during February: February 2nd, 672 Bob Major and 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. February 9th, 672 Double Norwich and 672 Grandsire Triples. February 16th, 672 Superlative Surprise and 84 Stedman Triples (504 being false owing to a change course). February 23rd, 672 Duffield Major and 672 Double Oxford Major. W. Stainton, T. Sisson, E. Pennington, J. E. Senogles, H. Haresnape, W. Pennington, J. W. Pennington, G. F. Woodhouse conductor.

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

## LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

SIR,—The following is the result of an endeavour to solve the problem of finding a good method of London Surprise Royal:—

## HALF OF FIRST LEAD.

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Mr. Carter gave his diagram last week in a very ingenious way, and I quite agree that block c should be known as Royal, as the treble is never in such a position as she is here, viz., two pairs of bells each side of her while dodging in 5-6.

Now blocks A, B and E are London Surprise exact; in the D 3rds place is made in lieu of a full lead. I have always considered a slight division would be allowable here.

C (Royal) block. I have without any apology put adjoining places in 1-2, and at cross section between blocks B and C are the two places at such sections.

Real or pure London Royal Surprise is of doubtful attainment, and I think the slightest alteration which does not disturb or disfigure the leading features of the method will go a very long way towards gaining the object in view. H. DAINS.

## FALSE COMPOSITION.

SIR,—After the Rev. H. J. Pilkington's letter, the excuse put forward by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies seems to be a very feeble way of dodging the responsibility of the publishing of Mr. Dains's peal in the Central Council Collection. Neither he or Mr. Dains have the slightest recollection as to how it got there. Might I ask has Mr. Dains any recollection of me writing to him in regard to this peal a year or so ago, asking him to notify in "THE BELL NEWS" that it was false? As this was so short a time after the publication of this section of the Collection, Mr. Dains should have remembered how such stuff got there. This sort of thing tends to give one the opinion of the writer of "practical politics," who evidently was not far wrong in his remarks as to the use the Collection was put to. I might say Mr. Dains never answered me or corrected it. F. DEXTER.

## NOISY BELFRIES.

SIR,—I should be glad if W. Willson could give me some idea of the cost of a false ceiling to a belfry, and where the church of St. John the Divine, referred to in his letter in your issue of 18th January last, is situate.

FRANCIS SMILLITOE.

## THE FIRST SURPRISE MINOR PEAL BY WINCHESTER GUILD.

SIR,—I was much surprised to read footnote to the peal rang at West Clandon, and published in your last issue. Our friend Mr. Pulling is twenty years behind, and if he had only consulted some of the records, or older members of the Guild, he would have found that the first 5040 in seven Surprise methods on six bells by the Guild was rung at Capel on March 31st, 1888. Other Surprise peals followed on May 3rd and July 7th, 1888, this last 10,080 in fourteen methods including nine Surprises. Also on July 7th and 28th, 1889. These peals were all conducted by David Jordan. I may also add that the whole of the sixteen Surprise methods published in The Clavis have been rung at Capel.

G. WILLIAMS.

SIR,—I have been informed that the peal of Surprise Minor rung at West Clandon on February 15th is not the first in the Guild, so I must apologise to the Capel company who rang the first.

A. H. PULLING.

## BLINDFOLD CONDUCTING.

SIR,—The peal of Stedman Triples conducted in this manner on the 21st ult. by Mr. W. H. Barber, at Gateshead, seems to me to demand more than passing notice. The composition is one which is not easy to conduct off a non-observation bell, even with eyes open, and the way in which he not only conducted the peal but also struck his bell correctly, and, in one or two instances of trips, put the negligent ringer right in a moment was simply marvellous. I may remark that in the course of the peal he turned almost completely round. He certainly deserves every credit for such a clever performance.

WM. STORY.

## INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—I would like to ask you or some of your experts if the six-bell method called New London Pleasure is really a legitimate one? At any rate, I think it ought not to be encouraged as such, for I believe all the changes of New London can be consecutively rung by ringing Violet and Violet Bob. RINGER.

SIR,—Will Mr. Willson please give us the names of the persons he refers to in connection with the Central Council peal collections?

OLD RINGER.

## REPLY TO MR. CLAYDON.

SIR,—In your issue of February 15th B. Claydon asks for information with regard to blocks being placed in ringing chambers for heavy bells. I think there are two reasons. First in raising heavy bells in peal (which I am sorry to say is little practised in these days) it generally takes the strength of two men to do it with any amount of ease, and if one man stands higher than the other they both can grip the rope to apply their strength without being in each other's way. The same can be applied in falling. Secondly, heavy bells have much larger wheels than small ones, and therefore require more rope, which, unless a block is used, is often seen dangling about the ringer's feet, and by chance may get under his foot and throw him head over heels. I have seen this done more than once, but if the ringer is on a block the loose rope is below his feet, and there is not so much fear of an accident. For my part I like to ring on a block, especially if ringing the tenor bell.

W. NEWELL.

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COLNE EGAINE (Essex).—On Sunday evening, February 9th, a date touch of 1908 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins., being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 468 Plain. S. Burst, J. Flenty, W. Burst, H. Claydon, G. Arnold, E. Ridgwell.

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, December 15th, for Divine Service at All Hallows Barking, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins. A. Scambler, S. Dodington, W. H. Taffender, E. J. Webb, J. Scholes, W. Truss, T. H. Taffender, A. Joyce. On Sunday evening, January 19th, for Divine Service at St. Stephen's Coleman Street, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. A. T. Gardner, S. F. Weatherston, T. H. Taffender, G. F. Woodage, C. J. North, C. Burden, W. H. Taffender, S. Dodington.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PULFORD.—On Saturday, February 1st, for practice at the parish church, 448 and 672 Superlative Surprise Major. J. V. Wright, G. Jones, R. Sperring, H. W. Wilde, W. T. Pegler, J. Morgan, E. H. Lewis, A. E. Pegler conductor. First touch in the method by J. V. Wright and G. Jones, and first of Superlative on the bells. 210 Double Oxford Bob Triples. J. V. Wright, W. T. Pegler, R. Sperring, G. Jones, H. W. Wilde conductor, J. Morgan, E. H. Lewis, A. E. Pegler. First touch in the method by all the band. A course of Double Oxford Bob Major and two courses of Duffield Major, the ringers standing as above, these being the first touches in the methods on the bells.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURFORD (Oxon).—On Sunday, February 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. F. Soden, E. Aldridge, G. Large, H. Barrett, B. Bishop, T. Bond, W. Large conductor, G. Parker.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Saturday, February 1st, at St. Michael's church, 560 Double Norwich Major. F. Paskins, H. W. Wilkes, C. A. Valentine, A. Martin Stewart, W. T. Tucker, W. H. George, G. Williams conductor, F. S. Bayley. 224 in the same method and several courses. These touches were the result of the first Double Norwich practice held at the above church, and are the first in the method on the bells and longest touch by ringers of 1, 3, 4, 5, 6.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAYTHORPE.—On December 24th, at the parish church, 882 Grandsire Triples. A. C. Stokes, J. P. Paley, jun., J. P. Paley, sen., T. Cragg, P. J. Stokes, J. Cragg conductor, A. Mackears, H. F. Hunt. At the School House on December 25th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. P. J. Stokes, F. W. Stokes conductor, J. Cragg. At Church Street, on December 29th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. P. J. Stokes, F. W. Stokes conductor, A. Cragg.

BOTTESFORD (Leicestershire).—On Thursday, December 26, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 42 mins. J. Hoyes, J. P. Paley, sen., A. Mackears, J. Cragg, P. J. Stokes, J. P. Paley, jun., F. W. Stokes conductor, H. F. Hunt. On handbells, 720 Bob Minor. P. J. Stokes, A. Mackears, F. W. Stokes conductor, J. Cragg, J. P. Paley, jun.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

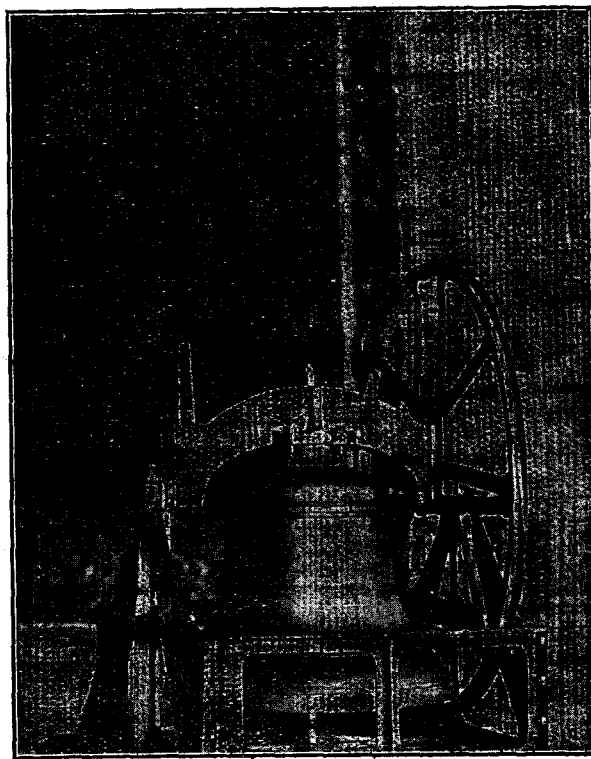
FORNINGHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, February 2nd, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 41 mins. F. Mason, J. Couchman, S. Mason, A. Bailey, E. Bates conductor, A. Bates. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Bates, this being his first quarter-peal as conductor. The local band, together with the churchwardens, were entertained to dinner by the Vicar, the Rev. L. A. Williams, on Tuesday, January 28th, when fourteen sat down to a good repast. After

dinner the handbells were rung to the tune of Grandsire and Minor, and an entertainment by magic lantern was given. The Vicar said how pleased he was with the good work done by the ringers during the past year, and hoped they would do as well in the future. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Williams brought a pleasant evening to a close.

MIDDLEHAM (Yorks).—The 17th of February was the birthday anniversary of the Rev. H. Topham, Rector, and in honour of the day the members of St. Alkeda's Guild rang at the parish church 720 each of Kent and Violet Treble Bob. The following took part: Messrs. Collinson, Croft, Sykes, Sarginson, Pauli, Parrish, Peacock and Clarkson.

TUNSTALL (Steffordshire).—On Sunday, February 9th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major. J. Darlington, G. A. Smith, W. Thompson, A. Clay, J. Johnson, J. Ridyard, J. Godber, R. Ridyard conductor.

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## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on March 17th; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 9th and 23rd; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 19th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side, on the 10th and 24th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 26th; all at 8 p.m.

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

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly and special meeting will be held at Portishead to-day, Saturday, March 7th. Service in the parish church at 4 p.m. Tea at the Cafe at 4.45. Business meeting to follow.

Tannton. E. E. BURGESS, Hon. Sec.

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting will take place at Ecclesfield to-day, Saturday, March 7th. Members please note.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, Hon. Sec.

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—A meeting of the North and East District of this Association will be held at St. George's-in-the-East to-day, Saturday, March 7th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. F. J. St. John Corbett). The bells will be raised at 3 p.m. There will be a short service at 4.30 p.m. An arrangement will be made to provide tea, if a sufficient number of ringers will kindly notify their intention of being present. Please note the change of date from February 29th to March 7th, which has been unavoidable.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Furness Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Kendal to-day, Saturday, March 7th. Meeting in the Kirkland School at 5 p.m. Bells (10), available all day.

W. ROBINSON, Branch Sec.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.** The monthly ringing meeting will be held at St. John's church, Longton, to-day, Saturday, March 7th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Committee meeting in the upper vestry at 4.30 p.m. Unveiling of peal-board at 5.30 p.m. Tea in the schools at 6 p.m. Service in church at 7.30 p.m.

REV. E. V. COX, } Hon. Secs.  
J. JOHNSON, }

**The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley to-day, Saturday, March 7th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready at 4.30. Tea at 6. Members intending being present please send word to

WALTER HUGHES, Sec.  
35, Church Road, Garston.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, March 14th. Bells at 5. Meeting at 7. W. SHUKER, Br Sec.

**The Sussex County Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rye, on Saturday, March 14th. Tower open at 3. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. A. P. Howes), at 5. Short service at 6. It is requested that those members intending being present should notify same to me not later than Wednesday, March 11th.

G. WATSON, Hon. Sec.

Vale Road, St. Leonards.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells ready at 4 p.m. A good attendance requested. Business important.

JAS. JACQUES, Sec.

**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, March 21st. Tower open at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 6. Half railway fares up to 2s. will be paid.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**The London County Association** late the St. James's Society.—The bells of St. Clement Danes, Strand, will be tried on Monday next, March 9th, at 7.45, after rehanging, quarter-turning, etc., by Messrs. Warner, and the usual practice resumed until 9.45 p.m. The monthly business meeting will afterwards take place at The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, at 9.45 p.m.

T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.

5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL** (reported last week).—This peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to P.C. Newton, of the City Police Force, the genial conductor of the Town Hall band (who by the way are all members of the force). He himself was however crowded out of the peal, so many friends having turned up to do him honour, representative of many parts of the county, viz., Liverpool, Hale, Oldham, Worsley, etc. After the peal an adjournment was made to the Town hall kitchen, where friend Newton had provided an ample tea for his friends and which was done full justice to by all. The usual compliments were passed to the giver, with the wish that he may have many more such gatherings in the future.

**THE PEAL AT GATESHEAD.**—This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble; also to Miss Stuart, the tower-keeper's eldest daughter. During the ringing of this peal the conductor completed a circle round the rope, finishing in the same position as at the start. By way of variation this composition was commenced at the 55th course, starting from rounds with a full slow six. Mr. Jack Foreman acted as referee, and ticked off the calls and course-ends of a well-struck peal.

**THE PEAL AT BIRMINGHAM.**—This peal was arranged for Mr. and Mrs. Restall, this being the third anniversary of their wedding-day. After the peal the ringers were entertained by them to a most substantial dinner, which was thoroughly enjoyed, course after course coming up splendidly. After the cloth was removed, the rest of the evening was spent in harmony and short touches on the handbells. Before departing, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. and Mrs. Restall for their kind hospitality, and wishing them both health and happiness for a good many more anniversaries. It may be stated that Mrs. Restall herself is a

ringer, having managed to ring the treble through a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles on the tower bells.

**THE PEAL AT WORKTOP.**—S. Thomas's 101 Peals.—Six Treble Bob Minor methods 1; Grandsire Triples 6, conducted 4; Stedman 11, conducted 5; Bob Major 3, conducted 2; Double Norwich 12, conducted 9; Forward 2, conducted 2; Kent 18, conducted 6; Cambridge 1; London 1, conducted 1; Peterborough 2, conducted 2; Superlative 9, conducted 6; Yorkshire 9, conducted 7; Grandsire Caters 2; Stedman 5, conducted 2; Bob Royal 2; Double Norwich 3, conducted 2; Kent 8, conducted 2; Oxford 2; Stedman Cinques 2; Kent Maximus 2. Total 101; conducted 50.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 1908.

THE appearance of no less than forty-one peal records in this number is a sufficient proof that peal-ringing is as popular as ever, in fact, it may safely be asserted that never were there so many rung as now. This is made plain because of our present inability to keep abreast of their publication. The present season, however, may see a temporary falling-off of such performances.

## The Metropolis.

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Conducted by J. T. PERRY.

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JOSEPH PENNINGTON .. .. 3.	GEORGE PINCOTT .. .. 7.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. .. 4.	RICHARD LINDLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

## BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 19, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

CADWALLADER WILLIAMS .. Treble.	ALBERT J. HUGHES .. .. 5.
MORRIS J. MORRIS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. .. 6.
DAVID T. HUGHES .. .. 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. 7.
JAMES H. MIDWINTER .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM CRANE, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

\*First peal of Stedman.

## DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 19, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE B. BOLLAND .. Treble.	JAMES H. MAWSON .. .. 5.
ALBERT SCOTT .. .. 2.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 6.
JOHN LAWSON .. .. 3.	FRANCIS BARKER .. .. 7.
JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 4.	SIDNEY C. CLARK .. .. Tenor.

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

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late B. F. Lamb, whose remains had been interred during the afternoon.

## WORTLEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 20, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT RUFFELLS .. .. Treble.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. .. 5.
ARCHIE BREARLEY .. .. 2.	JOHN PARKIN .. .. 6.
DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 3.	JOHN R. BREARLEY .. .. 7.
JOHN DRONFIELD .. .. 4.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

## STEBBING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by E. CLAYDON.

\*First peal with a bob bell.

### HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 20, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR H. TOOK .. .. 5.
E. PERCY FOREMAN .. .. 2.	JAMES HOWARD .. .. 6.
ALBERT LEE .. .. 3.	EDWARD CHATTEN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PIERCE .. .. 4.	FREDERICK W. WATLING Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to A. H. Took.

### GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 21, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; CARTER'S ODD-BOB-ONE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH ROWELL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. .. 5.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 3.	ROBERT RICHARDS .. .. 7.
C. CAREW COX .. .. 4.	JOHN STUART .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER (blindfold.)

Reference elsewhere.

### STOKE, COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(THE STOKE SOCIETY.)

On Friday, February 21, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Taylor's. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

EDWARD H. JOHNSON .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM MAUND .. .. 5.
STEPHEN J. HOPE .. .. 2.	*JOHN G. FENNELL .. .. 6.
ARTHUR W. FLOWERS .. .. 3.	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. .. 7.
FREDERICK G. VILES .. .. 4.	*GEORGE WEBSTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. F. SMALLWOOD.

\*First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor. First peal of Triples on the bells. Rung as a wedding compliment to Joshua Perkins, Esq., the donor of the bells. First peal by the above Guild.

### PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS)

On Saturday, February 22, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM STAITE .. .. 6.
JESSE GILLET .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HALE .. .. 7.
THOMAS BALDWIN .. .. 3.	HUBERT SCRIVENS .. .. 8.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 4.	FRANK COLE .. .. 9.
AUSTIN GWINNETT .. .. 5.	WILLIAM BATEMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rang after meeting one short for Grandsire Cinques.

### ASHTED, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

DR. CARPENTER'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTAN'S

JOHN BRAMS .. .. Treble.	JOHN HOYLE .. .. 5.
HARRY G. BRAMS .. .. 2.	CHARLES E. READ .. .. 6.
HENRY CORBETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 7.
EDWARD T. GROVE .. .. 4.	DAVID ANSCOMBE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BRAMS.

### HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being forty-two 6-score.

Tenor about 11 cwt.

WILLIAM SAGE* .. .. Treble.	†ALLEN JAMES .. .. 4.
WILLIAM WHITEHEAD .. .. 2.	FREDERICK G. VILES .. .. 5.
EDWARD H. JOHNSON† .. .. 3.	GEORGE WEBSTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. G. VILES.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal on the bells after being rehng by Messrs. Barwell, the "go" being excellent. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of J. Hurst, one of the local ringers.

### DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1908, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON .. .. Treble.	JOHN FLOWER .. .. 5.
THOMAS STIMPSON .. .. 2.	FRANCIS H. KAY .. .. 6.
HERBERT DAY .. .. 3.	FRED WATKINSON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM G. CHRISTIAN .. .. 4.	HERBERT FRETWELL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

### CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 22, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 33 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING .. .. Treble.	JAMES V. WRIGHT .. .. 5.
GEORGE JONES .. .. 2.	JAMES MORGAN .. .. 6.
HENRY W. WILDE .. .. 3.	*WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. .. 7.
THOMAS NEWALL .. .. 4.	*ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES MORGAN, and Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\*Proposed members before starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Rowlands, of Wrexham. Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

### EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ROBERT MILES .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR T. WINTER .. .. 6.
FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER* 2.	HARRY WABBURTON .. .. 7.
CHARLES E. JOYNES .. .. 3.	GEORGE R. WINTER .. .. 8.
GEORGE W. D. METCALFE 4.	JOSEPH B. JOYNES .. .. 9.
ERNEST COLLINGBURN .. .. 5.	*GEORGE WILSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and  
Conducted by JOSEPH B. JOYNES.

\*First peal of Caters. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Mason.

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

On Saturday, February 22, 1908, 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.

G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.* .. Treble.	C. A. VALENTINE .. .. 5.
A. E. LOCK .. .. 2.	*W. H. HOLIFIELD .. .. 6.
HARRY HOLIFIELD .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. .. 4.	FREDERICK WHITE, JUN. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman.

## WESTON, BATH, SOMERSET.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SEERS * .. Treble.	*CHARLES W. BELL .. .. 4.
HERBERT E. HOLDER .. 2.	ALBERT E. SEERS, JUN. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 3.	*THOMAS F. KING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. SEERS.

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

## WORKSOP, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

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

GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. Treble	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 5.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 6.
JESSE MOSS .. .. 3.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 7.
HARRY MOSS .. .. 4.	SAM THOMAS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

First Snprise peal, and quickest peal on the bells; also the conductor's roist peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

## WRAGBY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Trebles, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES J. SALLAWAY .. Treble.	THOMAS HEPWARTH .. .. 4.
SAMUEL ODDY .. .. 2.	GEORGE BOLLAND .. .. 5.
EDWARD ODDY .. .. 3.	HENRY ODDY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

First peal by the Association on the bells in seven different methods.

## THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lbs.

MISS LINDA KINGSFORD* Treble.	HENRY STUBBS .. .. 5.
THOMAS JERVIST .. .. 2.	DANIEL REDHEAD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 3.	FREDERICK GILBERT .. 7.
LEONARD J. WYMAN .. 4.	JAMES M. NICKERSON .. Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and  
Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.

\*First peal. †First peal on eight

## BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BOLNEY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 22, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JOHN KING .. .. Treble.	W. HARRY PACKHAM .. 5.
WILLIAM WHEELER .. .. 2.	GEORGE WALDER, JUN. .. 6.
THOMAS GASSON .. .. 3.	WARDEN WALDER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM VINCENT .. .. 4.	GEORGE PACKHAM .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WALDER, JUN.

J. King, for whom this peal was arranged, is in his 73rd year.

## TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT* .. Treble.	FREDERICK BUTCHERS .. 5.
EDWIN LAMBERT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM LATTER .. .. 6.
STEPHEN PERKINS .. .. 3.	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 7.
JIM BEACH .. .. 4.	*THOMAS LAMBERT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

\*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the 6th and 7th ringers.

## COLNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN FOULDS .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH GOTM .. .. 5.
ALFRED BROOKS .. .. 2.	ABRAHAM LANE .. .. 6.
EDWARD MALLINSON .. 3.	WILLIAM MALLINSON .. 7.
ROBERT FOULDS, JUN. .. 4.	WILLIAM MEATON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by WILLIAM MALLINSON.

Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Robert Foulds, Bob Major being his favourite method.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN GOODENOUGH .. Treble.	CHARLES COX .. .. 5.
CHARLES MOULDEN .. .. 2.	JOHN SWAIN .. .. 6.
ALFRED W. REEVES .. 3.	ALFRED WATMORE .. .. 7.
WALTER WEBB .. .. 4.	ERNEST W. MENDAY .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and Conducted by E. W. MENDAY.

## EYNSFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

ALBERT BATES .. .. Treble.	JOHN EMERY .. .. 5.
ISAAC EMERY .. .. 2.	HUBERT J. BRACKWELL .. 6.
GEORGE KITE .. .. 3.	ROBERT BRETT .. .. 7.
REUBEN BALDWIN .. .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by C. W. CLARKE, and Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE.

## NEWTON HALL, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM URWIN .. Treble.	JOSEPH SYMM .. .. 4.
JAMES ROBERTSON .. .. 2.	EDWARD LOWERY .. .. 5.
HAROLD WHITE .. .. 3.	JAMES SYMM .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES SYMM.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the 4th ringer.

**H**ANDBELL MUSIC.—Write to W. GORDON, of Stockport,  
The largest and best selection in the world,

### HOLME LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S, TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN .. Treble.	THOMAS WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 2.	ALBERT E. HURCOMBE .. 6.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 3.	THOMAS LEWIS .. .. 7.
FRANCIS S. WILSON .. .. 4.	*HENRY TAYLOR .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th; also on the occasion of the wedding of General Botha's sister. Messrs. Brighton and Wilson were elected members of the Guild previous to starting.

### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 24, 1908, in Three Hours.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

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

RICHARD F. LANE .. .. Treble.	*JOSEPH DAVIES .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 2.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 6.
HARRY WHITTLE .. .. 3.	*ERNEST ABBOTT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PERVIN .. .. 4.	EDWARD READER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT, and Conducted by E. READER.

\*First peal in the method.

### LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE. CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Monday, February 24, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

W. DYER .. .. Treble.	W. TOWNSHEND .. .. 5.
G. H. PHILLOTT .. .. 2.	*R. HEMMING .. .. 6.
G. PEARCE .. .. 3.	*J. BALLINGER .. .. 7.
F. CAUDLE .. .. 4.	W. BUSH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. BALLINGER.

\*First peal of Triples. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal in any method as conductor.

### CHIPPING NORTON, OXON. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 24, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
VICARS'S SIX-PART.

ARTHUR G. NEWMAN .. Treble.	JAMES H. JARVIS .. .. 5.
ALBERT S. NEWMAN .. .. 8.	JOHN F. BARLOW .. .. 6.
DANIEL G. COOMBS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM GIBBS .. .. 7.
HUBERT E. COOK .. .. 4.	FREDERICK CANDY, SEN. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN F. BARLOW.

First peal in the method on the bells since restoration, and first peal by an entirely local band.

### BAMPTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 24, 1908, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HARRY BROOKS .. .. Treble.	THOMAS BULL .. .. 5.
ALBERT BROOKS .. .. 2.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 6.
JOHN RICHARDS .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN MONK .. .. 4.	JESSE BROOKS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

### CLANFIELD, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 25, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

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

SAMUEL EARLES† .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK POUNDS .. .. 5.
REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. .. 2.	†HARRY WHEELER .. .. 6.
FREDERICK FARMER† .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN MONK .. .. 4.	†GEORGE CLARKE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

†First peal in the method.

### NORWICH.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 25, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

DOURO T. POTTER .. .. Treble.	GEO. P. BURTON .. .. 5.
FRANK H. PHILLIPS* .. 2.	CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 6.
HARRY J. BORRETT .. .. 3.	CHAS. W. BULLEN .. .. 7.
EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 4.	JNO. E. BURTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JNO. E. BURTON.

\*First peal on eight bells. Rung on the middle eight.

### FORESTERS' PEAL.

#### EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 25, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

ALBERT HARFFEY .. .. Treble.	ALFRED MIDMORE .. .. 5.
ARTHUR GOWER .. .. 2.	GEORGE H. HOWSE .. .. 6.
CHARLES HARFFEY .. .. 3.	JOSEPH SHARP .. .. 7.
GEORGE PENFOLD .. .. 4.	CHARLES LEWIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. H. HOWSE.

Six of the band are members of Court Garibaldi, 51793; C. Lewis, Court Star; G. Penfold, Court Pevensey Castle.

### Handbell Peals.

#### WHITLEY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 17, 1908, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF T. T. GOFTON,

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

THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 1-2.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. 5-6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 3-4.	*R. ALDER GOFTON .. 7-8.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

\*First peal in the method on handbells.

### BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, February 21, 1908, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HARRY MOSS .. .. 1-2.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 5-6.
WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 3-4.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 7-8.

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

Umpire—Jesse Moss.

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### Obituary.

#### J. MARRIOTT, OF ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

By the death of the above at the age of eighty, the Central Northamptonshire Association has lost one of its oldest honorary members. He was an ardent change-ringer in his younger in his younger days, and all his life through he had been very enthusiastic in everything connected with bells. He was for upwards of twenty-five years churchwarden of Isham church, and it was largely owing to his enthusiasm that the restoration of the Isham church bells was taken in hand. Now in place of four bells—three cracked, and a dilapidated dangerous wooden frame, the belfry contains a musical ring of six, hung in a steel frame. The treble bell of the peal was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Marriott in memory of their parents, and the work

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#### KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.

The members of the St. Margaret's and St. Nicholas Junior Guild held their first annual dinner on Wednesday, January 29th, at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association. An excellent repast was provided by Mrs. Markwell and Mrs. Smith, assisted by Mrs. Sedgley and Miss Ethel Smith, the expenses being defrayed by the Guild. The toasts were—"Their Majesties, the King and Queen and Royal Family (Mr. E. T. Smith, Secretary); "The Vicar and Clergy" (Mr. A. Fruin, Captain); "The Guild" (Mr. A. Markwell, Master; "Campanalogy" Mr.

J. W. Sedgley; "The Ladies" Mr. A. Fruin; "The Officers of the Guild" (Mr. L. Hammond). A thorough enjoyable evening was spent, and the company dispersed toward midnight, lustily singing Auld Lang Syne.

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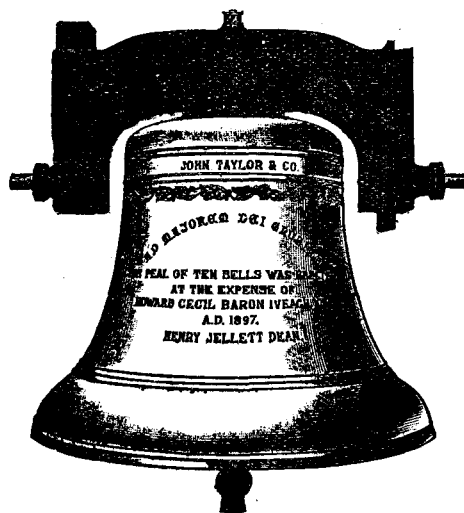
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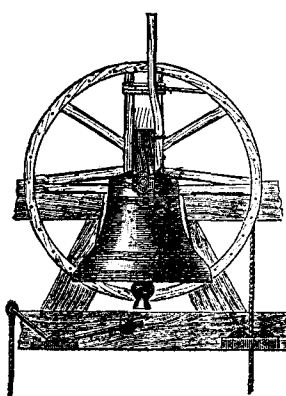
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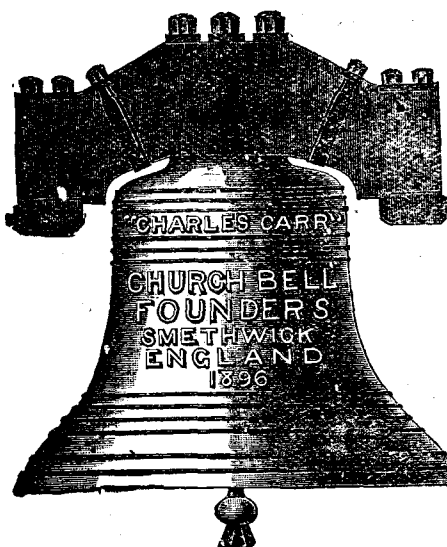
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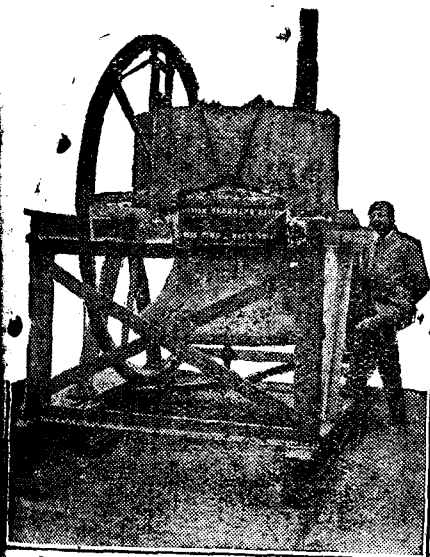
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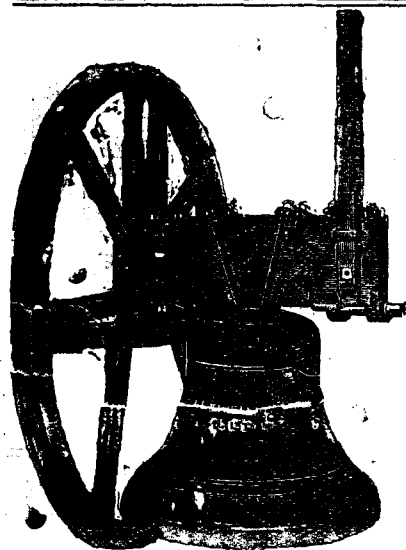
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## THE BELLS OF HASLEMERE, SURREY.

The two new bells which have just been added to the six in the belfry of the parish church at Haslemere, were dedicated by the Bishop of Dorking on Wednesday evening, February 26th, in the presence of a large congregation. The half-dozen old bells had done service for some thirty-seven years, and the desire to add the remainder had been spoken of from time to time. Eventually an anonymous donor generously gave one of the two, and the cost of the other was met by subscription. All the bells had to be rebung, and the total cost of the undertaking, including that of the presentation bell, came to £150, practically all of which has been raised. The work was executed by Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel.

A shortened form of evensong was gone through, the clergy taking part being the Rector and the Revs. A. M. Watson and R. F. Cardale. During the hymn, "Angel voices ever singing," the choir went in procession to the west end, after the hymn the Bishop dedicated the bells. Immediately afterwards the bells were rung out joyously for a short time, and at the conclusion of the service his lordship entered the ringing-chamber, and heartily shook hands with the ringers, congratulating them on the successful event they were celebrating.

Following the above service of dedication, the Guildford district of the Winchester Diocesan Guild held a quarterly meeting at Haslemere on Saturday, February 29th, when despite the wretched weather, between forty and fifty ringers attended from Bramley, Chiddingfold, Clandon, Dunsfold, Ewhurst, Farnham, Godalming, Guildford, Shalford, and Witley, in addition to the local band. A service was held in the church, the Rector giving a discourse on the words—"What mean ye by this service?"

The ringers afterwards sat down, at the invitation of the Rector, to a knife-and-fork tea in the school hall, and this was followed by the business meeting. The question of a presentation to the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, late general secretary, who left the diocese recently, was postponed to the May meeting at Farnham. A proposition by Mr. C. Wilshire that a ringing-master be appointed to have control of the ringing at the quarterly meetings, and to prepare a report on peals rung during each quarter, was carried unanimously, and Mr. A. H. Pulling was appointed until the annual meeting in November.

Sixteen new members, representative of nearly all the towers in the district, were elected. Stedman Caters was decided upon as the next quarterly peal, at St. Nicolas's church, Guildford, with Mr. Pulling as conductor.

Mr. F. E. Dawe proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, which was accorded musical honours. The Rector, in acknowledging the compliment, said that he had thoroughly enjoyed himself. Though that was the first time he had had the pleasure of welcoming the ringers to Haslemere since he had been Rector, he hoped it would not be the last.

During the visit ringing in various methods took place

on the augmented peal, and a very pleasant time was spent.

On the following Tuesday evening the opening peal—Stedman Triples—was rung. The record of this performance will be found in its proper place.

## THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

A very successful meeting of this society was held at the church of All Saints, West Ham, Essex, on Saturday, February 22nd, when despite the inclemency of the weather, some thirty odd members and friends put in an appearance. The bells were raised at 3.45, and various touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters rung until five o'clock, when an adjournment was made to the Meeson Hall, where a capital tea was in readiness.

A short business meeting was afterwards held, the Master (Mr. A. Jacob) presiding. On the proposition of Mr. F. Bennett, Mr. G. R. Simmonds was elected a member of the society. Lewisham and Walthamstow were proposed by Mr. G. Card and E. Poll respectively for the next meeting to be held. On a vote being taken Lewisham was carried by a majority of three. The hon. Secretary said he hoped to be able to arrange these meetings every quarter, the Lewisham meeting would be either the third or fourth Saturday in May, when he trusted all members would endeavour to attend.

Mr. E. F. Cole then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for placing the bells at the disposal of the society that day, coupling with it the name of Mr. W. Doran, the genial steeplekeeper, for the thorough way he had done his part in making the meeting a success.

A return was then made to the tower, and the bells kept going in Stedman Caters, Treble Ten, and Cambridge Surprise till 8.30, when the company adjourned to The King's Head, where a very enjoyable social was held, songs being given by Messrs. Weatherstone, Doran, Shimmans, Hayes, Margetson, etc., interspersed with selections on the fine-toned peal of handbells of the West Ham company. The proceedings were brought to a close shortly before eleven o'clock, with the singing of the National Anthem, one and all expressing the wish that this was only the first of a series of such gatherings.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the North Bucks. branch was held at Chicheley on Saturday, February 29th, when forty-seven ringers were present from the following towers: Astwood, Bletchley, Calverton, Chicheley, Clifton Keynes, Emberton, Milton Keynes, Newport Pagnell, North Crawley, Olney, Shenley, Sherington, and Tyringham. The tower was open for ringing at 2 o'clock, and before 3 o'clock a considerable company had assembled, and some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung before service.

At 3.30 a service was held, conducted by the Vicar of Chicheley, the lesson being read by the Rev. G. F. Sams (rural dean), and the preacher, the Rev. H. C. Bell, who

delivered a most helpful and appropriate address. Other local clergy attended, with the Rev. C. W. Jenkyn (deputy-Master of the guild), and Mr. F. W. Booth, hon. sec.

After service the clergy and ringers were kindly entertained to tea in the schoolroom by the Vicar, fifty-eight sitting down. This over, the business meeting was held, the Rev. J. R. Vincent, president, in the chair. The hon. sec. read the minutes of the last meeting, which were passed and signed. The chief item on the agenda was the alteration of date for the annual meeting; in the end it was resolved not to alter it, so the next annual meeting will be at Shenley on June 7th. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his kindness in providing tea, making arrangements, and allowing the use of his tower, also to the Rev. H. C. Bell for his sermon. The deputy-Master addressed the meeting and congratulated the members on the progress of the branch, hoping to meet them at the annual meeting of the Guild at Buckingham in the summer.

An adjournment was then made to the tower, where Treble Bob, Bob Minor, and Grandsire Doubles brought to a close one of the most enjoyable meetings that has yet been held in North Bucks.

#### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting for the year ending Whitsuntide, 1908, for the Northampton district, was held at Wootton on Saturday, February 22nd. A very hearty invitation was given the ringers by the rector (the Rev. E. S. Leverton) and the local ringers. Various touches were rung during the afternoon. Tea was provided at the Red Lion Inn at 4.30, twenty-four members being present from Northampton, Duston, Easton Maudit, Ecton, Kingsthorpe, Towcester, Boughton, Weston Favel, Moulton, and Wootton. After tea a short business meeting was held, the president (the Rev. E. C. Channer) presiding. It was resolved to hold a special ringing meeting at Daston in May, and the next quarterly meeting at Ravensthorpe in July, the annual meeting to take place at Northampton in June. Hearty thanks were accorded the rector for the use of the bells, on the proposition of Mr. J. Slarke, seconded by Mr. T. Law. Thanks were also accorded the chairman, on the proposition of Mr. F. Hopper, and seconded by the hon. secretary, and received with acclamation. The Rev. E. C. Channer's reply brought the meeting to a close, a very enjoyable half-day being spent.

The third quarterly meeting for the year ending Whitsuntide, 1908, of the Wellingborough district, was held at Higham Ferrers with every success on Saturday, February 26th. By kind permission of the Rev. J. Davidson (vicar), the ringing of the bells was indulged in by various companies, and subsequently an admirable tea, served in the church room by the Higham ringers and their wives, was thoroughly enjoyed, about fifty members being present from Northampton, Wellingborough, Earls Barton, Rushden, Irchester, Doddington, Harrold, Irthlingborough, Kettering, Isham, Sharnbrook, and Higham Ferrers. Tea over, a short business meeting was held, the vicar (the Rev. J. Davidson) presiding. It was resolved that the next quarterly meeting be held at Doddington in August, and that a special meeting be held at Wilby in May. The general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford) brought before the meeting two important items with regard to finance, which are to come on for consideration at the annual meeting to

be held in Northampton on Whit-Monday. He also reported that the matter was under consideration for holding a special meeting at Raunds in July to commemorate the twenty-fifth year of the society's existence. Allusion was made by the general secretary to the death of Mrs. W. J. Henry, of Wellingborough, one of the association's honorary members, and it was decided to send a letter of condolence to the friends of the late Mrs. Henry. This being all the business, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. J. Davidson for his presence at the meeting, for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for providing tea. The vicar of Higham Ferrers, in the course of his remarks, said how pleased he was to welcome the ringers to Higham Ferrers, being fully convinced what a great amount of good the association was doing in knitting themselves together in one common brotherhood. Ringing in various methods was indulged in until seven o'clock, after which a social gathering was held at The Griffin Hotel. Singing and the ringing of hand-bells closed an enjoyable and profitable day's proceedings.

#### TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday afternoon a pleasant gathering took place in Easton Neston church tower when over 30 members of the Towcester and District Association were present, representing belfries from the following places:—Easton Neston, Towcester, Blakesley, Greens Norton, Blisworth, Pattishall, Wicken, Whittlebury and Lois Weedon. Ringing began at 3 o'clock, and continued until 5 o'clock, when tea was partaken of. The rector (the Rev. R. C. Collins) presided, and accorded a hearty welcome to the ringers. Mrs. Collins and Miss Collins supported the rector and assisted at the tables. The rector made a most interesting speech on bellringing, and stated that he regarded the bellringers as taking a most important part in the duties of the church. Mr. J. Slarke, of Towcester, the founder of the association, who has worked assiduously for the improvement of bellringing in the district, proposed a vote of thanks to the rector and Mrs. and Miss Collins. Mr. H. Leach, of Blisworth belfry, seconded the proposition, which was enthusiastically carried. On the proposition of Miss Collins, hearty thanks were accorded to Mr. J. Slarke and the local ringers who had made the arrangements for such a successful meeting. In reply Mr. Slarke hoped that the meetings might be periodic. Ringing continued until 8 p.m., when the party broke up.

**BUSHEY.**—On Sunday, February 23rd, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, 1192 Stedman Triples. E. E. Huntley conductor, J. J. Allen, F. A. Smith, F. R. Scott, W. J. Oakley, F. Edwards, W. G. Whitehead, B. Hughes. For evening service 1008 Stedman Triples, conducted by W. G. Whitehead.

**BECKENHAM.**—On Saturday, February 22nd, on the occasion of the marriage of C. F. Wakefield Houston, Esq., of Great Budworth, Cheshire, to Miss M. V. Hedley, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Terry, W. Dennis, F. A. Terry, J. King, F. Terry, J. Lovell, W. Smith conductor, W. Meek.

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## HEMYOCK, DEVON.

Friday, February 21st, was a red-letter day in the annals of Hemyock, for the Bishop of Exeter paid a visit to take part in the thanksgiving service for the restoration of the church tower and the restoration of the bells. This fine peal of six bells, tenor 21 cwt., had for some years past been in rather an unsatisfactory condition, but now they have been put in perfect ringing order by Mr. H. Stokes, Church Bell Hanger, of Woodbury, and the whole work which he has carried out has given entire satisfaction to the Rector and churchwardens, committee and ringers. New steel girders have been put in, and an iron frame and all new fittings for the six bells, and a chiming apparatus fixed. Early in the afternoon the Bishop drove over from Wolford House, afterwards visiting Culm Davey chapel-of-ease. Merry peals from the church tower greeted his arrival, and were continued with short intervals until the evening. In the latter part of the afternoon the Rector and Miss Forbes held an "At Home" in the Church Sunday School, so that the parishioners might have an opportunity of making the personal acquaintance of the Bishop. Prior to the service which took place at 7 p.m., a band of change-ringers from Tiverton gave an exhibition of some change-ringing. The service was attended by a very large congregation, who filled the venerable building in every part. The service was fully choral, and the Bishop preached from Romans xii., 4, 5. The offertory was in aid of the Restoration Fund.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Shireoaks on Saturday, February 1st, when the following towers were represented: Anston, Gainsborough, Hart-hill, East and West Retford, Shireoaks and Worksop; also visitors from Killamarsh and Bolsover.

By kind permission of the Rev. H. Cowgill, the tower was at the disposal of ringers all the afternoon and evening, and a report of touches rung will be found in the proper column. A break was made in the ringing at 5.30, to do justice to the excellent repast put on the tables by lady members of the families of the Shireoaks ringers, which was served in the Public Hall. Over forty members of the Association and friends sat down to tea, the Rev. H. Cowgill being at the head of the table, supported by the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. B. Darley. The Rev. H. Cowgill presided over the business meeting which immediately followed.

The Rev. B. Darley (Hart-hill), to whose enthusiastic interest change-ringing in the district owes so much, read the minutes of the previous quarterly meeting.

Mr. Edward Shorten, of Retford, was elected a ringing member of the Association.

The Rev. B. Darley proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. Cowgill (whom they were very pleased to see among them again), for the use of the bells, and to the ladies who had so ably catered for their refreshment, Shireoaks rabbit pies he said were well-known to the members of the Association, and they had not gone back on their reputation on the present occasion.

Mr. H. Haigh (Worksop), cordially seconded the vote characterising the tea as "a regular knock-out," "a good

'un," sentiments which were evidently shared by his fellow-members, as evidenced by the hearty reception according to their expression.

The Rev. H. Cowgill responded, and expressed the opinion that it was the Rev. B. Darley who should have been thanked rather than himself.

The members (six-bell ringers), afterwards adjourned to the tower to indulge in some very good ringing, whilst Mr. Haigh took with him to Worksop (a distance of only two miles), a band who tapped a nice quarter-peal on the Priory bells, which brought a pleasant day's outing to a close.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, February 28th, the Coventry branch of the above guild held their first social evening. The proceedings commenced with a substantial supper being served in capital style, which was enjoyed by all present. This was followed by a smoking concert. In the absence of the president the chair was taken by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. Songs were given by several members of the company, including Messrs. S. Hope, E. Perrin, F. Viles, J. Jessitt, and J. Heron. Mr. E. Johnson presided at the piano, and Mr. Maund, one of the company, gave several selections on his phonograph, which greatly amused the company.

In the course of a few remarks, the chairman expressed regret at the unavoidable absence of the rector, Canon Blythe, D.D., and hoped he would be able to be present at the next social, which he hoped they would hold before long. He also proposed a vote of thanks to the master, Mr. A. W. Flowers, and the ladies for arranging the supper in such fine style.

Mr. Flowers briefly responded, and the singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

## ILKLEY, YORKSHIRE.

On Sunday, March 1st, at All Saints', Ilkley, on the occasion of the farewell sermons of Dr. Muntz, vicar, who was leaving Ilkley to take the living of St. John's, Holloway, London, the following rang a touch of Grandsire Triples, 1008, in the morning: A. South, H. Verity, J. R. Feather, C. Stephenson, W. Cook, J. W. Birkin, T. W. Crawshaw, and W. Swarbrick.

In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples by A. South, J. R. Feather, T. Wardman, C. Stephenson, W. Cook, J. W. Birkin, T. W. Crawshaw, and W. Swarbrick.

## THE BELLS OF SHANDON.

The Liverpool correspondent of the *Daily News* says:—

"The famous bells from the church of Shandon, near Cork, the merits of which have been immortalised in song, have arrived at Liverpool by the Cork steamer Kenmare, en route to a firm of bellfounders in Loughborough. They are now lying in a shed at Waterloo Dock, and to-day attracted considerable attention. Each bell bears an interesting inscription."

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Tuesday, January 21st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Curley, T. Green, F. Phillips, E. Waters, T. Best, C. Goodenough, W. Ingham, C. Merryfield.

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## SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

The first quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held at All Saints, Wellington, on Saturday, February 22nd. About forty members were present from Albrighton, Bridgnorth, Coalbrookdale, Dawley, Frodsham, Hands-worth, Malinslee, Market Drayton, Shifnal, Shrewsbury, Wolverhampton, and Wellington.

After touches of Stedman and Grandsire had been rung in the tower, the business meeting was held in the vestry. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Shifnal in May.

The hon. secretary, the Rev. J. Mackay, then said that as he was leaving the diocese to take up work at Bromfield, near Ludlow, he felt he must resign his position as secretary of the Guild, and he proposed the Rev. R. M. Cole-Hamilton, curate of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, as his successor. This proposition was carried unanimously, and the new Secretary, though professing ignorance of change-ringing, expressed a willingness to learn and to do his best for the Guild. After other business the members adjourned to the schools, where the Vicar of Wellington (Rev. J. Sinclair Moore), had most kindly provided tea.

After tea Mr. J. Bradney requested the Vicar, in the absence of the Archdeacon, to present to Mr. Mackay on behalf of the Guild, a pair of silver vases, and a silver rose bowl, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to the Rev. J. Mackay by the Guild of change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Salop, as a token of esteem, and in recognition of his services for over thirteen years, February 22nd, 1908." The Vicar in making the presentation, regretted that the Archdeacon had been unable to be present. He referred to their appreciation of Mr. Mackay's very useful work as Secretary, and said how sorry all the members were to lose him.

Mr. Mackay thanked the Guild very much for their beautiful gift, saying that he had been taken completely by surprise. He was going to a country parish with a fine ring of six bells, and now that he should have more time to himself, he promised to make further efforts to become a change-ringer. In conclusion he proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and vestry, and for his kind hospitality.

Mr. Mackay was instrumental in resuscitating the Salop Guild in 1894, and since that time he has done much valuable work in keeping the Guild together through some rather lean years, and he can now see the fruit of his labours in the recent growth of the membership and increased activity of the Guild.

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## WARBLETON, SUSSEX.

On Sunday afternoon, February 9th, several Waldron ringers visited this church for the purpose of trying the bells, which have recently been recast and rehung, and a new treble added. After inspecting the bells, several touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung for service, and after service 720 Plain Bob was rung in 26 mins. by W. Jenner, W. Booth, E. Jennings, A. Hobden, P. Burgess, A. Reid conductor. This was the first 720 on the bells. Much pleasure was expressed at the splendid tone and "go" of the bells, which do great credit to Messrs. Taylor, who carried out the work of rehanging.

## Correspondence.

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

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

THE LATE JOHN ROGERS.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Willson the late John Rogers's relatives thank him for the sympathy shown in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 29th.

A. E. ROGERS (Son).

## A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In your issue of the 29th ult. you refer to the dedication of a peal tablet at St. Luke's church, Wolverhampton, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples in which the conductor, Mr. J. E. Groves, rang two bells (3-4), it being the first peal rung in this manner in Great Britain. I must ask you to kindly correct this statement in your next issue, as I rang peals in the following methods, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Oxford Bob Triples and Bob Major, at St. Saviour's, Arklow, in each of which Mr. J. W. Washbrook rang the 3rd and 4th bells and conducted as well. Therefore until another ringer has rung two bells in some other method he cannot claim it as the first rung in Great Britain, as anyhow for the present Ireland is included in Great Britain.

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## THE FIRST SURPRISE MINOR PEAL BY WINCHESTER GUILD.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. G. Williams, re Surprise Minor rung at Clandon, I wish to say I had made extensive enquiries in this district and no one seemed to have any recollection of one being rung, so I naturally thought ours was the first, but later I was told the Capel men had rung one. I wrote at once to them and received a reply stating that they had. I wrote to them at once to apologise, also to "THE BELL NEWS." I admit I am am twenty years behind, but if Mr. Williams will take advice from one so much younger he will in future refrain from rushing into print in such a sarcastic manner, as one would naturally expect a man with such talents to display a little better taste.

A. H. PULLING.

## A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In the note referring to the peal at Manchester Town Hall, I made an error in saying Mr. Newton was conductor there. The mistake is entirely on my side, and I apologise for the same.

JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

## LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

The total number of 720s brought round by the Little Munden Society and visiting friends during the year 1907 was 82 in 17 methods, being three of Surprise, 49 Treble Bob and 30 Plain.

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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. John's, Hackney, on March 17th; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 23rd; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 19th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 24th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 26th; all at 8 p.m.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready at 4.30. Tea at 6. Members intending being present please send word to

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*  
35, Church Road, Garston.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, March 14th. Bells at 5. Meeting at 7. W. SHUKER, *Br. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rye, on Saturday, March 14th. Tower open at 3. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. A. P. Howes), at 5. Short services at 6. G. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
Vale Road, St. Leonards.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells ready at 4 p.m. A good attendance requested. Business important. JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, March 21st. Tower open at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 6. Half railway fares up to 2s. will be paid. A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Feltham on Saturday, March 21st. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided for those requiring it on the usual terms. All friends cordially invited. J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's church, Bacup, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Z. LORD, *Branch Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—Meetings for the practice of Double Norwich will be held during 1908 at Twyford on the second Thursday in each month commencing March 12th, from 7 to 9 p.m. Meetings will also be held at Winchester Cathedral for the practice of Kent Treble Bob on the first Wednesday in each month, commencing May 6th, from 7 to 9 p.m. Any ringers who may happen to be in the neighbourhood on those evenings will be most heartily welcomed. JAS. W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*

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415326	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
132546	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
234516	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
351426	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
152436	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
543216	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
325416	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
241536	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
143526	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
452316	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
251346	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
534126	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
432156	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
315246	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
514236	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
123456	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

\*152347698xo

25431	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45132	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13524	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52341	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32145	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14253	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24351	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34152	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25413	s	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45312	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35214	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21543	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
54132	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14235	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23451	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43152	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13254	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

This peal has the 6th her extent at home in the tittums position without a single, and the 6th eighteen times at home in the handstroke home position, and only one single in the peal.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
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The peal rung at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on April 6th, 1907, is not by the above Association, rule IX. not having been complied with.

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## STEDMAN TRIPLES.

A THREE-PART PEAL.

By J. O. LANCASHIRE, *Leicester.*

231456 s h l o

536421	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
246351	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
432561	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
652341	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
534612	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
132654	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
164352	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
502314	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
631542	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
342516	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
356412	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
152436	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
146532	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
451362	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
541326	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
435216	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
316254	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
123564	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

The following singled-in-block to be inserted immediately after the first course-end.

536421 s h l o

341652 s at 2

561432	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
253461	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The above two courses bracketted to be twice repeated, adding a single at 14 in the last course produces the second six of second course of the main block bobs at 3-4 in the second course of main block immediately follow the single.

The above peal was rang for the first time by the Leicester branch of the Midland Counties Association at Ansty, Leicestershire, on February 29th, 1908, and was conducted by George Cleal. It contains the least number of four-bob sets of any three-part peal published.

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On Saturday afternoon, February 8th, Mr. A. Waite, one of the Oldham ringers, was married to Miss E. Barnett, both members of the church and school, and the ringers to celebrate it, rang a few short merry peals on the bells out of respect to their brother-ringer. The Rev. G. Perry-Gore (Vicar), officiated at the ceremony, which was a very impressive one. After the wedding, the happy couple along with their numerous friends, assembled together, when a very pleasant evening was spent, and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1908.

THE Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop has never been extraordinarily prominent before us so far as reports of its proceedings are concerned, but it has worked on steadily and progressively to the desired end, and has kept the Art very much alive in the neighbourhood wherein its operations lay. Somehow or other whenever the name of the Vicar of Holy Trinity, Shrewsbury, is mentioned, the words "Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford" arises to a ringer's mind. The reverend gentleman has for fourteen years kept the game alive throughout the Archdeaconry, and in a silent, but effective manner worked very hard for success. And now he is leaving the diocese, called to take up ministerial duty elsewhere. He will not drop out of the Exercise, for he goes to a parish where there is a fine ring of bells, and we shall very likely hear of him ringing a 700 or two upon them before long.

The members of the Salop Archdeaconry have done a right and proper thing in not allowing the Rev. J. Mackay to leave them without some tangible regard of their

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esteem, and never was such testimonial more deserved. The rev. gentleman has the good wishes of every one that in his new sphere of labour he will be happy, and meet with other friends who will appreciate his genial characteristics.

### The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, March 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lbs.

HERBERT W. HIBBERT .. Treble.	HENRY S. ELLIS .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 6.
ALBERT TURNER .. 3.	WILLIAM TRUSS .. 7.
WILLIAM H. TAFFENDER .. 4.	*ALFRED JOYCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\*First peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

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

CHARLES POTHECARY .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. 2.	HARRY FRANDERS .. 6.
GEORGE JAY .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. 7.
CHARLES T. COLES .. 4.	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Armstrong.

### The Provinces.

CLITHEROE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1908, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

HERBERT WORMWELL .. Treble.	HARRY ENTWISTLE .. 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.

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

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 25, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

HERBERT STANSFIELD* .. Treble.	THOMAS JAKEMAN .. 5.
CHARLES BOWER† .. 2.	GEORGE LONGDEN .. 6.
JAMES BOOTH .. 3.	WILLIAM BOOTH .. 7.
BENJAMIN GILL .. 4.	MALCOLM OLDFIELD .. Tenor.

Conducted by BENJAMIN GILL.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to Thomas Wroe, who had been a member of the local company for sixty years, aged 81 years; also for Mr. Thomas Heginbottom, J.P., of Ashton-under-Lyne, the only Freemason of the borough.

### BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 18, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5035 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. Treble.	RICHARD CLARK .. 6.
JOHN THOMAS .. 2.	WILLIAM KNIGHT .. 7.
JOHN TURNER .. 3.	HENRY PRING .. 8.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 4.	WILLIAM A. CAVE .. 9.
HENRY BROWNJOHN .. 5.	WILLIAM BEVAN .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

Arranged for J. TURNER, of Bramley, near Leeds, and was his first attempt for a peal on ten bells. The composition will be found in "THE BELL NEWS" of November 16th, 1907.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HERBERT STANLEY* .. Treble.	WM. HARRISON .. 5.
JOHN WOODWARD .. 2.	ARTHUR LATHAM .. 6.
GEORGE WOODS .. 3.	†PETER PRESTON .. 7.
WILLIAM WADE .. 4.	JOHN HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE, and Conducted by ARTHUR LATHAM.

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

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 24, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5023 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWARD A. HEEN .. Treble.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 6.
ROBERT S. STORY .. 2.	*C. CAREW COX .. 7.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 3.	R. ALDER GOFTON .. 8.
THOMAS A. TEASDALE .. 4.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. 9.
REV. BERNARD JEALOUS .. 5.	JOHN STEWART .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal of Caters.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 25, 1908, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

WILLIAM MESSAM .. Treble.	JOHN H. WHITE .. 6.
GEORGE MARRINER .. 2.	WILLIAM MARKS .. 7.
ALFRED H. WINCH .. 3.	ARTHUR C. OTWAY .. 8.
WILLIAM E. OTWAY .. 4.	ARTHUR DEAN .. 9.
ERNEST C. BONIFACE .. 5.	*EDWARD VENTHAM .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. MARKS.

Rang as a birthday compliment to Leatherhead's oldest ringer, Joseph Lisney, born February 24th, 1821. \*First peal of Caters.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

C. DELLAR* .. Treble	*R. COBURN .. 5.
B. JARMAN .. 2.	*L. PEARCE .. 6.
G. NEWSON* .. 3.	W. H. NEWELL .. 7.
E. BOLTON* .. 4.	*S. BARNES .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. NEWELL.

\*First peal, and were elected members before starting.

## BATTLE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

WALTER FRANES .. .. Treble.	JOHN SINDEN .. .. 5.
WALTER ALCOCK .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. THOMAS .. 6.
FRANCIS A. KENETT .. .. 3.	GEORGE WATSON .. .. 7.
FRANK MEDHURST .. .. 4.	ALBERT RIDEOUT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. WATSON.

## LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 27, 1908, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, TUE BROOK.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5072 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT LOVELL* .. .. Treble.	HENRY W. WILDE .. .. 5.
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN... 2.	WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. 6.
EDWARD CAUNCE .. .. 3.	†EDWIN BREEZE .. .. 7.
GEORGE R. NEWTON .. .. 4.	JAMES MARTIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and  
Conducted by JAMES MARTIN.

First peal in the method ever rung in the city of Liverpool. \*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method away from the treble.

## SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 27, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Treble.	LEWIS SILVER .. .. 5.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM S. LANE .. .. 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 3.	WILLIAM HARPER .. .. 7.
JOHN WHEADON .. .. 4.	ALFRED BROOM .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.

## THETFORD, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 27, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

E. CARTER .. .. Treble.	*GEO. FLATT .. .. 5.
WM. WESTLAKE .. .. 2.	THOS. FITZJOHN .. .. 6.
WM. SEELEY† .. .. 3.	WM. EVERETT .. .. 7.
WALTER RADLEY .. .. 4.	CHAS. CARTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. FITZJOHN.

†First peal. \*First peal of Grandsire.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(READING BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 27, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WHEELER* .. .. Treble.	ALBERT E. REEVES .. .. 5.
ROBERT BISHOP .. .. 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL .. .. 6.
LEWIS GREEN .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
AMBROSE W. OSBORNE .. 4.	ARTHUR J. HARDING .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. R. W. Carew Hunt, wife of the Rev. R. W. Carew Hunt, Vicar of St. Giles, the interment taking place at Hughenden, Bucks. This was the 700th peal of Stedman Triples conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and the 841st in this method.

## HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Friday, February 28, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

ROBERT E. STAVERT .. Treble.	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 5.
JAMES MERRICK .. .. 2.	EDGAR HANCOX .. .. 6.
HENRY WAITE .. .. 3.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 7.
CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

## SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 28, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

CLARENCE DOBBIE .. Treble.	WILLIAM SPICE .. .. 5.
FREDERICK STAINS .. .. 2.	RICHARD STAINS .. .. 6.
H. E. SIMPSON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WALKER .. .. 7.
ERNEST J. DOBBIE .. .. 4.	CHARLES TUMBER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SPICE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Saturday, February 29, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

JOSEPH HANDS .. Treble.	JOHN WARD .. .. 5.
ALICE WHITE .. .. 2.	ERNEST W. MENDAY .. 6.
LEWIS GREEN .. .. 3.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 7.
GEORGE IRVINE .. .. 4.	HENRY WHITE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

## HADLOW, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HENRY RABBIT* .. Treble.	*THOMAS SMITHERS .. .. 5.
ARTHUR H. READER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM LATTER .. .. 6.
TOM SAUNDERS .. .. 3.	*LEONARD S. PARIS .. .. 7.
MICHAEL J. EXETER .. .. 4.	GEORGE W. MANSER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

\*First peal.

## ANSTY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 29, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

GEORGE CLEAL .. Treble.	JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. 5.
ALFRED MILLIS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 6.
FRED H. DEXTER .. .. 3.	ALFRED MARTIN .. .. 7.
SAMUEL COTTON .. .. 4.	THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN O. LANCASHIRE, and  
Conducted by GEORGE CLEAL.

This is the first peal of Stedman Triples, also the quickest peal on the bells. The figures of this composition will be found on another page.

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## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 5.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 2.	ALBERT D. STONE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
CHARLES PALMER .. .. 4.	HENRY CLARKE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

## CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN R. MAIN* .. Treble.	GEORGE LINES .. .. 4.
JAMES E. CHAPMAN .. .. 2.	*MATTHIAS HOBBS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM B. MEADOWS .. 3.	ARTHUR SMEATHERS .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. SMEATHERS.

\*First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to M. Hobbs, the band wishing him many happy returns.

## ASHFORD, KENT.

On Saturday, February 29, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES W. EVERETT* .. Treble.	*GRAHAM LINDRIDGE .. .. 5.
THOMAS WENHAM* .. .. 2.	THOMAS TABRETT .. .. 6.
ARCHIBALD C. KAY .. .. 3.	†ARTHUR J. DYSON .. .. 7.
FREDERICK G. BECKEN* .. 4.	*ARTHUR WEBB .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR J. DYSON.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the verger, Mr. John Elgar. The above ringers are all residents of Ashford, and were entertained to a meat tea after the peal through the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Tindall.

## UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

SAMUEL J. KYNERSLEY .. Treble.	JOHN BEECH .. .. 5.
REV. E. V. COX .. .. 2.	CHARLES SMITH .. .. 6.
BENJAMIN SNOW .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. 7.
CHARLES MOSLEY .. .. 4.	EDWARD GREEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FITCHFORD.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung and retuned by Messrs. Taylor in October, 1905.

## DARTFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JAMES GRAY* .. .. Treble.	RICHARD MORGAN .. .. 5.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 2.	FREDERICK FRENCH .. .. 6.
JOHN WHEADON .. .. 3.	LEWIS SILVER .. .. 7.
FREDERICK BARKER* .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and  
Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

\*First peal of Major.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

JOHN FLINT .. .. Treble.	JOHN HOLMAN .. .. 5.
JESSE MOSS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 6.
HARRY MOSS .. .. 3.	GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. 7.
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. 4.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. Tenor.

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

Arranged and rang to oblige E. Lewis, of Frodsham, and J. Holman, of Sheffield.

## ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR CRAVEN .. Treble.	SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM RHODES* .. .. 2.	SOLOMON ROBINSON, SEN. 6.
SAMUEL SMEDLEY .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 7.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 4.	ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

\*First peal. Rung to celebrate the opening of the new chancel.

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

GEORGE THURLOW .. Treble.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 5.
GEORGE PERRY .. .. 2.	JOHN J. CREASY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BALLS .. .. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 4.	WILLIAM SAWYER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

First peal in the method ever rung in the county by the Association and by all the band.

## DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of Chester, Carlisle, Cambridge, York, Durham, London and Wells. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ROBERT B. WILSON .. Treble.	GEORGE W. PARK .. .. 4.
WALTER E. MOUNTFORD .. 2.	G. JAMES LUNGLEY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WOOKEY .. .. 3.	CHAS TODD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHAS. TODD.

First peal of Surprise on the bells and the first by all the band. This peal is rung according to the Central Council's Collection of legitimate methods, and is the first peal of seven legitimate Surprise methods rung by the Association.

## BINGLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

H. C. BUCKLEY .. Treble.	J. MAWSON .. .. 5.
J. BODDY .. .. 2.	J. WOTTON .. .. 6.
E. WHBATER .. .. 3.	*J. PERFECT .. .. 7.
W. BOOCOCK .. .. 4.	C. BARKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WOTTON.

\*First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal in the method on the bells.

## PONTEFRAC, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1908, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN .. .. Treble.	THOMAS HAIGH .. .. 5.
WILLIAM P. BROOK .. .. 2.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 6.
FREDERICK W. STOKES .. 3.	WILLIAM PEARSON .. .. 7.
GEORGE HALESWORTH .. 4.	THOMAS M. BARKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

## BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, March 2, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS .. Treble.	WALTER J. BRETHERTON .. 5.
ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 2.	FREDERICK BRACE .. .. 6.
JOSEPH SMITH .. .. . 3.	CHARLES F. WHITE .. .. 7.
JOHN BASS .. .. . 4.	JAMES HUTT .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. R. B. Guest, a gentleman who took a great interest in bells and bellringing.

## PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 2, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM BROOK .. .. Treble.	ALBERT STRANGWARD .. 5.
ARTHUR WALKER* .. .. 2.	JAMES JACKSON .. .. 6.
HARRY WALTERS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PEARSON .. .. 7.
FREDERICK MOODY .. .. 4.	JOHN FRYER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. WALKER.

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

## PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 2, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S 12-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ARTHUR B. CORDEN* .. Treble.	SIDNEY W. CORDEN .. .. 5.
STEPHEN STONE .. .. 2.	ALFRED GREENFIELD .. 6.
CHARLES SMART .. .. 3.	JOHN NETLEY .. .. 7.
PERCY H. DOICK .. .. 4.	*ERNEST BOOKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED GREENFIELD.

\*The ringer of the treble is only 13 years of age.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 2, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

JAMES M. BAILEY .. .. Treble.	EDGAR H. BAILEY .. .. 5.
ERNEST S. BAILEY .. .. 2.	NORMAN R. BAILEY .. 6.
FREDERICK J. SMITH .. 3.	CHARLES SAMSON .. .. 7.
GEORGE BERRY .. .. . 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

## CAPEL, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CAPEL BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 2, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Haslemere, London, Chester, York, Carlisle, Superlative and Cambridge.

GEORGE WALES .. .. Treble.	FREDK. R. TULLETT, JUN. 4.
EDWIN JORDAN .. .. 2.	ARTHUR LINTOTT .. .. 5.
CHARLES TAYLOR .. .. 3.	FREDK. R. TULLETT, SEN. Tenor.

Conducted by F. R. TELLETT, SEN.

First peal by all except the ringer of the 2nd, and the first peal rung under Mr. Snowdon's definition of Surprise Minor methods.

## HASLEMERE, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, March 3, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING .. Treble.	THOMAS ATTWELL .. .. 5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN. 2.	HENRY L. GARFATH .. .. 6.
JAMES HUNT .. .. . 3.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. .. 7.
JOHN J. JONES .. .. . 4.	FREDERICK BENNETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

First peal on the bells since being augmented from six to eight by the addition of two trebles, which were dedicated on the previous Wednesday, the splice by Mears and Stainbank being greatly admired.

## Date Touches.

## THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SELSTON (Derbyshire).—On Monday evening, March 2nd, at the parish church, a date touch of 1908 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 16 mins. J. E. Anness, C. H. Cattam, A. Elliott, W. Wharmby, W. Dabbs, F. Jacobs. The bells were half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mrs. A. Burnham, wife of A. Burnham, postmaster, a very devoted church worker, who was interred on that day. Longest touch on the bells and by all the band.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAXMUNDHAM.—On Saturday, February 22nd, at the parish church, a date touch of 1908 changes, being 828 Plain Bob and 1080 Oxford Treble Bob, in 58 mins. H. W. Baldry, F. C. Lambert, A. Lincoln, H. F. Lambert, W. Lovett, F. Watling conductor.

WISSETT (Suffolk).—On Sunday, February 23rd, at the parish church, a date touch of 1908 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 10 mins. Miss R. M. C. Stanford, F. C. Lambert conductor, W. Kemp, W. Kerrison, L. Hammond.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

EWHURST (Surrey).—On Monday, March 2nd, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a date touch of 1908 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Tidey, W. Tidy, F. Francis, J. Luff, W. Denyer, R. Whittington conductor. Longest length by the 4th and 5th ringers.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHATTERIS (Cambs).—On Monday, February 24th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1908 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins., in the following methods: 468 Plain Bob, 486 Canterbury, 480 Antelope, 480 Grandsire, each called differently. D. Crashlay, I. Moxon, P. A. Smith, A. J. Abrams conductor, A. Whitlock, Rung to welcome the ringer of the tenor home from his honey-moon, and to celebrate the 63rd birthday of the treble ringer, his brother strings wishing him many happy returns.

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**Miscellaneous.****THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

LONDON.—On Saturday evening, March 7th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Dorrington, A. Hughes, A. Hughes, jun., D. Gibbons, F. Andrews, M. A. Wood composer and conductor, H. Hills, C. Kennedy.

**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On March 2nd, 360 Plain Bob. W. H. Lawrence, 1-2; A. Woolston, A. Phillips, A. Carter, E. A. Overall conductor. On March 4th, 720 Plain Bob. F. Williams first 720, W. H. Lawrence, A. Woolston, A. Phillips, B. Patmore, E. A. Overall conductor. 360 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Carter, A. Phillips, A. Woolston, B. Patmore, E. A. Overall, W. H. Lawrence conductor. And 120 Bob Doubles. H. Smith, 1; the rest as before.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

BASINGSTOKE.—On Tuesday, January 28th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. Leavey, Dora White, C. F. Hansford, W. Hunt, H. White conductor, A. Burgess, J. E. Ballard, F. Kimber. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. A. S. Blaza and Miss E. E. Goodyear.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

READING.—On Thursday, February 27th, at St. Giles's church 504 Stedman Triples. R. Bishop, L. Green, W. P. Routh, J. Swain, G. Goodship, W. Newell, A. E. Reeves conductor, W. Osborne. 336 in the same method. G. Wheeler, 1; the rest as before. Rung with the bells muffled after the funeral service of Mrs. R. W. Carey Hunt, as the cortege was leaving the church en route for Hughenden, Bucks, where the interment took place.

**THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.**

WORKSOP.—On Thursday, December 5th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 48 mins. C. Watkinson, C. Heeley, H. Haigh conductor, T. Bartholomew, B. Bale, G. Watkinson, H. Marshall, T. Thorpe. First quarter-peal in the method by Messrs. Heeley and Bartholomew, and rung as a birthday compliment to C. Watkinson. On Saturday, December 21st, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1344 changes, in 50 mins. H. Haigh conductor, H. Marshall, D. Bale, T. Bartholomew, W. Marshall, G. Watkinson, C. Heeley, T. Thorpe. On February 1st, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 49 mins. H. Haigh conductor, J. C. Tinker, F. S. W. Butler, T. Bartholomew, G. R. Winter, H. Warburton, W. Marshall, H. Marshall.

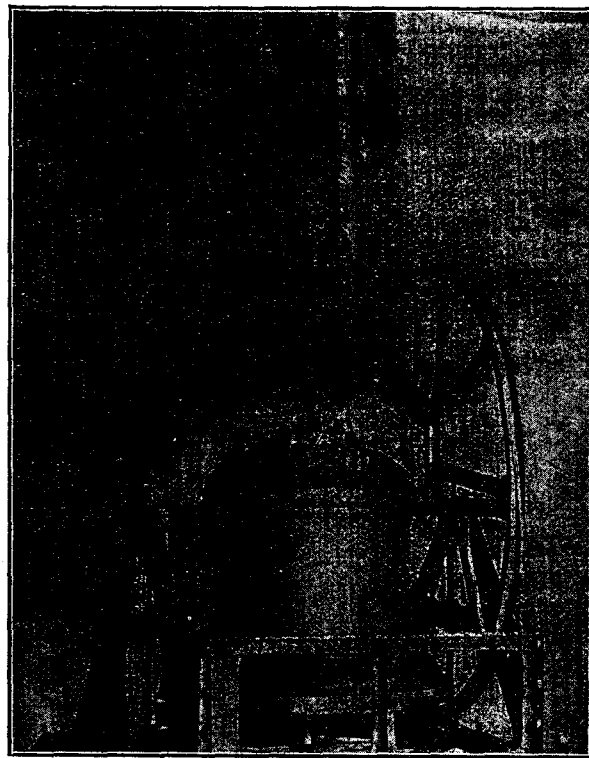
SHIREOAKS.—On February 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Freeman, J. C. Tinker, F. S. W. Butler, G. R. Winter, H. Haigh conductor, W. Marshall. 720 Arnold's Victory. T. Bartholomew, J. Fitzjohn, H. Stenton conductor, H. Turton, S. Smith, C. Fowler. 360 London Scholars' Pleasure. R. Smith, F. R. Kettleborough, H. Turner, W. H. Turton, S. Smith, W. Lambert conductor. 720 Violet Treble Bob. S. Tomlinson, D. Russon, H. Hall, J. Fitzjohn, W. Lambert conductor, B. Hall.

BRINDLE (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, December 17th, 720 Plain Bob in 25 mins. C. R. Power, H. Hatch, J. Entwistle, W. Sharples, T. Blackwell, W. Fowler. Conducted by C. R. Power.

CRANFORD (Northants).—On Sunday evening, December 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Double Oxford. J. Saddington, J. Judd, M. Norton, B. J. Saddington, J. Lewin, A. Smeathers conductor. On Christmas Eve at midnight, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Hayward, F. Lewin, J. Judd, B. J. Saddington, J. Lewin, J. Saddington conductor. On Sunday evening, January 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Double Court. F. Lewin, B. J. Saddington, J. Judd, J. Lewin, J. Saddington, A. Smeathers conductor. On Sunday evening, February 16th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Bob. F. Lewin, B. J. Saddington, G. Betts, J. Lewin, J. Judd, J. Saddington conductor.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, January 5th, for mor-

ning service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, 1344 changes, in 50 mins. G. Bester, F. G. Tegg, C. T. Coles, J. Armstrong, N. A. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor. On Sunday, February 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. G. Bester, J. Armstrong, G. F. Margaretson, J. E. Miller, N. A. Tomlinson, H. Miller, S. Wade conductor, H. Armstrong. On Sunday, February 23rd, 720 Bob Minor with the tenor covering. H. Armstrong, G. Bester, A. R. Glasscock, J. E. Miller, H. Miller, J. Armstrong, S. Wade conductor. On Sunday, March 1st, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major in 48 mins. G. Bester, W. Pickworth, C. T. Coles, J. Armstrong conductor, N. A. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, S. Wade. Rang as a farewell to N. A. Tomlinson, who is leaving for Atherstone, Warwickshire.

**L. BAKER & BELLS.**

A Large Bell as fitted with Mr. L. Baker's improvements.

In the year 1854 Mr. Baker was honoured with a patent for suspending a bell upon a good and sufficient central bolt.

And subsequently in 1895 with a second patent for a cradle or yoke for the temporary suspension of a bell to be so hung.

Bells are costly pieces of church furniture, but Mr. Baker's patent improvements have rendered them infinitely more durable, and for certain positions or uses enables their being cast, and very safely used, of a much less thickness than is at present at all usual; for instance in a city where there may already be several fine peals of bells, or a bell for a cemetery, for which a deep solemn sounding bell might be deemed desirable.

**W. LEWIS BAKER, A.M.I.C.E.,**  
Bell Surveyor,  
Hargrave, Huntingdon.

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

### THE LATE MR. E. TAYLOR, OF PLYMOUTH.

Amid many manifestations of respect the funeral of Mr. E. Taylor took place in Plymouth Cemetery on Saturday. The cortege left the house at 2 p.m. for St. Andrew's church, the bearers being St. Andrew's parochial ringers, and the bells of St. Andrew's were rung muffled. At the church the coffin was met by Preb. Burroughs (the Vicar), Rev. Dr. Richardson, and Rev. H. Fleetwood. In the course of an address the Vicar made special reference to the work of deceased. Soon after he (the Vicar) came to St. Andrew's he found it was necessary to reform the ringing chamber, and Mr. Taylor got together a young band and instructed them in the Art. His kindness and courage was most helpful to those under his tuition. They were encouraged by his example. He never lost a friend

in the ringing world, and he was most humble. At Charles Church he was very proud of bellringing, and in his work he exercised the vigour of a young man. At the cemetery the committal prayers were read by the Rev. H. A. Fleetwood, curate of Charles Church, also an enthusiastic ringer. Around the sides of the coffin were hung ten beautiful handbells. The floral tributes, which included a harp, heart, and wreaths, were sent by Miss E. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Spry, Mrs. Hodder, Miss Spry, and grandchildren. The Three Towns Branch of the Devonshire Guild and St. Andrew's parochial band sent a wreath each.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly, President of the Devonshire Guild, wrote regretting his inability to be present. At a meeting at Okehampton on Saturday he mentioned that only that week one of the oldest members of that Guild had been called to

his rest. He referred to Mr. E. Taylor, Master of the Three Towns Guild and assistant secretary for Totnes Archdeaconry. Mr. Taylor, he believed, was almost an original member of the Guild. He never slackened in any way in his energy and zeal for change-ringing, and there were many in the Guild whom he had taught the Art. He was one of the most patient and kindly of instructors, and it was certainly his possession of these qualities which enabled him to be so successful in that direction. His name appeared frequently in their peal book, especially in the early days. Mr. Taylor was also in the band which was the first in the county to ring a peal of Royal. He set a splendid example to the younger members to persevere in the Art, and especially in change-ringing, where perseverance was greatly required. He moved a vote of condolence with the relatives of Mr. Taylor, and that an expression of their sympathy be sent to the Three Towns Guild.

Mr. E. Marsh seconded, and the resolution was passed unanimously.

After the funeral the following rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: C. Eales, F. Dunaway, W. Rundle, W. Ford, W. Richards, G. Parr, H. Myers, G. Stephens. A muffled peal was rung at Emmanuel Compton, in the evening.

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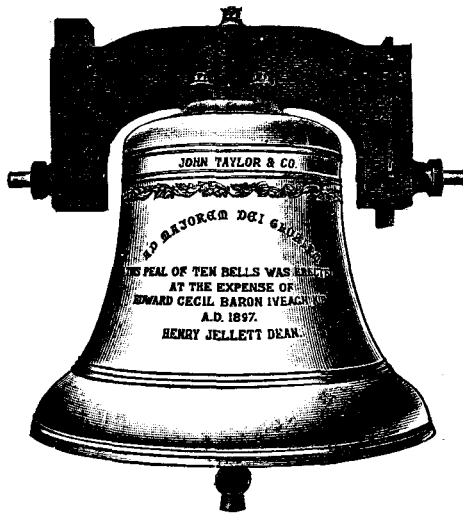
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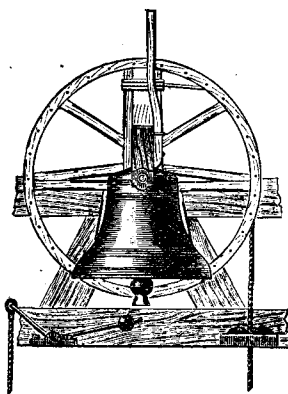
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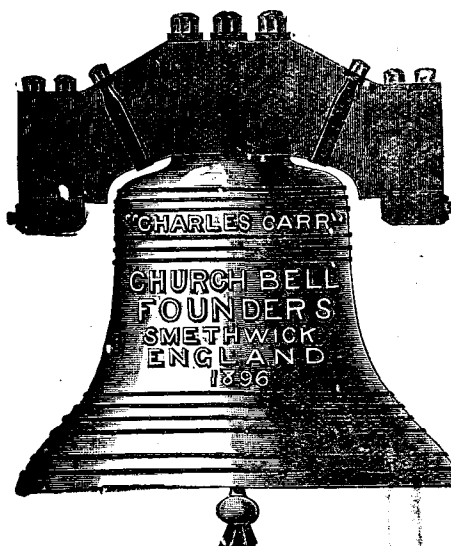
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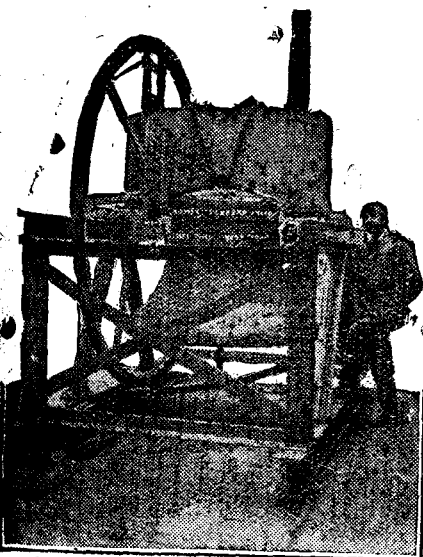
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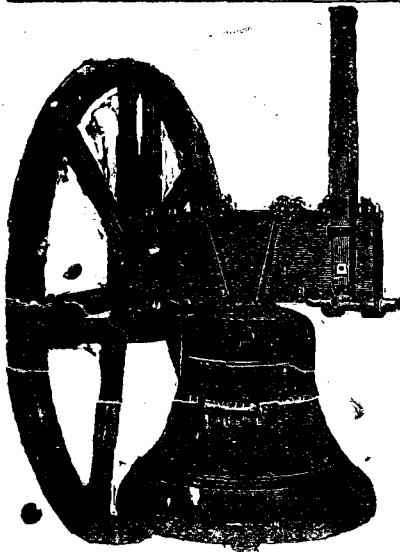
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## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY 25TH, 1908.

"THE BELLS OF BEVERLEY": Such is the rhymic title of a souvenir, prepared with kindly forethought and presented to each guest. The photographs therein are gems, and a few years ago might have been taken for steel engravings. They give the grand west front of the Minster, an interior of the south-west tower showing the seven-ton Bourdon, and a specially fine view of the church of St. Mary, "which has few rivals in dignity and beauty among the parish churches of England."

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The old mayor climbed the belfry tower,  
The ringers ran by two, by three,  
"Pull, if ye never pulled before;  
Good ringers, pull your best!" quoth he  
"Play uppe, play uppe, O Boston bells,  
Play all your changes, all your swells,  
Play up 'The Brides of Enderby.'"

The old mayor's endeavour was to warn the country folk—

And lo! the great bell farre and wide  
Was heard in all the country side  
That Saturday at eventide.

We remember the young mother with her little ones had gone for the kine, and that was all the grandmother knew of it—

Cusha! cusha! cusha! calling,  
Farre away I heard her song,  
Cusha! cusha! all along.

The wayfarers stand and stare—

They said, and why should this thing be?  
What dangers lower by land or sea?  
They ring the tune of Enderby!

From the grandmother we learn again—

I looked without, and lo! my sonne  
Came riding down with might and main;  
He raised a shout as he drew on,  
Till all the welkin rang again,  
Elizabeth! Elizabeth!

\* \* \*  
"God save you mother," straight he saith,  
"Where is my wife, Elizabeth?"

But all is too late, too late—

For lo! along the river's bed  
A mighty eygre raised his crest,  
And up the raging Lindis sped.

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And rearing Lindis backward pressed  
Shook all her trembling bankes amaine;  
Then madly at the eygre's breast  
Flung up her weltering wall again.  
Then bankes came downe with ruin and rout—  
Then beaten foam flew all about—  
Then all the mighty floods were out.

Upon the roofo we sat that night  
The noise of bells went sweeping by.

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And awsome bells they were to me  
That in the dark rang Enderby.

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The waters laid then at his door  
Ere yet the early dawn was clear,  
Thy pretty bairns in fast embrace,  
The lifted sun shone on thy face  
Down drifting to thy dwelling place.

Yes! quite one of Jean Ingelow's best, and one that should be dear to the hearts of the ringer for all time.

But now the matter in hand is Beverley, and we say to ourselves surely it is not wrong to doubt a statement if only the mind be kept free from prejudicing the result. The discussion was gathering round the following statement in the day's programme by the Hon. Sec.:—

"Not only is the Minster celebrated for its bells—tuned in the light of modern science with the tones of the three octaves in which a bell speaks in truth with one another—but it possesses an organ of exceptional power and interest, so that the service will be held under almost unique conditions as far as these two great musical adjuncts, bells and organ, are concerned."

This matter we intended to form our own opinion upon—a proceeding dear to the heart of a Yorkshireman be it remembered.

Promptly at 3.30, as a preliminary to the service touch, the seven-ton Bourdon—the third largest church bell in England—was raised and rung mouth-upward for a few minutes. This was arranged so that all might hear and analyse its tones for themselves. The fundamental note, with its hum note in the octave below, and its nominal in the octave above, was beyond criticism; and as the fifth was true and just sufficiently pronounced, we were bound to admit it was a fine bell. Now the Ten come rolling down in full peal, and a vastly increased hum asserts itself. The Bourdon proves in good tune, and its note, G, becomes out grandly below the Tenor's C, which latter proclaims itself from some 42 cwt. of metal. This double chorus, for we can hardly call it a duet, is continued only for a few minutes, but long enough to allow us to grasp how well the big G can join in as the bells are being lowered, and how usefully she can put herself in evidence just as the heavy end of the peal is getting out of hand in its clappering—for the Bourdon on Sunday evenings is rung as the service bell for the last five minutes. After listening to this special ringing our minds were satisfied that the bells and the service touch had been more than satisfactory. But we still are a shade dubious about the organ, although our minds are relieved by hearing that the organist, bearing the well known name of Camidge, comes from real York-Minster-stock—this was distinctly comforting because we like the county, and are proud of York.

Entering the Minster at the north-west porch—a grand entrance, where all is grand—we stand for a moment to drink in the vista which is specially fine. For the eye reaches down the vaulted nave—all stone vaulted at Beverley—through the massive piers at the intersection of

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the transepts, over the organ screen, right away to the east window, and truly fine the prospect is. A second glance takes in the impressive height of the main piers and their arches, the richly arcaded triporial space above, and the many-arched clerestory still higher, all blending into a most impressive whole.

The service is just commencing, and the far distant voices of the choristers, who are wending their way from the choir into the nave, are making themselves heard in the words of the hymn, which we have supplied to us from the service-paper,

For all the Saints who from their labours rest  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed  
Thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest. Alleluia.

High above float the soft notes of the organ, which as the hymn progresses—who is unacquainted with it?—gradually increases in force until the battle theme of the 6th verse is reached, and the accompaniment became powerful, the words running:

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong!  
Alleluia!

Again, with subdued effect, we have the soothing verse,  
The golden evening brightens in the west,  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest.  
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest. Alleluia.

Then with a rising storm of melody which threatens to burst in very thunder, the last line is reached, and we seem to hear the crashing notes of victory in the words:

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The Saints triumphant rise in bright array:  
The King of Glory passes on his way! Alleluia.

And thus to the end. One of the finest processional hymns it has been our lot to take part in: a hymn, be it remembered, by the late Bishop of Wakefield, Dr. Walsham How.

Space will not permit us to note all impressive points, nor is it good taste to do so when our purpose is established; suffice it to say that the psalms were the 148th and the 150th, and their rendering was quite in keeping with the occasion.

The first lesson was read by a change-ringer in the person of the Rev. W. P. Wright, vicar of Hemingbrough, whilst the vicar of St. Mary's, the Rev. W. H. Savile, was heard in the second lesson.

The Magnificat and the Nunc Dimittis were both given to Camidge's setting in B flat, and the anthem chosen was Purcell's "Rejoice in the Lord," the well known "Bell Anthem." The hymn before the sermon was "Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore Him!" set to the Austrian National Anthem, and the climax of tone in both voice and accompaniment seemed to gather majestic force at the words:

Heaven and earth and all creation  
Laud and magnify His name.

The hymn ended, Dr. Nolloth entered the pulpit, and was soon expounding a scholarly sermon from the words, "Praise Him on the well-tuned cymbals; praise Him on the loud cymbals." After reviewing much interesting matter put forward by early writers in regard to bells, and dealing with the biblical allegories and other historical details connected with the subject, he came to modern times, and in doing so reminded his hearers that that day had been set apart for centuries in memory of the conversion of the Apostle Paul, from whom—as the Apostle of the Gentiles—the great cathedral of the Metropolis took

its name. In its south-west tower hangs the largest bell in the United Kingdom, the bell known as Great Paul, and around it are inscribed (in Latin) the words, "Woe unto me if I preach not the Gospel."

Well chosen were these words; for in them you have the motto of the Apostle's life; the mainspring of his abundant labours, from his conversion on the way to Damascus, till, long years after, outside the walls of Rome, the grey head falls beneath the keen axe of the executioner. For he who could say, "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith"—was before all else, a Herald of the Everlasting Gospel, sent forth to carry to a ruined world the good news of salvation: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." It is meet, therefore, that the mighty bell which bears his name should be graven with His motto: "Woe unto me if I preach not the Gospel!" For is not its message akin to the message of the Apostle? Day by day, its deep tones are heard above all the myriad Babel sounds of London—the manifold cry of the sins and the sorrows, the gaiety and the pleasure, the traffic and the merchandise, and all the good and evil deeds wrought in that vast hive of human life. And what is the meaning of that great voice? Surely the reminder that there is a Gospel! that for the sorrowing there is joy—for the hopeless there is hope—for the weak there is strength—for the weary there is rest. And every Sunday, when his companions in the other tower cease from their invitation, his deeper voice renews it, and bids all enter the open doors of the sanctuary, and kneel before the Father of their spirits, and obey the call of His Son: "Come unto me, all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Have you ever reflected, then, brethren, that you and your bells together are in a real sense preachers of the Gospel? If not, you have never yet grasped the full meaning, the high privilege of your office in the Church of God. But if you have, then you will be all the better members of this Association, which to-day we welcome to this ancient borough, this venerable sanctuary, "to praise upon the well-tuned cymbals" the goodness of God, Who has bestowed upon us the gift of melody, and the power to form instruments whereby it may be gratified. For the first rule of the Association declares its object to be "the advancement of the true and lasting interest of Change Ringers, and their Art, considered both in its scientific aspect, and as a branch of Church Work." "The scientific character of the Art." Yes, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might"—educate the brain to follow the intricate, yet orderly mazes of each "method"; train the keen eye and skilful hand and sinewy arm. All this is good. But shall this be all? I quote your rule again: "And as a branch of Church Work." What is Church Work? Surely, the "preaching of the Gospel," in the widest sense of that term—leading the sinful to place his trust and hope in the Saviour, and building up those who have already believed in their most holy faith. As the clergyman in the pulpit, in feathering the arrow which is to carry home the message, so the ringer should spare no pains to perfect himself in his art and pray evermore that the melody of the towers may indeed be a very "music of the Gospel, to lead every lost sheep who hears it, home to the Good Shepherd." The preacher then referred to the good examples of ringers whom he had known, especially the late vice-president of the association, William Howard, for sixty years a ringer in York Minster, and then reminded his hearers that the instruments of the text are mentioned again in Holy Writ, by St. Paul, whom they commemorated that day, but in a widely different connection. He is warning the Corinthians against unreality. And this is the emblem which he employs: "Sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal!" . . . Might it not be in vain that he had tried to impress upon their minds the lesson of this last of the Psalms—this Psalm of universal praise, which ends with the soul-stirring invocation: "Let everything that hath breath, praise the Lord!"

The sermon ended with a closing thought, arising out of the Christian's belief in the Communion of Saints—that as we believe that those who have gone before are joining in the praises of to-day, so shall we, when privileged to follow them, join in the everlasting chorus of Eternity.

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The service was followed by a short organ recital, and at its close "God Save the King" was given with the full power of the instrument, the 32-feet Contra Posaune—or in more popular language, the 32-feet Trombones—joining in the grand undertones with great effect.

As we left the Minster our thoughts went out in commendation to Mr. Camidge, for whilst supporting the voices of his choir he continually subdued everything at his command in their favour. Nevertheless, when occasion demanded it, he introduced the power of his instrument with artistic but fearless intensity, producing many grand contrasts.

A few details of the organ cannot but prove of interest. It was constructed by John Snetzler in 1767, having at that time 26 speaking stops. In 1848 it was extended by Forster and Andrews, and in 1884 it was entirely rebuilt by W. Hill & Son, of London, when it was considerably enlarged, to a total of 57 speaking stops. As lately as 1903 the double open diapason of 32 feet, which has some eight companion stops on the pedal organ, has been supplemented by a very important addition in the form of a contra posauene of 32 feet, a metal reed of great power, in order that the 3,576 pipes which constitute the instrument may not be short of a weighty foundation when such is required. The great and choir organs and a portion of the Tuba are placed on the screen, whilst the rest of the organ is in the south aisle of the choir.

We had afterwards to freely admit that the Hon. Sec.'s eulogies about the bells and organ were founded on solid ground, but we were glad to have had the opportunity of proving the facts for ourselves, and it was perhaps this that made us take up our somewhat doubting attitude.

(To be continued.)

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

##### "HENRY JOHNSON" ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION DINNER.

More than the usual amount of interest attached to the gathering held on the 29th ult., and when it was first announced in our columns that the chair would be taken by Mr. C. H. Hattersley, of Sheffield, expectations were raised that were more than fully realised in the event. Many circumstances had arisen in past years to prevent Mr. Hattersley undertaking this function, although it had always been recognised that associations pointed to him as being eminently fitted for the position. Punctually at the hour appointed—6.30—the large and handsome room at "Ye Olde Royal" Hotel was fairly well filled by as large and representative a meeting of the kind as we ever recollect.

An excellent and well served dinner was creditable alike both to the management and staff of the hotel, and the executive of the guild responsible for the arrangements; and at the outset we were pleased to notice a new feature on the tastefully printed and decorated menu cards, which would add to their value as souvenirs, in the form of a medallion portrait of the late Henry Johnson—(strongly reminiscent, by the way, of one of the excellent portraits in the columns of ours which we would gladly see at more frequent intervals.)

The usual loyal toast of "King, Church and State," was pithily given by the chairman, who somehow managed to push home a few truths without trenching too far into the debateable domain of politics. This was duly honoured, and the rector of Solihull, the Rev. T. B. Harvey Brooks, being called upon for a response, was particularly happy

in working out an opportunity to bestow a word of appreciation on his own excellent band of ringers.

At this juncture the hon. sec. of the guild mentioned the numerous apologies he had received for non-attendance, viz., from Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, who wrote—"Could I have managed it, nothing would have given me greater pleasure than to have looked in on my Birmingham friends, and I am sincerely sorry that it is not possible"; from the rector of Birmingham (Canon Denton-Thompson), the vicar of Aston (Canon Sutton), the vicar of Kings Norton (Canon Barnard), the rector of Handsworth (Dr. Snow), the vicar of Hale (Rev. C. A. Clements), the vicar of Boldmere (Rev. R. Bevis Thompson), the Right hon. R. R. Cherry, and Messrs. A. T. King, C. E. D. Bontflower, S. Spittle, W. C. M. James, J. Kendall, A. W. Edge, W. F. Edwards, W. Short, E. Herrex, and others. From these it was very apparent that the usual winter crop of influenza and colds was a very severe one.

After a pianoforte solo by Mr. F. E. Slater, the Chairman rose to give the toast of the evening, "The memory of the late Henry Johnson."

Here it became very evident that no one could have been more fully qualified than the chairman for introducing such a toast, not only from his long and intimate acquaintance of over 40 years with the late Henry Johnson, but from the quaint and racy fun of his enormous fund of anecdote, which has delighted many of us on several occasions. Running back to 1814, when one of the old peal books of the St. Martin's "Youths of Birmingham" recorded a connection between Sheffield and Birmingham ringers at the opening of the Liverpool ring of twelve, he rapidly traced such connection through a course of over 100 years, mentioning by the way that his own grandfather—a Mr. Booth, a Sheffield ringer—was acquainted with Mr. Johnson, and that in 1849 a copy of Shipway's work was presented to Mr. Johnson by a Mr. Bateman of Sheffield. He then came to the year 1863, when he first wrote Mr. Johnson on some simple matter of composition, not only obtaining a very kind reply but promise of further assistance; afterwards to his first visit to Mr. Johnson in 1867 at Charlotte Street, and a following introduction to such old Birmingham celebrities as Chattell, T. Day, Perks, W. Hallsworth of Walsall, and others. (His inimitable style of telling all this beggars our descriptive powers.) He then carried his audience on to 1876, when Mr. Johnson rang his rooth peal on his 67th birthday, to 1877 when St. Martin's bells, on which no peals had been rung for 14 years, were rehung, and he (Mr. Hattersley) called the opening peal upon them. Then by other stages to the year 1886, when at a very large dinner he presented Mr. Johnson's portrait, subscribed for by the ringers of England, to him, and to the year 1889 when, at the invitation of the present Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, a more representative body of ringers than he supposed had ever met before or since dined together at The Colonnade hotel, Birmingham, to celebrate Mr. Johnson's 80th birthday, and from that dinner emanated the existence of the central council. Mr. Johnson died in less than a year after. He called upon the company to rise with him and drink the toast in solemn silence.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett, as presiding ringing master, gave the toast of "Continued prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild," stating that in one particular, and that a very happy one, the past year had been an uneventful one, for they had lost no member by death. He was glad to see so many of their old members present that evening and generally looking so well, mentioning particularly by name Messrs. G.



W. Baldwin, W. Painter, T. Reynolds, S. Reeves, W. R. Small, J. Smith, T. Miller, and J. Carter. He congratulated Mr. James George on having achieved the performance of 367 peals in 181 different towers, being 34 more since the preceding dinner. He went on to refer to the steady progress the guild was making in every way, to the fact that a band of ringers, accompanied by ladies and friends, had paid a visit to Sheffield, where they had been most hospitably entertained, and to their new constitution as a diocesan guild. He mentioned in connection with the last item that they were hoping, with the assistance of the Rector of Birmingham, to arrange an inaugural service at St. Martin's and a meeting with the Bishop, after which they hoped to extend and widen the scope of their work. With the toast he coupled the name of their hon. sec., Mr. Godden, bearing high testimony to the value of his services. This toast was enthusiastically received, and Mr. Godden's health given with musical honours.

Hereabouts there was presented through the chairman to Mr. Pritchett, as representing the guild, a curl of hair enclosed in a locket, of which the following is a description:

This locket contains a curl of hair from the venerable head of the late Mr. Henry Johnson. As is well known, Mr. Johnson was born at Lichfield, and although removing to Birmingham in early life, his attachment to his native city was such that he in after years, whenever possible, used to visit it on the occasion of the Whitsuntide fair, or "Bower," as it is called locally. The lock was cut off with Mr. Johnson's permission by Mr. F. Sedgwick (one of the local ringers) on Whit-Monday, 1888, and kept by him until the end of 1897, when he gave it to Mr. J. H. Gallimore, who had it put in the locket, and now presents it to the Guild.

A suggestion was made in the room that it would be a happy idea to provide a suitable chain for this, so that it might be worn by the chairman at each succeeding dinner.

The Hon. Sec. having suitably responded to the toast of his health, gave the toast of "Kindred Ringing Societies," pointing out as an instance of how closely they were connected with each other the fact that so many important societies were represented in the room, and referring in kindly terms to the newly formed Warwick Association.

Mr. F. E. Ward, formerly of Cheltenham, in responding to this toast at the request of the chairman, referred to the breaking down by the present associations of the former spirit among ringers of closing the gates of knowledge in change ringing against the younger disciples. He expressed his regret that the state of his health prevented him from taking any active part in ringing as he formerly did, referred to the admirable work already done by the Central Council, and generally spoke in the most eulogistic terms of the science and art of change ringing.

At this point a presentation was made by the presiding ringing master—Mr. Pritchett—to Mr. Russam of a fine peal of 12 handbells in the key of A, 17 size. Mr. Russam is leaving England early in April to join his family in Canada, and in making the presentation Mr. Pritchett called attention to Mr. Russam's long and distinguished connection with change ringing in Birmingham. In making this presentation on behalf of the subscribers, he took the opportunity to wish him in his new sphere long life, great prosperity, and much happiness.

Mr. Russam, who was evidently somewhat overcome by emotion, stated that he felt too full to give expression to his feelings, but that he should never forget.

The bells were then heard in a course of Stedman Cinques in hand by T. Russam, 1-2; F. Fay, 3-4; T. Miller, 5-6; J. E. Groves, 7-8; G. Swan, 9-10; A. Walker, 11-12. Their tone was generally greatly admired, and

they were considered to reflect great credit on their founders, James Barwell, Ltd., and their tuner, T. Miller.

The proceedings throughout were interspersed with music and singing of a very high order, and the success of this portion of the programme was ensured by the kind co-operation and forethought of several of the visitors. For instance, Mr. Willey was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Willey, whose clear, fresh and sympathetic voice was listened to with the keenest appreciation in three excellent songs, "Angus McDonald," "Jessie's Dream," and "Be kind to Grannie." Then the strong contingent of ringers from Lichfield was accompanied by Mr. F. E. Slatter, who on the piano was a host himself, while Messrs. F. Cope, jun., and A. Morris, were responsible for excellent songs. As usual, Mr. H. Withers, on his old box—that dear sweet-toned old dulcimer, was by no means the least of the attractions. Besides giving a sample of his talent in a course of Mr. Carter's new and singular method, "Annulose," and a course of Superlative Surprise, he fairly entranced his listeners by his rendering of the "Blind Boy."

With a suitable vote of thanks to the chairman, and his response, the proceedings terminated, the event having proved one of the most enjoyable ever experienced.

### 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."

### CORRECTIONS.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Tailyour's correction, re the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Luke's church, Wolverhampton, on August 20th, 1904, in which Mr. Jas. E. Groves rang two bells (3-4) and conducted the peal, may I correct him by the fact that Great Britain does not include Ireland. The "Harmsworth Encyclopædia" describes Ireland thus: "Ireland rises from the continental plateau in close connection with Great Britain," &c. If Mr. Tailyour will kindly explain why and how this is wrong, I shall be greatly obliged to him. I am still of opinion that Mr. Jas. E. Groves was the first to ring and conduct a peal in this manner in Great Britain.

H. KNIGHT.

SIR,—In your issue of the 14th instant, Mr. Tailyour, in condemning the peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton (in which the conductor rang 3-4), has evidently mistaken the term "Great Britain" for the "The United Kingdom," the title of which is "The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland." As Arklow is situated in the latter country Mr. Groves' performance still stands as the first of its kind in "Great Britain." The above tower is also the one in which Mr. H. Knight, blindfolded, rang in and conducted Thurstan's one-part peal of Stedman Triples—an achievement which is not only the first of its kind in Great Britain but in the world.

F. J. COPE.

### NOISY BELFRIES.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. J. Shillitoe, I beg to say that the ceiling referred to should not cost more than £10 to £11. (This is the advice of two practical builders.) St. John the Divine is situated opposite the M.R. Station, Leicester. Tenor is 21 cwts. The bells are just overhead, but the noise is no greater than handbells. Should your correspondent—or any one else interested—think of paying a visit, I should be pleased to meet them.

WILLIAM WILLSON.

To Mr. PULLING.

SIR,—Our friend Mr. Pulling is quite wrong in his idea of my letter of the 7th instant, as he will find nothing in it beyond the "historical facts" of the case in point.

G. WILLIAMS.

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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 the 23rd; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 24th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 26th; all at 8 p.m.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, to-day, Saturday, Mar. 21st. Bells ready at 4 p.m. A good attendance requested. Business important. JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne to-day, Saturday, Mar. 21st. Tower open at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 6. Half railway fares up to 2s. will be paid. A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Feltham to-day, Saturday, Mar. 21st. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided for those requiring it on the usual terms. All friends cordially invited. J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's church, Bacup, to-day, Saturday, Mar. 21st. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Z. LORD, *Branch Sec.*

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, March 28th. Tea 9d. each, will be provided in the schoolroom. Those intending to be present please give notice. E. W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
Cogenhall.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The annual meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (12), available from 3 to 4 p.m., and 6 to 7.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Royal Oak at 7.45. GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church, Blackburn, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—Meetings for the practice of Double Norwich will be held during 1908 at Twyford on the second Thursday in each month commencing March 12th, from 7 to 9 p.m. Meetings will also be held at Winchester Cathedral for the practice of Kent Treble Bob on the first Wednesday in each month, commencing May 6th, from 7 to 9 p.m. Any ringers who may happen to be in the neighbourhood on those evenings will be most heartily welcomed.

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By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

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\*Bobs at 1, 4, 9, 12, 15, 16, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24.

This peal has the 6th her extent at home in the titmuss position without a single, and the 6th eighteen times at home in the handstroke home position, and only one single in the peal.

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There are in this branch 1,290,758 free policies in force. No fewer than 32,104 of

these policies became claims during the year, and 128,429 were granted, the total number in existence being over a million and a quarter.

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It is not surprising to note that the position of the Prudential, as regards stability and profits, remains as satisfactory as ever; and there can be no doubt that the liberal policy adopted last July in admitting policy holders and the superintendents, assistant superintendents, and agents to a specified share in the profits—a new and novel feature in this class of business—will prove a powerful incentive to even greater efforts on the part of the field workers and help to even more pronounced success in the future.

## ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

The annual meeting of this guild was at Dudley, on Saturday, March 7th. Early in the afternoon members began to assemble from Brierley Hill, Halesowen, Tipton, Netherton, Rowley Regis, West Bromwich, Sedgley, Oldbury, Shifnal and Aston. The bells were started at 4 o'clock, and kept going until 5, when service was held in St. Thomas's church. Owing to a severe attack of influenza, the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, vicar of Dudley (president of the guild) was unable to officiate, and the Rev. S. J. Marriott, vicar of Netherton (vice-president), read the service and delivered an address from St. Matthew, 5th chapter, 13th verse. At the close of the service a substantial tea was awaiting them, and upwards of 60 members sat down to enjoy the good things provided, and needless to say, full justice was done. A good number of ladies were present to look after the comfort of the members, Messrs. H. Watson and J. P. Bill (churchwardens) also being present. Mesdames Watson, Holland and Wilkes, with Misses Carol and Bill, presided at the urns. At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. S. J. Marriott presided. A vote of sympathy was sent to the vicar, including an expression of regret for the cause which prevented him from being present. After the minutes of last quarterly meeting were read and confirmed, four honorary, three life, and seven performing members were enrolled. The whole of the officers were re-elected. It was decided that the Brierley Hill band had won the prize offered by the vicar of Dudley to the band that rang the greatest number of peals during the year. It is gratifying to know that the Tipton band, which came next, did such excellent work as to come so close to their neighbour, and hope it will be a great stimulant for others to copy. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Rowley Regis. After the routine business was concluded, and votes of thanks passed to the ladies, the Rev. S. J. Marriott, and the officers, a move was made to the belfry, and the bells kept merrily going until 9 o'clock, which concluded a very pleasant meeting.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1908

## The Metropolis.

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On Saturday, March 14, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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**The Provinces.****LAUNTON, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)*On Saturday, February 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,*

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

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

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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(BRADING BRANCH.)

*On Monday, March 2, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

PENNING'S ONE-PART.

REV. R. J. P. BURBERRY .. Treble.	WAVELL PAIN .. .. 5.
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**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,**

5008 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

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\*First peal in the method.

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**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

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**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,**

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

WESLEY WATSON .. .. Treble.	ALFRED J. T. CARTER .. .. 5.
HARRY W. CATTERWELL .. .. 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS .. .. 6.
GEORGE JAY* .. .. 3.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM MILLER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

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Conducted by F. W. WATLING.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,**

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY J. STEFF .. .. Treble.	ROBERT WALLWORK .. .. 5.
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**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,**

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN BASS* .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 5.
FRANK WITHERS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,**

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

NORMAN R. BAILEY .. Treble.	EDGAR H. BAILEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE BERRY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM DREW .. .. 6.
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## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 5.
JOHN T. RICKMAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 6.
CHARLES PALMER .. .. 3.	ALBERT D. STONE .. .. 7.
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On Saturday, March 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

ALFRED H. PULLING .. Treble.	†THOMAS UPSHALL .. .. 5.
CHARLES EDWARDS† .. .. 2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. .. 6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN. 3.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 7.
HENRY L. GARFATH .. .. 4.	ERNEST NEWELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

†First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the youngest son of the second ringer.

## NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 5.
ARTHUR CRAVEN* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 6.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. .. 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS..... 7.
HARRY MOSS* .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

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

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

M. CHARMAN* .. .. Treble.	T. CHABMAN .. .. 5.
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E. STANFORD .. .. 3.	W. SHORT .. .. 7.
J. COOK .... .. 4.	G. WOODMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. COOK.

\*First peal.

## WILLINGTON, BEDS.

On Saturday, March 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW .. Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 4.
FREDERICK MORTIMER .. 2.	FRANK WEBB .. .. 5.
CHARLES MORTIMER.. .. 3.	JOHN W. BARKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANCIS WM. BRADLEY .. Treble.	LEWIS MIDGLEY.. .. 5.
EDWARD CRABTREE .. .. 2.	THOMAS HY. GELDER .. 6.
WILLIAM CLARK .. .. 3.	FRANCIS BARKER .. .. 7.
GEORGE NAYLOR .. .. 4.	HERBERT PEEL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by F. W. BRADLEY.

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On Saturday, March 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHAPEL, H.M. DOCKYARD, DEVONPORT,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor about 9 cwt.

JOSEPH WOODLEY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM RUNDLR .. .. 5.
WILLIAM RICHARDS .. .. 2.	ERNEST W. MARSH .. .. 6.
WILLIAM G. HISCOTT .. .. 3.	ARTHUR E. TOMLINS .. 7.
WILLIAM FOBD .. .. 4.	THOMAS LINNELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR E. TOMLINS

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

## SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE EMMANUEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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JAMES TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	J. B. TAYLOR .. .. 5.
ORMEROD EASTWOOD.. .. 2.	WALTER TAYLOR .. .. 6.
JAMES ASHWORTH .. .. 3.	J. T. WRIGHT .. .. 7.
LAWRENCE TAYLOR .. .. 4.	J. W. OBMEROD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

First peal on the bells.

## HOLBECK, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART (NO. 1.) Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALBERT S. MITCHELL .. Treble.	JOSHUA WOODHEAD .. .. 5.
PERCY J. JOHNSON .. .. 2.	PATRICK LARVAN .. .. 6.
JOSEPH JESSOP .. .. 3.	WILLIAM C. H. ASH .. 7.
ROBERT BINNS .. .. 4.	DAVID YORKE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by PERCY JOHNSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Michael Killoran, who was for many years a member of the local company, who died on March 1st after a painful illness, and was interred the following Wednesday. B.I.P.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, March 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 5.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. 2.	CHARLES W. PARKER .. 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 3.	EDWARD EVANS.. .. 7.
HAWKINS ENGLISH .. .. 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. Tenor.

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

Reference next week.

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## BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR FLOWERS* .. .. Treble.	FRANK PERVIN .. .. 5.
EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. 2.	ALFRED J. HESSIAN .. .. 6.
THOMAS H. CHAPMAN .. .. 3.	JOSEPH B. FENTON .. .. 7.
JOSEPH H. WHITE* .. .. 4.	HARRY ARGYLE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH B. FENTON.

\*First peal of Bob Major.

## LEIGH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## 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.

THOMAS HOWELLS* .. .. Treble.	R. G. KNOWLES .. .. 4.
WILLIAM RANFORD* .. .. 2.	*JOHN NORMAN .. .. 5.
JOHN HOWELLS* .. .. 3.	J. R. NEWMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. R. NEWMAN.

\*First peal in seven methods. First in seven methods as conductor.  
First peal in seven methods on the bells.

## LINTON, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 8, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Canterbury Pleasure, two of Grandsire, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM HORTON* .. .. Treble.	HARRY BROWN .. .. 4.
ERNEST LAMBERT .. .. 2.	GEORGE HADAWAY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. .. 3.	CHARLES H. SONE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

\*First peal, and was proposed a member before starting.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 9, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES R. KEMP† .. .. Treble.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 5.
JOSEPH ROWELL .. .. 2.	*JACK FOREMAN .. .. 6.
GEORGE HANDLEY* .. .. 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM STORY .. .. 4.	ROBERT RICHARDS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and

Conducted by JOSEPH KEEN.

†First peal away from the tenor. \*First peal in the method.

## ASHTED, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 10, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY PRICE .. .. Treble.	JOHN CRAWFORD .. .. 5.
GEORGE WYATT .. .. 2.	JOHN WYATT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. CORBETT .. .. 3.	JOHN HOYLE .. .. 7.
DANIEL SNELLING .. .. 4.	WILLIAM FARRELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

Rung in honour of the 45th anniversary of the wedding of King Edward and Queen Alexandra.

## HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 13, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART (REVERSED.)

Tenor 19½ cwt.

G. SELLS* .. .. Treble.	J. FLOYD .. .. 5.
H. GOLDING .. .. 2.	W. FLOYD .. .. 6.
H. FLOYD .. .. 3.	W. H. NEWELL .. .. 7.
C. GOLDING .. .. 4.	*W. LATCHFORD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. NEWELL.

†First peal, and was elected a member before starting. \*First peal away from the tenor. Rung on the thirteenth anniversary of H. Golding's wedding; also to W. H. Holmes, a ringer, on the birth of a son.

## ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

## SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 14, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILBY J. HAZELL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. .. 5.
JOHN T. KENTISH .. .. 2.	ERNEST S. POLL .. .. 6.
GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
JOHN H. BENSTEAD .. .. 4.	GEORGE PAICE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## TONG, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Trebles, Primrose, London Scholars' Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, City Delight and College Pleasure. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES J. SALLAWAY .. Treble.	THOMAS HEPWORTH .. .. 4.
EDWARD ODDY .. .. 2.	GEORGE BOLLAND .. .. 5.
GEORGE LAMBERT .. .. 3.	SAMUEL ODDY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HOLBECK.—On Wednesday, February 26th, on handbells, in the parish room, 720 Bob Minor, in 19 mins. A. S. Mitchell, 1-2; P. Johnson conductor, 3-4; J. Woodhead, 5-6.

## THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

SKETTY.—On Monday, March 2nd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. H. Gwyn, W. H. Rice conductor, R. Smale, R. Morse, E. Chamberlain, D. Williams C. Morse, H. Williams.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MADELEY (Herefordshire).—On Saturday, February 1st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 1260 changes, in 47 mins. G. Goode, Rev. G. W. Turner, G. Taylor, H. Young conductor, W. Taylor, H. Taylor (Hereford). Also at the Cathedral, for Divine Service, on the front six, 360 in the same method. H. Taylor, G. Taylor, H. Young conductor, A. Hurcombe, H. Chamberlain, H. Symonds.

## CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Monday, February 24th, for practice at St. Giles's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with tenor behind. \*C. Sears, F. Wilford (conductor), \*T. Law, F. Hopper, W. Rogers, G. Flavell, J. Freeman. \*First 720 Treble Bob.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

OLD ALRESFORD (Hants.)—On Saturday, February 8th, 288 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Smith, W. Rowe, C. Fray, W. H. George, C. A. Valentine, W. T. Tucker conductor.

NEW ALRESFORD.—Recently 308 Grandsire Triples. W. T. Tucker, W. Rowe, G. Noice, C. Fray, W. H. George, C. Gladiss, C. A. Valentine conductor, W. Spiers. Also 280. P. Rooke, G. Smith, C. A. Valentine, C. Fray, W. T. Tucker, C. W. H. George conductor, W. Spiers. And 252 Stedman Triples. G. Williams, G. Smith, C. A. Valentine, C. Fray, G. Noice, W. T. Tucker, W. H. George conductor, W. Spiers.

BISHOP SUTTON (Hants.)—On Saturday, February 8th, 480 Grandsire Doubles. C. A. Valentine conductor, W. Rowe, C. Fray, W. H. George, W. T. Tucker.

HURSLEY (Hants.)—On Sunday evening, February 16th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Major. E. Wild, J. Pannel, W. T. Tucker, R. Hunt, W. Jones, C. A. Valentine conductor.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BAGBOROUGH.—On February 2nd, a quarter-peal of mixed Doubles, viz., Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire, in 43 mins. W. Bennett conductor, A. Barker, S. Parsons, C. Greedy, H. J. Hole, S. Hole.

MONKSILVER.—On Sunday evening, February 23rd, for Divine Service, three plain courses of Stedman Slow Course Doubles. H. Watts, W. Bennett, S. Parsons, A. Barker, C. Greedy.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TETBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, February 29th, for practice at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 47 mins. G. Cook, A. Townsend, E. Maisey, C. Cleaver, T. Cull conductor. And three courses of Grandsire Triples. G. Cook, C. Cleaver, W. Page, Miss D. Townsend, A. Townsend, E. Maisey, T. Cull, J. Cleaver.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

EASTWOOD (Notts.)—On February 18th, at St. Mary's, Eastwood, the following members of the M. C. A. rang a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes ("Whittle's variation of Carter's 12 parts), in 1 hr. 29 mins., on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Mary Plumtre (second daughter of the late Rector of Eastwood) to her cousin, Mr. Geo. Plumtre, of Goodnestone, Kent, the ringers wishing her every happiness. J. Parnham, John T. Pollard, A. Parker conductor, E. Manners, Fred. Rowley, Percy Pollard, Geo. Blanchard, Fred Crich.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Tuesday, March 3rd, for practice, 720 and 360 Bob Minor. R. Rowell, G. Jutson, E. Tilley, J. Jutson, J. W. Jarvis, F. Jeffs conductor.

STOKE-ON-TRENT (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, March 1st, for Divine Service, 1952 changes, in 1 hr. 11 mins. G. Woods, F. Page, S. Churton conductor, T. Mountford, A. Lawton, A. Clowes, T. Austin, H. Page.

PERRY BARR (Staffs.)—On Sunday, February 9th, before Evening Service at the Parish Church, in 42 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Davis, C. Starkey, W. Cooper, G. A. Taylor, W. G. Ellis conductor, G. Mitchan, C. Williams, W. Fountain.

LECKHAMSTEAD (Bucks.)—On Wednesday, February 19th, a half-peal, 2520 changes of Antelope and Grandsire Doubles, was rung by the following: H. Carter, J. Green, D. Hurst, C. Tyrrell, J. Read conductor. This is the longest length by the ringers of 1, 2 and 3.

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## A LATE LETTER.

SIR,—Would you be kind enough to correct the following error in the figures of Double Hereward Bob, published in "THE BELL NEWS" of March 7, 1908, the Single is given as thus:—

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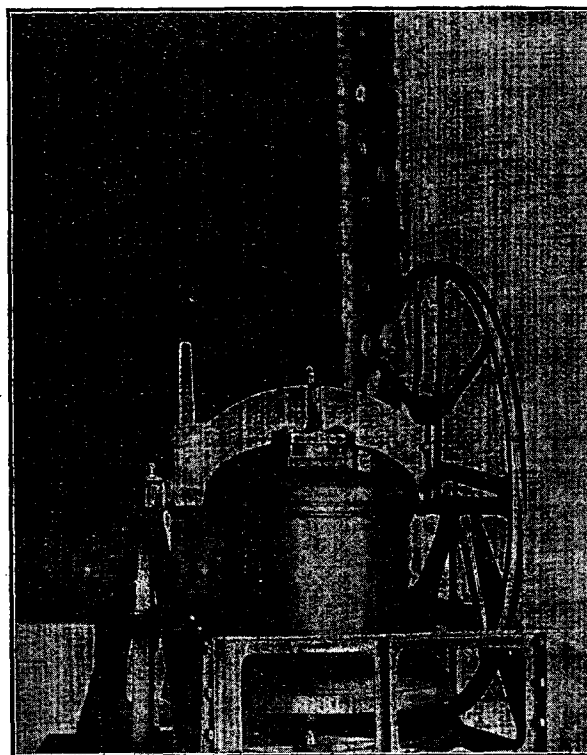
Corrected, this should read—

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A correction at your earliest will greatly oblige. F. BLOOD.

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# ALPHINGTON, DEVON.

The belfry of St. Michael's, Aliphington, Exeter, was on Tuesday, March 10th, the scene of a very pleasing and interesting ceremony, namely, the presenting and unveiling of an illuminated and inscribed oak peal board, given by the members of the Exeter Ringers' Cycling Club, recording the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung on the bells. Mr. Frank Davey, hon. sec. of the club, in making the presentation expressed the pleasure it gave him on behalf of his fellow members to make the presentation, because it was always a pleasure after one had practised regularly and earnestly at the weekly practices, and came to that proficiency to stand in an attempt for a peal, to hear the conductor give the welcome, "that's all." He urged those present to persevere and help each other to advance in the art, and to take an object lesson in the conductor of the peal,

who, although passed the allotted span of a man's life, was ever ready to help those who were not so far advanced in the art as himself. He also hoped the board would be an incentive for the local band to join the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, and advance generally in ringing.

Mr. John Brewer, foreman ringer of the Aliphington Band, expressed his regret at the absence of the rector, Rev. E. J. G. Dupeus, through indisposition, and personally returning thanks for the peal record, and further expressed the pleasure it gave to his ringers and himself in having such a record placed in their belfry. He would try and see what could be done with his band in hopes of being affiliated to the Devon Guild. Touches of Stedman Grand-sire and Bob Major, and call changes, were rung on the bells, and a very convivial hour spent with the combined bands. The tablet records the peal of Stedman Triples

rung on May 24th, 1906, under the conductorship of the Rev. F. E. Robinson. The only other peal rung on the bells was one of Grandsire Triples rung 27 years previous to the above.

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

The re-opening of the bells at St. Clement Danes, Strand, will take place on Saturday, March 28th. A special service will be held at 6 p.m., when the Venerable Archdeacon of Middlesex will preach; the Association form of service will be used. A united practice, etc., will take place previous, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. It is desirable all members should endeavour to attend the service. All ringers heartily welcome.

T. H. TAFFENDER,  
Hon. Sec.

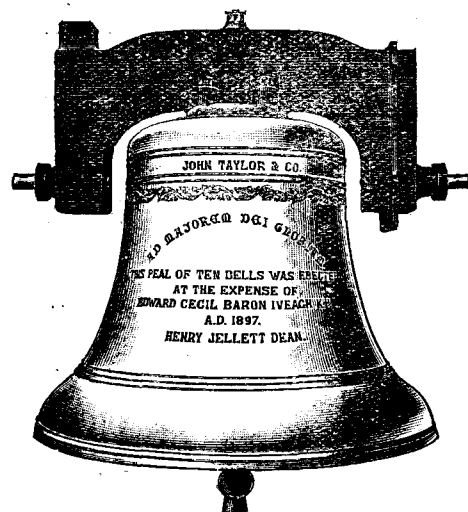
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Also the chime of bells at Ames College, Iowa, U.S.A.  
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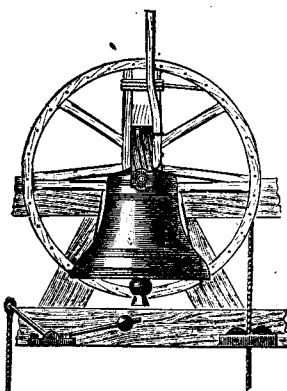
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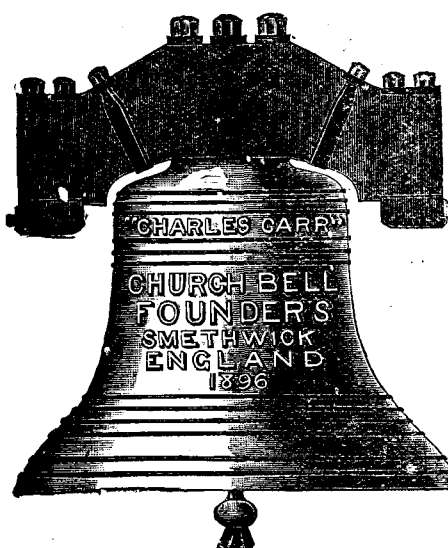
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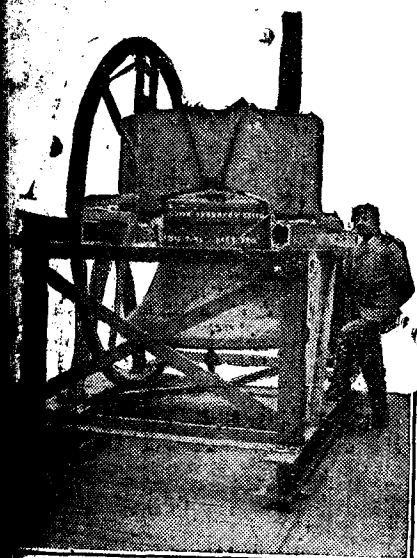
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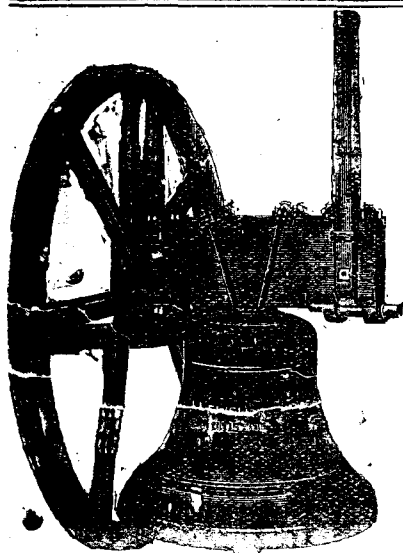
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## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—(Continued).

ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY 25TH, 1908.

Tea was served in one of the schoolrooms, Minster-yard, immediately after the service, where some 250 visitors were entertained. This refreshment over, the annual meeting followed in the same room, with the President in the chair, supported by the Mayor—Mr. R. Care—Canon Nolloth, the Rev. W. H. Savile, Vicar of St. Mary's, the principal officers of the Association, and others. The previous minutes having been disposed of, the President expressed the gratification that all must have felt at the grand service that had been so kindly arranged for them in the beautiful Minster, and alluding to the presence of the Mayor, moved a hearty vote of thanks to his worship for his presence amongst them, remarking that it was the fourth consecutive occasion on which the chief magistrate of the visited town had paid them the same compliment. This being seconded by the Rev. C. E. Marshall (of Leeds) and carried, the Mayor, wearing his chain of office, rose to reply. After a very warm reception, for which he thanked the meeting, he went on to say that he was there on the invitation of Canon Nolloth, and specially desired to express the pleasure the ancient town of Beverley had in welcoming them in its midst. In his time he had visited many churches in different towns, and though some might be larger none were more beautiful, or better cared for, than their grand old Minster and the church of St. Mary, and these he felt sure they would thoroughly enjoy. Although he was a nonconformist he heartily wished the churchpeople every success in their work in Beverley, and in the preservation of the valuable pile entrusted to them. Every time he saw the Minster he was more struck with its beauty, and warmly complimented Canon Nolloth on his care of it. He trusted their visit would prove an enjoyable one, and that they would retain pleasant recollections of that interesting day.

The hon. treasurer's balance-sheet—which was signed by three auditors, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, Rev. W. P. Wright, and Mr. G. Witty (of Beverley), as well as by the President—was then put before the meeting, with the information that the figures in the annual report were exact fac-similes. This and the report of the committee were accepted and passed on the motion of Mr. Tyrwhitt Drake, seconded by Mr. Walter Gibson (of Beverley).

The President then declared the following officers re-elected: Mr. C. H. Hattersley, vice-President, on the initiative of the committee, in place of the late Mr. W. H. Howard; Mr. C. Jackson, steward; and, in the place of Mr. Holgate retiring from the position of hon. secretary, Mr. Pratt Cordingley, of Pudsey, had been duly nominated and was therefore elected. Some doubt however existed as to whether his leisure would permit him to accept the post. The other members of committee re-elected were Messrs. Rew of Sheffield, Gill of Bolton, McKell of Gargrave, and Williams of Leeds.

On the motion of the Rev. C. C. Marshall, seconded by

Mr. Nash, of Wath-on-Dearne, votes of thanks were passed to the auditors and retiring officers, with a special reference to Mr. Holgate for his useful and much appreciated work as hon. secretary. In putting this to the meeting the President stated that Mr. Holgate had been a valuable officer, prompt, and pleasant to work with, and he trusted that the future freedom from official worry would relieve the strain from which he had been obliged to seek relief.

The choice of place for the next meeting was left in the hands of the committee, after which the roll-call of officers showed only six absentees out of a total of twenty.

The President then moved a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Nolloth for arranging the splendid service in the Minster, for his excellent sermon, and for the use of his bells and schools. This was seconded by Mr. C. Jackson, of Hull, and in being put to the meeting the chairman paid some well-deserved compliments to Dr. Nolloth, whom they had the honour of claiming as a hon. member. For not only had he presented the seven-ton bourdon as a thank-offering at the end of his twenty-one years' ministry, but he and those dear to him had the satisfaction of knowing—for they must know it—that they had been instrumental in providing St. Mary's and Beverley Minster with the two finest rings of ten that any one town were known to possess; St. Mary's being one of 35 cwt., whilst that at the Minster was about 41½ cwt., with the bourdon in tune with it.

The Rev. Canon was vociferously cheered in rising to respond. He thanked them for the kind things that had been said, but he felt that the success of the meeting was due more to the efforts of the local committee than to anything he had done. That committee had worked hard and well to make the meeting a success. It nevertheless had given him great pleasure to welcome the Association and to arrange for their annual service. They in Beverley had been looking forward to that day, and he was pleased that the weather had been fine and everything had passed off so successfully.

Other votes were then passed to the Rev. W. H. Savile, for the use of the bells of St. Mary; to Mr. Camidge, the Minster organist; and to the songsmen and choristers for their kind assistance at the Minster service; this from the chair, seconded by the Rev. Tyrwhitt Drake. In a friendly little speech Mr. Savile thanked the meeting for its expression of appreciation; they had all been glad at Beverley to help in the day's proceedings. His own was a minor part, but he had had much pleasure in giving what fell to his lot.

A hearty vote of thanks to the local committee, to the subscribers and to the lady helpers, was passed on the initiative of Mr. C. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Broadley.

The Rev. R. G. Payne, of the Minster staff of the clergy, replied stating that the local committee had one and all done their best, and had enjoyed doing it, with the one object of making the day one that would be remembered.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, on the motion of Mr.

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Lawson, seconded by Mr. C. Jackson, brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

Not only did the local committee fully deserve all the thanks bestowed on them, but Mr. Pyne as representing the clergy, and Mr. Walter Gibson as representing the ringers are to be congratulated on their work as local hon. secs., the result being admitted to be an unqualified success by those best able to judge.

The souvenir which we mentioned at the outset—and which is partly responsible for the length of this report—is just one of those masterpieces in the matter of kindly forethought which go so far to make a day complete in itself, whilst forging links by which it may be afterwards held in memory.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A dinner in connection with the Bath Deanery of this Association was held on a recent Monday evening at the Abbey Church House, when a large gathering was presided over by the Rector of Bath (Preb. S. A. Boyd).

The loyal toast was duly honoured.

In submitting the toast of "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," Colonel Skrine said no company was more qualified to appreciate the Bishop and clergy than those who were present that night. They were all brought into very near connection with them, many assisting in the matter of bells and others as churchwardens. It was their duty to stand by the clergy, and it was their wish to give them every assistance. He was quite sure they would drink their health with very cordial feelings of admiration and of confidence in the way in which the Bishop and clergy of the Diocese performed their high duties. They had every reason to be particularly thankful in that diocese for their excellent, hard-working, conscientious and pious Bishop, and for the clergy who watched over them. They had never had in Bath such an excellent set of clergy as they had at the present time. They were not only religious men but practical men, and laymen wanted practical clergy. He was pleased to meet such a number of bellringers on that occasion, for he was a great believer in bellringing. There were some people who would stop bellringing if they could, but he certainly did not see why they should be stopped. The toast was heartily received.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey, who had to leave early to catch a train, expressed his great pleasure at finding himself once again amongst members of the Bath and Wells Association. It was a good many years ago since he joined the Association when it was first started, and he had rung a few peals with some of the gentlemen present. It was a great pleasure to him to hear how the Association was flourishing, and he wished it every success.

The Rev. C. Hylton Stewart said the clergy were doing their very hardest to understand the laity, and to meet their requirements as far as they possibly could, and their one object in life was to work with them and to work for them. If the clergy had the laymen at their back he did not think they need fear the laywomen. The Bishop was very hard worked, and he was glad he had got a motor. The Bishop was a respected and honoured man in the diocese. Referring to bellringing, the speaker said he was grateful to Mr. Richardson and his ringers for what they did in his parish. He for one never intended to pay any attention to those who would have bells silenced. Bells were part and parcel of the Church of England, and long might they ring.

The Rev. A. E. Gardner also responded.

The Rev. C. C. Parker, Master of the Association, proposed the toast of "The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association," and said he was very pleased to see the Mayor present, for it was a great help to them as ringers to have the interest of the Mayor. He hoped that he would allow them to add his name to the list of honorary members of the Association. One of the great things from which they had suffered in the past was that the clergy and churchwardens had failed to take that interest in the ringers which they ought to have done. He did not say that that was so now. He knew from experience that one of the most helpful things to ringers was that the clergy, churchwardens and others should visit the towers and see the ringers sometimes at their work. The Association had two great objects. The first was that of reforming the belfries of the diocese, and secondly the cultivating of change-ringing. The Association was formed in 1890, and he ventured to think that the belfries of the diocese were very much changed from what they were twenty years ago. They were now of an entirely different character. It might be said that there was no more steady or respectable body of men than the ringers of that Association. Change-ringing required the virtues of patience, perseverance, and concentration of mind. It took a long time to learn change-ringing properly. He was exceedingly proud of the position he held. They had more than 1,000 members in their Association, and they had many additions in the number of towers. He had heard that a new branch would have to be formed in Axbridge, which showed that their Association was going forward. If the Church of England had ever to meet any trouble, he was sure she would find a valuable asset in the bellringers of the Church, and the Association was well worthy of the support of all Churchmen.

Mr. Prescott replied, and said that when Mr. Richardson felt obliged to resign the secretaryship of the Bath Association it was with a feeling of keen interest in the Association that he came forward and offered his services. He was very thankful to see the growing support which the clergy in the Bath Deanery were giving them. They could not get on without the clergy, and they were constantly making new honorary members.

Mr. Richardson gave the toast of "The Visitors."

The Mayor, responding, said he was much impressed with the peal which rang from the Abbey tower when he was installed Mayor of Bath on November 9th. He said, "Long live the good old Church of England, and long live this Association." He should be only too pleased to become an honorary member of that Association. He was educated and brought up in accordance with the Established Church of Scotland, but as long as he was in England he should do all he could to support the Church of England.

Mr. Strange also replied.

Mr. Wardle proposed the toast of "The Rector of Bath." He said his father and the Rector were associated with the same parish before he came to Bath. His father was born in that parish, and Mr. Boyd was the Vicar. Although they had both left the parish, they still cherished a warm place in their hearts for it, and to-day they had a great regard for one another, and he had himself profited by that regard which was entertained by them. Ever since he had come to Bath he had been cordially welcomed by the Rector, and he had always profited by his good counsel and assistance in those matters in which they had been associated. He hoped the future might mean that the Corporation and the Abbey

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would work hand in hand together. It would be his object whenever the Association was possible to draw it closer together. In Mr. Boyd they had a gentleman who was a capable administrator; a man whose experience, counsel and sympathetic help was of profit to any person who sought it. For himself he had profited in that way already.

Replying, the Rector said he rejoiced in bell-ringing, and he was delighted at the clear evidence of the progress and the success of that Association and of their Decanal branch of it. Bell-ringing was essentially an English thing, and he liked it on account of its qualities. He had always found bellringers good-hearted and patriotic men. He had known bellringers in the dioceses of Norwich and Chester, and he hoped he should long know them in the county of Somerset. Bell-ringing was a thoroughly public thing. They rang in consonance with the happiness of the people, and they interpreted by the solemn knell their griefs.

During the evening the speeches were pleasantly interspersed with musical selections. The Rev. H. Cockey and Messrs. W. Apperly, W. J. Prescott, W. Bell, Brown and Hinton were associated in selections on the handbells, while songs were given by the Rev. C. Hylton Stewart and Mr. Richardson. Mr. Calvert contributed a recitation. The Rector of Bathwick played the accompaniments.

#### "KING EDWARD."

In a remote village, where I stayed a short time back, I made the acquaintance of an old bellringer, who had been pointed out to me by my friends as being the leading string of a band who rang at the parish church where there were five bells.

Noticing him passing on the road, one day I hailed him with a "Bob," thinking he would immediately recognise me as a brother-string. In this, however, I was mistaken, for he cast upon me an ominous look of displeasure for the liberty I had taken.

"I don't know as I know you," he began. "My name e'en't Bob—its Caleb," he said sharply.

"Beg pardon," I answered, "but, understanding you were a bellringer, I thought I would introduce myself by using the word 'Bob,' a word familiar to most ringers. You know what a 'Bob' is surely?"

"Yes," he said, beginning to smile, "and so do my mississ when I'm short of one on a Saturday."

"I don't mean money," I explained. "Have'nt you heard the word Bob in the belfry?"

"I think I have now I come to think out; but we don't go in for that down here, ye know. S'pose you come from town, don't ye?"

"I reside at London when I'm at home," said I.

"Ow! s'pose they're all gentlemen ringers there, eint they—heducated, as they say here," he queried.

"No, I can't say that, though we have a few amongst us. Some of our comets have come from obscurity, and not by any means men of letters or fond of the Muses," I replied.

"Well, that's funny," he answered. "I'd got an idea they were Scholars, they London ringers."

"Ah, I see, you are thinking of the College Youths there, no doubt. But there's many a dunce leaves the College, and many a Scholar who never entered one," I remarked.

"Ts be sure," he giggled out. "I eared a hargumen, the tother day about who was a Scholar and who worntt

and darnt if that didnt open my eyes a bit, too. Who do you thinks a scholar, guvnor?" he asked.

"Why, he who understands what things are more than what is said about them," said I, unalbe to give a better definition on the instant. "And," I added, "a gentleman is he who has simple manners and of good behaviour."

Getting back again to the topic of ringing, and telling him what a clsvr science it was, he said:

"That's what I tell em down ere—ringing is clever, and no mistake about it. But ye can't seem to knock it into their heads, can ye?"

"No; it's a very tiresome business teaching ringing I must admit," I said, for I had already perceived he knew nothing of change-ringing himself.

"What are the methods you ring in this parish, may I ask?"

"Well, said he, we've got several ways of ringing, but our parson like the one we call King Edward the best. We've only larnt him lately. You must come up and have a pull if you eent goin away directly, and see what it's like. It's very pretty," said he. "What way do you ring in London?" he inquired.

"The latest methods are Bristol and London, and sometimes they ring for nine hours at a stretch. Others ring hundreds of peals and thousands of changes."

"Do they though! Well, they eent lazy chaps, are they?" he remarked. "I s'pose they get paid well fer that?"

"Oh, no," I replied. "They have to pay, more often than not, for their own labour and pains."

He looked perplexed for the moment, then, "Pay for what—ringing—all that time?"

"Yes," said I, "their chief object is to secure points, which some critics say are not justifiable."

"Ah! I thought they wouldn't pay for nothing. They deserve all the pints they can get, I should say."

It was evident by this remark he was thinking of alcohol, for his countenance beamed somewhat, and his lips appeared to moisten. I was therefore sorry to shatter the illusion of his enchantment by explaining the meaning of points, the effect of which was to put him into quite a contrary mood.

"Well, good morning," said he, as we approached his cottage, his wife's presence immediately releasing his mind from the topics of our conversation.

"What about 'King Edward'?" I enquired. "When do you practice that?"

"Every Sunday morning afore service. Good morning," and disappeared.

As it is very difficult nowadays to find anything original, and some of us are scanning the horizon to find what lies beyond Bristol, I was anxious to see what "King Edward" was like, which, upon investigation, I found to be none other than a very unique variation of Churchyard Bob.

G. F. M.

LEE (Kent).—On Sunday, March 1st, at the church of St. Margaret, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes. T. H. Colburn, F. Pike, W. Hewitt, E. B. Crowder, F. Bennett conductor, I. Emery, T. Jakeman,\* G. R. Simmonds.\* \*First quarter-peal of Stedman.

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## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

A monthly meeting of this branch was held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, March 21st, ringers being present from Rochdale (parish church), St. Albans, Milnrow, Hamer, Balderstone, Stalybridge, Middleton, and the local company. At the business meeting held in the belfry, Mr. S. Brierley in the chair, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, April 25th. It was also moved and seconded that the ringers present and the towers they represent be counted and entered on the minutes at each branch meeting. The chairman gave his report of the business transacted at the committee meeting at Pendleton on the previous Saturday, when Heywood was selected for the next committee meeting in July. A vote of thanks to the Rector and wardens brought the meeting to a close, after which several short touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung.

## THE SOUTHOVER (LEWES) GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 18th, the popular secretary (Mr. H. H. Ebrall) entertained his brother-strings to an excellent repast, provided by hostess Goldsmith at The King's Head. Mr. Ebrall presided.

After the removal of the cloth Mr. Glandfield spoke of Mr. Ebrall's good services to the Guild, and thanked that gentleman on behalf of the company for his hospitality.

Mr. J. R. Lusted also spoke a few words and generally endorsed Mr. Glandfield's sentiments. He hoped Mr. Ebrall would be spared to be the genial Secretary of the Guild for many years to come.

Mr. Ebrall suitably responded, and he also gave an excellent recitation in which he introduced the name of every member of the Guild in humorous form, thereby causing much merriment. Mr. J. Meux acted as accompanist, and sustained an excellent musical programme.

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## THE CROYDON SOCIETY'S ANNUAL DINNER.

The bellringers of the Croydon parish church sat down to dinner at the "Greyhound" hotel on Saturday evening, Jan. 11th, the vicar of Croydon (the Rev. L. H. Burrows) being in the chair. He was very ably supported among others by Sir Frederick Edridge and Mr. Walter Hooker (churchwardens), the Mayor (Councillor H. Heatley Moore), deputy-mayor (Alderman W. Tillico), Rev. Grylls Watson, Councillor Howard Houlder, and Mr. C. F. Johnston (hon. sec.) Members of the band present were Messrs. States, Hill, Mead, Jones, Bray, Talbot, Pope, Goss, Packham, H. Shonfield, S. Shonfield, Martin and Braveny, Brooker (St. Peter's), Rumble (Beddington), and Wyatt (Ashtead).

After a very excellent meal had been disposed of, the chairman gave the toast of "The King," "The Ancient Society of Parish Church Bellringers" being also submitted by him.

In doing so, he said: The society was a very ancient one indeed, and he could not think of passing over the fact that the bellringers' society was the mouthpiece as far as the bells were concerned, of a still greater society the Church.

Bellringers were a definite part of the church workers. They were true, manly Englishmen, who were staunch to their church. He congratulated the band on the peal of Stedman Triples, which they rang on December 3rd, 1907.

The peal board which was before them that night was to be unveiled by Mrs. Hooker on the 19th inst. It was the gift of their churchwarden, Mr. Walter Hooker. They were going to lose their hon. secretary, Mr. C. F. Johnston, who had held that office for several years. He wanted to thank him on his part, and also on behalf of the churchwardens and ringers. It was very pleasing to him coming into a new place to find the work so carefully done. They had got an excellent substitute in Mr. Braveny, he had not the slightest doubt. He coupled with that toast the name of Mr. William Hill, their leader, treasurer and captain. He was a man for whom he had a great respect. He hoped he would have a successful year, as the past two or three years had been, and that all the ringers would back him up to the best of their ability.

After musical honours, Mr. W. Hill responded.

He said he was very sorry they were losing Mr. Johnston, who was his right-hand supporter, regarding the peal. They did it well, the striking being good from beginning to end, the 5040 changes being done in 3 hrs. 7 mins.

Councillor Howard Houlder gave the toast of "The Vicar and Churchwardens," and Sir Frederick Edridge and Mr. Walter Hooker responded, to which musical honours were accorded. Mr. C. F. Johnston toasted "The Visitors," remarking that they included churchwardens, mayors, and ringers. After musical honours, the Mayor responded in a very happy and witty manner and expressed his pleasure at being present.

During the evening a most enjoyable musical programme was carried out, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present—numbering 38. Among those who contributed were:—The Mayor, Councillor Houlder, Messrs. Johnston, Foster, Danes, Peveritt, Lammass, Pope, Packham, Thomas, Mead, and Mr. A. Jones (band of handbell 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."

## "CORRECTIONS."

SIR,—Mr. Tailour, in your issue of the 14th inst., objects to Mr. Groves claiming to be the first person in Great Britain to ring two tower bells through a peal, on the ground that Mr. Washbrook had previously performed similar feats in Ireland. I, too, am anxious that none of the credit which Mr. Washbrook so richly deserves should be taken from him, especially as through Mr. Tailour's courtesy and kindness I was permitted to take part in a peal of Stedman Triples at Arklow in 1905, in which Mr. Washbrook rang 3-4 with the greatest precision and ease. But is Mr. Tailour correct in regarding Ireland as part of Great Britain? We speak of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, thus signifying that Ireland is outside Great Britain, which, as I understand, includes only England and Wales and Scotland.

CLEVELAND ELLIS.

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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 April 2nd, 16th, and 30th; St. John, Hackney, on the 7th and 21st; St. John, South Hackney, on the 6th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside (special business meeting afterwards), on the 7th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 21st; St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 23rd; all at 8 p.m.

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

**The Essex Association.**—North-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Stobbing to-day, Saturday, Mar. 28th. Tea 9d. each, will be provided in the schoolroom. Those intending to be present please give notice. E. W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
Coggeshall.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The annual meeting will be held at Leeds to-day, Saturday, Mar. 28th. Bells (12), available from 3 to 4 p.m., and 6 to 7.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Royal Oak at 7.45. GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church, Blackburn, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Leek on Saturday, April 4th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Service in church at 7.30 p.m. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. A. E. Ridgway, Dragons Croft, Westwood Road, Leek, not later than the previous Wednesday.

REV. E. V. COX } *Hon. Secs.*  
J. JOHNSON, }

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ashton-under-Lyne parish church (12 bells), on Saturday, April 11th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7. W. H. SHUKER, *Br. Sec.*

**The Halifax and District Association.**—The next quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Stainland on Saturday, April 11th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by April 6th.

J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*  
302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

**St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.**—The ringing practices will in future be from 7.30 to 9 p.m. JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—Meetings for the practice of Double Norwich will be held during 1908 at Twyford on the second Thursday in each month commencing March 12th, from 7 to 9 p.m. Meetings will also be held at Winchester Cathedral for the practice of Kent Treble Bob on the first Wednesday in each month, commencing May 6th, from 7 to 9 p.m. Any ringers who may happen to be in the neighbourhood on those evenings will be most heartily welcomed.

JAS. W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*

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## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT IPSWICH** (reported last week).—This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Harriet Motts, who attained her 80th birthday on Thursday, March 5th last, and the respected mother of James and William Motts, and also to oblige Mr. Hawkins English, who hails from Coddenham, and Mr. C. W. Parker, who hails from Tuddenham. The customary birthday congratulations were conveyed to Mrs. Motts from the members who took part in the peal.

**THE PEAL AT WREXHAM.**—This was the first peal of Bob Royal by all except the ringers of the 2nd and tenor; first peal of Royal by the Association, and first peal of Royal on the bells. First peal since re-hanging by Mears and Stainbank, the "go" being excellent. The band wish to thank the Vicar of Wrexham for the use of the bells, also the local band for raising the bells and having everything in readiness.

**THE PEAL AT LLANOVER.**—This was the first peal on the bells, and was specially rung as a compliment of thanks to the Hon. Mrs. Herbert, of Llanover Court, for her great kindness in having the bells re-cast and re-hung, and it was also rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. Thomas Probert, of Abergavenny, who has presented a peal of handbells to the church.

## AN APPEAL.

The members of the Keighley society would like to open a subscription list for the cause of one of their ringing brethren—J. McGoun—who has the misfortune to lose the use of one of his legs, and possibly it might have to be amputated. He has been unable to use the limb now for a matter of eight months. The above company therefore beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country on his behalf. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 34, Hill Street, Keighley, Yorkshire, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS."

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SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1908.

## The Metropolis.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Thursday, March 12, 1908, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM HEWETT .. .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 2.	ERNEST BRETT .. .. 7.
ARTHUR HARDY .. .. 3.	HORATIO GUMMER .. .. 8.
GEORGE FARDON .. .. 4.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 9.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.	RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE .. .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 2.	HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 7.
FRED WILFORD .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. FITSTOW, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.



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## The Provinces.

## ROCHESTER, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

ALFRED ROBSON .. .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESEMAN .. 5.
WILLIAM HAIGH .. .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

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

## RIPPONDEN, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.  
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

FRANCIS W. BRADLEY .. Treble.	JESSE RUSEWORTH .. 5.
HERBERT ROLLEY .. .. 2.	LEWIS MIDGLEY .. .. 6.
JOHN LAWSON .. .. 3.	THOMAS H. GELDER .. 7.
ELI BARBER .. .. 4.	*GEORGE NAYLOR .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by G. NAYLOR.

†First peal of Major. \*First peal as conductor.

## BOLTON, BRADFORD, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

A. AINGE .. .. Treble.	*J. PALFRAMAN .. .. 5.
B. E. HOWE .. .. 2.	A. GILL .. .. 6.
H. SUGDEN† .. .. 3.	T. B. KENDALL .. .. 7.
A. BENSON* .. .. 4.	S. PALFRAMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. GILL.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung to commemorate  
the rehanging of the bells.

## SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor about 12 cwt.

WILLIAM STONE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 4.
ARCHIBALD W. NORMAN .. 2.	HENRY WM. GAYTON .. 5.
ALBERT J. BARCOCK .. .. 3.	HERBERT COCKINGS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

First peal as conductor. \*First peal.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 14, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 24½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. Treble.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 5.
GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. 2.	*JOHN P. TARLTON .. .. 6.
JAMES COTTERELL* .. .. 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 7.
DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\*First peal in the method. Arranged for J. Cotterell, of Halifax,  
Hon. Secretary of the Yorkshire Association.**Peal-Boards** made by JAMES HUNT, Change Ringer, of 19  
Dapdune Road, Guildford, meet with great favour.

## MALDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob,  
and one each of Kent, Plain and Double Court. Tenor 13 cwt.

EBENEZER FINCH* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS C. GOZZETT .. 4.
HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 2.	†ALFRED GOZZETT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. BRINKLEY† .. 3.	FRED CHALK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED GOZZETT.

\*First peal. †First peal away from the treble. ‡First peal as con-  
ductor.

## TETBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6 scores. Tenor 16 cwt.

G. COOK* .. .. Treble.	A. TOWNSEND .. .. 4.
C. CLEAVER† .. .. 2.	T. CULL .. .. 5.
G. TOWNSEND .. .. 3.	J. CLEAVER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. CULL.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor.  
First peal on the bells by a local band. Rung as a birthday com-  
pliment to A. Townsend.

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

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 14, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN HIGGINS† .. .. Treble.	†HARRY HOPKINS .. .. 5.
ERNEST HERBERT .. .. 2.	RICHARD NICHOLS .. .. 6.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 3.	FRANK WEBB .. .. 7.
CYRIL HERBERT .. .. 4.	*HARRY SEAR .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. W. CLARKE, and Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

\*First peal in the method as conductor. †First peal of Major. First  
peal of Bob Major on the bells.

## MADELEY, SALOP.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and one each  
College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, and Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN OVERTON .. .. Treble.	BERTRAM HEAD .. .. 4.
GEORGE CASE .. .. 2.	HORACE W. OVERTON .. 5.
JOHN ELCOCK .. .. 3.	WILFRED OVERTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells.

## FAREHAM, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE GRANT* .. .. Treble.	HENRY W. WILKES .. .. 5.
JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 2.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 3.	EDWIN J. HARDING .. .. 7.
SIDNEY CHURCHER* .. 4.	CECIL A. VALENTINE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. J.  
Harding, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720s of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently Tenor 11½ cwt.

CECIL J. BAKER* .. .. Treble.	*HENRY FLETCHER .. .. 4.
WILLIAM CLIFFORD, JUN.† 2.	EDWARD C. GOBEY .. .. 6.
EDWARD SCATTERGOOD‡ .. 3.	THOMAS D. THOMSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

\*First peal in two methods. †First peal. ‡First peal with a bob bell.

## ERITH, KENT.

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

On Saturday, March 14, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

ALBERT W. COLES .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PICKWOETH .. .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 6.
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1908, in Three Hours and Forty eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 30½ cwt.

WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. Treble.	WM. H. INGLESANT .. .. 6.
RICHARD F. BANE .. .. 2.	*JOHN H. GRUNDY .. .. 7.
EDWARD READER .. .. 3.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 8.
JOHN W. TAYLOR .. .. 4.	HORACE W. ABBOTT .. .. 9.
ERNEST W. ABBOTT* .. 5.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. Tenor.

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT, and Conducted by WM. WILLSON.

\*First peal of Treble Royal. This composition now rung for the first time, has the tenors parted for the first six courses, producing a 4-6-8-10 in each course, concluding with the 6th extent at home in the round position.

## FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 18, 1908, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM FORSTER .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR UNSWORTH .. .. 4.
WILLIAM BIBBY .. .. 2.	SAMUEL FAULENER .. .. 5.
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. 3.	THOMAS H. LIGHTFOOT .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

First peal by all except the conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band. Rung on the occasion of W. Forster and S. Faulkner completing twenty-one years as ringers at the above church.

## SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 19, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

WILLIAM SHILVOCK* .. .. Treble.	HORACE F. STREET .. .. 5.
FRANK WITHERS .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
JOHN WITHERS .. .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in any Surprise method.

## WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, March 19, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

ALFRED J. WALLATER .. Treble.	WILLIAM DEVEY .. .. 5.
ALBERT BLUNDELL .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 6.
EDWARD UNITT .. .. 3.	HORACE BELCHER .. .. 7.
GEORGE HUGHES .. .. 4.	JAMES FOSTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 3rd and tenor.

## HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, March 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, New London Pleasure, Violet and Oxford; and two 720s of Kent, each called differently.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS J. BARKER .. .. Treble.	ERNEST R. GLADMAN .. 4.
GEORGE A. GLADMAN .. 2.	HENRY C. CHANDLER .. 5.
CHARLES J. EDWARDS .. 3.	SYDNEY CARTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY C. CHANDLER.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. First peal as conductor.

## EASTNOR, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, March 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt.

T. WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	E. WINTER .. .. 4.
R. BROWNING .. .. 2.	H. WINTER .. .. 5.
E. PHILLIPS .. .. 3.	T. MYTTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. WILLIAMS.

Rung in honour of the coming of age of Lord Somers, future heir to the Eastnor Castle estates.

## GLOSSOP, LANCASHIRE.

## THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAS. BUCKLEY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM MARSDEN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BRAMMER .. .. 2.	JOHN LAWTON .. .. 6.
THOMAS JACKSON .. .. 3.	RICHARD NEWTON .. .. 7.
JOE MALONEY .. .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by S. WOOD and Conducted by H. CHAPMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Hill-Wood, Esq., J.F., D.L., of Moorfield, Glossop, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## LLANOVER, NEAR ABERGAVENNY.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES

FRANCIS S. WILSON .. Treble.	CHARLES PRICE .. .. 3.
WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. 2.	LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS ..
JOHN W. JONES .. ..	.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS

Reference elsewhere.

### HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

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

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JABEZ WALTER* .. .. Treble.	*STANLEY WHITE .. .. 5.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. .. 2.	CHARLES W. BRETT .. .. 6.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 3.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 7.
FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 4.	STANLEY J. GIBBS .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

\*First peal of Stedman.

### BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, March 21, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GILBERT GUEST .. .. Treble.	WALTER J. BRETHERTON .. 5.
ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 2.	CHARLES E. PERKINS .. 6.
JOSEPH SMITH .. .. 3.	JOHN BASS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR WHATMORE .. .. 4.	JAMES HUTT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

### DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. Treble.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 5.
GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. .. 2.	ERNEST F. POPPY .. .. 6.
PETER LAFLIN .. .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
JAMES G. RUMSEY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GRIMES .. Tenor.

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

### NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

#### MIDLAND COUNTIES AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. Treble.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 6.
THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 7.
JOHN FLINT .. .. 4.	SAM THOMAS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.  
First peal in the method on the bells. First in the method as conductor.

### THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine 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.

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

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. J. Goodenough, late churchwarden of this parish.

### WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

SAMUEL REEVES .. .. Treble.	FRED TROTH .. .. 6.
THOMAS H. REEVES .. .. 2.	JAMES HARES .. .. 7.
GEORGE BURROWS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM DEVEY .. .. 8.
JAMES P. SIMPSON .. .. 4.	*HORACE BELCHER .. .. 9.
ERNEST A. PARISH .. .. 5.	REUBEN HALL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM KENT, and Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

Reference next week.

### FRENSHAM, SURREY.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 21, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being seven 720s each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM D. LOWMAN .. Treble.	ERNEST NEWEL .. .. 5.
CHARLES EDWARDS .. .. 2.	FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT .. 5.
JOHN W. RUSSELL .. .. 3.	THOMAS UPSHALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells, and the first peal of Minor by all the band except F. W. Elliott; also first 5040 by J. W. Russell.

### DIBDEN, HANTS.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM RAWLINGS* .. Treble.	*WILLIAM CHAMBERS .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 6.
WILLIAM C. ROBSON* .. 3.	HERBERT PAYNE .. .. 7.
HENRY W. WILKES .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM CHAMBERS, SEN. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY W. WILKES.

\*First peal. The ringers of the treble, 5th, 7th and tenor are members of the local band.

### SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, March 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM E. MEERS .. Treble.	BERT J. WHITESIDE .. 6.
JAMES L. WELLS .. .. 2.	ROLAND BRAGG .. .. 7.
SAMUEL BRAGG .. .. 3.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. 8.
STANLEY BRAGG .. .. 4.	JOHN BRAGG .. .. 9.
GEOFFREY A. MARTINEAU .. 5.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FRANK BURLEIGH.

Reference next week.

### WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

#### THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

GEORGE JONES .. .. Treble.	HENRY W. WILDE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. .. 2.	THOMAS NEWELL .. .. 7.
ROBERT SPERRING .. .. 3.	JAMES MORGAN .. .. 8.
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. 4.	JAMES V. WRIGHT .. .. 9.
ALBERT J. HUGHES .. .. 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES MORGAN, and Conducted by WM. T. PEGLER.

Reference elsewhere.

### Date Touches.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BATH.**—On Monday, March 16th, at St. Marks' church, a date touch of 1908 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 6 mins. W. H. Seers, sen., J. H. Odey, W. J. Prescott, H. E. Lewis, R. J. Cousins, A. E. Seers conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**PONTEFRAC** (Yorks.)—On Sunday evening, March 22nd, at the parish church, a date touch of Stedman Triples, 1908 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Canten, G. Spurr, H. Walters, A. Walker, A. Strangward, J. Jackson, F. Moody, W. Pearson conductor. Composed by C. Jackson, of Hull. Rung as a farewell touch to the Rev. G. E. Simpson, curate, who has been appointed vicar of Manton, Yorks., and left during the following week to take up this new duties.

### Miscellaneous.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

**BRADBY** (Staffordshire.)—On Wednesday, March 18th, 1908, at St. Martin's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. A. Bayliss, A. Baker, S. Pearce, W. Bayliss, S. Baker, W. Fisher, D. Jones, B. Reeves, W. Fisher conductor. Rung with the bells half muffled, as a last token of respect to the victims of the Hamstead colliery disaster. It was intended to start for a peal in the above method, but owing to the absence of one of the band the above was substituted, assisted by one of the local ringers.

#### WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**YATELEY** (Hants.)—On Sunday, December 29th, for service, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Butler, C. Hilton, W. G. Bunch, F. Hagley, S. Riddell conductor, H. Tice, G. Bunch, B. Bunch. On Sunday evening, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Butler, C. Hilton, W. G. Bunch, H. Tice, S. Riddell conductor, W. Horne, F. Hagley, Bert Bunch. On New Year's Eve, 518 Grandsire Triples, G. Butler, S. Riddell conductor, W. G. Bunch, F. Hagley, G. Bunch, J. Bunch, W. Horne, B. Bunch. On Sunday, January 5th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples, G. Butler, S. Riddell, W. G. Bunch, H. Tice, W. Horne conductor, F. Hagley, G. Bunch, B. Bunch. For evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Butler, S. Riddell conductor, G. Bunch, F. Hagley, W. Horne, G. Bunch, H. Tice, B. Bunch. On Sunday, January 12th, two 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Butler, S. Riddell, H. Tice, C. Hilton, W. Horne, F. Hagley, W. G. Bunch, G. Bunch, B. Bunch. Conducted by G. Bunch and S. Riddell. On Sunday, February 2nd, for Divine service in the morning, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Butler, S. Riddell conductor, G. Bunch, C. Hilton, H. Tice, W. Horne, G. Bunch, B. Bunch. On Sunday, February 9th, for morning service, 350 Grandsire Triples by the same band, conducted by George Bunch.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

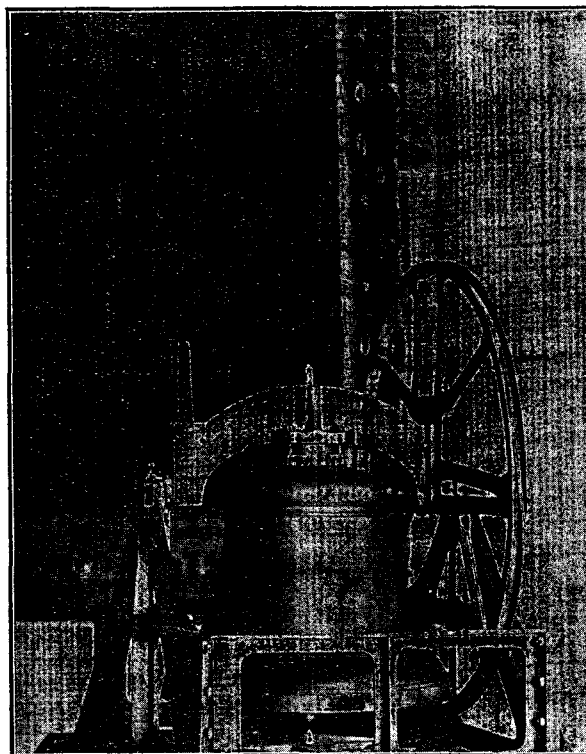
**LINGFIELD** (Sussex.)—On Saturday, January 25th, 600 Bob Minor. J. Lacey, R. Holder, H. Tomsett, G. Tomsett, A. Tomsett, F. Willie, E. Patching. On February 2nd, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Lacey, R. Holder, H. Tomsett, G. Tomsett, E. Patching, A. Tomsett, F. Willie, T. Patching. And 224 of the same. J. Lacey, H. Tomsett, R. Holder, G. Tomsett, J. W. Steddy, A. Tomsett, F. Willie, E. Patching. On Saturday, February 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. J. Lacey, H. Tomsett, G. Tomsett, R. Holder, E. Patching, A. Tomsett, F. Willie, G. Belton. First quarter-peal of Triples on the bells by a local band. On Sunday, February 9th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering J. Lacey, R. Holder, H. Tomsett, G. Tomsett, A. Tomsett, F. Willie, G. Belton, T. Patching. First 720 by all band. The above touches were conducted by A. Tomsett.

**REIGATE.**—On Sunday, for service at the parish church, 378 of Grandsire Triples. E. Dewey, C. S. Hoad, G. Walder, H. Jordon, W. Smith, H. Reeves, G. F. Hoad conductor, H. Bennett 521 of Grandsire Caters. J. W. Pooley, H. A. Hoad, G. Walder,

F. T. Hoad, T. Brown, C. S. Hoad, W. Smith, T. Sparks, G. F. Hoad conductor, H. Reeves. And recently for practice, 224 of Bob Major. E. Dewey, F. T. Hoad, C. S. Hoad, H. A. Hoad, A. Holman, H. Ewins, G. F. Hoad, H. Rees conductor.

**NUTFIELD** (Surrey.)—On Sunday, March 1st, for evening service, a 720 of Violet Treble Bob was rang at the Parish church, in 24 mins. A. Huggett, J. Tassell, W. C. Neesman, W. Bashford, E. Snelling, F. Hawkins conductor.

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**Obituary.****JAMES LEWIS.**

It is with very great regret that we have to record the very sudden death of the above-named ringer, which took place at his home in the Vicarage Road, Wollaston, near Stourbridge, on Wednesday morning, March 18th. The deceased had been suffering from a severe cold for a week or so, but this, notwithstanding that he was out and about as late as the Monday evening previous, on going home he had the misfortune to fall downstairs, causing injuries which terminated fatally early on Wednesday morning. He held the office of treasurer to the Worcestershire Association a few years ago, and was well known amongst the older members. His great ambition was to ring the Treble to a 5040 of Minor, never having rung the Treble, although he had taken part in several

peals, and which was attempted on February 25th, as a compliment to him on his 56th birthday, but it came to grief owing to the 3rd rope slipping wheel. On Friday, at St. James's church, Wollaston, the bells were rung half muffled to a 720 Plain Bob. J. H. Parsons, 1; J. Bass, 2; T. Parsons, 3; A. Dakin, 4; W. J. Bretherton, 5; R. Matthews, 6. And again on Sunday when a 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung by J. H. Parsons, 1; R. Matthews, 2; C. F. White, 3; J. Bass, 4; F. Brace, 5; H. Jones, 6. And in the evening a 720 College Single. J. H. Parsons, 1; R. Matthews, 2; T. Parsons, 3; A. Dakin, 4; J. Moore, 5; J. Bass, 6, all the above being conducted by R. Matthews.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, March 7th, the Dagenham ringers paid a visit to St. George the Martyr, Southwark, and rang 720 Bob

Minor on the back six. D. Chaplin, C. Rochester, E. Hawkins, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor. The ringers wish to thank the steeple keeper for kindly meeting them and having everything in readiness.

DAGENHAM (Essex).—On Saturday, March 14th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a date touch of 1908 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 11 mins. D. Chaplin, C. Rochester, E. Hawkins, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor. First date touch of the ringers of Treble 2 and 4. Also on Sunday morning, March 22nd, a date touch of 1908 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins., being 720 Double Oxford, 720 Double Court, and 468 Plain Bob. J. Hawkins, E. Hawkins, R. Miles, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor. Longest length by all in three methods except the conductor.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, March 15th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, was rung in 45 mins. by the following members of the above association:—Miss N. Gillingham, \*Mrs. Harold Atchley, E. Gouldstone, N. Way, \*F. May, J. Nisbet, Gillingham, \*C. Mitchell. \*First quarter-peal rung by these, and the first two ladies in the Association to ring a quarter-peal. It is the first quarter-peal rung on the bells since they were rehung.

ISLE OF DOGS.—On Sunday, February 9th, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. H. Hawkins, E. E. Richards conductor, T. Taylor, J. Warucken, A. W. Coles, A. G. Goddard, S. Lubock.

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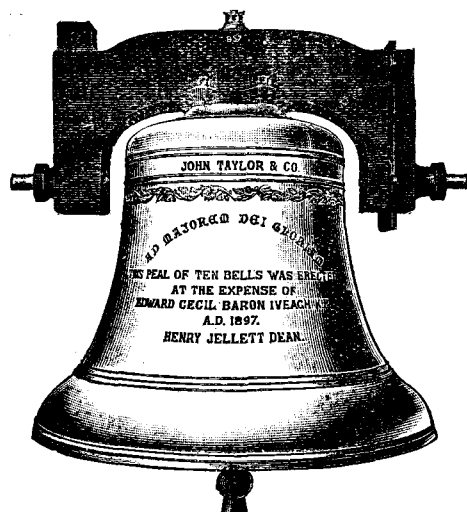
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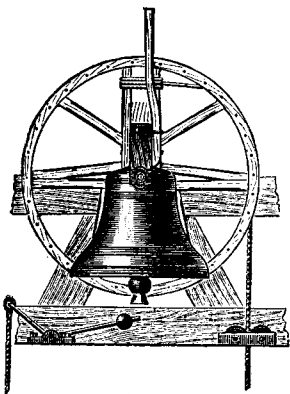
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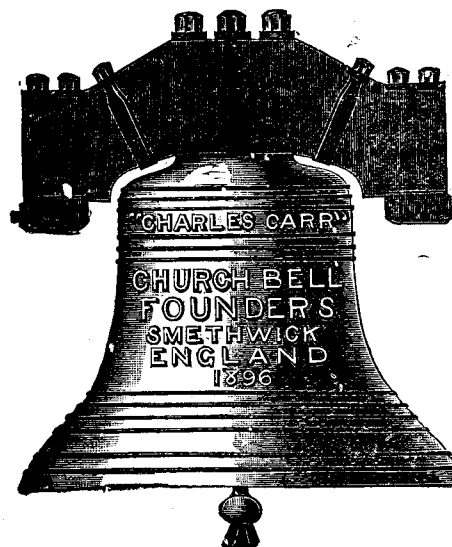
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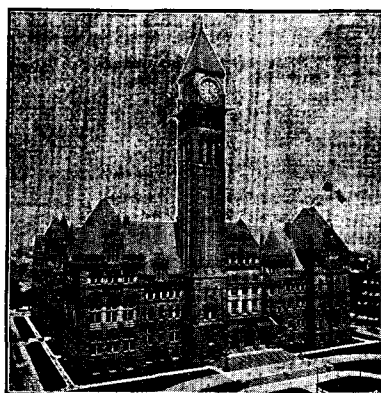
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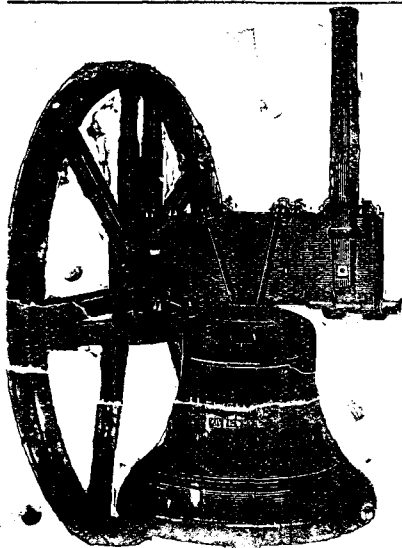
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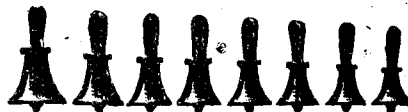
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## ALL SAINTS, HIGH WYCOMBE.

On account of the dangerous condition in which the ring of ten bells at this church now are, it has been decided, says a local print, "that the only safe course to adopt pending the necessary repairs, is for further ringing to cease for the present. The bells were rung for the last time on September 22nd last, and it was then found that they not only constituted a danger to themselves when rung, but also a menace to the tower, the frame on which they hang acting like a battering-ram on the tower walls when they are swinging."

As a result of some researches into the history of the bells, says the same paper, we are not at all surprised to learn that this is the case, for we gather that the massive frame on which the bells are hung was constructed nearly two hundred years ago. Judging from the information which is given with regard to these bells in Mr. A. H. Cocks's splendid work, "Church Bells of Buckinghamshire," also by Parker and Lipscomb, their history is a most interesting one. It appears from various authorities that formerly there were six bells in the church—Parker, indeed, gives a list of them—the oldest of which bore the date of 1583. In 1711 the six bells were taken down and removed by road to Spade Oak wharf, at Bourne End, and thence by barge to London, where a ring of eight bells was cast in their place by Richard Phelps, of the Whitechapel foundry, at a cost of £140. The new bells (only two of which still remain) were only five hundred-weight heavier than the old six, and formed the second ring of eight ever erected in this county (Denham being the first). In Mr. Cocks's history a list of the present bells, and their inscriptions, is given in the following order:—

- 1.—Thomas Mears, of London, fecit 1802.
- 2.—John Briant, Hartford, fecit 1788. W. Ball, G. Harman, assistants. The gift of the Earl of Wycombe, eldest son of the Marquis of Lansdown.
- 3.—John Briant, Hartford, fecit 1788. G. Harman, W. Ball, assistants. The gift of Lord Henry Petty, second son of the Marquis of Lansdown.
- 4.—8. Recast by Thomas Mears, of London, A.D. 1802.
- 5.—Edward Stevens Clarke, Luke Gurney Sexton, R: Phelps, fec: 1711.
- 6.—Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel Foundry, London. On waist: "These eight bells were cast 1711 by Richard Phelps, of Whitechapel, London. This bell was recast in the year 1890. R: Chilton (Vicar). T. Reynolds, W. Phillips, A. Leadbetter, J. Parker (Churchwardens)."

7.—Aron Wooster: Thos. Walker: Mr. Mead (Churchwardens): Thos. Swain: made me: J756.

9.—Messieurs John Lane Tho: Stevens Geo: Grove Ferdo: Shrimpton Tho: Welles Aldn: 1711 R: P: Fec.

10.—"May all whom I shall summon to the grave the blessings of a well-spent life receive." Thomas Mears, of London: fecit 1802. The Rev. James Price, Vicar. Messrs. Richard Barton, Samuel Bates, James Kingston, and Daniel Turner, Churchwardens. W. B.

G. Harman, whose name appears as one of Briant's "assistants," was a clockmaker in Wycombe. He served the office of Mayor in 1838, but Mr. Cocks tells us that he had nothing whatever to do with bellfounding. Mr. Harman was however, according to Parker, responsible for the chimes which we are told were constructed by him, and are of course a work of considerable mechanical skill. He also constructed the celebrated chimes in the church of St. Giles, Cripplegate, London. It may be interesting to add while on this subject, that the cost of the Wycombe chimes was originally paid for by the Marquis of Lansdowne; although they have in later years been renovated and improved at the expense of local donors. Mr. Harman was by nature a musical genius, for he also built an excellent chamber organ, which he presented to his son, the late Alderman Harman, conditionally that he first played upon it the Old Hundredth Psalm tune.

With regard to No. 6, the former bell was inscribed, "Richard Phelps, of Whitechapel, London, made these eight bells, 1711." It had been cracked for some time, and the crack extending, it became almost voiceless, and the present bell was substituted; and the 7th was rehung and quarter-turned at the same time.

Since Mr. Cocks's history was published, the treble has also been recast, this taking place in 1905, and it now bears the following inscription:—

"Thomas Mears, of London, fecit 1711. Recast by Mears and Stainbank, 1905, at the expense of W. H. Fussell, for thirty years a ringer."

In olden times the bells were put to many and various uses, and it may be interesting to add that in the borough records appears the following entry:—

"Feby 6th, 1672. Henry Shepherd was discharged and ousted as a Burgess of High Wycombe for misbehaviour, and being uncivil to several gentlemen, especially on the 3rd inst., at the Catherine Weell; and in token whereof it is ordered that the Great Bell be rung out according to custum, in testimony of his misdemeanours, and for his disfranchisement."

The only eighteenth-century peal-board remaining in

the county hangs in the ringing-chamber here, with an elaborate gilt frame:—

All Saints, Wycombe, April 8th, 1792.

"On the evening of the eighth instant, was rung in this steeple

A Compleat Peal of Grandsire Catons,  
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Five Thousand, One Hundred and Eleven  
Changes,

By a party of the Society of London College  
Youths;

which they compleated in three hours and forty-  
two minutes, in that masterly style for which  
they are famous."

The first peal on the eight bells was rung by the Union Scholars on December 26th, 1751, one of Bob Triples, composed and conducted by the celebrated John Holt. Ringing the curfew was discontinued here in 1854; the pancake-bell is rung on Shrove-Tuesday for a quarter-of-an-hour, the 7th being the bell used. As will be seen above the 9th bell is one of the original eight by Phelps, 1711; the name of Welles appears on it, but this has no connection with the Aldbourne founders, as a writer in this paper had it. I notice the same inaccuracy in the Rev. F. E. Robinson's publication—"Among the Bells." The bells were rung for the last time on September 22nd, on the occasion of an ordination by the Bishop of Oxford in this church. A touch of Bob Major was in progress for evensong when one ringer was seen to have lost control of his bell. Investigation showed that the wheel was broken, due to the hammering received against an under-beam caused by the terrible oscillation of the frame. In view of the fact that expert opinion had recommended ringing to cease—in fact practice had been abandoned—there was no other alternative but to silence the bells until such time as a restoration scheme was practicable, which in a parish with £1000 owing on a new church, besides minor liabilities, seemed a long way off. A meeting took place on December 10th. between the ringers and churchwardens, the Vicar presiding, with the result that tenders have been received for re-hanging, and the ringers, knowing restoration inevitable sooner or later, already had raised the small amount of £9. At the ringers' annual meeting held on January 21st, a further sum of £6 6s. was voted, the greater part of the Christmas fund; smaller sums have also been coming in, and it was pleasing to hear the Vicar announce that a fund now existed of £25 10s., making quite a respectable nucleus when a decision to appeal for funds is made. The grand old parish church, dedicated to All Saints, can claim the unique position of being the largest in the diocese of Oxford; it was commenced to be built in 1273. Formerly a tower existed above the nave. The present one was built in 1523, is 108 feet high, and the bell-chamber is 20 feet each way, ample room for a peal of twelve on a level. The ringing-chamber has a collection of seven peal-boards; the locals have never attempted anything

more than peals of Triples. One of the peal-tablets, kindly presented by a late churchwarden, unfortunately records a false peal of Stedman Caters, the composition of which we have heard a good deal of in "THE BELL NEWS" not long since, and the first true peal of Stedman Caters in Bucks. has yet to be rung. The tablet referred to will remain with, possibly at a later date, some explanation attached. More about the only ring of ten bells in Bucks. when they are heard again. F. H.

### 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 SUGGESTION.

SIR,—Might I suggest to the officials (if any) of the Hereford Guild that they arrange a ringing meeting at Hereford on Easter Monday. I feel sure it would meet with the approval of the village ringers, and they would not be slow to avail themselves of the opportunity to ring on a peal of eight or ten bells.

L. LONGNEY.

#### MR. TAILYOUR'S REPLY.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondents, Messrs. Knight and Cope, I readily admit that they are right in saying, that strictly speaking, the word Great Britain only includes England, Scotland and Wales, and that therefore their claim that Mr. Groves's double-handed peal was the first rung in Great Britain is correct, though it would be equally correct to say that Mr. Washbrook's was the first in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. I still however think that to the minds of nine out of ten ordinary men, the expression Great Britain would convey the impression of covering the whole of the United Kingdom, and that seeing the peal-board at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, and not knowing anything of Mr. Washbrook's previous performances, it would lead them into the same error as that made by myself, whereas if it said England there could be no mistake. I should much regret if your correspondents thought that in anything said by me I was trying to belittle Mr. Groves's performance, as all ringers, especially those like myself who have been privileged to ring in peals where two bells have been rung by one man, have nothing but admiration for the ability of men like Messrs. Washbrook and Groves, who have succeeded in such wonderful feats both in mind and body.

A. TAILYOUR.

A REQUEST.—Will any ringer kindly inform Mr. George Bolland, of Tong, Bradford, of the number of peals of bells in the city of Chester or neighbourhood, with the address of the local secretary?

Mr. J. Jaggar, of 65, Barker Street, Oldbury, Worcestershire, would be glad to hear from R. A. Daniell, esq.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Tuesday, January 21st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Curley, T. Green, F. Phillips, E. Waters, T. Best, C. Goodenough, W. Ingham, C. Merryfield.

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### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. CATALOGUE OF LITERATURE.

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R. A. DANIELL.

Church Bells of Kent—by ...	Stahlschmidt
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Church Bells of Bedfordshire ...	North
Church Bells of Northamptonshire ...	North
Church Bells of Leicestershire ...	North
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Church Bells of Lincoln ...	North
Church Bells of Sussex ...	Tysen
Church Bells of Norfolk ...	L'Estrange
Church Bells of Cornwall...	Dunkfn
Church Bells of Devon ...	Ellacombe
Church Bells of Somerset...	Ellacombe
Church Bells of Gloucestershire	Ellacombe
Church Bells of Cambridgeshire	Raven
Church Bells of Suffolk ...	Raven
Church Bells of Dorset ...	Raven
Church Bells of Huntingdonshire ...	Owen
Church Bells of Buckinghamshire ...	Cocks
Church Bells of Devon ...	Pearson
Church Bells of Kincardineshire	Ecles

### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at Portishead on Saturday, March 7th, when fifty members put in an appearance, representing seventeen towers. A short service was held in the parish church, at which the Vicar, the Rev. H. W. Jukes, gave a very suitable address. A meat tea was provided at the cafe after which the business meeting was held, the Master presiding. The minutes were read and duly passed. The next meeting being the annual, it was decided to hold it at Taunton. About 150 new members were elected, including eight new towers. A discussion followed on a resolution from the Dunster Deanery. It was resolved that this be referred to the Committee to deal with. A hearty vote of thanks was then proposed by the Master to the Rev. H. W. Jukes for his very able address and for the use of the bells.

This concluded the business, and a move was made to the tower where the bells were kept going until a late hour in Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

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234567		764325	5	354726	5
		427653	3	753642	5
532746	5	274653	4	427365	2
735624	5	742653	4	324576	5
247563	2	367542	1	523647	5
542376	5	563274	5	625734	5
345627	5	745326	2	346572	2
643752	5	347652	5	463572	4
746235	5	523764	2	564237	5
637452	3	725436	5	435672	3
246537	1	647325	1	634257	5
542763	5	726453	3	236745	5
265437	3	657234	3	732564	5
652437	4	426357	1	537426	5
456723	5	324765	5	265743	2
754362	5	723546	5	762354	5
357246	5	527634	5	367425	5
463725	2	345762	2	543267	1
764532	5	743256	5	245736	5
567243	5	247635	5	672345	1
265374	5	472635	4	235476	*
362457	5	674523	5	234567	5
253674	3	452367	†		
462753	1				

† Produced by repeating first thirteen calls. \* Produced by repeating first thirteen calls, adding H at end. —Plain lead singles. The composition contains only eighty-nine bobs and two singles.

### PRESENTATION TO AN OLD TONBRIDGE RINGER.

On Wednesday, March 25th, the local ringers met for a farewell peal of Grandsire Triples to Mr. John Chivers, who has now left the town after being for upwards of fifty years a ringer at the parish church. Although unsuccessful in ringing the extent of the changes, this did not mar the later proceedings, when the head of the local company, on behalf of the Vicar (Rev. C. G. Baskerville), the ringers and friends presented their old companion with a handsome walking stick, engraved with the following inscription: "Presented to John Chivers, 50 years a ringer, by the Vicar, ringers and friends, Tonbridge, 1908."

In handing him the gift, together with a purse containing the balance, Mr. Stonestreet expressed the great regret felt by all the company at losing such a valued and useful member, one who was proficient in the Art, and who had imparted much of his knowledge and ability to present members of the company. He hoped he might long live to find the stick a useful companion, and prize it with the same feelings that prompted the givers.

Mr. Chivers expressed his thorough appreciation of the kindness shown him, and though happily and comfortably settled in his new abode, he should never cease to look back with pleasure on the many years spent in his native town, and the happy hours enjoyed in Tonbridge belfry for more than fifty years.

The following took part in the ringing: J. Chivers, C. Cooke, G. Thompson, S. Perkins, W. J. Wolfe, A. Lawrence, W. Steed, G. Rabbitt.

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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 April 16th, and 30th; St. John, Hackney, on the 7th and 21st; St. John, South Hackney, on the 6th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside (special business meeting afterwards), on the 7th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 21st; St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 23rd; all at 8 p.m.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church, Blackburn, to-day, Saturday, April 4th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Leek to-day, Saturday, April 4th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Service in church at 7.30 p.m.  
REV. E. V. COX } *Hon. Secs.*  
J. JOHNSON,

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ashton-under-Lyne parish church (12 bells), on Saturday, April 11th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.  
W. H. SHUKER, *Br. Sec.*

**The Halifax and District Association.**—The next quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Stainland on Saturday, April 11th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by April 6th.  
J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*  
302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's church, Helmshore, on Saturday, April 11th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.  
Z. LORD, *Branch Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, April 11th. Bells ready at 5.  
WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

**Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.**—A special meeting will be held at Wentworth on Easter Monday, April 20th. Bells available from 2 p.m.  
SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at The Lion hotel, Cambridge, on Easter Monday, April 20th, at 1.30. The Ven. the Archdeacon of Ely will preside. Dinner (for members 1s. each, non-members 2s. each), will be provided for as many as inform their District Secretary of their intention to be present before April 11th.  
R. L. TWELLS, *General Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Privett, near Alton, on Easter Monday, April 20th. Bells available from 12 o'clock (noon). Tea at 5. Meeting after in the schoolroom. Members requiring tea please inform me by April 14th. I shall be glad to

receive subscriptions to the Rev. E. W. Carpenter's testimonial as soon as possible.  
Fareham. J. W. WHITING, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Leiston on Monday, April 20th. Bells of Leiston, Kelsale and Saxmundham available. Dinner at The White Horse, Leiston, at 1.30 p.m. Those intending to be present must notify Secretary before April 15th. Usual railway arrangements.  
C. E. BORRITT, *Sec.*  
10, Chester Street, Norwich.

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 20th. Service in St. Helen's church at 1.15 p.m. prompt. Meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30 p.m. Tea provided free for all those sending me their names before Wednesday, April 15th. Towers available for ringing: Cathedral (10), 5 to 6 p.m.; St. Helen's (8), St. John's (6), St. Swithin (6), and St. Nicholas (6). The Secretary will be at St. Helen's Church House from 12 to 1 p.m. to receive subscriptions and distribute reports.  
J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*  
Bransford, Worcester.

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 20th. Committee Meeting at the Church House, St. Paul's Square, at 12.30. Luncheon at one o'clock at the Mission Room. Service at St. Paul's church at 5 o'clock. Further notice next week.  
REV. A. RUSK, *Hon. Sec.*  
I. HILLS, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 20th. Further particulars next week.  
G. W. CARTMEL, *Hon. Sec.*

**North Wales Association.**—The annual meeting will take place at Llangollen on Easter Monday, April 20th. Bells available from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and 3.30 to 9 p.m. The clergy and churchwardens have kindly offered to provide a luncheon at 12.30 p.m. A special service will be held in the church at 1.30 p.m. Business meeting in the National Schools at 2 p.m. Those intending to be present at luncheon please communicate with Mr. Thos. James, 21, Brook Street, Llangollen, not later than April 10th. A hearty welcome extended to all ringers.  
S. A. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The twenty-sixth annual meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 20th, to which all members and friends are cordially invited. The bells at St. Mary's, St. Peter's, All Saints, and Holy Trinity, Lepton, will be available for ringing from 10 a.m. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock, and tea (1s. 6d. each) at the Arboretum Refreshment Rooms. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. R. Clifford, Bramcote Road, Beeston, not later than the first post on the previous Thursday.  
Cotgrave, Notts. W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

**St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.**—The ringing practices will in future be from 7.30 to 9 p.m.  
JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—Meetings for the practice of Double Norwich will be held during 1908 at Twyford on the second Thursday in each month commencing March 12th, from 7 to 9 p.m. Meetings will also be held at Winchester Cathedral for the practice of Kent Treble Bob on the first Wednesday in each month, commencing May 6th, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Any ringers who may happen to be in the neighbourhood on those evenings will be most heartily welcomed.

JAS. W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*

## AN APPEAL.

The members of the Keighley society would like to open a subscription list for the cause of one of their ringing brethren—J. McGoun—who has the misfortune to lose the use of one of his legs, and possibly it might have to be amputated. He has been unable to use the limb now for a matter of eight months. The above company therefore beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country on his behalf. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 34, Hill Street, Keighley, Yorkshire, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS."

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT SOLIHULL** (reported last week).—This was the first peal of Caters by Messrs. Meeks, Bragg (3), and Whiteside. The ringer of the 6th was proposed a member of the Guild previous to starting for the peal. This composition which is now rung for the first time, has the 6th the extent in the tittums and inverted home positions.

**THE PEAL AT WEST BROMWICH** (reported last week).—This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled to commemorate the death of the miners who lost their lives in the Hamstead pits during the late colliery disaster. May they rest in peace.

**THE PEAL AT SOUTHOVER.**—This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. William Edwards, of Priory Street (Mrs. R. J. Dawe's father), who died on Sunday after a long and painful illness. It was rung by an entirely local band, and was well struck throughout, and is only the second local peal ever rang in the tower since 1839, when the first peal of eight bells was hung. The first local peal was rung on March 15th, 1902, and was also conducted by R. J. Dawe.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of E. J. Harding, foreman of the Portsea band, is 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

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### Obituary.

ALBERT PHILLIPS.

It is with deep regret that we record the death, upon his twenty-ninth birthday, of the above ringer, late of Little Munden, after a brief illness of influenza and pneumonia. Deceased was well-known amongst the members of the Herts. Association, especially in the Eastern District. He was a very clever six-bell ringer, and a splendid striker. Quiet and unassuming in manner, one who would never want for a friend or ever made an enemy, a member of the choir for fourteen years, and through all that period was hardly ever absent. We laid him to rest on Saturday amid many manifestations of grief, in the quiet little churchyard that he had trod so often, and under the shadow of the old church tower, 'neath the sound of the bell's he loved and had rung so often. Nine of

his brother-ringers carried him to the grave, and ringers attended from Bishops Stortford, Bengoe, Bennington, Ware, Watton, and Great Munden, besides all the local band. There were twenty-one floral wreaths to his memory, including one from his brother-ringers, and one from the Hertford ringers in the shape of a large bell, a really magnificent piece of work. A new bell rope also formed a wreath. After the service the bells were rung fully muffled by a mixed company, including a 720 of Kent, conducted by H. J. Tucker. In the evening a peal was attempted, but was lost after ringing 720 each of Double Oxford and Woodbine. A. Phillips, B. Patmore, E. H. King, G. H. Barker, E. A. Overall, W. H. Lawrence conductor. Thus ended the life on earth of a ringer beloved and respected by all with whom he came in contact, and whose place will be hard to fill.

While o'er his grave the bells so softly shall their music pour till the end of time.

Of the twenty-six peals rung at Little Munden, he had taken part in twenty-five, the other being rung upon his marriage with Emily, sister of W. H. Lawrence. He had rung fifty-three peals: Three Minor methods 1; four methods 1; five methods 8, conducted 2; seven methods 24, conducted 6 (including the one in which W. H. Lawrence rang two bells, the first of Minor on record); one of 6480 in 9 methods; one 7200 in 10 methods; one 5040 in fourteen methods; Grandsire Triples 2; Stedman Triples 6; Bob Major 4 (including 6496); Kent Treble Bob Major 3. W. H. L.

WILLIAM SUGDEN.

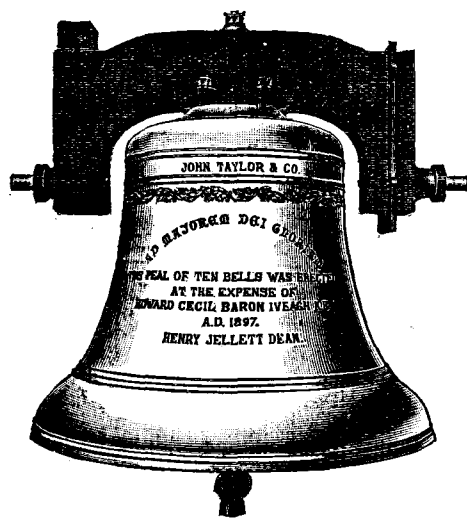
A local paper announces the death of the above-named, which took place on March 3rd, in his eighty-first year. The deceased formerly resided at Pudsey, Yorks., and was a well-known ringer for many years, a member of the Yorkshire Association, and on the Committee. He emigrated to Cornwall, in Canada, some twenty-five years ago. He formed one of the band (along with John Langstaff, still living), who obtained first prize at the opening of Ilkley parish church (six bells), January 13th, 1846. In connection with this visit a story is related by Mr. Bolland, that the band were practising together at Tong, up to a late hour the previous evening, and then started to walk back to Ilkley, nearly twenty miles, en route. He was lifted by his taller companions to the mile posts to find the way. He rang in the first Yorkshire Association peal on six bells at Tong in 1877, and in the first on the new peal of eight bells at Drighlington, after their erection in 1880.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1908.

## THORMASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

The dedication of the bells at the parish church took place on Sunday, March 22nd, the ceremony being performed by Bishop Mitchinson. The bells now number six, and form a pretty and handy peal. There were formerly five, which have been recast, and one added, all being rehung in an iron frame. The work was carried out by Messrs. Barwell, Bell Founders, of Birmingham, the weight of the tenor being 10 cwt. 1 lb. in G. During the dedication the local ringers were called upon to ring a few rounds, and after the service the local band started the bells, and rang 360 changes of Bob Minor. E. Smith, 1; A. Briggs, 2; D. Allott, 3; J. Pole, 4; A. Pickard, 5; E. Smith (conductor), 6. Then the visiting ringers rang 360, in the same method. A. Smith (Birstall), 1; G. Borrows (Leicester), 2; D. Allott (Thormaston), 3; J. Harris (Leicester), 4; J. E. Groves (conductor, Wolverhampton), 5; J. Morris (Leicester), 6. Then the local band rang 120 Stedman Doubles and lowered the bells in peal. The utmost satisfaction was expressed at the manner in which the whole work had been carried out by Messrs. Barwell.

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**The Metropolis.****THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.***On Wednesday, April 1, 1908, in Three Hours,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE <i>Treble</i> .	WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. 5.
CHARLES NORTH* .. .. 2.	RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. 6.
HORATIO GUMMER .. .. 3.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 7.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by W. WILLSON, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

\*First peal of Major with a bob bell.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Thursday, March 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN T. KENTISH .. .. <i>Treble</i> .	ERNEST S. POLL .. .. 5.
JOHN H. BENSTED .. .. 2.	WILBY J. HAZELL .. .. 6.
EDWARD F. COLE .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 4.	GEORGE PAICE .. .. <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by FREDERICK DENGH, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 28, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDK. W. RICHARDSON* <i>Treble</i> .	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 3.	ISAAC EMERY .. .. 7.
HORATIO GUMMER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by FRANK BRNETT.

\*First peal of Major; also first peal of Surprise on the bells.

**The Provinces.****REIGATE, SURREY.—THE REIGATE SOCIETY.***On Saturday, March 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

J. WILLIAM POOLEY .. .. <i>Treble</i> .	*ALBERT COTTRELL .. .. 6.
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GEORGE F. HOAD .. .. 4.	HENRY REEVES .. .. 9.
HENRY F. EWINS .. .. 5.	HENRY A. HOAD .. .. <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by JOHN P. BRADLEY, and Conducted by HENRY REEVES.

\*First peal. †First peal on ten bells.

**QUEENSBURY, NEAR BRADFORD, YORKS.****THE YORKSHIRE AND HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.***On Saturday, March 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOE HARDCASTLE .. .. <i>Treble</i> .	JAMES BARRACLOUGH .. 5.
JOHN E. JENKINSON .. .. 2.	THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 6.
JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 3.	GEORGE B. BOLLAND .. 7.
JONAS S. AMBLER .. .. 4.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. <i>Tenor</i> .

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

First peal on the bells which have been augmented from six to eight, and re-dedicated in December last.

**SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.**

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

ALBERT D. STONE .. .. <i>Treble</i> .	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 6.
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EDWARD C. MERRITT .. .. 5.	KEITH HART .. .. <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by W. BOOTH, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

First peal of Treble Bob Royal; also on the bells. After the peal Mr. Rickman entertained the ringers to a substantial repast at The King's Head, Southover, provided by hostess Goldsmith, which was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by the band.

**ACCRINGTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

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*On Sunday, March 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,***A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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THOMAS HAWORTH .. .. 3.	CHARLES SHARPLES .. .. <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

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**HENLEY, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.***On Monday, March 23, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE.. <i>Treble</i> .	EDGAR PEMBERTOE .. .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 6.
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WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This is the Vicar's 100th Norwich Diocesan Association peal.

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JOHN NEAL .. .. 2.	GEORGE BURROWS .. .. 8.
THOMAS RUSSAM .. .. 3.	JAMES L. WELLS .. .. 9.
JOHN CARTER .. .. 4.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 5.	ALBERT WALKER .. .. 11.
FREDERICK DICKENS .. 6.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by HARVEY REEVES, and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Thomas Russam, who is leaving this country for the Dominion of Canada on April 3rd, the ringers wishing him a safe journey and future prosperity.

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AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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MOORE'S TWELVE-PART.

TOM SHONE† .. .. Treble.	JOHN JOHNSON .. .. 5
GEORGE A. SMITH .. .. 2.	JOHN WOODWARD .. .. 6.
FREDERICK PAGE .. .. 3.	ARTHUR LATHAM .. .. 7.
HORACE SMITH* .. .. 4.	JOHN MEER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR LATHAM.

†First peal away from the tenor. \*First peal with a bob bell.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(THE SOUTHOVER GUILD BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, March 25, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

EDWIN J. PANNETT .. .. Treble.	ALFRED S. LANGRIDGE .. .. 5.
FRANK S. STURT .. .. 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 6.
JOHN T. RICKMAN, M.A. .. 3.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 7.
GEORGE H. STURT .. .. 4.	FRED GREGORY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT J. DAWE.

Reference to this peal elsewhere.

BECKENHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER SMITH .. .. Treble.	†FREDERICK TERRY .. .. 5.
WALTER DENNIS* .. .. 2.	*JOHN B. LOVELL .. .. 6.
GEORGE W. CLARKE* .. 3.	EDWARD RIDGWAY .. .. 7.
FREDERICK KING* .. 4.	WILLIAM SAW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER SMITH.

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

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

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Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

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EDWARD CHATTEN .. .. 3.	FREDERICK W. WATLING Tenor.

Conducted by F. W. WATLING.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, March 27, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

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

ALFRED J. SMITH .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BRANT .. .. 2.	ROBERT PICKERING .. .. 6.
DANIEL JONES .. .. 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 7.
ALFRED FALLON .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM J. PALMER .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT PICKERING.

\*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to D. Jones.

CAMBRIDGE—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE GREAT,

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

REV. A. H. BOUGHEY .. Treble.	F. KEMPTON .. .. 5.
PERCY WEBB .. .. 2.	FREDERICK PITSTOW .. 6.
JOHN TAYLOR .. .. 3.	GEORGE TAYLOR .. .. 7.
WILLIAM KEMPTON .. .. 4.	WALTER PARISH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. PITSTOW.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Duke of Devonshire, Chancellor of the University.

MERSHAM, KENT.

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

On Saturday, March 28, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
VICARS. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST CHEESEMAN .. Treble.	CHARLES TRIBE .. .. 5.
EDWARD S. RUCK† .. .. 2.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 6.
GRAHAM LINEBRIDGE .. 3.	CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 7.
ARCHIBALD C. KAY .. .. 4.	GEORGE JOHNSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. PLAYER.

†First peal in the method. This is believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.  
THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 28, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAS. BUCKLEY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM MARSDEN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BRAMMER .. .. 2.	JOHN LAWTON .. .. 6.
THOMAS JACKSON .. .. 3.	RICHARD NEWTON .. .. 7.
ISAAC SIDEBOTTOM .. .. 4.	JOSEPH MALONEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES WILDE, and Conducted by JOSEPH MALONEY.

HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1908, in Four Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

First peal of Caters as conductor.



**STEYNING.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 28, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

ALBERT D. STONE .. .. Treble.	HENRY STALHAM .. .. 5.
JOHN SMART .. .. 2.	ARTHUR HUTCHINGS .. .. 6.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
CHARLES PALMER .. .. 4.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

**ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 28, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
BROOK'S VARIATION.**

WILLIAM SMITH .. .. Treble.	EDWARD GROVES .. .. 5.
JOHN BEAMS .. .. 2.	CHARLES READ .. .. 6.
HARRY BEAMS .. .. 3.	JOHN WYATT .. .. 7.
JOHN HOYLE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM FARREL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WYATT.

**LEEK, STAFFORDSHIRE.****STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 28, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.**

ALFRED RIDER† .. .. Treble.	JOHN RIDER .. .. 5.
FRANK WHITE† .. .. 2.	*EDWARD A. RIDGWAY .. 6.
SYDNEY CHURTON .. .. 3.	†EDGAR SHARRATT, JUN. .. 7.
FREDERICK PAGE .. .. 4.	†ALFRED ABBOTT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. A. RIDGWAY.

†First peal. \*First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Gillett and Johnston, and the first peal on the bells by entirely local men.

**LECKHAMPSTEAD, BUCKS.****THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT GUILD.***On Saturday, March 28, 1908, in Three Hours.*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being forty-two 6-scores of Grandsire and Antelope.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HERBERT CARTER .. .. Treble.	DENNIS HURST .. .. 3.
ALBERT JOHN GREEN .. 2.	HARRY HURST .. .. 4.
JOSEPH READ .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by JOSEPH READ.

First peal by all except the conductor, and the first peal on the bells, which were rehung in March, 1907, by Bowell, of Ipswich, who has recently put some rope guides up, the bells going well.

**CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

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

*On Monday, March 30, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

OSCAR GILBEY .. .. Treble.	ERNEST G. FRANKUM .. 5.
LEWIS GREEN .. .. 2.	GEORGE ESSEX .. .. 6.
GEORGE IRVINE .. .. 3.	HENRY SIMMONDS .. .. 7.
RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 4.	ERNEST W. MENDAY .. Tenor.

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(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

*On Wednesday, March 4, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes.***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES  
IN THE KENT VARIATION.**

HARRY MOSS .. .. 1-2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. 5-6.
WILLIAM KEEBLE .. 3-4.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 7-8.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.  
Umpire—Jesse Moss.

**SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)***On Saturday, March 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.*

AT 33, HOLLY STREET,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.**

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

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.  
Umpire—G. O. Dixon.

**ECCLESFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 28, 1908, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes.*

AT 87, THE COMMON,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5004 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.**

GEORGE LEWIS .. .. 1-2.	WALTER COATES .. .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. 3-4.	*GEORGE O. DIXON .. 7-8.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN

\*First peal on handbells. The above are all unattached members of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society.

**Miscellaneous.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

WOKINGHAM.—On Thursday, February 6th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Whittingham, A. Wiggins, A. Price, F. Lush, S. Paice, J. French, W. J. Paice composer and conductor, A. Hill. Rang as a birthday compliment to the Rector, the Rev. B. Long.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

UPCHURCH.—Recently, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. C. Shipp, G. Timber, S. Jarrett, V. Jarrett, C. Bishop, W. T. Hyland conductor. 720 Bob Minor. G. Mabbs, G. Timber, C. Bishop, V. Jarrett, S. Jarrett, W. T. Hyland conductor. 720 Canterbury Pleasure. C. Shipp, G. Timber, S. Jarrett, V. Jarrett, C. Bishop, W. T. Hyland conductor. 720 Oxford Bob. G. Mabbs, G. Timber, V. Jarrett, C. Bishop, S. Jarrett, W. T. Hyland conductor. 720 Bob Minor. S. Jarrett, G. Mabbs, G. Timber, W. T. Hyland, V. Jarrett, C. Bishop conductor. 720 Oxford Bob. C. Shipp, G. Timber, V. Jarrett, C. Bishop, S. Jarrett, W. T. Hyland composer and conductor.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

WICKHAM (Hants).—On November 13th, on the occasion of a wedding, 720 Oxford Single. W. Churcher, H. Merrett, N. Welch, J. W. Whiting, G. E. Chappell conductor, W. Singleton. 720 College Single. H. Smith, W. Singleton, H. Merrett, J. W. Whiting, W. Churcher, G. E. Chappell conductor. For practice four 720s of Single Court, being the first on the bells, and by all the band. H. W. Merrett, W. Singleton, H. Beckett, H. J. Smith, W. Churcher G. E. Chappell conductor. On Christmas morning at 6 o'clock, and for morning service, two 720s of Oxford

Single. H. Smith, W. Singleton, H. Merrett, H. Beckett, W. Churcher, G. E. Chappell conductor. On Wednesday, January 15th, for a wedding, 720 College Single. H. Beckett, W. Singleton, H. Merrett, N. Welch. W. Churcher, G. E. Chappell conductor. 720 Oxford Single standing as above. And 720 Single Court. H. Merrett, W. Singleton, H. Beckett, H. Smith, W. Churcher, G. C. Chappell conductor. On Sunday, January 19th, 720 Single Court, standing as before. On Wednesday, January 25th, 720 Oxford Single. W. Richards, W. Singleton, H. Merrett, T. Savage, W. Churcher, G. E. Chappell conductor. 720 Single Court. H. Merrett, W. Singleton, H. Beckett, H. J. Smith, W. Churcher, G. E. Chappell conductor. On Wednesday February 5th, 720 Bob Minor. H. J. Smith, J. Harris, H. Merrett, W. Churcher, E. J. Harding, G. E. Chappell conductor. 360 College Single. J. Harris, H. Beckett, H. Merrett, N. Welch, W. Churcher, G. E. Chappell. Also a course each of College and Oxford Single by Messrs. Harris and Harding, it being their first course in the methods.

#### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PLYMOUTH.—On Tuesday, March 17th, for practice at Charles Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 25 mins. W. Greenwood, R. Dobson, G. Marsh conductor, G. Stroud, F. Hockaday, W. Hiscott, A. Wellington, W. Richards, W. Marsh, S. Roach. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and tenor. First quarter-peal of Caters by the ringers of the 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 7th.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

MORPETH.—On Sunday, February 16th, at the old clock tower, two 720s of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 30 mins. C. B. Kay, A. O. Bowman, J. Armstrong, G. R. Harrison, S. O. Saye conductor, T. Oram.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

APFLEDOR (Kent).—On February 28th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Law, C. Johnson, C. Noakes, S. Hills, G. Johnson, F. Brown, C. W. Player conductor, W. Sharp. On March 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Law, E. G. Johnson conductor, A. Johnson, S. Hills, C. W. Player, F. Brown, G. Johnson, W. Sharp.

STONE-IN-OXNEY (Kent).—On March 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 40 mins. H. Smith, R. Dunster, J. Neve, C. W. Player, F. Burt, S. G. Eord.

BECKENHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, March 15th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. C. Terry, W. Dennis, G. Clarke, W. Smith conductor, F. Terry, J. Lovell, J. Blake, F. King. Arranged for J. Blake, who hails from Chichester. On Thursday, March 19th, 720 Bob Minor. C. Terry, F. King, G. Durling, J. Lovell, F. Terry, W. Smith conductor.

CHERTSEY.—For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. J. Terry, G. Warinton, H. Stevens, E. Warinton, J. B. Hesse conductor, P. J. Percy, W. Charge. Rung with 7-8 behind, and leaving the 2nd out. On Sunday morning a plain course of Grandsire Triples. This is the second touch by the local band.

HERSHAM (Surrey).—On January 10th, for practice on hand-bells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. C. J. Hamblin, 1-2; A. Shepherd, 3-4; G. Edser, jun. conductor, 5-6; S. C. Hamblin, 7-8. On February 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 37 mins. C. J. Hamblin, 1-2; G. Woodis, 3-4; W. Shepherd conductor, 5-6; S. C. Hamblin, 7-8. On January 31st, 2520 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's ten-part, in 1 hr. 17 mins. C. J. Hamblin, 1-2; A. Shepherd, 3-4; G. Edser, jun. conductor, 5-6; S. C. Hamblin, 7-8. On February 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 36 mins. C. J. Hamblin, 1-2; A. Shepherd, 3-4; G. Edser, jun., 5-6; S. C. Hamblin, 7-8.

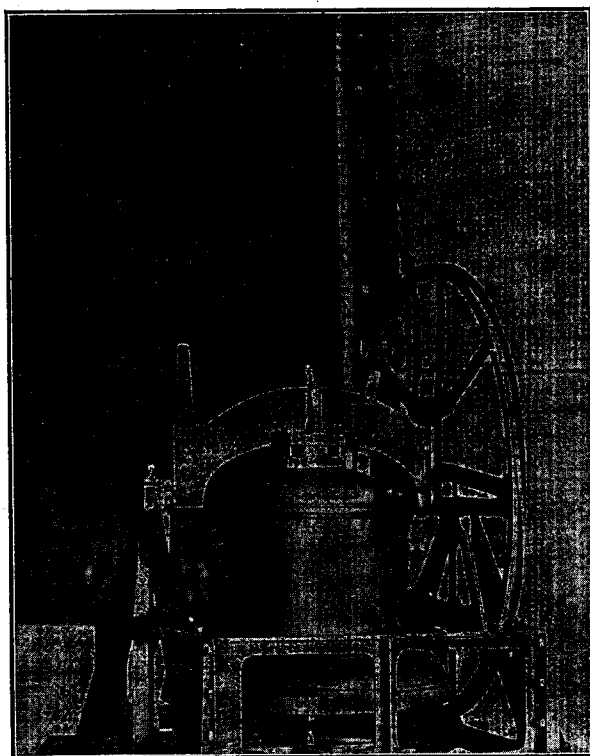
LIVERPOOL.—On February 14th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Woodhall, J. Martin, T. C. Larkey, W. Twist, E. Caunce conductor, S. W. Stewart, W. Davies, R. Walker. O.

February 16th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Larkey, A. Lovell, E. Caunce, J. Aspinwall, W. Twist, S. W. Stewart, J. Martin conductor, R. Walker.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, February 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. R. Vyse, G. Roughton, G. R. Pye, H. Catterwell, H. Dawkins conductor, W. Watson. On Sunday morning, March 15th, for Ordination Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. R. Pye, G. Jaye, T. Loosemore, G. Roughton, W. Woodgate, H. Dawkins conductor, H. Catterwell, R. Vyse.

STOKE-ON-TRENT (Staffordshire). — On Sunday evening, February 16th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. H. Cordell, G. Woods, F. Page, C. Page, S. Sargeant, S. Churton conductor, T. Austin, A. Lawton.

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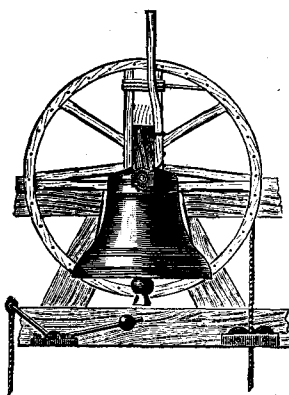
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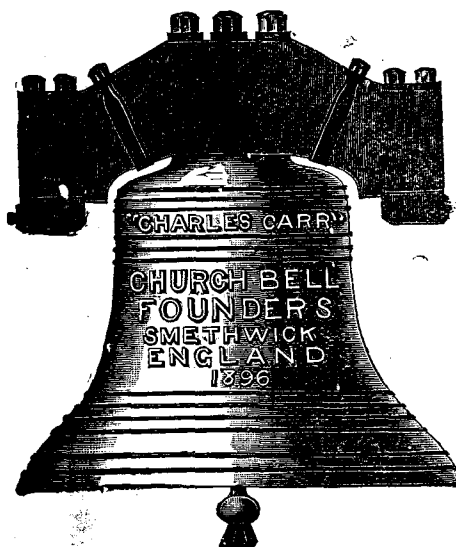
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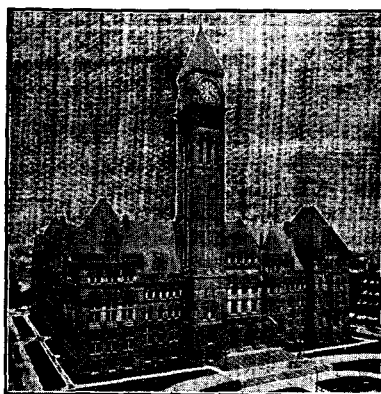
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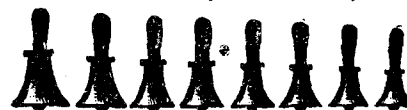
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## STEEPLES IN ROME AND IN LONDON.

By R. A. DANIELL.

It has been suggested to me by one or two ringing friends that as I visited Rome last spring, I should contribute to the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" some impressions I derived on subjects which might interest its readers, and therefore I submit the following lines, in the hope that they may to some extent effect what has been suggested to me. To know Rome fully requires a long time, and a much more prolonged stay than I was able to make. But one can at any rate form some general opinions about Steeples in that Eternal City, as compared with those at home, and it is in this direction that I propose to direct attention.

Anyone who expects to see much to admire in the steeples in Rome and the immediate neighbourhood is doomed to disappointment, and to those who are accustomed to the effect in our own land of the many towers and spires which rise up throughout it, this comparative poverty in a centre of Art is at first somewhat surprising, till we consider the history of Rome during the dark ages.

Once mistress of the world, and a centre of artistic magnificence, Rome had, by the tenth century of the Christian era, sunk into the deepest degradation. Many causes contributed to this. The fostering of an idle population when the empire was superficially prosperous, followed by the sacking and burning of the city by northern barbarians, had led by degrees to a condition of things in which such power as existed was in the hands of families of so-called nobles. These were in reality nothing better than brutal and ignorant brigands, who lived by violence and oppression, and whose only idea about the beautiful buildings surviving from the august period of the city was to chop them about in order to use the materials so obtained for fortifying their strongholds, which were the head quarters of every species of iniquity. Art and literature were dead, and no power remained strong enough to maintain civilisation. The Emperors has long ceased to possess any authority in Rome; they lived beyond the Alps, and had no means of enforcing it; and though in theory men revered the Popes, in practice they cared not a button about them. Brutality was law, and no improvement could begin to acquire any permanence until the dawn of what is called the Renaissance, about the middle of the fifteenth century. The story of all this is told in Gibbon's well-known history, but any one who desires to consider Rome in her evil days may consult Lytton's novel, "Rienzi," in the second chapter of which the reader will find a convenient account of the actual condition of Roman life on which the romance is based.

It does not need much penetration to perceive that little of beauty can be expected under such conditions. An authoritative writer says with reference to Roman building: "The construction gets gradually worse, until in the tenth century it is as bad as it well could be to stand at all. . . . The revival of the art of building began later in Rome than in the distant provinces of the empire. . . . France and England took the lead. . . . Throughout the Middle Ages the building art at Rome was always a century behind the rest of Europe."

Of course it is not to be understood that nothing whatever beautiful was erected in Rome during this period, the cloisters of St. John Lateran, for instance, show this, but still such instances appear exceptional. As to Bell Towers, they are but few—nor do they excite much admiration. The most interesting is that of St. Maria Maggiore, a late fourteenth century work. It is the highest in Rome, which, according to one of the authorities, "is not saying much," and it was the gift of a Frenchman.

Renaissance, which means Re-birth, is the name applied to the rediscovery of Classical Civilisation about the middle of the fifteenth century. Knowledge of Greek and Latin Literature had become well-nigh extinct in Italy and Europe generally, until at this period a renewed interest led to its cultivation. Various circumstances contributed to this result, among them the fall of the Eastern Empire by the capture of Constantinople by the Turks, which led to the emigration of many learned men and the dispersion of many classical manuscripts. It became, in Italy particularly, the fashion for intelligent persons to study this classical literature, and hence, among other things, arose what is called Renaissance Architecture. People in Italy reading of the classical period began to admire the effect, and understand the principles of, such remains of buildings of that period as they still had amongst them; and thence grew in the course of time the design and erection of such buildings as St. Peter's in Rome, and at a later period, when the use of classical forms spread over Europe, St. Paul's in London.

But although the classical Architecture lay ready for adoption, when it came to be applied to Church Building it had to be applied for purposes different from those of its origin in heathen times, and for such purposes as men's requirements had come to demand; and that appears to me to explain the difference between Rome and London in respect of Steeples in the Classical styles. In Rome the mediæval steeples were few and poor; they had not been made a sufficient feature of Church Architecture to demand reproduction in an imitative way under Renaissance conditions. And though both the sixteenth and seventeenth century supplies instances of steeples—as at

St. John Lateran, and at St. Agnes in the Piazza Navona—yet the vast majority of the churches are destitute of anything worth calling a steeple, and even St. Peter's cannot show any Bell tower, but the bells hang in an attic of the Eastern front. The principal features of the exterior of the Roman churches of the last four centuries and more are not steeples, but domes, which of course serve an altogether different purpose.

We have only to look at English ecclesiastical buildings in our respective neighbourhoods to realise their essential difference from those of which I have been speaking. From the latter part of the eleventh century to the earlier part of the sixteenth, dignified towers and steeples were here rising in every direction. Cathedrals, monasteries, and collegiate and parochial churches were furnished in this respect in a manner undreamt of in Rome and its neighbourhood. From North to South, from East to West of England, towers and spires were raised of the best designs and qualities the available finances and materials permitted. Examples will readily occur to every reader, and I need therefore only note as examples on a large scale St. Alban's Cathedral Tower, one of our earliest, and Lavenham church Tower, one of our latest, splendid specimens. If St. Albans has its peculiar interest as one of our earliest, so has Lavenham, as one of our latest; for at Lavenham we see written on the fabric the record of the changes of the Reformation era. We there see in the flat parapet and the level tops of the masonry at the angles of the tower, that the contemplated battlements and pinnacles were left unbuilt, and the surface of the tower shows us to-day by the apertures remaining where the cross timbers of the scaffolding were inserted into the masonry, the final failure of funds to complete the work, and the consequent hasty removal of the scaffolding as a thing of no further use.

This sermon in stone graven at Lavenham is eloquent of the later history of our steeples of mediæval times. The failure in completion arose doubtless from the economic changes of what is called the Reformation. Men, after the first quarter of the sixteenth century, considered there was no need of further Church building, and except for repairs and some rebuildings on a small scale ecclesiastical architecture went to sleep; and if we wish to pursue the history of Steeples in England we may take a mental leap to the fire of London and the genius of Sir Christopher Wren.

Wren was born in the year 1632. His father was Dean of Windsor, and his uncle, Matthew Wren, was Bishop of Ely, a plucky old man whom the Puritans hated. Young Christopher was educated at Westminster school and Wadham College, Oxford, and became a fellow of All Souls' College. It was here that he became a member of that association of men of scientific interests which afterwards developed into the Royal Society. He was a capable mathematician, and held the Professorship of Astronomy in Gresham College, in the city of London. But it is not by these incidents in his career so much as by his celebrity as an Architect that he is known to posterity.

It is by no means clear how Wren acquired his architectural knowledge. He certainly did not learn the subject in the practical manner in which young men generally

do. In the way of specimens of classical architecture in England there was practically nothing for him to study except a few works by Inigo Jones, and Wren was only abroad once, when he spent a few months chiefly in Paris, and he never went to Italy. Moreover this journey was in the year 1665, before which he had designed the chapel at Pembroke College, Cambridge, and the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford; and he was destined to go on and leave behind him the most remarkable architectural achievements of any Englishman from the era of the Reformation to the present day.

That a man who, so to speak, drifted into the architectural profession in an amateurish manner under such conditions of the art as obtained in England in his younger days, should in his many works, from St. Paul's Cathedral downward, have exposed himself to considerable criticism, is but natural; and perhaps with more strictly professional training he might have escaped some mistakes; but his genius is unquestionable, and is exemplified among other instances by his designs for steeples.

In the early years of the sixteenth century London was distinguished by a multitude of fine Steeples; the destruction of the religious houses accounts for the disappearance of some, and the spire of St. Paul's was ruined by a lightning stroke in Queen Elizabeth's reign. But views of London which have come down to us up to the Restoration period show us what prominence in its general aspect was held by steeples; of which we still have evidence in the fine tower of St. Saviour's, Southwark.

Accordingly, when the Fire of London occurred in the year 1666, and most of these characteristic objects were levelled with the dust, the men of the day would wish, when their churches were rebuilt, for a reproduction so far as their means allowed, of these features to which they had been so accustomed. But how was this to be done? Mediæval thought and feeling was dead; the only artistic design possible at that time was on the classical lines of the Italian Renaissance. And hence Wren, in rebuilding the London churches, was thrown back on the problem—how to reproduce the substance of the mediæval steeple in forms of classical Architecture—how to do that for which he had no sufficient precedent in Italy or France, and for which he had to trust to his own capacity.

Accordingly he designed some fifty steeples of various form, all of which consisted of square towers, surmounted in most cases by lanterns or spires of stone or timber and lead. Naturally among so many designs different standards of excellence are reached; no one can be always at his best; moreover Wren doubtless had in many cases to consider the preference of other people, and to limit his proposals in accordance with financial exigencies. But when all allowances are made, his steeples are a most remarkable collection, the like of which nowhere else exists.

To recite a list of these would be useless; to criticise them would be outside the scope of these columns, even had I the necessary knowledge. I prefer, therefore, to let three of them, interesting to ringers, speak for themselves by illustration.

(To be continued.)

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## LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

There were no less than five letters in a recent number of "THE BELL NEWS" dealing with this controversy, and there is only one jarring note in the five. Mr. Lindoff says: "Mr. James would try to bounce us into this belief." Now if my argument has not been stated clearly enough, I am quite willing to state it more clearly, and it is obvious from Mr. Trollope's letter, that he has not followed it either. But Mr. Lindoff gains nothing by using objectionable expressions, and it is quite time for the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" to rise above vulgar abuse in scientific controversy.

The five letters, but for this unfortunate expression, are all written in a truly friendly spirit, which will, I hope continue in the discussions which must arise, and ought to be settled in a friendly way, and draw us all nearer together as brother-strings.

Now for the argument about 9-10.

All methods are either—

- i. Simple Methods, in which all the places are made on one side of the treble only, e.g., Grandsire Bob, which has one place only above the hunt or hunts. College Single, three places below the hunt or hunts.
- ii. Double Methods, in which every place above the hunt has a corresponding place below the hunt, e.g., Double Norwich and Superlative.
- iii. Complex Methods, in which there are places above and below the hunt which are not related to one another.

Now numbers i. and iii. are alike in that all places are really related to the lead head and lead end, and are arranged about the parting of the leads, but in ii. the whole work of the method is equally related to the lead head and lead end, both in front and behind; in other words the whole work of Superlative Surprise is included in a lead end, a lead head, and a quarter of the lead and the places in that section fix all the rest, but in i. and iii. we require a lead end, a lead head, half a lead, the half lead end and the half lead head to fix the method.

Now write out on ruled paper a course of a double Treble Bob method, a single simple Treble Bob method, and a complex Treble Bob method, say Superlative, Kent and London; rule two red lines through the parting of the leads, i.e. between 12436587, and 12345678 in Superlative and London, and between 13254768 and 12345678 in Kent and in the corresponding places at the other lead ends; and a single red line at the half lead divisions in the same way; then rule a black line at every cross section, i.e. between 21573846 and 25178364 in London and in the corresponding positions all through. Now fold the paper first at the double red lines all through at the double and single red lines, and lastly at all lines red and black. In methods i. and iii. it will be apparent that these three divisions, double red, single red and black are of different values, and the double red is of first importance, single red next and black last, but in ii. the double red and single red are equal. This explains the difference between a lead division, a half lead division, and a cross section. Hence in i. and iii. when we add 9-10 to 7-8, 9-10 is a new position, because it is further removed from the lead heads than 7-8. Therefore if we must allow any variation from ordinary London rules in producing Royal it must be when the treble is in 9-10.

Secondly, in dealing with Mr. Lindoff, he has not yet stated why he makes two internal places at a cross section? There cannot be two in Minor, and there are not two in

Major, and all Surprise Methods on eight bells and upwards divide into two classes; i., those which have two internal places at an internal cross section, e.g. Cambridge and Superlative; and ii., those which have only one, and so Mr. Lindoff's method is not only not London, but it actually belongs to a different class of Surprise Methods.

So far I have answered Mr. Lindoff and Mr. Carter. Now come to one other point of Mr. Trollope's. I say "London is a legitimate method, therefore method (page 530 'B.N.') is not London Royal." Mr. Trollope inverts it and says Method A is London Royal, therefore London Royal is not a legitimate method. Mr. Trollope takes up the position that London is simply a set of places; but this is not really the whole truth. London is a set of places which when the treble has completed her cycle and returned to lead, leaves the working bells in the same course order, but has so altered the position that the treble is coursing one place further back among the working bells. Method A cannot be London because it has not got a plain lead in it.

Lastly, I have to deal with Mr. Drake, and I do so because he has raised an old question, which has been settled for those who understand methods long ago, but which many people do not understand yet. Grandsire Bob is a Method in which only one place is made across the parting of the leads, and all the other working bells then dodge. So-called Bob Triples and so-called Grandsire Major are another method in which two places are made across the parting of the leads, while all the other working bells dodge. This method is illegitimate, because there are four consecutive blows in one place, and for other reason.

A. Grandsire Triples and Bob Major are the same method.

B. So-called Bob Triples and so-called Grandsire Major are also the same method, but it is different from

Lastly, will Mr. Lindoff please send me a postcard giving his address to Surfleet, Spalding.

H. LAW JAMES.

[The mss. of this article had unfortunately been lost sight of for several weeks.—ED.]

There is nothing more painful than the exploitation of religious enthusiasm for business purposes, no matter whether a decorous veil of conventionalism is drawn over the transaction or it is carried out nakedly. We regret to see a periodical with the fine traditions of "Good Words" engaged in the sorry business of making merchandise of the "spiritual power" of a certain Miss Roberts, who is described by the Editor of that publication as "one of the most famous girl preachers of the time." We do not like "Girl Preachers," famous or otherwise, still less do we admire the methods of "Good Words," which is offering the services of this young lady, whose fame had not reached us, and a gentleman, who is presumably her father or brother, on a strictly cash basis. These eminent Evangelists have been "secured"—like music-hall "stars"—for two Missions in London next month, and circular from the Editor offers the "ability and spiritual power" of Miss Roberts and her relative on the terms of "half collections for each service, or the whole of the collections on the second Sunday and Monday, your church paying travelling expenses and providing hospitality. It is perfectly possible that, wherever Miss Roberts goes, much good is accomplished, and crowds flock to hear her."—*The Guardian*.

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By C. H. HATTERSLEY.

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## Correspondence.

## RINGING LARGE BELLS.

SIR,—I have been anxiously waiting and expecting that some ringers who advocate ringing from a block, would show us where a great material benefit was derived from this. Mr. Lawrence, in your issue of February 29th, puts forward the advantage that the ringer is nearer the bell, consequently a little less spring in the rope. Now this seems to me to be rather fine, when we consider that some bells have a draught of over 60 feet, and you stand on a block about 2 feet high, or even less. The advantage thus gained must be so small, that if one were blindfolded he would not know if he was ringing from the block or the floor.

Mr. Newell, in your issue of March 7th,

gives two reasons: 1st.—raising and falling heavy bells in peal. This as far as my humble opinion goes, is about the only material benefit derived from these blocks, as two men can pull together without being in one another's way. With regard to his second reason there is not so much loose rope dangling about the ringers' feet, and not so much fear of an accident caused by the rope getting under his feet. Now I think this is quite as likely to occur on a block as on the floor, for if one moves his position while ringing (which he will do when ringing a peal), there is the danger of his toes getting over the edge, and consequently the rope more liable to get under them.

I, like Mr. Clayton, have repeatedly asked the question, and can get no satisfactory reply, and if the only advantages derived from blocks are those given above, I think those too small to be recommended for general use, or to compensate for the unsightly things in the belfries, and the danger of one falling over them.

W. J. THOMAS.

## Re CATALOGUE OF LITERATURE.

SIR,—The following information may be of service to Mr. R. A. Daniell. "Surrey Bells and London Bell Founders," by J. C. L. Stahlschmidt, and published in 1884 by Elliott Stock, 62, Paternoster Row, E.C., and on the fly-leaf is the following: "This book (undertaken at his instance), is dedicated in affectionate remembrance of Thomas North, F.S.A. One who like Enoch, walked with God, and was not, for God took him." I have also a copy of the "Church Bells of Rutland," by North, of which there was only 250 copies printed, and was published by Samuel Clark, of Leicester, in 1880. E. J. PANNETT.

The Bell Inn, Lewes.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, April 5th, for evening service, at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 min. J. Corrigan, R. Ducker, E. Mullins conductor, B. Whiteside, W. G. Ellis, J. Collett, G. Taylor, A. Gardiner. First quarter-peal as conductor.

BURGESS HILL (Sussex).—On Saturday, April 4th, 2520 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 35 mins. F. Willey, G. Tomsett conductor, R. Holder, H. Gravett, H. Tomsett, T. Stringer, A. Gravett, G. Gaston.

FENTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, April 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Hill, J. Nicklin, J. Beech, B. Snow, Rev. E. V. Cox conductor, E. Sherratt, W. Edwards.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, March 1st, for Divine Service at St. Paul's church, Hammersmith, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. E. R. Mackrill, F. Goddard, J. A. Trollope, A. Hubbard, T. Beadle, E. F. Cole, F. Skevington conductor, A. Whittington.

UPPER ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, March 1st, for morning service, 720 Oxford. A. Boldrick, G. Wilson, F. Gaunt, C. Lockwood, M. Broadbent, J. Thackray conductor.

## 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 April 30th; St. John, Hackney, on the 21st; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 21st; St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 23rd; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

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Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—There will be no practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Monday, April 13th. The next will be on April 27th.

F. BENNETT, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ashton-under-Lyne parish church (12 bells), to-day, Saturday, April 11th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, Br. Sec.

The Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Stainland to-day, Saturday, April 11th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m.

J. COTTERELL, Hon. Sec.

302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's church, Helmsford, to-day, Saturday, April 11th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

Z. LORD, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Aughton to-day, Saturday, April 11th. Bells ready at 5.

WALTER HUGHES, Sec.

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—A special meeting will be held at Wentworth on Easter Monday, April 20th. Bells available from 2 p.m.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, Hon. Sec.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at The Lion hotel, Cambridge, on Easter Monday, April 20th, at 1.30. The Ven. the Archdeacon of Ely will preside. Dinner (for members 1s. each, non-members 2s. each).

R. L. TWELLS, General Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Privett, near Alton, on Easter Monday, April 20th. Bells available from 12 o'clock (noon). Tea at 5. Meeting after in the schoolroom. Members requiring tea please inform me by April 14th. I shall be glad to receive subscriptions to the Rev. E. W. Carpenter's testimonial as soon as possible.

Fareham.

J. W. WHITING, Hon. Sec.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Leiston on Monday, April 20th. Bells of Leiston, Kelsale and Saxmundham available. Dinner at The White Horse, Leiston, at 1.30 p.m. Those intending to be present must notify Secretary before April 15th. Usual railway arrangements.

C. E. BORRATT, Sec.

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Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester



on Easter Monday, April 20th. Service in St. Helen's church at 1.15 p.m. prompt. Meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30 p.m. Tea provided free for all those sending me their names before Wednesday, April 15th. Towers available for ringing: Cathedral (10), 5 to 6 p.m.; St. Helen's (8), St. John's (6), St. Swithin (6), and St. Nicholas (6). The Secretary will be at St. Helen's Church House from 12 to 1 p.m. to receive subscriptions and distribute reports. J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*  
*Bransford, Worcester.*

The Bedfordshire Association. — The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 20th. The ten bells at St. Paul's will be available during the day. Methods to be rung—Treble Bob Royal, Plain Bob, Stedman Caters, Grandsire Major. Superlative, Double Norwich and Duffield Committee Meeting at the Church House, St. Paul's Square, at 12.30 sharp. There will also be a room at the above house for hand-bell ringing. Luncheon at the Mission Room at one o'clock. Business meeting for the election of officers to follow luncheon. Service at St. Paul's at 5 o'clock. Ringers and friends heartily welcomed.

REV. A. RUST, *Hon. Sec.*  
I. HILLS, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 20th. The following towers (bells in good ringing order) will be open—The Cathedral (8 bells); St. Peter's (10 bells); St. Michael's (6 bells). Meet at St. Peter's church at 2 p.m., to make up bands for various towers. Service at the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. A. T. Hollis, Vicar of Great Gaddesden. This year the tea will be served in the Abbey Institute, Spicer Street, close to the Cathedral, at 5.45 sharp, to be followed by business meeting for the election of officers, members, etc. Will Secretaries of bands kindly let me know the probable number of their members who will partake of tea. G. W. CARTMEL, *Hon. Sec.*

North Wales Association. — The annual meeting will take place at Llangollen on Easter Monday, April 20th. Bells available from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and 3.30 to 9 p.m. The clergy and churchwardens have kindly offered to provide a luncheon at 12.30 p.m. A special service will be held in the church at 1.30 p.m. Business meeting in the National Schools at 2 p.m. Those intending to be present at luncheon please communicate with Mr. Thos. James, 21, Brook Street, Llangollen, not later than April 10th. A hearty welcome extended to all ringers. S. A. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association. — The twenty-sixth annual meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 20th, to which all members and friends are cordially invited. The bells at St. Mary's, St. Peter's, All Saints, and Holy Trinity, Lenton, will be available for ringing from 10 a.m. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock, and tea at 4.45 (1s. 6d. each at the Arboretum Refreshment Rooms. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. R. Clifford, Bramcote Road, Beeston, not later than the first post on the previous Thursday. Cotgrave, Notts. W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Surrey Association. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Dorking on Easter Monday. The bells will be available from 6.30. There will be a short special service in the church at 6 p.m., and the tea will be served in the Church Room at 6.15, the usual business meeting following. CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

East Derbyshire Association. — The annual meeting will be held at Clay Cross on Easter Monday, April 20th. Service in church at 4 p.m. Preacher—Rev. R. P. Farrow. Tea in school at 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards.

T. ALLIBONE, *Secretary.*

The Essex Association. — South-Eastern District. — A meeting will be held at Great Waltham on Easter Monday. Tea at The Six Bells, 9d. each, at 5 o'clock. Bells (8), also Broomfield (6), available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Members intending to be present, kindly give me notice by Wednesday, April 15th. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.

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

*Duke Street, Chelmsford.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild — North and East District. — A meeting will be held at the parish church, Barnet, on Easter Monday, by the kind permission of the Rector. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited. The bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. Arrangements will be made for tea at 5 p.m., when the business meeting will be held. ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild. — Runcorn Branch. — There will be a meeting at Frodsham on Tuesday, April 21st. Bells ready at 6.30.

B. TREVITT, *Branch Sec.*

The Warwickshire Guild. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, April 25th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Committee meeting at 5. Tea at 5.30. General Meeting after tea. Will those intending to be present at tea kindly notify to the Hon. Sec. by Thursday, April 23rd.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

*1, Bilton Road, Rugby.*

The Lancashire Association. — Rochdale Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. prompt.

J. JACQUES, *Br. Sec.*

The Kent County Association. — Maidstone District. — The annual meeting of this district will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, May 2nd. Belfry open at 3 p.m. Short service in the church at 4.30. Tea and business after. At charge of 3d. a head will be made for the tea. Members wishing to be present must send their names to the Secretary before April 30th. No travelling expenses will be paid at this meeting, but the usual allowance will be made at another meeting later in the year. Subscriptions must be paid either before or at the meeting. FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild. — The annual festival will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, May 2nd. Service in the parish church at 12 noon. Sermon by the Rector the Rev. H. C. Coote, M.A. Luncheon at the Town Hall, 1 p.m.; 2s. Business meeting immediately after luncheon. The President of the Guild (Earl Nelson), it is hoped, will preside. The following towers will be available for ringing—Trowbridge (8) Bradford-on-Avon (8), for change-ringers only; North Bradley (6), Holt (6), Seend (6). One shilling per ringer is allowed towards rail fare.

H. E. TILNEY BASSETT, *Hon. Sec.*

*Devizes.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild. — Winchester District. — Meetings for the practice of Double Norwich will be held during 1908 at Twyford on the second Thursday in each

month commencing March 12th, from 7 to 9 p.m. Meetings will also be held at Winchester Cathedral for the practice of Kent Treble Bob on the first Wednesday in each month, commencing May 6th, from 7 to 9 p.m. Any ringers who may happen to be in the neighbourhood on those evenings will be most heartily welcomed.

JAS. W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster. — The ringing practices will in future be from 7.30 to 9 p.m. JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

#### AN APPEAL.

The members of the Keighley society would like to open a subscription list for the cause of one of their ringing brethren—J. McGoun—who has the misfortune to lose the use of one of his legs, and possibly it might have to be amputated. He has been unable to use the limb now for a matter of eight months. The above company therefore beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country on his behalf. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 34, Hill Street, Keighley, Yorkshire, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS."

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1908.

NOTICE.—Good Friday coming this week, it is necessary that all matters intended for the next number should arrive in good time. The publisher will have copies not later than Thursday morning, and readers should be able to obtain them the same evening. We repeat that there is no reason why peal reports should be kept back three or four days after ringing.

The following interesting paragraph is taken from this week's *Guardian*:—

"ST. MICHAEL'S, COVENTRY.—The Bishop of Worcester on Saturday met the Vestry of St. Michael's Coventry, and discussed the draft statutes for elevating the church into a Collegiate position. The meeting expressed a desire that the church should be placed in the proposed position, with a view to it ultimately becoming the centre of a new diocese. The Bishop, it is proposed, shall become Dean, and the Vicar (Rev. J. H. B. Masterman), Sub-Dean; and there will be a body of Honorary Canons, while a number of Lay Canons are included in the larger Chapter. The new Honorary Canons to be appointed will be clergy in the Archdeaconry of Coventry. The Vicar of St. Michael's announces that after Easter there will be a daily celebration in the church, in the provision of which he is to have the co-operation of three local Incumbents."

The above lines naturally lead to thoughts upon the famous bells of this church—one of the best peals of ten in the land. Where are these celebrated church instruments? Hung dead! Will the Bishop of the diocese, while making St. Michael's a Collegiate Church, think also of the restoration of these grand bells to their once happy position in the church. A Collegiate Church with emasculated bells shocks one's ideas when looking at the fitness of things.

### COTTENHAM, NEAR CAMBRIDGE.

A large clock with Cambridge chimes is to be placed in the tower of the parish church here. It is to have all the latest improvements, and will be made generally to the designs of the late Lord Grimthorpe. The order has been placed in the hands of Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who made the clock at the neighbouring church of Fen Ditton eleven years ago.

### The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, April 4, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES .. .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 6.
ALBERT W. COLES .. .. 3.	HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 7.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 4.	JOHN B. SWALLOW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung after meeting short for Cambridge Surprise.

### The Provinces.

#### HAMPTON, NEAR EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Thursday, February 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

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

H. J. COOK .. .. Treble.	J. HEMMING .. .. 4.
T. EDWIN .. .. 2.	H. JORDAN .. .. 5.
F. COOK .. .. 3.	F. C. JORDAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. COOK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. J. Cook, and the Master, H. W. Havergal.

#### APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (THE APPLETON SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, February 23, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

G. HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. Treble.	A. LAMBOURNE .. .. 6.
F. BARRETT .. .. 2.	F. S. WHITE .. .. 7.
E. HOLIFIELD .. .. 3.	G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. 8.
H. HOLIFIELD .. .. 4.	R. WHITE .. .. 9.
C. G. WHITE .. .. 5.	F. WHITE, JUN. .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. James Trinder, formerly a member of the Appleton society.

#### BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Monday, March 30, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S. Tenor 13 cwt.

LEWIS J. POWELL* .. Treble.	CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 5.
GEORGE GARRISON .. .. 2.	HARRY DICKENS .. .. 6.
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MARTIN MURPHY .. .. 4.	JACOB SEABORN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BETNARD W. WITCHELL.

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

#### EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 2, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

BERT W. CHANNELL† .. Treble.	EDWARD T. GROVE .. .. 5.
JOHN BEAMS .. .. 2.	HARRY G. BEAMS .. .. 6.
JESSE BEAMS .. .. 3.	STEPHEN WILSON .. .. 7.
ALFRED L. BROWN .. .. 4.	CHARLES E. READ .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD T. GROVE.

†First peal. First peal as conductor.

#### NETLEY ABBEY, HANTS.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR,

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

EDWIN J. HARDING* .. Treble.	*A. F. M. STEWART .. .. 5.
HENRY W. WILKES .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. .. 6.
CECIL A. VALENTINE* .. 3.	*WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. .. 7.
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Double Norwich. This peal was rung for the first time of meeting for the same, and is the first outcome of the monthly practices that have been held at St. Michael's, Southampton, and Romsey Abbey, since December 18th, 1907.

#### MIDDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOW* .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL HOLT .. .. 5.
JAMES ARROWSMITH* .. 2.	JAMES JACQUES .. .. 6.
THOMAS OLDHAM* .. .. 3.	†JAMES HY. BASTOW .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SCHOFIELD .. 4.	*TOM WELLENS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. NICHOLL, and Conducted by J. H. BASTOW.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal as conductor in the method. First peal by the local band.

#### MITCHAM, SURREY.

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

On Saturday, April 4, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	HORATIO GUMMER .. .. 5.
THOMAS H. COLBUEN .. 2.	WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. 6.
FREDK. H. PERRIN .. .. 3.	RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. 7.
CHARLES J. NORTH .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

The band wish to thank the local company for the use of the bells, and Mr. Drewitt for so kindly meeting them, and having everything in readiness.

## SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK KINSEY .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR A. GIRLING .. 4.
ARTHUR S. BOAR .. .. 2.	GEORGE MEE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM KINSEY .. .. 3.	HARRY MEE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE MEE.

This is the conductor's 60th peal. First peal by the ringers of the treble, 2nd and 3rd.

## WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 4, 1908, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILBY J. HAZELL .. .. Treble.	ERNEST S. POLL .. .. 5.
JAMES SAXBY .. .. 2.	GEORGE RADLEY .. .. 6.
JOHN H. BENSTEAD .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 4.	GEORGE PAICE .. .. Tenor.

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

## LUTON, BEDS.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 4, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt. in F.

ALFRED KING* .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR R. JACOB .. .. 5.
ALBERT BRIGHTMAN .. .. 2.	ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. 6.
EDWARD F. COLE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BERRY .. .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal of Double Norwich, and was elected a member previous to starting. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

## RIBCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Superlative, Lincoln, Rochester, Coventry, Bristol, Lichfield and Worcester. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

First peal on the bells, which were cast by Mears in 1822; also the first Surprise peal in the Preston district of the Association.

## BURSTOW, SURREY.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 6, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5400 CHANGES;

Being forty-five 6-scores.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN SHERLOCK .. .. Treble.	*ALBERT HARMAN .. .. 4.
JOSEPH KENWARD .. .. 2.	GEORGE ILLMAN .. .. 5.
STEPHEN KENWARD .. .. 3.	*CHARLES OSBORNE .. Tenor.

Conducted by S. KENWARD.

\*First peal.

## SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 8, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

EDWIN J. PANNETT* .. Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 5.
GEORGE H. STURT* .. .. 2.	HENRY STALHAM .. .. 6.
ALFRED S. LANGRIDGE .. 3.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 7.
FRANK S. STURT .. .. 4.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by ROBERT J. DAWE.

\*First peal of Major.

## GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

B. J. MILLER* .. .. Treble.	†N. WALLACE .. .. 4.
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E. SAGGERS† .. .. 3.	B. PATMORE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by B. PATMORE.

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## WEST CLANDON, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 8, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

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Conducted by W. DAY.

†First peal. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Lilian Bowles, to Mr. H. A. Marriman, which took place at Mellow on the above date.

## Date Touches.

HESSLE (Yorks).—On a recent Saturday, at the parish church a date touch of 1908 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins., being 108 Bob Minor, 360 Duke of York, and 720 each of Kent and Oxford. A. Naylor, C. Jackson conductor, R. Rodmell, H. Rodmell, L. Rodmell, G. Barraclough.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

RUGBY.—On Monday, March 16th, 672 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Smith, A. Dubber, S. C. Small, W. Taylor, C. W. Wheeler, H. O. White, J. B. Fenton conductor, A. J. Hessian. On Monday, March 30th, 1280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. A. Coleman, H. O. White, J. A. Smith, S. C. Small, C. W. Wheeler, F. Sear conductor, J. B. Fenton, A. Dubber.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LEYTONSTONE.—On February 10th, 720 Chester Surprise. W. Doran, S. Hayes, H. Torble, S. Bird, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule. On February 17th, 720 Chelsea Surprise. W. Doran, S. Hayes, S. Bird, J. Moule, W. Miller conductor, H. Torble. On February 23rd, 720 Carlisle Surprise. G. Hayden, G. Dawson, S. Hayes, S. Bird, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule. On February 24th, 720 Chelsea Surprise. G. Dawson, S. Hayes, J.

Moule, S. Bird, W. Miller conductor, H. Torble. On March 2nd, 720 York Surprise. P. A. Card, T. Cranfield, W. Doran, S. Bird, W. Miller conductor, H. Torble. On March 9th, 720 Durham Surprise. P. A. Coard, T. Cranfield, W. Miller, S. Bird, S. Hayes conductor, J. Moule. On March 9th, 720 Carlisle Surprise. F. Squires, T. Cranfield, W. Doran, G. A. Black, J. Moule conductor, H. Torble. On March 16th, 720 London Surprise. G. Dawson, T. Cranfield, W. Doran, S. Bird, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday afternoon, March 29th, on the occasion of the first open Sunday of the Albany Men's Own, 960 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Ford, F. Howell, A. Richardson, A. H. Ford, G. Rawlings conductor, J. Kilo, W. Taylor, R. W. Cross.

BOXLEY.—On Wednesday, April 5th, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Croydon to hold a Confirmation service at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Doubles. J. Attwood, G. Pound, W. Gosling conductor, A. Hayward, W. Kilpatrick, F. Wright. After service 360, standing as before, conducted by G. Pound.

DEAL.—On Tuesday, March, 31st, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Axon, H. Denne, H. Barton conductor, G. Denne, E. Verrier, H. Castle. Rung as a farewell to H. Castle, who is leaving Deal for East Grinstead, Sussex.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LINDFIELD (Sussex).—On Saturday, March 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. J. Lacey, R. Holder, G. Tomsett, H. Tomsett conductor, E. Patching, A. Tomsett, F. Willey, T. Patching. On Saturday, March 21st, 672 Grandsire Triples. J. Lacey, H. Tomsett, R. Holder, A. Tomsett, E. Patching, G. Tomsett conductor, F. Willey, G. Belton. On Wednesday, March 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. J. Lacey, H. Tomsett, R. Holder, A. Tomsett, E. Patching, G. Tomsett conductor, F. Willey, T. Patching. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURFORD (Oxon).—On Sunday, February 23rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. C. Cook, G. Large, E. Aldridge, H. Barratt, F. Soden, T. Bond, W. Large conductor, G. Parker.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD.—For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. Blunsdon, E. Aldridge, G. Large, H. Barrett, B. Bishop, T. Bond, W. Large conductor, G. Parker.

BENGEO (Herts).—On Wednesday, January 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. C. Bennett, J. Pomfret, D. Bennett, A. Phillips, G. H. Austin, E. H. King conductor. On Sunday, January 12th, 720 Double Court. F. C. Bennett, A. Wright, D. Bennett, E. H. King, G. H. Austin, A. Phillips conductor. On Thursday, January 23rd, 720 Bob Minor. M. Williams, F. C. Bennett, A. Phillips, E. H. King, A. Wright, D. Bennett conductor. On Sunday, February 9th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Blakeley, A. Phillips, D. Bennett, F. Bennett, J. Coles, E. H. King conductor. On Sunday, February 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. C. Bennett, A. Wright, D. Bennett, J. Pomfret, G. H. Austin, E. H. King conductor.

FARNINGHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, March 22nd, for evening service, 480 Bob Doubles. F. Mason, L. Rutter, S. Mason, A. Bates, A. Bailey, F. Dunster. On Sunday, March 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 23 mins. F. Mason, J. Couchman, A. Bailey, S. Mason, E. Bates, A. Bates conductor.

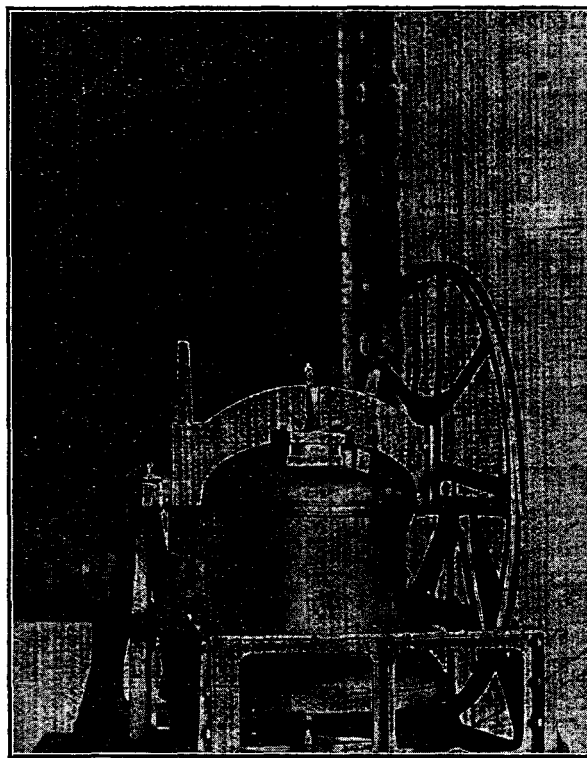
HULL (Yorks).—On Tuesday, March 17th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 56 mins. H. Rodmell, J. Hodds, A. Naylor, C. Gibson, F. Merri-son, G. Marshall, C. Jackson, composer and conductor, G. Miller, L. Rodmell, A. Starks.

LITTLE SHELFORD (Cambs).—On Saturday, March 21st, a quarter-peal of Doubles, in 42 mins. A. Dean, H. Mansfield, F. Brown, W. Mansfield, W. Eusden conductor.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, March 10th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. F. Hollingworth conductor, G. B. Earle, S. Hibbard, J. York, W. Earle, G. York.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Wednesday, February 19th, for the monthly practice, 336 Double Norwich. F. Paskins, C. Smith, H. S. Rimming, J. Harris, M. Stavert, W. H. George, W. T. Tucker, C. A. Valentine.

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**Obituary.****CHARLES CHAPMAN.**

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at the Royal Berks. Hospital on Monday, March 23rd, at the early age of 41. The deceased had been a member of St. Michael's, Tilehurst, for twenty-five years, and a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild since its formation, having served on the Committee for some years. He was a safe change-ringer, having rung in upwards of eighty peals in various methods. The funeral took place at Tilehurst on Friday, March 27th, four of his brother-ringers carrying him to his last resting-place. As the cortege entered the church the organist played "O rest in the Lord," the Rector (Rev. H. R. Cooper-Smith, D.D.), reading the solemn service, after which hymn 197 was sung. After

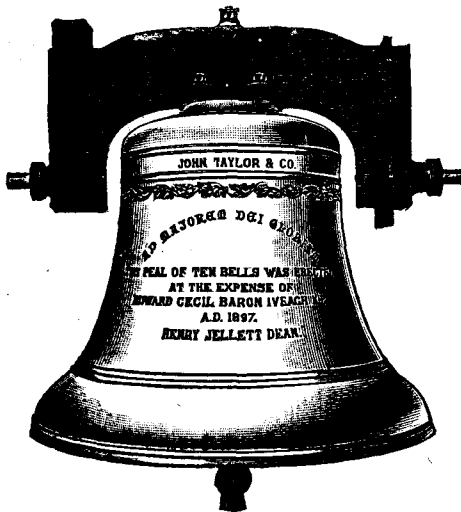
the remains of our dear brother had been lowered in the grave, the ringers of Tilehurst, with the bells half-muffled, rang the whole pull and stand, all done in 41's, the deceased's age, after which eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by A. E. Reeves, Assistant Secretary. On the following day, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, H. Goodger conducting; and on Tuesday, following at St. Laurence, Reading, the bells were rung half-muffled during the evening as a mark of respect to the above. The deceased leaves a widow and four young children (unprovided for) to mourn his loss. Among the ringers present beside the members of his own band I noticed Messrs. J. Martin Routh (Chairman of the Reading Branch), W. Pole-Routh, J. E. Hern, J. Swain, H. Tucker, F. W. Hopgood, W. Newell, and A. E. Reeves (Assistant-Secretary).

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**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening March 15th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. J. Law, A. Bennington, B. Miller, H. White, F. W. Richardson, A. E. Goddard, W. J. Jeffries conductor, C. Macklin.

**THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**

LONGTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, March 15th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Smith, H. Stanlep, J. Woodward conductor, W. Wade, C. Harp, W. Harrison, A. Latham, J. Harrison.

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

ASHTED (Surrey).—On Thursday, March 5th, for practice, 742 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. J. Wyatt, jun., J. Page, W. Corbett conductor, G. Wyatt, W. Cook, J. Wyatt, J. Hoyle, H. Price. All the above are local men.

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for the last time from the Treasury Bench; Lord Palmerston's 81st birthday was just two days off when he died in the seventh year of his second Premiership. Evidently we have no need to enact any provision similar to that of the United States Constitution, which forbids the election of a President under thirty-five years of age.

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**ORDINARY BRANCH.**—The number of policies issued during the year was 86,080, assuring the sum of £8,156,865, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £466,357. The Premiums received during the year were £4,480,377, being an increase of £189,406 over the year 1906. The Claims of the year amounted to £2,430,117. The number of deaths was 8,243, and 12,328 Endowment Assurances matured. The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 843,206.

**INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.**—The Premiums received during the year were £6,661,631, being an increase of £162 603. The Claims of the year amounted to £2,563,090. The number of deaths was 990, and 4,494 Endowment Assurances matured. The number of Policies granted during the year to those policy-holders of five s' standing and upwards who desired to discontinue their payments was 128,429, the number in force being 1,290,758. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 32,104.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 17,459,835; their average duration exceeds eleven years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £68,006,284, being an increase of £4,119,276 over those of 1906.

In pursuance of the policy indicated in the last report, a scheme was approved by the Shareholders at meetings held in July last, admitting Industrial Branch policyholders, and the Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, and Agents to specified shares in the profits of the Company.

The Directors are pleased to announce that in the Ordinary Branch a reversionary bonus at the rate of £1 12s. per cent. on the original sums assured has again been added to all classes of participating policies issued since the year 1876.

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General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the  
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D. W. STABLE,  
J. SMART, } *Joint Secretaries.*

H. A. HARBEN, *Chairman.*  
THOS. C. DEWEY, } *Directors.*  
W. T. PUGH.

We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1907, 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, 1907.

17th February, 1908.

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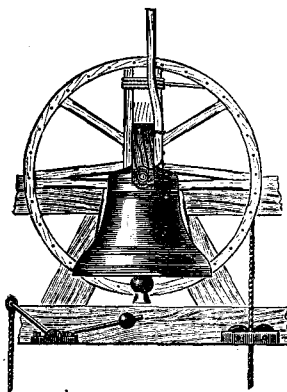
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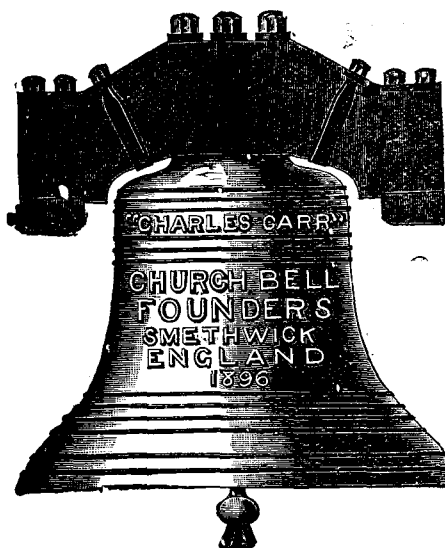
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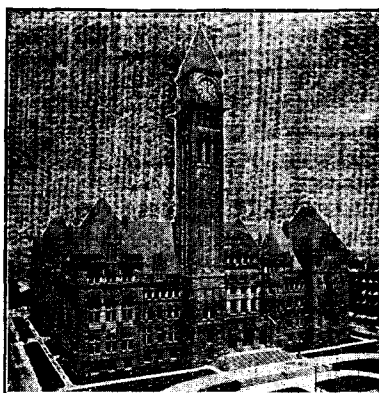
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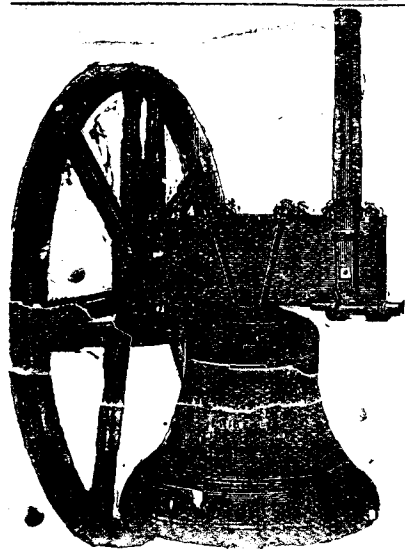
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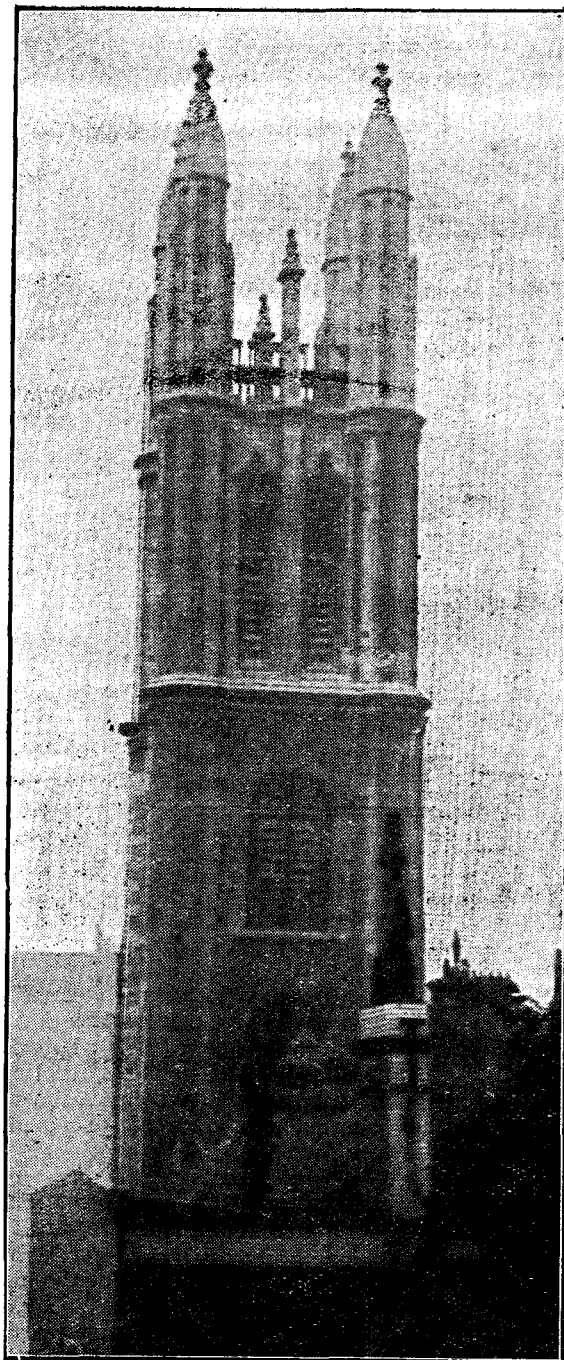


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ST. MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL.

## STEEPLES IN ROME AND IN LONDON.

By R. A. DANIELL.

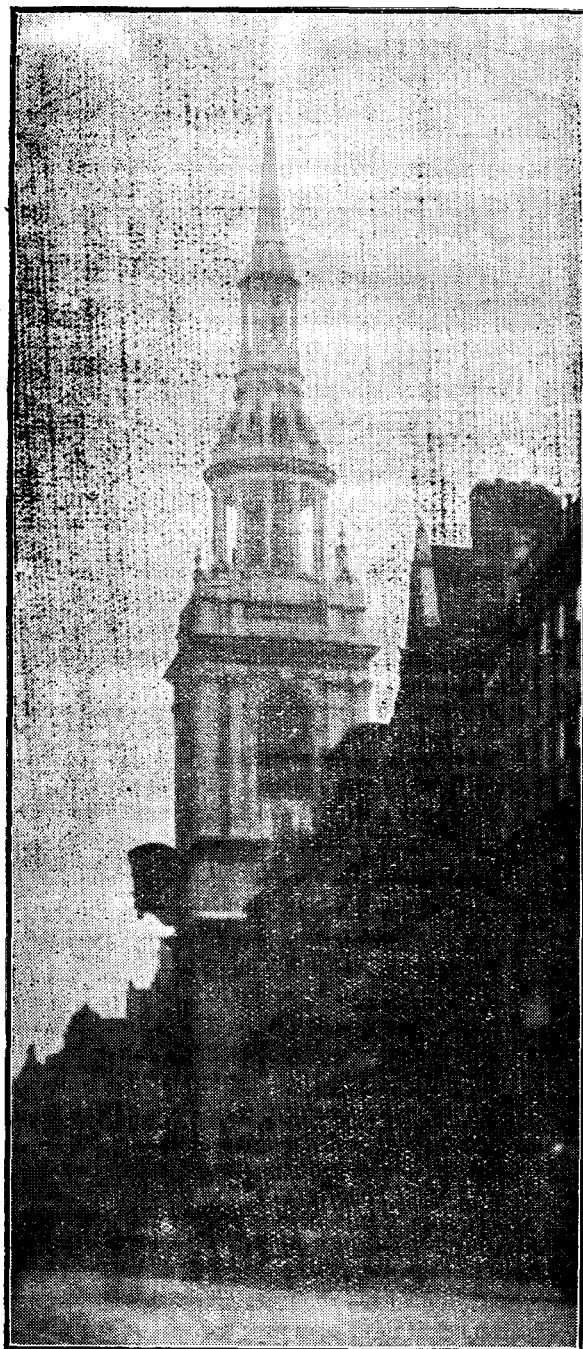
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THE Tower of St. Michael, Cornhill, was erected in the year 1722. For some reason, probably due to outside pressure, this tower was designed to be a reproduction of mediæval architecture, with the result that in detail it is disappointing. But in proportion and dignity it is a splendid building, twenty-five feet square at the base, and rising to a height, including the pinnacles, of one hundred and thirty feet. Readers of "THE BELL NEWS" will not need to be reminded of the fine ring of twelve in this tower, and the celebrated exploits performed on them. Those who see this tower from Cornhill may be reminded that the tawdry and self-conceited-looking porch is not Wren's, but an impertinent addition of the nineteenth century.

The Steeple of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, usually known as Bow Church, was finished in the year 1667, and from a square base of thirty-two feet, rises to a height of two hundred and twenty-one feet. A glance at the illustration will show that in outline it follows the general contour of English mediæval towers and spires, and exhibits Wren's remarkable power of producing this result with purely classical architectural details. The same general observations apply to the Steeple of St. Bride's, Fleet Street, completed in the year 1680, which at present rises from a square base of thirty feet to an altitude of two hundred and thirty-four feet. The rings of twelve at Bow Church and St. Bride's, and the exploits thereon are well known to our readers.

But not only did Wren in his Steeples adapt Classical forms to mediæval outlines, he set an example followed by others continuously to our own day. To give a few examples of London classical steeples of a spire type by architects following him—St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 1726; Christ Church, Spitalfields, 1729; St. Leonard's, Shore-ditch, 1740; St. Mary, Islington, 1754; St. Mary, Bittersea, 1777; St. James's, Clerkenwell, 1792; All Saints, Poplar, 1823; St. John's, Waterloo, 1824. These last connect us with the modern Gothic revival; for the last-mentioned year saw the rise of the church and tower of St. Luke's, Chelsea, a composition which, notwithstanding faults of detail, remains one of the most dignified and impressive of nineteenth century London churches.

It appears, therefore, that at any rate in one respect, in that of steeples, London is superior to Rome; and for that we are indebted in the first place to the skill and taste of our mediæval architects, and in the next to Sir



ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE.

Christopher Wren, whose genius made him the unrivalled link between the old and the new.

I may perhaps add a few words by way of postscript about bells and their use in Italy so far as these came under my notice. My experience on these heads is but general, as the time at my disposal did not allow of my making investigations even if my inability to converse in Italian had not frustrated my efforts.

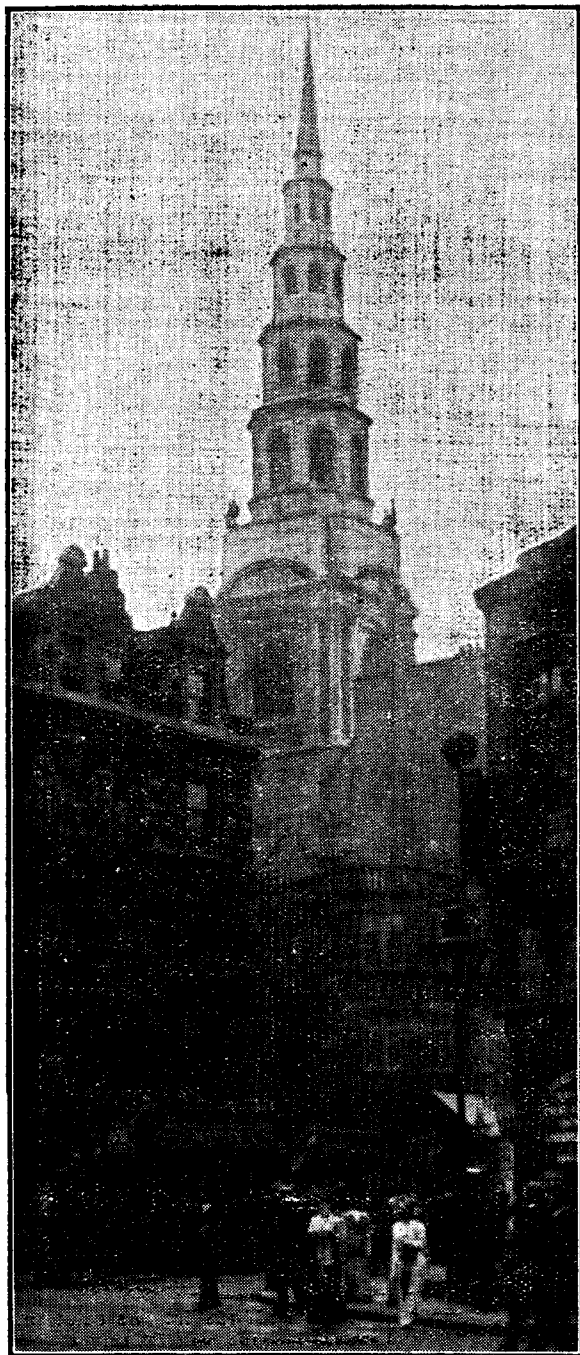
The nature of the climate not requiring louvres in the

bell-chambers, the bells and their performance can often be seen from outside in a manner impossible in England. Bells of any fair size are hung with wheels, and when used are swung sometimes about frame high (as we should call it) but oftener higher, hence, when rung singly, they make the best of themselves, and very fine the best of many of them is. It is of course difficult to judge from such a view as I could obtain, but my impression of several medium-sized bells I saw and heard is that they are of rich quality for their size. But when more than one bell is in use at the same time all are spoilt, for as the performers either have no means, or do not use them, of regulating the stroke of a bell, a species of fring ensues which is exasperating to our English ears. The most barbarous example of this which I heard was at S. Peter's at Rome on Easter eve, when I suppose the ringing was intended to do honour to the festival. As I have said, the bells there are hung in an attic under the roof. Outside hang two small bells, of no special quality, on cranks only, and behind, out of sight, three bells (I think) of considerable size, and I should say, if heard separately, of fine tone. But all these were striking away together, and naturally the two yelling little beasts outside effectually spoiled everything else. How long this performance lasted I cannot say, but I heard it going on for about an hour. It certainly seems curious to an English ringer that Italians, who are by common consent exceptionally gifted in the musical capacity, should be contented with such seemingly inartistic performances on their bells.

I am indebted to the kindness of two members of the Exercise for photographs furnishing the illustrations of my remarks—to Mr. C. T. Coles, of 6, Gardom Street, Stepney, for Bow Church and St. Bride's; and to Mr. H. E. Parker, of 23, Monteagle Avenue, Barking, for St. Michael's.

#### THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The annual meeting was held at Leeds on Saturday, March 29th, under more favourable conditions than had prevailed for a number of years previous, the bells of the parish church being at the disposal of the members during the afternoon and evening. The business meeting was held at The Royal Oak, the President (Mr. J. Broadley), in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting at Armley were passed and signed. The balance-sheet was next presented, and shewed a balance of £1 3s. 2d. income over expenditure on the year's working. The election of officers being the next item, it was quickly disposed of, there being no opposition, and all the retiring officers were re-elected. It was unanimously resolved that the annual meeting be held in future on Easter Monday. A vote of thanks to the church authorities for the use of the bells, and to the local company for the day's arrangements concluded the business. During the past year six peals have been rung by the society; three of Kent, and one each of Stedman and Cambridge Surprise, and one of seven Minor extents; also eighteen new members were elected. The attendance of members at the monthly meetings have been on the whole slightly better.



ST. BRIDE'S, FLEET STREET.

### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

At a lengthy committee meeting, held in Leeds on April 9th—Mr. W. Snowdon, President, in the chair, supported by Mr. Charles H. Hattersley, vice-President, and Mr. Jas. Cotterell, hon. treasurer, the subject of the appeal for funds to secure a ring of ten bells for Selby Abbey Church in place of the old one (eight) destroyed by the disastrous fire, was advanced a stage, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake kindly allowing himself to be elected hon. treasurer

to the fund, and an illustrated circular was agreed upon which is now in the hands of the printers. It was further resolved that the next meeting should be held at Almondsbury, on Saturday, May 23rd, by the kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. C. D. Hoste, M.A.

In the matter of the hon. secretaryship, it was reported that Mr. Pratt Cordingley had regretfully declined the honour on account of his numerous engagements, since which several other members had been unsuccessfully approached; the committee therefore felt themselves compelled to search their own ranks for a substitute, with the result that Mr. Clement Glenn, of Rotherham, has generously undertaken the office, to which he was elected by a unanimous vote in place of Mr. Cordingley resigned.

The previous hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, was very warmly welcomed back to a vacant seat on the committee.

A vote of condolence with the family of the late Mr. B. F. Lamb, of Halifax, late of the committee, was also passed with every mark of respect.

### LIST OF COUNTY BELL INSCRIPTIONS.

In the list given by Mr. Daniell, two county bell books are omitted; "The Church Bells of Staffordshire" by C. Lynam, 1889, and "An Account of Church Bells," by W. C. Lukis, 1854. This last deals chiefly with Wiltshire bells, but is far from complete, and full of errors. Mr. Lynam's book on Staffordshire bells is a most elaborate work, giving facsimiles of all the ancient inscriptions, and views of the principal steeples and towers in the county. There have also been published at various times small pamphlets on Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and one or two other counties, but not complete lists of all the inscriptions in those counties. There is also a book giving the inscriptions on the bells in the city of York, by G. Benson.

J. R. JERRAM.

P.S.—I believe Mr. H. B. Walters is shortly bringing out one on two more counties.

### LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL.

The Liverpool Cathedral Executive Committee met last week under the presidency of Sir William Forwood, and decided to add to the present building operations the four piers of the main towers, so as to include the central space of the cross transepts, which will give a church 270 feet long, and afford accommodation for a congregation of upwards of 2,000. The Committee state that the £60,000 or £70,000 additional subscriptions which will be necessary to complete this part of the Cathedral, will be forthcoming during the next two or three years. At the request of Miss Langton, the Committee are setting apart two windows in the ante-room of the Lady Chapel as a gift from the Girls' Friendly Society. Mr. Frank Tobin offered on behalf of his family, to present a rose window at the east end of the south aisle of the Cathedral proper.

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## Correspondence.

## LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

SIR,—Mr. James is correct in dividing methods into three groups: Simple, Double and Complex; but when he goes to say that in the last that all places are related to lead-head and lead-end, he is flatly contradicted by facts. London Surprise is a Complex Method, and London Surprise has the fourth place from behind made when the treble strikes its whole pull behind. This place is twelve rows from the lead-head in Minor, sixteen in Major, and is related not to the lead-head, but to the half lead-end, i.e. when the treble is behind. Consequently Mr. James' argument in favour of 9-10 being a fresh position is really an argument against it. But indeed places are related not so much to the lead-heads and lead-ends as to the whole treble's path. There can be no new position without a new method. If you are going to keep to your method you must enlarge your old positions, but nothing else. This discussion on London Royal has only served to confirm me in the position I took up when I wrote my article on Double Norwich Caters in "THE BELL NEWS" a couple of years or so ago. When you transfer a method from one number of bells to another, you may not for any reason add fresh places. You may expand your old places, but directly you add a fresh place, you get a fresh method. This method may be a good method, or it may be a bad one, but at any rate it is not your old one. Mr. James read and approved that article in mss., and I should be sorry to hear that he had changed his mind on what seems, to me at least, an incontrovertible law of methods.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

## THE APPEAL FROM KEIGHLEY.

SIR,—May I be allowed to commend to the favourable consideration of your readers the case of Jas. McGoun, on whose behalf his Keighley friends are appealing for help. I feel that I ought to do this, knowing as I do the merits of his case. His ringing career may be said to have started at Gargrave where he spent several years, though he had been mixed up with ringers and ringing for some time before he came here. A hard worker, a straight goer, and a capital striker, he was just the man who would prefer to fight his own battles, but Mr. Editor, we all know that when sickness comes, choice no longer exists.

J. MCKELL.

## INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Being a member of a committee to carry out the work of restoration of a peal of bells and tower, I should like the opinions of ringers as to which is the best kind of frame to recommend, whether steel or oak. The peal in question is one of 6, tenor about 18 cwt., and the tower is not very substantial. It is proposed to construct a frame for eight bells. Would members of the Exercise kindly give me their opinions on the matter.

A CHANGE-RINGER.

## UNVEILING A PEAL-BOARD.

A very interesting ceremony took place at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, West Clandon, when the Rev. G. F. Dalton unveiled two peal-boards recording two peals of Minor in seven methods. Associated with the Clandon band were members of the Holy Trinity and St. Nicholas towers from Guildford. The Rector in a very pleasant little speech, reminded his hearers of the sacredness of the bells of Old England, and the important part they played in Church History; also reminding his hearers that it was not all the duty of the ringer to remind people that it was church time, but to try as far as possible to attend themselves, not that he had any fault to find with his own band, but he ventured to think sometimes it was forgotten. Mr. J. J. Jones, of Guildford, seconded the Rector's speech, adding that the West Clandon band during the short time they had adopted method-ringing, went to show what perseverance would do. A few touches in different methods were then indulged in, which brought the meeting to a close.

"BELL NEWS" WANTED.—Will you kindly publish note to say I have lost "THE BELL NEWS" for September 8th, 1906, and that I will thank any friend who has one to spare, and will send it on to H. DAINS, 47, Richmond Road, Barnsbury.

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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 April 30th; St. John, Hackney, on the 21st; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 21st; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 23rd; all at 8 p.m. WILLIAM T. COCKERELL, Hon. Sec. 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—A special meeting will be held at Wentworth on Easter Monday, April 20th. Bells available from 2 p.m. SIDNEY F. PALMER, Hon. Sec.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at The Lion hotel, Cambridge, on Easter Monday, April 20th, at 1.30. The Ven the Archdeacon of Ely will preside. Dinner (for members 1s. each, non-members 2s. each).

R. L. TWELLS, General Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Privett near Alton, on Easter Monday, April 20th. Bells available from 12 o'clock (noon). Tea at 5. Meeting after in the schoolroom. I shall be glad to receive subscriptions to the Rev. E. W. Carpenter's testimonial as soon as possible. Fareham. J. W. WHITING, Hon. Sec.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Leiston on Monday, April 20th. Bells of Leiston, Kelsale and Saxmundham available. Dinner at The White Horse, Leiston, at 1.30 p.m. Usual railway arrangements. C. E. BORRITT, Sec. 10, Chester Street, Norwich.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 20th. Service in St. Helen's church at 1.15 p.m. prompt. Meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30 p.m. Towers available for ringing: Cathedral (10), 5 to 6 p.m.; St. Helen's (8), St. John's (6), St. Swithin (6), and St. Nicholas (6). The Secretary will be at St. Helen's Church House from 12 to 1 p.m. to receive subscriptions and distribute reports. J. R. NEWMAN, Hon. Sec. Bransford, Worcester.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 20th. The ten bells at St. Paul's will be available during the day. Methods to be rung—Treble Bob Royal, Plain Bob, Stedman Caters, Grandsire Major, Superlative, Double Norwich and Duffield. Committee Meeting at the Church House, St. Paul's Square, at 12.30 sharp. There will also be a room at the above house for handbell ringing. Luncheon at the Mission Room at one o'clock. Business meeting for the election of officers to follow luncheon. Service at St. Paul's at 5 o'clock. Ringers and friends heartily welcomed.

REV. A. RUST, Hon. Sec.  
I. HILLS, Asst. Hon. Sec.

The Hertfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 20th. The following towers (bells in good ringing order) will be open—The Cathedral (8 bells); St. Peter's (10 bells);



**St. Michael's (6 bells).** Meet at St. Peter's church at 2 p.m., to make up bands for various towers. Service at the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. A. T. Hollis, Vicar of Great Gaddesden. This year the tea will be served in the Abbey Institute, Spicer Street, close to the Cathedral, at 5.45 sharp, to be followed by business meeting for the election of officers, members, etc. Will Secretaries of bands kindly let me know the probable number of their members who will partake of tea.  
G. W. CARTMEL, *Hon. Sec.*

**North Wales Association.**—The annual meeting will take place at Llangollen on Easter Monday, April 20th. Bells available from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and 3.30 to 9 p.m. The clergy and churchwardens have kindly offered to provide a luncheon at 12.30 p.m. A special service will be held in the church at 1.30 p.m. Business meeting in the National Schools at 2 p.m. A hearty welcome extended to all ringers.  
S. A. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The twenty-sixth annual meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 20th, to which all members and friends are cordially invited. The bells at St. Mary's, St. Peter's, All Saints, and Holy Trinity, Lenton, will be available for ringing from 10 a.m. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock, and tea at 4.45 (rs. 6d. each at the Arboretum Refreshment Rooms.  
Colgrave, Notts. W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Surrey Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Dorking on Easter Monday. The bells will be available from 3.30. There will be a short special service in the church at 6 p.m., and the tea will be served in the Church Room at 6.15, the usual business meeting following. The bells at Rammore Common will be available from 3.30 to 5 o'clock.  
CHAS. DRAN, *Hon. Sec.*

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Clay Cross on Easter Monday, April 20th. Service in church at 4 p.m. Preacher—Rev. R. P. Farrow. Tea in school at 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards.  
T. ALLIBONE, *Secretary.*

**The Essex Association.**—South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Waltham on Easter Monday. Tea at The Six Bells, 9d each, at 5 o'clock. Bells (8), also Broomfield (6), available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.  
HENRY F. COOPER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
Duke Street, Chelmsford.

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at the parish church, Barnet, on Easter Monday, by the kind permission of the Rector. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited. The bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. Arrangements will be made for tea at 5 p.m., when the business meeting will be held.  
ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Runcorn Branch.—There will be a meeting at Frodsham on Tuesday, April 21st. Bells ready at 6.30.  
B. TREVITT, *Branch Sec.*

**The Warwickshire Guild.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, April 25th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Committee meeting at 5. Tea at 5.30. General Meeting after tea.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*  
1, Bilton Road, Rugby.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. prompt.  
J. JACQUES, *Br. Sec.*

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Treveithin, Pontypool, on Saturday, April 25th, at 4 o'clock.  
REV. CONNOR L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*  
J. W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will take place at Lincoln on Saturday, April 25th. Tea will be provided in the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.45 p.m. the Guild meeting immediately afterwards. Service will be held in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral at 6.15 p.m. preacher—Canon Standen, Vicar of Gainsborough. The branch's annual meeting will take place in the Ringers' Chapel directly afterwards. Members intending being present at tea should let Mr. G. Chester, Env Cottage, Carline Road, Lincoln, know on or before Tuesday, April 21st. It is imperative they comply with this request.  
J. W. SEAMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The April ringing meeting will be held at Bolton on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8), available at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m. at The Bolton hotel Refreshments provided.  
GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Stockport Branch, Western Division.—Meeting at Northenden, Saturday, April 25th. Eastern Division members intending being present must notify me before the 21st. Tea 9d. each to non-members and visitors.  
A. T. BRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 25th, at their headquarters, the parish church of St. Michael and All Angels, Ashton. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business Meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers invited.  
C. BOWERS, *Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walkden on Saturday, April 25th, at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7.30.  
G. PINCOTT, *Br. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints church, Higher Walton, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.  
R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Bridgwater District.—The next deanery meeting of this district will be held at Middlezoy on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service in the parish church at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Tea 6d. each. Members intending being present at tea kindly let me know not later than Tuesday, April 21st.  
W. G. SELICK, *Local Sec.*  
Huntsfill, Somerset.

**The Kent County Association.**—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, May 2nd. Belfry open at 3 p.m. Short service in the church at 4.30. Tea and business after. At charge of 3d a head will be made for the tea. Members wishing to be present must send their names to the Secretary before April 30th. No travelling expenses will be paid at this meeting, but the usual allowance will be made at another meeting later in the year. Subscriptions must be paid either before or at the meeting.  
FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, May 2nd. Service in the parish church at 12 noon. Sermon by the Rector the Rev. H. C. Coote, M.A. Luncheon at the Town Hall, 1 p.m.; 2s. Business meeting immediately after luncheon. The President of the Guild (Earl Nelson), it is hoped, will preside. The following towers will be available for ringing—Trowbridge (8) Bradford-on-Avon (8) for change-ringers only; North Bradley (6), Holt (6). Seend (6). One shilling per ringer is allowed towards rail fare.

H. E. TILNEY BASSETT, *Hon. Sec.*

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**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.**—The annual meeting will take place at Sheffield on Saturday, May 2nd. The bells of St. Marie (8), and the parish church (12), will be available from 3 to 6.30 p.m. The Rev. Dean Dolan will preside at the business meeting which will be held in the Presbytery Room, Norfolk Row, at 7 p.m., and also present the Society's silver cup (value £10), and framed certificate to the winning company of the Sunday Service ringing competitions. Committee Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, on May 2nd. Bells available at 2 p.m., and after the meeting till 9 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. Arthur Hart. Tea at the Albany Institute (by the generosity of Mr. Churubwarden Skinner), for those only whose subscription for 1908 is paid, and who send me their names by April 28th.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Sec.*

34, Ad-laide Road, Chislehurst.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—Meetings for the practice of Double Norwich will be held during 1908 at Twyford on the second Thursday in each month commencing March 12th, from 7 to 9 p.m. Meetings will also be held at Winchester Cathedral for the practice of Kent Treble Bob on the first Wednesday in each month, commencing May 6th, from 7 to 9 p.m. Any ringers who may happen to be in the neighbourhood on those evenings will be most heartily welcomed.

JAS. W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*

**St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.**—The ringing practices will in future be from 7.30 to 9 p.m.  
JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

## AN APPEAL.

The members of the Keighley society would like to open a subscription list for the cause of one of their ringing brethren—J. McGoun—who has the misfortune to lose the use of one of his legs, and possibly it might have to be amputated. He has been unable to use the limb now for a matter of eight months. The above company therefore beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country on his behalf. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 34, Hill Street, Keighley, Yorkshire, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS."

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1908.

At the Committee Meeting of the Yorkshire Association held the other day at Leeds, the subject of the Fund for the provision of a new ring of ten bells for Selby Abbey was under consideration. We all recollect the disastrous fire which occurred at this Abbey some time ago, by which the bells were disabled. A determination was soon made to restore the fabric, and many Yorkshiremen, and others, thought that such restoration should include a new ring of ten bells, of a character worthy of the sacred fane. Members of the various ringing organisations in the North hailed such a proposal with enthusiasm, and the above Association, as will be seen from another column, intends throwing its great influence into the movement, which we doubt not will be successful.

We have read lately a deal about the Minster at Beverley, and its clock and bells. We suggest to those interested in the Selby restoration, to keep in view the great propriety of imitating Beverley to the letter, so far as the bells and clock are concerned. Let them have such a scheme constantly before them, and press forward to its ultimate fruition.



**The Metropolis.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, March 11, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN J. LAMB .. .. Treble	CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 5.
E. LAWRENCE TAYLOR .. 2.	ALBERT W. COLES .. .. 6.
REUBEN SANDERS* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PARTISS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal in the method away from the tenor.

**The Provinces.****DARTFORD, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 21, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOSEPH SPOONER* .. .. Treble.	RICHARD MORGAN .. .. 5.
FREDERICK BARKER .. .. 2.	FREDERICK FBENCH .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BOND† .. .. 3.	HENRY SIMMONS .. .. 7.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by E. BARNETT, sen.

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

**STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, March 24, 1908, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

W. WELHAM .. .. Treble.	W. G. MELBOURNE .. .. 5.
A. BOULDING .. .. 2.	P. LAFLAN .. .. 6.
W. TYDEMAN .. .. 3.	E. DIAPER .. .. 7.
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Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and  
Conducted by W. SOUTER.Rung as a farewell peal to A. Boulding, who is leaving for Canada,  
and as a birthday compliment to W. Tydeman.**NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, March 31, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

THOMAS A. TEASDALE .. Treble.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 5.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. .. 2.	EDWARD A. HERN .. .. 6.
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Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

Rung after meeting one short for Stedman Caters.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 11, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR SYMONDS .. .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 2.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 6.
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WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. .. 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENGE, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

**GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 11, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

HENRY F. COOPER .. .. Treble.	*WALTER LILLEY .. .. 5.
JAMES TARBUN .. .. 2.	HENRY R. DAWSON .. .. 6.
GEORGE WATERMAN .. .. 3.	HENRY HEAD .. .. 7.
GEORGE GREEN .. .. 4.	ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

\*First peal. The conductor has now called this peal from each bell.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to H. F. Cooper.**HASLEMERE, SURREY.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

*On Saturday, April 11, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 9½ cwt.

RICHARD HAYES* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS MACK .. .. 5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, JUN. .. 2.	THOMAS ATTWELL .. .. 6.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. .. 3.	HENRY MULLARD .. .. 7.
HENRY L. GARFATH .. .. 4.	*CHARLES GIBBONS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\*First peal on eight bells. First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

**TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.****SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND  
THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.***On Saturday, April 4, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

CARTER'S ODD-BOB TWENTY-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL REEVES .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. .. 2.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. .. 6.
ALFRED ROWLEY .. .. 3.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 7.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This peal, now rung for the first time, is a new composition by Mr.  
Carter, and has 418 bobs and two singles.**ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM BOND .. .. Treble.	RICHARD MORGAN .. .. 5.
JOHN WHRADON .. .. 2.	*HARRY WOOD .. .. 6.
GEORGE POVEY* .. .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 7.
EDWARD AUDSLEY .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

\*First peal.

**WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.****STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN BURCHILL* .. .. Treble.	CHARLES BISHOP .. .. 5.
WILLIAM MILLER .. .. 2.	JOHN MORLEY .. .. 6.
ALBERT MILLER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. 7.
WILLIAM WADE .. .. 4.	CHARLES MORLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. FITCHFORD.

\*First peal.

WALTHAM-ON-THE-WOLDS, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

FRANK SUMMERS* .. .. Treble.	WALTER JAMES .. .. 4.
ERNEST JOHNSTON* .. .. 2.	*THOS. MUSSON .. .. 5.
RICHARD MOUNT† .. .. 3.	RICHARD H. BARTRAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. H. BARTRAM.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

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FREDERICK J. MYNARD .. 3.	JOHN W. BARKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

The conductor was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting.

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On Saturday, April 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,  
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A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Carlisle, Cambridge, York, Durham London and Wells.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

WALTER E. MOUNTFORD Treble.	*WILLIAM H. PORTER .. 4.
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WILLIAM WOOREY .. .. 3.	GEORGE W. PARK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. W. PARK.

\*First peal of Surprise Minor.

PLYMOUTH.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 11, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT CHARLES CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

REV. H. A. FLEETWOOD* Treble.	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT .. 5.
REGINALD DOBSON* .. .. 2.	ERNEST W. MARSH .. .. 6.
FRANK HOCEADAY* .. .. 3.	WALTER H. MARSH .. .. 7.
GEORGE R. STROUD* .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM GREENWOOD .. Treble.

Conducted by WALTER H. MARSH.

\*First peal. First peal by the Society. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYBI,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT WILLIAMS* .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR E. MORGAN .. .. 5.
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ABSOLOM THOMAS .. .. 3.	JAMES PIPPIN .. .. 7.
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Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

First peal on the bells. \*First peal, and is leader of the local band.

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On Saturday, April 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN T. BUTLER .. .. Treble.	THOMAS RILEY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 2.	HARRY MOSS .. .. 6.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 3.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 7.
JESSE MOSS .. .. 4.	JOHN FLINT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

Rung after meeting short for Superlative. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. Butler for taking the spare rope.

Handbell Peals.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, March 13, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF Mr. F. R. KETTLEBORO,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

HARRY MOSS .. .. 1-2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 5-6.
F. R. KETTLEBORO .. 3-4.	JESSE MOSS .. .. 7-8.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by Wm. KEEBLE.

Umpire—Thomas Riley.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAPLEDURHAM (OXON).—On Saturday, March 14th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. Giles conductor, O. Gilbey, G. Essex, W. A. Webb, E. G. Frankum, H. Simmonds. 720 Plain Bob. C. Frankum, C. Giles, O. Gilbey, W. A. Webb, E. G. Frankum, H. Simmonds conductor. Two 6 scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Hands, Miss J. Frankum, G. Essex, W. A. Webb, C. Giles conductor, O. Gilbey. 120 in the same method. H. Frankum, E. G. Frankum conductor, G. Essex, H. Simmonds, J. Hands, O. Gilbey. On Sunday, March 15th, three 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. E. Nash, O. Gilbey, E. G. Frankum conductor, Miss J. Frankum, C. Frankum, A. Weller.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Sunday, February 9th, at St. Peter's church, 800 Double Norwich. F. G. Manning, H. T. Pye, W. Button, R. W. Stannard, F. L. Bumpstead, A. Burch, A. Rivers conductor, W. J. Schofield. On Sunday, March 8th, previous to the afternoon service of the Church of England Men's Service, 1008 Double Norwich. H. T. Pye, F. G. Manning, W. Button, W. Chalk, F. L. Bumpstead, A. Rivers conductor, W. Burch, W. J. Schofield.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

DEVONPORT.—On Sunday, February 1st, for practice at the Dockyard Chapel, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Woodley, E. W. Marsh, W. G. Hiscott, W. Ford, H. Hamlyn, W. Rundle, A. E. Tomlins conductor, T. Linnell. On Saturday, February 29th, 1260 Grandsire Doubles. T. Linnell, J. Woodley, W. Rundle, W. Ford, A. E. Tomlins conductor, T. Linnell.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Monday, March 2nd, 720 Oxford Single Bob. A. Clarke, C. Hopkins, E. Yates, W. Bonham, G. Tompkins, H. Tucker conductor, First 720 in the method by all.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM.—On Sunday, February 10th, for Divine Service in the evening, 840 Bob Triples. A. LeClercq, G. Upshall, A.

Smith, W. Lowman, C. Edwards conductor, F. Elliott, T. Upshall, H. Kimber. Longest length in the method by all except the conductor.

FRENSHAM.—On Sunday, March 1st, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles. H. Randall, C. Edwards, E. Corbett, W. Russell, E. Newell, W. Deadman.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON.—Recently, on handbells, 1264 Bob Major. J. H. White, 1-2; T. W. Chapman conductor, 3-4; H. Argyle, 5-6; J. Smallwood, 7-8. On Monday, March 23rd, 504 of Stedman Triples. J. H. White, 1-2; T. W. Chapman conductor, 3-4; H. Argyle, 5-6; Mrs. White, 7-8. First 504 of Stedman in hand by all.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

MALVERN LINK.—On Palm Sunday, at St. Matthias's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 52 mins. R. G. Knowles, conductor, F. Francis, F. Stanton, E. E. Barber, F. Hall, R. McCann, H. T. Knowles, A. Richings. Kuog as a birthday compliment to the conductor, also to A. Richings, the band wishing them many happy returns.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WOOLTON.—On Tuesday, March 31st, at St. Peter's church, a 720 of Bob Minor. C. Gittins, A. E. Grace, G. R. Newton conductor, G. Woodhall, H. Fyles, E. Gittins.

HALEWOOD.—On Sunday, April 5th, for afternoon service, the last 742 of Holt's Original. J. Grace, G. Hislop, J. Roberts, G. Calland, G. R. Newton conductor, A. E. Grace, T. Griffiths, E. Crosby.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL.—On Tuesday, April 7th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Superlative Surprise, the first in the method on the bells. G. Lunt, J. W. Bell, G. R. Newton, J. Wilkinson, H. H. Barker, J. Martin conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, March 15th, at Bishop Ryder's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. S. Coley, W. Ellis, J. Perry, W. Webb, J. F. Smallwood conductor, R. Hackley, T. Collinson, G. Restall. On Sunday, March 29th, as a farewell touch to T. Russam, late tower-keeper at Bishop Ryder's church, 448 Bob Major. W. H. Carrod, T. Collinson, T. Russam, W. Webb, J. Wells, J. Perry conductor, G. Taylor, J. Smallwood. Also 171 Stedman Triples.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, April 5th, for morning service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. E. G. Fenn, C. Fenn conductor, R. Fenn, H. E. Parker, G. W. Faulkner, J. Norris, D. Simons, J. Tween.

BOCKING.—On Tuesday, April 7th, for practice at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. E. Newman, F. Radley, S. Sargent, W. Moore, F. Warren, C. Bearman, A. Shufflebotham conductor, L. Chow.

LLANDAFF.—On Tuesday, February 25th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob with 7-8 covering. S. Daw, J. Harris, W. Biss, A. Rowley, T. Cox, J. Clutterbuck, C. Price, J. Pitcher. Conducted by W. Biss.

MALDON (Essex).—On Sunday, March 8th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. W. Cranmer, A. Mansfield, W. Brinkley, T. Gozzett, A. Gozzett conductor, H. Mansfield.

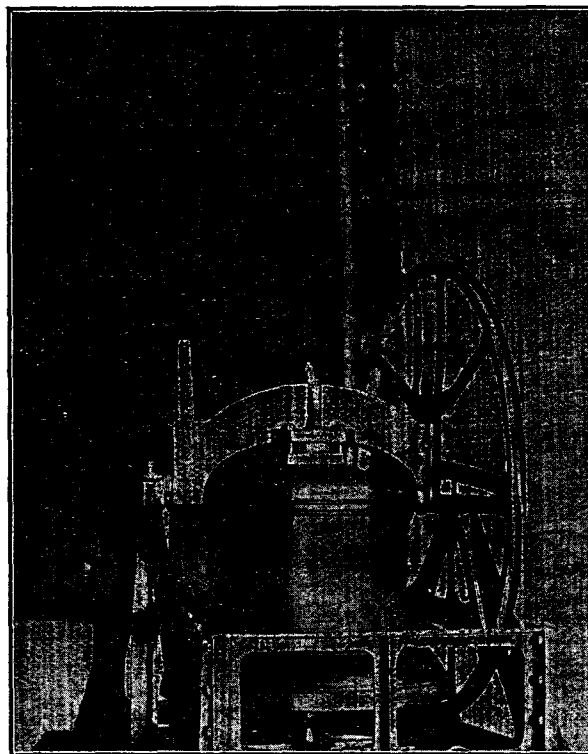
MELTON MOWBRAY.—On Sunday, April 12th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Summers, E. Johnson, T. Gillett, C. Dalby, A. V. Potter, R. H. Bartram, W. James, F. Grey. For evening service, 648 Grandsire Caters. W. Spiby, F. Summers, T. Gillett, E. Johnson, G. W. Meakins, C. Dalby, A. V. Potter, W. James, R. H. Bartram, F. Grey.

OLDBURY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, March 29th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the Bishop of Birmingham holding a Confirmation, special touches of Grandsire Triples

were rung before and after the service. In the evening, as a compliment to T. Collinson, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. T. Collinson, R. Hall, W. Bryant, W. F. Webb, G. A. Taylor, J. Jaggar conductor, W. G. Ellis, J. Johnson (son of the late Henry Johnson).

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Sunday evening, March 15th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 49 mins. W. Doran conductor, A. Scambler, S. Hayes, A. Neale, F. Newman, J. Scholes, J. Moule, W. Theobald, H. Torble, G. Potter.

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**Obituary.****JOHN SOUTHERN.**

It is with very deep regret the Mirfield band record the death of the above ringier which sad event occurred suddenly on April 7th. The interment took place on Thursday, April 9th, and was attended by his brother-ringers, who afterwards visited the tower and rang the whole pull and stand, also a short touch of Treble Bob with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect. Deceased was only thirty-seven years of age, and leaves a widow and five children to mourn his loss. The following lines are taken from his funeral card, and are very appropriate.

When I left home I little thought  
My race was so near run;  
But oh, alas! death called on me,  
And now my work is done.

A faithful husband, kind and true,  
A loving friend to all he knew;  
In perfect hope he was snatched away  
To meet in heaven another day.

On Sunday evening, April 12th, for Divine Service, with the bells half-muffled, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major. R. Ellam, P. Gott, H. Robinson, A. North. F. Robinson conductor, P. Lapist, W. Milner, T. Wilmot.

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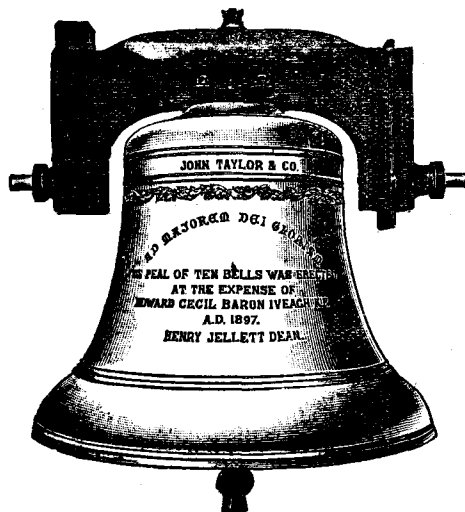
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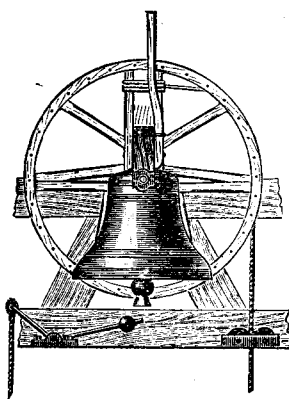
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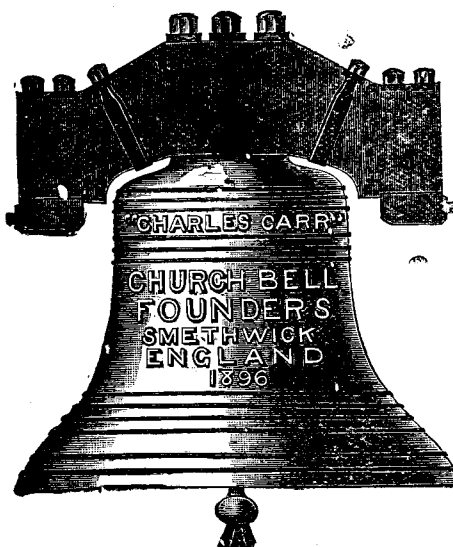
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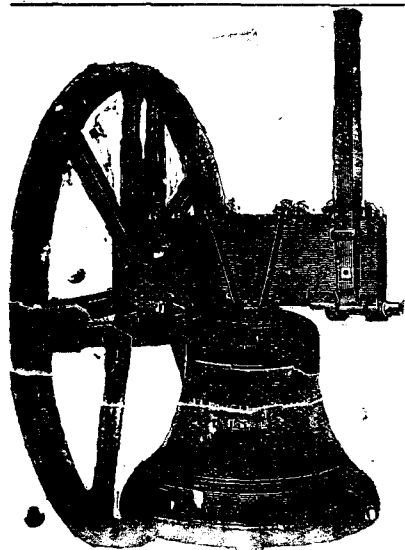
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## CATALOGUE OF LITERATURE FOR THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

In order to make his list form a Bibliography of any use, your correspondent (Mr. R. A. Daniell) must add the following works, and arrange his whole list in chronological, or alphabetical order—preferably the first.

The original book on the subject is "An Account of Church Bells," by the late Rev. W. C. Lukis, F.S.A., 1857. This gives some inscriptions and other details in nineteen English counties (especially Wilts.), and a few in other parts of the British islands.

By Mr. C. Lynam, F.S.A.:

"The Church Bells of Staffordshire."

By Mr. H. B. Walters, F.S.A.:

"The Church Bells of Shropshire," arranged in Deaneries, is being published in instalments, the sixth of which appeared in March, leaving others still to follow.

"The Church Bells of Gloucestershire," two papers published in the Trans. of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archæological Society, vols. xviii. and xx., forming a supplement to the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe's work.

"The Church Bells of Worcestershire," a paper published in the Proceedings of the Worcestershire Diocesan Architectural and Archæological Society.

"Some Notes on Worcestershire Bell Founders," a paper in "The Archæological Journal," 1906.

"London Church Bells and Bell Founders," a paper published in Trans. of St. Paul's Ecclesiological Society, vol. vi., 1907.

"The Church Bells of Essex," now being printed; we may hope for its appearance by about the end of the present year.

By Mr. L. B. Clarence:

"Church Bells of Dorset," a paper published in the Proceedings of the Dorset Nat. Hist. and Antiquarian Field Club, vol. xix., 1898.

By the late Canon Raven, F.S.A.:

"Notes on some Nottinghamshire Bells," a paper published in "The Archæological Journal," 1902.

"The Bells of England," 1906.

By Mr. A. D. Tyssen, D.C.L.:

"The Bells of South Pembrokeshire," published

in "The Tenby Observer," between December 20th, 1906, and February 7th, 1907.

An article on the same subject published in "The Tenby and County News," February 20th, 1907.

"The Church Bells of Guernsey," published in "Guernsey Gossip," between January 8th and February 5th, 1908.

Middlesex and Derbyshire are partly investigated, Warwick and Wilts. completed (by various authors), but neither has yet been published, I believe.

This is probably not a complete bibliography of the subject, and I have purposely omitted all general works on bells, but must make two exceptions in favour of the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe's "Bells of the Church," and of the late Mr. North's "Church Bells and Bell Lore." There are also various papers on the bells of small geographical areas, such as a single Deanery, or even of a single tower; some of these should unquestionably be included in a bibliography, but some of the latter variety are so incorrect as to be absolutely valueless and only misleading. The title of the second volume mentioned in the list printed on April 4th, should be—"Surrey Bells and London Bellfounders."

On the first page of the same number of "THE BELL NEWS," an absurd mistake appears on the new treble at High Wycombe. In the second column of that page the bell is made to record that "Thomas Mears, of London, fecit 1711, recast" etc. Almost on the same line of the first column, the inscription on the former treble is correctly given as "Thomas Mears of London fecit 1802." 1711 is of course the date when Phelps cast the ring of eight. With regard to Alderman Thomas Welles, of Wycombe, having been mistaken for one of the Aldbourne founders, I may point out that no Thomas is known among the Wells family of founders, and the date is too early by half a century. In addition, Phelps did his utmost to avoid any mistake, by inscribing the bell "R.P. Fec.," and in addition, the sets of lettering respectively used cannot possibly be confused. ALFRED H. COCKS.

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## CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL.

SERVICE ON BELL HARRY TOWER.

[From *The Guardian*.]

At an interesting gathering on Saturday afternoon on the summit of the Bell Harry Tower of Canterbury Cathedral the Primate completed the work of reparation which has been in progress since September 1904, and a short service was afterwards held. Only a small fragment of the vast network of scaffolding by which the tower has so long been surrounded remained, just sufficient to facilitate the ascent of the north-western pinnacle for the purposes of the ceremony of the afternoon, and this will now be removed. With that small exception the majestic grey tower, the crowning glory of the venerable and historic building, was once again visible in much of its pristine beauty.

In his report to the Dean and Chapter in 1904, the architect, Mr. W. D. Caroe, remarked: "There can be no doubt that the erection of the scaffold has revealed a condition which it is high time should be dealt with. We can specially admire the beauty of this noble structure, enhanced, as it undoubtedly is, by the mellowing touch of age and decay. The duty is none the less imperative to take steps to hand it down to posterity, and such steps must not be long delayed, taking into account the rapid progress of decay which recent years have set up and which is in full activity." That danger has now been happily averted, and it is gratifying to record that the difficult task has been executed with so much judgment and skill that the tower has not suffered materially in the loss of its beauty of appearance. The architect has ever had before him the great desirability, while making the structure thoroughly sound, of retaining every possible piece of the ancient masonry. Such, indeed, is the care with which the work has been carried out that plans have been prepared showing every single stone and the course to be adopted in respect of each has been separately considered. Where the decay was most marked they have had to give place to other stones of grey Doulting of exactly similar size, but where the process of deterioration was not too seriously advanced, a process of treatment with baryta preservative has been adopted—a process similar to that tried by Professor Church, of the University of London, in the cases of Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament, but with some modifications suggested by Professor Jackson. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Cornish and Gaymer, of North Walsham, the last-named having charge of the operations throughout, and seconding to the utmost the desire of the authorities to confine the operations to those of reparation rather than renovation. Thus has Cardinal Morton's fine work of the fifteenth century—a triumph of the Late Gothic period—been saved for future generations. The only work remaining to be done upon it is the insertion of tie-rods to strengthen the upper portion of the tower. It is found, in spite of the repairs already carried out, that the immense wind pressure to which the pinnacles are naturally subjected at so great a height causes the heads of the arches over the upper tier of lights to become separated. To remedy this, massive rods of gun-metal are now in course of insertion.

Following as it did upon the collection and expenditure of a sum of nearly £20,000 upon the Cathedral only ten years previously by the late Dean (Dr. Farrar) the task of collecting funds for this further great undertaking was naturally one of considerable difficulty. However, the

present Dean (Dr. Wace) undertook the work with great energy, and the result of his appeals on behalf of the Chapter has been the collection of a total sum up to the present of £14,843, by the payment of which the cost of the reparation thus far has been practically liquidated. Unfortunately, however, there is other work of reparation almost as necessary as that which has preceded it, the cost of which is estimated at not less than £24,000. The western towers have been found to be seriously in need of attention, and the pinnacles were in so dangerous a state on recent inspection that their tops have had to be taken down. Attention was directed in the original report of the architect to the fact that "the roofs of the south transept and of the western portion of the north aisle are urgently in need of repair; that in the stonework in the upper walls of the nave, the same form of decay is occurring as we found in the great tower; that the window in the western gable, one of the finest ornaments of the Cathedral, is approaching a condition of considerable jeopardy, and that the nave pinnacles are now in an advanced state of decay, and some of them dangerous." To these further matters, it is understood, every attention will have to be given. There is no capital fund to draw upon, and the heavy annual charge for the ordinary repairs of the whole structure fully exhausts the resources of the Dean and Chapter. It will, therefore, be necessary again to appeal to all lovers of the Cathedral, and to all who honour the cradle of English Christianity, for special donations.

The ceremony on Saturday was very simple, but impressive and appropriate. No vestments were worn, and the high wind rendered brevity necessary. Permits were only issued to a limited number of persons. The climb up the long, narrow, and winding stone steps, almost interminable as it seemed, was most exhausting, but on arrival at the top of the tower the glorious view which presented itself of the surrounding Kentish scenery was ample compensation for weariness. The Archbishop made the ascent just after four o'clock, and was accompanied up the steps by Mrs. Davidson, the Dean of Canterbury, the Archdeacon of Maidstone, Canon Stuart, Precentor Helmore, Minor Canons Gray and Ryley, and by the Rev. J. V. Macmillan, one of the Archbishop's Chaplains. Among those assembled at the top of the tower were the Mayor of Canterbury (Alderman F. Bennett-Goldney), the Sheriff (Councillor Whittaker), Councillors Belsey and Johnson, the Cathedral architect (Mr. W. D. Caroe), and the manager of works, (Mr. T. H. Spinks).

The proceedings were opened by the Dean making an explanatory statement to the Archbishop. Dr. Wace said that the exterior of that tower having fallen into a state of great decay, its repair was undertaken in September, 1904, by the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral—not, he grieved to say, quite the same Chapter as was gathered round his Grace that day. They had lost one venerable member of the Chapter, whose heart would have been gladdened if he could have witnessed that scene—Canon Holland. They had received liberal assistance for that work of reparation from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. They were also heartily supported by the Corporation of the City of Canterbury and by liberal friends throughout the county of Kent and outside. By their aid £14,834 had been voluntarily contributed, and had been spent in executing repairs to the tower, in grey Doulting stone. He was thankful to mention to his Grace that that arduous and difficult work had been carried out without any



accident to a single one of the workers. They now asked his Grace to be good enough to place the coping-stone on the last pinnacle of the reparation work.

In his reply, the Archbishop said he desired, on behalf of the clergy and laity of that historic Diocese and of the Church and people at large, to thank the Chapter for their faithful and reverent discharge of the "high" trust committed to them—the custody and preservation of their incomparable Cathedral, the mother church of English Christianity. He specially congratulated them that day upon the completion of that great work of reparation of their famous Cathedral tower to its pristine strength and beauty without the unnecessary displacement of a single stone. Might the blessing of their Lord [and Master rest from generation to generation upon that His holy house, and upon all who loved and used it.

The Dean, in a few supplementary remarks, said that the Chapter were extremely grateful to the architect of the work, Mr. W. D. Caroe, and to the firm who executed it.

The Archbishop next ascended the scaffolding to the summit of the pinnacle, and fixed the last stone, the capping of the pinnacle. Having duly performed this duty, his Grace said the following dedicatory prayer: "To the glory of God and in the faith of Jesus Christ we fix this stone, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." The vane was then fixed on the top of the stone by Mrs. Davidson, and the ball inserted upon which the vane turns. The last few finishing touches to complete this great work of renovation having been given, the party descended to the summit of the tower, where a service of thanksgiving was held. The Cathedral choir, who were in attendance, sang Psalm xlviii., "Great is the Lord," and the final hymn was "O God, our help in ages past." The service closed with the Benediction, given by the Archbishop.

#### SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL.

At evensong on Friday, April 10th, the memorial to the late Sir Frederick Wigan, first Treasurer of the Cathedral, was dedicated. The memorial takes the form of four stalls for the use of the Canons of the Cathedral, and a bust of the late Treasurer placed in the south transept. After the anthem the Bishop of Southwark gave a short address from the choir step. It fell to him, he said, in the name of the congregation, to give expression to their feelings by dedicating the memorial as a measure of affection and respect to one of their citizens. He said at the time of Sir Frederick Wigan's funeral that he hoped they might find some means of commemorating his honour and memory. They were paying that honour in a double form—by unveiling what would always remain as a personal memorial, bring back to the recollection the features and personality of the late Treasurer; but they also dedicating a part of the decoration of the Cathedral church in the memory of one who had munificently contributed to it.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, March 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 44 mins. J. W. Ross, J. Judd, A. Hubbard, W. H. Stevens, G. C. Iles, C. C. Cox conductor, F. Skevington, G. W. Coombes.

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#### THE HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The members of this Association held their quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Stainland on Saturday, April 18th, where a pleasant afternoon and evening was spent. Nine companies entered for the contest, the test piece being 504 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, this being preceded by a touch of 72 changes for practice. The bells, tenor 12 cwt., and also the schools, had been placed at the society's disposal by the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. —. Cowper, M.A. The judges for the occasion were Messrs. James Angus and Joseph Broadley, of Bradford, and Mr. Percy Nicholl, of Stainland, as marker. The draw for order of ringing took place at 2.45 p.m., and the contest immediately preceded without interruption until 8.30. Tea was provided in the schools during the afternoon, to which seventy visitors sat down. At the close of the ringing the general meeting was held in the schools, Vice-president Mr. John Lawson presiding, being supported by the Vicar and officers of the society.

The minutes of the last meeting at Brighouse were read by the Secretary, and duly confirmed, and two places were proposed for place of next meeting in July, namely Drighlington and Ripponden, the latter being carried when put to the vote.

The result of the contest was given by Mr. Angus as follows:

No. 1	Company	Kirkheaton	306 faults
2	"	Lightcliffe St. Matthew's	308 faults
3	"	Brighouse	197 faults
4	"	Lightcliffe " Cong."	235 faults
5	"	Mytholmroyd	190 faults
6	"	Almondbury	138 faults
7	"	Mixed	207 faults
8	"	Halifax	243 faults
9	"	Heptonstall	181 faults

Almondbury being declared the winners.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed from the chair to the Vicar for the use of the bells and schools, and his presence and support that day, which was seconded and carried.

Mr. Cowper, in reply, said it was extremely kind to pass the vote of thanks to him; it had been a great pleasure to have the Society visiting Stainland, and it would be a great benefit and encouragement to his ringers. His bells were not a good peal, but he hoped he might aspire to a new peal in bell metal, after the expense of the new clock now in progress had been dispensed with. He himself was not a practical ringer, and his experience in that line was in South America, where as a boy he rang the bells in Cuba for the minister there, the method being to go in the midst of the bells with a hammer and strike them with it, one after another. He observed one of the visiting bands came from a chapel, and he was pleased to extend to them the welcome as to the Church bell-ringers. The Church had a great many silent friends, and men in the village who may be compared to the pillars in the church, and so he hoped the Church had many outside friends, which he might style, were buttresses of the Church. As he had been requested, he was pleased to present the silver cup to Mr. Barraclough, who had conducted the winning company.

Mr. Barraclough suitably responded on his company's behalf, and hoped the Society would long continue to prosper.

Votes of thanks to the judges and to the local branch were passed and responded to, which brought another successful contest to a close.

**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 April 30th; at 8 p.m.

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

**The Warwickshire Guild.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rugby to-day, Saturday, April 25th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Committee meeting at 5. Tea at 5.30. General Meeting after tea.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*  
1, Bilton Road, Rugby.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, to-day, Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. prompt.

J. JACQUES, *Br. Sec.*

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Trevelth, Pontypool, to-day, Saturday, April 25th, at 4 o'clock.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*  
J. W. JONES, *Ass. Hon. Sec.*

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will take place at Lincoln to-day, Saturday, April 25th. Tea will be provided in the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.45 p.m. the Guild meeting immediately afterwards. Service will be held in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral at 6.15 p.m., preacher—Canon Standen, Vicar of Gainsborough. The branch's annual meeting will take place in the Ringers' Chapel directly afterwards.

J. W. SEAMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The April ringing meeting will be held at Bolton to-day, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8), available at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m. at The Bolton hotel. Refreshments provided.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Stockport Branch, Western Division.—Meeting at Northenden, Saturday, April 25th. Tea 9d. each to non-members and visitors.

A. T. BRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The annual meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, April 25th, at their headquarters, the parish church of St. Michael and All Angels, Ashton. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business Meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers invited.

C. BOWERS, *Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walkden to-day, Saturday, April 25th, at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7.30.

G. PINCOTT, *Br. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints church, Higher Walton, to-day, Saturday, April 25th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Bridgwater District.—The next deanery meeting of this district will be held at Middlezey to-day, Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service in the parish church at 4.30.

Business meeting to follow. Tea 6d. each.  
W. G. SELICK, *Local Sec.*  
Hunts Hill, Somerset.

**The Kent County Association.**—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, May 2nd. Belfry open at 3 p.m. Short service in the church at 4.30. Tea and business after. At charge of 3d. a head will be made for the tea. Members wishing to be present must send their names to the Secretary before April 30th. No travelling expenses will be paid at this meeting, but the usual allowance will be made at another meeting later in the year. Subscriptions must be paid either before or at the meeting.

FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, May 2nd. Service in the parish church at 12 noon. Sermon by the Rector the Rev. H. C. Coote, M.A. Luncheon at the Town Hall, 1 p.m.; 2s. Business meeting immediately after luncheon. The President of the Guild (Earl Nelson), it is hoped, will preside. The following towers will be available for ringing—Trowbridge (8) Bradford-on-Avon (8), for change-ringers only; North Bradley (6), Holt (6), Seend (6). One shilling per ringer is allowed towards rail fare.

H. E. TILNEY BASSETT, *Hon. Sec.*

*Devizes.*

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.**—The annual festival will take place at Sheffield on Saturday, May 2nd. The bells of St. Marie (8), and the parish church (12), will be available from 3 to 6.30 p.m. The Rev. Dean Dolan will preside at the business meeting which will be held in the Presbytery Room, Norfolk Row, at 7 p.m. and also present the Society's silver cup (value £10) and framed certificate to the winning company of the Sunday Service ringing competitions. Committee Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, on May 2nd. Bells available at 2 p.m., and after the meeting till 9 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. Arthur Hart. Tea at the Albany Institute (by the generosity of Mr. Churruwarden Skinner), for those only whose subscription for 1908 is paid, and who send me their names by April 28th.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Sec.*

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Brown Edge on Saturday, May 2nd. The presentation to the Rev. E. V. Cox will also take place on that day. Any one intending to be present please notify Mr. G. Redfern, Brown Edge, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than the previous Wednesday.

REV. W. G. KEYWORTH, } *Hon. Secs.*  
J. JOHNSON.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Heene, Worthing, on Saturday, May 2nd. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at the church room 5 p.m., chairman the Rector. West Tarring bells will also be available after tea. Shoreham bells not available. Members intending to be present please notify the undersigned by Wednesday, April 29th.

H. EVANS, *Div. Sec.*

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at St. Modwen's church, Burton-on-Trent. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Short service in the church at 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head for all those sending in their names before the 28th inst. to

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

20, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**The Lancashire Association.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 9th, at Haslingden. The bells of the parish church, Haslingden, and St. Thomas's, Helmshore, will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. and meeting at 6.30 in the parish school at Haslingden. Those intending being present at tea kindly send on their names to Mr. H. Waite, Park Street, Haslingden, before the 7th of May.

A. E. WREAKS, } *Secretaries.*  
J. H. BANKS,

**The Sussex County Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 9th. Luncheon at the Royal Pavilion at 1.45; chairman—the Mayor of Brighton. Business meeting at 3 p.m. Service at St. Nicholas at 5 p.m. Preacher—The Very Rev. the Dean of Battle. Towers open for ringing—St. Peter's 10.30 to 1 p.m.; St. Nicholas 11 to 1 p.m., and 6 to 8 p.m.; St. Paul's 6 to 7 p.m. Those who intend to be present at the luncheon are requested to let me know not later than Wednesday, May 6th.

A. B. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*

78, Abingdon Road, Kensington, London.

**Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford, on Saturday, May 9th. The bellry will be opened at 2 o'clock. Hy. White, esq. kindly invites members to tea at 5.30 at his residence, Shawford Close. Members intending to be present at tea should, if possible, let me know by Wednesday, May 6th.

JAS. W. ELKINS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

3 Culver Villas, Winchester.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Almondbury on Saturday, May 23rd. Local Hon. Sec.—Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake. The Clergy House, Almondbury, near Huddersfield. Circulars will be issued in due course.

CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*

**Hereford Cathedral.**—The bells, a ring of ten, are open for ringing every other Sunday at 5 p.m., May 3rd being the next meeting. Visitors always welcome.

H. TAYLOR.

**AN APPEAL.**

The members of the Keighley society would like to open a subscription list for the cause of one of their ringing brethren—J. McGoun—who has the misfortune to lose the use of one of his legs, and possibly it might have to be amputated. He has been unable to use the limb now for a matter of eight months. The above company therefore beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country on his behalf. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 34, Hill Street, Keighley, Yorkshire, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS."

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**Date Touches.**

WEST DERBY.—On Tuesday, April 7th, at the church of St. James, a date touch, 1908 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins., being 360 each of Grandsire Minor, College Single, Oxford Single, and Canterbury Pleasure; and 468 Plain Bob Minor. R. Dilsworth, J. Hudson, A. Taylor, W. H. Hargreaves conductor, R. Davies, J. Johnson. This is the first date touch on the bells by a local band.

**Miscellaneous.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW.—On Wednesday, April 9th, at the church of St. Heleu, 120 Grandsire Doubles. H. Plowright, R. C. Bacon, R. Dawson, M. Footitt, W. Herring conductor, W. Roberts. Also two 120s in the same method with W. Roberts, R. Dawson, and R. C. Bacon. First in the method by all with the exception of R. Dawson, and reflect much credit on the local ringers, and their conductor, W. Herring.

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

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, February 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Mary Abbots, 1040 Kent Treble Royal. J. R. Mackman, A. Cutmore, F. G. Symonds, A. F. Harris, E. G. Stibbons, G. W. Faulkner, S. A. Wright, A. V. Selby, W. E. Garrard, C. Charge. On Sunday, March 29th, 1120 London Surprise Major. A. Paddon Smith, A. F. Harris, J. R. Mackman, H. G. Miles, E. G. Stibbons, S. A. Wright, C. Charge, W. E. Garrard conductor.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

WORCESTER.—On Easter Monday, at St. Helen's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Malim, T. Lane, J. Hemming, T. J. Salter conductor, C. Gibbs, P. Gibbs, E. Gibbs, W. Andrews.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

CHALFONT.—On Sunday, March 29th, for evening service at the parish church, 720 Oxford Bob. R. Botton, W. Briden, J. Stone, F. Botton, G. Wingfield, J. Blackmore.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

BARKING.—On Thursday, March 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. E. Lucas, jun., C. Fenn, F. Russell, H. E. Parker conductor, D. Simons, J. Norris, G. W. Faulkner, J. Tween.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday morning, March 29th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. E. G. Fenn, L. Derrick, F. Russell, G. Faulkner, G. Fenn, J. Norris, E. G. Norris, E. G. Cottis conductor, J. Tween.

BEDFORD.—Recently at St. Paul's church, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Webb conductor, J. W. Barker, L. Harlow, I. Hills, C. W. Clarke, C. Chasty, H. Tysoe, B. Finding. 336 Double Norwich. B. Finding, I. Hills, C. Mortimer, L. Harlow, F. Webb, C. Chasty, H. Tysoe, C. W. Clarke conductor. 305 Grandsire Caters. C. Freeman, J. W. Barker, A. T. Barker, C. W. Clarke, C. Mortimer, L. Harlow, I. Hills, F. Webb conductor, C. Chasty, G. Harvey. 200 Duffield Major. A. T. Barker, C. Chasty, C. Mortimer, L. Harlow, I. Hills, J. W. Barker conductor, C. W. Clarke, F. Webb. 395 Grandsire Caters. C. Freeman, J. W. Barker, A. T. Barker, C. W. Clarke conductor, C. Mortimer, I. Hills, C. Chasty, F. Webb, H. Tysoe, A. Mortimer. 545 Stedman Caters. C. W. Clarke, H. Tysoe, C. Chasty, J. Church, C. Mortimer, L. Harlow, I. Hills, J. W. Barker conductor, F. Webb, C. Freeman. Also 193 Stedman Caters, 224 Superlative Surprise Major, and three leads of Treble Bob Royal.

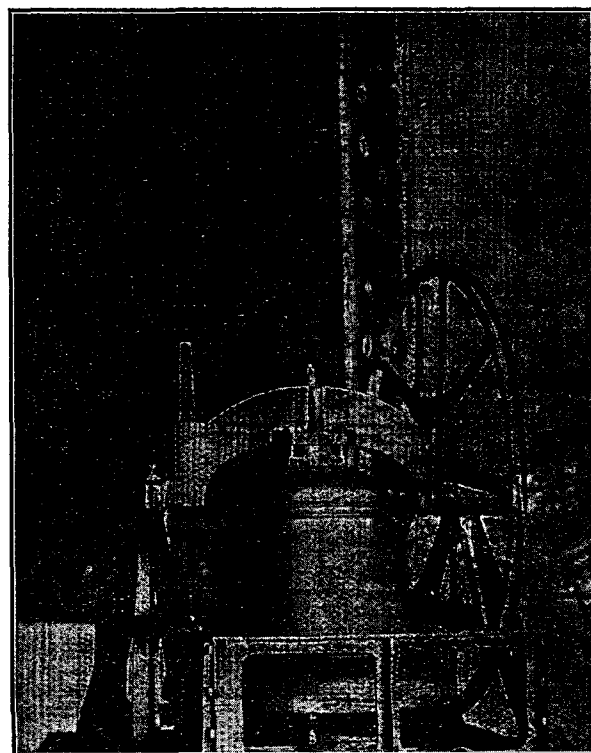
CLARE (Suffolk).—On Sunday, March 29th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. L. Wiseman, W. Underwood, H. Cooper, W. Pettitt, E. Newman, A. Shufflebotham conductor, G. F. Williams, G. Moore. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob Major, 168 Grandsire, 352 and 160 Bob Major by

Messrs. Wiseman, Underwood, Cooper, Pettitt, Newman, Shufflebotham, Williams, Moore, Thompson, Francis, Perkins, and Price.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Sunday, March 29th, at St. Peter's church 1280 Bob Major. R. Flint, H. R. Cobbin, V. Goslin, J. Clarke, E. G. Bunning, F. Knibb, E. J. Oliver, W. Bellamy conductor.

SOUTHGATE.—At Christ Church, on March 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major, in 48 mins. G. Bester, G. B. Lucas, J. Armstrong, W. Pickworth, N. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor.

TUNSTALL (Staffordshire).—Recently, at Christ Church, quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Woodward, G. A. Smit W. Thompson, H. Smith, J. Johnson, A. Clay, J. Godber, co ductor, T. Shone.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1908.

## EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at Clay Cross on Easter Monday. Members were present from Ashover, Ault Hucknall, Blackwell, Clay Cross, Crich, Norton, Selston, Shirland, Swanwick, Ripley, Tevershall, Tibshelf, North and South Wingfield, and ringing friends from Eckington. Service was held in church at 4 p.m., at which fifty-two members attended, an impressive sermon being preached by the Rev. R. P. Farrow, of Ashover, from 1 Cor. xvi. 13. The annual tea was held in the school at 5 p.m., to which over sixty sat down. The meeting afterwards was presided over by the Rev. J. E. Blake, Vicar of Clay Cross. The minutes and balance-sheet were read and duly confirmed, showing a balance in hand of over £14, which was considered highly satisfactory.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President—Rev. J. L. Blake (Clay Cross); Treasurer—J. Smith, Esq. (Clay Cross); Secretary—T. Allibone (North Wingfield). By a large majority Crich was chosen as the tower for the 1909 annual meeting.

Quarterly meetings were arranged as follows: June—South Wingfield; September—North Wingfield; and December—Alfreton. Special meetings were also arranged to be held at Denby and Teversall during the summer, arrangements to be made by the Secretary.

Hearty votes of thanks were given to the preacher, also to the retiring officers, and to the Vicar of Clay Cross for the use of the bells and room. The bells, a musical ring of 6, in A, were kept going until 9 p.m., one and all having spent an enjoyable day.

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

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT BEVERLEY.**—Previous to the peal at the Minster touches of Stedman Caters and Plain and Treble Bob Royal were rung at Holy Trinity church, Hull, where the bells have now been re-opened after a silence of over twelve months, owing to the underpinning of the tower. At the conclusion of the peal at the Minster the ringers were entertained to tea at the vicarage by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Nolloth, D.D., to whom a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded, both for his hospitality and for granting the privilege of ringing on the noble ring at the Minster. Touches of Treble Ten and Stedman Caters were afterwards rung on the sister ring at St. Mary's, Beverley, tenor 34½ cwt. The ringers have to thank also the Vicars of St. Mary's, Beverley, and Holy Trinity, Hull, for kindly granting the use of the bells; also the steeplekeepers and local ringers for meeting them and having everything in order, thus contributing much to the success and enjoyment of the day. C. G.

**THE PEAL AT ASTON MANOR.**—This peal was rung with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the late W. S. Pritchett, of Kings Norton, Secretary to the Lord Mayor of Birmingham and vice-president of the Guild, who was interred in the family grave at Kings Norton on April 14th. The peal has the twenty-four courses with the 6th before the 9th and behind the 8th in the inverted tittums and handstroke home positions; also six courses before the 7th, and was also rung as an "old men's" peal. It will be seen that the conductor was the youngest and W. R. Small the oldest ringer:—

NAMES.	AGE.	PEALS RUNG.
John Carter ... ..	53	234
William H. Godden ... ..	58	131
William R. Small ... ..	68	293
Thomas Horton ... ..	61	200
Thomas Reynolds ... ..	55	260
James Jones ... ..	58	109
Reuben Hall ... ..	55	178
John Smith ... ..	55	93
John Bradney ... ..	58	20
James George ... ..	54	370
	575	1888

**The Metropolis.****THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.**

*On Monday, April 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

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

E. RALPH MACKRILL* .. Treble.	*ALBERT WHITTINGTON .. 5.
JOHN P. KENT .. .. 2.	C. CAREW COX .. .. 6.
GEORGE C. ILES* .. .. 3.	FRANK SKEVINGTON .. 7.
HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 4.	GEORGE W. COOMBS .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. CAREW COX.

\*First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to Albert Whittington.

**The Provinces.****BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, April 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

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

E. B. WORSLEY .. .. Treble.	W. RUDD .. .. 5.
J. PENNINGTON .. .. 2.	J. MARINSON .. .. 6.
W. TEBAY .. .. 3.	W. PENNINGTON .. 7.
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Conducted by W. TEBAY.

First peal as conductor.

**ASTON MANOR, WARWICKSHIRE.****THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**

*On Saturday, April 11, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.**

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN CARTER .. .. Treble.	JAMES JONES .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 2.	REUBEN HALL .. .. 7.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. 3.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 8.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 4.	JOHN BRADNEY .. .. 9.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 5.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

Reference to this peal elsewhere.

**WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, April 13, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being three 720s of Kent Treble Bob, and four 720s of Plain Bob

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JABEZ WALTER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM NORRIS .. .. 4.
HARRISON SMITH .. .. 2.	STANLEY WHITE .. .. 5.
SIDNEY WALTER .. .. 3.	FITZROY J. LAZER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by STANLEY WHITE.

Rung on the occasion of the return home of the Rector, the Rev. G. Hyde-Smith, after recovery from his serious accident.

**ALDERMASTON, BUCKS.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Monday, April 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs.**

GEORGE W. T. SMITH* .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
HENRY WHITE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 3.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 7.
CHARLES GILES .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal in any Surprise method. W. Hewitt was elected a member in the tower.

**THEALE, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Monday, April 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

ARCHIE MITCHISON* .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. PAICE .. .. 4.
JOHN MOTH .. .. 2.	JAMES ABERY .. .. 5.
GEORGE ABERY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HORNE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HORNE.

\*First peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to William Clark, for many years a ringer at the above church. This is the conductor's 70th peal.

**CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Monday, April 20, 1908, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.**

WALTER N. WEBB* .. Treble.	HENRY WHITE .. .. 5.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 2.	CHARLES GILES .. .. 6.
WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 4.	JAMES HUNT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by F. BENNETT.

\*First peal in any Surprise method.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 20, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each Cambridge Surprise, Bourne Treble Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, and Plain Bob

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT REED .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. HOLMES .. .. 4.
JOHN W. LAKE .. .. 2.	JAMES OSBORNE .. .. 5.
CHARLES NEAVEYSON .. 3.	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE.

First peal of Minor on the bells, the treble being hung in the tower on April 14th by Messrs. Taylor.

HARLOW COMMON.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY BOTTRILL .. .. Treble.	HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. 5.
WALTER HOBBS .. .. 2.	JOHN LUCKEY .. .. 6.
GEORGE F. MARGETSON .. 3.	NATHAN J. FISTOW .. .. 7.
FREDERICK PALMER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WATTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERLEY, and Conducted by WM. WATTS.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 20 1908 in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

ERNEST ALDRIDGE* .. .. Treble.	ALFRED R. BOSLEY .. .. 5.
THOMAS EAST .. .. 2.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 6.
WILLIAM GRACE† .. .. 3.	EDMUND BANISTER .. .. 7.
RICHARD G. RICE .. .. 4.	†G. FREDERICK JAMES .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD T. HIBBERT.

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

HAMPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 10 cwt.

RICHARD GRIFFITHS .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. GRIFFITHS .. 4.
GEORGE GRIFFITHS .. .. 2.	LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS .. 5.
WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. 3.	JOHN GRIFFITHS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

First peal by the treble, 2nd, and tenor ringers. First peal on the bells.

HOLSWORTHY, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, April 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

REGINALD DOBSON .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT .. 5.
ERNEST W. MARSH .. .. 2.	WILLIAM RICHARDS .. 6.
FRANK HOCRADAY .. .. 3.	WALTER H. MARSH .. 7.
GEORGE R. STROUD .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SHEARS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Smale, schoolmaster of Holsworthy, who is one of the local ringers. The band wish to thank the local ringers for the kind way in which they were entertained before and after the peal.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, April 20, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes

AT THE MINSTER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

PERCY JOHNSON† .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HALKSWORTH .. 6.
CHARLES P. BRADLEY† .. 2.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 7.
EDWARD RICKITT* .. .. 3.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 8.
JOHN W. STICKNEY .. .. 4.	THOMAS HAIGH .. .. 9.
WILLIAM PEARSON† .. .. 5.	†WILLIAM MIDDLETON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\*First peal. †First peal on ten bells. ‡First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Caters, and second peal on the bells. Further reference elsewhere.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 20, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM Treble.	*BERNARD W. PETTITT .. 5.
HORACE F. COOPER .. .. 2.	WALTER BURST .. .. 6.
JAMES FLEURY .. .. 3.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 7.
LEWIS WISEMAN .. .. 4.	ARTHUR SAUNDERS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

\*First peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Monday, April 20, 1908 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.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. 7.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. 2.	*CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE.. 8.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 3.	*ERNEST F. POPPY .. .. 9.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE.. 4.	*WILLIAM GRIMES .. .. 10.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS* .. 5.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 11.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 6.	EDWARD EVANS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\*First peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qrs.

FRANK MASON* .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR BAILEY .. .. 4.
JESSE COUCHMAN* .. .. 2.	*EDMUND G. BATES .. .. 5.
STANLEY MASON .. .. 3.	†ALBERT BATES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. BATES.

First peal of Minor by all the band. \*First peal. †First peal as conductor. First on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss E. G. Thomas and Mr. E. R. Vine.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

FREDERICK MOODY .. .. Treble.	JOHN BROOK .. .. 5.
WILLIAM P. BROOK .. .. 2.	JOHN FRYER .. .. 6.
GEORGE WILCOCK* .. .. 3.	THOMAS M. BARKER .. 7.
ARTHUR WALKER .. .. 4.	THOMAS HOULDER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS M. BARKER.

\*First peal in the method.



**CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**  
 (SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 20, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;**  
 IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Treble.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 6.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 7.
WILLIAM J. THYNG .. .. 3.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 8.
JESSE J. MOSS .. .. 4.	GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. 9.
HARRY MOSS .. .. 5.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

**CARDIFF.—THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, April 20, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 27 cwt in D.

WILLIAM G. BEARD .. Treble.	† TOM COX .. .. 5.
ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. 2.	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK .. .. 6.
WILLIAM B. BISS .. .. 3.	ALLEN ROWLEY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 4.	* GEORGE VINNECOMBE .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. ROWLEY.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Beard, Davis and Fisher were elected members previous to starting.

**PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
 (LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,  
 AT CHRIST CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 HEYWOOD'S No. 1. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN R. PRITCHARD .. Treble.	THOMAS HAMMOND, SEN. .. 5.
JOHN ASPINWALL .. .. 2.	SAM W. STEWART .. .. 6.
EDWIN BREEZE .. .. 3.	EDWARD CAUNCE .. .. 7.
JAMES MARTIN .. .. 4.	CHARLES E. STEWART .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. CAUNCE.

The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the authorities for the use of the bells.

**ABBOTS LEIGH, SOMERSETSHIRE.**  
**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, April 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

CHARLES SYMES .. Treble.	ALFRED ROSEWELL .. .. 4.
LEWIS MOORE .. .. 2.	GEORGE H. GALE .. .. 5.
GEORGE BENNETT .. .. 3.	URCH GREENSLADE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. GALE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of John Thomas, of Bristol.

**PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Monday, April 20, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Being forty-two 6-scores each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

HENRY J. TAYLOR .. Treble.	HERBERT J. TAYLOR .. .. 4.
GEORGE TAYLOR .. .. 2.	ALBERT E. HURCOMB .. 5.
HENRY W. YOUNG* .. .. 3.	GEORGE HARRIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY W. YOUNG.

First peal on the bells. \*First peal away from the tenor. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for his kind hospitality after the peal.

**WOOBURN, BUCKS.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

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On Monday, April 20, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 A VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANK W. BUCKLAND .. Treble.	ARTHUR R. HOWARD .. 5.
LEONARD ROLFE .. .. 2.	ROBERT H. YOUNG .. .. 6.
HARRY HOWARD .. .. 3.	RICHARD BUCKLAND .. .. 7.
JAMES W. WILKINS .. .. 4.	FRANK MALIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD BUCKLAND.

First peal by ringers of treble, 2nd, 6th and tenor.

**TURVEY, BEDS.**

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, April 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,**  
 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM FREEMAN* .. Treble	JOHN W. BARKER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. .. 2.	*FREDERICK SAWFOOT .. 6.
EDWARD CHAPMAN* .. .. 3.	FRANK WEBB .. .. 7.
FRED HOPPER .. .. 4.	FRED WILFORD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. BARKER, and Conducted by F. WILFORD.

\*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time.

**Handbell Peals.**

**BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**  
 (SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. FLINT,  
**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
 IN THE KENT VARIATION.

GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 1-2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 5-6.
GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. 3-4.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 7-8.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

The ringers and umpire are all members of the Church of England Men's Society, and it is believed to be the first peal rung by members of that Society. Umpire—Jesse Moss.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
 (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT 14, WELLGATE,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.**

WALTER COATES .. .. 1-2.	ALBERT NASH .. .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3-4.	ALBERT C. FARNLEY .. 7-8.

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—W. Warburton. Quickest handbell peal of Major by all.

**BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**  
 (SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, April 19, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. R. KETTLEBORO,  
**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;**  
 IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

HARRY MOSS .. .. 1-2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. 5-6.
F. R. KETTLEBORO .. 3-4.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. 7-8.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by Wm. KEEBLE.

Umpire—Jesse Moss. Witness—Albert Moore. First peal on handbells in the method by all. First in the method by the Associations, and first in the county of Derby.

## In Memoriam.

HERBERT W. STANLEY.

Metropolitan ringers, and also the members of the Exercise at Bournemouth, and in the Norwich diocese, will learn with daep regret of the death of the above-named ringer, late of Tottenham, which took place at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital in his 33rd year. He had been undergoing open air treatment for phthisis for the past three months, and experienced all the phases common to that dread disease. He entered the hospital shortly after Caristmas, and for the first few weeks it was hoped he would ultimately recover. Then the inevitable relapses came, frequent attacks of hemorrhage occurred, and four days before his death he passed a night which he himself described as "terrible," and which proved the beginning of the end. The

hospital authorities did their utmost for both patient and the wife who watched by him with such unwearying devotion during those last three days; but at 9 o'clock on Friday night, in his hut outside the hospital, and within sound of the Mancroft bells he loved so well, he breathed his last. The interment took place on Thursday, April 16th, and in addition to the immediate relatives there gathered at the cemetery a few old ringing friends who wished to pay a last tribute to a comrade who had always commanded their respect and regard. On Wednesday night the members of the ringers' guild met at St. Peter Mancroft, and rang half-muffled touches of Grandsire Caters, followed by the usual whole pull and stand, as a mark of respect. The members of the St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, Guild, to their great regret, were unable, owing to the number services at the church during Holy Week,

to ring a muffled touch. Herbert Stanley began his ringing career in 1894, and rang his first 720 in March, 1895. Before his removal to Bournemouth he had scored 25 peals for the Norwich Association, including peals of Stedman Triples, Oxford Royal, and Grandsire Cinques. Obtaining a post in the Surveyor's Department of the Metropolitan Railway, he removed to Tottenham, and this gave him increased opportunities for ringing practice. He took part in several peals rung by the Middlesex Association and the Royal Cumberland Youths, including a peal of Kent Maximus by the latter society at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, which was almost the last 5000 he took part in.

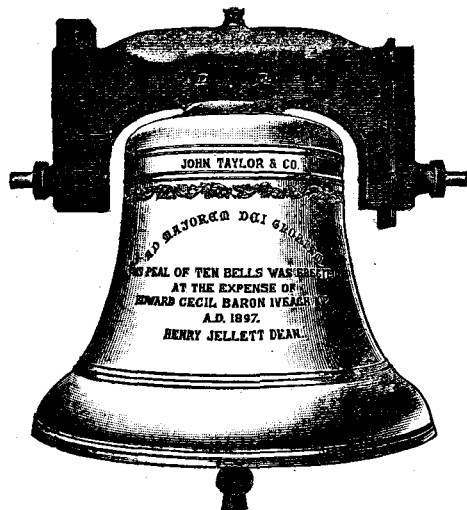
Every member of the Exercise who had come into contact with the deceased will extend their sympathy to the widow and little son in their sad bereavement.

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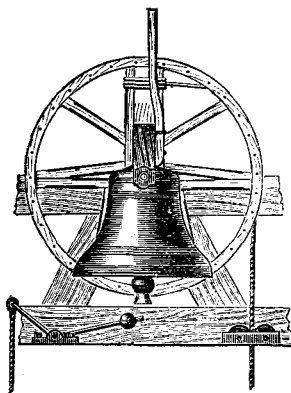
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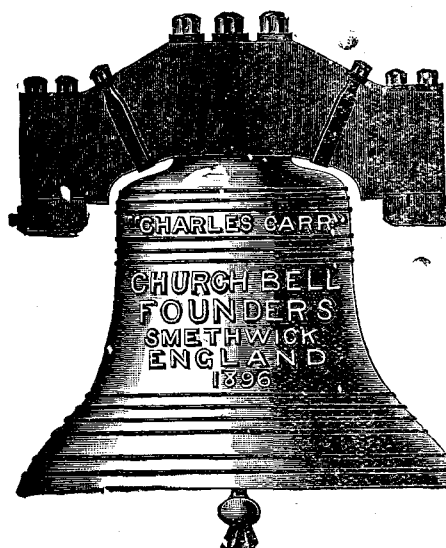
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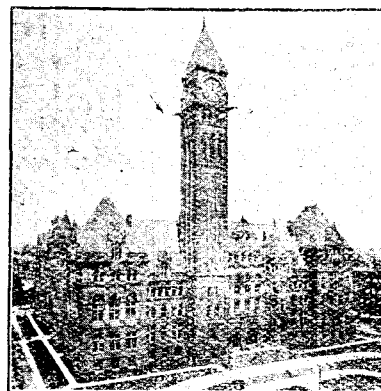
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## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the above was held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 20th. The rings at St. Mary's (ten bells), St. Peter's (eight bells), and All Saints (eight bells), with the ring of eight of Lenton, were at the disposal of the ringers from 10 a.m., and were kept going throughout the day by visitors from Barwell, Burton, Chester, Chesterfield, Cotgrave, Derby, Duffield, Irthlingboro, Leicester, London, Loughborough, Mansfield, Newhall, Northampton, Rugby, and Wirkworth, together with the local ringers.

A committee meeting was held at 4 o'clock, after which tea was partaken of in the Arboretum refreshment rooms, followed by the general meeting. The President, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., was in the chair, and supported by Messrs. J. Taylor (vice-President), A. Wakley (hon. treasurer), W. E. White (hon. secretary), the Rev. A. T. Beeston (New Mills), and Rev. J. P. Hales (Cotgrave).

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, and passed, after which Mr. J. Hickman proposed and Mr. J. Ward seconded that the officers be re-elected. This was carried unanimously.

In his presidential address Sir Arthur Heywood paid a valuable tribute to the work done by the hon. secretary, whose duties had grown considerably of late years through the growth of the Association, and the large increase in the number of peals rung. The peals, he was glad to say, had greatly improved in quality, the Bolsover band especially being to the fore with advanced methods. He spoke highly of the advantage of holding monthly ringing meetings, which had recently been successfully carried on in the Nottingham district. Proceeding, Sir Arthur said that to accomplish the advanced methods it was necessary and only fair to brother-ringers to spend a considerable time at book work at home.

A list of the peals rung during the present year shewed that thirty-two had been successfully brought round, which constituted a record for the first quarter of the year and bade fair to regain for the Association a position which she formerly held, and which was second to none in the country.

On the proposition of the Rev. J. P. Hales, one of the auditors, seconded by Mr. W. Fox, the balance-sheet was passed. The President drew the attention of the members to the increasing cost of carrying on the work of the Association, and said that it might be found necessary in the near future to raise the subscriptions a little. The committee were anxious to avoid such a thing if possible, and he thought if members would make a point of paying their subscriptions as they became due the situation might be saved.

Mr. J. W. Taylor proposed, and A. Wakley seconded, that the three places selected by the committee, viz., Ashby, Duffield and Birmingham should be the places for the next quarterly meetings, Leicester being automatically the venue of the next annual meeting.

Mr. J. W. Taylor proposed a vote of thanks to the

clergy for the use of the bells; Mr. J. Hickman seconded, and read a letter of apology from the Rector of St. Peter's, who was unable to be present.

A hearty vote of thanks to the President, proposed by Mr. A. Wakley, seconded by Mr. W. C. Wakley, closed the meeting.

Ringing was kept up at the various churches until 9.0 p.m., touches and courses of Kent Treble Bob Royal and Major, Stedman Caters and Triples, Grandsire Caters and Triples, London Surprise, Superlative Surprise, Duffield, Double Norwich and Bob Major being rung.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 30th, Worcester was again the scene of the Annual Meeting of this Association. This city, although possessing plenty of rings, has at present exceedingly poor facilities for change-ringing; for not only do the bells in several cases go badly, but the authorities at some of those towers where the bells are ringable, do not readily grant permission to ring. The finest ring in the town, the ten at All Saints, it is at present impossible to ring, for not only is the tower unsafe, but they require re-hanging exceedingly bad. The peal of twelve at the Cathedral, tenor 50 cwt., go perhaps as well as might be expected considering their weight and length of rope, but they are not available on Bank Holidays for more than one hour in the evening, as the tower is open to visitors all day; and in fact it is impossible to obtain permission at any time to ring more than one hour-and-a-half. The most useful peal is that at St. Helen's, which is one of eight cast in 1706 from a former peal of five by Richard Sanders, of Bromsgrove, a founder who appears to have flourished only from 1705 to 1738, he having in that time cast the rings at St. Helen's, St. Nicholas, and St. John (since re-cast by Mears) Worcester, and Eckington and Norton-by-Evesham, both in Worcestershire. Those in St. Helen's are certainly a great credit to him and possess most unique inscriptions. These were in great demand all day, as although the ropes require renewing, they go fairly well. There are three rings of six, those at St. Johns, St. Nicholas, and St. Swithin; the first of these go exceedingly well, are in regular use and well attended to; those at St. Nicholas, although having been partly rehung a few years ago, do not go so well, but they, as well as those at St. John's, were found to be of considerable use on the day of the meeting. Those at St. Swithin's were not available, although permission had been previously given, owing to the unsafe condition of two of the pinnacles on the tower. This tower possesses one of the three bells known to be in existence cast by John Martin, of Worcester, a founder who flourished from 1640 to 1693. The other two bells of his are, one at St. Andrew's, Worcester, the only bell in the tower, and the other at Stonehouse, near Plymouth; this last was at one time at St. Michael's, Worcester.

At 1.15 p.m. the service was held at St. Helen's church,

conducted by the Rev. H. J. Mercer, Minor Canon and Warden of the Cathedral Guild, and it was to be regretted that, considering these services have been held previous to these meetings for so many years, more were not able to be present.

At the conclusion of the service, those present made their way to the Chapter House, on their way passing through the Cathedral, of which the Rev. Canon Wilson, D.D., remarks:—"Cathedrals should never be compared with another. Each has its own charm; but no one will deny that Worcester Cathedral possesses internally a wonderful perfection of design, varied architectural effects, richness of colour, and also gives proofs of the most reverent care." In the Chapter House, which Sir Gilbert Scott called "the unique and beautiful Chapter House of Worcester," and which dates from circa 1140, the business meeting was held at 2.30 with the Rev. Canon Knox-Little, sub-dean and vice-President of the Association, in the chair, supported by the Rev. Canon Claughton, the Rev. Sidney Phillips, Clerical Secretary, and the Rev. H. J. Mercer. After the minutes of the last Annual Meeting had been passed, it was decided to hold the next Quarterly Meeting at Wollaston, near Stourbridge, and to attempt the quarterly peal at St. Helen's, Worcester, Mr. Albert Hill being appointed conductor. A number of new members were elected, including the band at Great Hampton, near Evesham, and an amendment to Rule 3, whereby an instructor might be applied for as soon as two years' subscriptions had been paid, was passed. The President, the Very Rev. R. W. Forrest, D.D., Dean of Worcester, and the clerical vice-Presidents were re-elected, and the lay vice-President also with the addition of Mr. H. Mason. The remainder of the officers were re-elected, votes of thanks being accorded them, and also the Dean and Chapter, the Chairman, and the Rev. H. J. Mercer. The meeting being over rather sooner than expected, there was time for a stroll round the town and a ring at St. Helen's before meeting at 4 p.m. at the Angel Hotel, Sidbury, where tea was provided to which about 80 members did full justice, the day being brought to a close with ringing at the various towers available.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(ESTABLISHED 1637).

Since the year 1861, the 27th April has been a date on which some notable performances have been accomplished by members of this society. In that year was rung 8,580 Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on which was founded the celebrated song by "Jemmy Dwight the poet." There are two survivors still of that band—Mr. J. R. Haworth, who was 87 years of age on April 21st, and Mr. M. A. Wood, who is well on in his 82nd year. On April 27th, 1868, came the then longest peal of Treble Bob Major, 15,848 changes, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, which Mr. Troyte in his book on Change-ringing held as a specimen of what striking should be. Of that band are still left Messrs. Cooter, Pettit, Horrex, and Wood. Coming to more recent times, viz., April 27th, 1901, there were rung three Surprise peals by one band, London at Old Windsor, Superlative at Wraybury, Cambridge at Staines; these towers are situated in three different counties.

On Saturday, April 25th last (Mr. Pettit's birthday), peals were attempted at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, St. John's, South Hackney, St. Mary's, Bow, E., and at

St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, all of which were not finished.

On Monday last, the 27th, in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the Bethnal Green long peal, a supper was held at the Society's headquarters in Warwick lane, the master, Mr. Arthur Hughes, in the chair. It was an additional pleasure to have all the four Bethnal Green survivors present, and the toast in their honour was most enthusiastically received. Songs were contributed by Messrs. W. D. Smith, G. J. Smith, E. A. Davies, H. R. Newton, M. A. Wood, W. T. Cockerill, and Mr. Oxborrow, jun., the latter also kindly presided at the pianoforte. A touch of Stedman Triples was rung on the handbells by Messrs. Winney, Newton, Wood, Cockerill. In addition to the above mentioned, there were also present Messrs. Comb (82 years of age and still an active ringer), C. Lee, Rowbotham, Gibbs, Prime, Joyce, Garrard, Oxborrow, Burden, S. E. Andrews, Golding, A. G. Ellis, Peck, T. H. Taffender, Stibbons, W. H. Taffender, A. A. Hughes, D. Gibbons, Bayley, Ward, etc.

The proceedings, which were altogether most enjoyable, closed at 11.15 with the singing of God save the King.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Trevethin, Pontypool, on Saturday, April 25th, which proved to be a capital one, representatives from the various towers turning up in good style.

A short service took part in the Parish Church at four o'clock, taking part in the service was the Rev. Evan Davies, vicar of Llanover, who has recently taken to ringing, and whose tower has just become affiliated to the Association. The hymns chosen were two of those appointed for Easter, and afterwards a very able address was given to the members by the vicar of the parish, the Rev. Edward Morgan.

Immediately after the service invitation to tea was given by the Vicar to all present, and it was found that in the adjoining school-room an excellent one was awaiting them. Tea over, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and his wife for their kindness, and also to the ladies who were good enough to give their service. The Vicar, in reply, said in a very humorous little speech how delighted he was to welcome the members of the Association to Trevethin, and hoped it would not be the last visit that would be paid there.

The meeting was then proceeded with, the Vicar kindly taking the chair. He at once asked the Assistant Hon. Secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting. This being done were accepted as correct and signed.

Instructors' reports were next read, and it is pleasing to know that change-ringing is being practised in towers where hitherto it was an unknown quantity.

It was decided to hold the next Monmouthshire meeting at Bedwas.

The next meeting to take place is to be held at Llanblethian, near Cowbridge, Glamorganshire.

The statement of accounts for the year ending December 31st was next presented and accepted as correct, which shows a substantial balance in hand.

New members were next elected from Merthyr, Llantrisant, Newton Nottage, Llanover, and Nash towers. Subscriptions were afterwards taken, which brought to a close a very enjoyable meeting. The bells were afterwards made good use of in Doubles, Triples, and Major.

## 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."*

## MEMORIAL BELLS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

SIR,—As an item of news to the fraternity I am pleased to report that a ring of bells, tenor about 22 cwt. in E flat, has been cast by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, to be hung in the stately Mitchell tower at Chicago, a modified reproduction of Magdalen tower of Oxford. These bells, the fund for which was raised by general subscription, will constitute a memorial to Alice Freeman Palmer, at one time President of Wellesley College, and later the first Dean of Women at the University of Chicago. The bells are to be raised to the belfry in May and formally dedicated at the Convocation to take place on or about June 9th.

The Committee in charge of the matter deliberated long and intelligently as to the respective merits of founders, weights and notes of bells, inspecting some of the rings and chimes considered the best in this country. They were induced to consider, moreover, the practicability of including in their scheme the introduction of scientific change-ringing; and after observing an exhibition of the art by the masters and boys of Groton School, decided this question in the affirmative. The placing and adjusting of the bells will be supervised by Mr. Frank Bugar, an expert ringer and composer, whose name will be doubtless familiar to your readers. Both officials and students appreciate the desirability of having these bells properly rung and cared for; and it would furnish a decided stimulus to the extension of our art into a new and sympathetic community if they could be opened by a well struck peal by a competent band of men who could subsequently do good missionary work in the instruction of beginners.

I wish therefore to announce, through your columns that to Ringers out of work, or seeking a change of situation, there seems to be offered an opportunity for trying their fortune under unusually auspicious circumstances. I am assured that, while no positive guarantee can be given, the friends of the University will exert themselves to assist to a position those who may indicate an intent to join the proposed guild.

Although this country has recently encountered a financial panic, the period of depression has passed, and the industrial outlook is now considered favourable. In the large business establishments of a flourishing metropolis, capable, worthy men seldom lack for occupation.

If ringers who may be moved to respond to this appeal will have the goodness to favour me with their address and qualifications I shall be glad to supply them with letters of introduction.

ARTHUR H. NICHOLS.

55, Mount Vernon Street, Boston, Mass., April 21, 1908.

## CATALOGUE.

SIR,—I am much obliged to Mr. A. H. Cocks for his contribution to your last issue, and also to those who both before and since my letter appearing in your issue of the 4th inst. have personally or by correspondence assisted me, and to Mr. Jerram for his contribution in yours of the 18th inst.

Perhaps I may be allowed to explain the form in which I propose to submit the draft catalogue to my colleagues on the Committee for their approval before the Council meets.

It must be premised that no attempt is made to prepare a complete Bibliography of such a subject as Bells. The object aimed at is to supply members of the Exercise with an account of such books and manuscripts likely to be of interest to them as are not readily procurable, which may give them an insight into their contents; and as far as possible, references to library pressmarks, etc., and to dates in which in any case any book or manuscript may have been noticed in "THE BELL NEWS" will be supplied.

It has appeared to me that such a catalogue will fall naturally into four divisions.

- 1.—The technical history of Change-ringing. This portion was submitted to the Council last year and printed in "THE BELL NEWS" and has now been corrected and completed.

- 2.—The Social history of Change-ringing. The materials for this portion are, I think, practically complete, subject to a few further references.
- 3.—A list of County Bell Books. These books being expensive, are not readily purchasable by ringers, but if ringers have their titles they may be able to get access to them in libraries, public or private, in their several neighbourhoods.
- 4.—A general list of useful books germane to the subject, in which will appear such books as Mr. Lukis's and Dr. Raven's "Bells of England."

To these will be appended references to the lists dealing with all branches of the subject for the assistance of those members of the Exercise who have the leisure and knowledge for collateral investigation.

R. A. DANIELL.

## LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

SIR,—Now that the controversy on the above subject seems to have dwindled to a close, might I, as a member of the band which rang the first peal in this much disputed method, be allowed to express the views which suggest themselves to one's mind on reading the correspondence appearing in your paper on this subject from week to week.

In the first place it comes forcibly to one's notice that those gentlemen who have taken upon themselves to dispute the right of the method rung at Stepney being called London Royal, have all axes of their own to grind, in the shape of a method which they wish to put forward for this honour. One of your correspondents does not even take the trouble to dispute the assertion that the idea of his variation was suggested to his mind on seeing Mr. Lindoff's method published in "THE BELL NEWS."

I do not think any of these gentlemen shine in a very generous light, in trying to wrest the honour from those who rang the first peal of London Royal, when one takes into consideration the fact that they themselves are unable to produce a genuine extension of the method to ten bells.

After the views which have been expressed by several prominent members of the Central Council Committee in favour of their own variations of London Royal, I think it would be a gross injustice to leave us to the mercies of this body to judge upon the merits of the method rung at Stepney on 11th November last.

G. N. PRICE.

## INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—I should be very pleased if any ringer would give me any information if there are any bells at Norwich Cathedral, having been there several times but have never heard of any bell ringing there. Also if there are any bells at Lowestoft parish church and at Westminster Abbey?

OLD RINGER.

P.S.—Also should be glad of the 720 Minor method called Burton Treble Bob, and the method of calling.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT BIRMINGHAM.—This composition is now rung for the first time, and has twenty-one courses in the inverted tittums position, and seventeen courses in the handstroke home position, with all the 5-6-7-8s in both positions with the treble a 2nds bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. W. S. Pritchett, who was a Vice-president of the Guild, and Secretary to the Lord Mayor of Birmingham.

THE PEAL AT LAVENHAM.—The tenor-man has taken part in every peal that has been rung on Lavenham bells for over twenty years, his first 5040 of Grandsire Triples being on March 3rd, 1888, in which he rang the treble. Any one who has that year's "BELL NEWS," will find it recorded in its proper place of March 10th. The 4th and 6th ringers have since passed over to the great majority. From 1813 to 1888, March 3rd, only five peals had been rung on these bells; from March 3rd, 1888, to April 25th, 1908—27. Mr. A. Symonds would like to know if any ringer has taken part in every peal on their own bells, and rung from treble to tenor in the methods Bob Major and Treble Bob Major for over twenty years, if not he claims it as a record.

## Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on May 4th and 18th; St. John-at-Hackney on the 5th and 19th; St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on the 7th and 21st; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 5th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 14th and 28th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 19th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 21st; all at 8 p.m.  
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**The London County Association late the St. James's Society.**—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held to-day, Saturday, at Christ Church, Spitalfields. The tower will be open from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. A special business meeting will take place in the Vestry Hall in the church at 6 p.m. sharp. Afterwards the tower of St. Mary, Whitechapel, will be open till 9 p.m. All members are requested to attend, as matters of importance have been referred to this meeting.  
T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill.

**The Kent County Association—Maidstone District.**—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Wrotham to-day, Saturday, May 2nd. Belfry open at 3 p.m. Short service in the church at 4.30. Tea and business after. At charge of 3d. a head will be made for the tea. No travelling expenses will be paid at this meeting, but the usual allowance will be made at another meeting later in the year. Subscriptions must be paid either before or at the meeting.  
FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will be held at Trowbridge to-day, Saturday, May 2nd. Service in the parish church at 12 noon. Sermon by the Rector the Rev. H. C. Coote, M.A. Luncheon at the Town Hall, 1 p.m.; 2s. Business meeting immediately after luncheon. The President of the Guild (Earl Nelson), it is hoped, will preside. The following towers will be available for ringing—Trowbridge (8) Bradford-on-Avon (8), for change-ringers only; North Bradley (6), Holt (6), Seend (6). One shilling per ringer is allowed towards rail fare.  
H. E. TILNEY BASSETT, *Hon. Sec.*

### Devizes.

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.**—The annual meeting will take place at Sheffield to-day, Saturday, May 2nd. The bells of St. Marie (8), and the parish church (12), will be available from 3 to 6.30 p.m. The Rev. Dean Dolan will preside at the business meeting which will be held in the Presbytery Room, Norfolk Row, at 7 p.m. and also present the Society's silver cup (value £10), and framed certificate to the winning company of the Sunday Service ringing competitions. Committee Meeting at 6.30 p.m.  
SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association—Lewisham District.**—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, to-day, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available at 2 p.m., and after the meeting till 9 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. Arthur

Hart Tea at the Albany Institute (by the generosity of Mr. Churchwarden Skinner), for those only whose subscription for 1908 is paid.  
T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Sec.*

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Brown Edge to-day, Saturday, May 2nd. The presentation to the Rev. E. V. Cox will also take place on that day.  
REV. W. G. KEYWORTH, } *Hon. Secs.*  
J. JOHNSON.

**The Sussex County Association—Western Division.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Heene, Worthing, to-day, Saturday, May 2nd. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at the church room 5 p.m., chairman the Rector. West Tarring bells will also be available after tea. Shoreham bells not available.  
H. EVANS, *Div. Sec.*

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at St. Modwen's church, Burton-on-Trent. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Short service in the church at 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head for all those sending in their names before the 28th inst. to  
S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

20, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**The Lancashire Association.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 9th, at Haslingden. The bells of the parish church, Haslingden, and St. Thomas's, Helmshore, will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. and meeting at 6.30 in the parish school at Haslingden. Those intending being present at tea kindly send on their names to Mr. H. Waite, Park Street, Haslingden, before the 7th of May.  
A. E. WREAKS, } *Secretaries.*  
J. H. BANKS,

**The Sussex County Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 9th. Luncheon at the Royal Pavilion at 1.45; chairman—the Mayor of Brighton. Business meeting at 3 p.m. Service at St. Nicholas at 5 p.m. Preacher—The Very Rev. the Dean of Battle. Towers open for ringing—St. Peter's 10.30 to 1 p.m.; St. Nicholas 11 to 1 p.m., and 6 to 8 p.m.; St. Paul's 6 to 7 p.m. Those who intend to be present at the luncheon are requested to let me know not later than Wednesday, May 6th.  
A. B. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*

78, Abingdon Road, Kensington, London.

**Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford, on Saturday, May 9th. The belfry will be opened at 2 o'clock. Hy. White, esq. kindly invites members to tea at 5.30 at his residence, Shawford Close. Members intending to be present at tea should, if possible, let me know by Wednesday, May 6th.  
JAS. W. ELKINS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

3 Culver Villas, Winchester.

**The North Notts. Association.**—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford parish church and room on Saturday, May 9th. Business meeting at 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea (at Howard's) at 5 p.m. Members are particularly requested to attend the meeting and service.  
B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association—Liverpool Branch.**—A meeting will be held at Walton

on Saturday, May 9th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 6.30.

WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

**St. Martiu's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair will be taken at 8.30 p.m.

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

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**The Kent County Association—Canterbury District.**—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, May 16th. Further particulars next week.  
G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

**The Lancashire Association—Manchester Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, May 16th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SEUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Almondbury on Saturday, May 23rd. Local Hon. Sec.—Rev. B. B. Tyrwhitt Drake, The Clergy House, Almondbury, near Huddersfield. For full particulars see Association circular.

CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*

40, Percy Street, Rotherham.

**Gloucester and Bristol Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lydney on Whit-Monday, June 8th. Service in the parish church at 12.15, followed by luncheon and business meeting. Members intending to be present are requested to send early intimation to the local secretary, Mr. J. W. Davis, 5, Great Western Terrace, Lydney.

**Hereford Cathedral.**—The bells, a ring of ten, are open for ringing every other Sunday at 5 p.m., May 3rd being the next meeting. Visitors always welcome.  
H. TAYLOR.

## AN APPEAL.

The members of the Keighley society would like to open a subscription list for the cause of one of their ringing brethren—J. McGoun—who has the misfortune to lose the use of one of his legs, and possibly it might have to be amputated. He has been unable to use the limb now for a matter of eight months. The above company therefore beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country on his behalf. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 34, Hill Street, Keighley, Yorkshire, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS."

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**Date Touches.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

PANGBOURNE (Berks).—On March 19th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1908 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 6 mins. T. Smith, A. Webb, S. Coventry, G. Ashley, J. Nicholls conductor, A. Pether.

**Miscellaneous.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

FARNHAM.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. Dora White, H. White conductor, F. Wilson, C. F. Hansford, F. Bennett, A. Burgess, J. E. Ballard, F. Kimber. On Sunday, April 26th, 504 in the same method, J. Ward taking the place of F. Bennett.

**THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

STOKE (Coventry).—On Sunday morning, March 29th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Luckman, E. H. Johnson, W. Maund, F. G. Viles, F. Pervin, A. W. Flowers conductor, J. Fennell, G. Webster.

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

BOURNE (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday evening, February 16, 720 Double Hereward Bob Minor. J. Neal, A. E. Larkinson, J. W. Lake, A. S. Allen, F. Blood, J. Osborne conductor. On Sunday, March 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Osborne, A. E. Larkinson, F. Blood, A. S. Allen, W. Johnson, J. W. Lake conductor. 720 Bob Minor. J. W. Lake, J. T. Woolley, W. Johnson, A. S. Allen, F. Blood, J. Osborne conductor.

THURLEY (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, March 29th, a visit was paid to this church to test the bells recently rehung by Messrs. Taylor, a 720 of Doubles being rung by J. W. Lake, A. E. Larkinson, B. Goswell, F. Blood, A. J. Holmes conductor. Also two 120s of Plain Bob. A. J. Holmes, J. W. Lake, A. E. Larkinson, B. Goswell, F. Blood conductor. The "go" of the bells is all that can be desired.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS. ASSOCIATION.**

SCARBOROUGH.—On Tuesday evening, March 24th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 53 mins. J. Fryers, A. Coates, J. R. Barton, F. Davison, H. Gibson, H. Fergusson, J. Dixey conductor, T. Cole. First quarter-peal by a local band. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Sewell, who was interred during the afternoon. And a touch of Grandsire Caters on handbells. H. Gibson, 1-2; A. Coates, 3; J. R. Barton, 4; H. Fergusson, 5; F. Davison, 6; A. W. Brighton, 7-8; J. Dixey, 9-10.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

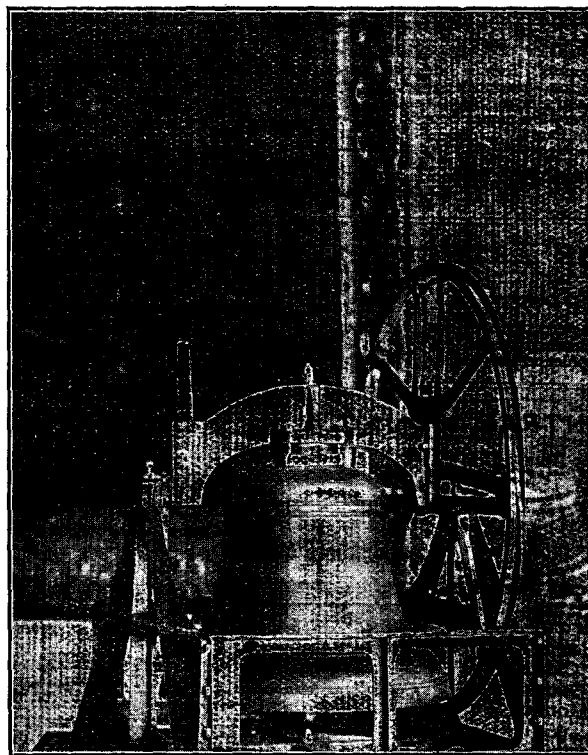
PENDLETON.—On Tuesday, April 14th, at St. Thomas's church, for Confirmation Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. F. Smith, J. Smith, R. Davies, J. Winterbottom, A. E. Wrecks, R. Newton, H. Chapman conductor, S. Greenhalgh.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, March 28th, a peal of Grandsire Triples was lost after ringing 4512 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. owing to the treble rope breaking. T. Gore, W. Nuttall, S. Wesley conductor, S. Price, H. Kirk, G. Thompson, B. A. Knights, G. Davies. On Sunday, March 29, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. T. Gore, W. Nuttall, H. Kirk, S. Price, G. Thompson, G. Davies, B. A. Knights, D. Farthing. First in the method by 1, 2, 3. For evening service, 501 and 315 Stedman Caters. A. Knights, H. Kirk, T. Gore, B. A. Knights, G. Davies, S. Price, G. Thompson, W. Thyng, G. Hollis, D. Farthing. All the above were rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Devonshire, who was interred at Edensor on March 28th.

PORTSEA.—On Sunday, March 8th, for eveng service, a quar-

ter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Harris conductor, H. Northfield, J. M. Turner, F. Burnett, S. A. Gregory, J. T. Matthews' E. J. Harding, G. Cooper. On Sunday, February 23rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Smith, C. Groves, J. M. Turner, J. T. Matthews, E. J. Harding, J. Harris conductor, G. Cooper. On Sunday, February 16th, for service, 504 Stedman Triples. F. S. Bailey conductor, J. Symonds, C. Groves, A. Collins, J. Harris, W. Lebbon, E. J. Harding, J. Matthews.

SOUTH HACKNEY.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, 420 Grandsire Triples. G. Dorrington, R. Elliott, F. Grimwood, J. Milner, F. W. Butler, H. F. Hull, G. B. Lucas conductor, E. Woolley. For evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Wrigley, G. B. Lucas, R. Elliott, J. Milner, F. Grimwood, H. F. Hull conductor, E. Woolley, G. Dorrington.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1908.

A ring of ten bells has been sent from an English foundry—MEARS and STAINBANK—to the town of Chicago, U.S.A. Our readers need not to be told that Dr. ARTHUR NICHOLS, of Boston, an enthusiastic brother-string, by the way, has for years been anxious that our Art should make headway in his country. A letter from him, to be seen on another page, sets forth his desire that these bells may be utilised for scientific ringing, with a praiseworthy aspiration that a company of English ringers may settle there to become pioneers in the spread of change-ringing. A commendable idea this. Readers will peruse his letter with much interest, and it is hoped that something may be done in the direction wished for.

Chicago is a long way off, too far away, perhaps, to warrant any hope that these new bells may be "opened" by a band from the old country—"the ringing island." If, however, the University authorities were to express a desire that such a thing should be done, and the cost of travelling provided by some of Chicago's wealthy citizens, there would be no difficulty about this. Should we not be

all interested in hearing of a few peals in various methods being rung over there by our own countrymen, under the leadership of such a ringer as, say, the vice-President of the Yorkshire Association—Mr. C. H. HATTERSLEY, or Mr. JOHN CARTER, or some other great man in the Exercise? Whatever happens, we shall all be glad to hear that the hopes and aims of Dr. NICHOLS are in a fair way of becoming realised.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 25 1908 in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN.

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs

JOHN W. ROWBOTHAM .. Treble.	EDWIN GIBBS .. .. 5.
MATTHEW A. WOOD .. .. 2.	EDWIN HORREX .. .. 6.
CHARLES S. BURDEN .. .. 3.	HARRY A. PASMORE .. .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 4.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the birthday of Mr. James Pettit, and also to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the 15,840 of Treble Bob rung on these bells. The ringers of the 2nd and 6th took part in this historic peal. Mr. James Pettit and Mr. William Cooter are the only other two survivors of the band.

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

On Friday, April 24, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

MISS MABEL GILBANKS .. Treble.	WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 5.
HORATIO GUMMER .. .. 2.	RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. 6.
FREDK. G. PEREIN .. .. 3.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HEWETT .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES HUNT, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Miss Gilbanks, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Stourbridge, and great credit is due to her for the able manner she rang through the peal.

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

On Saturday, April 25, 1908, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

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

ALBERT W. COLES .. .. Treble.	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON .. 5.
HENRY S. REEVES .. .. 2.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 6.
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Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

### The Provinces.

#### ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

#### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being three 720s of Oxford Bob, and four 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently.

FRANK TALBUTT .. .. Treble.	WALTER T. WILSON .. .. 4.
FRANK ANDREWS .. .. 2.	MAURICE ATKINS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM C. LEWIS .. .. 3.	EDWARD CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD CHAPMAN.

#### AXMINSTER, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE EXETER RINGERS' CYCLING CLUB BRANCH)

On Monday, April 20, 1908, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

ALFRED MONKLEY .. .. Treble.	JULIUS SNOW .. .. 5.
FRANK J. DAVEY .. .. 2.	EDMUND SARGENT .. .. 6.
CHARLES CARTER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 7.
JOHN HAYMAN .. .. 4.	ADOLPHUS SNOW .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK J. DAVEY.

First peal on the bells since being recast by Mears in 1898. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Snow, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

#### ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; VICARS. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE F. WELLER .. Treble.	PERCY H. DOICK .. .. 5.
STEPHEN STONE .. .. 2.	ALFRED GREENFIELD .. 6.
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JOHN NETLEY .. .. 4.	ERNEST MILLS .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

#### FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. Treble.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 5.
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. .. 2.	*PETER LAFFIN .. .. 6.
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WILLIAM RUMSEY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SAWYER .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

\*First peal in the method.

#### ANSTAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANSTAY SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

HARRY DEXTER .. .. Treble.	THOMAS BOTTRIL .. .. 5.
ALBERT MASON .. .. 2.	*JAMES HARRIS .. .. 6.
EDWARD JACKSON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. 7.
DANIEL RICHARDS .. .. 4.	*GEORGE SIMPSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

\*First peal. Rung after ringing half-way in a peal of Major.

#### WENTWORTH, NEAR ROTHERHAM, YORKS.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being 720 each of City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford, Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS WHITWORTH .. Treble.	WILLIS WHITTAM .. .. 4.
GEORGE LEWIS* .. .. 2.	JOHN H. BROTHWELL .. 5.
ARTHUR PANTHER .. .. 3.	ALBERT NASH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

\*First peal in seven methods away from the treble.

**BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, April 20, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

ALBERT D. STONE .. .. Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 5.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM STEED .. .. 6.
WILLIAM C. HART .. .. 3.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 7.
CHARLES PALMER .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

**PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE****GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.***On Monday, April 20, 1908, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5169 CHANGES.  
Tenor 26 cwt.**

THOMAS BALDWIN .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS J. LEWIS .. .. 7.
GARRIE MILES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM STAITE .. .. 8.
JESSE GILLET .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HALE .. .. 9.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM BATEMAN .. .. 10.
AUSTIN GWINNETT .. .. 5.	FRANK COLE .. .. 11.
THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. 6.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

**BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.****THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, April 21, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.**

GEORGE CASE* .. .. Treble.	BERTRAM HEAD .. .. 5.
ALBERT T. BAKER .. .. 2.	WILFRED OVERTON .. .. 6.
JOHN E. OVERTON .. .. 3.	HORACE W. OVERTON .. .. 7.
JOHN ELCOCK .. .. 4.	JOHN OVERTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

\*First peal of Stedman

**WORTLEY, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.****THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

*On Tuesday, April 21, 1908, in Three Hours,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.**

JAMES H. BELL .. .. Treble.	ARCHIE BREARLEY .. .. 5.
CHARLES E. BELL* .. .. 2.	CHARLES D. POTTER .. .. 6.
SAMUEL HARRISON* .. .. 3.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 7.
ARTHUR J. SAXBY .. .. 4.	JOHN R. BREARLEY .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal of Treble Bob.

**LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wednesday, April 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being three 720s each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. CROSS .. .. Treble.	JOHN B. HALLIFAX .. .. 4.
REV. C. J. STURTON .. .. 2.	GEORGE R. TRUSS .. .. 5.
HARRY V. FLETCHER .. .. 3.	ROBERT JARVIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. JARVIS.

**STREATHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, April 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

ROBERT B. BLANCHARD .. Treble.	THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 5.
LOUIS ATTWATER .. .. 2.	CHARLES J. NORTH .. 6.
WILLIAM H. JOINER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. 7.
GEORGE HUGGETT .. .. 4.	EDWARD R. J. DUNK .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. S. SMITH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**SOUTH SHIELDS, DURHAM.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, April 22, 1908, in Two Hours Fifty-eight and ½ Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD COURT MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.**

GEORGE T. POTTER .. .. Treble.	JOEL HERN .. .. 5.
JOSEPH SYKES .. .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 6.
EDWARD HERN .. .. 3.	THOMAS A. TEASDALE .. 7.
JOHN T. HOGG .. .. 4.	WALTER C. HUNT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK (shortened courses), and  
Conducted by THOMAS TEASDALE.

First peal in the method on the bells. The figures of this composition are adapted from the composer's peal of London Surprise with the addition of two singles to reverse 4-5 for the second half of peal, and has 4-5-6 each way in 5-6 without the second ever in these positions.

**CREWKERNE, SOMERSETSHIRE.****BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, April 22, 1908, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART Tenor 22 cwt.**

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY Treble.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 5.
JOSEPH MADDOCK .. .. 2.	ERNEST BISHOP .. .. 6.
REV. W. SALTREN WILLETT 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE 4.	EDWARD WYATT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

**CALVERTON, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

*On Thursday, April 23, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.**

JAMES TOMKINS .. .. Treble.	*ALBERT G. SHILLINGFORD 4.
WILLIAM EDWARDS .. .. 2.	GEORGE W. TOMKINS .. 5.
FREDERICK J. G. TAYLOR† 3.	FREDERICK G. TOMKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE W. TOMKINS.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor, and first by the local band.

**ILMINSTER, SOMERSETSHIRE.****BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, April 23, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY Treble.	JOSEPH MADDOCK .. .. 5.
ERNEST BISHOP .. .. 2.	EDWARD WYATT .. .. 6.
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On Thursday, April 23, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

ALBERT J. WAKLEY * .. Treble.	*GEORGE BULL .. .. 5.
EDWARD I. STONE .. .. 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY* .. .. 3.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 7.
JOHN H. SWINFELD* .. .. 4.	HARRY WAKLEY.. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

\*First peal in the method.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 23, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT HARMAN .. .. Treble.	PETER ETHERIDGE .. .. 5.
JOSEPH KENWARD .. .. 2.	ALBERT SONGHURST .. .. 6.
GEORGE ILLMAN .. .. 3.	NORMAN WAKEFIELD .. .. 7.
STEPHEN KENWARD .. .. 4.	CHARLES OSBORN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by STEPHEN KENWARD.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. George Edwards, son of Mr. W. Edwards, foreman of the Horley ringers.

CHARD, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 24, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 23 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. Treble.	JOSEPH MADDOCK .. .. 5.
REV. W. SALTREN WILLETT 3	ERNEST BISHOP .. .. 6.
EDGAR E. BURGESS .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.. 4	EDWARD WYATT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 25, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. Treble.	DAVID BEEARLEY .. .. 5.
JESSE MOSS .. .. .. 2.	THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 6.
FRED R. KETTERBORO .. 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 7.
HARRY MOSS .. .. .. 4.	JOHN FLINT.. .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, April 25, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt, 3 lbs. in A flat.

EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. Treble.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2.	ERNEST F. POPPY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE.. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. Tenor.

Composed by HARRY WHITTLE, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

AXMINSTER, DEVON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1908, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM WHITE .. .. Treble.	*SAMUEL P. MERRISON.. 5.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.. 2.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 6.
REV. W. SALTREN WILLETT 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
ERNEST BISHOP .. .. 4.	JOSEPH MADDOCK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

ANTSEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANSTEY BAND.)

On Saturday, April 25, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

EDWARD JACKSON* .. .. Treble.	*THOMAS BOTTRILL .. .. 5.
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2.	*ALBERT MASON .. .. 6.
ALEX BRAMLEY* .. .. 3.	*JAMES HARRIS .. .. 7.
DANIEL RICHARDS* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

\*First peal of Major. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the Right Hon. Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman, late Prime Minister of England.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5083 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D flat.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. Treble.	HARRY SMITH .. .. 5.
THOMAS HOLLOCKES† .. 2.	*THOMAS PRUKE .. .. 6.
FREDERICK PARKER .. 3.	*FREDERICK PRYKE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM DENT* .. .. 4.	ARTHUR SYMONDS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS, and Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal as conductor. †First peal on eight bells. \*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and W. Dent, who attained the age of 20 years on the 20th and 25th respectively.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM C. HART .. .. Treble.	ALBERT D. STONE .. .. 5.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 2.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 6.
WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
HENRY STALHAM .. .. 4.	RICHARD SIBEDWICK.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

ASTON MANOR, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1908, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM H. JONES .. .. Treble.	JAMES HOPKIN .. .. 6.
THOMAS COLLINSON .. .. 2.	*JOHN COLLETT .. .. 7.
JAMES JONES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS .. .. 8.
JOHN T. PERRY .. .. 4.	ALFRED T. HYLAND.. .. 9.
EDMUND HYLAND .. .. 5.	†JOHN NEAL .. .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal of Caters. †First peal of Grandsire Caters.

## HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, April 25, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

HARRY LEA* .. .. Treble.	JOHN BASS .. .. 5.
VICTOR WHITE .. .. 2.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. .. 3.	GEORGE PIGOTT .. .. 7.
GEORGE N. COCKIN .. .. 4.	JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. PAGETT, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

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

## OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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 10 cwt. in G.

CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Treble.	GEORGE W. NEWTON .. 4.
ALFRED PRATT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. MAYES .. 5.
CHARLES A. PRATT .. .. 3.	FRANK YOEK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

## NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE BASELEY* .. Treble.	FRANK SHEPHERD .. 4.
HERBERT HURDMAN† .. 2.	*DAVID S. COTTON .. 5.
JOHN HOUGH† .. .. 3.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. Tenor.

Conducted by LEONARD BULLOCK.

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

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, April 28, 1908, in Three Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

JOHN NEAL .. .. Treble.	ALBERT WALKER .. 7.
FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. 2.	THOMAS H. REEVES .. 8.
JOHN CARTER .. .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 9.
EDMUND J. HYLAND .. 4.	ALF PADDON SMITH .. 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 5.	JAMES E. GROVES .. 11.
BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. 6.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Reference to this peal elsewhere.

The following six peels were rung under the auspices of the Kent County Association.

## BIRCHINGTON-ON-SEA, KENT.

On Saturday, April 18, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT .. .. Treble.	JOHN HOLMAN .. .. 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. 7.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 8.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. 9.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. 5.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

## BIRCHINGTON-ON-SEA, KENT.

On Sunday, April 19, 1908, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN .. .. Treble	*WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 2.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN* .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 8.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 4.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. 9.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 5.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

## BIRCHINGTON-ON-SEA, KENT.

On Sunday, April 19, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 6.
JOHN HOLMAN .. .. 3.	*WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 7.
JOHN FLINT .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by B. PREWETT.

\*First peal of Superlative.

## ROLVENDEN, KENT.

On Monday, April 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

JAMES GEORGE .. .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 5.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 2.	CHARLES THIBE .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. 7.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 4.	ALFRED BLACKMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

## CRANBROOK, KENT.

On Tuesday, April 21, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES THIBE .. .. Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 5.
FREDK G. BURDEN .. .. 2.	CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 4.	GEORGE JOHNSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

## GOUDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 27 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PITMAN .. .. 2.	CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 7.
CHARLES THIBE .. .. 4.	GEORGE JOHNSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The peal rung at Harlow Common on Monday, April 20th. should read Superlative, not Yorkshire Surprise Major.—In the peal at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, reported in our last issue, W. Billenness and C. A. Catchpole had previously rung two peals of Kent Maximus, and consequently was not their first peal as stated.



## 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 week of the publication of this notice, in accordance with the preliminary notice published in the beginning of the year, the period for receiving Reports of Committees, Notices of motion, and other official communications will speedily terminate, May 9th being the final day for their reception? Of a total number of 39 Guilds there are at the time of writing fourteen who have

not sent their contributions. I earnestly trust that these will be forthcoming without further delay.

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

## RINGER'S WEDDING.

An event of more than ordinary occurrence took place at St. Michael's Church, Bristol, on Easter Monday last, when Mr. John Thomas was united in the bonds of matrimony to Miss Margaret Tyler, daughter of the former bell-banger of the firm of Llewellyns and James, the famous church bell hangers of this city. The ceremony was conducted by a change-ringer in the person of the Rev. M. Vickers, and the ceremony was attended by a large number of change-ringers. The

peal of six were kept merrily going in several methods, before and after the ceremony, and after the wedding breakfast was partaken of, a course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells was rung by the following Bristol ringers:—Wm. Thomas, 1-2; Stephen Thomas, 3-4; John Thomas, 5-6; Charles H. Horton, 7-8; Walter Apperley, 9-10; after which several of the party left wishing the bride and bridegroom every success in their marriage life.

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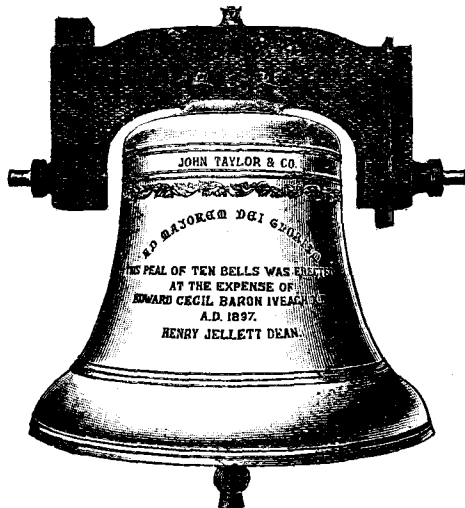
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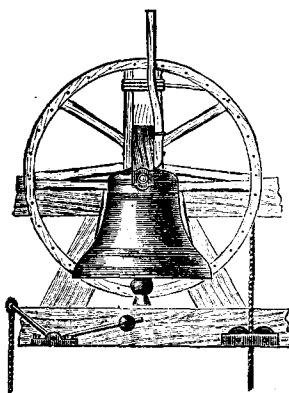
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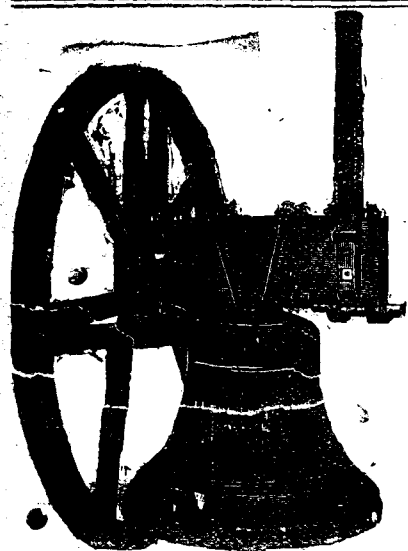
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## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The cold, unseasonable weather had a decided effect upon the attendance at the annual festival of the Hertford County Association at St. Albans on Easter Monday, but the seventy odd members who braved the elements passed an enjoyable day in visiting the towers of the city and ringing.

At five o'clock, evensong was said in the Cathedral, the Dean of St. Albans and the Rev. A. Chaplin officiating. The special preacher was the Rev. A. T. Hollis, Vicar of Great Gaddesden, who delivered a very appropriate address. The words, "Praise Him upon the loud cymbals, praise Him upon the high-sounding cymbals," Ps. cl. 5, were chosen as the basis of his remarks.

After the service, the members assembled at the Abbey Institute for tea, the arrangements for which, carried out by Mr. Slater, of St. Albans, were a source of general satisfaction.

The Dean of St. Albans presided, and afterwards occupied the chair at the annual meeting. He extended a hearty welcome to the representatives of so many towers in the county. He only hoped that the prosperity which had attended the Association hitherto would continue and increase. He was quite sure there was no pursuit which was more elevating in the truest sense of the term, because it required great attention on the part of those who undertook it; they must give their whole mind to it; and whatever they had to give their whole mind to was a good thing, especially in these days when we were in the habit of running quickly from one thing to another. Such gatherings as these were a splendid way of cementing the true fellowship as ringers.

After a number of members had been elected,

Mr. E. P. Debenham, proposing a vote of thanks to the Rev. A. T. Hollis for his address, referred to the passing through St. Albans in May, 1881, of "Great Paul," the great bell for St. Paul's Cathedral, when the flag was hoisted on the Abbey tower, and in the evening the Abbey bells were rung, and, added Mr. Debenham, "I had the pleasure of taking part in the ringing on that occasion." The Latin inscription on the great bell was, "Woe to me if I preach not the Gospel." Mr. Debenham also re-called Mr. Hollis's instructive reference to the bell in the Clock Tower at St. Albans, and said its striking of the hours recalled pleasant memories of earliest days of many living in St. Albans.

Mr. B. Prewitt seconded the vote of thanks, which was carried, and

The Rev. A. T. Hollis, in acknowledgment, said the poor parson was more blackguarded than anyone; either they preached too long, too short, too learned, too dry, or something or other. He was therefore pleased to know that when he went back to Gaddesden he would have the consolation of knowing that he had preached one sermon, at any rate, that had been liked. But the parson in the pulpit had not the last word; the ringers had a bigger and better word than his.

The Hon. Secretary then read the annual report.

The balance-sheet, presented by Mr. E. P. Debenham,

showed a balance at the beginning of the year of £2 7s. 5d., the total income of the year being £20 15s. 11d., and the balance at the end of the year £2 16s. 11d. The reserve fund stands at £12 5s. 2d.

The report and balance sheet were received and adopted.

Mr. E. P. Debenham, the retiring president, proposed the election of Mr. Henry Lewis as his successor in office. Mr. Lewis, he said, had been regarded as the father of ringing in St. Albans, having been connected with local change-ringing for a good many years. His name appeared on a St. Peter's peal board recording a peal in 1870, and he was an active ringer for some years prior to that.

Mr. Frederick White seconded the proposition, remarking that the Association could not have a better man for the position than Mr. Lewis, who was a proved ringer.

The election was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Henry Lewis expressed the pleasure which he felt at finding he had so many friends amongst the Hertford County Association of Change Ringers. He apologised for being unlike Mr. E. P. Debenham, or Richard III., in that he was not, as Shakespeare said of the latter, "A marvellously proper man." If he were so, he would be a "marvellously proper" president, and would be able to make a "marvellously proper" speech of thanks. The Association had disposed of local option in the choice of their president. Now they had to deal with the "time limit." It was for "one year only," and he was very glad of it. He would, however, endeavour to do his best in the position in which he had been placed. Having related that he knew how to pull a bell at thirteen years of age—and that was nearly fifty years ago—Mr. Lewis concluded by stating that he would be very pleased to present the Association with the portrait album suggested by the Secretary.

The other officers were re-elected, including Mr. E. P. Debenham (hon. treasurer), Mr. G. W. Cartmel (hon. secretary), and Mr. B. Prewitt (hon. auditor). The district secretaries were also re-elected, the meeting deciding that a message should be sent to Mr. Foster asking him to reconsider his decision to resign. Mr. B. Prewitt was re-elected a representative on the Central Council.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Dean of St. Albans, and the Revs. R. A. Squires, W. D. W. Dudley, and C. V. Bicknell for permitting the use of the bells, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Dean for presiding, proposed by Mr. E. P. Debenham.

The Dean, in replying, good humouredly alluded to the accomplishment of Mr. W. H. Lawrence, of Little Munden, who was mentioned in the report, and said he was filled with a new enthusiasm from that moment. He was not going to be beaten by Mr. W. H. Lawrence, and before that time next year he hoped to come before them as a person who could ring four bells at once.

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### THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The fifteenth annual competition for this Association's Challenge Shield took place on the bells of St. Kentigern's Church, Aspatria, on Easter Monday. Five Companies entered for the competition, although two of them were only able to do this by the suspension of the Rule which prohibits any member from ringing with more than one company, and which suspension was unanimously agreed to by the Competitors.

The test piece for Eight-bell-ringers was 576 Plain Bob Major and for Six-bell-ringers 720 in the Minor method. The Workington company were the only ones prepared to tackle the Major touch, and they were the first to enter the belfry. They were followed in succession by Irton, Aspatria, Crosthwaite and Cleator Moor.

At the conclusion of the competition an adjournment was made to the Sunday School, where a capital tea provided by the landlady of the Waverley Temperance Hotel was successfully attacked.

The Rev. T. Hackworth, owing to a prior engagement, was unable to be present at the meeting, but previous to the commencement of the competition he addressed a few remarks to the members in the Church and expressed his pleasure at meeting them. In the absence of the Vicar, Mr. A. B. Clark presided over the deliberations of the members, and the Secretary, Mr. J. D. Baxter, read a letter from the Rev. W. H. Spurrier, the President regretting his inability to be present owing to absence in London. The Secretary reported that a sum of £4 had been collected and remitted to the Rev. Canon Rawnsley for the benefit of the late Mr. Stephen Hogarth, of Crosthwaite, and that he understood several additional sums of money had been sent direct to the reverend gentleman. Mr. Baxter also stated that there was evidently no desire for formal rules in the various belfries as the Workington and Cleator Moor ringers were the only ones who had responded to the request to be furnished with copies of existing rules or suggestions for new ones.

The decision upon the competition was as follows, viz., No. 1 (Workington) completed the set touch of 576 Plain Bob Major in 23 minutes with 397 faults. No. 2 (Irton) rang Plain Bob Minor for 5 minutes when they came to an abrupt termination with a total of 193 faults. (This company was assisted by one of the Cleator Moor ringers.) No. 3 (Aspatria) rang Plain Bob Minor for 13 minutes, and ceased with a total of 530 faults. No. 4 (Crosthwaite) rang Oxford Treble Bob Minor for 26 minutes and put on 628 faults, but failed to reach the goal. (This band were assisted by a Keswick ringer who had been practising with the Cleator Moor men); and No. 5 (Cleator Moor) rang the set touch of 720 Plain Bob Minor in 28 minutes with a total of 288 faults, and having competed with the least number of faults, the task imposed upon the competitors were declared to be the winners.

The majority of the competing companies were unable, owing to the distance between their respective belfries and Aspatria, to obtain any practice on the bells, and were, therefore, quite unacquainted with their little peculiarities.

The following are the names of the winning band:—Treble, William Taylor; 2nd, George W. Tembey; 3rd, Frank Temple (of Keswick); 4th, Septimus Lewthwaite; 5th, J. D. Baxter (of Egremont); and Tenor, John Joyce, the conductor.

The Chairman presented the shield to Mr. Joyce and congratulated him and his men on their success. Mr. Joyce thanked the Chairman for his kind remarks.

Mr. Campbell (of Keswick) informed the members that

a few copies of an enlarged photograph of the late Mr. Stephen Hogarth were being made, and stated that if any ringers were desirous of purchasing copies he would be very glad to arrange for them being supplied. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman brought a very pleasant and enthusiastic meeting to a close.

### RINGERS AT ROBIN HOOD'S BAY.

The enthusiastic band of bell-ringers at Robin Hood's Bay had some noted visitors in their midst on Easter Monday, when the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association held a meeting there. There was not a large gathering of strangers, but the day was very profitably spent, and the ringers, who had the use of the bells of the parish church of St. Stephen, gained some practice, which will prove of great service to them in their work.

Mr. G. J. Clarkson (Stockton), the president of the association, the Rev. R. Hodgson (Skelton), the hon. secretary, and other friends from Stockton, Ormesby, and Scarborough arrived just before noon, and were met by Mr. G. F. Alexander, to whom the Flyingdales ringers owe a great deal of their present knowledge, and the Rev. A. J. de D. Denne, and other friends. A move was at once made for the belfry, where a band was formed, and the eight bells in the tower were soon swinging merrily, to the pleasure of the inhabitants of the Bay. Nothing of a pretentious character was attempted—a touch of Bob Major and of Grandsire Triples being the chief items.

Dinner was served at the Grosvenor Hotel, Mr. Clarkson being in the chair, and the Rev. A. J. de D. Denne in the vice-chair. The toast of "The King" was duly honoured.

The Chairman gave "The Archbishop of the Diocese, and the Clergy," and said that in addition to ecclesiastical matters, the attention of the bishops was now being directed to matters of great public importance. Personally speaking, he was very glad they had the moral courage to express their conviction that, while reforms were desirable, they should be placed upon a sound and just basis, and not obtained by means of measures almost soaked in confiscation. He coupled with the toast the name of the vice-chairman, who was an enthusiastic ringer.

The Rev. A. J. de D. Denne thanked the chairman and the company for the way the toast was received, and said he remembered the meeting at Scarborough last year, when some of their members rang their first touches. The Flyingdales band owed a great deal to Mr. Alexander. They had accomplished a date touch and small matters of a 1,000, and he hoped they would continue to improve.

The Chairman referred to the forthcoming opening of a new peal at Ormesby, and said it had been suggested that they should have a meeting there—say the first Saturday after the dedication. He thought he and the hon. secretary might go over to Ormesby to interview the vicar, and make arrangements, if that had the approval of the meeting.

Mr. Metcalfe (Ormesby) thought that the arrangements should have been made to get the Association to be represented at the opening.

The Rev. R. Hodgson (the hon. secretary), said he had been in touch with the Vicar of Ormesby ever since he learned the peal was to be inserted. They thought that, as Ormesby was pretty central, they could get a good meeting with members from Guisborough, Stokesley,

Skelton, Thornaby, Saltburn, Middlesbrough and West Hartlepool.

Mr. Stevenson said the Saturday following would be most convenient for the Association, and would give more time.

It was decided to communicate with the two vice-presidents on the matter.

Messrs. Wrightson and Richardson (Skelton) and A. Simpson (West Hartlepool) were admitted members of the Association.

The Chairman, at the close, intimated that the next annual meeting would be a joint meeting of that Association and the Durham and Newcastle Association at Stockton, and he was pleased to learn that there was a prospect of a large gathering, and of a fair number of representatives from Fylingdales. That would be on Whit-Monday.

The company then adjourned to the belfry, where further "touches" were given prior to the departure of the visitors by the afternoon train.

#### BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

A dedicatory service of a new oak panel in the belfry at the above parish church, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Blenkin, M.A., on Wednesday. The panel commemorates the ringing of 5040 changes on the Brading bell's for the first time in the church's lengthened history, which was also a feat only once recorded in the island, that being at Newport 100 years ago. The panel was locally made and inscribed at the cost of the Vicar.

During a brief evensong service the Vicar said although bells were not known in bible times, he would choose as the foundation of his remarks Acts xx., 24, "I have finished my course with joy." He went on to deal with the bells, the oldest being, he said, 300 years, while some were only 200, and others twenty-one years old. In them the past blended with the present, and the message came handed down from each generation, so they were to hand their message on. Another bell bore the name of one who was now at rest, another only an initial, but his voice is still speaking in the tone of the bell, and his life known to God. The seventh bell rang out a clear and good note when sounding the knell on other lives—would their lives ring out a true note? Some of the bells had names on them. Their late Vicar, for instance, who took such a tremendous interest in the belfry and procured those bells. Another bell bore the name of one now amongst them, reminding them that the influences of life live on. What influence were their lives exerting? On some bells there were various messages, which should be a note ever ringing on from them, just as the tenor bell continually sounded out the hours as they passed by. If prayer and praise were mingled in their lives, they would be able to finish their course with joy.

The ringers and those present walked to the west end of the church, and Mrs. Fardell pulled a cord and unveiled the panel, whereupon the Vicar read a special dedicatory prayer, and another hymn of praise closed the interesting ceremony.

The panel was then inspected, a photograph taken of all present by Mr. Ancell, tea was partaken of at Mr. Warrell Pain's, subsequent to which Mr. Jennings (instructor) was the recipient of a useful present from his fellow ringers at the hands of Mr. Squibb. In reply Mr. Jennings urged them to continue their work and they might do well.

Mr. Squibb proposed and Mr. George Wilkins seconded a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presenting the panel, to Mr. and Mrs. Fardell for their interest in the work, Mr. and Mrs. Pain for preparing the excellent tea, also to Mr. Barham; references being made to the happy relationships existing on all hands.

The Vicar, in acknowledgment, again urged the value of harmonious effort, which was the secret of success.

Mr. Fardell spoke of the deep interest taken in the Church by his wife, who was born in Brading and baptised at the Church, although they were married at Cambridge. He spoke appreciatingly of the work of the bell-ringers, and said he was at all times ready to do what he could for them and the Church.

Mr. Barham also replied, and an adjournment was made to the belfry where a lengthy exercise was indulged in.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Maidstone district was held at Wrotham on Saturday, May 2nd. The attendance was not large owing partly to the fact of another meeting being held in the Lewisham district, and partly also to the unusual heat of the day. A short service was held in the Church at 4.30 p.m., at which the Rector, Rev. W. T. Ashton-Gwatkin, and the curate, Rev. — Pascoe, officiated. Thirty-four sat down to an excellent tea at "Bishop's Lodge" Temperance Hotel close to the church. At the business meeting after tea, Mr. A. F. Ashman, of Maidstone, was elected district secretary, and Mr. T. Mannering was re-elected district representative. It was arranged to hold another meeting at Bearsted in October.

#### THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at Rugby on Saturday, April 25th, when the following towers were represented: Berkswell, Coventry, Rugby, Solihull, Stoke-in-Coventry, and Warwick. Amongst those present were the Rev. Canon Baillie (vice-president), and the following officers: Messrs. Dickins, Flowers, Martineau, Watson, Coleman, and also Mr. G. Over churchwarden of St. Andrew's, Rugby. By kind permission of the Rev. Canon Baillie and the churchwardens, the bells were at the disposal of ringers in the afternoon and evening. At the business meeting which was held in the Regent Club, lent by the kind permission of the Rector, Mr. G. A. Martineau, of Solihull, presided. Mr. A. L. Coleman (hon. secretary), read the minutes of the previous quarterly meeting. Mr. G. E. Over was elected a hon. member of the Guild, and the following were elected ringing members: Messrs. Bragg (3), Weeks, Leeson (all of Solihull), and also Mr. A. Dubber (Rugby), and Mr. W. Luckman (Stoke-in-Coventry). Mr. A. L. Coleman was elected as the representative of the Guild to the Central Council.

It was decided to hold monthly meetings of the Guild during the summer months. The first of these will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, May 25rd; the second at Berkswell on Saturday, June 27th. The annual general meeting of the Guild was fixed to be held at Warwick on Saturday, July 25th.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Canon Baillie for his kind permission for the use of the bells, and also for the use of the Regent Club for holding the meeting in.

A vote of thanks was also accorded to Mr. Martineau, and this ended a very successful quarterly meeting.

## 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 "OLD RINGER."

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent I believe I am right in saying that there are five bells at Norwich Cathedral, and one bell at Lowestoft parish church. This church, as it now stands is a fine example of the work of the fifteenth century, but the steeple is older and on a much smaller scale.

At Westminster Abbey hang a ring of six, the tenor being, I believe, said to be 36 cwt., and a small bell, perhaps an old "Sanctus." The western towers were completed as we now see them in the year 1739, from designs of Sir Christopher Wren. Before that the bells hung in the stage below the present clock face. It seems that there was talk of recasting and augmenting to a ring of ten in view of the completion of the towers. But in the result nothing was done but to rehang the six. They are seldom rung now. I have heard that the advisers of the Dean and Chapter discourage ringing on account of supposed danger to the fabric, but it is very difficult to believe that ringing could hurt such solid-looking towers. The use of the bells for ordinary services is thus—the 4th and 5th are chimed for a few minutes half-an-hour before the time of service, followed, when there is going to be a sermon, by the chiming of the tenor, and later, the 3rd is chimed till "Big Ben" strikes the service hour.

R. A. DANIELL.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent's questions I may state (1) that there are five bells in Norwich Cathedral, the tenor being in the key of F sharp, known amongst ringers as the first five of a peal of six, but I have never known any change-ringing to be done on them. (2) Lowestoft parish church (St. Margaret) has one bell only, cast by Newman of Norwich in 1730. In Reeve's "Historical Collection" it is mentioned that there were five here formerly, four of them stolen or perhaps taken away during the Commonwealth period. (3) There are six bells at Westminster Abbey, from the Whitechapel foundry, tenor 32 c., erected in 1738.

E. LINCOLN.

SIR,—There is a minor ring of five, with a tenor of 14 c., in the tower of Norwich Cathedral. They rest upon the ceiling of the lantern, and there is consequently no ringing-chamber. The bells are clocked, and the ropes brought down to the North Triforium. There is one bell only at Lowestoft parish church, and a heavy ring of six at Westminster Abbey.

CHAS. E. BORRETT.

## TO ARTHUR SYMONDS.

SIR,—In your last number I see Mr. A. Symonds (of Lavenham) states that he has now rung every bell to a peal in his own tower, and would like to know if any other ringer has done the same. I beg to inform Mr. Symonds that I have both rung every bell in St. Michael's tower at Bishops Stortford, and in every peal from December 27th, 1880, to December 26th, 1905 (in all forty-three peals), and I have also conducted peals from nine bells out of the ten, from Triples to Royal.

HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

## THE PEAL AT LONG SUTTON.

SIR,—I was very glad to see the report of the peal rung at Long Sutton, Lincolnshire, which I imagine is the first on these bells. There is a slight mistake in the weight of the tenor as given in the report. It is true that the old tenor, cast by Henry Penn in 1715, weighed only 10½ cwt. Notwithstanding her being such a light bell, her note was F, rather flat according to the modern pitch. But when she was recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1887, a little more metal was added, and she now weighs 11 c. 3 qr. 16 lb. Even that is rather light for an F bell.

J. R. JERRAM.

## INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—In the hope that one of your many readers may be able to assist, I should like to inquire as to a reason for the provision of the large and very strong towers of our old parish churches.

Bell records of the past show that most churches did not

possess more than three bells, and these probably would not be so heavy as in the present day; therefore towers of the dimensions that we see to-day were not necessary only to contain the bells.

Is the *raison d'être* of the matter likely to be that the towers were used as a place of defence in time of war, and were primarily made a refuge and stronghold for the parishioners?

If this is so, it would seem that old-time towers were not made for bells, whereas now of course the size of the tower depends upon the number of bells to be installed.

VALENTINE STURDY.

## LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

SIR,—As I did not quite understand Mr. James's scientific answer in "THE BELL NEWS" three weeks ago, kindly let me try to explain the matter in a practical way. In extending any method from Major to Royal additional detail must be added somewhere. Mr. James says he added this to his method when the treble is dodging in 9-10. This makes 9-10 a new position, and so it is, viewed in that light, as there is no dodging in 9-10 in either Major or Minor. But there is another view of this same thing, which is as follows: when the treble is dodging in 5-6 Minor, 7-8 in Major, 9-10 in Royal, she is dodging behind in each case, and as the work in each case should be the same I can hardly see this as a new position in Royal. But perhaps Mr. James can explain it otherwise. Mr. Trollope and Mr. Carter have each suggested that new work should be put in that block where treble dodges in 5-6. Here there are two pairs of bells dodging on each side of her, and so is in a position in which we cannot put her either in Minor or Major, and it is a good recommendation in favour of this suggestion. Perhaps Mr. James will also give us his views upon this proposition, and so try and get the matter settled. If the method given over my name on March 7th last is examined, I think only three defective rows are found, but if the new work is to be put in the block when the treble is in 5-6, there is only one offending row in the half lead published.

H. DAINS.

SIR,—As we do not appear to be able to arrive at any satisfactory solution of this vexed question may I suggest that the rival methods be called Lindoff's variation (or adaptation) and James's variation, as the case may be. I do not myself feel qualified to give an opinion either way, but I may say that the general feeling among a number of London Surprise ringers with whom I have come in contact seems to be that Mr. James's method is nearer London than Mr. Lindoff's.

I do not like Mr. Price's ungenerous remarks about the Central Council. I think they are quite unwarranted. Let him attend one of the Council meetings, when he may perhaps have a different opinion of that body. He may also find that he is an infinitely smaller unit of the Exercise than he imagines.

E. BARNETT.

SIR,—Permit me a few words in reply to Mr. G. N. Price in last week's issue, and let me assure him and his band that they have my sincere sympathy for the position they are in, and I am sorry they were so ill advised as to ring the method they did at Stepney as London Surprise Royal. As to wresting honours from them I desire to strongly dissent from such an action. What I say is London Royal has not been rung, and such honours have never been gained. What has been done is to show what real London Royal is, and how methods less defective are produced. This has been done by Mr. H. L. James, Mr. Carter and myself. Mr. James has given a very clear and impartial exposition of the subject. Mr. Trollope has written several letters on the subject, but in none has he I think entitled the method rung as London Royal. He advocates booking it as such, simply because it has been rung as such. To this I cannot agree. It is the composer and the conductor only who have written of this method under that title. Of course there is a committee whose duty it is to draw up and publish the Analysis which appears annually. This committee does not assess points, as a points committee is appointed for that special purpose. This points committee in turn apply to the methods committee for advice in such matters. These committees are all elected by the Central Council, and so do not all act as suggested.

H. DAINS.

### Notices.

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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 May 18th; St. John-at-Hackney on the 19th; St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on the 21st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 14th and 28th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 19th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 21st; all at 8 p.m.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, May 9th, at Haslingden. The bells of the parish church, Haslingden, and St. Thomas's, Helmshore, will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. and meeting at 6.30 in the parish school at Haslingden.

A. E. WREAKS, } *Secretaries.*  
J. H. BANKS, }

**The Sussex County Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Brighton to-day, Saturday, May 9th. Luncheon at the Royal Pavilion at 1.45; chairman—the Mayor of Brighton. Business meeting at 3 p.m. Service at St. Nicholas at 5 p.m. Preacher—The Very Rev. the Dean of Battle. Towers open for ringing—St. Peter's 10.30 to 1 p.m.; St. Nicholas 11 to 1 p.m., and 6 to 8 p.m.; St. Paul's 6 to 7 p.m.

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

**Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford, to-day, Saturday, May 9th. The belfry will be opened at 2 o'clock. Hy. White, esq. kindly invites members to tea at 5.30 at his residence, Shawford Close.

JAS. W. ELKINS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*  
3, Culver Villas, Winchester.

**The North Notts. Association.**—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford parish church and room to-day, Saturday, May 9th. Business meeting at 3.30 p.m.; Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea (at Howard's) at 5 p.m. Members are particularly requested to attend the meeting and service.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton to-day, Saturday, May 9th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 6.30.

WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

**St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair will be taken at 8.30 p.m.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, May 16th. The Cathedral and other towers will be open during the afternoon. Tea at 5 p.m. at St. Peter's Parish Room. A charge of 3d. per head will be made. Business meeting after. No travelling expenses will be paid at this meeting, but the usual allowance will be

made at another meeting later in the year. Members who intend being present must let me know by Wednesday, May 13th.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, May 16th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Almondbury on Saturday, May 23rd. Local Hon. Sec.—Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, The Clergy House, Almondbury, near Huddersfield. For full particulars see Association circular.

CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*  
40, Percy Street, Rotherham.

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—A meeting of members of this Association will be held on Saturday, May 23rd, 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 Essex Association.**—South-Western District.—A meeting will be held at North Weald and Bovingdon on Saturday, May 23rd. Through the liberality of the Rector of the former place, all members who have paid 1908 subscriptions will be invited to tea. Let me know by the 18th inst. please, all ye who intend to be present.

G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
7, Richmond Terrace, South Woodford.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Derby District.—A special district meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, May 23rd. The bells at St. Andrew's and also St. Alkmund's (recently rehung), will be available from 2.30 p.m. A tea might be arranged if a sufficient number notify me not later than the 20th inst. of their intention of being present. All visitors cordially welcomed.

A. H. WARD, *Local Hon. Sec.*  
1, Lyndhurst Terrace, Moore Street, Derby.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at the Unitarian Church, Todmorden, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

**Gloucester and Bristol Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lydney on Whit-Monday, June 8th. Service in the parish church at 12.15, followed by luncheon and business meeting. Members intending to be present are requested to send early intimation to the local secretary, Mr. J. W. Davis, 5, Great Western Terrace, Lydney.

**Exeter Cathedral.**—Practice on Wednesday next at 7.15.

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

**Hereford Cathedral.**—The bells, a ring of ten, are open for ringing every other Sunday at 5 p.m. Visitors always welcome.

H. TAYLOR.

### BEWARE!

With apologies to the Spirit of Longfellow.

(By a Shortfellow).

I know a ringer fair to see,  
She hunts the treble gracefully,  
Take care!  
Her voice it hath a winning tone,  
Young Cupids hover near her zone,  
Beware, beware!  
Trust her not, She is dodging thee.

And she hath eyes with a hidden light,  
Her glances are not all rope-sight,  
Take care!  
Her form was cast in Venus' mould,  
The God of Love threw in fine gold;  
Beware, beware!  
Trust her not, She is dodging thee.

She hath soft arms, adorned with lace,  
The serpent lurks in their embrace;  
Take care!  
Her tresses hang in loose device,  
'Tis a rosy fetter for thee to splice,  
Beware, beware!  
Trust her not, She is dodging thee!

G. F. M.

### AN APPEAL.

The members of the Keighley society would like to open a subscription list for the cause of one of their ringing brethren—J. McGoun—who has the misfortune to lose the use of one of his legs, and possibly it might have to be amputated. He has been unable to use the limb now for a matter of eight months. The above company therefore beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country on his behalf. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 34, Hill Street, Keighley, Yorkshire, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS."

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### Birth.

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SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1908.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly general meeting was held on Easter Monday at Leiston, Suffolk, and was attended by a fair number of representatives from Norwich, Beccles, Earl Soham, Framlingham, Aldeburgh, Saxmundham, Kelsale, Framlingham, Southwold, and a strong contingent of the local company. By kind permission of the authorities, the bells of the parish church; and also those at Kelsale and Saxmundham, were open throughout the day, and were largely patronised, the ringing being superior to that usually heard at quarterly meetings.

Dinner was admirably served at The White Horse hotel, presided over by the Rev. Ralph B. Forster, who gave a very cordial welcome to the visitors. The usual loyal toasts were honoured, and a very successful and enjoyable meeting was brought to a close by the election of about thirty new members.

Mr. SAMUEL WOOD.—We are glad to hear that Mr. S. Wood, of Ashton, is convalescent. Our readers will remember that he was the victim of an unfortunate accident. The other day he paid a surprise visit to Mr. W. Gordon, of Stockport, and after some tram-rides round the town together, visited Mr. Gordon, jun., where tea was partaken of. Here Mr. Wood pleased those present by giving three leads of Treble Twelve and a course of Stedman Triples on the piano.



**The Provinces.****BRAMPTON, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, April 19, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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Conducted by J. LARTER.

**BLOXHAM, OXON.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, April 20, 1908, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

HARRY JUDGE .. .. .	Treble.	WILLIAM STONE .. .. .	5.
HARRY BROOKS .. .. .	2.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. .. .	6.
HARRY MILES .. .. .	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. .	7.
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First peal on the bells.

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Conducted by T. L. BAINBRIDGE.

\*First peal.

**GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, April 27, 1908, in Three Hours,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF SHIPWAY MAJOR, 5002 CHANGES.**

Tenor 15 cwt,

JOHN F. BIRD .. .. .	Treble.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. .	5.
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Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

**HENFIELD, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, April 28, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. .. .	2.	CUTBERT WHITE .. .. .	6.
ARTHUR LAMBOURNE .. .. .	3.	RICHARD WHITE .. .. .	7.
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Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

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

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GEORGE HOLIFIELD .. .. .	Treble.	RICHARD G. RICE .. .. .	5.
ALBERT E. LOCK .. .. .	2.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD .. .. .	6.
HARRY HOLIFIELD .. .. .	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. .	7.
EDGAR HUMFREY .. .. .	4.	*HUMPHREY R. COOPER .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal.

**HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—THE ESSSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, April 29, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.****A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,**

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY BOTTRILL* .. .. .	Treble.	JOHN LUCKEY .. .. .	5.
ISAAC CAVILL .. .. .	2.	FREDERICK PALMER .. .. .	6.
WALTER HOBBS .. .. .	3.	HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. .	7.
GEORGE DENT .. .. .	4.	WILLIAM WATTS .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

\*First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge on the bells. Rang to celebrate the birthdays of Messrs. John and Walter Victor Elwell, fourth and eighth sons of the Vicar, the latter of whom attained his majority on that day.

**KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.****THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Wednesday, April 29, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

A TWENTY-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES DOWLER .. .. .	Treble.	JOHN CARTER .. .. .	5.
FRANK WITHERS .. .. .	2.	SAMUEL GROVES .. .. .	6.
JOHN WITHERS .. .. .	3.	WILLIAM PALMER .. .. .	7.
JAMES JONES .. .. .	4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

Rung with the bells muffed by the late W. S. Pritchett, of King's Norton, Secretary to the Lord Mayor of Birmingham; also Vice-president of the above Guild.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1908 in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

ROBERT FALCONER .. .. Treble	R. ALDER GOFTON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM STORY .. .. 2.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 6.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. .. 7.
ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 4.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. .. Tenor.

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

## BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

EDGAR BENNETT .. .. Treble	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT .. .. 5.
ALFRED CLAYTON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM GROVES .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. JOINER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 7.
WILLIAM STATES .. .. 4.	CHARLES W. GORDON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. S. SMITH.

## CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES.

ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. Treble	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 5.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. 2.	FREDERICK J. RICE .. .. 6.
ALBERT D. STONE .. .. 3.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 7.
CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

## WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.

ALFRED WHIGHT .. .. Treble	ALFRED GOZZETT .. .. 5.
HENRY F. COOPER .. .. 2.	ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. 6.
GEORGE WATERMAN .. .. 3.	FREDERICK CHALK .. .. 7.
THOMAS LINCOLN .. .. 4.	ALFRED TARBUN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by A. EDWARDS.

\*First peal on eight bells. For figures see "BELL NEWS," May 6th, 1899.

## EYE, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1908, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK DAY .. .. Treble	GEORGE ROWE .. .. 5.
PETER LAFLIN .. .. 2.	JAMES RUMSEY .. .. 6.
ERNEST F. POPPY .. .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM RUMSEY .. .. 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

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## EXTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven 720s. Tenor 8½ cwt.

HARRY A. PHILLIPS .. .. Treble	WILLIAM A. HAWKINS .. .. 4.
GEORGE STACEY* .. .. 2.	†WILLIAM BENNETT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HOYLE .. .. 3.	HENRY MOORE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. STACEY.

\*First peal as conductor. †First peal of Minor.

## CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt

BERNARD SADDINGTON* .. Treble	†WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 4.
ANDERSON TYLER .. .. 2.	GEORGE LINES .. .. 5.
WILLIAM B. MEADOWS .. 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON.

\*First peal. †First peal in seven methods.

## HONNINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM MACE .. .. Treble	GEORGE LARGE .. .. 4.
FREDERICK RANDALL .. 2.	WALTER LARGE .. .. 5.
STANLEY GREEN .. .. 3.	ANDREW RANDALL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. LARGE.

First peal on the bells.

## TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 2, 1908, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. Treble	STEPHEN PERKINS .. .. 5.
JAMES MAYNARD .. .. 2.	GEORGE TURLEY .. .. 6.
GEORGE SMITHERS .. .. 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
EDWARD MANKE'OW .. 4.	WILLIAM LATTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by W. LATTER.

## HERSHAM, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, May 2, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. Treble	JAMES HUNT .. .. 5.
GEORGE WOODISS .. .. 2.	*STEPHEN C. HAMBLIN .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	*JOHN EMERY .. .. 7.
ALFRED WOODROW* .. 4.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. WILLIAMS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal in the method.

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## PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Saturday, May 2, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE SHIPP .. .. Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

## RUSPER, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 3, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

ARTHUR W. TULLETT .. Treble	GEORGE F. HOAD .. .. 5.
JOHN ARTHURST .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. 3.	JOHN COOK .. .. 7.
GEORGE H. F. MARRINER .. 4.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAVIS, and Conducted by FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN.

The ringer of the treble was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting. Ring in honour of the marriage of the Rector of Rusper at the above church the Wednesday previous.

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

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM)

On Monday, May 4, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

HENRY SIMMONDS .. Treble	JOSEPH HANDS .. .. 5.
LEWIS GREEN .. .. 2.	GEORGE ESSEX .. .. 6.
GEORGE IRVINE .. .. 3.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 7.
CHARLES STONE .. .. 4.	ERNEST W. MENDAY .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by E. W. MENDAY.

## BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 4, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

ARTHUR GRAVETT .. Treble	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 5.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. 2.	CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 6.
CHARLES PALMER .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
HENRY STALEAM .. .. 4.	WILLIAM C. HART .. .. Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

## MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

T. HENRY HARDY* .. Treble	R. HENRY BARTRAM .. 5.
ERNEST MORRIS† .. .. 2.	WALTER JAMES .. .. 6.
DANIEL RICHARDS .. .. 3.	JOSIAH MORRIS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM ALLISON .. .. 4.	THOMAS H. GILLET .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\*First peal, aged 16. †First peal as conductor, aged 18.

## Date Touches.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PINNER (Middlesex).—On Monday, April 27th, a date touch of 1908 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Woodman, H. W. Aslin, F. Johnson, R. Collyer, G. Shipp conductor, T. Humphreys. All the above are local men.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KENDAL (Westmorland).—On Saturday, May 2nd, at the parish church, a date touch of 1908 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 20 mins. J. Braithwaite, J. Holme, W. Atkinson, J. Woodend, W. Sharp, B. Walker, T. P. Jackson, W. Robinson conductor.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Saturday, May 2nd, at the monthly practice at St. Michael's church, 464 Double Norwich Major. G. Noice, G. Smith, H. W. Wilkes, A. F. M. Stewart, W. T. Tucker, C. A. Valentine, W. H. George, G. Williams conductor. And 560 in the same method. G. Noice, G. Smith, C. J. Fray, A. F. M. Stewart, H. W. Wilkes, W. T. Tucker, C. A. Valentine, G. Williams. Other short touches were brought round, J. E. Buckle ringing the treble. Next practice at Romsey Abbey on Wednesday, May 20th, at 7 p.m.

FARNHAM.—On Sunday, March 22nd, for morning service, 504 Bob Triples. A. Smith, G. Upsball, E. Newell, W. Lawrence, C. Edwards conductor, F. Elliott, T. Upshall, A. Baigent.

FRENSHAM.—On Sunday, April 5th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles. H. Mills, C. Edwards, E. Garbett, J. W. Russell, F. Elliott, E. Day. And 240 Grandsire Doubles. E. Day, E. Garbett, J. W. Rowell, E. Edwards, F. Elliott, H. Randall.

GRONDALL (Hants).—On Saturday, April 4th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Lowman, G. Upshall, T. Upshall, F. Elliott, E. Newell, C. Edwards conductor. First 720 in the method as conductor. Also several 6-scores of Stedman and courses of Kent Treble Bob.

EAST TYTHERLEY (Hants).—On Saturday, April 18th, at the parish church, after an attempt for a peal, 1536 Double Norwich Major. F. S. Paskins, H. W. Wilkes, J. S. Rumming, C. A. Valentine, A. F. M. Stewart, W. T. Tucker, W. H. George, G. Williams conductor. The Vicar with his usual hospitality entertained the band to refreshments before returning home.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PENDLETON.—Recently at St. Thomas's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. F. Smith, J. Smith, K. Davies, J. Winterbottom, A. E. Wreaks, R. Newton, H. Chapman conductor, S. Greenhalgh. Ruq for the commemoration services which were given by the Bishop of Burnley.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, April 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Violet Minor. C. Kerr, J. Fell, D. McLellan, J. Tipping conductor, J. Hardman, T. Allanson. On April 26th, for morning service, 720 Superlative. J. Fell, C. Kerr, D. McLellan, J. Tipping conductor, J. Hardman, T. Allanson. First 720 in the method by all. For evening service 720 in the same method. J. Fell, J. Tipping, D. McLellan, T. Allanson, J. Hardman, \*E. Tipping conductor. \*First 720 in the method.

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

PACKWOOD (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, April 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 22 mins. J. Carter, J. H. Shepherd, T. Miller, J. E. Groves, G. Burrows, H. Withers conductor. Also 720 Bob Minor. S. J. Jessop, J. H. Shepherd, H. Withers, J. E. Groves, J. Carter, T. Miller conductor. And several 1208 of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. The old five bells have recently been rehung, and a treble bell added by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

KINGSTON SEYMOUR.—On Monday, April 20th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Doubles. F. Derrick, T. Wyatt conductor, F. W. Nipper, H. Knight, J. H. B. Hesse.

**THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

NEWPORT.—On Easter Sunday morning for Divine Service at All Saints church, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. J. Jones, C. Bowen, B. Millard, F. Charles. J. Bullen, J. Pippin, A. Morgan conductors, S. Baiss.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

HEATH.—On Sunday, April 12th, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Doubles in 42 mins. F. Smith, J. Houldsworth, A. Godfrey, J. Goodwin, J. Houldsworth conductor.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

HORLEY (Sussex).—On Easter Sunday morning for early service, 720 Grandsire Triples. F. Voice, G. Illman, J. Kenward, A. Songhurst, N. Wakefield, S. Kenward conductor, P. Etheridge, C. Osborn. For evening service 1316 Grandsire Triples. F. Voice, A. Etheridge, T. Whitmore, J. Kenward, P. Etheridge, S. Kenward, N. Wakefield conductor, C. Osborn.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

WOKINGHAM (Berks).—On Easter Sunday, April 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. E. Whittingham, \*S. F. Paice, J. F. Paice, J. Mattingley, A. Price, S. Paice, F. Lush, W. Paice conductor, A. Hill. \*First quarter-peal. For evening service 616 in the same method. S. F. Paice, W. J. Paice conductor, S. Paice, A. Wiggins, A. Price, J. French, J. Mattingley, F. Lush.

HARGRAVE (Huntingdon).—The four bells of All Saints church were rung on Good Friday with their clappers half-muffled, the result being alternate rounds open and muffled.

HERSHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, March 1st, for Divine Service, 1248 Double Norwich in 43 mins. A. Shepherd, W. Shepherd conductor, F. G. Woodiss. A. Woodrow, C. J. Hamblin, G. Woodiss, J. Emery, J. Howes. On Tuesday, March 24th, 1260 Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Mrs. G. Edser, who was interred in the churchyard earlier in the day. Mr. Edser and his son are respected members of the Hershams band. F. G. Woodiss, A. Shepherd, A. Woodrow, W. Shepherd, T. Cutforth, C. J. Hamblin conductor, G. Woodiss, J. Emery. On April 10th, on handbells, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 38 mins. C. J. Hamblin, A. Shepherd, G. Woodiss, W. Shepherd conductor.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On Sunday, March 29th, for special service for the Church of England Men's Society, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Lebbon, W. Smith, W. Doran, J. Moule, G. Dawson, F. Squires conductor. On Monday, March 30th, 720 Chelsea Surprise. F. Squires, S. Hayes, H. Torble, S. Bird, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule. On April 12th, 720 London Surprise. H. Torble, G. A. Black, G. Hayden, W. Miller, S. Hayes conductor, J. Moule. On Sunday, April 19th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. F. Squires, G. Dawson, S. Bird, G. A. Black, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule. And 720 York Surprise. W. Doran, S. Bird, G. Hayden, G. Dawson, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule.

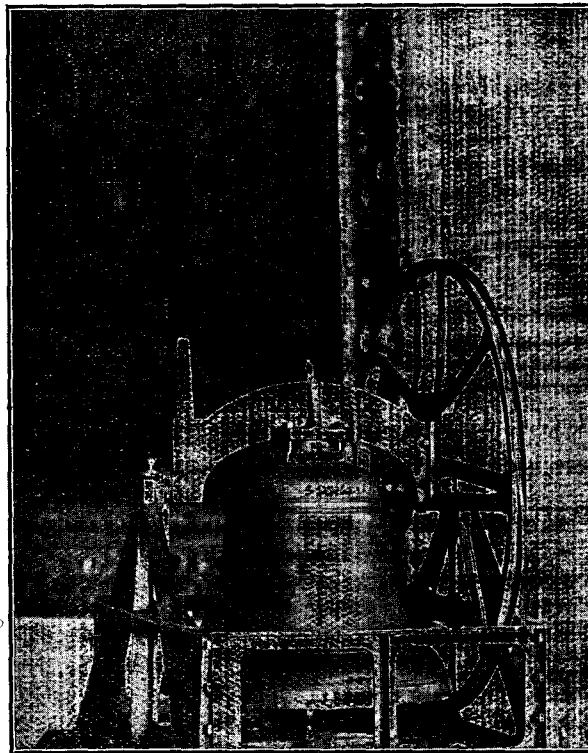
LONDON.—On Sunday, April 12th, for morning service at Christ Church, Isle of Dogs, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. T. Cranfield, E. Richards, W. Truss, W. Theobald, R. Sanders, G. Scambler, S. Bird, W. Cole.

STRATFORD-LE-BOW (Middlesex).—On Easter Sunday evening, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. E. Hall, T. Cranfield, W. Truss, Y. Green, R. Turner, S. Parmenter, S. Hayes conductor, H. Torble.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—On Easter Sunday morning for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. C. Waithman, E. Matthews, B. Leedham, B. Claydon, G. Roberts, W. Alisop conductor, W. Parr. For

evening service 336 Bob Major. B. Claydon, E. Matthews, C. Waithman, B. Leedham, G. Claydon, W. Alluop, G. Roberts' J. Jennings conductor.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, April 19th, after the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. \*R. Mackman, jun., \*F. Bennett, H. Eley, M. Mackman, R. Mackman, sen., W. Bennett, J. R. Mackman conductor, R. Smith. \*First quarter-peal.

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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 week of the publication of this notice, in accordance with the preliminary notice published in the beginning of the year, the period for receiving Reports of Committees, Notices of motion, and other official communications will speedily terminate, May 9th being the final day for their reception? Of a total number of 39 Guilds there are a the time of writing fourteen who have

not sent their contributions. I earnestly trust that these will be forthcoming without further delay.

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

APPLETON (Berks.)—On Sunday, April 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. G. Holifield, jun., R. White, F. White, sen., A. Lambourne, F. S. White, G. Holifield, sen., conductor, C. G. White, F. White, jun.

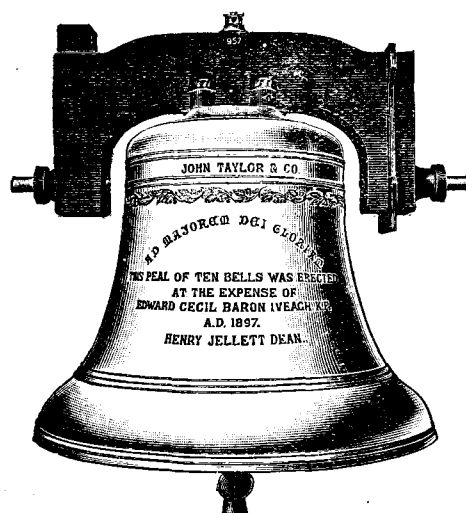
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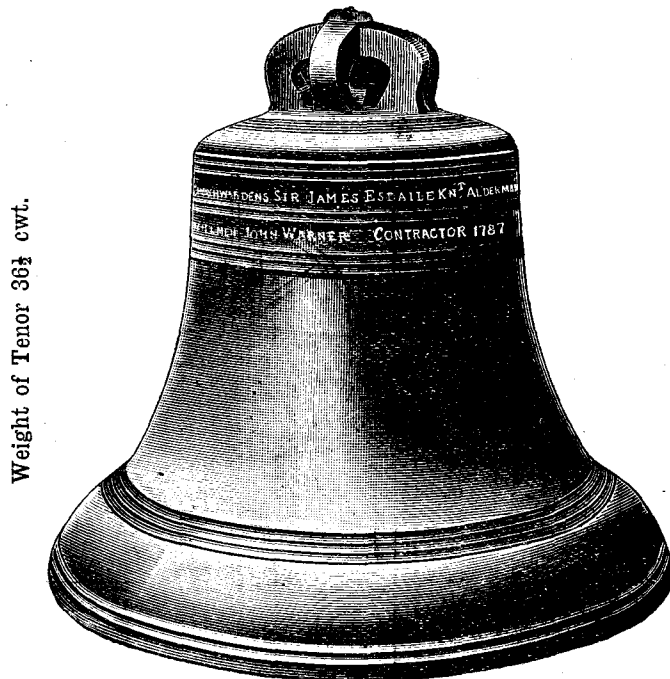
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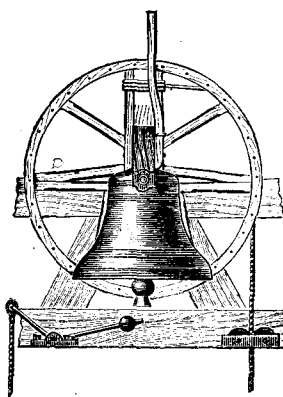
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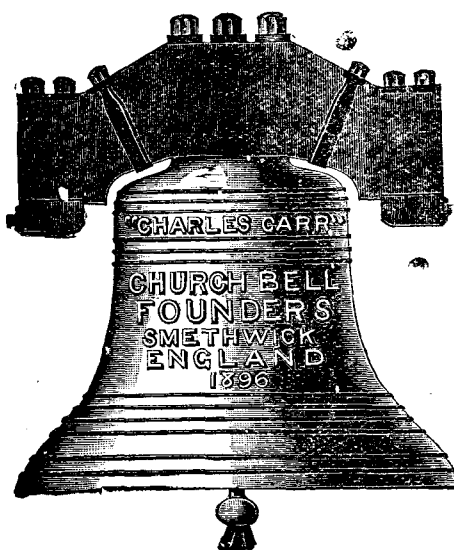
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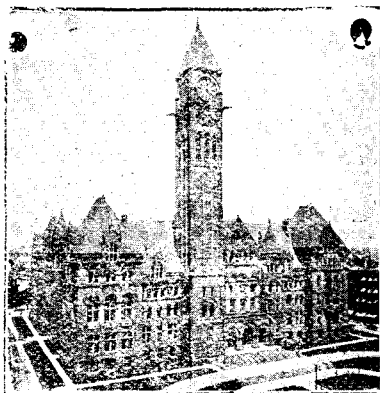
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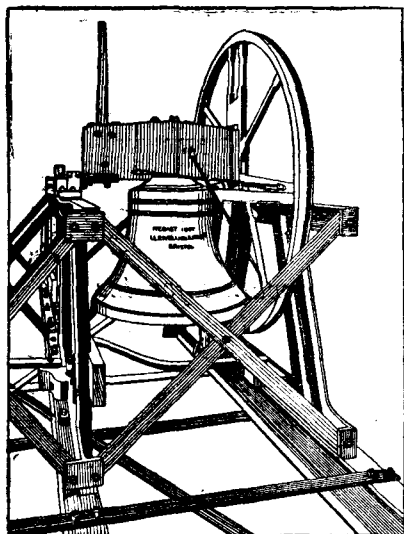
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## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Easter Monday is the recognised day for the annual gathering of this body, and again Bedford was the rendezvous. On reaching the town, members from the country districts made their way to St. Paul's and St. Peter's bell-fries. Afterwards they went to St. Paul's mission room, where a capital lunch was provided. The business meeting followed, with Mr. E. Ransom in the chair, supported by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker (vice-President), Rev. C. B. Hulton (hon. treasurer), Rev. Rust and Mr. Isaac Hills (hon. secretaries), Mr. Herbert, and others, about sixty members being present.

A letter was read from Miss Foote, of Little Staughton, stating that her father, Mr. T. Foote, had been ill several months and was unable to attend the meeting, but wished to be remembered to old friends.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker said that Mr. Foote was one of their oldest members, and he was sure they all regretted the cause of his absence. He moved that the secretary be requested to write to Mr. Foote expressing the sympathy of the Association with him in his illness, and wishing him a speedy recovery. This was seconded by the chairman and carried.

The annual report was then submitted. The chairman, in moving its adoption, remarked that it was short and to the point. The Rev. W. W. C. Baker seconded. He hoped a greater number of peals would be rung by the Association during the coming year. The report was adopted.

The accounts, as audited by Mr. G. C. Walker, which showed a credit balance of £19 10s. 8d., were passed. All the officers were elected, votes of thanks being unanimously accorded them for their valuable services.

After various places had been suggested for the quarterly meetings, the choice fell upon Cardington (or failing that Milton Ernest) for June 27, Turvey for October 3, and Dunstable in January.

The Rev. A. Rust said that the service they usually held on Easter Monday had fallen through this year owing to the difficulty of getting a special preacher, and for other reasons. Easter Monday did not seem a suitable day for the service, but he thought that they might arrange for it at one of their quarterly meetings. As they had decided to go to Dunstable, possibly a service might be arranged there.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker gave his warm adhesion to the suggestion of their hon. secretary. The service on Easter Monday had been a failure for many years, and he had always felt there was an excuse for the members not attending it on such a holiday. Still, as an Association of Church ringers they ought at least on one occasion each year to meet together in God's house for a short service, and this could be much better carried out at a quarterly meeting on a Saturday afternoon. If they agreed to have a service at Dunstable he would do his best to make it short and appropriate to the occasion, and also try to get his friend Mr. Coleridge to come and preach.

The chairman fully fell in with what had been said

about the service, and hoped the idea would commend itself to all. It appeared to be the general opinion that the Easter Monday gathering should be devoted to business and ringing, and that the service should be held in future at one of the quarterly meetings.

The chairman, responding to a vote of thanks to himself, said his services had been at the disposal of the Association for the past twenty years. Whatever other opinions they might hold that Association appealed to public and religious sentiment in the broadest way, and therefore it was a good thing.

Touches in the following methods were rung at St. Paul's: Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob and Treble Bob Major and Royal, Double Norwich, and Superlative.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday a quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth district of the above was held at Privett, when members attended from Bishops Waltham, Fareham, Wickham, Swanmore, Portsea, Petersfield, North Stoneham, and Privett. The day was not an ideal one, as the snowstorms which came over at times made it anything but pleasant for those who cycled.

The bells of Holy Trinity church were placed at the disposal of the visitors during the afternoon, when Bob Major and Minor, Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Oxford Bob Minor were rung.

At 5 o'clock the ringers were entertained to tea at the schoolroom by Mr. W. Nicholson, of Basing Park, when about thirty members sat down, presided over by the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Thomas), who afterwards presided at the meeting, when the ordinary routine of business was gone through, two probationary members being elected.

Mr. G. E. Chappell moved that the meeting accord to Mr. W. Nicholson their best thanks for his kindness in providing tea for the ringers; also to the Rev. W. H. Thomas for the use of the bells and for presiding; and to Mr. H. Sutton, the local leader, for the admirable arrangements he had made.

The Rev. W. H. Thomas said it gave him much pleasure to welcome the ringers, that being the first meeting of its kind ever held at Privett. He hoped it would be repeated, and on behalf of Mr. W. Nicholson the Vicar said he was always ready to do anything in connection with the church and ringers, and he would convey their thanks to him.

Mr. Sutton, in reply, said what he had done he was pleased had given great satisfaction, and at any time he would be most happy to do what lay in his power.

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Before the service, Mr. Bernard Fowles, L.R.A.M., organist and choirmaster, gave a recital, and during the service the choir gave a finished rendering of Purcell's lovely "Bell Anthem." The lesson was read by the Vicar (Rev. A. E. Hunt), and as soon as the bells had been dedicated, a touch of Stedman Triples was rung by a company of St. Andrew's, Derby, with G. Robinson at the tenor, conducted by A. H. Ward.

Several of the bells of St. Alkmund's date back for very many years. One was lost in the year of the Armada, and was possibly rung to celebrate its destruction. Five of the eight bells which form the peal have been re-cast; the 5th, which was also recast in 1846, is dated 1538, but the oldest bell is the 6th, referred to above, dated 1586. The latter together with the 7th, dated 1624, and the tenor hung in 1872, when Canon Abney was Vicar, and Dr. W. C. Copestake and Mr. Frank Campion were wardens, have been very successfully re-tuned by Messrs. Taylor. The whole peal has been re-mounted on a new iron frame, and rehung in such a way so that there should be no danger to the church's very beautiful spire, and to bring from them the best notes and most harmonious sounds.

The weight of the tenor bell is 18 cwt., and the total cost will be about £350. The offertory amounted to £13, still leaving £50 to be raised, which is hoped by the congregation to be cleared this summer. The churchwardens (Messrs. Pridgeon and Colburn) are to be congratulated, for they have spared no time or labour to carry this scheme to a successful issue, and is a fitting termination of their office.

On Sunday morning, April 26th, the Vicar preached a sermon in which he mentioned the message of the bells, and said it was not merely "come to church" as if religion consisted in coming to church, but it was that and far more, that it reminded us of the parable of the sower, if we have received a blessing we are to share it with others; that the seed sown in a honest and good heart may yield an abundant harvest. Thus the message of the bells was a message of service. The Vicar laid stress that the congregation will henceforth realise that the ringers are volunteer workers of equal standing with the other workers of the church.

The belfry, as well as the bells, has been improved, and has occasioned a new band of ringers under the captaincy of Mr. G. Robinson, who is a thorough enthusiast, and hopes in the near future to possess a band of change-ringers at this church. The Vicar has sent a letter to Mr. Ward offering his grateful thanks to the St. Andrew's ringers for the very kind help they have given to St. Alkmund's up to the present time, and for the generous contribution they have made to the fund.

At the close of the evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. J. Barker, A. H. Ward conductor, W. Wallace, H. Inckle, S. Maskery, E. Willis, J. Pagett, G. Robinson,

## NEW BELLS AT ORMESBY.

On Monday, April 27th, the Archbishop of York dedicated the new tower and peal of bells at St. Cuthbert's church, Ormesby. A large number of clergy and laity attended the ceremony, including the Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, the Vicar of Middlesbrough (Rev. T. H. Stock), the Rev. O. Holloway, Vicar of Marton; the Rev. W. R. Hannam, Vicar of Eston; the Rev. —. Heighington, Vicar of Wilton; the Rev. R. Witherington, Rector of Ayton; the Rev. —. Sharrock, the Rev. P. D. Woods, the Rev. W. G. Pennyman (who was chaplain to the Archbishop), the Rev. E. Hope, the Rev. —. Marston, and the Rev. G. H. Oliver (Marske). An appropriate form of service was used, and suitable hymns were sung by the choir and congregation.

After a few prayers had been offered, the Archbishop, accompanied by the clergy and churchwardens (Messrs. J. W. Pennyman and Stainthorpe), proceeded to the tower and dedicated the tower and then the bells, after which the bells were tolled for a few minutes, and a hymn was rendered. Subsequently His Grace delivered an address. After the ceremony a joyous peal was rung on the bells.

Following upon the dedication of the new bells, a meeting in further celebration of the event was held by the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, when members attended from Darlington, Guisborough, Middlesbrough, Skelton, and Stockton, who were reinforced by several of the ringers of St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool, the Rev. W. P. Wright (Vicar of Hemingborough), and Mr. A. M. C. Field, of Consett, Secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. Altogether a party of twenty-seven assembled at The Bungalow for tea, at which the Vicar (Rev. J. C. C. Kemm), was present. The President of the Association (Mr. G. J. Clarkson, of Stockton), in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar, referred to the extremely melodious character of the bells, enhanced as it was by the proximity of such an extensive bank of trees. The bells were also in perfect tune, and all that was now required was the establishment of a local band of ringers qualified to do them justice.

The Vicar expressed his great satisfaction at having this peal of bells in his church, and was glad to know that they were regarded as being of such excellent quality. He extended his welcome to the ringers who had come there that day, whom he hoped to entertain on some future occasion. He also expressed his appreciation of the excellent work already in hand by Mr. T. Metcalfe, who has undertaken the arduous task of instructing the local band in the Art. The ringing, which was kept up during the afternoon and evening, was of a high-class quality, and included touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major, making up a total of nearly 4,000 changes. During the afternoon a party visited the Hall by request, and rang a course of Grandsire Caters, followed by a course of Triples in the drawing-room, a performance which excited the liveliest interest on the part of the Squire and his family. The bells constitute a ring of eight in the key of E., with a tenor of 18 cwt., and are from the famous Loughborough firm. They may be regarded as another memorial to the genius of the late Canon Simpson.

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## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

The members of the above Association held their annual meeting on Easter Monday at Llangollen. Ringers attended from Bangor, Buckley, Chirk, Dolgelly, Gresford, Llandudno, Llangollen, Portmadoc, Pulford, Rhyl, Wrexham, and Messrs. Street and Jessop, of Birmingham. During the morning ringing was indulged in, while others visited that world-renowned residence of the Old Maids of Llangollen—Plas Newydd. About fifty ringers sat down to dinner, which was kindly given by the Vicar of Llangollen, the Rev. Ll. D. Jenkins, and churchwardens, in The Grapes hotel. Dinner partaken of, the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Vicar of Glanadda, Bangor, and Vice-president of the Association, was called upon to make a presentation of a beautiful clock to Mr. E. Rowland, of Wrexham. Mr. Rowland is the leader at the Wrexham parish church tower, and it is mainly due to his efforts that the fine peal of ten in this church were recently rehung, etc. He has done splendid work in the cause of change-ringing, more especially in coaching young bands in the Art.

The Rev. T. L. Jones, in asking him to receive the testimonial, eulogised the good work done by Mr. Rowland, and hoped he would have long life and happiness to continue his work in the Art of change-ringing.

Mr. Wilmer Rogers (Wrexham), and Mr. John W. Davies (Llangollen), also gave more testimony to the good work of Mr. Rowland, who in responding thanked the ringers for their magnificent testimonial, and the speakers for their kind remarks, and he would go on trying to do his best for the furtherance of the Art.

Mr. W. H. Evans, of Portmadoc, in his usual racy style, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the kind way they had treated the ringers. He hoped that the next time he came to Llangollen that the Vicar would be a ringer, and said how much the ringers appreciated their presence amongst them that day.

The Vicar thanked the ringers for himself and churchwardens for the kind remarks of Mr. Evans, and said it was a pleasure to do what he had done.

Service was held in the church of St. Collen at 1.30 p.m. The Rev. Ll. D. Jenkins took the service, and the Rev. T. Lewis Jones delivered an address. He urged the ringers to go on persevering in the Art, and never to forget that they were an essential branch of Church Workers. The address was much appreciated by the ringers, who are enthusiastic in the praise of their Vice-president.

The business meeting was held in the schoolroom. All the officers were re-elected, and it is satisfactory to note that the Association has a balance in hand of £12 2s. 6d. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman (Rev. T. Lewis Jones), and the Vicar of Llangollen for the use of the bells. The ringers were then invited by Bethel Roberts, Esq., to view his fine residence, Tyndwrf Hall, and to partake of tea at The Grapes hotel. He was warmly thanked by everybody for his generosity.

The meeting was most successful, and special praise is due to the Llangollen Secretary, Mr. L. James, for the splendid arrangements during the day. The ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Kent Treble Bob Major. The half-yearly meeting is to take place at Ruthin, and the next annual meeting at Llandudno.

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

The annual meeting of the above was held in the belfry on Thursday, April 23rd. In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, Mr. E. A. Davies presided over a full attendance of members. The officers of the society were unanimously re-elected.

The chairman, in reviewing the past year's work, congratulated the society upon maintaining a high standard of efficiency, pointing out that it should be the primary object of any company to ring regularly and well for divine service. How far this spirit had succeeded in Barking was shewn by the fact that St. Margaret's bells had been rung for morning and evening service during the past year without a single exception.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman for presiding and for his continued interest in all that appertains to the Society's welfare.

## TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday afternoon, April 25th, a very pleasant and interesting function took place in the tower of the above church, amid the Vicar, the Rev. H. G. Johnson, curate, Churchwardens Dunn and Harris, Misses A. C. and N. E. de Vine and several other ladies, with ringers from Birmingham, Dudley, Handsworth, Old Hill, Oldbury, Shifnal, Selly Oak, West Bromwich, Wolverhampton, and the local company. The Vicar, the Rev. Wilson Thos. de Vine, offered up prayer, after which Mr. W. R. Small, who has been connected with the local band for twenty-five years, remarked that they were met there for the unveiling of a peal tablet recording two peals of Stedman Triples, being conducted respectively by J. George of Rugby and A. Rowley, of the local band, both being their first peals in this method as conductors. He trusted the younger members of the Exercise (especially those present) would go on persevering in the noble Art and succeed in leaving behind them records equal to those they saw around them there, and as much better as possible. It gave him great pleasure to hand over to the custody of the Vicar and churchwardens the peal tablet.

The Vicar and wardens suitably responded.

Mr. J. Smith, in a few remarks, said it was a pleasure to him to inform them that the Vicar's daughter, Miss Norah E. de Vine, had very kindly undertaken to perform the ceremony of unveiling. Before doing so she said how pleased and grateful she was to be with them after the kind invitation that had been extended to her, and what a pleasing duty it was to be allowed to unveil the tablet. She then pulled the cord attached to a spring blind, and the tablet, made of pine-wood and beautifully lettered in gold, was exposed to those present, and was highly appreciated. After a short touch of Stedman Triples by eight members whose names were recorded on the tablet had been rung, to the delight of those present, an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where upwards of forty sat down to a substantial tea which had been generously provided by kind friends and members of the congregation. Letters of apology were read from some of the donors of the tea and others who were unable to be present. After the removal of the cloth a social was held, presided over by the Vicar, supported by the curate, the churchwardens of the parish, Mr. H. Mason, churchwarden of Holy Trinity, Old Hill, and Mr. J. E. Rowley. The Vicar said how pleased he was to meet with such a body of ringers as those present; their presence there told him and made him feel that they were brothers together working for the

one great object of spreading Christ's Gospel here on earth, and to the honour and glory of His great name.

Amongst those who contributed to the evening's entertainment were H. Withers, who rendered some selections on his dulcimer in a very creditable manner; S. Spittle, T. Miller, J. Carter, J. E. Groves, T. Miller. Several glees were sung by the parish church choir. A course of Grandsire Caters and a touch of Stedman Triples on the handbells by some of the ringers present.

On the motion of Mr. W. H. Godden, seconded by Mr. Harry Mason, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the donors of the tea, and the ladies who had so kindly waited upon them at the tea-tables.

Mr. Churchwarden J. C. Dunn, in moving a vote of thanks to the performers, said what a pleasure it was to be with them. He had no idea that ringers were the class of men he saw there that afternoon, and from what he had seen and heard he felt stimulated to take more interest in them and their work in the future, and was extremely pleased with the glees and songs that had been rendered on the handbells, and also the music that had been so excellently performed on the dulcimer. This was briefly seconded by Mr. Churchwarden E. Harris. Mr. Small proposed a vote of thanks (and Mr. J. Smith seconded) to the Vicar for presiding, and for the use of the schoolroom, tower, and bells, which was carried with acclamation. The singing of the National Anthem brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

### Correspondence.

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

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

TO MR. LINCOLN AND MR. STURDY.

SIR,—With reference to Mr. Lincoln's contribution to yours of the 9th inst., is he correct in stating that the ring of six at Westminster are from the Whitechapel Foundry? My impression is that they are a mixed company, some but not all from there. Will Mr. Hughes kindly tell us?

As to Mr. Sturdy's letter, I do not think the size of mediæval towers had anything to do with defensive military purposes. If so, why the artistic details, unnecessary, and the wide window openings, dangerous, to defensive buildings?

As a rule the size of mediæval towers is simply a matter of proportion. In the case of central towers from the earliest, as at St. Albans and Winchester, to the latest, as at Canterbury and Gloucester, it is clear that the size in square measurement must depend on the ground plan of the structure of the church on which they are raised; and western towers are generally apportioned to the structure to which they are appended. The tower arch and window in the west tower wall are often among the most magnificent features of an English church interior view, and, externally, no one can doubt the artistic advantage of a steeple being proportioned to the size of the church to which it belongs. The size of steeples will, I believe, be found in the main to be due to our ancestors' sense of artistic proportion. Build them thus, and the number and size of the bells to be housed in them becomes immaterial; there is room for the greater, which includes the less.

There are of course exceptions. No doubt there are steeples built for defence; but few survive now comparatively speaking. I believe there are specimens about the Scottish border, and I have been shown some in Pembrokeshire; but these are destitute of the distinguishing features of the ordinary English steeple. Likewise in old towns, where room was scant and churches were hemmed round with houses so as not to be visible in any satisfactory way as a whole, we may find fine mediæval steeples attached to churches to which they are out of proportion—as at St. Stephen's, Bristol—and other cases in which fine churches have no steeple worth mention—as at St.

Helen's in London. In these days, when the rapid growth of population necessitates increased church accommodation, the tendency is to forego fine steeples, whereas in Wren's time the London parishioners were more akin in mind to the builders of St. Stephen's already mentioned. But even in country places disproportions are not uncommon and Lowestoft parish church mentioned in your last two numbers is an instance. Compare that with, say, Southwold or Lavenham, or Wrexham or Taunton, or many more, and the disproportion in the case of Lowestoft is readily seen. Apart from the external aspect, where, in the case of Lowestoft, are that fine tower arch and that dignified west window which are such characteristic features of church architecture of the Perpendicular period? No one can doubt that Lowestoft tower would have been rebuilt in proportion to the church had not funds failed.

That there are churches in certain parts which have been built with a view to possible necessities of military defence I do not dispute, but I think Mr. Sturdy will find that the origin of what we know as the average mediæval English steeple is otherwise, and is the development, as a matter of proportion, of the bell-tower aspect of early structure. R. A. DANIELL.

### NOISY BELFRIES.

SIR,—As the result of a letter written by Mr. Willson to "THE BELL NEWS" on the above subject, the Gosforth (Northumberland) ringers tried the remedy described by Mr. Willson, and are desirous that the result should be made known in case others may be hesitating to try the remedy, which at Gosforth has proved eminently satisfactory. The length of spout between the bell-chamber floor and the ringing chamber ceiling is about two feet, and in the space between the ceiling and the floor three to four inches of silicate of cotton was laid a few years ago (shortly after the bells were put in) and this served to deaden the noise somewhat, but still left much to be desired. Had the quantity of cotton been increased it would probably have unduly silenced the bells at one stroke only, as the sound undoubtedly came down the spouts.

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We hope that our experience may be useful to others, but it would be as well to emphasize the fact that ALL the spouts must be cut. To leave even one uncut is to produce a worse state of affairs than existed originally.

ROBERT W. FALCONER, Local Sec.

### LONDON ROYAL.

SIR,—Mr. E. Barnett, writing in your issue of last week, appears to think that my letter of the previous week constituted an attack upon the Central Council. Surely it is needless for me to state that this was not my intention. The point which I wished to put forward was that those who hold briefs of their own for a particular object, are in no sense competent to act as judges.

I am sorry that your correspondent should have seen fit to enter upon personalities in his letter. How much better it would have been to have kept to the point in question.

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### HIGH WYCOMBE TREBLE.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Cocks's note in a recent issue re the new treble at High Wycombe, the error he pointed out exists only on paper. The date on the original, 1802, has been correctly reproduced.

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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 May 18th; St. John-at-Hackney on the 19th; St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on the 21st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 28th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 19th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 21st; all at 8 p.m. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**  
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**The Royal Cumberland Youths.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, May 30th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. in the Church Hall, 8d. each to those who let me know by May 28th. **F. BENNETT, Hon. Sec.**  
3, Harts Lane, New Cross, S.E.

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Canterbury to-day, Saturday, May 16th. The Cathedral and other towers will be open during the afternoon. Tea at 5 p.m. at St. Peter's Parish Room. A charge of 3d. per head will be made. Business meeting after. No travelling expenses will be paid at this meeting, but the usual allowance will be made at another meeting later in the year. **G. DENNE, Hon. Dis. Sec.**  
61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish to-day, Saturday, May 16th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7.  
**W. H. SHUKER, Branch Sec.**

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Almondbury on Saturday, May 23rd. Local Hon. Sec.—**Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, The Clergy House, Almondbury, near Huddersfield.** For full particulars see Association circular.  
**CLEMENT GLENN, Hon. Sec.**  
40, Percy Street, Rotherham.

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—A meeting of members of this Association will be held on Saturday, May 23rd, 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 Essex Association.**—South-Western District.—A meeting will be held at North Weald and Boving on Saturday, May 23rd. Through the liberality of the Rector of the former place, all members who have paid 1908 subscriptions will be invited to tea. Let me know by the 18th inst. please, all ye who intend to be present.

**G. F. MARGETSON, Hon. Sec.**  
7, Richmond Terrace, South Woodford.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Derby District.—A special district meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, May 23rd.

The bells at St. Andrew's and also St. Alkmund's (recently rehung), will be available from 2.30 p.m. A tea might be arranged if a sufficient number notify me not later than the 20th inst. of their intention of being present. All visitors cordially welcomed.

**A. H. WARD, Local Hon. Sec.**  
1, Lyndhurst Terrace, Moore Street, Derby.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at the Unitarian Church, Todmorden, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.  
**JAS. JACQUES, Sec.**

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard's church, Walton-le-dale, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.  
**R. SANDERSON, Branch Sec.**

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, May 23rd. 2.30.—Bells (8) will be available. 3 to 4.—The castle and grounds will be open to members, by kind permission of the Lord Bishop of Winchester. The Rev. M. H. Fitzgerald (Bishop's Chaplain), will act as conductor. 5.30.—Service at the church, 6.30.—Tea at Darracott's Restaurant. Tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s.  
**JOHN J. JONES, Hon. Sec.**

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—Eastern District.—A district meeting will be held at Bennington on Saturday, May 23rd, when the bells will be open from 3 o'clock. Tea will be kindly provided free by the Rector, the Rev. W. Mills, at 5 o'clock. Business meeting after. It is hoped a large number will again, as last year, take the opportunity of visiting this pleasant old-world village, once so famous in the ringing world. I shall be grateful if those intending to be present would notify me on or before Thursday, May 21st, so as to give the Rector due notice for the tea.  
**Little Munden. W. H. LAWRENCE, Sec.**

**The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rowley Regis on Saturday, May 30th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5 p.m.  
**W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.**

**Gloucester and Bristol Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lydney on Whit-Monday, June 8th. Service in the parish church at 12.30. Dinner at The Swan hotel at 1.30. Business meeting after dinner. Dinner tickets, 1s 3d. each, to those members only obtaining same from Mr. J. W. Davis, 5, Great Western Terrace, Lydney, on or before Thursday, June 4th. Dinner without tickets 2s. 6d. each, provided there is sufficient room.

**C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, } Hon. Secs.**  
**W. A. CAVE, }**  
30, Broad Street, Bristol

**The Kent County Association.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Maidstone on Whitsun Monday, June 8th. Committee Meeting in All Saints vestry at 3 p.m. Service, with address by the Vicar, the Rev. E. H. Hardcastle, at 4 p.m. Tea in All Saints Boys' school at 4.45 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Each member present at the service will be allowed 1s. Application for tea tickets to be made to the Secretary before June 4th. It will be necessary to elect four representatives on the Central Council. Nominations of candidates, signed by two members, must be sent to the Secretary before May 31st.

**FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.**  
The Precincts, Canterbury.

**The Royal Cumberland Youths.**—There will be ringing for Divine Service at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Sunday evening, May 17th, at 6 o'clock, and each succeeding third Sunday in the month when members are requested to attend.

**F. BENNETT, Hon. Sec.**

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

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1908.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting of this Society was held on Saturday, May 2nd, at the parish church of St. Modwen, Burton-on-Trent. There was a very poor attendance of members, only four towers being represented. The bells, a very fine ring of eight, were raised in peal, and some touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Treble Bob were successfully brought round, conducted by J. E. Groves. A short service was held in the church, the address being given by the Rev. J. Clement Frayer, who officiated in place of the Vicar, and very cordially welcomed the society to Burton. At a Committee Meeting held in the vestry, it was decided to hold the annual meeting on June 27th at Lichfield, and a vote of thanks was passed to the chairman for the address, and for the use of the bells; also to Mr. Logie for meeting those present, and making all necessary arrangements.

"THE BELLS OF BEVERLEY:" their weights, notes, diameters, and inscriptions. Illustrations of Beverley Minster and St. Mary's church, and "Great John." Descriptive booklet, nicely got up, threepence. Post free, from Mr. WALTER GIBSON, 3, Long Lane, Beverley.

**The Metropolis.****THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.***On Saturday, May 9, 1908, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,**At the Church of St. Margaret, Barking,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**

Tenor 22½ cwt.

GEORGE COTTIS .. .. Treble.	D'OYLEY S. SIMONS .. .. 5.
GEORGE W. FAULKNER .. .. 2.	RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. 6.
THOMAS FAULKNER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. .. 7.
FREDK. G. PERRIN .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, May 9, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,**At the Church of All Saints, Edmonton,***A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILBY J. HAZELL .. .. Treble.	ERNEST S. POLL .. .. 5.
JAMES SAXBY .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 6.
GEORGE RADLEY .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
JOHN H. BENSTEAD .. .. 4.	GEORGE PAICE .. .. Tenor.

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

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, May 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,**At the Church of St. Mary, Lewisham,***A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 22½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
HORATIO GUMMER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. .. 6.
WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. 3.	ISAAC EMERY .. .. 7.
HARRY WARNETT .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor, and also on the bells.

**The Provinces.****LAWTON, CHESHIRE.****STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 2, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,**At the Church of All Saints,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

IRWIN MASSEY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM RIGBY .. .. 5.
GEORGE A. SMITH .. .. 2.	JOHN WOODWARD .. .. 6.
EDWIN MASSEY .. .. 3.	ARTHUR LATHAM .. .. 7.
HORACE SMITH .. .. 4.	TOM SHONE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE and Conducted by ARTHUR LATHAM.

Rung on the occasion of the Lord Bishop of Chester holding a Confirmation Service the same day in the district.

**PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.****THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.***On Monday, May 4, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,**At the Church of St. Mary,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 15 cwt.

J. MAGOR* .. .. Treble.	*C. TOVEY .. .. 5.
F. MUSTY .. .. 2.	†J. DAVIS .. .. 6.
C. POCKETS .. .. 3.	T. PENDRY .. .. 7.
W. DYER .. .. 4.	*J. HARRISON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. DAVIS.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung on the 60th birthday of Mr D. Davis, who for nearly forty years has been the captain of the Prestbury company, and who kindly entertained the ringers, all wishing him many happy returns.

**RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, May 4, 1908, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,**At the Church of All Saints,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 26½ cwt.

CHARLES STAINER .. .. Treble.	OLIVER C. COOMBS .. .. 5.
PERCY LONG .. .. 2.	WILLIAM E. WARD .. .. 6.
GEORGE H. COOMBS .. .. 3.	A. RICHARD WARD .. .. 7.
JAMES G. NORRIS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM KEMP .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. RICHARD WARD.

First peal as conductor. First peal by the ringers of the treble and tenor.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.***On Thursday, May 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,**At the Church of St. Paul,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. Treble.	GEORGE BULL .. .. 5.
ALGERNON P. G. STONE .. 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 6.
HAROLD A. RABBITS .. .. 3.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 7.
ALBERT P. WAKLEY .. .. 4.	EDWARD I. STONE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

**WOODCHURCH, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION***On Thursday, May 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,**At the Parish Church,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Single Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. Treble.	EDWIN LAMBERT .. .. 4.
CHARLES TRIEBE .. .. 2.	JIM BEECH .. .. 5.
FREDERICK BUTCHERS .. 3.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST C. LAMBERT.

**BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.****WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.***On Thursday, May 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,**At the Church of St. Michael,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GILBERT GUEST .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM POTTER .. .. 4.
CHARLES E. PERKINS .. .. 2.	JOHN PIPER .. .. 6.
ARTHUR WHATMOBE .. .. 3.	JOHN BASS .. .. 7.
JOSEPH SMITH .. .. 4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. WALMSLEY, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS

First peal of Grandsire Major on the bells and by all the band.

**SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.****WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 9, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,**At the Church of St. Mary,***A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.**

JOHN WITHERS .. .. Treble.	*ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 5.
FRANK WITHERS .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
HORACE F. STREET .. .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDGFF, and Conducted by ARTHUR E. PEGLER.

\*First peal in the method. This peal was arranged for A. E. Pegler at King's Norton on the anniversary of the record peal of London Surprise rung in 1903, but owing to illness the bells were not available. This is J. Dowler's 50th peal in this tower. It is also R. Matthew's rooth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

## WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## 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 13 cwt.

CHARLES ROSE .. .. Treble.	ALPHARUS BERRY .. .. 4.
GEORGE KEMP .. .. 2.	HUGH SYMONDS.. .. 5.
THOMAS DAVY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

## CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.

SAMUEL WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM MILLAR .. .. 5.
FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES.. 2.	JOHN W. JONES.. .. 6.
JOHN BULLEN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 7.
SIDNEY DAWE .. .. 4.	GEORGE VINNCOMBE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

## HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH)

On Saturday, May 9, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

HERBERT WILLIAMSON .. Treble.	*JOHN BANCROFT.. .. 4.
HARRY LANGLEY* .. .. 2.	†ALLAN S. GORDON .. .. 5.
JOHN W. HARTLEY .. .. 3.	JAMES FERNLEY.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

\*First peal. †First peal of Minor.

## ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 9, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BEDDOWES† .. Treble.	HARRY GOODMAN .. .. 5.
THOMAS WATTON .. .. 2.	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. 6.
HERBERT SHEPPARD.. .. 5.	JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. .. 7.
SAMUEL DOWELL† .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM DOWELL .. .. Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

\*First peal. †First peal in the method, and were elected members of the above Association before starting.

## HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1908, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 5.
ALFRED EVERITT .. .. 2.	LEWIS CHAPMAN .. .. 6.
FRED HOPPER .. .. 3.	FRED WILFORD .. .. 7.
FREDERICK CAUSBY .. .. 4.	WALTER FERRINS .. .. Tenor.

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

## LEEDS, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1908, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN .. .. Treble.	ALFRED WINDSOR .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BURGAR .. .. 2.	*W. E. H. ASH .. .. 8.
WILLIAM LOMAS .. .. 3.	JOSHUA WOODHEAD .. .. 9.
JOHN THORPE .. .. 4.	*GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. 10.
SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 5.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD.. .. 11.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 6.	*HENRY SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM LOMAS.

\*First peal of Stedman Cinques. The ringers of the first six bells are members of the Sheffield and District Society; the ringers of the last six are members of the Leeds and District Society, and this is the first peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells. The Sheffield men offer thanks to the steeplekeeper, Henry Smith, for having all in readiness.

## NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON .. Treble	*REV. R. P. FARROW .. 5.
WILLIAM LOWERY .. .. 2.	THOMAS ASHTON .. .. 6.
ALFRED BARNES.. .. 3.	*THOMAS RAMSEY .. .. 7.
DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 4.	FRSD HOLT.. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

\*First peal in the method.

## LLANDAFF.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

DAVID THOMAS* .. .. Treble	*SIDNEY DAWE .. .. 5.
FREDERICK ATWELL* .. 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 6.
JOHN W. JONES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM COOMBS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM B. BISS .. .. 4.	ALLEN ROWLEY.. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRIT CHARD, and Conducted by R. J. DAWE

\*First peal in the method.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE RUMSEY .. .. Treble.	ALPHARUS BERRY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM ROSE .. .. 2.	PETER LAFLIN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM RUMSEY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM GRIMES .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BURGESS* .. .. 4.	JAMES RUMSEY .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal of Major.

## OSPRINGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 17½ cwt.

RICHARD S. STAINES .. Treble.	PERCY P. PAINE .. .. 5.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN.. .. 2.	CHARLES R. MILLWAY .. 6.
FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 3.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.. 4.	GEORGE WOOD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN

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



## LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR SYMONDS .. .. Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 2.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 3.	ERNEST BECKWITH .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. .. 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.  
First peal of Superlative Surprise on the bells.

## ASHTED, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

DAVID ANSCOMBE .. .. Treble.	DANIEL W. SNELLING .. 5.
ALFRED L. BROWN† .. .. 2.	THOMAS A. SHRUBB .. .. 6.
CHARLES MAYS* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM GEARING .. .. 7.
ALFRED E. BASSETT .. .. 4.	ALBERT COLMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED L. BROWN.

\*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Gearing, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## WESTERHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5248 CHANGES. Tenor 23½ cwt.

DAVID WRIGHT† .. .. Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 5.
GEORGE FRAYNE* .. .. 2.	*ALFRED A. JARRETT .. 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 3.	ISAAC EMERY .. .. 7.
JACK PRESTON .. .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, and Conducted by D. WRIGHT.

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

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5200 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Treble.	JESSE J. MOSS .. .. 6.
ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 7.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 8.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 4.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 9.
HARRY MOSS .. .. 5.	JOHN FLINT .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

This was the conductor's 200th peal.

## HERNHILL, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 10, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST C. DOBBIE* .. Treble.	CHARLES R. MILLWAY .. 5.
RICHARD S. STAINES .. 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 6.
STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. 3.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. 4.	GEORGE WOOD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

After the peal the band were generously entertained by Mr. Foreman, to whom the band offer their sincere thanks.

## DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of College Exercise, College Pleasure, New London, Duke of York, Violet, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 8 cwt.

ALFRED BARNES .. Treble.	REV. R. P. FARROW .. 4
WILLIAM LOWERY .. 2.	DAVID BREARLEY .. 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 3.	FRED HOLT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

## DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Monday, May 11, 1908, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

HERBERT SHEPPARD .. Treble.	THOMAS WATTON .. .. 6.
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE .. .. 7.
MISS MABEL GILBANKS .. 3.	JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. .. 8.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. 4.	HARRY GOODMAN .. .. 9.
ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 5.	CHARLES FAULKES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by WM. MICKLEWRIGHT, and Conducted by S. SPITTLE.

This peal was arranged to give Miss Mabel Gilbanks the opportunity of ringing her first peal on ten bells.

The following is the result of a week of evening peals arranged for the Rev. F. E. Robinson:—

## ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 28 cwt.

HUBERT EDEN .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 2.	EDWARD WHITEHEAD .. 6.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN C. DICKEN .. .. 4.	FREDERICK WHITE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

## ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, May 6, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HUBERT EDEN .. Treble.	FREDERICK WHITE .. .. 5.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 2.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 6.
SIDNEY A. WRIGHT .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 4.	SAMUEL HOW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the 450th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

## OXHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALFRED D. BATES .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 5.
THOMAS L. SIMMONS .. 2.	HUBERT EDEN .. .. 6.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 4.	FREDERICK WHITE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the conductor's 850th peal of Stedman Triples.

## HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 8, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK WHITE .. .. 5.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. 2.	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 6.
THOMAS L. SIMMONS .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 4.	HENRY GOLDING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect, on the occasion of the funeral of Col. Paston Cooper.

## PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HUBERT EDEN .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK WHITE .. .. 5.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 6.
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Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Grandsire Triples has been sent from Longton, Staffordshire, without any date.

## Date Touches.

THORINGTON (Essex).—On Tuesday, May 5th, a date touch of Bob Minor, 1908 changes, in 1 hr. 3 mins. G. Lancaster, W. Lancaster, A. Andrews, T. Burgess, G. A. Andrews conductor, J. Bowell. Longest length by the ringers 2, 3 and 4.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On February 27th, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Webb conductor, J. W. Barker, C. Mortimer, L. Harlow, C. W. Clarke, C. Chasty, H. Tysoe, B. Finding. On March 1st, 336 Double Norwich. B. Finding, I. Hills, C. Mortimer, L. Harlow, F. Webb, C. Chasty, H. Tysoe, C. Clarke conductor. On March 8th, 305 Grandsire Caters. C. Freeman, J. W. Barker, A. T. Barker, C. W. Clarke, C. Mortimer, L. Harlow, I. Hills, F. Webb conductor, C. W. Clarke, G. Harvey. And 200 Duffield Major. A. T. Barker, C. Chasty, C. Mortimer, L. Harlow, I. Hills, J. W. Barker conductor, C. W. Clarke, F. Webb. 395 Grandsire Caters. C. Freeman, J. W. Barker, A. T. Barker, C. W. Clarke conductor, C. Mortimer, I. Hills, C. Chasty, F. Webb, H. Tysoe, A. Mortimer. Three leads of Treble Bob Royal. On March 15th, 545 Stedman Caters. C. W. Clarke, H. Tysoe, C. Chasty, J. Church, C. Mortimer, L. Harlow, I. Hills, J. W. Barker conductor, F. Webb, B. Finding. Also 224 Superlative Surprise Major, and 193 Stedman Caters. On March 22nd, 327 Stedman Caters. C. W. Clarke, C. Chasty, H. Tysoe, J. Church, C. Mortimer, L. Harlow, I. Hills, J. W. Barker conductor, F. Webb, B. Finding. On March 26th, on handbells, 419 Grandsire Triples. F. Webb, 1-2; J. W. Barker, 3-4; C. W. Clarke conductor, 5-6; H. Tysoe, 7-8. On March 29th, 503 Grandsire Caters. D. Thompson, C. W. Clarke, C. Chasty, H. Tysoe, J. Church, L. Harlow, I. Hills, J. W. Barker, F. Webb, B. Finding. On April 5th, it being the 66th birthday of Mr. I. Hills, the company honoured the occasion by ringing 1179 of Stedman Caters. C. W. Clarke, C. Chasty, A. T. Barker, J. Church, C. Mortimer, H. Tysoe, I. Hills, J. W. Barker conductor, F. Webb, L. Harlow.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

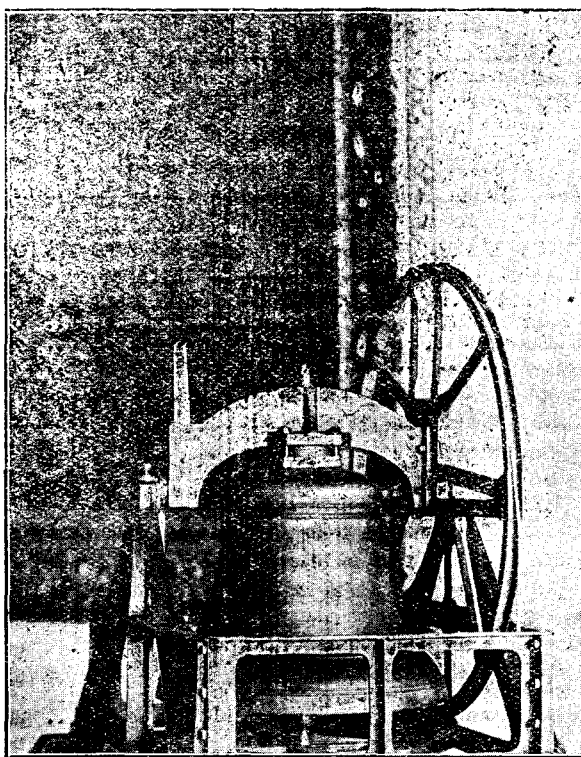
LIVERPOOL.—On Tuesday, April 14th, at the house of Mr. T.

Hammond, a touch of Grandsire Triples. T. Hammond, 1-2; T. Hammond, sen., 3-4; J. Aspinwall, 5-6; G. Woodhouse, 7-8. Rung on the 71st birthday of the ringer of 5-6. On Saturday, April 18th, at St. John's church, Tue Brook, 1010 Stedman Triples. J. R. Pritchard, H. E. Hough, E. Breeze, T. Hammond, sen., W. Twist, S. W. Stewart, E. Caunce conductor, C. E. Stewart. Rung by request of the Vicar, it being Easter Eve. On Easter Sunday morning, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Larkey, A. Lovell, J. R. Pritchard, J. Martin, W. Twist, S. W. Stewart, E. Caunce conductor, C. E. Stewart.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On April 29th, 720 Double Oxford. A. Phillips, B. Patmore, A. Woolston, E. A. Overall, H. Wallace. W. H. Lawrence conductor. 720 Oxford Bob. A. Carter, A. Woolston, F. Williams, A. Phillips, H. Wallace, E. A. Overall conductor. And 360 Plain Bob. H. Smith first 360, 1. On May 5th, 360 Duke of York. A. Phillips, B. Patmore, E. A. Overall, C. Gale, H. Wallace, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On May 7th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Carter, A. Woolston, F. Williams, A. Phillips, B. Patmore, W. H. Lawrence.

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A meeting of the South-Eastern district was held at Great Waltham on Monday, April 20th, and being a holiday, a good muster of ringers assembled from Great Baddow, Broomfield, Boreham, Great Bentley, Chelmsford, Ceggeshall, Rayne, Springfield, Writtle, Widford, and the local ringers. At 5 o'clock an excellent tea was served at The Six Bells hotel by host Hart, to which about twenty-eight members sat down. In the unavoidable absence of the District Master (Mr. W. H. Judd), Mr. Rowland, of Chelmsford, was voted to the chair. Tea over, the chairman first of all referred to the sad demise of Mrs. Papillon, wife of the honoured

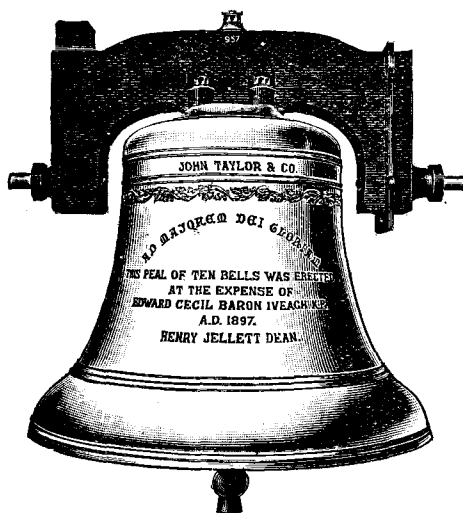
Master of the Association—the Rev. Canon Papillon, and thanked their Secretary of the district for sending the beautiful floral tribute made in the shape of a church bell, in the name of the Association. The meeting here resolved that a message of condolence be sent to the Rev. Canon Papillon. The minutes of last meeting were passed as read. The Rev. H. Rusbridge (Southminster), was elected an honorary member; also ten ringing members were elected, including the company of Southminster. It was also resolved that the next meeting be held at Southminster in August. A discussion of companies receiving instruction from the Association occupied several minutes, after which votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. A.

C. Nansan (Great Waltham), and the Rev. C. Edmunds (Broomfield), for the use of the bells. A little talk as to the "go" of Waltham bells ended in a decision that they need something done to them, so that this splendid ring can once again be rung to peals with ease. The meeting over, the ringers adjourned to the tower, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major was brought round, the bells pealing out till 8 o'clock. Several ringers visited Broomfield during the afternoon and evening. Night approached all too soon with every one satisfied that the Easter Monday meeting of the South-Eastern district had been a great success, the arrangements of which were in the hands of the local tower-keeper, Mr. W. E. Davis, and Mr. Cooper, the District Secretary.

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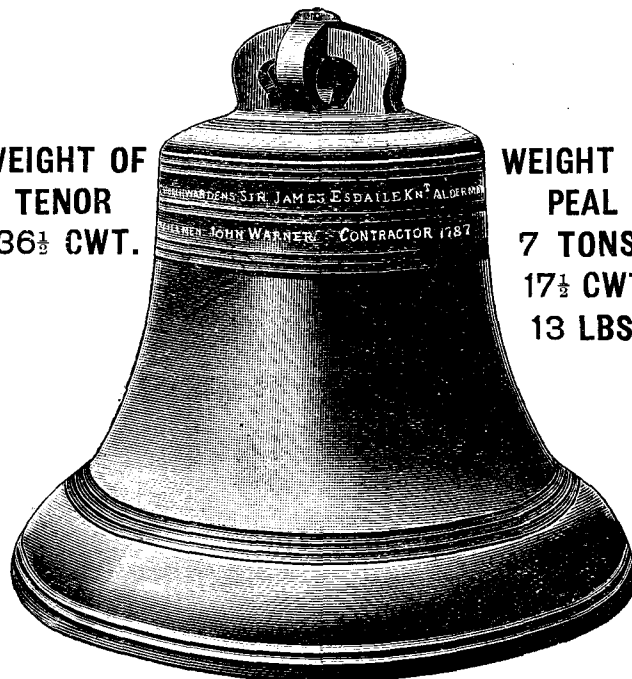
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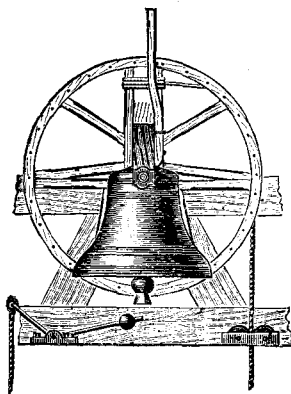
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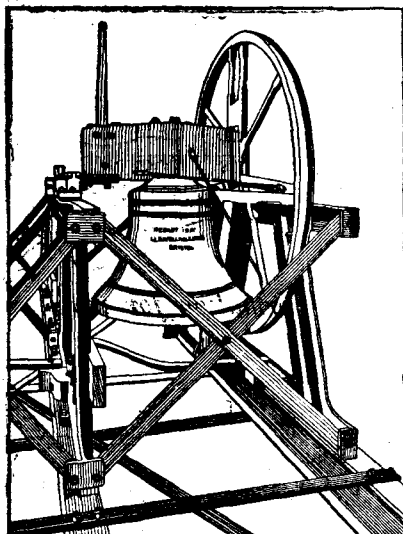
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## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The second quarterly meeting this year of the Winchester district was held at Twyford on Saturday, May 9th, and proved to be one of the most successful meetings held in the district. Excellent arrangements were made by the Twyford ringers, and the bells were kept going from 2 o'clock till 5.30, when the members were most hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Henry White, at their residence, Shawford Close. A sumptuous meat tea (at which there were more than sixty members present) having been done full justice to, Canon Braithwaite thanked Mr. and Mrs. White for their generous hospitality, and trusted other laymen would follow Mr. White's example. Mr. White, in reply, said it gave Mrs. White and himself the greatest pleasure to do what they had done that day, as he felt himself much indebted to church bell ringers. The sound of the Twyford bells coming across the river was always a source of pleasure to him and to all his family, and for years his windows had been thrown open to enable him to hear the sound tolling out the old year and welcoming in the new.

The district secretary said he felt the special practices for Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob were much appreciated, and hoped, as proficiency is gained in those methods, others may be attempted, and that when the fixing of the tie-rods, and other means for securing the safety of the Cathedral, were completed, he should be able to arrange for a peal on the Cathedral bell in one or other of the methods.

Members attended from Winchester, Twyford, Romsey, N. Stoneham, Hursley, Southampton, Dibden, Kingsworthy, Owslebury, Basingstoke, Upham, Curdridge, Portsmouth, and Eastleigh.

During the afternoon and evening touches and courses of Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the western division was held at Heene, Worthing, on Saturday, May 2nd. The bells were in motion by four o'clock, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich, were indulged in until five o'clock. A move was then made to the church room, where tea was provided. The Rector (Rev. J. P. Fallowes) presided, supported by H. C. Gibbs, esq. and the divisional secretary. Members were present from Brighton (St. Nicholas and St. Paul's), Heene, Steyning, and West Tarring, numbering 22.

At the conclusion of the tea, the rev. chairman rose and made a short speech, in which mentioned that they need not go round with the hat for the teas, as he intended to pay the cost himself.

The usual business followed. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. One additional member was elected to the West Tarring branch. Mr. Lindup proposed that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Steyning, which was carried.

The Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for his attendance, and for defraying the cost of the teas, and said he hoped they might have the pleasure of meeting him on many more such occasions. To this the rev. gentleman replied.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued till 7.30, after which a visit was made to West Tarring tower, where touches of Minor and Doubles were rung from eight till nine o'clock.

It may be noted that a brass tablet has recently been placed in the church at Heene, as an appreciation of the ringers' services, the inscription being: "This is to record ten successful years of change-ringing, 1897-1907, during which period the county association challenge bell was alternately won by the Heene ringers. Peals were rung in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich Major." The tablet also contains the ringers' names and the number of peals each one has rung in the tower during the ten years, also the names of the Rector and wardens. The cost of the tablet, amounting to upwards of £10., was kindly defrayed by the Rector, thus shewing the deep interest he takes in the ringers.

## KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.

On a recent Saturday evening a pleasant function took place in St. Margaret's belfry, King's Lynn, when Mr. Charles Sedgley was the recipient of a present from the members of the St. Margaret's and the St. Nicholas' Junior Guild, as a small token of their goodwill and good wishes on his leaving King's Lynn for York. The junior band was formed some twelve months ago to provide the ringing for the Sunday services at both churches, and Mr. C. Sedgley (who is also a member of the senior company) has been prominent, in conjunction with Mr. A. Markwell (also of the senior company), in teaching the members a knowledge of rope-sight, etc. The presentation took the form of a handsome beautifully chased e.p. teapot, and after some felicitous remarks from Mr. Fruin and Mr. E. T. Smith (sec.), Mr. A. Markwell (Master) made the presentation, Mr. C. Sedgley suitably replying.

On the previous Friday evening the senior company of King's Lynn met at St. Margaret's church for a farewell touch with their brother-ringer, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major being rung by J. W. Sedgley (conductor), T. W. Giles, F. Coulten, C. Sedgley, W. Brooke, W. Curston, A. Markwell, and R. Crome. This was followed by three courses of Grandsire Triples.

Mr. Charles Sedgley is a son of Mr. J. W. Sedgley, King's Lynn district Secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association. His address is 20, St. Nicholas Street, Hull Road, York.

"THE BELLS OF BEVERLEY:" their weights, notes, diameters, and inscriptions. Illustrations of Beverley Minster and St. Mary's church, and "Great John." Descriptive booklet, nicely got up, threepence. Post free, from Mr. WALTER GIBSON, 3, Long Lane, Beverley.

### RE-OPENING OF ALBURGH CHURCH BELLS, NORFOLK.

On Monday, May 11th, the Bishop of Ipswich conducted the re-opening services at the above church. The bells, a light ring of eight, tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs., have been rehung on new massive steel girder framework, with steel headstocks, by Alfred Howell, Bellfounder, of Ipswich. Ringers from Beccles, Harleston, Eye, Pulham, Redenhall, Ipswich, Fressingfield, Halesworth, Great Bentley, Starston, and Alburgh, rang touches of Superlative, Double Norwich, Oxford Treble Bob, Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples, and all expressed their entire satisfaction with the "go" of the bells, which are a good ring for the weight, mostly cast by Richard Phelps in 1737. The tenor was cast at Norwich by Brazer, about 1450.

### HOLME LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday afternoon, May 9th, the Countess of Chesterfield unveiled a tablet erected in the tower of the parish church by the members of the Hereford Cathedral Society and their friends of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, to commemorate the peal of Grandsire Triples rung there on February 22nd, 1908. The fund for the cost of the tablet was collected by Mr. H. J. Taylor, a member of the Cathedral society, who rang in the peal, and was contributed to by the Earl of Chesterfield, who resides at Holme Lacy House, and is the Vicar's warden. It may be remarked that the bells were a gift of one of the noble Earl's ancestors, Viscount Scudamore, in 1709. They have since been rhung, the "go" being excellent now, and they form one of the prettiest peals of eight in the county; tenor 18 cwt. in E flat.

Eight members of the Cathedral Society, with Mr. J. G. Buchanan (Master of the Guild), and Mr. Thomas Williams (Ledbury), and a party of ladies and gentlemen from Holme Lacy House, together with the Vicar's and people's wardens, assembled in the belfry, and Lady Chesterfield was cordially applauded for the neat little speech on the unveiling of the tablet. After this a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by the ringers. In the course of the afternoon Lord and Lady Chesterfield were taken up to the bellchamber by Mr. H. J. Taylor to watch the action of the bells, and a few rounds were rung for their benefit.

The company with the ringers were afterwards photographed outside the church, and then adjourned to the vicarage where tea was provided. After tea a 500 was rang, which was much appreciated by the ladies and gentlemen of Holme Lacy House. The ringers were: J. G. Buchanan, esq. (Master of the Guild), H. J. Taylor, R. Chamberlain, T. Lewis, A. E. Hurcomb, W. Davies, J. J. Jones, T. Williams (Ledbury), W. H. Williams, and J. Matthew.

### ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, DERBY.

The large chiming clock with four dials, has just been thoroughly restored by John Smith and Son, Midland Clock Works, Derby, and this firm have also lately received an order for a large clock with Westminster chimes for Radcliffe parish church, Lancashire.

### STEDMAN CATERS.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

5121.

	1	2	3	4	5	13	14	15
123456789	3	4	5	13	14	15		
A 123456978								
341256		-	-					
431256					S			
124356		-	-					
214356					S			
432156		-	-					
342156					S			
213456		-	-					
B 325147698								
21453		-	-					
25143								
54312		-	-					
51432								
13245		-	-					
14325								
42531		-	-					
43251								
35124		-	-					

A.—1S, 2S, 4, 6, 9, 11, 13.

B.—2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12.

The last ten courses three times repeated except the first course, second part call 3, 4, 14, first course of third part call 15s only, the first course of fourth part call 3, 4, 14; runs round the third change of the last course. Has the full extent of the 56978s, also the forty courses with 6789 in the handstroke home position. First composed with these qualities.

### TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By HENRY DAINS, *Cumberland Youths.*

5024.

	M	B	W	H
23456				
36452	1			2
34562	1	-	2	2
42563	1			2
65243			2	2
62453		1		2
26354	2			2
23564		1		2
32465	2			2
64235			2	2
62345		1		2
63425		1		2
35426	1			2
24536			2	2
25346		1		2
23456		1		2

This composition has the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6, and I think is the first with the qualities mentioned, having the bells brought into 6ths place in consecutive order. The peal runs true in Bristol Court Surprise and Bristol Exercise also.

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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 the 28th.

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

**The Royal Cumberland Youths.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, May 30th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. in the Church Hall, 8d. each to those who let me know by May 28th. F. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*  
3, Harts Lane, New Cross, S.E.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Almondbury to-day, Saturday, May 23rd. Local Hon. Sec.—Rev. B. B. Tyrwhitt Drake, The Clergy House, Almondbury, near Huddersfield. For full particulars see Association circular.

CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*  
40, Percy Street, Rotherham.

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—A meeting of members of this Association will be held to-day, Saturday, May 23rd, at St. Sepulchre's church, 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 Essex Association.**—South-Western District.—A meeting will be held at North Weald and Bovington to-day, Saturday, May 23rd. Through the liberality of the Rector of the former place, all members who have paid 1908 subscriptions will be invited to tea.

G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
7, Richmond Terrace, South Woodford.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Derby District.—A special district meeting will be held at Derby to-day, Saturday, May 23rd. The bells at St. Andrew's and also St. Alkmund's (recently rehung), will be available from 2.30 p.m. All visitors cordially welcomed.

A. H. WARD, *Local Hon. Sec.*  
1, Lyndhurst Terrace, Moore Street, Derby.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at the Unitarian Church, Todmorden, to-day, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard's church, Walton-le-dale, to-day, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—Eastern District.—A district meeting will be held at Bennington to-day, Saturday, May 23rd, when the bells will be open from 3 o'clock. Tea will be kindly provided free by the Rector, the Rev.

W. Mills, at 5 o'clock. Business meeting after.  
W. H. LAWRENCE, *Sec.*  
Little Munden.

**The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rowley Regis on Saturday, May 30th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5 p.m. There will be a free tea provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, May 27th.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at The Red Lion at 7.30.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Esher, Surrey, on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Tea at Grant's Restaurant at 5.30. Meeting after. Those intending to be present are requested to inform me by Wednesday, May 27th.

CHAS. H. PEARCE, *Dis. Sec.*  
19, Vale Road, Yorktown.

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at South Wingfield on Saturday, May 30th. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. Ringing friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

**Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting will take place at Mansfield on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Return excursion train (1s. 9d.) by 2.5 p.m. train from Sheffield, Great Central Railway.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—North-Western District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 6th, at Newport and Wenden. The bells will be available at 2 o'clock. Tea will be provided at the Newport Church Room at 5 o'clock. Will those who intend being present kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, June 3rd.

JOHN F. PENNING, *Hon. Sec.*  
"Fairville," Saffron Walden.

**Gloucester and Bristol Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lydney on Whit-Monday, June 8th. Service in the parish church at 12.30. Dinner at The Swan hotel at 1.30. Business meeting after dinner. Dinner tickets, 1s. 3d. each, to those members only obtaining same from Mr. J. W. Davis, 5, Great Western Terrace, Lydney, on or before Thursday, June 4th. Dinner without tickets 2s. 6d. each, provided there is sufficient room.

C. E. D. BOUFLLOWER, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. A. CAVE.

30, Broad Street, Bristol.

**The Kent County Association.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Maidstone on Whitsun Monday, June 8th. Committee Meeting in All Saints vestry at 2 p.m. Service, with address by the Vicar, the Rev. E. H. Hardcastle, at 3 p.m. Tea in All Saints Boys' school at 4 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Each member present at the service will be allowed 1s. Application for tea tickets to be made to the Secretary before June 4th. It will be necessary to elect four representatives on the Central Council. Nominations of candidates, signed by two members, must be sent to the Secretary before May 31st.

FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*  
The Precincts, Canterbury.

**Central Northamptonshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, June 8th. Service in St. Peter's church at 12 o'clock. Hot luncheon at The George hotel at 1 o'clock. Members 1s. each, non-members 2s. each. Meeting after luncheon. Usual ringing arrangements.

FRED WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, 11.30.—Divine Service at St. Mary's with address by the Rev. L. Hughes, Vicar of Maldon. Members intending to dine must give notice to the Hon. Secretary before June 3rd.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*

Great Totham.

**Durham and Newcastle Association.**—Saturday, June 6th, at 3 p.m., special service for dedication of bells at Stranton, West Hartlepool. Tea after.—Whit-Monday, June 8th, combined meeting with the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association at Stockton-on-Tees. Service in Stockton parish church at noon. Lunch in the parish hall at 1.30 p.m. Bells—Stockton (10), tenor 27½ cwt.; Thornaby (8), tenor 11 cwt.; Middlesbrough (8), tenor 12 cwt. Those purposing to attend either meeting, should write not later than June 1st to

ARTHUR M. C. FIELD, *Hon. Sec.*  
30, St. Cuthbert's Terrace, Blackhill.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—H. S. Reeves has removed to 4, Salisbury Sq, Hatfield, Herts.

## AN APPEAL.

The members of the Keighley society would like to open a subscription list for the cause of one of their ringing brethren—J. McGoun—who has the misfortune to lose the use of one of his legs, and possibly it might have to be amputated. He has been unable to use the limb now for a matter of eight months. The above company therefore beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country on his behalf. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 34, Hill Street, Keighley, Yorkshire, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS."

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Mr. R. Rider .. .. 0 4 0  
Silsden ringers, per Mr. F. W.  
Rishworth .. .. 1 0 0

We hear that Mr. McGoun has been obliged to have his foot amputated. This is a great trial, though under the painful circumstances he is doing as well as can be expected. It is thought by those who are striving to increase the subscriptions to this fund, that many of the brethren do not consider it a case of absolute need, as they have not appeared to respond so liberally as is wished, especially the Yorkshire brethren of him who is in dire necessity.

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## Correspondence.

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

## A CHARGE BY ARCHDEACON CUNNINGHAM

SIR,—I enclose a cutting from the *Cambridge Daily News*, the latter of which I thought should appear in "THE BELL NEWS." It is very refreshing to find such good advice with reference to bells and ringing coming from one of the leading clergy in this district, and I sincerely trust it will bear fruit in due course. I may say that whenever I have had an opportunity of visiting a strange church I always endeavour to get a look up the tower, and I have found that in many cases it is undoubtedly a fact that a great number of our village church towers which contain good rings of five and six (as regards tone and weight) are allowed to get into such a dreadful state of dilapidation, and are never heard except by the wretched system of clocking, and yet these same churches as a rule are well kept up and cared for inside and out. Why then should some of the most valuable pieces of church furniture, as the bells undoubtedly are, be allowed to go to rack and ruin? I am inclined to think, though I am sorry to say it, that the apathy shewn by some of our non-ringing clergy has a good deal to do with this state of affairs. Can nothing be done to alter it? A RINGER.

"He was very sorry to find in so many parishes the bells were practically disused, and could not be used either because of the hanging of the bells themselves or of the instability of the tower. Repairs to the tower might be a very serious undertaking, but he very strongly urged that wherever possible the tower should be put in such repair and the bells should be hung so that they could be used. It seemed to him a very unfortunate thing to have possessions of that kind that were in disuse. As Vicar of Great St. Mary's he saw a good deal of the ringers, and he was perfectly aware that bells had to be rung with discretion, and if the bells were going at all times and seasons, it might be very distasteful to those who lived in the immediate neighbourhood of the church. He heard a good deal about that, and had given orders that the bells of Great St. Mary's were not to be rung while the Mathematical Tripos examinations of the University were going on in the Senate House, because the two things might not agree. He felt the bells had to be used with discretion, but he thought it was most desirable they should be available for use, not only because it was a pity that anything should be wasted, as they were if they were being kept silent, but also because he thought the ringing might be such a very important element in village life. A great deal of trained intelligence was required in order to ring well, and there was also a very great deal of working together required in order to form a band to ring really well. This sort of co-operative work was in many ways extremely wholesome, and the keeping up of the reputation of the village as a centre of a particular Art was well worth doing. He felt it was desirable the Art should be cultivated wherever it was possible, because he felt it did very much to the inside of life in villages, and the exercise, both physical and intellectual which it involved was not an unimportant element in education in these times. He ventured to urge that something should be done to put the bells of the churches of this Archdeaconry into such a state that they should be rung, not in such a way as to cause annoyance to neighbours, but that they should be available for ringing, and that this ancient and interesting Art should be more and more cultivated. Concluding, the Archdeacon said he felt very grateful to those who had served the office of churchwarden in the past. He felt that a great tradition of good work had been set by the churchwardens of the past, and he could only hope those who were entering on the office to-day would discharge the responsibilities in the future as loyally and energetically as they had been by those who had gone before."

## REPLY TO MR. H. J. TUCKER.

SIR,—I am sorry I could not reply in the last number—May 16th—and also sorry that I did not mention that I was referring to eight-bell towers only in my first. I should like it to be clearly understood that I have rung every bell in Lavenham tower to peals of Bob Major, and every bell to Kent Major. If

no one comes forward to supersede this I claim the record on eight bells for twenty years. I congratulate Mr. Tucker on his record on his own bells, and I leave him to challenge others on ten bells. I hope to see soon that he has conducted a peal from that bell in his tower which he has not already done.

ARTHUR SYMONDS.

## INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—In Heckington, Lincolnshire, the morning bell at 6 a.m. and curfew have been rung as far back as can be traced, but from St. Thomas's Day, December 21st, to Plough Monday, first Monday after twelfth day, they are not rung. What is the reason? Is it a local custom? Is there any other similar case? Heckington. H. T. SUMNERS.

SIR,—Can you or any of your readers please give me the address of the hon. secretary or leading ringer at Ely, Cambridgeshire, or any place where they ring near there. 15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes. R. J. DAWE.

## STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—Some time ago it was said that twenty natural courses of Stedman Triples was the extent that could be got. Long before that time I had in my possession twenty-four natural courses with three fixed bells. I have been going into the matter again, and I now send you thirty natural courses by the course-ends with only the 7th bell fixed in every course. If any of the Exercise can point out any error I should be pleased, for I am sending this to encourage others to go farther into this matter. JOHN CARTER.

231456	526134
541326	153624
324156	162534
453126	
142356	521643
135426	461253
	256143
451362	642153
631542	165243
543162	124653
365142	
134562	641235
156342	321465
	462135
361524	234165
251634	126435
635124	143265

LANDS END TO JOHN O'GROATS MOTOR CYCLE RELIABILITY TEST, JULY 13 TO 18 INCLUSIVE.—Would any ringer who may be competing in this event kindly communicate with the undersigned with a view to fixing up some ringing en route? The daily run should allow ample time to ring at places not otherwise easily accessible in the ordinary course, that is relying upon the co-operation of the ringing companies in the various stopping places.—A. F. MARTIN STEWART, Ferndown, Dorset.

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LEYTONSTONE.—On April 12th, 720 London Surprise. H. Torble, G. A. Black, G. Hayden, W. Miller, S. Hayes conductor, J. Moule. On April 19th, 720 York Surprise. W. Doran, S. Bird, G. Hayden, G. Dawson, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule. And 720 Cambridge Surprise. F. Squires, G. Dawson, S. Bird, G. A. Black, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule. On April 26th, 720 Chelsea Surprise. G. Hayden, W. Miller, H. Torble, S. Bird, S. Hayes conductor, J. Moule. On April 30th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. S. Hayes conductor, G. Dawson, H. Torble, S. Bird, W. Miller, J. Moule. On May 4th, 720 Carlisle Surprise. F. Squires, T. Cranfield, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule, H. Torble, S. Bird. On May 10th, 720 York Surprise. S. Hayes conductor, W. Miller, G. Hayden, H. Torble, G. Dawson, J. Moule. On May

11th, 720 Wells Surprise. S. Hayes conductor, J. Moule, W. Doran, W. Miller, H. Torble, S. Bird.

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G. E. Chappell, G. Grant, J. W. Whiting conductor. 720 Kent Treble Minor. H. Beckett, W. Cooper, W. Rowe, C. Fray, G. E. Chappell, J. W. Whiting conductor. 180 Oxford Bob. A. Butler, W. Cooper, H. Merrett, J. W. Read, G. E. Chappell, T. Savage. 336 Grandsire Triples, H. Merrett, W. Singleton, J. W. Read, W. Rowe, C. Fray, G. E. Chappell, J. W. Whiting, H. Beckett. Also touches with A. Butler, H. Sutton, and several of the local band.

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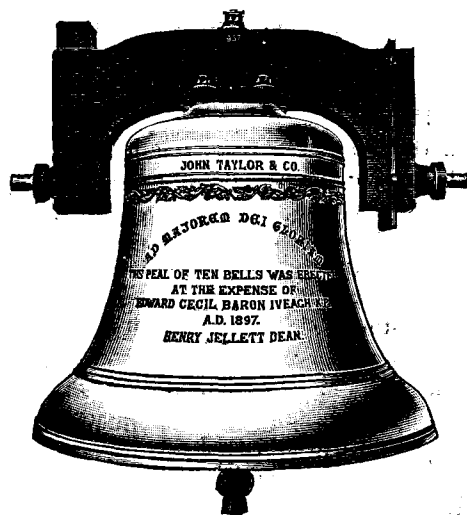
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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1908.

MORE than once we have felt it our duty to invoke the interference of an Archdeacon when instances of Church bells being uncared for, and their fittings suffered to decay, have come to our knowledge. Therefore it is very satisfactory to hear of one of these Church dignitaries impressing upon his hearers—comprising clergy and wardens—the necessity of looking after their bells, and keeping them in good condition. So far as bells are concerned, Archdeacon's charges in the past have been practically useless. There is generally a selection of questions put to wardens by the Archdeacon, and we admit that one of them refers to the bells, their condition, number, and so forth. But such questions are, in our opinion, answered in a somewhat perfunctory manner, and they have become merely formal. Very rare indeed is a reference made to bells in an Archdeacon's charge, so that we hail with gladness the recent observations of Archdeacon CUNNINGHAM, a report of which will be found on another page.

We are not equipped in ecclesiastical law, but we have an idea that there is some power possessed by an Archdeacon to compel the authorities within his jurisdiction to keep the Church bells constantly in repair, and carefully

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watch any signs of decay. If such a power really exists, then such officers of the Church fail in their duty if they do not personally take effective action where bells are known to be unringable.

### The Metropolis.

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

On Wednesday, May 13, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

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

THOMAS LANGDON .. .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HEWETT .. .. 2.	SIDNEY A. WRIGHT .. .. 6.
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Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 16, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Brook's VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST BONFIELD* .. .. Treble.	EDWARD F. COLE .. .. 5.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 2.	ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. 6.
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Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

\*First peal in the method.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 16, 1908, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

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

JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. .. Treble.	ERNEST S. POLL .. .. 5.
JAMES SAXBY .. .. 2.	WILBY J. HAZELL .. .. 6.
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#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES C. ADAMS* .. .. Treble.	HENRY J. MAYNARD .. .. 6.
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Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by R. MAYNARD, JUN.

\*First peal. †First peal of Caters.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD,

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

ALBERT J. FORD† .. .. Treble.	THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. 5.
EDWIN F. PIKE* .. .. 2.	ALBERT E. GODDARD .. .. 6.
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WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 4.	†WILLIAM W. TAYLOR .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

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

### Handbell Peal.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,

On Wednesday, May 13, 1908, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF H. R. PASMORE, 8, GREENLEAF ROAD, UPTON PARK, E.

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

HARRY R. PASMORE .. 1-2.	THOMAS FAULKNER .. 5-6.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 3-4.	ALBERT C. HARDY .. 7-8.

Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

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#### RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED WILBY .. .. Treble.	EDGAR BAILEY .. .. 4.
CHARLES CHENERY .. .. 2.	FRED FRANCIS .. .. 5.
GEORGE BAILEY .. .. 3.	ARTHUR BAILEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR BAILEY.

First peal by all the band.

#### THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Violet, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

CHARLES ROSE .. .. Treble.	ALPHAUS BERRY .. .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS .. .. 2.	*W. H. SYMONDS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM ROSE .. .. 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLB .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLB.

\*First peal of Minor.

#### LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 27, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; MATTHEWS'S TWELVE-PART (No. 2.) Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM BALL† .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR LATHAM .. .. 5.
HERBERT STANLEY* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HARRISON .. .. 6.
JOHN WOODWARD .. .. 3.	CHARLES HARP .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WADE .. .. 4.	†EDWARD STEELE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR LATHAM.

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

#### NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, May 2, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; VICARS'S SIX-PART.

JAMES TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	ORMEROD EASTWOOD .. 5.
ROBERT LEACH .. .. 2.	WALTER TAYLOR .. .. 6.
SAMUEL LORD .. .. 3.	J. T. WRIGHT .. .. 7.
J. H. HAYDOCK .. .. 4.	J. B. TAYLOR .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

EATON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 10, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND A' L ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being forty-two 6-stores each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

HENRY J. TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	HERBERT J. TAYLOR .. 4
GEORGE TAYLOR .. .. 2.	ARTHUR E. HURCOMB .. 5.
WILLIAM H. YOUNG .. .. 3.	GEORGE HARRIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. YOUNG.

First peal on the bells. The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea by the Rector.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 12, 1908, in Three Hours,

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

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

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER .. Treble.	AUSTIN GREGORY .. .. 5.
GEORGE JONES .. .. 2.	JAMES V. WRIGHT .. .. 6.
EDWARD HARRISON .. .. 3.	JAMES MORGAN .. .. 7.
ROBERT SPERRING .. .. 4.	JOSEPH GRIFFITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung on the occasion of the visit of the King to Chester.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

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

EDWIN J. PANNETT .. .. Treble	THOMAS STRINGER .. .. 5.
GEORGE H. STURT .. .. 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 6.
FRANK S. STURT .. .. 3.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. .. 7.
HENRY J. GRAVETT .. .. 4.	*GEORGE GASTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED J. TURNER.

\*First peal.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt.

CECIL O. SAVER* .. .. Treble.	*ROBERT W. FALCONER .. 5.
JOHN T. RICHARDSON† .. 2.	*GEORGE WARDLE .. .. 6.
ERNEST E. FERRY .. .. 3.	*JOHN FOREMAN .. .. 7.
JOHN F. BIRD* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method away from the treble.

BEDFORD—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 14, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs. in D flat.

HERBERT L. HARLOW .. Treble.	JOHN W. BARKER .. .. 5.
ALBERT T. BARKER .. .. 2.	FRANK WEBB .. .. 6.
HARRY TYSOE .. .. 3.	CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 7.
CHARLES MORTIMER .. .. 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. BARKER, and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

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On Thursday, May 14, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK DICKENS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE F. SWANN .. .. 5.
CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY .. 2.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. 6.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 3.	JOHN NEAL .. .. 7.
BERTRAM NEEDHAM .. .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven 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.

REV WM C PEARSON .. Treble.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. 5.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 2.	CHARLES P. RAMPLIN .. 6.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. .. 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung in commemoration of the sixth anniversary of the dedication of the bells as a ring of eight; this being the eighty-fifth peal rung upon them since May 15th, 1902. All the above are members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, except the ringers of the 6th and tenor bells.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,

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

WILLIAM PRITCHARD .. Treble.	†ALFRED EDWARDS .. .. 4.
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS .. 2.	WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. 5.
ARTHUR J. GRIFFITHS .. 3.	*WILLIAM DREW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Thomas Price, who was churchwarden of the above church for over thirty-five years.

WIDNES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE JONES .. .. Treble.	REV. C. A. CLEMENTS .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 6.
HENRY W. WILDE .. .. 3.	JAMES MORGAN .. .. 7.
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the laying of the foundation-stone of St. Mary's new church, Widnes.

CLANFIELD, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

GEORGE CLARKE .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK MESSENGER .. 5.
SAMUEL EYLES .. .. 2.	NOBLE SPINDLOW .. .. 6.
JOHN ROSE .. .. 3.	THOMAS E. KNAPP .. .. 7.
JOSEPH LARDNER .. .. 4.	HARRY WHEELER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by NOBLE SPINDLOW.

\*First peal.

ASHBY-FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1908, in Four Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 7056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

DANIEL RICHARDS .. .. Treble.	R. HENRY BARTRAM .. .. 5
EDWARD JACKSON .. .. 2.	FRED W. HERBERT .. .. 6.
ALBERT MASON .. .. 3.	JAMES HARRIS .. .. 7.
THOMAS BOTTRILL .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Longest length on the bells and by all except the conductor. The first four ringers hail from Anstey. It is the longest peal of Bob Major in the county.

PONTEFRACHT.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY WESTWOOD .. .. Treble.	BENJAMIN WATKINSON .. .. 5.
BERNARD MOODY .. .. 2.	THOMAS M. BARKER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM P. BROOK .. .. 3.	JOHN FRYER .. .. 7.
JOHN PEASE .. .. 4.	THOMAS HOULDER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS M. BARKER.

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

REUBEN SAUNDERS .. .. Treble	CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 5.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 7.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

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

JOHN BURCHILL .. .. Treble.	CHARLES MORLEY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM MILLER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. .. 6.
ALBERT MILLER .. .. 3.	JOHN MORLEY .. .. 7.
CHARLES BISHOP .. .. 4.	*JOHN FORRESTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. FITCHFORD.

\*First peal. First peal on the bel's, which are an entirely new ring, and reflect great credit on their founders, Messrs. John Warner and Sons, the tone and go of them being splendid.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION, Tenor 18 cwt.

GORDON CHECKETTS* .. .. Treble.	*JAMES R. NEWMAN .. .. 6.
FRANK WITHERS* .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 7.
THOMAS PIGOTT* .. .. 3.	*GEORGE PIGOTT .. .. 8.
JOHN WITHERS* .. .. 4.	*JAMES DOWLER .. .. 9.
OLIVER JAMES .. .. 5.	*ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. HAYWARD, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal of Treble Ten.

SHIPTON MOYNE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 14 cwt.

E. MAISEY* .. .. Treble.	G. COOK .. .. 4.
C. CLEAVER .. .. 2.	T. CULL .. .. 5.
A. TOWNSEND .. .. 3.	J. CLEAVER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. CULL.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSETSHIRE

On Saturday, May 16, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 38 cwt.

WILLIAM WOOLLARD .. Treble.	JOSEPH HODGES .. .. 4.
JOSEPH V. HODGES .. .. 2.	HERBERT C. MOUNTED .. 5.
ALBERT S. PEED .. .. 3.	*WILLIAM RICHARDS, JUN. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT C. MOUNTED.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. Treble.	HENRY L. GARFATH .. .. 5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. .. 2.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 6.
JOHN J. JONES .. .. 3.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 7.
FRANCIS E. DAWE .. .. 4.	*ERNEST J. HAMBLIN .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

\*First peal.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 16, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

LEONARD FIELDING .. Treble.	SAMUEL BRIERLEY .. .. 5.
JOHN W. FITTON .. .. 2.	JOHN H. C. MASSEY .. .. 6.
STANLEY FIELDING .. .. 3.	*JOSEPH GREENWOOD .. .. 7.
ARTHUR FIELDING* .. .. 4.	HARRY BUCKLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GREENWOOD.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect for the late Mrs. Clegg wife of Emanuel Clegg, Esq., of Cliffe House, who died after a long and painful illness at Colwyn Bay, and was interred at Milnrow parish church on May 8th.

DEVIZES, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1908, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

L. A. WILSON .. .. Treble.	ERNEST BISHOP .. .. 5.
THOMAS RICKETTS* .. .. 2.	*SYDNEY HILLIER .. .. 6.
CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
R. W. HYNER .. .. 4.	*RICHARD PHILLIPS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman and members of the local band. First peal of Stedman on the bells. The tenor man is blind and rang his bell with great accuracy, receiving the congratulations of the conductor and the other members of the band on the completion of the peal.

**BOLNEY, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION***On Saturday, May 16, 1908. in Three Hours,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****HOLT'S ORIGINAL.****Tenor 15 cwt. in F.**

J. WILLIAM POOLEY.. ..	Treble.	WILLIAM WHEELER.. ..	5.
GEORGE W. WALDER .. ..	2.	WARDEN WALDER .. ..	6.
WILLIAM VINCENT .. ..	3.	GEORGE WALDER, JUN. ..	7.
GEORGE F. HOAD .. ..	4.	GEORGE PACKHAM .. ..	Tenor.

**Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.****Arranged for Messrs. Hoad and Pooley.****PEAL CORRECTION.**—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Rowley Regis on May 9th, was conducted by John Goodman, jun.**Date Touches.****THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**HAZEL GROVE.**—On Friday, April 24th, at St. Thomas's church, a date touch of 1908 changes in the following methods: 108 College Single, 720 Plain Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 360 Oxford Treble Bob, in 1 hr. 6 mins. H. Williamson, H. Langley, J. W. Hartley, J. Bancroft, A. S. Gordon, J. Fernley conductor.

**Miscellaneous.****THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

**DAGENHAM.**—On Sunday, March 29th, for morning service, 720 Double Court. J. Hawkins, C. Rochester, E. Hawkins, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor. On Saturday, April 4th, two 720s Plain Bob. D. Chaplin, C. Rochester, E. Hawkins, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor. On April 5th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Hawkins, E. Hawkins, C. Rochester, A. Chaplin, G. Playle conductor, R. Miles. On Easter Sunday, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. D. Chaplin, C. Rochester, E. Hawkins, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, R. Miles conductor.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**LINDFIELD (Sussex).**—On Wednesday, May 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. J. Lacy, G. Tomsett, H. Tomsett, A. Tomsett, E. Patching, R. Holder conductor, F. Willie, W. Simmonds.

**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**APSLEY END.**—On Tuesday, April 21st, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 44 mins. R. Patterson conductor, H. Cutler, H. Holmes, J. Burles, J. Frost, W. Latchford. First quarter-peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

**ANSTEY.**—On Thursday, March 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Bottrill, D. Richards, A. Bramley, E. Jackson, A. Mason, W. Willson conductor. First by the front five men, all locals. On Tuesday, March 17th, 360 as above, a course of Kent Major, and two courses of Stedman Triples, with A. E. Ridgeway, of Leek, 6.

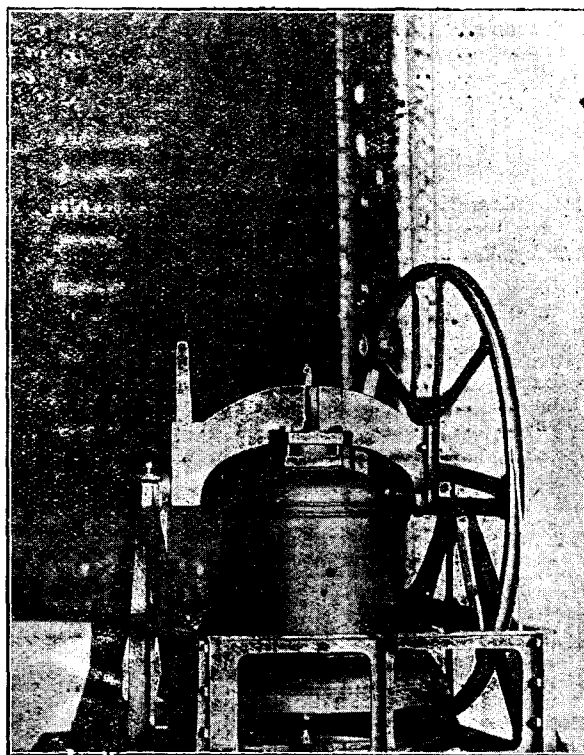
**CRAWLEY (Sussex).**—On Sunday morning, April 19th, for Divine Service, 1232 Bob Major in 44 mins. A. Mitchell, O. Sippetts, R. Sippetts, J. Rice, F. Dench, G. Illman, P. Tyler, F. W. Rice conductor. On Wednesday, April 22nd, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Violet Hibbs to Mr. James Alfred Wallis, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. J. Rice conductor, O. Sippetts, R. Sippetts, A. Mitchell, P. Tyler, A. D. Mills, F. W. Rice, E. Pearce.

**HAMMERSMITH.**—On Tuesday, April 28th, at St. Paul's church, on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. E. S. Duval, curate of the above church, to Miss L. C. Cox, eldest daughter of Mr.

C. E. Cox, Vicar's warden, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Ross, R. Mackrill, A. Hubbard, J. Stevens, A. Whittington, G. C. Iles, F. Skevington conductor, G. W. Coombes. The ringers wish the bride and bridegroom long life and happiness.

**HENFIELD (Sussex).**—On Sunday evening, April 26th, for Divine Service, 1008 Stedman Triples. W. Markwell, W. Lish, E. Lish, C. Tyler, G. Payne, F. Minchen, L. Payne, P. W. Brooks.

**RIPLEY (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday, April 19th, Mr. G. A. Goodwin, a former member of the local band, was the recipient of a set of eight handbells from Messrs. Shaw, subscribed for the ringers and clergy. The presentation was made in the belfry by the Vicar, the Rev. E. T. Pegg, M.A. Mr. Goodwin suitably thanked the ringers. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. G. Bowmer, H. Day, F. Hill, Fred Hill, J. Bourne conductor, G. Haslam, G. Goodwin, A. Hutchison.

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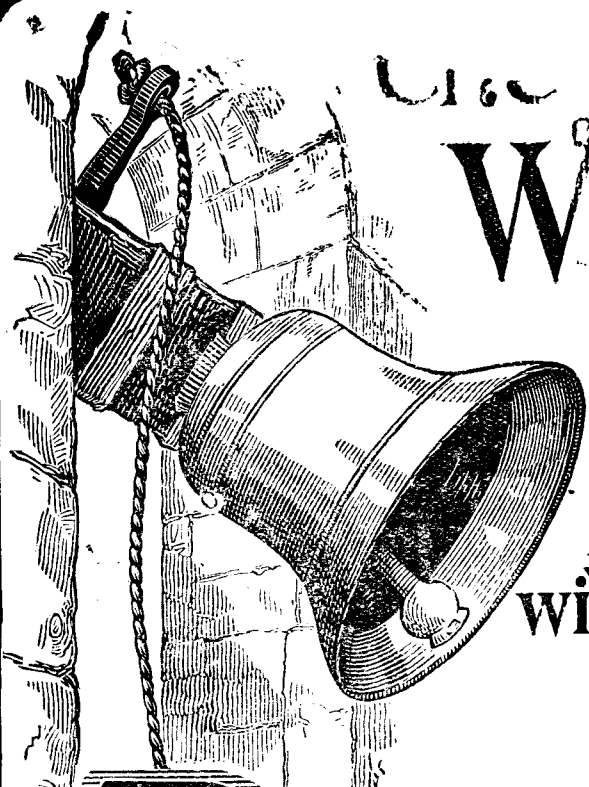
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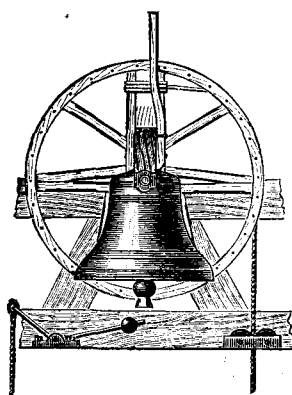
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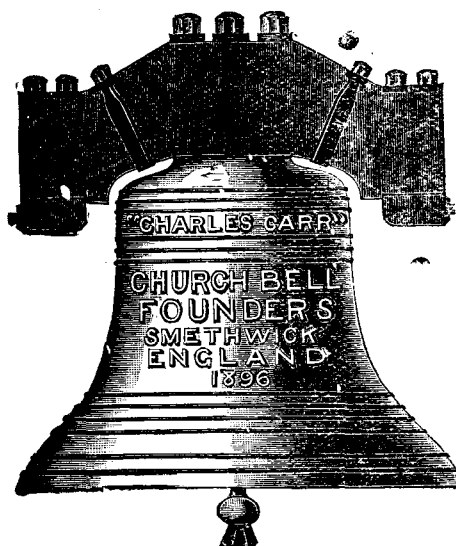
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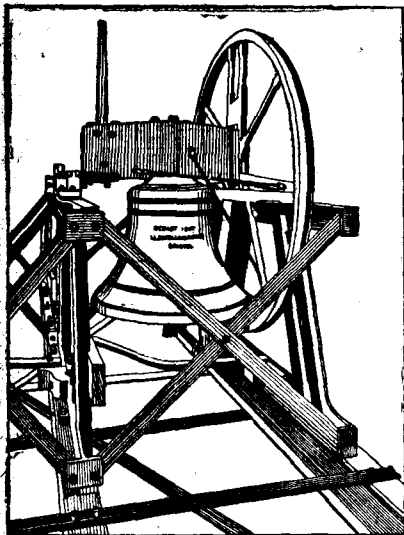
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## WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

On Thursday, April 23rd, the rural dean, the Rev. A. J. Swainson, dedicated the new ring of bells which have been erected in Withyham church. The bells, although not the heaviest peal in the neighbourhood, are undoubtedly the finest for many miles round as to tone and tune. It was decided some time ago to recast the whole of the six bells, with the addition of a new treble and tenor. When this work was being carried out, it was found that the old frame was too weak to withstand the vibration and strain of the new peal, which weighs practically twice as much as the old one. It was therefore arranged to put in a completely new bell frame. A new oak floor for the belfry has also been laid down. Six tons of oak were used in the construction of the bell frame, with 16 cwts. of wrought iron, the frame and bells in all weighing about eleven tons. The new tenor bell is the gift of Mr. W. F. Harris, of Park Grove. The bells are from the Loughborough Foundry.

A special form of dedication service was used. Many clergy from the neighbouring parishes took part in what proved to be a very impressive occasion, the music, as suited the event, being of a most beautiful kind.

The service opened with the processional hymn, "Brightly gleams our banner," followed by Psalm 150, and the Cantate Domino, sung to a setting specially composed by Mr. W. W. Starmer. The clergy and choir then proceeded to the belfry for the dedication, the rural dean committing the bells to the keeping of the Rector. On returning to the chancel the "Deus Misereatur" was also sung to a setting by Mr. Starmer. After the dedication prayers the hymn "When morning gilds the skies" was rendered, as were also, at a later point, the hymns "Hark, hark, my soul," and "Onward, christian soldiers." The singing of the choir was at all times excellent.

The Bishop of Chichester was to have visited Withyham on April 23rd to dedicate the new ring of bells, but after delaying the service half-an-hour a telegram was received from his Lordship that his motor car had broken down at West Hoathly, and requesting that the service should proceed without him. The order of service was therefore modified to meet the unfortunate circumstances of the case.

By the kind invitation of the Rev. E. L. Sutton, the St. Peter's (Tunbridge Wells) ringers were enabled to try the new peal of bells on Wednesday, May 6th. The go of them is quite satisfactory, and it is hoped that change-ringing will be taken up in real earnest by the local men, as no doubt some of the St. Peter's band would be pleased to come over occasionally and help them. Several touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major were rang during the evening. The St. Peter's ringers wish to thank the Rev. E. L. Sutton for his kind invitation, also the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

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## HADLOW, KENT.

A special service of a unique character was held in the parish church on Monday evening, May 11th, on the occasion of the unveiling and dedication of the peal board presented by Mr. H. Snowden Ward, in recognition of the accomplishment by the local band of ringing Parker's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples in February last. The service was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon of Tonbridge, and consisted of a shortened Evensong, with special lesson, and an impressive address upon the meaning and uses of church bells. Immediately after the address, the clergy and choir proceeded to the belfry, when the Archdeacon unveiled the peal board, the Doxology being sung by choir and congregation, and upon the return into the church, "The Church's one foundation," the service concluding with the Benediction.

On Tuesday evening, May 12th, the ringers were entertained to a capital dinner at The Greyhound hotel, at the invitation of Mr. H. Snowden Ward, who occupied the chair, being supported by the Rev. S. H. Moneypenny and Messrs. J. P. S. Hervey and J. Burgess (churchwardens). Letters of regret at inability to be present were read from the Vicar and Mr. G. H. Stonestreet, captain of the Tonbridge company. The loyal toast having been proposed from the chair, Mr. Ward said he had a very pleasing duty to perform in presenting Mr. W. Latter, the conductor of the successful peal, with an inkstand in Tonbridge ware, in appreciation of his excellent work in coaching the band and conducting them to a successful issue.

Mr. Latter, who is Secretary of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association, suitably acknowledged the presentation, remarking that he should be glad at any time to give them any assistance and advice, and congratulated the local ringers upon the many supporters they had at Hadlow, as evidenced by the presentation of the beautiful peal board by their chairman; and also quite recently the repair and rehangings of the bells, and the renovation of the belfry. He advised them not to rest upon their laurels, but to continue to persevere and learn the higher methods of ringing.

Another interesting event was the presentation of a silver pendant of splendid design from the chairman to each ringer in the successful peal. Other toasts were those of "The Clergy," "The Churchwardens," "Kent County Association," and "the Hadlow ringers," the latter coupled with the name of Mr. A. Reader. Needless to say the toast of "The Chairman" met with an ovation, and was accorded musical honours.

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## CAMBRIDGE.

(WITH A THOUGHT OF OXFORD.)

Inasmuch as no reader of "THE BELL NEWS" can be so foolish as to suppose that such a subject as that indicated by the above heading can be adequately dealt with in the compass of a short article, I am not concerned to offer apologies for attempting the impossible in such few observations as I propose to offer. It has occurred to me that as our Central Council is about to meet at Cambridge, and that probably some proportion of its members have not hitherto made acquaintance with that University town, a few words about it need not rank as waste paper. The reference to Oxford is merely added by reason of some general comparisons which may prove explanatory to somebody; but I disclaim all intention of dogmatising about the respective attractions of our two old universities. My belief is that it is no more possible to come to a definite opinion on this matter than it seems to be for the Peal Points Committee to find a common denominator satisfactory to every member of the Exercise.

In days of engineering accomplishment such as ours, when man can interfere with the face of nature to an extent which seems well nigh limitless, we sometimes have to remind ourselves that old places may owe their position to circumstances which we have ceased to recognise. This is so with Cambridge. In the words of Mr. J. Willis Clark, Registrar of the University, and a recognised historical authority:—

"In these days of easy communication between all parts of the country it is difficult to realise that Cambridge, thanks to its Great Bridge, was in the early Middle Age the only point at which the River Cam could be crossed by a traveller who wished to proceed from the Eastern counties to the Midlands; and that it was traversed by one of the great roads which, whether Roman or not, led direct from London. It possessed a Fair, which was one of the most extensive marts of the Middle Ages, and must have made it, as a trading centre, a place of far greater importance than it is at present; while, by means of the River, it drew an inexhaustible supply of provender and fuel from the Fens, and from the port of Lynn."

At the moment of writing, when the President of the French republic is a guest of King Edward, it is pleasing to remember that the University of Paris was that on which our English ones were modelled. The oldest college at Cambridge—Peterhouse—was founded in 1281, but the University is a much older institution, though how much older is unknown.

Till the collegiate system established itself, students resorted to Cambridge to hear teachers, and lodged wherever they could; and from what has been said, it will be seen why Cambridge was conveniently situated to become the resort in the Eastern Counties for teachers and students to meet on the model of Parisian arrangements. By degrees the system of living in college commended itself to men's minds, and hence arose those buildings, both at Oxford and Cambridge, which now provide their most characteristic features.

But when one comes to compare these features one finds points of contrast. These appear to me to be due in the main to local conditions. As regards design, down to the 18

century architects in the two places had different ideas, and this gives so much interest to comparison of the styles in each. But I think the materials available have had much to do with the result. Oxford has always had building stone available, whereas no good stone is to be found within many miles of Cambridge. Hence steeples must always have been a much more expensive luxury at Cambridge than at Oxford; and that is probably why it is that, with the exception of Great St. Mary's, there is no steeple of any large size of any antiquity in the former place. The handsome steeples of St. John's College and the Roman Catholic church are quite modern.

Again, this scarcity of stone has resulted in there being in Cambridge fine examples of artistic brickwork from the 15th to the 17th centuries, of which, so far as I remember, Oxford has no specimen. The question is not whether, let us say, a man should admire St. John's College at Oxford or St. John's College at Cambridge the more; but any intelligent person must perceive, in either case, the artistic sense applied to the materials at hand.

Again Cambridge, unlike Oxford, was never a walled and fortified town. It was well situated for commerce and learning, but the nature of the locality did not adapt it to military purposes; and hence while in the Civil Wars of the 17th century Oxford was standing a siege, there was nothing at Cambridge to prevent Stedman developing and teaching change-ringing as comfortably as though there was no Civil War at all.

Readers of "THE BELL NEWS" who have back numbers to refer to, will find an illustrated notice of St. Benet's church, Cambridge, in the issue of March 30th, 1901, and some account of Fabian Stedman in that of November 7th, 1903.

In conclusion, let me urge on all members who are coming to Cambridge on Whit-Tuesday on no account, however pressed for time they may be, to omit to see that most beautiful feature of Cambridge—"The Backs of the Colleges." Any man who has the opportunity of going there at this time of year, and doesn't go, doesn't deserve to go anywhere else except to—well, we won't mention it.

R. A. DANIELL.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly meeting was held at Haslingden and Helmsore on Saturday, May 9th, when there was a very fair and representative number present. Members turned up from Bacup, Bolton, Bury, Padiham, Pendleton, Preston, Milnrow, Rochdale, Todmorden, Waterfoot, etc. as well as a good number of the local men.

The meeting was held at Haslingden parish school, and the chairman was the president of the association—the Rev. H. J. Elsee, who was supported by the general and ringing secretaries, and several members of the committee.

The chairman, in the course of his remarks, alluded to several matters which had been brought forward before the Committee at its last meeting in March, notably one which had reference to the list of Minor ringing published in the annual report. The suggested alteration will entail less work on the compiler and also the printer, but will not be less useful to the members concerned. Another matter was the accident to our valued and esteemed brother-ringer, Mr. Samuel Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, who has had the misfortune to lose the greater portion of the toes of his right foot whilst following his ordinary work during Christmas week last, and who will not be able to resume his work for some time to come. The chairman said the committee had decided to make an

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 appeal on Mr. Wood's behalf to the members: at the same time it is open to any sympathisers to subscribe. As the sub-committee intend to close the list shortly it is hoped that those desirous of helping will forward their subscriptions to Mr. A. E. Wreaks, 4, Helena Street, Irlams O'Th'Height, Manchester, who will gladly acknowledge the same.

The Ringing Secretary reported the progress for the current year, which compares very favorably with past years in respect of quality. The most noticeable is a 7,200 of Double Norwich Major and a 10,080 of fourteen 720s of Minor, these two being the longest lengths of their kind by the Association.

Votes of thanks to the Vicars and churchwardens for the use of the bells and school concluded the meeting. Ringing was now indulged in, the methods being Stedman, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

#### THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

Leckhampstead, a secluded, picturesque Buckinghamshire hamlet on the borders of Northants., was the venue of the fifteenth annual festival of the above association, which took place on Thursday week. The village, with its beautiful country scenery, recalls the now fast decaying rustic life of a century ago, and the day's proceedings served as a delightful revival of the old time pleasantries, the ringing of joyous peals on the church bells in the afternoon adding an appropriate charm to the surroundings.

The members of the association invaded the village in goodly numbers, and there was a large attendance at the festival service held in the church. The Rector (Rev. R. M. Gore-Browne) conducted the service, and the Rev. W. M. Mitchell, Vicar of St. Paul's, Northampton, gave an address from Colossians iii. 25: "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not unto men." The offertory was devoted to the fund for providing new bell-rope guides in Leckhampstead belfry.

After tea a business meeting was held, the president (Rev. R. A. Kennaway) in the chair. The officers were all re-elected. Mr. J. Slarke proposed that a donation of £1 be given towards the restoration of the bells at Pottishall, and this was carried unanimously. The financial statement showed a balance of £36 10s. 7d.

Subsequently an adjournment was made to the school-room, where a capital dinner was partaken of, after which a lengthy toast list was proceeded with.

In the evening the members were hospitably entertained to tea by the Hon. Mrs. Gore-Browne, and a most pleasurable time was spent.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Canterbury on Saturday, May 16th, and the day being fine, a fair number of members attended. Ringing took place at the Cathedral, and St. Stephen's and St. Dunstan's were also open. Tea was served at St. Peter's Parish Room, sixty members being present. At the business meeting held afterwards, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (Hon. Secretary), presiding, twenty-three new members were elected, the towers of Boughton and St. Martin, Herne, being brought into union with the Association. The District Secretary was re-elected, and Mr. E. Trendell, of Boughton, was elected District Representative. Dover was chosen for a meeting in October,

#### Miscellaneous.

##### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LINDFIELD (Sussex).—On May 5th, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. Lacey, H. Tomsett, G. Tomsett, A. Tomsett, R. Holder conductor, F. Willie, E. Patching, T. Patching.

##### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OLD WINDSOR.—On Sunday, April 26th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Guttridge, T. W. Gosling, E. Harwood, F. J. Guttridge, W. Ralph. A. Blake, W. Welling conductor, F. Guttridge. On Thursday, April 30th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. S. Boore, J. Guttridge, E. Harwood, F. J. Guttridge, T. W. Gosling, A. Blake, W. Welling conductor, W. Ralph.

##### THE LANCAASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On March 1st, for evening service, 720 Horsham New Bob. T. R. Jackson conductor, T. Metcalfe, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart, J. Huddleston, J. Burrows. On March 10th, for practice, 720 in the same method. T. R. Jackson conductor, J. Huddleston, T. Metcalfe, T. Suart, W. S. Forshaw. On March 22nd, for evening service, 720 Horsham New Bob. T. R. Jackson conductor, T. Metcalfe, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart, J. Huddleston, J. Burrows. On March 29th, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. T. R. Jackson conductor, J. T. Thompson, W. S. Forshaw, T. Suart, J. Huddleston, J. Burrows. The following were rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Duke of Devonshire. On March 25th, 720 Plain Bob. T. Metcalfe, J. Huddleston, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart conductor, W. S. Forshaw, J. Burrows. 720 College Single. J. T. Thompson, J. Huddleston, T. Metcalfe, T. Suart conductor, W. H. Dennison, J. Burrows. On March 29th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor. T. R. Jackson conductor, T. Metcalfe, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart, J. Huddleston, J. Burrows.

##### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. Bee, G. Chester, S. Tindall, C. Chester, J. W. Watson, T. Pyle, S. Wolfe conductor, J. Musson. On Sunday, April 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. W. Watson, J. Holman, T. Pyle, H. Kirtton conductor, J. Freeman, F. Pyle, S. Wolfe, J. Musson.

##### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROYSTON.—The following is a complete list of 720s rung by the Royston Society during the quarter ending March 31st last: Cambridge Surprise 2, Superlative Surprise, Woodbine 3, Oxford Delight, Duke of York, City Delight, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Violet, Oxford 2, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court 2, Single Court 2, College Single 3, Oxford Bob, Double Bob, Grandsire Minor, Canterbury Pleasure Plain Bob. Total 32 720s. The following took part in the ringing: E. Bonnett 28, conducted 2; W. Darlow 22, conducted 3; A. Gilbert, 30; F. Griffin, 1; R. King 32, conducted 14; S. Roberts, 1; H. Wilkerson, 16; R. Wilkerson, 30; A. Wilkerson 32, conducted 13.

ABBOT LEIGH (Somersetshire).—On Sunday, May 3rd, after evening service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins. G. W. Bennett, G. H. Gale, W. Frampton, U. Green-slade, E. Frampton, L. Moore conductor.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—On Sunday, April 26th, for morning service, 518 Grandsire Triples. F. Summers, E. Johnson, J. H. Gillett, C. Dalby, R. H. Bartram conductor, G. W. Meakins, W. James, F. Grey. For evening service 395 Grandsire Caters, W. Spiby, F. Summers, J. Gillett, E. Johnson, G. W. Meakins, C. Dalby, A. V. Potter, W. James, R. H. Bartram conductor, F. Grey.

## CENTRAL COUNCIL COLLECTION OF PEALS.

## SECTION III. (DOUBLE NORWICH.)

After a somewhat lengthy interval the third section of the Central Council Collection of Peals has appeared, and the book, which deals exclusively with Double Norwich—Major, Caters, Royal, Cinques and Maximus—lies before us. It is a well-printed and well-arranged book of 120 pages, and is uniform with the two preceding sections. An improvement is that the headings of the pages shew at a glance where to look for a peal. The book contains 259 compositions, of which 228 are Major. This is a very fair proportion, for while Double Norwich Major is a perfect method, perfect in construction and music, and most graceful to ring, Double Norwich Royal and still less Double Norwich Maximus, are by no means so good, and probably will never be rung very extensively. On the other hand Double Norwich Caters is fully equal to the Major variation, and ought to be more and more popular as time goes on. For this reason we should have liked to have seen more Cater peals; but probably they do not exist as yet. The Major compositions are the work of some fifty-five men, ranging from Annable down to the present day, and consequently this book may fairly be taken to represent what has been done in the method. One thing that strikes us as we view the pages is that Double Norwich does not admit of the great variety of composition that Treble Bob does, and falls far short even of Bob Major. As a result we get a considerable number of peals, good in their way, but lacking in gracefulness. The unrestrained, and to some extent, haphazard use of singles, seems to us to disfigure many of the compositions. We have inherited enough of the old ringing tradition to look on singles as a necessary evil, necessary no doubt, but still an evil, and we with some difficulty tolerate their use, unless something considerable is gained by it.

In a note the collector points out that composition, of Double Norwich and Double Oxford and Bob Major are often interchangeable. We do not think that this fact is recognised so well as it might be. It is not to these three methods alone that this applies. Any method that has five working bells and three places where bobs are called falls into the same group. Very often a peal may be transferred bob for bob, single for single, but always the plan on which a peal based may be transferred, and the result often different in appearance is identical in fact. No more interesting example of this can be had than to take the peals of Duffield with the 6th fixed and transfer them to Bob Major or Double Norwich. With this fact in our minds we shall not agree with many of the names that are placed at the foot of the compositions of the present Collection.

To turn more particularly to the individual peals. They are grouped according to their parts: twenty-four, twelve, ten, nine, eight, six, five, four, three, two, and one-part peals. This we believe is in accordance with the instructions sent out at first to the various collectors, but we ourselves incline to a slightly different division. A ten-part peal is nothing but a five-part doubled. A four-part is a two-part doubled. We should have divided the peals into four groups. The first should have contained ten-part and five-part peals. The second twelve-part, six-part and three-part peals. The third eight-part, four-

part and two-part peals. And the last one-part peals. 'Tis but a trifle after all, but it seems a rather bad arrangement that peal No. 103, which though classed as a three-part (and not without reason) is really a six-part, should be separated from the rest of the six-parts by the four-part and five-part peals.

The first composition is Annable's familiar three-part peal of Bob Major given as a "forty-five" part. This is a peal the more one understands the more one appreciates. It hardly shews its good qualities in any other but its original method, but in any method it is a first class composition, and like all first class things has had hosts of imitators. Later on among the three-parts it again appears in a slightly different form (No. 101), and with it four others (Nos. 98, 99, 100, and 102), which, although they have long passed as original compositions, are really only the simplest variations. Miller's peal has the additional distinction of being a simple copy of Reeves's peal in the "Clavis," which is again a simple copy of Annable's peal. Peal No. 7 is an example of what we spoke of at first. Its counterpart will be found as Bob Major by Mr. N. J. Pitstow in the '95 Appendix, and that again while hardly a variation is yet the same in spirit with Mr. Carter's 5760s of Duffield. Peal No. 21 is surely an old friend under a different name. We should not like to say when it first appeared, but as Hubbard's ten-part of Bob Triples it is known well enough. No. 38 we should have liked to have seen reversed so as to get the musical bells in 6ths and not in 5ths, and Nos. 39 and 41 are two examples of that unrestrained use of singles we spoke of above. No. 42 again is a very old friend, and we have no hesitation in backing the claims of John Reeves (1788) against the name in this Collection or any numerous other claimants. Two five-part peals Nos. 60 and 69 by Thurston (1831) and Shipway (1816) may be compared. That they have so long been recognised as distinct compositions shows that the rules of authorship in bygone days were not very strict. Royle's peal (No. 63) as given is false. The last course of the part should be 36524 produced by bobs 1 and 6. As for the other five-part peals with a bell fixed in 6ths for a whole part if they cannot be found to have been published or rung as Bob Major years ago, we are very much mistaken.

We have nearly done our grumbling. Up till now the peals have been on plans that had been worked at as Bob Major before Double Norwich was heard of, and consequently peals in the latter are for the most part copies of peals in the former. When we get to the peals that are distinctively Double Norwich compositions we get some very fine compositions. For instance the four-parts are a very good lot, especially Nos. 76 (J. H. Barrett) and 77 (H. Dains). And in No. 87, 13,440, Mr. A. Knights has a very clever extent, which if we remember aright he has also published as Bob Major. The 3-parts begin with six excellent in-course peals, which are among the best in the book. These are not unlike Bob Major peals that have been published, we believe, by the same authors. Mr. Pitstow's No. 88 and Mr. Lindoff's No. 89 we particularly like. But we must hurry on. Our space will not allow us to take the compositions one by one. It is enough that the quality of the peals for the most part improves toward the end, and some of the two-parts are really excellent. For instance, Nos. 128 and 129 (H. Dains), 132 (E. Wightman), and especially No. 133 (J. J. Parker), Nos. 134 and 135 (A. Knights), and 136 (J. J. Parker), are peals that appeal more to the composer than to the conductor, but the composer will appreciate their worth, as he will also Mr. Lindoff's two clever peals Nos. 126

and 127. And from No. 182 onward we have several peals that for music cannot be beaten in the method.

Beginning with Mr. Newson's 13,440 (No. 192) we have the figures of the three record peals rung at Romford, Erith (15,072, No. 219, by Wightman), and Kidlington (17,024, No. 220, by Washbrook). Mr. Willson's peal is not given. In No. 200 we have a very musical one-part peal by Mr. Barrett, but we should have liked to have seen as the example on this plan one of the compositions of the Newcastle men, for it was they that introduced it, and so far as we know, exclusively rang it.

The Major peals close with a couple of "Real" Double compositions, which are interesting as curiosities, and little else, and a couple of peals by Sir Arthur Heywood with tenors parted. No. 221 is an interesting and useful peal. No. 222 has 6-8 fixed and the 7th in the work. Perhaps as a change this arrangement may appeal to some, but as music it can hardly be compared to 7-8 fixed. We may point out that any peal may be rung with 8-6 music if you begin your composition from the second lead of the plain course and calling any bob that may come at the last 6 at the first lead. The peals on the higher numbers call for no comment.

We have not looked for false peals nor for errors in the figures. We are afraid it is too much to hope for a Collection without at least one false peal. To err is human, and the best and most careful of men make mistakes. Still, "the man that never made a mistake never made anything." We notice that in peal 51 a bob 5 is omitted, in peal 52 a single at 6, and in peal 101 a bob at 6 in last course. When all is said we have a book that will be of the utmost value to Double Norwich conductors, and we shall be very much surprised if it does not have a ready sale among such as can understand its worth. It only remains to express the debt of gratitude that the Exercise owes to Mr. Dains for his services as collector, a job which is full of tedious drudgery; and if it brings its own reward it is well it does so, for the collector may look in vain for reward elsewhere.

#### THE HENFIELD (SUSSEX) SOCIETY.

The fingers of the parish church had their annual outing on Tuesday, May 19th, in delightful weather. The places chosen this year were Croydon and the Deptford district. The party of fourteen included the Vicar, the Rev. W. Wakeford, and Mr. G. Gatland, captain of the Steyning band, started from Henfield at 7.11 a.m. and reached Croydon about 9.30. The bells of the parish church had been placed at the disposal of the party for an hour, and a 504 of Stedman Triples was rung conducted by Mr. C. Tyler, and after a few touches in the same method a move was made for New Cross for lunch, which was provided at Mr. Hamblin's dining rooms near the station. After lunch the tower of St. John's, Deptford, was visited, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were brought round, conducted by L. and G. Payne. St. Nicholas' church was then visited and more touches of Stedman brought round. The party then travelled by tram and bus through some of the principal streets of London, visiting places of interest until 7.17 p.m., when the party left for home, which was reached at 9.15 p.m., thus ending one of the most pleasant outings the Society has had. They wish to thank the Vicars of the above churches for their kindness in granting permission to ring, and to Mr. States and Mr. Jeffery for meeting them and extending such a welcome.

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

#### RINGING EVERY BELL IN A TOWER TO A PEAL.

SIR,—The following record by Mr. J. R. Sharman at Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, is good. He went to Birchington on three Easters and was successful in ringing three peals on each visit. On journeying down to Birchington the fourth Easter Mr. Sharman mentioned that he had looked up his peal records and found he had rung nine different bells to the nine previous peals, and he was anxious to ring the remaining three bells on that visit. This he succeeded in doing. Thus in twelve visits to the tower he had rung the twelve bells to a peal. The following are the peals rung: Superlative Major, Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal, Stedman Caters, 2, Kent Treble Bob Royal, Stedman Cinques, 2, Kent Treble Bob Maximus, Stedman Cinques, 3.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

#### A REPLY.

SIR,—May I be allowed to remind Mr. G. N. Price that it was he who first introduced personalities by his unjust insinuations toward the Central Council. I, as a very humble member of that body, simply defended it. I did not get my paper till too late to reply last week.

E. BARNETT.

#### WHICH COMPOSER?

SIR,—Referring to the composition of Treble Bob Major published in your last issue, has not Mr. Dains produced Mr. Sottanstell's peal which is given in Snowdon's Treble Bob, Part II., page 47? In all probability I should not have noticed the similarity of the two compositions, but having looked up Mr. Sottanstell's peal for handbell purposes, I at once recognised the same composition in "BELL NRWS" under Mr. Dains's name. The production is a good one, and all honour to Mr. Dains for having produced it, but I think Mr. Sottanstell has the prior claim.

G. D. COLEMAN.

#### CHURCH TOWERS.

SIR,—In thanking Mr. Daniell very much for his most interesting reply to my query as to the original purpose of church towers, I should like to remind him of the idea of the little slits in the stairway walls, which now serve wholly to admit light and air. Even now, they are constructed on the old method. I cannot put my hand upon it at the moment, but a little while ago the Rector of Hatfield published a paper somewhat on this subject, the gist of which seemed to be that towers were used really for defensive military purposes. In the case of the slits I have mentioned, they taper from the inside, and at the joining with the outside wall, a special resisting stone was used. From the inside as many as six men could point bow and arrow and pistol at any invaders; while those outside were at the disadvantage of having such a narrow opening to shoot into, and further, the special stone facing was able to withstand any ordinary fire or shock. I should much appreciate Mr. Daniell's opinion, as he has proved himself to be an expert in his knowledge of these matters.

VALENTINE STURDY.

Mr. C. Morris, of 67, Ullswater Street, Leicester, wishes to know the average age of the youngest band who has rung a 5000? Can any of our readers supply him with the information.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1908

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch of this Association held its annual meeting by kind permission of the Rev. W. H. Randolph (Vicar), at Frome, on Saturday, May 2nd. Early in the afternoon members began to assemble at the parish church of St. John, and by 4 o'clock the bells were going merrily. The peal has recently been rehung, and the going of the bells is now excellent, and all who assisted in bringing about this desirable consummation are to be heartily congratulated on their success. Without a doubt they possess one of the finest peals in the diocese.

At 4.30 the party adjourned to The Union Jack restaurant for tea and the usual business meeting. Here they were joined by the Vicar of Frome and the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill. The latter gentleman who is the genial chairman of the Deanery Branch, presided over the meeting with his usual ability and courtesy. The Hon. Secretary presented his report for the past year, which shewed that steady progress had been made by the branch both in point of usefulness and numbers.

Six o'clock found the members attending evensong at the parish church, after which the tower was once more their rendezvous.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Third Session of the Sixth Council will be held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall at Cambridge, on Whitsun-Tuesday, June 9th, 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 same room at 9.45 a.m.

## AGENDA.

- 1.—Minutes of the last Meeting.
- 2.—Apologies for absence (if any).
- 3.—Statement of Accounts and of Sales of Publications.
- 4.—Introduction of New Members.
- 5.—Election of Honorary Members.
- 6.—To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees.

- (a).—Peal Collection.
- (b).—Church Press.
- (c).—Legitimate Methods.
- (d).—Peal Analysis.
- (e).—Peal Values.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:—

7.—That the following Note be appended to Rule II. "NOTE.—Here and elsewhere in these Rules the word "Member" shall be taken as meaning "Member of Council." A "Representative Member" is not necessarily a Member of the Society which he represents."

8.—To discuss certain points in connection with the Collection of Legitimate Methods, and to move a resolution.

9.—To discuss the claims of the various methods published under the title of "London Surprise Royal," and to move a resolution.

10.—"That it is desirable to retain the practice of apportioning points for peals."

11.—To discuss the question whether the present fashion of ringing a large variety of methods is responsible for decreased attention to accurate striking; and, if so, whether any steps can be taken to encourage greater pride in this respect.

12.—Other business (if any).

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

A Social gathering will be held in the evening at The Lion hotel, commencing at 9 p.m.

Tramcars and Motor omnibuses run from the station to the Post Office (fare 1d.), from which by walking through the short street called "Petty Cury," and passing The Lion hotel on the way, access is gained in a few yards to the Market Place, in which the Guildhall is situated. Besides The Lion hotel, there is also a Temperance hotel—The Livingstone—in the Petty Cury.

The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Fellow and Dean of Trinity College, and Honorary Member of the Council, writes as follows: "Any members of the Council who may be in Cambridge on the afternoon of Whit-Monday, June 8th, and would like to be conducted round some of the Colleges and places of interest, are invited to meet in my rooms at 3 o'clock. A second party for those who reach Cambridge later may perhaps be arranged at the same place at 5 o'clock."

We feel sure that such an extremely kind offer as this will be widely and thankfully accepted.

A band of eight members of the University, who are also members of the Council, hope to ring a peal of welcome to the Council at St. Andrew's church on Whitsun-Monday afternoon.

The ring of twelve at Great St. Mary's (the church from which the "Cambridge" quarters, now so famous and widespread, and which should never be called the "Westminster" quarters, were originally derived), will be open to members of the Council for ringing touches at 5.45 p.m. on the Monday and Tuesday.

## The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, May 23, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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On Wednesday, February 12, 1908, in Three Hours,

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\*First peal.

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On Saturday, May 16, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HERBERT RAINBOW .. .. Treble.	FRED HOPPER .. .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 6.
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, and  
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Double Norwich. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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GEORGE O. DIXON .. .. Treble.	*THOMAS CHOWN .. .. 5.
JOHN W. SMITHSON* .. 2.	WALTER ALLWOOD .. 6.
GEORGE LEWIS .. .. 3.	*FRANK WILLEY .. .. 7.
ALBERT E. GLEDSTONE* .. 4.	CLEMENT GLENN .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Rung after the unveiling by Mrs. Knight, the wife of the Rev. C. F. Knight, Vicar, of a handsome peal-board recording three peals rung at this church. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Willey. \*First peal of Bob Major.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 17, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-two 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.

GEORGE COOPER .. .. Treble.	JAMES STARLING .. .. 4.
CHARLES E. FISHER .. 2.	ROBERT SMY .. .. 5.
HENRY PUTTOCK .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SAWYER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SAWYER.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 19, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

WILLIAM LANSDOWN .. Treble.	CHARLES DOWNING .. 6.
HENRY HOWELL .. .. 2.	FRED G. MAY .. .. 7.
ALBERT STOWELL .. .. 3.	FRANK K. HOWELL .. 8.
PERCY WILLIAMS .. .. 4.	ISAAC LONG .. .. 9.
ALGERNON L. LEWTON .. 5.	URIAH BEAVEN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by F. G. MAY.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 18, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE T. POTTER* .. Treble.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. 5.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 6.
THOMAS A. TEASDALE* .. 3.	†WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 7.
R. ALDER GOFTON .. .. 4.	ROBERT RICHARDS .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by WM. H. BARBER.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Teasdale.

OSWALDTWISTLE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 17, 1908, in Five Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 10,080 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Superlative, Cambridge, Ely, Lincoln, Rochester, Coventry, Bristol, Lichfield, Worcester, Chichester, York, Durham, London and Wells.

W. RILEY .. .. Treble.	A. T. HOULDSWORTH .. 4.
J. HOULDSWORTH .. .. 2.	I. WHALLEY .. .. 5.
T. HAWORTH .. .. 3.	C. SHARPLES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

Longest Minor peal ever rung in Lancashire, also by all the band.

## ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 21, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES BURCH* .. .. Treble.	ALFRED GREENFIELD .. 5.
PERCY H. DOICK .. .. 2.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. 6.
ERNEST MILLS† .. .. 3.	JOHN NETLEY .. .. 7.
CHARLES BLACKMAN .. .. 4.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This was the quarterly peal for the Western Division.

## SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

A. TURNER .. .. Treble.	G. BARTLETT .. .. 5.
H. COOMBS .. .. 2.	R. MILES .. .. 6.
D. COOMBS .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
T. BOND .. .. 4.	W. LONGSHAW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

## STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(STANFORD BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

HORACE F. STUBBS† .. Treble.	*GEORGE WILSON .. .. 5.
CHARLES HARRIMAN* .. 2.	JOSEPH DAVIES .. .. 6.
HARRY WHITTLE .. .. 3.	EDWARD READER .. .. 7.
JOSEPH HARDY .. .. 4.	JOSEPH POWELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. READER.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. This is H. Whittle's 70th peal.

## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALBERT HARFFEY .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH SHARP .. .. 5.
ERNEST GOWER .. .. 2.	GEORGE PENFOLD .. .. 6.
ARTHUR MILES .. .. 3.	GEORGE H. HOWSE .. .. 7.
RICHARD HOLDER* .. .. 4.	*CHARLES GATLAND .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE PENFOLD.

\*First peal This peal was arranged for R. Holder. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5180 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN J. MAWBY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM B. MEADOWS .. 5.
JAMES HOUGHTON .. .. 2.	FRANK WEBB .. .. 6.
CHARLES KELLER* .. .. 3.	ANDERSON TYLER .. .. 7.
GEORGE LINES .. .. 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN W. BARKER, and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

\*First peal in the method. F. Webb was proposed a member previous to starting.

## BLAKENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

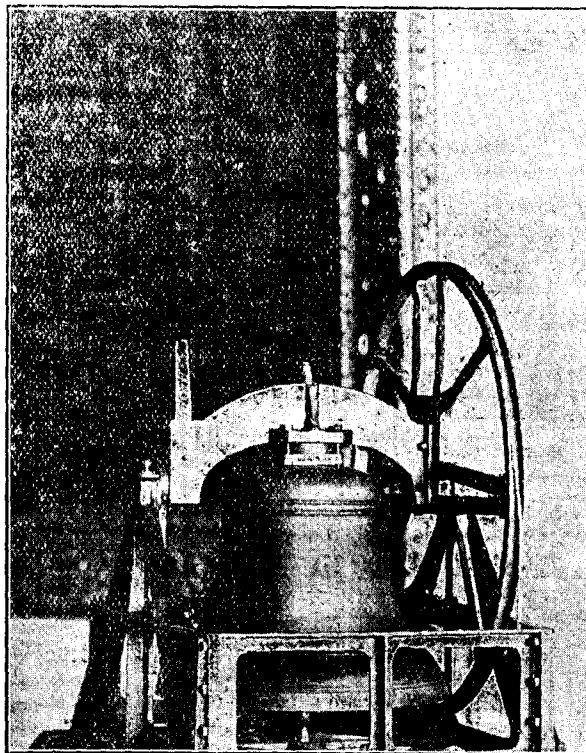
ALFRED J. WALLATER .. Treble.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM R. MASON .. .. 2.	JOHN BASS .. .. 6.
HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 3.	GEORGE PIGOTT .. .. 7.
GEORGE HUGHES .. .. 4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. Tenor.

Composed by J. PIGOTT, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and by the above Association.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The peal rung at Queen Camel reported in our last issue, should have been credited to the Bath and Wells Association; and the conductor's name was Herbert C. Mounter, not H. C. Mounted as stated.—The time occupied in ringing the peal of Grandsire Triples at Burgess Hill on May 13th was 2 hrs. 56 mins., not 2 hrs. 52 mins. as stated.

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Hargrave, Huntingdon.

## Notices.

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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 June 1st, 15th, and 29th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 2nd and 16th; at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on the 4th and 18th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 11th and 25th; at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 2nd; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 18th; all at 8 p.m. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**  
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**The Royal Cumberland Youths.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, to-day, Saturday, May 30th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m.

**F. BENNETT, Hon. Sec.**

3, Harts Lane, New Cross, S.E.

**The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rowley Regis to-day, Saturday, May 30th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5 p.m.

**W. MICKLEBRIGHT, Hon. Sec.**

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Guiseley to-day, Saturday, May 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at The Red Lion at 7.30.

**GEO. W. SLACK, Hon. Sec.**

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Esher, Surrey, to-day, Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Tea at Grant's Restaurant at 5.30. Meeting after.

**CHAS. H. PEARCE, D.S. Sec.**

19, Vale Road, Yorktown.

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at South Wingfield to-day, Saturday, May 30th. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. Ringing friends invited.

**T. ALLIBONE, Sec.**

**Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting will take place at Mansfield on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Return excursion train (1s. 9d.) by 2.5 p.m. train from Sheffield, Great Central Railway.

**SIDNEY F. PALMER, Hon. Sec.**

**The Essex Association.**—North-Western District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 6th, at Newport and Wenden. The bells will be available at 2 o'clock. Tea will be provided at the Newport Church Room at 5 o'clock. Will those who intend being present kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, June 3rd.

**JOHN F. PENNING, Hon. Sec.**

"Fairville," Saffron Walden.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chtist Church, Bacup, on Saturday, June 6th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

**Z. LORD, Branch Sec.**

**Gloucester and Bristol Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lydney on Whit-Monday, June 8th. Service in the parish church at 12.30. Dinner at The Swan hotel at 1.30. Business meeting after dinner.

Dinner tickets, 1s. 3d. each, to those member only obtaining same from Mr. J. W. Daviss 5, Great Western Terrace, Lydney, on or before Thursday, June 4th. Dinner without tickets 2s. 6d. each, provided there is sufficient room.

**C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, } Hon. Secs.  
W. A. CAVE, }**

30, Broad Street, Bristol.

**The Kent County Association.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Maidstone on Whitson Monday, June 8th. Committee Meeting in All Saints vestry at 2 p.m. Service, with address by the Vicar, the Rev. E. H. Hardcastle, at 3 p.m. Tea in All Saints Boys' school at 4 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Each member present at the service will be allowed 1s. Application for tea tickets to be made to the Secretary before June 4th. It will be necessary to elect four representatives on the Central Council. Nominations of candidates, signed by two members, must be sent to the Secretary before May 31st.

**FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.**

The Precincts, Canterbury.

**Central Northamptonshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, June 8th. Service in St. Peter's church at 12 o'clock. Hot luncheon at The George hotel at 1 o'clock. Members 1s. each, non-members 2s. each. Meeting after luncheon. Usual ringing arrangements.

**FRED WILFORD, Hon. Sec.**

**The Essex Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, 11.30.—Divine Service at St. Mary's with address by the Rev. L. Hughes, Vicar of Maldon. Members intending to dine must give notice to the Hon. Secretary before June 3rd.

**HENRY T. W. EYRE, Hon. Sec.**

Great Totham.

**Durham and Newcastle Association.**—Saturday, June 6th, at 3 p.m., special service for dedication of bells at Stranton, West Hartlepool. Tea after. Whit-Monday, June 8th, combined meeting with the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association at Stockton-on-Tees. Service in Stockton parish church at noon. Lunch in the parish hall at 1.30 p.m. Bells—Stockton (10), tenor 27½ cwt.; Thornaby (8), tenor 11 cwt.; Middlesbrough (8), tenor 12 cwt. Those purposing to attend either meeting, should write not later than June 1st to

**ARTHUR M. C. FIELD, Hon. Sec.**

30, St. Cuthbert's Terrace, Blackhill.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—North Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Shenley, Bucks., on Saturday, June 6th. Dedication service at 3 p.m.

**F. W. BOOTH, Hon. Sec.**

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, June 6th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea provided at 5 p.m. Service in church at 6 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m. in the schools. Members intending to be present please notify Mr. Peter Preston, 3, Red Hill Church Street, Stone, not later than the previous Wednesday.

**REV. W. G. KEYWORTH, } Hon. Secs.  
J. JOHNSON, }**

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, June 13th. Bells ready at 4.30.

**WALTER HUGHES, Sec.**

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on

Saturday, June 20th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea in St. Mary's Hall at 6 o'clock, 9d. per head. All members and friends invited. I should like to hear from those who intend to be present.

**H. EDEN, Hon. Dis. Sec.**

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Taunton on Saturday, June 27th. Particulars later. **E. E. BURGESS, Hon. Sec.**

**The Kent County Association—Tonbridge District.**—The next meeting of this district will be held at Goudhurst on Saturday, June 13th. Tower open at 3.30. Business meeting at 5.30. Half travelling expenses up to but not exceeding 2s. will be paid to members attending.

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

## AN APPEAL.

The members of the Keighley society have opened a subscription list for the cause of one of their ringing brethren—J. McGoun—who has the misfortune to lose the use of one of his legs, the foot of which has been just amputated. He has been unable to use the limb now for a matter of eight months. The above company therefore beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country on his behalf. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 34, Hill Street, Keighley, Yorkshire, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS."

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## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, May 12th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins. W. States, J. Talbot, T. Talbot, W. Groves, A. Clarke, A. Jones, E. Bray conductor, W. Hill. Rung as a parting compliment to the conductor, E. Bray, who is leaving Croydon for Eastbourne, the ringers wishing him every success.

## NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

ECCLESTON (Cheshire).—On Saturday, April 25th, at St. Mary's church, 1344 Superlative Surprise. \*J. V. Wright, G. Jones, R. Sperring, E. H. Lewis, W. T. Pegler, J. Morgan, H. W. Wilde conductor, A. E. Pegler. \*First quarter-peal in the method. First quarter-peal of Superlative on the bells. First in the method by the above Association.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DAGENHAM (Essex).—On Saturday, May 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. D. Chaplin, C. Rochester, E. Hawkins, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor. On Sunday evening, May 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. D. Chaplin, E. Hawkins, F. Ottley, A. Chaplin, G. Playle conductor, R. Miles. And several 6-scores of Grandsire and Plain Doubles, with E. Furbank on the treble.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CALVERTON (Bucks).—On Easter Sunday afternoon, 720 Oxford Single Bob. A. Clarke, C. Hopkins, E. Yates, W. Bonham, G. Tompkins, C. A. Valentine conductor.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Saturday, April 18th, 720 Oxford Single Bob. A. Clarke, C. Hopkins, E. Yates, W. Bonham, G. Tompkins, C. A. Valentine con-

ductor. For morning service on Easter Sunday, 720 Bob Minor. A. Clarke, C. A. Valentine, W. Bonham, C. Hopkins, E. Yates conductor, A. Giles.

LOUGHTON (Bucks).—On Saturday, May 2nd, 720 Grandsire Doubles. G. W. Tompkins, W. Edwards, A. Shillingford, W. Pether, J. Higgins conductor. And 120. A. Shillingford, W. Pether, W. Edwards, J. Higgins, G. Tompkins. This is believed to be the first 720 on the bells.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCH-DEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TIPTON.—On Sunday evening, May 3rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 1280 Kent Major in 47 mins. F. Bywater, A. Rowley conductor, W. J. Smith, H. Price, W. R. Small, J. Faulkner, A. Davies, H. Withers. Composed by A. Knights.

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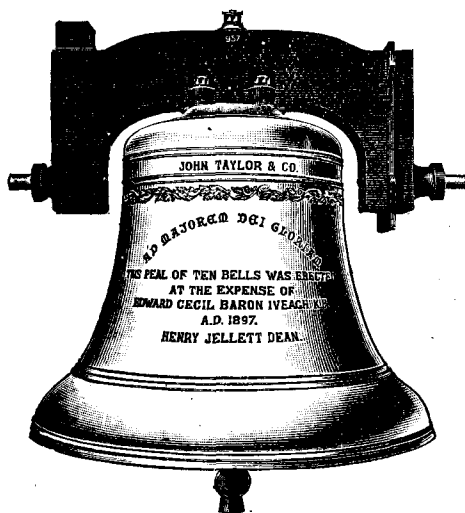
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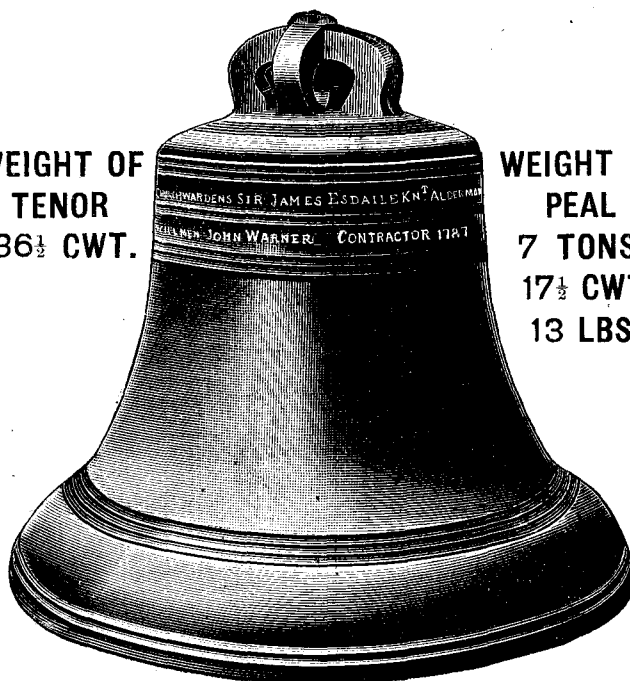
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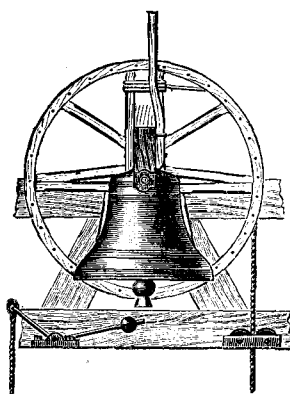
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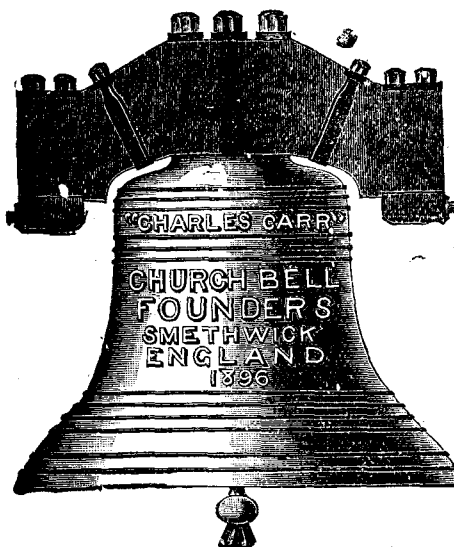
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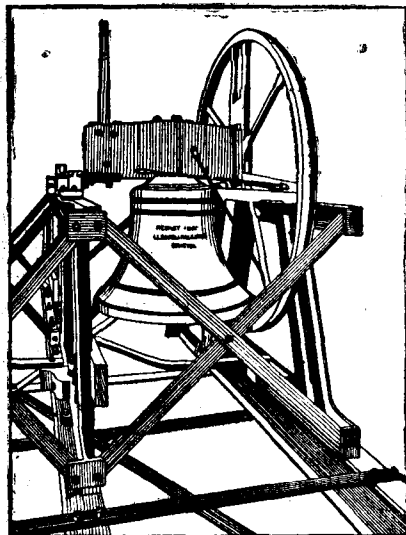
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## DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT RUSHALL, NEAR WALSALL.

On Sunday, May 10th, a new ring of six bells at the parish church of Rushall was dedicated by the Rev. Canon Bodington (Lichfield) in the presence of a large congregation.

After the third collect at matins, Canon Bodington, Canon Tetley Rowe (Vicar), Messrs. A. Brookes and A. Madeley (churchwardens), with the choir, proceeded to the west porch under the tower.

Mr. W. H. Brookes handed the ropes to Canon Bodington, requesting him to dedicate the bells.

After the dedication, the choir and clergy returned to their stalls, singing the special hymn of the office, at the completion of which the bells were rung for a few minutes.

At the conclusion of the service several touches were rung by the special company of ringers, the following having very kindly come for the occasion: Messrs. J. E. Groves, H. Knight, G. Hughes, J. C. Adams, W. Fisher, and R. Matthews. After partaking of dinner at Mr. Churchwarden Madeley's, the same band kept the bells going all the afternoon.

The bells and iron frame are the work of Messrs. J. Barwell, of Birmingham, and reflect great credit on that firm, the go of the bells is perfect, and the tone, for a light ring, the tenor being 7c. 1 qr. 10 lbs., is very rich, in fact many who heard them thought they were a much heavier peal. The whole of the necessary funds were subscribed by the parishioners before the work was commenced, and one and all were loud in their praises of the bells, and it is felt they are an addition to the church of which every one will be proud.

On Saturday, May 16th, a meeting of ringers was held at Rushall to commemorate the opening of the bells. The company numbered about sixty, the following towers being represented: Darlaston, Lichfield Cathedral and St. Mary, Bloxwich, Coseley, St. Martin's, Birmingham, Edgbaston, Handsworth, Norton Canes, Oldbury, Shifnal, Tipton, Walsall, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Wollaston, Wolverhampton, and Wordsley.

Everyone was pleased to welcome that enthusiastic lady ringer, Miss Gilbanks, of Wollaston, and another lady ringer attended, viz., Miss Cartwright, daughter of Mr. Rowland Cartwright, of Wombourn, who gives every promise of developing into a good ringer. The Vicar, the Rev. Canon J. Tetley Rowe, gave the visitors a most interesting address.

Tea was the next item on the programme, and all seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. Then followed a smoking concert, the chair being taken by the Rev. C. E. Armitage, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar.

Mr. H. Withers delighted every one with his unparalleled performances on the dulcimer, the touches of Double Norwich and Stedman being perfectly rendered.

Messrs. J. Carter, J. E. Groves, A. Walker, and H. Withers contributed handbell selections, and Messrs. F. Cope, jun., W. Thornton, and others gave songs in first-class style.

Thus came to an end two memorable days for Rushall,

one of the happiest of those present being Mr. Churchwarden Madeley, who has been mainly instrumental in getting the parishioners to provide the church with such a handy little ring of six bells, and who felt fully compensated for all the work he has done in connection with the matter, by the evident enjoyment of all.

## WORPLESDON, SURREY.

The ring of bells in St. Mary's tower, some of which date back to 1726, have just been restored and re-hung in a new iron frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. All the bells have been quarter turned, i.e., arranged so that the clappers strike on a fresh surface, thus minimising the risk of cracking, and provided with new headstocks, wheels, bearings, ropes, and all new fittings throughout. The frame in which they are hung is of the most modern type, consisting of massive steel joists built into the solid walls, strongly braced and tied together, upon which are placed the heavy cast iron H pattern standards carrying the bearings. Each of these castings weighs 5 cwt., and the total weight of the frame, exclusive of the bells, is about 6 tons. This framing is so arranged as to add materially to the stability of the tower. Two vacant pits have been left for the addition of two treble bells at any future time, to make a ring of eight. The weight of the treble bell is 6 cwt. 2 qrs. 26 lbs., and that of the tenor 18 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.

The bells have not been rung for the last two years owing to structural weakness, and the subscription list opened to put them in state of repair was very generously subscribed to. The re-opening took place on Saturday, May 23rd, in the presence of the Rector (the Rev. D. C. Tovey) and the churchwardens. The first 720 was rung by Messrs. J. Phillips, J. Hooker, F. Burningham, W. Snatchfold, H. Jelley, sen., G. Jelley. Other ringers present were Messrs. F. Gale, H. Roberts, F. Gwinn, and H. Hooker, sen. It was remarked that the tone of the bells appeared to be better, owing to their being retuned by Gillett and Johnston. Further 720s were rung on Sunday between 7 and 8 a.m., and after the evening service.

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

The Annual Meeting of the above Society was held at Sheffield on Saturday, May 2nd, when a large assembly of ringers were present from Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Chesterfield, Eckington, Ecclesfield, Mansfield, North Wingfield, Norton, Ranmoor, Rotherham, Treeton, Walkley, and all the ringing towers of Sheffield. The bells of the parish church (12) and St. Marie's (8) were made full use of from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. with touches in the various methods from Triples to Maximus, the ringing being of a high standard. A meeting of the Committee was held previous to the business meeting to investigate several important procedures appertaining to the welfare of the Society, with a view of laying same in a concise form before the general meeting.

The business meeting was held in the presbytery room attached to St. Marie's church, which had been kindly placed at the disposal of the Society by the Rev. Dean Dolan, nearly one hundred members attending. The chair was taken by the Rev. Dean Dolan, who was ably supported by Mr. Sam Thomas (President), Mr. James Dixon (Vice-president), Mr. David Brearley (hon. treasurer) Mr. Sidney F. Palmer (hon. secretary), Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Mr. S. Wood (Ashton), Mr. Clement Glenn (hon. secretary to the Yorkshire Association) and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and duly signed. The accounts, which had previously been audited by Messrs. G. W. Bemrose and Geo. Lewis, were read out in detail by the hon. secretary, the balance in hand amounting to £10 16s. 9d., with a total membership of three honorary and 245 performing members.

The Rev. Dean Dolan then stated he had a very pleasant duty to perform in presenting the Society's silver cup (value £10), together with a framed certificate to the winners of the Sunday Service ringing competition, which he understood had been promoted for regular attendance for ringing at the Sunday services of the churches in union. On looking over the awards, he was pleased to say that a very high percentage indeed had been reached by the various competitors, and he offered his congratulations along with the cup certificate to the St. Mary's, Walkley, who were declared winners with a total percentage of 97.59, amidst hearty cheers.

Mr. A. Staniforth on behalf of the winners in accepting, thanked the Dean for his kind words.

Considerable interest has been shown in this competition, the award coming somewhat as a surprise, but great credit is also due to the other competitors who were placed as follows: Bolsover, 94.47 (second); Doncaster 93.62 (third); All Saints, Sheffield 92.42 (fourth); Parish Church, Sheffield 84.77 (fifth); whilst the attendance sheets shew that several members of the various companies had not missed a single service during the whole of the year.

The Rev. Dean Dolan gave a short address, but as he had other important official duties to perform that evening, he was sorry to say he could not stay with them very long. He was very pleased indeed to welcome the Society, and to be with them that evening if only for a short time, and also to offer them the use of the room. Referring to the cup competition, he again offered his congratulations to the competitors for their excellent attendance, but was disappointed at not finding his own company "in the running," which had been explained to him was not their fault, but due to their being "barred" through rule. He quite understood the difficulties under which many of them, and particularly his own ringers, were placed with regard to their practices, as being surrounded by chapels, theatres, halls, and shops, the bells of his own church were doubtless at times considered a nuisance, although to him there was nothing nicer than listening to the ringing of bells. Speaking of how the present generation clung to old customs, he could claim that ringing was one of them, as the record of the first known bell dated back as far as the 10th or 11th century, and which was used in the tower of a monastery. It was the custom previous to this for a monk to go from door to door with a hammer, to summon the inmates to prayer, but as time went on someone thought of placing a large sounding instrument in the tower attached to the monastery, whereby all the pious people could be sum-

moned to worship at the same time, hence the origin of the bell. This went on for some considerable time, and then the bell was made use of for other purposes, such as indicating the time, hence the curfew bell, and so on by degrees until bells were erected in most of the town and village churches, the number being added to from time to time, with the result that we now have numerous peals of beautiful bells rung in a scientific manner by a willing and able body of workers. The Dean concluded with a hope that he should again have the pleasure of meeting them all in the future.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley stated that one and all were very sorry the Dean could not stay with them longer, and in proposing a hearty vote of thanks for his kindness in presiding, and allowing the use of the room, said he could well remember the occasion when the grand peal of eight was erected in the tower of St. Marie's, and with which the name of Canon Walshaw was a matter of history amongst the ringers of the district, and if by any possible means an addition of two new trebles could be made, they would have one of the finest peals of ten in the country, whilst the name of Dean Dolan would become historical amongst bellringers, and be handed down from generation to generation.

Mr. Sam Thomas in a few appropriate words seconded the vote, which was passed amid hearty applause.

In reply Dean Dolan thanked them for the favour, and stated the time for ringing was limited, owing to the early service of the chapel next door. He had frequently received complaints from them in this respect, and if they could be induced to have their service a little later, he promised them (the ringers) he would do his best towards getting them two more bells.

The Dean now being obliged to leave, the chair was taken by the President.

A resume of the year's work was then given by the President, which showed the Society was still making good headway, both with respect to the steady increase of membership, and more towers being brought into union.

With regard to peal-ringing no less than eighty-seven peals had been rung during the year, which constituted a record, whilst the quality was such that more than one of our large county Associations might be proud of.

The peals were ranged over twenty-two towers, with eighteen conductors, and it is gratifying to the Committee to learn that peals in the higher methods are being assiduously sought after, the attainment of which is the aim of every true lover of change-ringing.

All the officers were unanimously elected for the ensuing year.

Notice of motion having been given with respect to alteration of rule in the cup competition, it was resolved that each competitor be allowed one Sunday for holiday during the year, due notice to be given beforehand.

Discussion took place at length with regard to payment for peal recording, the expense of which is borne entirely by the Society, and on a vote being taken, it was decided by a large majority that the present rule remain in force.

Eight new members were elected. A vote of thanks to the officers for their services during the past year brought the meeting to a close.

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1243	-	-	-
2143	S	-	-
4321	-	-	-
3421	S	-	-
2134	-	-	-

## B 14326578x90

3214	-	-	-
2314	S	-	-
1423	-	-	-
4123	S	-	-
2341	-	-	-
3241	S	-	-
4132	-	-	-

## C 12346587x90

3412	-	-	-
4312	S	-	-
1243	-	-	-
2143	S	-	-
4321	-	-	-
3421	S	-	-
2134	-	-	-

## D 4132568709x

3241	-	-	-
2341	S	-	-
4123	-	-	-
1423	S	-	-
2314	-	-	-
3214	S	-	-
1432	-	-	-

## E 4132658709x

1432	S	-	-
3214	-	-	-
2314	S	-	-
1423	-	-	-
4123	S	-	-
2341	-	-	-
3241	S	-	-

Round in five changes.

A 1S, 2, 4S, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.

B 7, 8, 9, 10, 13S, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18.

C 7, 8, 9, 10, 12S, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18.

D 2S, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12S, 15, 16, 21S.

E 7, 8, 10S, 13S, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18.

This peal has the full extent of 5678s, 6578s and 6587s in the tittums position, and also the full extent of the 6578s and 5678s in the handstroke home position. The 5th and 6th are never away from 5-6 at the course-ends, and it is the first peal ever composed with these qualities. Attempted at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on May 26th, conducted by A. Walker.

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## CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, May 23rd, at St. Peter's church, ringers from the Potteries, Macclesfield and district, together with the local band, were present in the belfry, to witness the unveiling of a peal-tablet by the Vicar. The tablet was kindly presented by Mr. H. Lawton, to commemorate the ringing of a peal of Stedman Triples.

Mr. Lawton, in presenting the tablet, said the object was to encourage the St. Peter's ringers in change-ringing, and regretted that the names on the slab were not those of local men, and promised to give another to match, if a peal of not less than 5000 was rung by a band of eight, consisting of not less than five local ringers.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for presiding, and the donor, after which the ringers and friends were entertained to tea kindly provided by the Congleton band.

## 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 LONGER PEAL.

SIR,—With reference to the peal at Oswaldtwistle in your last issue, I beg to remind the band that a 10,080 of Treble Bob Minor was rung at Brathay, in Lancashire, by six members of the Furness and Lake District Branch, on Saturday, January 25th, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 8th, 1908.

W. ROBINSON.

## DOUBLE NORWICH PEAL COLLECTION.

SIR,—In your issue of to-day is a review of the above. Concerning the long peals in the method it states—"Mr. Willson's peal is not given." No reason is assigned for this omission, but I, on my own behalf, and of the band, demand a reason. Is this boycott of the record peal (in this or any other method) the penalty of my criticism of the peal committee and of Mr. Dains in particular? That gentleman has had the composition of the 17,104 also of the 11,008 in his possession for more than three years. His letter acknowledging receipt lies before me at this moment. Only one construction can be placed upon this contemptible act. Only recently I commented upon Mr. Dains's action in forcing into another publication of the Council's a false peal after the book was complete. He was clearly convicted of this, and up to the present has been unable to extricate himself by a single word of explanation or apology. These tactics more than justify my criticisms. The Double Norwich Collection purports to be up-to-date while excluding the longest length! I can quite understand the deliberate slight upon myself, but it is grossly unfair to the band, it is unfair to the Midland Counties Association, and furthermore history demands a place for the composition of the longest length in the method yet rung. I put it to the men of honour to say at the meeting on Whit-Tuesday whether they will allow this injustice to pass unchallenged.

WM. WILLSON.

[Letters to the same effect have also been received from A. Aldham, J. Houghton, and W. H. Inglesant.]

## THE CHICAGO BELLS.

SIR,—Your readers may be interested to know that my communication to "THE BELL NEWS" of May 2nd, calling for ringers for the opening of the new peal at Chicago, brought fifteen favourable responses by the first English mail, and six more have since reached me, including one from Canada. Some of these letters came from men of the highest reputation as experienced conductors and instructors. No better evidence could be afforded of the importance of "THE BELL NEWS" as a vehicle of inter-communication between the fraternity. The prevailing sentiment was tersely expressed by one who wrote—"If I am going to a new country and can settle among ringers

"I know I shall be among friends." Conversely, it has been my observation that ringers who come to a locality where good bells cannot be heard are apt to be dissatisfied, however congenial in other respects their work and environment. I wish to express my hearty appreciation to all who have answered with sympathetic encouragement my letter. Although the time now seems too limited to permit the consummation of the plan for an early opening of these bells, which are now upon the ocean, I am pleased to report that there is a fair prospect that a band may be got together by early autumn prepared to score a peal, the second to be achieved in this western hemisphere.

55, Mount Vernon Street, Boston. ARTHUR H. NICHOLS.

#### REPLY TO ENQUIRY.

SIR,—In reply to C. Morris's enquiry as to the average age of the youngest band who has rung a 5000, I have to state that about March, 1906 (in reply to a similar query from West Clandon) I claimed the record for a Minor peal rung at Rotherham on March 17th, 1904, by J. W. J. Cottam (aged 18), 1; M. Simmonite (aged 18), 2; A. Kettell (aged 16), 3; A. Hague (aged 18), 4; J. Smith (aged 16), 5; C. Glenn (conductor, aged 21), 6. Average age 17½ years. Four of the same band also rang on April 9th, 1905, a handbell peal of Grandsire Triples, their average age being then 19 years. CLEMENT GLENN.

#### NATURAL COURSES OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—Since writing you last, a communication which you kindly published in your valuable paper of May 23rd, I have been trying for the missing link of my systematising plan. I am proud to say that I am now able to give you forty natural courses which is the full extent of my system. They are as follows:—

231456	324156	413256	352146
152436	514236	425136	531246
321465	154263	412365	325641
512463	234165	421563	513642
356412	354621	431652	156342
536421	534612	452631	236541
163425	164352	436125	165243
265413	264531	456213	263145
613452	614325	463521	612543
625431	624513	465312	621345

JOHN CARTER.

#### STEDMAN TRIPLES, FORTY COURSES.

SIR,—I am sending you forty courses of Stedman Triples, which I have arranged in groups of five courses. They are represented by slow sixes.

(1)	(2)	(9)	(10)
2314567	3241567	1432576	4123576
3425167	2135467	4215376	1345276
4531267	1524367	2543176	3512476
5142367	5413267	5321476	5234176
1253467	4352167	3154276	2451376
(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
4357612	1257643	3156724	2456731
2137645	3427615	4216735	1346725
5417623	5147632	5326741	5236714
3247651	2317654	1436752	4126753
1527634	4537621	2546713	3516742

On referring to groups 1, 2, 9, 10, it will be seen that the numbers of each group follow each other by the same mode of sequence. The same may be said of groups 5, 6, 7, 8. Now if my fellow students will refer to "Stedman," page 197, they will find that my 5, 6, 7, 8 are slow sixes belonging to Hudson's groups, 5, 6, 7, 8. Also that my 1 and 2 are the same as Hudson's 1 and 2, and that my 9 and 10 are the tenth sixes of Hudson's 9 and 10, but, in order to get my 9 and 10 uniform with 1 and 2, I was obliged to take what I will call the B of these sixes, instead of the natural six-ends. The characteristics of the sixes are the same.

Taking groups 1, 2, 9, 10, either as quick sixes or as slow sixes, they represent twenty true courses. The same may be said of

groups 5, 6, 7, 8, and taking the whole as slow sixes, they represent forty true courses.

Again, taking 1, 2, 9, 10 as quick sixes, they represent a class of course with the 6-7 and 7-6 behind in quick sixes. As slow sixes they represent a class with the 6-7 behind in slow sixes, and in the middle (4-5) in quick sixes. Groups 5, 6, 7, 8, as slow sixes, represent a class with the 6-7 and 7-6 in the middle in slow sixes. Therefore, to get the sixty courses we must add twenty courses of that class with the 6-7 and 7-6 behind in quick sixes.

In presenting these forty courses to the Exercise, it will be seen that we have broken through the armour of that extraordinary demonstration by Mr. W. H. Thompson (see "Stedman," page 179.) Concerning this remarkable chapter, it would be interesting to know how Mr. Thompson came to regard this argument as absolute proof that twenty was the greatest number of P blocks to be had. For a proof scale I might state that the system so admirably conceived would be perfectly sound and correct.

J. J. PARKER.

#### STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—Regarding Mr. John Carter's letter in your issue of May 23rd, I am rather at a loss to know what is meant when we are asked to point out any error if we can. It is quite certain that Mr. Carter would not have published his thirty plain blocks had they not been true. Where then is the error? Perhaps what is desired is that the Editor of "Stedman" should acknowledge that it is contained in his work.

Certainly the proof of the non-existence of sixty true P blocks included therein will not hold water. It appears to be all right as far as the application of the first condition, after that no allowance is made for the effect the 240 leader circles already rejected may have on the application of the second condition, and this appears to me to be unsound reasoning. However, I am quite prepared to be corrected on this point, and will be interested to learn where the mistake comes in. The number of true P blocks that can be obtained still remains in doubt. Mr. Carter gives thirty. I have ten more. Can the number be increased?

The forty true plain courses are given below as they were obtained. On examination it will be found that thirty of them are on the same plan as Mr. Carter's, with ten added.

231456	512463	625431	356412	163425
152436	265413	536421	613452	321465
324156	154263	264531	534612	614325
514236	624513	354621	164352	234165
413256	421563	452631	465312	436125
425136	456213	463521	431652	412365
352146	165243	236541	513642	621345
531246	612543	325641	156342	263145

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

#### REPLY TO MR. COLEMAN.

SIR,—Mr. G. D. Coleman is correct. The 5024 in question belongs to the late W. Sottanstill. I had a little misgiving that such a peal was too good to have been so long overlooked. Thanks to Mr. Coleman for correction. H. DAINS.

LANDS END TO JOHN O'GROATS MOTOR CYCLE REEABILITY TEST, JULY 13 TO 18 INCLUSIVE.—Would any ringer who may be competing in this event kindly communicate with the undersigned with a view to fixing up some ringing en route? The daily run should allow ample time to ring at places not otherwise easily accessible in the ordinary course, that is relying upon the co-operation of the ringing companies in the various stopping places.—A. F. MARTIN STEWART, Ferndown, Dorset.

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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 June 15th and 29th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 16th; at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on the 18th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 11th and 25th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 18th; all at 8 p.m.

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

**Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.** — The next meeting will take place at Mansfield to-day, Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Return excursion train (1s. 9d.) by 2.5 p.m. train from Sheffield, Great Central Railway.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.** — North-Western District. — A meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, June 6th, at Newport and Wenden. The bells will be available at 2 o'clock. Tea will be provided at the Newport Church Room at 5 o'clock.

JOHN F. PENNING, *Hon. Sec.*  
"Fairville," Saffron Walden.

**The Lancashire Association.** — Rossendale Branch. — A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, to-day, Saturday, June 6th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

Z. LORD, *Branch Sec.*

**Gloucester and Bristol Association.** — The annual meeting will be held at Lydney on Whit-Monday, June 8th. Service in the parish church at 12.30. Dinner at The Swan hotel at 1.30. Business meeting after dinner. Dinner tickets, 1s. 3d. each, to those members only obtaining same from Mr. J. W. Davies, 5, Great Western Terrace, Lydney, on or before Thursday, June 4th. Dinner without tickets 2s. 6d. each, provided there is sufficient room.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. A. CAVE.  
30, Broad Street, Bristol.

**The Kent County Association.** — The annual general meeting will be held at Maidstone on Whit-Monday, June 8th. Committee Meeting in All Saints vestry at 2 p.m. Service, with address by the Vicar, the Rev. E. H. Hardcastle, at 3 p.m. Tea in All Saints Boys' school at 4 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Each member present at the service will be allowed 1s. It will be necessary to elect four representatives on the Central Council. FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*  
The Precincts, Canterbury.

**Central Northamptonshire Association.** — The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, June 8th. Service in St. Peter's church at 12 o'clock. Hot luncheon at The George hotel at 1 o'clock. Members 1s. each, non-members 2s. each. Meeting after luncheon. Usual ringing arrangements.

FRED WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.** — The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, 11.30. — Divine Service at St. Mary's with address by the Rev. L. Hughes, Vicar of Maldon. Members intending to dine must give notice to the Hon. Secretary before June 3rd.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Great Totham.

**Durham and Newcastle Association.** — To-day, Saturday, June 6th, at 3 p.m., special service for dedication of bells at Stranton, West Hartlepool. Tea after. Whit-Monday, June 8th, combined meeting with the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association at Stockton-on-Tees. Service in Stockton parish church at noon. Lunch in the parish hall at 1.30 p.m. Bells — Stockton (10), tenor 27½ cwt.; Thornaby (8), tenor 11 cwt.; Middlesbrough (8), tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR M. C. FIELD, *Hon. Sec.*  
30, St. Cuthbert's Terrace, Blackhill.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.** — North Bucks. Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Shenley, Bucks., to-day, Saturday, June 6th. Dedication service at 3 p.m.

F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.** — The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Stone to-day, Saturday, June 6th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea provided at 5 p.m. Service in church at 6 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m. in the schools.

REV. W. G. KEYWORTH, } *Hon. Secs.*  
J. JOHNSON,

**The Lancashire Association.** — Liverpool Branch. — A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, June 13th. Bells ready at 4.30.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.** — A district meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea in St. Mary's Hall at 6 o'clock, 9d. per head. All members and friends invited. I should like to hear from those who intend to be present.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.** — Tonbridge District. — The next meeting of this district will be held at Goudhurst on Saturday, June 13th. Tower open at 3.30. Business meeting at 5.30. Half travelling expenses up to but not exceeding 2s. will be paid to members attending.

W. LATTE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.** — The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Didsbury, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.** — Rochdale Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready at 3. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome. A good attendance requested.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.** — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Committee meeting at 4.4 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at 4.45 p.m., followed by general meeting, all in St. Helen's parish room. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. Geo. Hatton, Rifle Range Road, not later than the previous Thursday.

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

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.** — The annual meeting of the above will be held at Tannton on Saturday, June 27th. Dinner at The London hotel Assembly Rooms at 2 p.m. Meeting to follow. Service at St. Mary's church at 4 p.m. The following bells are available: St. Mary (10), from 1 to 2 p.m., and after the service; St. James (8); Wilton (6); Bishops Hull (6), all day.

E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Bedfordshire Association.** — A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, June 27th.

REV. A. RUST, } *Hon. Secs.*  
I. HILLS,

## AN APPEAL.

The members of the Keighley society have opened a subscription list for the cause of one of their ringing brethren — J. McGoun — who has the misfortune to lose the use of one of his legs, the foot of which has been just amputated. He has been unable to use the limb now for a matter of eight months. The above company therefore beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country on his behalf. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 34, Hill Street, Keighley, Yorkshire, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS."

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1908.

WE announce this week the first list of subscriptions from ringers towards converting the old ring of eight which once existed in Selby Abbey into a ring of ten. For this purpose the sum required is only £300. The Yorkshire Association has issued a printed circular to their members and others, which intending subscribers may procure on application to the Secretary of the fund, the Rev. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE. This endeavour to secure a good ring of ten for the restored Abbey is worthy of all praise, and we hope every ringer who can assist in the pious undertaking will do so, if they only send the smallest contribution.

From the first appearance of this paper until now, its columns have always been open to assist by every means possible, the increase and restoration of Church bells. Every change-ringer should be engrossed with similar ideas, and in season and out of season, work hard to this end. We are happy in the consciousness of knowing that our efforts in this way have succeeded beyond our expectations.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Third Session of the Sixth Council will be held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall at Cambridge, on Whitsun-Tuesday, June 9th, 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 same room at 9.45 a.m.

## AGENDA.

- 1.—Minutes of the last Meeting.
- 2.—Apologies for absence (if any).
- 3.—Statement of Accounts and of Sales of Publications.
- 4.—Introduction of New Members.
- 5.—Election of Honorary Members.
- 6.—To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees.

- (a).—Peal Collection.
- (b).—Church Press.
- (c).—Legitimate Methods.
- (d).—Peal Analysis.
- (e).—Peal Values.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:—

7.—That the following Note be appended to Rule II. "NOTE—Here and elsewhere in these Rules the word "Member" shall be taken as meaning "Member of Council." A "Representative Member" is not necessarily a Member of the Society which he represents."

8.—To discuss certain points in connection with the Collection of Legitimate Methods, and to move a resolution.

9.—To discuss the claims of the various methods published under the title of "London Surprise Royal," and to move a resolution.

10.—"That it is desirable to retain the practice of apportioning points for peals."

11.—To discuss the question whether the present fashion of ringing a large variety of methods is responsible for decreased attention to accurate striking; and, if so, whether any steps can be taken to encourage greater pride in this respect.

12.—Other business (if any).

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Secretary.*

*Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.*

A Social gathering will be held in the evening at The Lion hotel, commencing at 9 p.m.

Tramcars and Motor omnibuses run from the station to the Post Office (fare 1d.), from which by walking through the short street called "Petty Cury," and passing The Lion hotel on the way, access is gained in a few yards to the Market Place, in which the Guildhall is situated. Besides The Lion hotel, there is also a Temperance hotel—The Livingstone—in the Petty Cury.

The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Fellow and Dean of Trinity College, and Honorary Member of the Council, writes as follows: "Any members of the Council who may be in Cambridge on the afternoon of Whit-Monday, June 8th, and would like to be conducted round some of the Colleges and places of interest, are invited to meet in my rooms at 3 o'clock. A second party for those who reach Cambridge later may perhaps be arranged at the same place at 5 o'clock."

We feel sure that such an extremely kind offer as this will be widely and thankfully accepted.

To find Mr. Boughey.—Members should go to the porter's lodge at Trinity College, and ask for "Mr. Boughey's rooms."

A band of eight members of the University, who are also members of the Council, hope to ring a peal of welcome to the Council at St. Andrew's church on Whitsun-Monday afternoon.

The ring of twelve at Great St. Mary's (the church from which the "Cambridge" quarters, now so famous and widespread, and which should never be called the "Westminster" quarters, were originally derived), will be open to members of the Council for ringing touches at 5.45 p.m. on the Monday and Tuesday.

## The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, May 30, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5053 CHANGES.

Tenor 26½ cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. Treble.	*REUBEN SAUNDERS .. .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	ALBERT W. COLES .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 8.
SAMUEL J. BIRD .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 9.
CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 5.	*HARRY MAY, JUN. .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal on ten bells.

## The Provinces.

## PANGBOURNE, BERKS—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 19, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

T. SMITH .. .. Treble.	G. ASHLEY .. .. 4.
A. WEBB .. .. 2.	J. NICHOLLS .. .. 5.
S. COVENTRY .. .. 3.	A. BROWN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. NICHOLLS.

## CHALFONT ST. PETER—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WALTER BRIDEN* .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 4.
RICHARD BOLTON* .. .. 2.	*ALFRED SWAN .. .. 5.
JAMES STONE* .. .. 3.	*JAMES BLACKMORE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES BLACKMORE.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 4th. †First peal. First peal as conductor; also with a bob bell. This is believed to be the first peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the induction of the new Vicar—the Rev. Charles S. A. Whittington, M.A., by the Lord Bishop of Oxford, after service in the evening.

## TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being five 720s of Oxford, and two 720s of Kent.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK CURTIS .. .. Treble.	ALBERT WEST .. .. 4.
WILLIAM ELKINGTON .. .. 2.	CHARLES F. WEST .. .. 5.
FRANCIS COBB .. .. 3.	GEORGE ELKINGTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE ELKINGTON.

Rung in honour of the institution and installation of the Vicar (Rev. C. W. Foster), to the Canonry and Prebend of Leicester St. Margaret's in Lincoln Cathedral.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, May 23, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE .. Treble.	EDWARD EVANS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

## WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

F. HALLSWORTH, JUN.† .. Treble.	*JOHN E. HAYES.. .. 5.
ALBERT H. HARBER.. .. 2.	*GILBERT HARDING .. .. 6.
WALTER R. HUGHES† .. 3.	THOMAS J. ELTON .. .. 7.
CHRISTOPHER HICK† .. 4.	HOWARD W. CATTELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

\*First peal. †First peal of Triples. †First peal away from the tenor. First peal on the bells by the local band for twenty-eight years.

## TIVERTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

S. GRATER .. .. Treble.	B. GRATER .. .. 5.
E. MUNDAY.. .. 2.	J. ELSWORTHY .. .. 6.
MISS R. ELLIOTT .. .. 3.	J. HART .. .. 7.
R. GRATER .. .. 4.	F. NEWCOMBE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. MUNDAY.

This is Miss Elliott's first peal, and she is the first lady member of the above Guild and in the west of England to ring a peal.

## NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 2.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 3.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 7.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

## BOCKING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.. .. Treble.	THOMAS FITZJOHN .. .. 5.
FREDERICK RADLEY* .. .. 2.	EDWARD CLAYDON .. .. 6.
SAMUEL SARGRANT* .. .. 3.	ERNEST NEWMAN .. .. 7.
WALTER RADLEY .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM GBIMWADE.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

\*First peal of Grandsire. First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

## CLYRO, RADNORSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM PRITCHARD .. Treble.	LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS .. 3.
ARTHUR J. GRIFFITHS .. 2.	WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. 4.
WILLIAM EVANS .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

First peal on the bells. This is the second peal in the county, the first being a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at the county town by members of the above Guild.

## BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt.

JOSEPH HAWKINS .. .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN.. .. 5.
JAMES W. WILKINS .. .. 2.	RICHARD BUCKLAND .. .. 6.
JOHN TRUSS .. .. 3.	JESSE ELDRIDGE .. .. 7.
JOHN EVANS .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

## ORMESBY, YORKS.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1908, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lbs. in E.

R. ALCOCK .. .. Treble.	J. G. HALL .. .. 5.
W. STEPHENSON .. .. 2.	W. NEWTON .. .. 6.
T. BECKWITH .. .. 3.	T. STEPHENSON.. .. 7.
J. W. NEWTON .. .. 4.	T. METCALFE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by T. METCALFE.

First peal on the bells which are a new peal put in by Messrs. Taylor. Rung to commemorate Empire Day.

## EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

5040 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs.

FREDERICK S. PASKINS* .. Treble.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 5.
HENRY W. WILKES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 6.
JOHN S. RUMMING* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 7.
CECIL A. VA'ENTINE .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART., and

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Double Norwich. The Vicar (Rev. F. Bourdillon), with his usual hospitality, kindly provided refreshments after the peal.

## MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, April 25, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD BAKER .. .. Treble.	ALFRED BROWN .. .. 4.
JOSEPH HART .. .. 2.	J. A. HART.. .. 5.
REGINALD BILLINGS .. .. 3.	EDWARD BILLINGS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES A. HART.

## ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 25, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	WALTER BARRETT .. .. 5.
OLIVER BROCK .. .. 2.	WALTER MOBBS.. .. 6.
JAMES BETTS .. .. 3.	FREDERICK SMITH .. .. 7.
FREDERICK ROOPE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

**H**ANDBELL MUSIC.—Write to W. GORDON, of Stockport. The largest and best selection in the world.



## WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 25, 1908, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. Treble.	HENEY F. COOPER .. .. 5.
HARRY RICHELL .. .. 2.	GEORGE WATERMAN .. .. 6.
THOMAS LINCOLN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN .. .. 7.
FREDERICK G. RADLEY .. 4.	GEORGE GREEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. DENCH, and Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.  
Rung to celebrate Empire Day.

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

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 29, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSLOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

HARRY JUDGE .. .. Treble.	THOMAS BULL .. .. 5.
TOM BOND .. .. 2.	JESSE BROOKS .. .. 6.
JOHN MONK .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
FREDERICK WEBB .. .. 4.	JOHN RICHARDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

## KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Friday, May 29, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHARLES H. CLABKE .. Treble.	ERNEST S. BAILEY .. .. 5.
CHARLES THOMPSON .. .. 2.	GEORGE BERRY .. .. 6.
FREDERICK J. SMITH .. 3.	NORMAN K. BAILEY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM DREW .. .. 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM DREW.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 30, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt.

NORMAN R. BAILEY .. Treble.	GEORGE BERRY .. .. 5.
JAMES M. BAILEY* .. .. 2.	ERNEST S. BAILEY .. .. 6.
EDGAR H. BAILEY .. .. 3.	CHARLES SAMSON .. .. 7.
FREDERICK J. SMITH* .. 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

\*First peal in the method.

## MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED BARNES .. .. Treble.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 5.
WILLIAM E. RYDER .. .. 2.	ROBERT DAVIES .. .. 6.
GEORGE HARRIS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. IDLE .. .. 7.
JOHN EACHUS .. .. 4.	*JOHN IDLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM E. RYDER.

\*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. First peal as conductor.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal rung at Silverdale, Staffordshire, and published in our issue of May 23rd, should be credited to the Stoke Archidiaconal Association, and not the Society for the Archidiaconry of Stafford.

## WITHYCOMBE, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD .. Treble.	HERBERT V. RICHARDS .. 5.
GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. 2.	THOMAS LAVER .. .. 6.
ARTHUR RICHARDS† .. 3.	ADOLPHUS SNOW .. .. 7.
FREDERICK W. RICHARDS* 4.	*CHARLES A. SELLWOOD .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE W. CHALLICE.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. C. Sellwood was elected a member of the Guild in the tower.

## WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE HUGHES .. Treble.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 5.
JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. 2.	HORACE BELCHER .. .. 6.
ALFRED J. WALLATBR .. 3.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 7.
THOMAS J. ELTON .. .. 4.	HOWARD W. CATTELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

## SHIPBOURNE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 31, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and one each of Plain Bob, Oxford Single, and Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. Treble.	EDWIN LAMBERT .. .. 4.
JIM BEACH .. .. 2.	FREDERICK BUTCHERS .. 5.
ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 3.	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

First peal on the bells.

## DEANE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 1, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRED ABBOTT .. Treble.	REV. H. J. ELSEE .. .. 5.
ROBERT FIDDIES .. .. 2.	RICHARD HEALD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM TEBAY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PENNINGTON .. 7.
GEORGE PINCOTT .. .. 4.	TITUS BARLOW .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

## Handbell Peal.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 27, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF F. R. KETTLEBORO,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

GEORGE MOSS .. .. 1-2.	WM. LAMBERT .. .. 5-6.
F. R. KETTLEBORO .. 3-4.	WM. KEEBLE .. .. 7-8.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

Umpire—F. E. PARSONS. This is W. Lambert's 150th peal.

Peal-Boards made by JAMES HUNT, Change Ringer, 6 19 Dapdune Road, Guildford, meet with great favour

**Date Touches.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

LAMBERHURST (Kent).—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, a date touch of 1908 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins., being 720 Oxford Bob, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, 468 Plain Bob. J. Tapp, A. Marshall, G. Fuller, J. Bailey, A. Henley, W. Marshall conductor. First date touch by an entirely local band.

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

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, May 24th, Empire Day, a date touch of 1908 Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 37 mins. E. G. Fenn, H. E. Parker, R. Fenn, G. Cottis, A. C. Hardy, G. W. Faulkner, C. Fenn conductor, E. A. Davies. Composed by C. Jackson, of Hull.

**Miscellaneous.****THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

BRAINTREE.—On May 25th, Empire Day, at the parish church, 1024 and 1472 Kent Treble Bob. C. H. Howard conductor, W. Sadler, F. Webb, H. E. Hammond, P. Holmes, S. R. Roper, H. Coote, H. J. Collins. And 416 Double Norwich. H. Coote, W. Sadler, F. Webb, H. E. Hammond, S. R. Roper, C. H. Howard conductor, W. Grimwade, H. J. Collins.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Tuesday, April 7th, 630 Grandsire Triples. H. Woodley, T. East, R. G. Rice conductor, J. Napper, E. A. Butler, E. E. Napper, E. Bannister, W. Warwick. And 360 in the same method. F. Collett, E. A. Butler, R. G. Rice, J. Napper, T. East conductor, M. E. Cauldwell, E. Bannister, G. Warwick.

**CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

NORTHAMPTON.—On Monday, March 23rd, at St. Giles's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Fairiey, T. Haines, A. Hensman, T. Tebbutt, W. Roberts, G. Flavell, F. Hopper conductor, W. Manning. Rung as a compliment to W. Manning on his completing twenty-one year's service as sexton at the above church. On April 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. L. Goodenough, B. Wadmore, T. Blow, H. Goodenough, R. E. Hammond, J. C. Dicken, E. Whitbread conductor, H. Holbeck.

**THE ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.**

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On March 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. L. Goodenough, F. L. Whiteman, T. Blow, F. Blow, H. Goodenough, B. Arnold, E. Whitbread conductor, H. Holbeck. On April 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. L. Goodenough, B. Wadmore, T. Blow, H. Goodenough, R. E. Hammond, J. C. Dicken, E. Whitbread conductor, H. Holbeck.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On April 21st, 304 Grandsire Triples. V. Sear, H. Sear, G. Horwood, E. Reader conductor, L. Meager, E. Marks, F. Whitehead, G. Clarke. On April 25th, 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Baker, W. Sear, E. Reader conductor, F. Hedges, L. Meager, F. Marks, F. Whitehead, H. Sear. And 504 in the same method. F. Baker, H. Sear conductor, W. Sear, F. Hedges, L. Meager, E. Marks, F. Whitehead, F. Goodman. On April 27th, 518 Grandsire Triples. V. Sear, F. Hedges, F. Baker, J. Higgins, L. Meager, E. Marks, H. Sear conductor, V. Sear.

MELKSHAM (Wilts).—On Sunday, May 3rd, for Divine Service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. Sock, A. Beams, A. Angel, R. H. Legg, A. West, S. Hillier, W. S. Burbridge, E. Radford conductor.

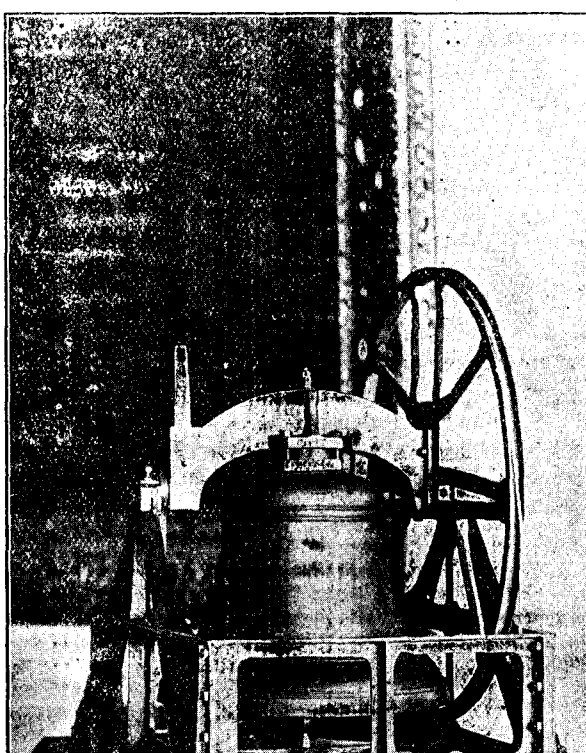
NEWTON LONGVILLE.—On April 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Roff, H. Sear, L. Meager, E. Reader conductor, E. Marks, T. Henry, R. Nichols, L. Dickens. First quarter-peal on the bells, and was arranged for E. Reader, of Loughborough.

SOUTH HACKNEY.—On Sunday, May 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. T. J. Wrigley, S. Bird, R. Sanders, T. Page, W. D. Smith conductor, A. Coles, H. C. Alford, A. Riley. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES (Sussex).—On Tuesday, May 19th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. F. Tyler, G. H. Sturt, E. J. Pannett, F. S. Sturt, A. S. Langridge, J. A. Hart conductor, A. J. Turner, F. Gregory.

SOLIHULL (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, May 10th, for evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1277 changes, in 52 mins. W. Leeson, W. E. Meeks, F. Viles, S. Bragg, G. A. Martineau, J. A. Bragg, R. Bragg, J. F. Smallwood conductor, S. Bragg, A. Bragg.

KINGS LANGLEY (Herts).—On Thursday, May 7th, for practice, 420 Grandsire Doubles. J. W. Lane, F. Huskle, A. Weeden, L. A. Walker, R. S. Cook, A. E. Crawley.

**L. BAKER & BELLS.**

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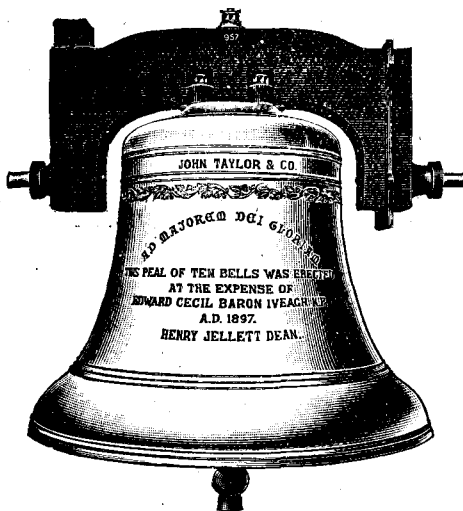
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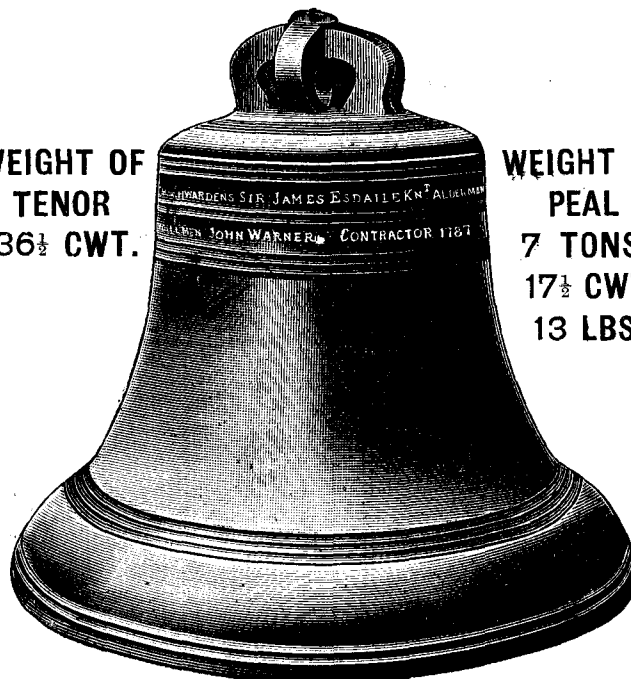
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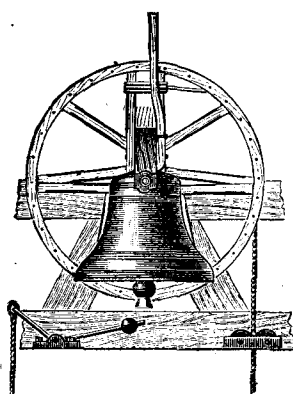
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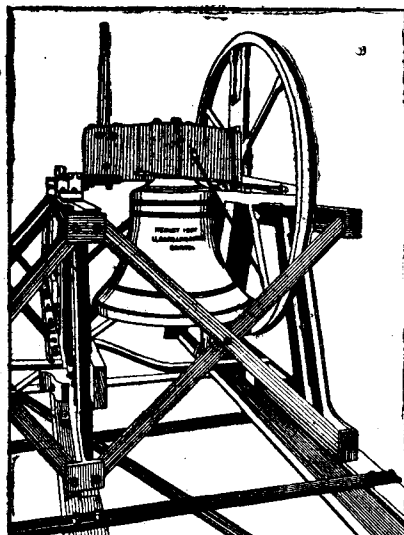
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## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Guildford District of the above Guild was held at Farnham on Saturday, May 23rd, and proved a decided success. Between sixty and seventy ringers were present from nearly all the belfries of the district, and to all concerned the gathering was a very pleasant one. In the afternoon the party was shown over the Castle grounds (by kind permission of the Bishop of Winchester) by the butler and the head gardener respectively, Mr. J. Silvester and Mr. H. Dowding. An adjournment was then made to the parish church, where a service was held, conducted and addressed by the Rector (the Rev. E. N. Lovett).

The form of service used was the special one drawn up for the Guild services. The first hymn was "Ring forth holy bells," and the other hymns sung before the service were "We meet before Thy place," and "The sacred bells of England," the last-named being specially composed for the use of the Guild. The lesson was from Numbers x. 1-11, and Psalm 150 and the Magnificat were sung. The Rector gave an earnest address on the duties and responsibilities of ringers. Speaking from the words in Isaiah xl. 19, "O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, behold your God."

After the service tea was served at Mr. T. Darracott's restaurant, where the Rector presided, supported by Mr. A. H. Stevens, churchwarden, and Mr. J. J. Jones, the hon. secretary. Representatives were present from the following places: Bramley, Cobham, Ewhurst, Frensham, Godalming, Guildford (Holy Trinity), Guildford (St. Nicholas), Haslemere, Puttenham, Seale and Farnham. After an excellent meal, four of the ringers, under Mr. A. H. Pulling, having executed an handbell selection, the Rector welcomed the ringers to Farnham, and expressed the hope that they had enjoyed themselves and would come again. He was told when he first came that living close to the bells he would find them a great nuisance, but so far they had not proved so, because it was through them that he had met thus early in his stay in Farnham that Guild. He was sure the members present proved that the Guild was going well.

The Secretary then read a letter of apology for absence from the hon. chaplain of the Guild, the Rev. A. R. Wiseman, of Seale.

Mr. C. Edwards, of Frensham Hill, moved that Bentley, Binstead and Crondall towers be included in the Guildford district. At present they were in the Winchester, and that town was too far away for those in the Bentley district to get much help from them. He had fifteen names of Binsted men willing to join the Guild on this condition of transfer only.

The Secretary thought that meeting could not interfere, and eventually the Rector moved "That the following gentlemen be elected members, subject to their towers being in time included in this (the Guildford) district."

The resolution was passed, and Mr. Edwards read out a list of fifteen Binsted prospective members, including the Rev. W. G. G. Thompson (Vicar) as hon. member.

Mr. Clapshaw seconded, and the names were carried, as were several others suggested as probationers for various country towers.

Mr. G. A. Forrest, of Frensham Hill, was, on the motion of Mr. Edwards, elected an hon. member of the Guild, and Alfred Garfath, the son of the late captain, and Percy Mansfield were elected probationers.

Mr. A. H. Pulling (of Guildford), read the ringing master's report, which showed that five peals were rung during the quarter, including two peals at Farnham and Frensham. The quarterly peal at Guildford unfortunately failed.

The Rector having congratulated Mr. Pulling on his recovery from his recent illness, moved the adoption of the report, and this being seconded by Mr. Dawe, was carried.

It was decided that the quarterly peal should be Stedman Triples, at Chiddingfold church, conducted by S. Radford.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Brighton, on Saturday, May 9th. The Mayor of Brighton (Alderman Slingsby Roberts) presided at the luncheon, which was held in the Royal Pavilion, and his supporters included Mr. Attree (the Master), the Dean of Battle, the Revs. J. Puttick and H. L. Barratt Lennard, Messrs. F. B. Tompkins, G. Watson and A. B. Bennett.

Mr. Attree proposed the toast of "Church and King," and the Dean of Battle, in replying for the Church, said no feature of church work had in his experience seen a greater advance than the Art of bellringing, and no part of the fabric had seen a greater change than the belfry, which had now been brought to a state more worthy of being part of the House of God. He was certain that the more they went in for the Art of ringing the more loyal sons of the Church they would become.

The business meeting was subsequently held under the presidency of the Master, Mr. G. F. Attree. The election of the Bishop of Chichester as President was proposed by the Rev. J. Puttick. He said the late Bishop took a great interest in the Art, and while they deplored his death, he was sure that they would very much welcome Dr. Ridgeway as his successor. Mr. Attree was re-elected Master, and Messrs. Evans, Dawe and Howse district secretaries. Mr. A. B. Bennett resigned the office of hon. secretary, and in recognition of his services he was elected a vice-president and awarded a special vote of thanks.

The adoption of the twenty-third report was moved by the Master, who remarked that the past year had not been a very striking one in bellringing in Sussex, but the Association had gone on doing very useful work. He thought the district meetings had been better attended than in any previous year, and had proved enjoyable both

from the point of view of the outing, and increased interest in scientific ringing. Financially the Association was in a thoroughly sound position, and during the year the general balance had advanced about £4, and the reserve fund £5. During the past year they had seen an increase in the peal of three belfries, and they had that day elected the Rotherfield band as members.

The Mayor subsequently presented the challenge bell to the Heene belfry, which was received by Mr. Lindup. It was decided that the next annual meeting should be held at Hastings on May 8th, 1909.

At the close of the business meeting a special service was held at the church of St. Nicholas, the preacher being the Dean of Battle. During the day the towers of St. Nicholas, St. Paul's, and St. Peter's were opened for ringing.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The ideal weather of Saturday, May 23rd, had the effect of drawing together at North Weald and Bovinger some forty members who represented the several parishes of the South-Western district of the above Association. Dame Nature, on this occasion had stepped forth in the loveliest of her garments, and like a young and gay enchantress, displayed her beauty in the flowering chestnuts and various hues of the dense foliage for which Epping Forest is famous, bedecking each vernal scene with rich carpets of the wild flower, the hawthorn and the honeysuckle, and gladdening the hearts of her children who behold her beatitudes and worship at her shrine. Far across the distant landscape the old red-bricked tower of North Weald seemed to raise its head as a welcome to all who intended to perform there on that day—all that was possible on a peal of six, which had recently through the liberality of Mr. Churchwarden Hart and his brothers been restored. The bells go exceedingly well, but the ear is much offended by the sharpness of the tenor. Those of Bovinger are better, and meet with more appreciation for their musical qualities. The Vicar of North Weald is a friend to ringers, and possibly if a band could be established there, we might in the future have a ring of eight.

Ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock, and at 5.30 the Vicar welcomed us to tea upon the beautiful lawn of his residence. Nothing marred our felicities otherwise than the presence of myriads of insects of the mosquito genus, who vigorously attacked the exposed surfaces of our skins, inflicting the severest pain and annoyance, apparently affirming the opinion of the Greek philosophers that to every enjoyment there is a penalty attached, for, said they, "The gods sell us all the goods they give us—that is to say, they give us nothing pure and perfect—and that we do not purchase them but at the price of some evil."

The business of the meeting followed tea, with the Vicar in the chair, assisted by the Rev. H. Eyre, and the Master, Mr. S. Hayes, who commenced the proceedings by suggesting a letter of condolence be forwarded to the Rev. Canon Papillon on his bereavement, to which all assented. The minutes having been read and confirmed, and several new members elected, the town of Barking was selected for the next place of meeting.

The Rev. H. Eyre then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in welcoming them to such a beautiful place, for he knew we were all grateful for what we had received at his hands.

The Vicar assured the company of his pleasure in

meeting them at North Weald, and hoped we should repeat our visit in the near future. He was sorry we had been so troubled with gnats, and he doubted if the Israelites in the wilderness had found a greater plague.

In honour of Empire Day, Mr. Hayes proposed the singing of the National Anthem, in which we all joined vociferously. The writer of these lines felt we all desired long life for the King, but not for the mosquitoes, whose lives we are glad to learn is rounded only by the rising and setting of the sun. No wonder they made the most of their short stay. Some attempt at handbell ringing was made with no success.

Brakes were then in readiness to convey those who wished to reach Bovinger. Some stayed behind at North Weald. At both places ringing was continued until dusk, when a final meeting of conviviality centred at The Woolpack, Mr. W. Weatherstone rendering in capital style his famous song of "The Crocodile."

Time for departure (10 o'clock), had now arrived. As the train proceeded to town, the company gradually lessened at each station, and as we gripped hands in bidding each other good-night, we were glad in the remembrance of having spent a few happy hours together, separating with that friendship and goodwill known only to ringers, and which is ever inseparable from pure and simple joys.

G. F. M.

#### THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A monthly meeting of this Guild was held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, May 25rd, in very delightful weather. The bells are a new ring of eight, a very musical and fine-toned peal: their "go" is excellent, and they reflect great credit upon their founders, Messrs. Taylor and Sons. There were present the following officers of the Guild—Messrs. Coleman Flowers, and White, and about twenty-six other members and friends representing the following towers: Berkswell, Coventry, Stoke-in-Coventry, Rugby, Birmingham, Nuneaton, Erdington, Allenley, Barwell, Bedworth, and Warwick. The bells were started at 4 o'clock, and touches of Bob Major, Double Norwich Major, Kent Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung until after 7 o'clock. Several new members were nominated for membership of the Guild. The next monthly meeting of the Guild was fixed to be held at Berkswell on Saturday, June 27th, at 3.30 p.m. The Rev. H. C. A. Back, Rector of Berkswell, kindly invited the ringers to tea at the rectory on that date, and all members intending to be present are requested to notify the same to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Arthur L. Coleman, of Rugby, before June 24th.

Mr. Coleman proposed, and Mr. White seconded a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Chilvers Coton for their kind reception that day, and this ended a very successful monthly meeting of the Guild.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2nd, a very successful meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Nicholas, Deptford. The bells were placed at the disposal of members at 2 p.m. At 5 p.m. a shortened evening service was held, with an excellent and interesting address by the Rev. Arthur Hart, Vicar, to which nearly fifty attended. The members then adjourned to the Albany Institute, where a sumptuous meat tea, provided by Mr. Churchwarden F. G. Skinner, was awaiting them, and was thoroughly

enjoyed. The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Four new members were elected. Hayes was chosen as the place of the next quarterly meeting, the third Saturday in July.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his excellent address, and presiding; also to Mr. F. G. Skinner for his excellent repast; to Mrs. Skinner and the other ladies for the kind way they had looked after them. This was carried with musical honours, the Vicar and Mr. Skinner suitably replying.

The tower was again visited, and various touches of Cambridge Surprise were rung till 9.30 p.m.

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

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at Rowley Regis on Saturday, May 30th. A service was held in the church at 3 o'clock, and an interesting address was given by the curate-in-charge, the Rev. A. F. Daughlish. After the service the members adjourned to the school-room where a substantial tea was awaiting them, to which ample justice was done to the good things provided. At the business meeting the Rev. A. F. Daughlish presided. He gave a hearty reception to the members, and hoped they would continue the good work they were doing.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Four honorary members, one life member, and six performing members were added to the roll. Coseley was selected as the place to hold the next meeting. It is gratifying to state that four peals were accomplished out of the six to be attempted during the last quarter, which shows progress for which the Guild was formed.

Votes of thanks were given to the curate-in-charge, the donors of the tea, and to the ladies for their assistance at the tea tables. Several touches of Bob Major and Grand-sire Triples were rang on the bells, which gave the younger members an opportunity for improvement.

#### DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By HENRY DAINS.

5024.

23456	I	5	6
* 23465	S	-	-
64325	-	-	-
43625	-	-	-
26345	-	-	-
63245	-	-	-
34265	-	-	-
46235	-	-	-
32645	-	-	-
24635	-	-	-
36425	-	-	-
62435	-	-	-
42536	-	-	-
35246	-	-	-
54236	-	-	-
43256	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-
24356	-	-	-
45326	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-
34526	-	-	-

Continued—

I	5	6
25436	-	-
53426	-	-
32456	-	-

Repeated.

\* Bob when treble is behind in first and last leads.

#### AN IRREGULAR FIVE-PART PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By J. W. MOORHOUSE, Wakefield.

5040.

234567	
752634	I
237546	3
652437	I
376245	2
273564	5
452673	I
734265	2
657423	2
346257	I
243765	5
432765	4
574632	I
745632	4
267345	I
672345	4
536472	I
435267	5
354267	4
463572	3
374625	3
743625	4
647532	5

736425	3
367425	4
253746	2

Four times repeated, with H for last bob produces—

235476

234567 5 P.L.S.

#### RING IN, WILD BELLES.

'Tis Sunday in the boiling town,  
My early walks were timing;  
I saunter forth and wander down  
To listen to the chiming;  
The bells are pealing in a style,  
To make one want to stop awhile.

'Tis Sunday by the ocean's bed,  
Abroad I amble gayly;  
I note that Mabel's chin is red,  
And Dora's nose is scaly;  
The belles are peeling in a way,  
That makes one hardly care to stay.

# THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SCHEDULE OF ATTENDANCES at the Meeting held in the Guildhall at Cambridge on Whitsun-Tuesday, June 9th, 1908.

ASSOCIATION.	PRESENT.	ABSENT.	ASSOCIATION.	PRESENT.	ABSENT.
Ancient Society of College Youths	W. T. Cockerill .....	E. P. O'Meara	Northants (Central) Association...	F. Wilford .....	
Royal Cumberland Youths .....	A. Hughes .....	T. H. Taffender	North Notts. Association .....		W. Haigh
	R. A. Daniell .....	T. Card	North Wales Association .....	Rev. T. L. Jones .....	
	J. Parker .....	H. Dains	Norwich Diocesan Association ...	C. E. Borrett .....	C. Mee
Bath and Wells Diocesan Assn....	E. E. Burgess .....	Rev. C. C. Parker		W. L. Catchpole .....	
Bedfordshire Association .....	Rev. W. W. C. Baker ...			J. Motts .....	
Birmingham Diocesan Guild .....	W. H. Godden .....		Oxford Diocesan Guild .....	Rev. G. F. Coleridge ...	
Cambridge University Guild .....	E. H. Lewis .....			F. W. Hopgood .....	
Chester Diocesan Guild .....	R. T. Holding.....	J. Dillon		Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn ...	
Cleveland and N. Yorks. Assocn...		G. J. Clarkson .....		Rev. F. E. Robinson.....	
		Rev. W. P. Wright	Salisbury Diocesan Guild.....	Rev. H. E. T. Bassett ...	A. F. M. Stewart
Devon Guild .....	Rev. M. Kelly.....	A. W. Searle	Salop Archidiaconal Society .....	Rev. H. Drake .....	
Durham and Newcastle Dio. Assn.	R. S. Story .....	W. Robson	Stafford Archidiaconal Society ...	J. Bradney .....	
		C. L. Routledge		R. Cartwright .....	
Ely Diocesan Association.....	Rev. R. L. Twells .....			S. Reeves.....	
Essex Association .....	C. H. Howard .....	W. J. Nevard	Surrey Association.....	A. B. Carpenter, M.D. ...	
	Rev. Canon Papillon ...			C. Dean .....	
	N. J. Pitstow .....		Sussex County Association .....	G. F. Attree .....	
Gloucester and Bristol Dio. Assn.	Rev. H. A. Cockey ....	J. Austin		F. Bennett .....	
	F. G. May .....			F. B. Tompkins .....	
Hereford Diocesan Guild .....		J. Clark		G. Watson .....	
		Rev. A. C. Lee	Truro Diocesan Guild .....		J. C. Daubuz
Hertford County Association	B. Prewett .....		Warwickshire Guild .....	A. L. Coleman .....	
Irish Association.....		R. R. Cherry, K.C. M.P.	Winchester Diocesan Guild.....		Rev. C. E. Matthews
Kent County Association .....	E. Barnett .....	J. V. Cheesman			H. White
	Rev. F. J. O. Helmore ...	W. Haigh			J. W. Whiting
Lancashire Association.....	J. Aspinwall .....	H. Chapman			C. Willshire
	Rev. H. J. Elsee .....	R. Ridyard	Worcestershire and Districts Assn	T. J. Salter .....	
Leeds and District Association ...		W. P. Cordingley		J. Smith .....	
Lincoln Diocesan Guild .....	G. Chester .....	C. W. Clifton	Yorkshire Association .....	C. H. Hattersley .....	G. Bolland
	Rev. H. L. James .....	R. Richardson		W. Snowdon .....	J. W. T. Holgate
Liverpool Diocesan Guild.....		W. Bentham	HONORARY MEMBERS .....	Rev. A. H. F. Boughey...	T. Lockwood
Llandaff Diocesan Association ...		J. W. Jones		Rev. E. Carpenter.....	J. Pettit
London County Association.....	G. R. Fardon .....	C. F. Winney		J. Carter .....	W. H. Thompson
Middlesex County Association.....	A. T. King .....	J. Basden		Rev. C. D. P. Davies ...	
	J. Waghorn .....			J. S. Pritchett.....	
Midland Counties Association.....	J. Griffin .....	J. W. Taylor		Rev. H. S. T. Richardson	
	Sir A. Heywood, Bart. ...			J. A. Trollope.....	
	W. E. White .....			G. Williams.....	

## ANALYSIS.

	PRESENT.	ABSENT.	TOTAL.
Representative Members	55	38	93
Honorary	8	2	10
Total	63	40	103

Associations fully represented	...	14
" partially represented	...	17
" not represented	...	9
Total	...	40



## Notices.

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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 June 15th and 29th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 16th; at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on the 18th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 11th and 25th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 18th; 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 Halewood to-day, Saturday, June 13th. Bells ready at 4.30.  
WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Goudhurst to-day, Saturday, June 13th. Tower open at 3.30. Business meeting at 5.30. Half travelling expenses up to but not exceeding 2s. will be paid to members attending. W. LATTEY, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea in St. Mary's Hall at 6 o'clock, 9d. per head. All members and friends invited. I should like to hear from those who intend to be present.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Didsbury, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready at 3. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome. A good attendance requested.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at 4.45 p.m., followed by general meeting, all in St. Helen's parish room. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. Geo. Hatton, Rifle Range Road, not later than the previous Thursday.

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

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hellingly (6 bells), on Saturday, June 20th. Bells from 3 to 8.30. Tea at 5. Members wishing to be present at tea must let me know by the 17th inst.

G. H. HOWSE, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Carlton Road, Eastbourne.

**East Derbyshire Association.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Tevershall on Saturday, June 20th. Members and ringing friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

**Frensham, Surrey.**—A meeting of the Church of England Men's Society will be held at Frensham Church on Saturday, June 20th, at 4.30 p.m. Bells (6), available from 3

o'clock. Any ringer intending being present kindly communicate with me. C. EDWARDS.  
Frensham Hill Gardens, Farnham, Surrey.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Taunton on Saturday, June 27th. Dinner at The London hotel Assembly Rooms at 2 p.m. Meeting to follow. Service at St. Mary's church at 4 p.m. The following bells are available: St. Mary (10), from 1 to 2 p.m., and after the service; St. James (8); Wilton (6); Bishops Hull (6), all day.

E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, June 27th.

REV. A. RUST, } *Hon. Secs.*  
I. HILLS,

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Will those intending to be present please notify Mr. T. Pateman, Node Gardens, Welwyn, by Wednesday, June 24th.

J. F. FOSTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston, near Stourbridge, on Saturday, June 27th. Service, with address by the Rev. G. Gilbanks at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Tea will be provided free for those sending me their names before Wednesday, June 24th. The bells at Stourbridge (8), Oldswinford (8), Wollaston (6), and Kinner (6), will be available. J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.** The annual meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, June 27th, at Lichfield. The bells of the Cathedral, St. Mary's and St. Michael's churches, will be available for ringing. Service in the Cathedral at 4 o'clock, at which all members are requested to be present. Committee meeting at 4.45 in the Consistory Court. Tea at 5.45 at the Minster Cafe, Market Place, to be followed by the General Meeting, at which the Ven. Archdeacon Hodgson will preside. The tea will be 6d. each to all those members who have paid their subscriptions; to others 1s. each.

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

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Denby on Saturday, June 27th. Ringing from 2 p.m. All visitors cordially welcomed.

A. WARD, *Local Hon. Sec.*

**The Saffron Walden Society.**—Established 1623.—The 285th anniversary of this society will be held on Saturday, June 27th, when any visiting friends would be cordially welcomed. Dinner at The King's Arms inn at 1.30.

ERNEST A. PITSTOW, *Secretary.*

**Lavenham.**—The tower will be open for ringing from 10.30 till the evening on Saturday, June 20th.

A. SYMONDS, *Steeplekeeper.*

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—A. J. Hughes has removed from Briarwood, Penrhos Garnedd, to 17, Clarence Street, Euston Road, Bangor, North Wales.

All communications for the Erith tower to be sent to D. Barnes, 2, Charles Cottages, Lower Road, Belvedere, Kent.

## WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**CAPEL (Surrey).**—From Wednesday, January 1st, to Sunday, May 10th, the following complete 720s have been rung: London 5; Durham 4; Chester 3; Superlative 4; Carlisle 3; Haslemere 2; Wells 2; York 2; Cambridge 2; Worcester 1; Bristol 1; Chichester 1; College Pleasure 3; College Exercise 2; Violet 2; New London Pleasure 2; London Scholars' Pleasure 1; Kent 3; Oxford Treble Bob 7. Total—50. The following were the ringers: G. Wales, G. Cheesman, J. Akehurst, A. Tullett, C. Taylor, E. Jordan (conducted 1), F. Tullett, jun. (conducted 2), A. Lintott (conducted 3), F. Tullett sen. (conducted 44).

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

**BEACONSFIELD (Bucks.)**—On Thursday, May 21st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. L. Bating, W. Bailey, L. Rolfe, J. Bating, J. W. Wilkins, R. Young, R. Buckland conductor, F. Buckland, First quarter-peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 5th and 7th.

## AN APPEAL.

The members of the Keighley society have opened a subscription list for the cause of one of their ringing brethren—J. McGoun—who has the misfortune to lose the use of one of his legs, the foot of which has been just amputated. He has been unable to use the limb now for a matter of eight months. The above company therefore beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country on his behalf. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 34, Hill Street, Keighley, Yorkshire, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS."

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1908.

WE have in this number the schedule of attendances of members of the Central Council last Tuesday at Cambridge. So many absentees will be considered unfortunate, especially when several members were not present who would add additional dignity to the occasion, and also give a greater lustre to the proceedings. The Oxford Diocesan Guild, the Sussex Association, and others made a very good show of all their representatives, and as the Council is now upon a firmer basis than ever, we may hope to see in future less absenteeism. The proceedings, as reported, will appear in our columns in due course.

## The Provinces.

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

On Saturday, May 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHARP	.. Treble.	JOHN LOVELL	.. ..	4.
FREDERICK W. BOOTH	.. 2.	WILLIAM FREEMAN	.. ..	5.
ERNEST G. MYNARD	.. 3.	FREDK. J. MYNARD	.. Tenor.	

Conducted by FREDERICK J. MYNARD.

The Vicar, the Rev. U. J. Easson, with his usual hospitality, kindly provided tea after the peal.

### KINGSTON, HEREFORDSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 31, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES; Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE GOODE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HARRIS .. .. 4.
GEORGE TAYLOR .. .. 2.	WILLIAM TAYLOR .. .. 5
WILLIAM H. YOUNG .. .. 3.	J. WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. YOUNG.

The Vicar with his usual hospitality, invited the ringers and friends to tea in the schoolroom.

### CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, June 3, 1908, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5037 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL PRICE .. .. 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. THYNG .. .. 3.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. .. 8.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. .. 4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 9.
GEORGE DAVIES* .. .. 5.	GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method. D. Farthing rang the tenor thirty minutes in the middle of the peal.

### HORLEY, SURREY.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 4, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

GEORGE ILLMAN* .. .. Treble.	NORMAN C. WAKEFIELD .. .. 5.
OLIVER SIPPETTS* .. .. 2.	HENRY F. EWINS .. .. 6.
ARTHUR HOLMAN .. .. 3.	PETER ETHERIDGE .. .. 7.
GEORGE W. WALDER* .. .. 4.	GEORGE F. HOAD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING, and Conducted by GEO. F. HOAD.

\*First peal of Major. A. Holman was proposed a member previous to starting. Rung as a farewell peal to N. C. Wakefield, who is leaving for Chicago, and sailing on the 16th inst. on the "Saxonia."

### EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

BERT W. CHANNEL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. CORBETT .. .. 5.
EDMUND V. HARVEY .. .. 2.	HARRY G. BEAMS .. .. 6.
JESSIE BEAMS .. .. 3.	CHARLES E. READ .. .. 7.
JOHN WYATT .. .. 4.	DAVID ANSCOMB .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES E. READ.

Rung in honour of the marriage of E. T. Grove, a local ringer, who was married that day, his brother-ringers wishing them good health and happiness.

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On Saturday, June 6, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty 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.	JOSEPH LARDNER .. .. 5.
GEORGE CLARK .. .. 2.	HARRY WHEELER .. .. 6.
GEORGE PARROTT .. .. 3.	THOMAS E. KNAPP .. .. 7.
NOBLE SPINDLOW .. .. 4.	FREDERICK MESSENGER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS E. KNAPP.

\*First peal.

### IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, June 6, 1908, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

EDWARD EVANS .. .. Treble	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 2.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. .. 8.
BEETRAM PREWETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM P. GARRATT .. .. 9.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 10.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. 5.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 11.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 6.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung on the occasion of the visit of Princess Louise to Ipswich, and also as a birthday compliment to J. Prewett, Esq., father of the ringer of the 3rd.

### SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY MITFORD* .. .. Treble.	RICHARD LANGFORD .. .. 5.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. 2.	GEORGE HARDING .. .. 6.
JAMES HENRY RIDING .. .. 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. 7.
WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT .. .. 4.	JOHN BAXTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD THOMAS HOLDING, SEN.

\*First peal away from the tenor. †First peal.

### DONCASTER, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 6, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; CARTER'S ODD BOB ONE PART. Tenor 30½ cwt.

GEORGE HALESWORTH .. Treble.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 5.
FREDK. W. STOKES .. .. 2.	THOMAS M. BARKER .. .. 6.
THOMAS HAIGH .. .. 3.	WALTER ALLWOOD .. .. 7.
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. .. 4.	GEORGE OAKES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

This is the first Odd-Bob peal of Stedman Triples by the Association, and was rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Pearson, of Pontefract, on the attainment of his silver wedding; also as a birthday compliment to T. Haigh.

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## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 5.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 6.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 3.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung on the sixteenth anniversary of the long peal of Treble Bob Major. The ringers wish to tender their thanks to the Rev. W. A. Duke for his hospitality after the peal.

## WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 7, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

FRANK BENNETT .. .. Treble.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. .. 5.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. .. 2.	JOHN HOWES .. .. 6.
CHARLES J. HAMBLIN .. .. 3.	GEORGE WOODISS .. .. 7.
A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 4.	BENJAMIN WICKENS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 8, 1908, in Four Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7008 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JAMES M. BAILEY .. .. Treble.	ERNEST S. BAILEY .. .. 5.
FREDERICK J. SMITH .. .. 2.	EDGAR H. BAILEY .. .. 6.
GEORGE BERRY .. .. 3.	CHARLES SAMPSON .. .. 7.
NORMAN R. BAILEY .. .. 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

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## LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, June 8, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5063 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt.

GEORGE HUGHES .. .. Treble.	GEORGE BURROWS .. .. 6.
THOMAS H. REEVES .. .. 2.	JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. 7.
BERT J. WHITESIDE* .. 3.	HORACE BELCHER .. .. 8.
ROBERT P. BRINDLEY .. 4.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 9.
WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 5.	FRANK HALLSWORTH, JUN. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

\*First peal in the method.

## NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 8, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. Treble.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 6.
FRED R. KETTLERORO .. 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 7.
DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

## HADDENHAM, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 8, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

FRANK BUCKLAND .. .. Treble.	RICHARD BUCKLAND .. .. 5.
WALTER BAILEY .. .. 2.	ROBERT YOUNG .. .. 6.
LEONARD ROLFE .. .. 3.	JAMES W. WILKINS .. .. 7.
PHILBERT WILKINS .. .. 4.	FRANK MALIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WILKINS.

The above is the first peal in the method on the bells. The Rector kindly provided tea, for which the ringers tender their thanks to him; also to Mr. Chapman for attending to the bells.

## COLNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 8, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH GOTH* .. .. Treble.	ROBERT FOULDS .. .. 5.
ALFRED BROOKS .. .. 2.	*W. H. HARRISON .. .. 6.
EDWARD MALLINSON .. 3.	ABRAM LANE .. .. 7.
WM. MALLINSON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HEATON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT FOULDS.

\*First peal in the method.

## LINCOLN.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 8, 1908, in Three Hours,

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE CHESTER .. .. Treble.	JOHN W. WATSON .. .. 5.
REV. REGINALD BOND† .. 2.	HENRY W. KIRTON .. .. 6.
TOM PYLE .. .. 3.	STANLEY WOLFE .. .. 7.
RICHARD DAWSON .. .. 4.	*JAMES MUSSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY W. KIRTON.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. The Rev. R. Bond is Rector at the above church, and this is his first peal on his own bells.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 8, 1908, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. Treble.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 7.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. THYNG .. .. 8.
JESSE J. MOSS .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 9.
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A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

N. RUSHEY .. .. . Treble.	J. E. KENNINGTON .. .. 5.
F. H. DEXTER .. .. 2.	*E. BROWN .. .. 6.
E. MORRIS .. .. 3.	J. W. SEAMER .. .. 7.
P. C. LONG .. .. 4.	J. MORRIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

\*First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.  
Arranged for Messrs. Morris and Dexter, of Leicester.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Monday, June 8, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

DANIEL PRENTICE .. .. Treble.	ERNEST F. POPPY .. .. 5.
REV. W. C. PEARSON .. .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 6.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells which hang in a curious manner, the circle running 1, 7, 2, 6, 4, 5, 3, 8.

MADELEY, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN AND SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL  
GUILDS.

On Monday, June 8, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 14 cwt.

T. DAY .. .. Treble.	*F. DOWNING .. .. 4.
C. CLIFFORD .. .. 2.	†W. SAUNDERS .. .. 5.
J. YORK .. .. 3.	*W. JONES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. SAUNDERS.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. First peal of Doubles on the bells, and second within a period of three months. C. Clifford was proposed a member of the Salop Guild previous to starting. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Ball, of Malinslee.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Peter's church, Derby, has been sent without any date.

Date Touches.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

STANTON-BY-DALE (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, May 9th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1908 changes, being 288 of Single Court, 720 Double Court, 360 Kent Treble Bob, and 540 Plain Bob. C. J. Baker, W. Halford, J. Hall, A. Freeman, C. Tansley, E. C. Gobey conductor.

Miscellaneous.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Tuesday, April 28th, 576 Kent Treble Bob. G. J. Clarkson conductor, J. Clarkson, Rev. A. W. Lister, J. G. Hall, J. W. Newton, W. Newton, F. P. Howcroft, T. Stephenson. At the conclusion of this touch a silver cigarette case suitably inscribed was presented to the Rev. A. W. Lister on the occasion of his marriage. On Friday, May 1st, 880 Kent Treble Bob Royal. G. J. Clarkson conductor, W. H. Stephenson, J. Clarkson, R. Alcock, J. W. Newton, J. Waller,

W. J. Wright, Rev. W. P. Wright, W. Newton, T. Stephenson. On Sunday, May 3rd, 827 Grandsire Caters. G. J. Clarkson conductor, W. H. Stephenson, T. Beckwith, R. Alcock, J. W. Newton, J. Waller, J. Mumford, W. Newton, T. Stephenson, F. P. Howcroft. On Tuesday, May 5th, 582 Stedman Caters. G. J. Clarkson, W. H. Stephenson, T. Beckwith, J. G. Hall, R. Alcock, T. Metcalfe, W. Newton, F. P. Howcroft, T. Stephenson conductor, W. E. Walland.

ORMESBY (Yorks).—On Monday, April 27th, on the occasion of the dedication of the bells, 336 Stedman Triples. R. Alcock, W. H. Stephenson, P. Beckwith, J. W. Newton, J. G. Hall, W. Newton, T. Metcalfe conductor, T. Stephenson. 504 in the same method. J. G. Hall, W. Newton, W. Pollard, J. Baxter, A. McFarlane, W. H. Porter, T. Metcalfe conductor, T. Stephenson. 336 Double Norwich. W. E. Walland, J. Baxter, R. Alcock, W. Newton, J. G. Hall, W. H. Porter, T. Metcalfe, T. Stephenson conductor. On Saturday, May 2nd, 378 Grandsire Triples. W. Holmes, R. Moncaster, T. Beckwith, J. W. Newton, A. Simpson, A. M. C. Field, T. Metcalfe conductor, W. E. Walland. 640 Kent Treble Bob. J. G. Hall, W. H. Stephenson, T. Beckwith, J. W. Newton, W. E. Walland, F. P. Howcroft, A. M. C. Field, T. Metcalfe conductor. 336 Grandsire Triples. G. J. Clarkson, W. Newton, A. Simpson, T. Metcalfe, J. G. Hall, S. T. Wright conductor, Rev. W. W. Wright, A. Laing. 672 Stedman Triples. J. Chilton, W. Newton, G. J. Clarkson, J. G. Hall, A. Simpson, S. T. Wright, T. Metcalfe conductor, Rev. W. P. Wright. 336 in the same method. G. J. Clarkson, A. McFarlane, J. G. Hall, W. Mitchell, W. Newton, R. P. Pounder, T. Metcalfe conductor, T. G. Gamblin. And 504 in the same method. F. P. Howcroft, W. H. Stephenson, A. M. C. Field, J. W. Newton, A. Simpson, T. Stephenson, T. Metcalfe conductor, T. G. Gamblin. 252 Bob Triples. W. Mitchell, G. J. Clarkson, J. G. Hall, J. Smith, W. Newton, T. Metcalfe, W. Holmes conductor, A. McFarlane.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Saturday, May 2nd, at St. Michael's church, 464 Double Norwich. G. Noice, G. Smith, H. W. Wilkes, A. M. Stewart, W. Tucker, C. A. Valentine, W. H. George, G. Williams conductor. 560 in the same method. G. Noice, G. Smith, C. Fray, A. M. Stewart, H. Wilkes, W. Tucker, C. A. Valentine, G. Williams.

NORTH STONEHAM.—On Thursday, January 23rd, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. E. Dumper, H. Wilkes, C. A. Valentine, W. T. Tucker, W. Rowe, sen., G. Williams conductor. On Thursday, March 5th, 720 Woodbine. G. Williams conductor, C. A. Valentine, C. Fray, A. Marks, W. Rowe, W. Tucker. On Tuesday, March 10th, 720 Violet. C. A. Valentine, W. Tucker, C. Fray, A. Marks, W. Rowe, G. Williams conductor. These 720s are the first by all except the conductor, and the first yet rung in Hampshire. On Sunday, March 1st, 720 Double Court. E. Mundy, G. Williams conductor, C. Fray, A. Marks, W. Rowe, W. Tucker. On Easter Sunday, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Williams conductor, W. Rowe, C. Fray, W. H. George, A. Marks, W. Tucker.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—On April 26th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 588 Stedman Triples. T. Hammond, jun., A. Lovall, J. Aspinwall, J. Martin, S. W. Stewart, E. Caunce conductor, R. Walker. On May 1st, for practice, 1104 Stedman Triples. J. Aspinwall, A. Lovall, J. Martin, G. Woodhall, S. W. Stewart, W. Davies, E. Caunce conductor, W. Mansell. On May 3rd, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Larkey, E. Caunce, J. Aspinwall, A. Lovall, W. Twist, S. W. Stewart, J. Martin conductor, R. Walker. May 8th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor on the back six. J. Aspinwall, W. Larkey, A. Lovall, G. Woodhall, W. Davies, E. Caunce conductor. On May 10th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Larkey, E. Caunce conductor, T. C. Larkey, J. Aspinwall, A. Lovall, W. Stewart, J. Martin, R. Walker.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Easter Sunday, for morning service at St. Margaret's church, 1056 Superlative Surprise Major. J. M. Bailey, G. Berry, F. J. Smith, E. S. Bailey, E. H. Bailey, N. R. Bailey, C. Samson, C. F. Bailey conductor. On the



occasion of the vestry meeting on Easter Monday, a course of Cambridge Surprise Major. J. M. Bailey, G. Berry, F. J. Smith, E. H. Bailey, E. S. Bailey, N. R. Bailey, C. Samson, C. Bailey. On Saturday, April 25th, for practice, 336 Double Oxford Major. J. Button, J. M. Bailey, G. Berry, F. J. Smith, C. Samson, C. F. Bailey conductor, E. H. Bailey, E. S. Bailey, 350 Grandsire Triples. J. M. Button, J. M. Bailey, G. Berry, F. J. Smith, C. F. Bailey conductor, E. S. Bailey, E. H. Bailey, C. Samson. On Sunday, April 26th, for morning service, 560 Double Norwich. J. M. Button, J. M. Bailey, E. S. Bailey, F. J. Smith, G. Berry, C. F. Bailey conductor, E. H. Bailey, N. R. Bailey. On Sunday, May 3rd, for evening service, 704 Kent Treble Bob. C. Whiting, E. H. Bailey, J. M. Bailey, F. J. Smith, C. F. Bailey, E. S. Bailey, J. M. Button, N. R. Bailey.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On April 17th, for evening service at Christ Church, a course each of Violet, New London, Merchants Delight, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. G. A. Wilson, J. Thackray conductor, F. Gaunt, J. Peacock, M. Broadbent, Joe Thackray.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, May 17th, at Bishop Ryder's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. S. Coley, J. F. Smallwood, F. Perry, J. Collett, R. Hackley, W. H. Carrod, G. Taylor, T. Collinson. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Carrod.

### 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. WILLSON.

SIR,—Please let me flatly contradict Mr. Willson's accusations, insinuations and suggestions in his letter in your last issue, and of his previous letters to which he refers. My reasons are: I never asked for or solicited a single vote or nomination for membership of the Central Council, nor to get placed upon any of the Committees. Neither have I usurped any position thereon. Therefore Mr. Willson's silly talk of contempt, boycott, pushing pike, etc., falls light on me. I take it as from a man who gauges other people by his own standard.

In reference to his demand, I have made a search. I find no trace thereby, and memory only serves for one peal sent me by Mr. Willson, and that is in the Collection on page 364. If therefore any slight is felt either by the band who rang in the long peal, or by members of the Midland Counties Association, the cause is primarily due to Mr. Willson himself. Mr. Taffender, by request, sent me this peal so that I should see how the shortening of it was done. But in his note therewith he asks for the figures to be returned quickly. This I did without copying them. I daresay there will be other disappointments, and no wonder either, when I tell you, Mr. Editor, one or two contributors sent in enough ms. to make up a book as large as the one just circulated. "The Critic" mentioned refers readers to the 1895 Appendix for twenty-four part peals. He should have given page, number, etc., to save trouble and time. He expresses regret that more north country peals are not given. But there are two good examples given. But there are none with single calls to each course by J. Harrison. Then he complains of old compositions being given. Well these are put in with the new to show what improvements have been made in late years. I quite agree that some of those given as four-part and six-part are only two part peals, but still there are some four and six-part peals given in the book. If I was a sporting man I would accept his bet; but I am not.

There are not many if any given as containing all the combinations of 4, 5, and 6, etc., having a bob or two at 5 included, which is like a bob before in Double Oxford, and cuts away some of the musical qualities mentioned. I am very sorry for any disappointment that may be felt by the issue of this Collection.

H. DAINS.

REPLY TO MR. ROBINSON.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Robinson about our Surprise peal being the longest Minor peal ever rung in Lancashire, I can only say

that I was informed that Brathay was on the Westmorland side of Lake Windermere. As it is in Lancashire we withdraw the claim to it being the longest peal of Minor, yet having the satisfaction of knowing it is the first 10,000 of Surprise. Perhaps some day we may be ambitious enough to try a thousand or two more beyond what we have done.

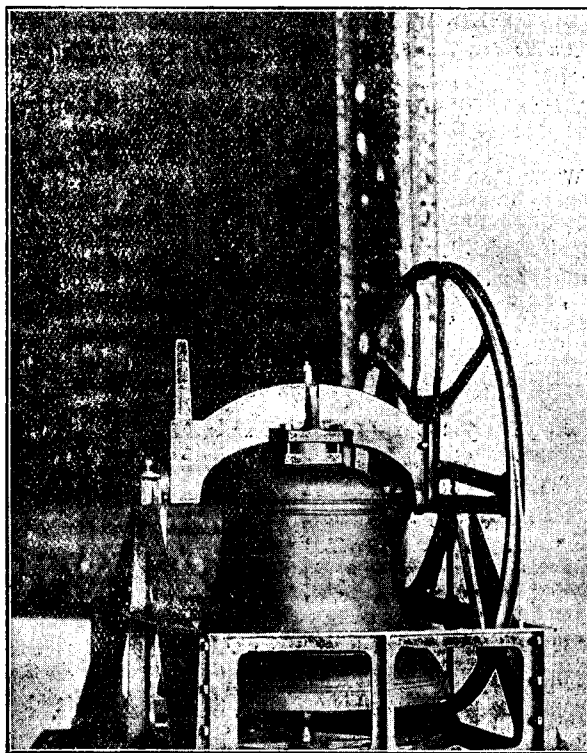
C. SHARPLES.

H. P. B. does not send his name and address.

"OLD RINGER."—If this correspondent will send a stamped addressed envelope, we will send him a letter.

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THE EAST DERBYSHIRE  
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The quarterly meeting of this Association was held at South Wingfield on Saturday, May 30th. Members were present from Alfreton, Ashover, Crich, Norton, Pentrich, Pleasley, Ripley, Selston, Swanwick, Tibshelf, North and South Wingfield, with ringing friends from Mansfield, Woodhouse, etc. The Rev. J. B. Nodder presided. The minutes were duly read and confirmed. A substantial tea was provided through the exertions of the local ringers, to which sixty-seven sat down and did ample justice to the appetising viands provided. Mr. Booth was heartily thanked for the use of his rooms, as were also the

other ringers and their wives, who so kindly prepared tea and waited at the tables. It was decided to have a steward at each meeting to arrange bands for ringing, and ensure all visitors getting a pull in turn. The bells, a musical ring of six in G, were well used during the afternoon and evening to various six and five-bell methods, ringing being kept up until after 9 p.m. The Vicar, the Rev. F. W. Christian, was duly thanked for the use of the bells during the day.

## BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

Mr. G. Walder received the hearty congratulations of his brother-ringers at the parish church on Sunday, May

7th on his reaching the 85th anniversary of his birthday. The old gentleman, who is most regular in his attendance at both service ringing and practice, assisted in the ringing for both morning and evening service. Among the touches brought round was a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in which three generations of the Walder family took part. J. King, G. Walder, sen., T. A. Walder, grandson, W. Vincent, W. Wheeler, G. A. Lewry, G. Walder, jun., son, conductor, G. Packham.

PETERBOROUGH.—On May 15th, at the Cathedral, 120 Bob Doubles. R. Rowell, W. Jarvis, F. Jeffs, J. W. Tirrell conductor, W. Johnson. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Dean Barlow.

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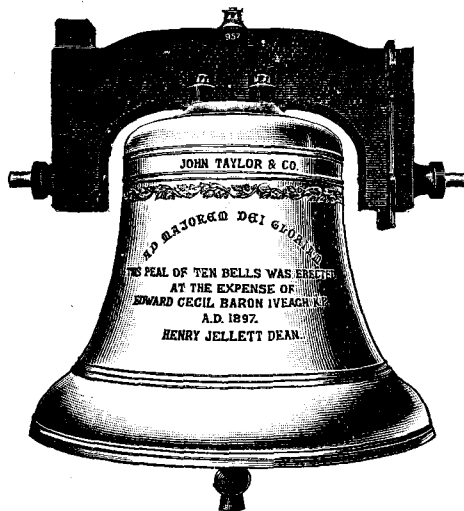
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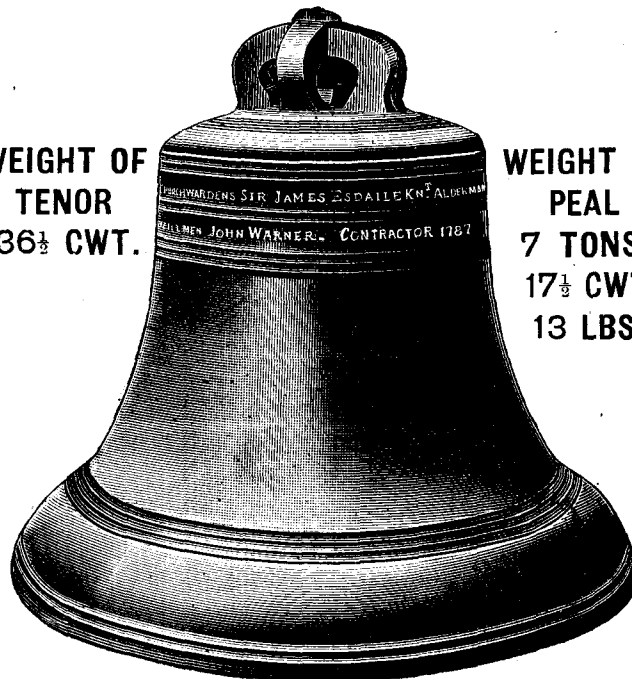
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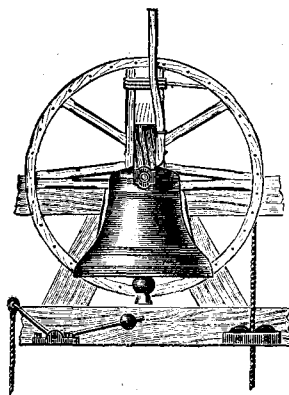
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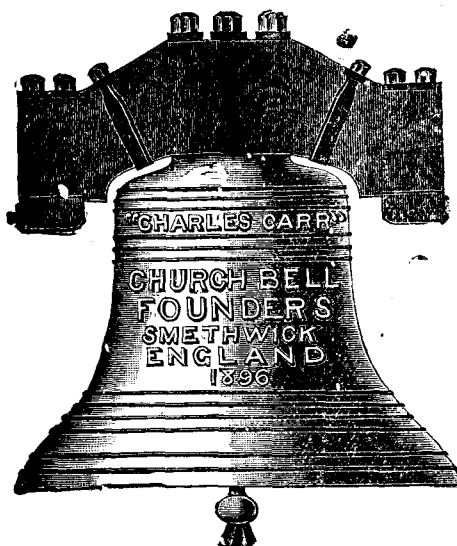
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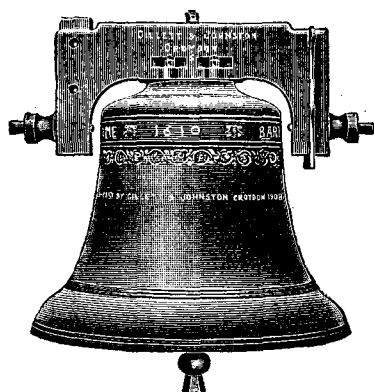
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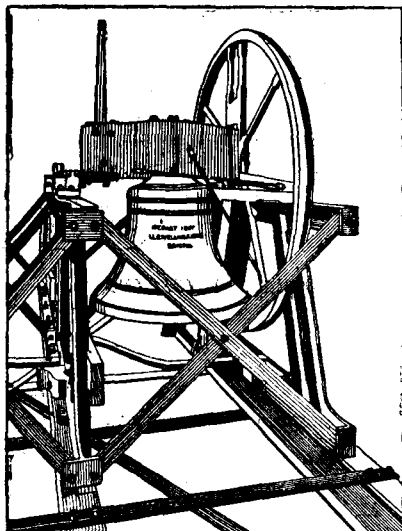
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## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-ninth annual meeting was held at Maidstone on Whit-Monday, June 8th. In addition to the Maidstone towers, All Saints (10), St. Michael's (6), the belfries at Aylesford (8), West Malling (8), Barming (6), Bearstead (6), and Boxley (6), were open to members; and some other towers were visited by ringers on their way to Maidstone. A meeting of the Central Committee was held in the vestry of All Saints' church at 2 p.m., at which the bands of Aylesford and St. John's, Penge, were admitted to the Association. The usual service was held at All Saints' at 3 p.m., conducted entirely by the Vicar, Rev. E. N. Hardcastle. Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus. Bac., organist of Lyminge, and a prominent member of the association, presided at the organ. The hymn, "Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him," was sung at the beginning of the service: "Our blest Redeemer" before, and "The Church's One Foundation" after the address. The Vicar's text was taken from the lesson, 1 Cor. xii. 27: "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." The collection, in aid of the Association's Belfry Repairs Fund, amounted to £1 16s. 5d. The number of members attending this meeting was the largest hitherto recorded, no fewer than 230 sitting down to tea in All Saints' schoolroom. Last year at Rochester the number present was 218. The Vicar presided at the tea, supported the Revs. T. W. Carr and F. C. Carr (of Barming), Rev. P. A. L. Clarke (St. Alphege, Canterbury), the Hon. Secretary, and many members of the committee. Before the business one verse of the National Anthem was sung, and Mr. W. Latter (sec. Tunbridge district) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. E. N. Hardcastle for his address and his kindness in welcoming the Association to Maidstone. The Vicar having suitably responded, the Hon. Secretary read the annual report, from which it appeared that the Association was in a flourishing condition, though, for the first time since 1900, a very slight increase in the total membership had to be recorded. The balance-sheet showed a balance in hand of £35 6s., the amount standing to the credit of the Belfry Repairs Fund was £75 10s. 4d. The number of peals rung last year was 107, one more than in the preceding twelve months. A refreshing feature of the peal-ringing this year was the revival of Surprise ringing, due to a great extent to the energy of Mr. F. Bennet, who had lately become resident in the Lewisham district. It was especially encouraging to notice the growing confidence between clergy and churchwardens on the one hand, and the ringers on the other, mainly due, it was believed, to the steady but quiet influence which the Association was able to exert in the minds and conduct of all connected with it. On the proposition of Mr. W. E. Pitman, seconded by the Rev. T. W. Carr, the report and balance-sheet were passed.

Seven members having been nominated as candidates for the Central Council, a ballot was taken, Messrs. Barton (Deal), Latter (Tunbridge Wells), Mannering (Maidstone), and Pitman (Lenham), having been appointed by the committee to count the votes. The re-election of

vice-presidents and other officers was then proposed by Mr. W. Harper (Swanscombe), and seconded by Mr. L. Silver (Witton), and carried. The voting for the Central Council resulted in the re-election of Messrs. Barnett, Cheesman and Helmore, and the election of Mr. T. Groombridge, all receiving over a hundred votes, the other three, Messrs. Thornton, Jeffries, and Richards, being a long way behind.

By this time the majority of members had left the schoolroom, and the regular business was concluded. Mr. W. Harper, however, expressed a wish that the sense of those remaining might be taken on the question of dinner or tea being given at the annual meeting. By the show of hands it appeared that the change instituted last year was preferred, 27 voting for dinner, 42 for tea. The day was on the whole fine, and the meeting in the old county town a thoroughly enjoyable one.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A general meeting of this Association was held at Downham Market on Whit-Monday, when by kind permission of the authorities the bells of the parish church, and also those at Hilgay, Stow Bardolph, and Denver were available. There was a good attendance of members from Norwich, Lynn, Thetford, Pulham, Gaywood, Terrington, Crimplesham, Denver, Outwell, and Downham. These meetings in West Norfolk are arranged for the benefit of those living in this out-of-the-way district, and the ringing done is largely of an instructive kind. Some considerable amount of success has resulted, and it is hoped that even more ringers will avail themselves of this opportunity for advancement. A capital luncheon was provided at The Castle hotel, Downham, over which Mr. J. W. Sedgley, of King's Lynn, presided. The usual loyal toasts were honoured, and a vote of thanks to the authorities for the use of the various rings of bells was unanimously passed, and the election of new members concluded an enjoyable meeting. All ringers in the district are asked to note that the next meeting will be held at King's Lynn on Whit-Monday, 1909.

## SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The quarterly meeting of this society was held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, May 30th, and being favoured with an ideal summer's day, a perfect-going and grand ring of bells proved to be an unqualified success.

The ringing, which was commenced at 4 o'clock, was far above the average of what is usually heard at these meetings. Touches of Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative and Cambridge Surprise were rung.

At 5.30 the members and friends, numbering twenty-nine, sat down in the church hall—kindly lent for the occasion by the Vicar—to an excellent tea.

The Master, Mr. A. Jacob, presided at the meeting which followed. The election of members of the society

of Mr. A. King (Luton) and Mr. T. Jakeman was confirmed. Mr. E. Barnett proposed that the next meeting be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, at the end of September, and there being no other tower proposed this was carried without dissent.

The Master called the attention of members to the suggestion to meet the third Sunday evening in every month at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and trusted they would endeavour to attend and make up a company for Stedman Cinques.

Mr. Barnett then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and hall for that afternoon, which was carried with acclamation.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until 8.30 p.m., when an adjournment was made to The Coach and Horses, where a enjoyable musical programme was provided, among those contributing being Messrs. Matthews, Jeffries, Shimmans, Richardson, Oxley, and Jakeman, and a course of Stedman Triples by E. Barnett, sen., 1-2-3-4; C. F. Winney, 5-6; E. Barnett, jun., 7-8, was warmly applauded.

Before the proceedings terminated Mr. E. F. Cole proposed a vote of thanks to their Secretary, Mr. F. Bennett, and Mr. H. Warnett (steeplekeeper), for the admirable arrangements that had been made.

Mr. Bennett, in responding, said he was amply repaid by the attendance there that day, and warmly welcomed the members of their other great rival society, notably Mr. C. F. Winney, and Mr. W. Jefferies, who had honoured them with their presence.

Mr. Warnett said it was a great pleasure to see the Cumberlands at Lewisham, and hoped they would repeat their visit on another occasion.

Mr. W. Shimmans then gave the health of "The Master," which was drank with musical honours.

Mr. Jacob endorsed the remarks of the Secretary, hoping at the next meeting to see more of "The Ancients" present, thus maintaining the good fellowship that existed between the two societies.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6th, a district meeting of the North-Western division was held at Newport. Tea was partaken of, catered for by Mrs. Johns, members being present from Great Totham, Sawbridgeworth, Stansted, Ickleton, and Safron Walden. The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar of Newport (Rev. G. F. Tamplin), in the absence of the Master of the division (Rev. J. B. Andrews), who was unable to attend. Several new members were elected, and the place for holding the next meeting was nominated. The General Secretary (Rev. H. Eyre), proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and for the use of the bells, which was seconded by Mr. J. F. Penning (District Secretary), who hoped that the Newport and Wenden towers would be included in the Association list.

The Vicar, in acknowledging the thanks, expressed the warm interest he had in the bells and the ringers, and wished the Newport tower to join the Association.

During the afternoon a 720 of Treble Bob was rung at Newport, it being several years since the previous one was rung. J. F. Penning, 1; N. J. Pitstow, 2; P. Webb, 3; Rev. — Parker (Sawbridgeworth), 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. The Newport company treated the visitors to an exhibition of good striking. At Wenden a 720 of Double Court Bob (the first in the method on the

bells) was rung. F. Bowtle, 1; P. Webb, 2; J. Luckey, 3; J. F. Penning, 4; N. J. Pitstow, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. The Vicar of Wenden (Rev. — Bury), with his company rang the bells to the enjoyment of the visitors, and it is understood that this tower also will be added to the Association.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A most successful district meeting of the Derby branch of the above Association was held at Derby on Saturday, May 23rd, for the purpose of establishing a system of monthly meetings. A tea was arranged in St. Peter's parish room, kindly lent for the occasion by the Vicar and churchwardens. The various towers in the district were well represented, forty-six members and friends being present.

The chair was taken by the Rev. A. E. Hunt (Vicar of St. Alkmund's), supported by the Rev. — Marsden and R. B. Chambers, esq., J.P., who has been a true and loyal friend to ringers, he being mainly instrumental in carrying to a successful issue the scheme for the new ring of eight bells at St. Peter's church a few years ago, besides generously contributing to the funds for the restoration of St. Alkmund's, which renovation has recently been carried out by the well known Loughborough firm.

The Rev. A. E. Hunt, in welcoming the visitors to Derby, said it gave him great pleasure to come among them, and that he was personally very grateful to the Association for the assistance he had received in forming a band of ringers at his own church. Continuing his remarks he said he could not help by being struck by the brotherhood which existed amongst ringers, and he trusted this spirit of sympathy would continue, as its influence would always tend to encourage and spread the Art of ringing. Ringers should be looked upon as real church workers, doing their part towards the services of the Church on an equal footing with the organist and the choir.

A vote of thanks to the clergy and churchwardens for granting the use of the bells and room was carried unanimously on the proposition of Mr. W. Fox (Wirksworth), seconded by Mr. C. Draper (Derby), the compliment being suitably responded to by the Rev. A. E. Hunt and Alderman R. B. Chambers, esq., J.P.

#### DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

An interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of St. Thomas's church, Dudley, on a recent Friday evening, on the occasion of the unveiling of a tablet recording a peal of Grandsire Caters, 5057 changes, rung on August 12th, 1907, to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jenkins, and as a mark of respect to Messrs. Watson and Bill (churchwardens), for having ten new wheels put on, and other necessary repairs done to the bells to make them safe to be rung.

The Vicar asked Mrs. Jenkins to unveil the tablet, and that lady having performed the ceremony, Mr. Watson proposed a vote of thanks to her, and also to Mr. Jenkins for kindly defraying the cost of the restoration of the bells. That was only one of the generous acts of kindness which Mr. Jenkins had shown for the church he loved so well, and had served so faithfully as churchwarden and chorister and for many years a worshipper.

Mr. Bill seconded the proposition, remarking that he had known Mr. Jenkins from his childhood. They had grown up together. The proposition was enthusiastically

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carried, and Mr. Jenkins suitably responded, proposing a vote of thanks to the bellringers for their trouble and perseverance in ringing the peal inscribed on that board. He spoke of the pleasure it so often gave him to listen to the ringing of the beautiful bells. He hoped the ringers would have health and strength for many years to go on with their healthy and scientific work. They knew not what pleasure they were giving to others while they were so skillfully ringing those bells.

Mr. S. Spittle, in responding, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins and the other speakers for their remarks. That function meant more than at first sight appeared. The tablet recorded the fact that the churchwardens whose names were on it, had been mindful to safeguard one of the greatest assets belonging to the church—the 5 tons 2 cwt. 8 lbs. of bell metal hanging above them, with the necessary fittings, and the splendid oak frames which had withstood the test of time since 1819. The tablet also recorded a well-struck peal by the men. He trusted that would be an incentive to the rising generation of bellringers to emulate, and also to surpass the record there shown.

Mr. W. Rock Small proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, and recalled the time when belfries were not respected and kept as clean as at the present time. They were not then looked upon as part of a consecrated building. A visit by the Vicar or churchwardens to the belfry was a novelty in those days. He was pleased to say all that was changed, and he knew no one who was a more hearty supporter and well-wisher of the bellringers than the Vicar of Dudley.

Mr. W. Micklewright seconded, and the proposition was heartily carried.

The Vicar, in responding, thanked Mr. Small for his kind remarks. It gave him much pleasure to be there and take his share in that interesting ceremony. He offered his most hearty thanks to Mrs. Jenkins for coming to unveil that tablet, and to Mr. Jenkins for his kind generosity which was recorded on it. He thanked his two churchwardens for the trouble they had taken to safeguard the bells they were all so proud of. He also thanked the other friends present and the bellringers for so regularly and efficiently attending to their duties. He was sure the bellringers, through the aid of their associations and guilds, had done good work in reforming the customs and habits of ringers both in and out of the belfry. So long as they honoured the House of God and respected themselves, they could rely upon the authorities of the church authorities supporting them.

After the Benediction, a short touch of Grandsire Caters rung on the bells, showing how the changes were produced, brought the meeting to a close.

**FELTHAM (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, May 9th, at St. Catherine's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Reading, A. Denford, E. Ridgley, F. Garrett, J. Lock, J. Merrick, J. Edwards conductor, M. Macdonald. First quarter-peal by an entirely local band.

**STANTON-BY-DALE (Derbyshire).**—On Saturday, May 9th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1908 changes, being 288 of Single Court, 720 Double Court, 360 Kent Treble Bob, and 540 Plain Bob.

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## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

There was a big muster of bellringers at Stockton-on-Tees, Durham, on June 9th, when the members of the above Association held their annual meeting, and in connection with which a large number of the Durham and Newcastle Association accepted invitations to be present. The first ceremony was the unveiling by the Vicar of Stockton (Canon Martin), in the belfry of Stockton parish church, of a tablet recording the first 5000s of Royal and Caters ever rung on the bells. This was followed by a special service in church, attended by about 100 members, and at which the preacher was the Rev. J. L. Kyle, Vicar of Carlton-in-Cleveland. A collection on behalf of the Selby Abbey Bell Fund realised £1 18s. 2½d.

Subsequently lunch was provided at the Parish Hall, King Street, the chair being occupied by Mr. G. J. Clarkson (Stockton), President of the Association, whilst Mr. G. T. Potter (North Shields), President of the Durham and Newcastle Association, was in the vice-chair.

The toast of "The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association" was proposed by Mr. Potter, and Mr. G. J. Clarkson in responding, said if the general public knew more about the work necessary before bells could be properly rung, they would appreciate the work of the ringers more fully.

Mr. A. M. Field (Benfieldside), Secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association, read a letter from the Bishop of Newcastle thanking that Association for the illuminated address presented to him on his appointment to the see.

The annual meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association followed. The annual report was presented by the Hon. Secretary.

The chairman moved the adoption of the report. The Rev. W. P. Wright seconded, and the Rev. J. L. Kyle supported the proposition, which was carried.

It was decided to hold the September meeting at Skelton-in-Cleveland, the Easter meeting at Bedale, and the annual meeting at Ripon on Whit-Monday, 1909.

Subsequently the ringers gave displays of their skill on the bells at Stockton, Middlesbrough, and Thornaby parish churches.

The places represented were Benwell, Gosforth, Newcastle, and North Shields in Northumberland; Benfieldside, Bishop Auckland, Chester-le-Street, Darlington, Durham, Stockton, Sunderland, Panfield, and West Hartlepool in Durham; and Guisborough, Hemingbrough, Middleham, Ormesby, Selby, Sharow, Skelton and Stokesley in Yorkshire; the number at lunch being sixty-eight.

## 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."

### SELBY ABBEY BELL FUND.

SIR,—May I beg space for a few lines to express my pleasure in seeing in your valuable columns that the Hon. Treasurer of the above, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, is already receiving contributions, and it may be well to recall the fact that the Rev. E. E. Robinson has already sent £1 direct to Selby, and that one of our Leeds companies, that of St. Michael's, Headingley, has also sent in £1 1s. Both these sums are allocated to the bells.

As our Yorkshire Association Committee are giving some little time to our members, who may be anxious to contribute collectively in their respective towers, it will not be too late to

say that it is open to any company wishing to contribute a greater sum than might prove convenient at any one time, to distribute their subscription over say two quarter-days, sending particulars to Mr. Drake of the extra sum they hope to raise, when sending their first instalment.

No forcible appeal can, it is felt, be addressed to the Exercise in general until we Yorkshiremen have done our best; but the large sum, £300, will, it is hoped, make it at once evident to those generously minded that we shall not be able to pull through without their hearty co-operation and generous assistance.

The need is really pressing, for the calamity is a national one, and local help is practically cut off by the magnitude of the disaster towards which the noble sum of £40,000 or thereabouts has been raised for the edifice itself, leaving some £8000 still required.

In the face of this splendid liberality surely we shall be able to see the Selby ringers through with their modest little sum; at any rate we intend to try.

WM. SNOWDON.

Leeds, June 15, 1908.

#### ARCHDEACON CUNNINGHAM'S CHARGE.

SIR,—The account of this charge given in your issue of the 23rd ultimo is pleasant reading. especially, I may say, to those who have the advantage of knowing something of the Archdeacon personally, and are consequently certain that his words are not mere "gas." Whatever may be in theory the power of an Archdeacon to compel church authorities to keep bells and fittings in constant repair, as suggested in your editorial comment, there has been no means of compulsorily carrying into effect his injunctions since the abolition of compulsory church rates some forty years ago. But no one can doubt that such remarks as those of Archdeacon Cunningham must be a very valuable stimulus to voluntary effort in the direction he indicates.

R. A. DANIELL.

#### CHURCH TOWERS.

SIR,—I am sorry not to have replied earlier to Mr. Sturdy's second letter, and I hope he will not think me very obstinate if I adhere to the opinion I have already expressed. What may be the views of the Rector of Hatfield I have not the advantage of knowing, and that some early towers in certain parts were built for defence I do not dispute. But these are of a primitive type and not ornamental, suited to a state of tribal raids in a condition of society not unlike that of which we read in the Book of Judges. But the mediæval towers of the kind referred to by Mr. Sturdy belong to a later age, when men did not raid villages but raised armies and fought pitched battles and besieged castles and walled towns and cities. For instance, a comparison of our church towers of the thirty years of the "Wars of the Roses" in the fifteenth century with the castles and other defensive work of the same period shews a significant difference in construction. Defensive works have as narrow external openings as possible, whereas during this period of Civil War the windows of church towers were growing larger and larger; and I do not call to mind that I have ever seen machicolations or portcullis grooves or other defensive construction in connection with an English church tower. Of course I do not claim to be an authority on the history either of Architecture or of Civil War in England, but the mere fact that the builders of church towers made use of that most convenient arrangement, the newel staircase, and kept the external openings in it as narrow as possible so as not to interfere with the general external design, does not seem to me a material circumstance. Indeed I should think on many such staircases there would not be much room to draw a bow to much effect.

R. A. DANIELL.

#### AN APPEAL.

SIR,—Would you allow me through your valuable paper to make an appeal to all ringers and readers of "THE BELL NEWS" for subscriptions, however small, towards three more bells for our parish church, which as a ringer and caretaker I am interested in all matters concerning a good ring of bells at our churches. I must say we are much behind other churches in the district, and three more bells would make a grand peal. I hope some of your readers in town and country will give us a

helping hand. £200 is required, and all subscriptions should be sent to Rev. F. J. Adams, Vicar, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Treasurer.  
W. ALLEN.

#### CENTRAL COUNCIL ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE.

SIR,—Though I believe that the names both of those present and of those absent is quite correct, I see that I have made a mistake in counting the number of honorary members, of whom three (not 2) were absent, the total number of them being eleven. Your readers can easily make for themselves the corrections thus rendered necessary in the Analysis.

C. D. P. DAVIES.

Mr. H. Puttock, of Blaxhall, Tunstall, Suffolk, would be glad if any of our readers could give him any information where John Brend's bell foundry was situated about the year 1655.

C. E. BORRETT.—Yes.

W. SHORT.—We have a letter for you if you will send us your address; omitted in your advertisement on the opposite page.

#### In Memoriam.

#### JOHN WOODS.

The news of the death of John Woods, of Quidenham, Norfolk, which took place after a prolonged period of ill-health, on Tuesday, June 8th, in his 75th year, will be received with regret by many ringers in Norfolk, and also by some of the older members of the Royal Cumberland Youths. He lived for many years at Banham, within a short distance of Kenninghall, and it was at the latter place that the bulk of his ringing was done. From 1863 onwards for about twenty-five years, Kenninghall boasted a first rate band of ringers, under the leadership of the late Jeremiah Mordey, and many a good peal of Kent Major has been rung there. They were good enough to plan for an attempt at Tom Day's 16,608 of Treble Bob, and the first part was rung for practice, followed by a 6240, Sam. Thurston's 7360 and Harrison's 10,176, but for some reason the longer length was not rung. But John Woods had bigger aims than always ringing in a quiet Norfolk village. He was a friend and great admirer of the late George Newson, and paid periodical visits to London. In 1881 he rang a peal of Kent Major at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, conducted by George Newson, and Kent Royal at St. Clement Danes, conducted by John Cox, the band including Robert Jameson, J. R. Haworth, and Henry Dains. On another visit, in 1883, he rang Kent Major at Walthamstow, and another at St. Anne's, Highgate, in 1885. Then Grandsire Caters at St. Clement Danes in 1887, and Bob Major at Highgate in 1888. About this time he removed to the neighbouring parish of Quidenham, and in 1893 he stood in the opening peal of Minor on the augmented ring of six. He successfully raised a company, and almost through his advocacy the bells were augmented to eight in 1900. His joy at being able to stand in the opening peal on them—in April, 1901—was unbounded, and will not soon be forgotten by the rest of the band. In 1900, he again scored a couple of peals in London, and in 1903, at Quidenham, he rang his 69th, and last, peal, when he was in his 69th year. He was buried on Friday in the quiet churchyard at Quidenham, within sound of the bells he loved so well. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave, and a muffled peal of Bob Major was nasuccessfully attempted in the evening. John Woods will always be remembered by those with whom he had come in contact as a genial and honest man—one of nature's gentlemen. His list of peals included six of Minor, two of Grandsire Triples, five of Bob Major, twenty-three of Oxford Major, thirty-one of Kent Major, and one each of Grandsire Caters and Kent Royal. In these degenerate days it is worthy of note that he was the father of twenty-four children, eleven of whom are living.

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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. John's, South Hackney, on June 29th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 25th; all at 8 p.m.

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

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead to-day, Saturday, June 20th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea in St. Mary's Hall at 6 o'clock, 9d. per head. All members and friends invited.  
H. EDEN, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Didsbury, to-day, Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, to-day, Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready at 3. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.  
JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch to-day, Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Tea 1s. each, at 4.45 p.m., followed by general meeting, all in St. Helen's parish room.  
W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hellingly (6 bells), to-day Saturday, June 20th. Bells from 3 to 8.30. Tea at 5.  
G. H. HOWSE, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Carlton Road, Eastbourne.

**East Derbyshire Association.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Tevershall to-day, Saturday, June 20th. Members and ringing friends invited.  
T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

**Frensham, Surrey.**—A meeting of the Church of England Men's Society will be held at Frensham Church to-day, Saturday, June 20th, at 4.30 p.m. Bells (6), available from 3 o'clock.  
C. EDWARDS, *Sec.*

Frensham Hill Gardens, Farnham, Surrey.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Taunton on Saturday, June 27th. Dinner at The London hotel Assembly Rooms at 2 p.m. Meeting to follow. Service at St. Mary's church at 4 p.m. The following bells are available: St. Mary (10), from 1 to 2 p.m., and after the service; St. James (8); Wilton (6); Bishops Hull (6), all day.

E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, June 27th.

REV. A. RUST, *Hon. Secs.*  
I. HILLS,

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Will those intending to be

present please notify Mr. T. Pateman, Node Gardens, Welwyn, by Wednesday, June 24th.  
J. F. FOSTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston, near Stourbridge, on Saturday, June 27th. Service, with address by the Rev. G. Gilbanks at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Tea will be provided free for those sending me their names before Wednesday, June 24th. The bells at Stourbridge (8), Oldswinford (8), Wollaston (6), and Kinver (6), will be available.  
J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.** The annual meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, June 27th, at Lichfield. The bells of the Cathedral, St. Mary's and St. Michael's churches, will be available for ringing. Service in the Cathedral at 4 o'clock, at which all members are requested to be present. Committee meeting at 4.45 in the Consistory Court. Tea at 5.45 at the Minster Cafe, Market Place, to be followed by the General Meeting, at which the Ven. Archdeacon Hodgson will preside. The tea will be 6d. each to all those members who have paid their subscriptions; to others 1s. each.  
S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

20, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Denby on Saturday, June 27th. Ringing from 2 p.m. All visitors cordially welcomed.  
A. WARD, *Local Hon. Sec.*

**The Saffron Walden Society.**—Established 1623.—The 285th anniversary of this society will be held on Saturday, June 27th, when any visiting friends would be cordially welcomed. Dinner at The King's Arms inn at 1.30.  
ERNEST A. PITSTOW, *Secretary.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Shipley on Saturday, June 27th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting at The Sun hotel at 7.30. Refreshments provided.  
GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Sefton on Saturday, June 27th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, *Hon. Secs.*  
W. BENTHAM,

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Christchurch District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Fordingbridge on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 4 p.m.  
G. PRESTON, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Stockport Branch.—Western Division.—Next meeting at Bowdon on Saturday, June 27th. Eastern Division members intending being present must notify me before the 23rd.

A. T. BEESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at Chailey on Saturday, July 4th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Those intending to be present at tea please let me know by July 1st.  
ROBERT J. DAWK, *Div. Hon. Sec.*  
16, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held at Willingham on Saturday, July 4th. Tea at 5 o'clock. Over bells available in the evening.  
P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at 6 o'clock (free) at The George and Dragon inn, followed by business meeting. All members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, July 8th. By kind permission of the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon, the rectory grounds will be open to members.

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

26, Dukas Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Annual Report now ready. Compounding and Unattached members kindly write for same to  
C. W. SCOTT, *Secretary.*

Portsea Vicarage.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1908.

MR. WILLIAM SNOWDON again brings before the Exercise the proposal for a ring of bells for Selby Abbey. This week we read that the Kent County Association has what is called a "Belfry Repairs Fund," and the sum in hand of such fund now reaches £71 odd. We suppose this fund is to be used only for belfry repairs within the territory where the Kent Association has its operations. Quite right. But it has been hinted whether the men of Kent could not spare a few pounds from such fund in aid of the national movement at Selby.

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**The Metropolis.****THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, June 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, LEYTONSTONE,  
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Worcester,  
Chichester, and Cambridge.

GEORGE DAWSON .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL J. BIRD .. .. 4.
SAMUEL HAYES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM MILLER .. .. 5.
JOHN MOULE .. .. 3.	HENRY TORBLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. C. W. Fenn, senior curate at St. John's to Miss E. Allwood, at Louth, Lincolnshire; also Mr. G. A. Black to Miss I. L. Waterhouse, which took place at Buckhurst Hill on the 10th inst. Both these gentlemen are members of the St John the Baptist society.

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, June 13, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
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ROBERT B. BLANCHARD .. 4.	GEORGE BARRINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

**The Provinces.****MIDDLESBROUGH.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, May 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

W. J. TITCHENER .. .. Treble.	*WM. POLLARD .. .. 5.
FRED LAVERICK .. .. 2.	*JNO. WEDGWOOD .. .. 6.
WM. RUDD .. .. 3.	J. H. BLAKISTON .. .. 7.
GEO. PICKERING* .. .. 4.	†T. LANCASTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. HUNT, and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal. This is the fifty-first peal on the bells, previous methods being Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Superlative. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to W. Pollard.

**MIDDLESBROUGH.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, June 2, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES LAVERICK* .. Treble.	J. WEDGWOOD .. .. 5.
FRED LAVERICK .. .. 2.	W. POLLARD .. .. 6.
WM. RUDD .. .. 3.	J. H. BLAKISTON .. .. 7.
GEO. PICKERING .. .. 4.	T. LANCASTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

\*First peal.

**CHATHAM, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, June 6, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 5.
ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 6.
ALFRED ROBSON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HAIGH .. .. 7.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

**BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 8, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. Treble.	*FREDERICK E. PARSONS .. 5.
JESSE J. MOSS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 6.
EDWARD ROBBINS* .. .. 3.	THOMAS RILEY .. .. 7.
HARRY MOSS .. .. 4.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of George W. Moss to Miss L. A. Morriss, which took place at Harwich on the above date.

**CLIFTON, BEDS.****THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(BEDFORDSHIRE ARCHDEACONRY.)

On Monday, June 8, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Treble.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5.
ALFRED PRATT .. .. 2.	CHARLES V. HARE .. .. 6.
JOHN HARE .. .. 3.	FRANK YORK .. .. 7.
FREDERICK PRATT .. .. 4.	JAMES BLOTT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

First peal of Treble Bob by all except G. D. Coleman and the conductor.

**TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSETSHIRE.****THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, June 8, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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A. STEVENS .. .. Treble.	C. GREEDY .. .. 4.
W. HOYLE .. .. 2.	W. BENNETT .. .. 5.
C. SUMMERS .. .. 3.	H. MOORE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. MOORE.

**DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, June 8, 1908, in Three Hours

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

H. INCKLE .. .. Treble.	G. TOMLINSON .. .. 5.
R. CLIFFORD .. .. 2.	S. MASKREY .. .. 6.
G. BASSON .. .. 3.	A. E. THOMPSON .. .. 7.
A. H. WARD .. .. 4.	J. W. GLEW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. CLIFFORD.

Rung to commemorate the ministry of the Rev. J. E. Matthews, M.A., of St. Peter's, Derby, and the election of Alderman A. Simpson, J.P., to the mayoralty of Derby. First peal of Grandsire by the ringers of the 3rd, 5th, and tenor; also A. E. Thompson's 100th peal.

**HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.**

On Monday, June 8, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

PERCY BURGESS .. Treble.	ALBERT REED .. .. 5.
HERBERT RANN .. .. 2.	†WILLIAM JENNER .. .. 6.
ARTHUR R. MILES* .. 3.	GEORGE ADES .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BOOTH† .. 4.	*FREDERICK EADE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE ADES.

\*First peal of Triples. †First peal, †First peal with a bob bell.

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## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 8, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE COOPER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM SAWYER .. .. 4.
ALFRED CLEMENTS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM LEGGETT .. .. 5.
HENRY PUTTOCK .. .. 3.	CHARLES FISHER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

## HARPENDEN, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 8, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

BERT COBURN* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM NEWELL .. .. 5.
BEN JARMAN .. .. 2.	HARRY GOLDING .. .. 6.
RALPH COBURN .. .. 3.	W. H. NEWELL .. .. 7.
GEORGE NEWSON .. .. 4.	CHARLES DELLAR .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. NEWELL.

\*First peal.

## LENTON, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, June 9, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 8½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. Treble.	HARRY MOSS .. .. 5.
JESSE J. MOSS .. .. 2.	JOHN HOLMAN .. .. 6.
DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 3.	THOMAS RILEY .. .. 7.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. .. 4.	JOHN FLINT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

Quickest peal on the bells.

## CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 9, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FRANK LEWIN .. .. Treble.	†BERNARD J. SADDINGTON .. .. 4.
ISAAC J. JUDD* .. .. 2.	JOHN LEWIN* .. .. 5.
JOSEPH SADDINGTON† .. .. 3.	ARTHUR SMEATHERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. SMEATHERS.

\*First peal in seven methods. †First peal in seven methods with a bob bell.

## ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, June 10, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN .. .. Treble.	GEORGE PARSONS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM STRINGER .. .. 2.	CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 6.
JAMES PLANT .. .. 3.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. .. 7.
MARTIN MURPHY .. .. 4.	JACOB SEABORNE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to Mrs. T. O. Williams, wife of Councillor Williams, who passed away on June 4th.

## WEST MEON, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs. in F.

WILLIAM H. LOWMAN .. Treble.	THOMAS UPSHALL .. .. 5.
GEORGE UPSHALL .. .. 2.	ERNEST NEWELL .. .. 6.
CHARLES EDWARDS .. .. 3.	*FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT .. 7.
FRANCIS E. DAWE .. .. 4.	EDWARD CLAPSHAW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

\*First peal in the method with a bob bell. This is the first peal in the method on the bells, only one of Stedman Triples having previously been rung at this very picturesque village—the conductor's birth-place. The ringers wish to thank the Rector—Rev. R. H. Fair—for so readily granting permission, and also Mr. Gregory, the head ringer, for having everything ready, and in such excellent order. F. E. Dawe hails from the Bisley district; the rest from Farnham.

## HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1908, 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 Plain Bob, and one of Double Court. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM DYE .. .. Treble.	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE .. 4.
EDGAR RIVERS .. .. 2.	ARTHUR A. GIRLING .. .. 5.
WALTER BROWN .. .. 3.	ALFRED G. RIVERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. G. RIVERS.

First peal on the bells.

## WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

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

On Saturday, June 13, 1908, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

FREDERICK C. PERRIN .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	SAMUEL J. BIRD .. .. 6.
GEORGE H. BARKER .. .. 3.	HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 7.
CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

## CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

JOHN W. WHITING .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. .. 5.
HENRY W. WILKES .. .. 2.	EDWIN J. HARDING .. .. 6.
GEORGE E. CHAPPELL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. .. 7.
ALBERT MILLARD .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. The band thank the Vicar, the Rev. G. W. Hills, for his hospitality in providing tea before starting.

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**CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)*On Saturday, June 13 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

A. D. CULLUM .. .. Treble.	W. WEBB .. .. 5.
J. HANDS .. .. 2.	G. ESSEX .. .. 6.
G. IRVINE .. .. 3.	H. SIMMONDS .. .. 7.
L. GREEN .. .. 4.	E. W. MENDAY .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method. Rung in honour of L. Green's birthday.

**HASLEMERE, SURREY.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

*On Saturday, June 13, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES GIBBONS† .. .. Treble.	THOMAS MACK .. .. 5.
HENRY L. GARFATH .. .. 2.	HEBBERT J. ELLIS .. .. 6.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. .. 3.	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT .. .. 7.
THOMAS ATTWELL .. .. 4.	HENRY MULLARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

†First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

**BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, June 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 720 each of Violet, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE COOPER .. .. Treble.	JAMES STARLING .. .. 4.
CHARLES E. FISHER .. .. 2.	ROBERT SMY .. .. 5.
HENRY PUTTOCK .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SAWYER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SAWYER.

**Handbell Peals.****SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)*On Tuesday, June 9, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,*

AT 33, HOLLY STREET,

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

WALTER ALLWOOD .. .. 1-2.	WALTER COATES .. .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3-4.	GEORGE O. DIXON .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Witness—W. Bugar.

**OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, June 10, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,*

IN THE PARISH ROOM,

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

HUBERT EDEN .. .. 1-2.	HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 5-6.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 3-4.	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. .. 7-8.

Composed by the late JOHN C. JACKSON and

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

This is the first peal in the method on handbells in the county, by the Association and by all the band. It is the first peal of Major on handbells by the ringers of 1-2 and 7-8. Umpire—A. D. Bates.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)*On Saturday, June 13, 1908, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,*

AT 10, WELLGATE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.**

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

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpires—W. Coates, G. O. Dixon, and J. W. Cottam. Quickest handbell peal of Bob Major by all.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)*On Tuesday, June 16, 1908, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,*

AT 10, WELLGATE,

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

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

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

This is W. Allwood's 50th peal; particulars in due course.

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

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Sunday, May 24th, for evening service at St. George's church, a date touch of 1908 Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 18 mins. J. Gresty, G. Astbury, T. Jackson, J. Booth, W. Jackson, G. Marshall, H. Meakin, G. D. Warburton, J. W. Bayley, F. Bradley. Composed by G. E. Symonds, and conducted by H. Meakin. Longest length in any method by Messrs. Bradley, Gresty and W. Jackson, and longest length with a bob bell by G. Marshall. All the above are members of the local company.

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

ICKLETON (Cambs).—On Tuesday, May 19th, on handbells, a date touch of Bob Minor, 1908 changes. W. Clements, E. Webb, B. Bowtell, A. Lilley, P. Webb conductor, J. Webb, W. Brand. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Clements. On Monday, May 25th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1908 Doubles, being 528 Plain and 1380 Grandsire. P. Webb conductor, E. Webb, F. Bowtell, A. Lilley, J. Webb, F. Crick. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

MARHAM (Norfolk).—On Thursday, June 4th, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of 1908 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 10 mins. S. Staines, A. Bacon, H. Teddar, W. Goodrum, O. Staines, E. Barker conductor.

**Miscellaneous.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday, April 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Smith, C. Groves, J. M. Turner, J. Symonds, Sergt. S. A. Gregory, H. Northfield, E. J. Harding, J. T. Matthews. On Sunday, May 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Smith, H. Northfield, J. M. Turner, C. Groves, J. Symonds, E. J. Harding conductor, J. Harris, J. T. Matthews. On Sunday, March 29th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. M. Turner, H. Northfield, C. Groves, J. Symonds, J. T. Matthews, J. Harris, J. Harding conductor, G. Cooper. On Sunday, April 19th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Smith, F. Burnett, J. Symonds, C. Groves, P. A. Coard, Sergt. S. A. Gregory, E. J. Harding conductor, H. Northfield. On May 12th, for practice, 360 Bob Minor. J. Smith, H. Northfield, J. M. Turner, J. Symonds, J. Harris, E. J. Harding.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Thursday, June 11th, in honour of

the return home of Mr. A. Baigent from his honeymoon, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 48 mins. H. Kimber, G. Upshall, W. Russell first quarter-peal on eight, W. Lowman, T. Upshall, F. Elliott, C. Edwards conductor, W. Sherfield.

FRENTHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, June 7th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. H. Mills, E. Garbett, E. Day first 720, C. Edwards, E. Newell, W. Deadman.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY.—On Tuesday, May 19th, for practice, three short courses of Cambridge Surprise Major. G. H. Kite, T. Groombridge, J. Emery, H. Warnett, E. Barnett, jun., W. J. Jeffries, W. Hewitt, J. E. Davis conductor. And three courses. G. H. Kite, T. Groombridge, W. Billenness, H. Warnett, W. Jeffries, J. Emery, E. Barnett, E. Davis conductor. Another three courses. F. Pike, H. P. Harman, W. Hewitt, H. Warnett, J. Emery, T. Groombridge, W. J. Jeffries, J. E. Davis conductor.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURNHAM (Somerset).—On Sunday, May 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. E. Cox, A. Routley, J. Harris, F. Iley, J. Dunn, G. Chamberlain conductor, W. Worgan, J. Coram. For evening service 518 Grandsire Triples. E. Reed, E. Cox, J. Harris, J. Dunn, W. Worgan, G. Chamberlain conductor, G. Pruen, G. Rawlings.

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

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 19th, at St. Mary Abbots, 1259 Grandsire Caters. F. Edwards, A. Cutmore, J. Judd, F. G. Symonds, H. Powell, A. E. Bradley, W. E. Garrard, H. G. Miles, A. F. Harris conductor, F. J. Redknapp. On Sunday, May 24th, 1280 London Surprise. A. V. Selby, C. Charge, A. F. Harris, H. G. Miles, E. G. Stibbons, S. A. Wright, J. R. Mackman, W. E. Garrard conductor.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHEFFIELD.—On Tuesday, May 19th, at the parish church, for practice, 1536 London Surprise Major, in 1 hr. 2 mins. S. Thomas, W. Burgar, W. Lomas, J. Thorpe, J. Holman, C. H. Hattersley conductor, G. Holmes, S. F. Palmer.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAYFIELD (Sussex).—On Tuesday, April 28th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. T. Lade, W. Brown, A. R. Miles conductor, T. Lade, F. Eade, W. Bagley. First 720 by all. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Cornelia Fleetwood Churchill to Mr. Ralph Henry Grey, of Woodleigh, Mayfield.

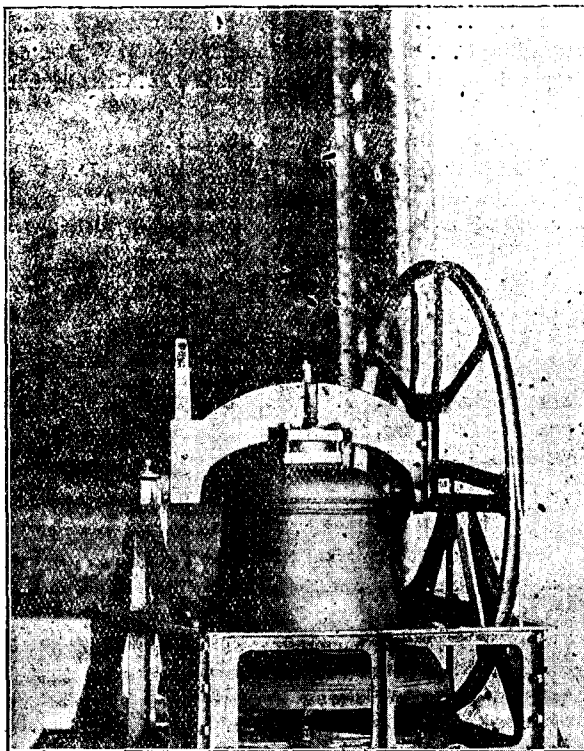
CAVENDISH (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, May 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Thompson, T. E. Slater, G. Moore, E. Perkins, S. Slater, O. Garwood conductor. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Thompson, S. Slater conductor, H. Perkins, O. Garwood, T. E. Slater, G. Moore. This was the forty-third anniversary of the ringing of the first 720 by S. Slater.

CLARE (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 24th, for evening service, 560 Bob Major. S. Slater conductor, H. Thompson, W. Underwood, G. Moore, E. Perkins, T. E. Slater, O. Garwood, C. Howe. And 1008 in the same method. S. Slater conductor, O. Garwood, C. Honeybell, G. Rice, W. Atkinson, T. E. Slater, G. Moore, C. Howe. The Vicar, the Rev. J. Vatcher, also assisted in the ringing.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Saturday, May 23rd, 560 Bob Major. S. Slater conductor, S. H. Symonds, W. Dent, A. Martin, J. Hollocks, T. E. Salter, F. Pryke, A. Symonds. 368 in the same method. A. Symonds conductor, S. H. Symonds, S. Evans, F. Inch, J. Hollocks, T. E. Slater, W. Dent, F. Pryke. And a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. A course of Stedman Triples on handbells. This meeting and ringing celebrated the thirty-fourth anniversary of the ringing of the first 720 by A. Symonds, which was as follows: At Preston, Suffolk, on May 23rd, 1874, 720 Bob Minor. J. Hazell, A. Symonds, W. Whymark, G. Parker, H. Symonds, R. Keeble conductor. H. Symonds is the father of A. Symonds.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Sunday, May 24th, at St. George's church, 481 Stedman Caters. J. Booth, E. Morfee, T. Jackson, G. Astbury, W. Jackson, J. Mottershead, H. Meakin conductor, G. D. Warburton, J. W. Bayley, G. Marshall.

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### THE LATE MR. WM. PEACOCK, OF EAST WITTON, YORKS.

The little village of East Witton, in the Yorkshire dales, snugly lying under the shadow of the great Fell, where history says after the plunder of his rich monastery near to, the last Abbot of Jervaulx spent some months in successful hiding, and who afterwards suffered death as a martyr at Tyburn; the little village though lying snugly in seclusion, witnesses the ever changing order of things natural, and the little band of ringers who for many years, almost unprecedented, held together, ringing many Treble Bob methods regularly and faithfully for the services of the church, has just suffered another loss by death. Han-

ded down from one little band to another, since the erection of the church a century ago, change-ringing has been practised. One by one, the father and then the son, has fulfilled his term of life, and their place taken by another. And so it is. Mr. Wm. Peacock, who until two years ago rang at East Witton, since 1863 was a regular attender. He had been in bad health for some years, but remained in office as a ringer and sidesman until recently. He died suddenly on the 5th inst. His body was laid to rest near the tower in which he had spent many happy hours, and a large concourse of people paid respect to his memory, for he was greatly esteemed as a man of strict integrity and peace-

fulness. He was sixty-three years of age. On the following Sunday a 720 of Oxford was rung out of respect to his memory, this being his favourite method. Although a ringer for so long, he took part in only one 5000, and that in seven Minor methods. He leaves a widow, a daughter, and a ringer son.

CHISWICK.—On Tuesday, May 5th, for practice at the parish church, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. H. Lamb, A. Somnar, H. Burton, T. Bcadie, W. Stevens, H. Lidbetter, G. White, J. Roberts.

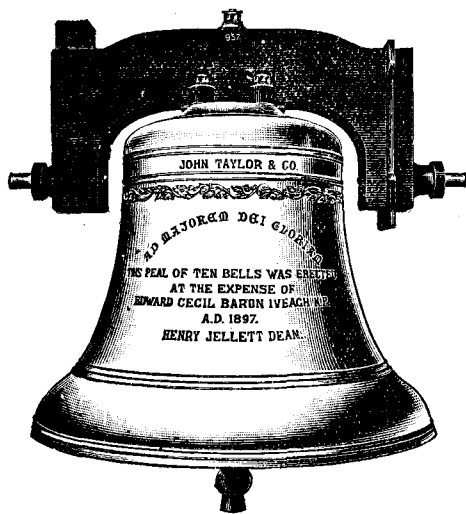
ISHAM (Northants).—On Saturday, May 2nd, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. G. Blackley, F. Talbutt, W. Lewis, T. Butler, W. Wilson, E. M. Atkins conductor.

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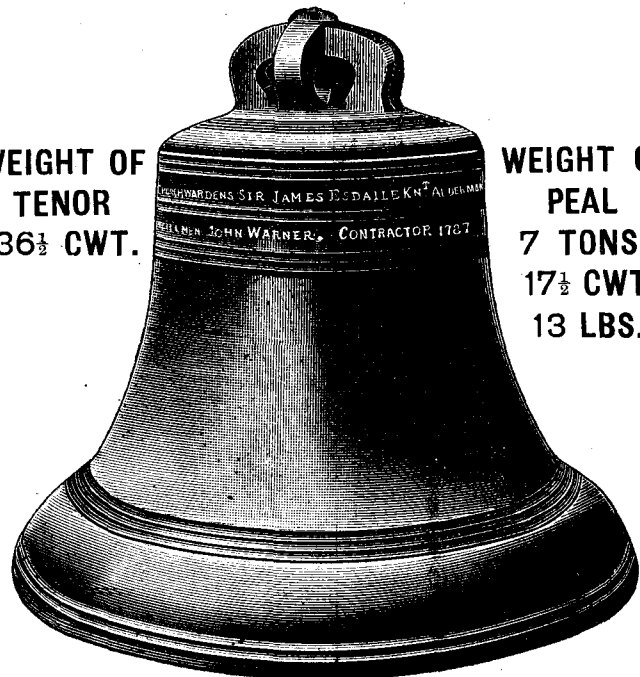
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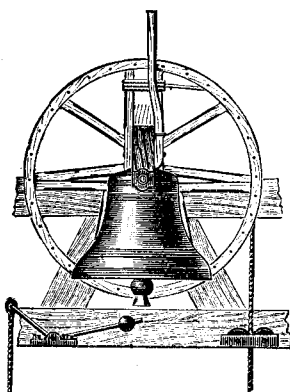
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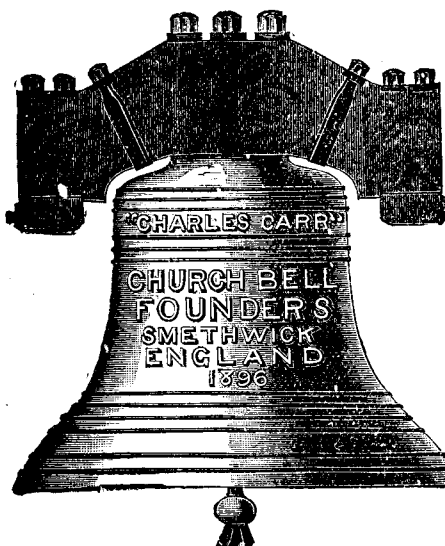
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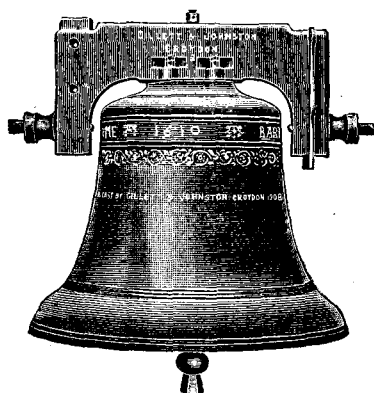
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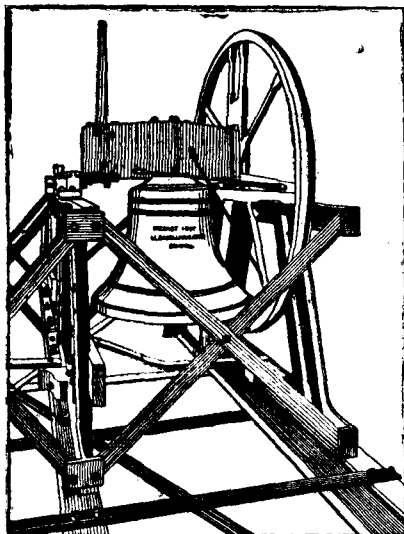
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## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday afternoon, June 6th, a large congregation assembled at Shenley church, the occasion being a most joyous one for the whole village, viz.: the dedication of a new bell, and the re-dedication of the old ring of five. The work of restoring and rehanging the bells was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, bellfounders, etc., of Croydon. At the outset it was decided to recast the first, second, and third bells, but the bellfounders discovered a crack in the fourth bell, and it was decided to have this recast too. The bells have been rehung on a new steel frame in the most modern way. The new bell is the gift of the Misses Morris, the four surviving sisters of John James and Harriet Morris. Colonel Duncan, of Shenley Park (the high sheriff of Bucks.) and Miss Duncan contributed £50 to the fund, and the total amount (£220) was in hand on Saturday with the exception of about £10.

Saturday was the day appointed for the annual meeting of the North Bucks. branch, and members from all parts of the branch attended the service. There were a good number of clergy present, among whom was the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Guild. The dedication part of the service was taken by the Rev. W. L. Harnett, Vicar of Wolverton, the lesson was read by the Rev. J. T. Athawes, Rector of Loughton, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. C. L. Norris, Vicar of Chesterton, Bicester, founder and first president of the branch: and the rest of the service was taken by the Rector, the Rev. J. R. Vincent. The preacher congratulated the parish on possessing a new ring of bells worthy of the service of God. The chief theme of an excellent discourse was: "Let your manhood 'ring' true." The service concluded with the singing of two verses of the National Anthem.

After the service the Bletchley ringers rang a short touch on the newly-hung bells, and they were thoroughly satisfied with their go. The Rev. F. E. Robinson, who had to pass the work, also expressed his satisfaction at the way it had been done.

This over, the company adjourned to the rectory lawn, where the Rev. J. R. Vincent, on behalf of the members of the North Bucks. branch, presented the Rev. C. L. Norris with a solid silver bell-shaped inkstand, mounted on an oak stand, with the following inscription: "Presented to the Rev. Charles Leslie Norris, founder and first president of the North Bucks. branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of church bellringers, from the members of the branch, in affectionate remembrance. June 6th, 1908." In making the presentation the Rector made a happy little speech, and the Rev. C. L. Norris appropriately replied, and thanked them all for their nice gift.

The Rector then thanked all the subscribers to the bell fund, particularly mentioning the kindness of Colonel Duncan and Miss Duncan for their liberal subscription of £50, also the Misses Morris for their generosity in giving the new bell.

The members of the branch were then entertained to tea by the president, the Rev. J. R. Vincent, about one

hundred sitting down on the lawn. Tea over, the business meeting of the branch was held, the president in the chair, supported by the Master, the Revs. J. T. Athawes, F. W. Bennett, R. F. Rumsey, C. L. Norris, K. C. Bailey, and Mr. William Willson (Leicester), Mr. Johnston (Croydon), and Mr. F. W. Booth, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The annual report and balance-sheet, submitted by the hon. secretary, showed that excellent work had been done by the branch during the past year. It stated that the annual meeting was held at Newton Longville, whilst other successful quarterly meetings had been held at Maids Moreton, Old Wolverton, and Chicheley. Also, that the bells had been rehung at Tyingham, Twyford, Buckingham, Stoke Goldington, and North Crawley, where a treble has been added to a ring of six. Four towers had joined the branch during the past year, viz.: Old Bradwell, North Crawley, Padbury, and Twyford.

The balance-sheet showed that the balance in hand at the commencement of the year of £4 odd, had increased to £5 19s. 11d., which was thought to be most satisfactory, and therefore adopted. On the motion of the Rev. J. T. Athawes, seconded by Mr. R. Bird, the Rev. J. R. Vincent was elected president for the ensuing year. In replying the rev. gentleman thanked the members for re-electing him, and added that he would be very pleased to welcome the branch at Shenley for the annual meeting next year. He then proposed Mr. Booth for hon. secretary and treasurer, which was carried with acclamation.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meetings at Swanbourne in September, Bletchley in December, and Milton Keynes in March.

A short speech by the Master, and a hearty vote of thanks to the preacher, and to the president for his kind hospitality, concluded the meeting.

In the evening several short touches of Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Grandsire were rung, and it was felt that it was one of the best meetings the branch has held.

## LANCASTER TOWN HALL CLOCK.

The contract for the large clock and bells for the Lancaster town hall (now being built by Lord Ashton) has been secured by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The four illuminated dials are to be 10 feet in diameter, while the Cambridge quarters will be struck not on the usual five bells out of a peal of eight, but on five bells out of a peal of ten, the notes being D sharp, C sharp, B, F, and B. This arrangement is by far the most musical, and with the bells tuned harmonically upon the late Canon Simpson's principles will give Lord Ashton's magnificent gift to the town the premier set of chimes in the country. Local ringers are already indebted to Lord Ashton for the fine peal of eight bells at St. Mary's church.

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### WESTON FAVELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Whit-Sunday afternoon, there was a special service at the interesting old church of St. Peter, Weston Favell, for the benediction of the bells, which have been quarter-turned, and provided with all new fittings throughout, by A. Bowell, bellfounder, of Ipswich. The wood frame in which they are hung as cut in it: "J. Over, Rugby, Fecit. 1808."

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. Swallow, the sermon being preached by the Rev. J. Cunningham (Northampton), from John iii. 8. He said that the earliest record we had of bells being used in churches was in the ninth century, and it was recorded that the Abbot of Croughton, near Peterborough, presented his abbey with a great bell in the year 870.

After the sermon the clergy, choir, the churchwarden (Mr. H. Haines), and the ringers, proceeded to the belfry, where special prayers were said by the Rector, the bells were raised in peal as the choir and clergy returned to their stalls.

The service over, several touches were rung, and on Sunday morning, June 14th, for divine service, the first 720 of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the bells by W. Law, G. Luck, C. Haines, F. Rollings, T. Law (conductor). The ringers expressed their satisfaction with the go of the bells.

In the inscription on the 2nd bell—"William Harvy Rectoris," there is an error. The Rector's surname should have been spelt "Hervey," he being the grandfather of the celebrated James Hervey, M.A., author of "Meditations Among the Tombs," who is buried in the chancel.

### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The annual meeting was held at Barnstaple on Whit-Monday. Divine Service was held in the parish church at 11.45, the nave being filled with a large number of members. The address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Turner, who impressed on his hearers the duty of regarding the art of ringing not as a matter of self-pleasing, but as a definite work to the Lord. The dinner was held in the parish church rooms at 12.30, and was followed by the meeting. The Rev. M. Kelly presided, and was supported by the Revs. F. Molineux (hon. sec.), R. Turner, and other clergy; and representatives from twenty-six companies. The hon. secretary, in moving the adoption of the report of the Committee, referred to the flourishing condition of the Guild, the vitality of the bands, and very considerable increase in the membership. Six new bands had become affiliated, and 125 members had been elected during the year. Fifteen peals had been scored—one of Grandsire Caters, five of Stedman Triples, and nine of Grandsire Triples. The prospect in the future was most encouraging from the fact that the clergy were in many places taking an active interest in ringing, and the members of the Guild were making laudable efforts to disseminate a knowledge of change-ringing by organised tours and personal visits to towers in the country districts. The Treasurer's report showed a balance carried forward of £39.

The election of officers for the year was next proceeded with, the Rev. M. Kelly being elected president; the Rev. F. Molineux hon. secretary and treasurer; the assistant-secretaries for the three archdeaconries being the Rev. H. L. Pigot, Barnstaple; Mr. E. Shepherd, Exeter; and Mr. W. H. Marsh, Totnes. Three places were proposed for

next year's annual meeting: Holsworthy, Totnes, and Torquay; the latter found most favour and was selected.

On the conclusion of the meeting about 2.30 p.m., the members proceeded to carry out the programme of ringing arranged for the different rings of bells in the neighbourhood. Besides Barnstaple there are fine rings of eight at Pilton, Braunton, and Bideford, and rings of six at Landkey, Bishops Tawton, Heanton, and Fremington. At all these towers the bells were in constant requisition until the time arrived for the home journey. One enterprising band, under Mr. Davey, of Exeter, went further afield to Chittlehampton, and made an attempt for a peal, but the disconsolate expressions of a party at a wayside station told a tale, and a peal on the bells has yet to be recorded. General approval was expressed at the alteration in the arrangements for the day, whereby the service, dinner and meeting took place at mid-day instead of, as formerly, with a tea and meeting in the evening, and the number of members present, 170, constitutes a record attendance at an annual meeting of the Devon Guild.

### TENBY, SOUTH WALES.

A large church clock is being made for this place, which will strike the hours, and have three large dials. It will be fitted with all the latest improvements, and made generally to the designs of the late Lord Grimthorpe. The work is being done by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The third session of the sixth Council was held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, Cambridge, on Whit-Tuesday, when there was a large attendance of members as detailed in our issue of June 13th. Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., President, presided.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and signed, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Hon. Sec., reported that apologies for non-attendance had been received from the Rev. C. E. Matthews, Winchester Guild, Mr. J. Clark, Hereford Guild, Mr. J. W. Jones, Llandaff Association, and Mr. A. F. M. Stewart, Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

#### FINANCE.

The Hon. Secretary, in submitting the annual statement of accounts, reported as follows: balance from previous year £50 7s. 2d.; affiliation fees £11 12s. 6d.; sale of publications, £4 10s. 4d., making a total of £66 10s. The expenditure included expenses of last year's meeting £2 7s.; Printing £29 14s. 6d.; postages and sundries £1 1s., being a balance of £33 7s. 6d. The sale of Publications which had brought to the Collection the £4 10s. 4d. was made up as follows: On the Preservation of Bells, 20 copies; Report on Catalogue of Calls, 1894, 21; Glossary of Terms, 28; Model Rules for an Association, 13; Model Rules for a Company, 51; Collection of Peals, section 1, 30; section 2, 20; section 3, 5; Collection of Legitimate Methods, section 1, 63; Rules and Decisions of the Council, 12. Having checked the various items, Mr. Davies said that, allowing the full commission to Messrs. Bemrose, there was now in stock literature which, if sold, would realise a sum of £129 8s. 6d. This, if added to the £33 7s. 6d. in the bank, would make a total of £162 16s.

The President remarked that the accounts had been carefully gone through by the Standing Committee and audited.

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On the proposition of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Griffin, the statement of accounts was passed.

The President said he should like to point out how important it was to the Council that as many copies of each publication as possible should be sold; he would therefore recommend that the representatives present should do all they could in getting members of their respective Associations to purchase copies.

The Hon. Secretary said he had the pleasure to announce that the Cambridge University Guild, the Truro Diocesan Guild, Warwickshire Guild had become affiliated to the Council (applause). Cambridge University was represented by Mr. E. H. Lewis; Warwickshire Guild by Mr. A. L. Colman, and Truro Diocesan Guild by Mr. J. C. Daubuz.

#### HON. MEMBERS.

The President having pointed out that Hon. Members were elected for three years, said the two retiring on the present occasion were the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, and Mr. Tom Lockwood. The Standing Committee recommended that both these gentlemen should be re-elected. The Council always had the pleasure of Mr. Carpenter's presence. Mr. Lockwood was a representative ringer of Yorkshire, and had done much work for the Council. He understood Mr. Lockwood was prevented through illness from being present. It would be a graceful compliment to reelect him. If these two gentlemen were re-elected there would still be four vacancies, if there was any other name which any other member of the Council desired to submit.

On the proposition of the Rev. H. Law James, seconded by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter was re-elected.

On the proposition of Mr. W. Snowdon, seconded by Mr. C. Hattersley, Mr. Tom Lockwood was re-elected.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

The following representatives were introduced and received by the President: Rev. T. L. Jones (North Wales Association); Mr. E. H. Lewis (Cambridge University Guild); Mr. A. L. Colman (Warwickshire Guild); and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (Hon. Member).

The President said he would remind those present how intimately the well-being of the Exercise was connected with the National Church. Last year he pointed out to the Council that the Education Bill was an attempt to deprive Churchmen of their schools, and was therefore a direct attack upon the Church, and if carried, one of the defences of the Church would be swept away. A great deal of credit was due to those Churchmen—and among them were many ringers—who had stood firm and so far saved their Church schools. The sole object of capturing the Church schools was to injure the Church. Last year they were told that this session the Government intended to disestablish the Welsh Church; but they now had it from a member of the Government that no such measure would be forthcoming at present. But let those who desired to preserve the Church, and with it their ringing, continue to stand fast in its defence. Let them be no party to any compromise, which was sure to lead to loss. Those who attacked the Church were fighting with the sharpest weapons. Let them as Churchmen do the same if they desired to protect their National Church (applause).

#### PEAL COLLECTION.

Dr. Carpenter said he was pleased to say that the third section of the Collection of Peals had been published. This comprised Double Norwich right up to Maximus. There were some errors, and so a list of errata had been printed and would be inserted in each book. Some of the errors were due to the printer, as, for instance, it had been found that if there was a mistake in the calling and this was corrected, the printer, in making the correction, had occasionally made another error (laughter). For other errors there was some excuse, while again others could not be accounted for. It would be seen that the work had been a long time in hand when he mentioned that the first proof was marked December, 1905.

The Hon. Sec. said there was one point Dr. Carpenter had referred to, and that was how much the Council were indebted to him for the work he had done, especially was this the case during the last two months. There had been con-

siderable difficulty in getting the Collection printed, but at last the difficulty had been overcome. Only five copies had been sold without the list of errata. If the purchasers of these would apply to him, a copy of the errata would be forwarded gratis. There was one false peal, which the Committee regretted, but some of the errors were no fault of the Committee. He thought that in spite of the errata all would acknowledge the work to be as perfect as it well could be. In regard to the work of this committee, he found the work of the Council as much as he could conveniently manage, and although he was willing to assist the Committee for another year, he should like some one to be added to it, and would propose Mr. Trollope, who he was sure would be a most useful member.

Dr. Carpenter seconded, and the resolution was adopted.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson asked why Mr. Willson's record peal of Double Norwich was not in the Collection.

Dr. Carpenter replied that in the absence of Mr. Dains he was unable to answer the question.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson said he saw Mr. Willson on Saturday, and that he appeared somewhat hurt that a long peal of his composition did not appear. He did not tell Mr. Willson that he should bring the matter forward, but as the Collection was under discussion he considered it only fair to ask the question.

The President said he was sure the Council were grateful to the Committee for the labour that had been spent on the work. It was very annoying to everyone that there should have been so much delay, but now that arrangements had been made with Messrs. Bemrose to do the printing, there would not be the same difficulty as in the past, which had been almost insuperable. It was to be regretted that there were errors in the work, but all would admit that it was almost impossible to get a book of such a complicated character quite correctly printed. He would remind the Council that ringing like many other things was progressing, and however excellent the book might be at the present, tomorrow it would be partially out of date. Dr. Carpenter would tell them that it was the same with medical science. This however did not destroy the value of a book which is the best attainable at the time of its publication. He was sure the Council were grateful to the Committee for the work it had done, and trusted the difficulties they had experienced with Double Norwich would not occur again.

The Rev. Law James had no doubt that if Mr. Dains had been present a satisfactory explanation would have been forthcoming as to why Mr. Willson's record peal did not appear. Would it not be desirable to give an instruction to the Committee to insert the peal in the next section?

The President said Mr. Dains was unfortunately absent through illness. It might be desirable to draw his attention to the matter. He did not know why the peal did not appear. He saw no reason why the figures of the peal as started for should not have been included in the collection.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson thought some notice should be taken of the peal. He would move that it be an instruction to the Committee to insert the figures of the peal as started for.

Mr. J. Griffin asked if sufficient attention had not already been called to the matter.

The President said the Council had laid down that the figures of a record performance ought to be lodged with some responsible person before starting for the peal. This he believed was done, but the peal through the illness of one of the band was shortened, and was not rung as started for. Was it desired that the figures of the whole peal should be added to the Collection, or those of the peal actually rung?

The Rev. H. Law James suggested that the figures of the peal as started for should be given in the next section, with a footnote as to the shortening.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson consented to make this his resolution.

The Rev. H. Law James in seconding, said such a course would only be fair to Mr. Willson.

The resolution was adopted.

#### CHURCH PRESS COMMITTEE.

Mr. R. A. Daniell said since this Committee was appointed things had very much changed through the excellent letters which had appeared in *The Guardian* from Canon Papillon,

and which had been published in pamphlet form and sold at a low price. Until the whole of the material could be got together, the complete draft report could not be completed. This he hoped the Committee would be able to accomplish during the coming year.

#### LEGITIMATE METHOD COMMITTEE.

The Rev. H. Law James said this Committee had not been idle during the year. Section I. had been pushed on as decided by the Council last year. The ms. was sent to the Hon. Secretary and put into type, but for some reason the proof did not go round to the Committee. There was one error, and that he thought the only one in the report itself. It was now proposed to go on with Section II. There would be a very large collection, but he submitted that many methods were not worth the trouble and expense of printing. He considered it would be an economy if the Council would sanction the typing of half-a-dozen copies of the complete work, the Council could then keep one copy of the complete collection, there would be a copy for each member of the Committee, and a selection could be made of those methods it was considered worth while to print.

The Hon. Secretary said when he passed the proofs for printing, he was under the impression that Mr. James had consulted the whole of the Committee. He thought that to send a proof to each member of the Committee, to be afterwards returned to the printer, would create confusion, and therefore deemed it best to keep to one proof only, and to have one person only to deal with the printer.

Mr. John Carter said it was not only a question of the second proof going round to the Committee, but he did not get the first draft. He considered it desirable that such a Committee should have a meeting previous to coming to any final decision.

The President said unfortunately Mr. Carter was not present at the Council Meeting last year, when Mr. Law James brought up the Committee's report, and it was decided to print it.

Canon Papillon said every member of a committee should see everything before it was sent to the Hon. Secretary. He considered such a point rested with the chairman of the Committee. There would be no difficulty if half a dozen proofs were asked for. A copy could then be sent to each individual member of the Committee, and the whole of the corrections could be transferred to one proof, otherwise there would be, as the Hon. Secretary had said, confusion for the printer.

The Rev. H. Law James pointed out that if the suggestion he had made of having the whole of the section typed was adopted the Council would have a complete work for future reference, as it was not intended to type only the portion considered worth printing.

Mr. A. T. King thought it might be well to have an estimate for typing before the question was finally decided.

Mr. G. F. Attree suggested that Mr. James's proposition should be adopted provided the cost did not exceed £1 or 30s.

The President thought that if this Committee had permission to have its reports typed other Committees might ask for the same power.

Mr. R. A. Daniell considered that this Committee stood upon a different footing to the other Committees, and it would be well to have a complete record of the whole of the section as suggested by Mr. James.

Mr. G. F. Attree proposed, and Mr. Salter seconded, that the Committee be permitted to have the section typed at a cost not exceeding 30s.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge did not consider it desirable to tie the Committee down to any specific amount.

Mr. G. F. Attree said he was prepared to alter his resolution accordingly.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge then proposed, and Mr. F. B. Tompkins seconded, that the cost of the type-writing be left in the hands of the Hon. Secretary, subject to decision of the Standing Committee.

The President said it was necessary for the Council to be careful about its expenditure, for its income was limited. The Hon. Secretary was the banker, and if the matter was left in the hands of the Committee, subject to the approval of the Hon. Sec., the work could be done when the cost was known, provided the funds permitted.

This was agreed to.

At the afternoon sitting of the Council Mr. John Carter referred to his name appearing as one of the Committee responsible for the Collection of Legitimate Methods, and at his request it was decided that his name be erased from the title page of the section already published. Mr. Carter however consented to remain a member of the Committee.

#### PEAL ANALYSIS.

Mr. A. T. King said the last analysis had been ready since February, with the exception of one matter which had to be referred to the Peal Values Committee. He had now received a verbal reply, and as soon as the official reply came to hand the Analysis would be published. He would take the opportunity of mentioning that there was one peal which came in some months after it was rung which caused much unnecessary work, most of the figures having to be gone through again, which might result in preventing the figures from being so accurate as it was the desire of the Committee to make them.

#### 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."

#### DEDICATION OF THE BELLS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

SIR,—The dedication of the bells given to the Mitchell tower of the University of Chicago in memory of Alice Freeman Palmer, occurred on June 9th, upon which occasion they were formally transferred by Professor J. Lawrence Laughlin to President Judson in the presence of a large audience. Arrangements had been perfected to get together from Old and New England and Canada a band of competent ringers, sufficient, it was hoped, to man eight and possibly ten ropes. The last to arrive came from Leeds, reaching the tower on the very morning of the ceremony. Although the officials and ringers had done their best to ensure success, disappointment was in store; for the bells due to arrive the week previous from New York became stalled en route, and were not delivered in season to install them in the belfry. A substitute plan, anomalous, though not without advantages, became therefore necessary, which consisted in suspending the bells in their steel cage in the court near the base of the tower, where the fine castings with their mushroom crowns could be inspected, and the inscriptions read. Misfortunes are after all relative in point of severity, and the Committee were to be perhaps congratulated that the peal did not fail to materialize at all prior to the ceremony. *Dedicatio in absentia*, or absent treatment, might work all right in the case of a Christian science chime, but would hardly be accepted with complacency by the intelligent company here collected. By the aid of an improvised apparatus Messrs. Bugar and Hutchins succeeded in executing with fair effect the University hymn entitled "Alma Mater," a hymn composed by Mrs. Palmer, and a variety of changes. The bells, ten in number, tenor about 22 cwt. in E flat, were cast at the Whitechapel Foundry of Mears and Stainbank. As to their tone, the attuning was pronounced accurate, and the general impression favourable. They will doubtless speak to better advantage when swung in the belfry, where the impact of the clappers will be less audible, and their harmonics and carrying power more sonorously developed. A formidable obstacle to the progress of half-pull ringing in the United States and Canada has been the inferior character of the hangings and equipments supplied by local founders, who have directed their attention solely to chiming apparatus. In this respect they certainly excel, and have elaborated a mechanism composed of levers, wire-rope and shieves much more effective than that devised by Ellacombe. As regards imported bells, our protective tariff of forty-five per cent. has proved hitherto virtually prohibitory. It is with satisfaction therefore that I am able to announce a recent decision of the U.S. Board of Appraisers, in accordance with which rings of bells, ordered from abroad for Universities, Colleges and other institutions of learning for use and instruction in change-ringing, are henceforth to be classified with other scientific instruments as non dutiable. The Chicago bells were admitted, therefore, under this ruling free of duty; and if I am not mis-

taken this is the first instance of public recognition of the Exercise on the part of a national government, unless a single exception may appear in the decoration of that honoured veteran, Mr. Haworth, by Her Majesty the late Queen.

ARTHUR H. NICHOLS.

55, Mount Vernon Street, Boston, June 11, 1908.

#### THE DOUBLE NORWICH PEAL COLLECTION.

SIR,—Mr. Dains is an old man, and I am a young one comparatively, but he can give me points and an easy beating in avoiding the question under discussion. Mr. Dains is the most evasive customer who contributes to your columns. Whenever he is bowled out—a not infrequent occurrence of late years—he develops an extraordinary faculty for forgetting. He don't remember how his false peals get into print. When true he forgets they belong to somebody else, and now his memory only recalls one peal of 5088 that I sent him! He wishes your readers to think that I never sent him the long peals, and that 'the fault rests primarily with Mr. Willson.' I am compelled not to flatly contradict, but to give him the lie direct. Here is his own letter:—

47, Richmond Road, Barnsbury, N., 21' 6" 05.

"Dear Mr. W.—Thanks for the peals you sent. I will see what I can do, though I have an enormous amount of stuff on hand. I shall always consider our 13,440 rung at Romford one of the best ever rung. It was splendid right through, and, as George Newson said, something to be proud of. The 5088 with 4-6 only in 6ths is a good peal, but the plan is not exactly new. A 5024 on this plan with those qualities, has yet to be obtained. I enclose you some peals of T. B., none of them yet rung. You will see what qualities they possess.—Yours ffy., H. D."

His reply (?) is merely piffle. He knows full well he is responsible. He admits receiving the figures also from Mr. Taffender. He could therefore have had them a second time from him if he wished. He could have had them again from me or from Mr. White, the General Secretary of the M. C. A. if he desired. What is the obvious inference? He intended to omit them from the Collection, for no other collector worth the name would have discussed long peals and finished the book without including the greatest length. Does Mr. Dains or any of his colleagues think a body of men who have accomplished peals of this magnitude will stand idly by and see their work shunted at the whim of a collector who never ought to have been entrusted with the task? I should not be permitted to say in "THE BELL NEWS" all I could say concerning this cowardly act. Cowardly because he knew if an advance copy had been shewn to the members of the Council the omissions would have been detected. Instead, the book was rushed through in bulk and put on the market. There is no insinuation here. I will put it straight. What right has Mr. Dains to include the 13,000 he rang in if the 17,104 is not to find a place? What right has his rubbish heap of 5000s to be in the book if my 11,008 is crowded out? This is splendid encouragement to long peal ringers! I have proved he has had the figures twice through his hands. The Treble Bob peals he sent me in his acknowledgement I published in No. 1 of "The Bellringer." Now Mr. Dains knows how they came there. He says criticism falls light on him. No one will wonder at that. The man who while condemning Lindoff's 4-5-6 peals for starting with bobs home, himself pirates the plagiarist Sottanstell, must indeed have a countenance of bell-metal. Falls lightly on him! A steam hammer would make no impression on a composer who makes Sottanstell his *vade mecum*. Like a certain extinguished politician, Mr. Dains uses figures as illustrations. Always. Never a letter appears from him but what is accompanied by one of his eternal peals, to the detriment of other men either not so foxy or with more self respect. These tactics didn't work on "The Bellringer." He was pulled up sharp, and to quote his own words "got his back up." We know why the long peals have been kept out of the Collection, and so do many more of your present readers. I congratulate him on his sagacity in avoiding awkward queries at Cambridge. It was much easier to stay at home and write a reply (?) than to make one. It was diplomacy. I regret if I appear to write frequently in an unpleasant strain, but this is not a time to butter words, and no conductor in the land would be treated in this manner and not be angered. Mr. Dains has done the long peal band a

lasting injury. When the next generation asks why the figures are not in the book on Double Norwich there will be an answer. Then the editor (!) of the work will be put upon his proper pedestal—and it won't require a ladder to reach it.

WILLIAM WILLSON.

#### BELFRY REPAIRS FUND.

SIR,—In your leading article this week you refer in kindly terms to our Belfry Repairs Fund, and recommend other Associations to form a similar fund. Readers of "THE BELL NEWS" may be interested in a brief account of the formation and growth of our fund. We made a start in 1895 with the modest sum of £7 5s., our committee having agreed to allocate all Life Members' subscriptions, as well as the interest on our invested balance, to this fund. The collection at the annual service goes to the same object, and it is open to any one so disposed to give a donation to the fund. This opportunity, I may remark, has not been seized. During the twelve years of its existence, we have made grants to the amount of nearly £20, and at the end of 1906 we had a balance of £63. Last year this was increased by over £12. Some may be inclined to think that we have not been sufficiently generous. It may be said that other Associations have done as much or even more, without any fund of the kind to draw upon. Whether this is true or not, I am not in a position to say; but our policy has been to deny ourselves "the luxury of giving" much, until we are in a position to offer substantial aid, where rehanging or other repairs are required, and where, as a consequence of rehanging, the establishment of change-ringing may be reasonably expected. Of course towers already in union with us have the first claim. But we have not yet got through the "day of small things," as you seem to suggest. I want a three-figure, or even a four-figure balance before we begin to "part freely."

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec. Kent County Association.

#### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

SIR,—I shall be glad if the composer or conductor of the long peal of Treble Bob recently rung at Mottram will forward the figures to me for the above Collection, together with name of any person other than the composer who has proved the peal. Also I shall be glad to receive any Treble Bob peals of any value that have not been sent to Mr. Lockwood. These should be sent at once, as the final selection for printing will have to be made shortly. The Committee request composers sending peals to prove them carefully. On behalf of the Committee,

9, Hastings Road, Ealing.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

#### THE 10,000 OF SURPRISE MINOR.

SIR,—The 10,000 of Surprise Minor has not yet been rung, as Coventry, Ely and Chelsea are all third's place Delight methods and not Surprise methods.

H. LAW JAMES.

#### PEAL COLLECTION SECTION III.

SIR,—Messrs. Bemrose report that there are eight purchasers of copies of the above Section who purchased their copies before the insertion of the list of errata, and whose addresses they have not been able to trace. If they will apply to Messrs. Bemrose and Sons, 4, Snow Hill, E.C., they will be supplied gratis, with a list of errata.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1908.

MORE than one rumour is afloat respecting the performances of peals in which the striking was of that character which is considered sufficient to destroy the qualification of being "true." That there are at this day ringers to be found who scruple not to "make a peal somehow," is a very unfortunate fact. Perhaps it would not be wrong to say the evil has always existed. It may be so. But that is no reason whatever why it should continue in however small a degree. When will some of those gentlemen who are so very anxious to see their names in print at any cost, in connection with a peal, have the courage to set their bells, even in the last lead, if the ringing is not honest? It is with pleasure we give the following remarks from a man of light and leading, who sent us the figures of a composition: "We rang the enclosed peal except the last eighteen changes. I set my bell after calling the last bob, owing to bad striking in the last two courses only. For three hours it was splendid ringing, and when we stopped every bell was in its right place."

**The Metropolis.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, June 20, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,**At the Church of St. John, Waterloo Road,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**

Tenor 19 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL J. BIRD .. .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	GEORGE R. PYK .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

**The Provinces.****SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.***On Sunday, May 24, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,**At the Church of St. Lawrence,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR PRICE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. 5.
THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. 2.	FELIX DANIELS .. .. 6.
HAROLD HALFORD .. .. 3.	WALTER PUGH .. .. 7.
THOMAS BALDWIN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM BANKS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES, DURHAM.****CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, June 2, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,**At the Parish Church,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.**

Tenor 27½ cwt

G. J. CLARKSON .. .. Treble.	F. P. HOWCROFT .. .. 6.
W. H. STEPHENSON .. .. 2.	J. W. NEWTON .. .. 7.
T. BECKWITH .. .. 3.	W. NEWTON .. .. 8.
R. ALCOCK .. .. 4.	T. STEPHENSON .. .. 9.
J. G. HALL .. .. 5.	T. METCALFE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by T. STEPHENSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, first by the Association, and first by all the band except Messrs. Hall, Howcroft, and Metcalfe.

**CHOLSEY, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, June 8, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,**At the Church of St. Mary,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being forty-two 6-scores.

W. KIMBER* .. .. Treble.	*G. HIGGS .. .. 4.
E. ALDRIDGE .. .. 2.	*G. CAUDWELL .. .. 5.
M. E. CAUDWELL .. .. 3.	*A. FINCH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CAUDWELL.

\*First peal.

**WOOTTON COURTENAY, SOMERSETSHIRE.****THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 13, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,**At the Parish Church,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN REED* .. .. Treble.	JAMES WATTS .. .. 4.
W. HOYLE .. .. 2.	H. MOORE .. .. 5.
F. DATE* .. .. 3.	*H. ROBERTS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. MOORE.

\*First peal.

**STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, HEREFORDSHIRE.****THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, June 16, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,**At the Church of St. Peter,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JAMES R. GREENLEY .. Treble.	JOHN NEWMAN .. .. 4.
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS .. 2.	JOHN HAMMOND .. .. 5.
CHARLES L. SADLER .. 3.	ANDREW W. POWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HAMMOND.

First peal on the bells. First peal as conductor. First peal for treble and tenor-men.

**BIRMINGHAM.****THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Tuesday, June 16, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,**At the Church of St. Martin,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5237 CHANGES.**

Tenor 36 cwt.

FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. Treble.	JOHN NEAL .. .. 7.
ALF. PADDON SMITH .. 2.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 8.
JOHN CARTER .. .. 3.	*SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 9.
FREDERICK DICKENS .. 4.	ALBERT WALKER .. .. 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 5.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 11.
EDMUND J. HYLAND .. 6.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This peal, now rung for the first time, has the full extent of 5-6-7-8s, 6-5-7-8s, and 6-5-8-7s in the tittums position, and also the full extent of the 6-5-7-8s and 5-6-7-8s in the handstroke home position. The 5th and 6th are never away from 5-6 at the course-ends, and is the first peal ever composed and rung containing these qualities. The figures appeared in "The Bell News" of June 6th, 1908. \*100th peal, a list of which will appear next week.

**PULFORD, CHESHIRE.****THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, June 18, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,**At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. in A flat.

GEORGE JONES* .. .. Treble.	HENRY W. WILDE .. .. 5.
ROBERT SPERRING .. .. 2.	EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM SCONCE* .. .. 3.	*JOHN SCONCE .. .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	JAMES MORGAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

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

**BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, June 18, 1908, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,**At the Church of St. Paul,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S.

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

CHARLES CHASTY .. .. Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 5.
HARRY TYSOE .. .. 2.	JOHN W. BARKER .. .. 6.
CHARLES MORTIMBER* .. 3.	FRANK WEBB .. .. 7.
HERBERT L. HARLOW* .. 4.	DONALD THOMPSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK WEBB.

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

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## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 19, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

GEORGE PENFOLD* .. .. Treble.	EDWARD W. BRAY .. .. 5.
ARTHUR MILES .. .. 2.	ERNEST GOWER .. .. 6.
ARTHUR GOWER .. .. 3.	JOSEPH SHARP .. .. 7.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 4.	GEORGE H. HOWSE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

\*Fiftieth peal. The conductor was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

## SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, June 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS BALDWIN .. .. Treble.	GEORGE MILEHAM .. .. 5.
GEORGE CONDICK .. .. 2.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 6.
JESSE GILLET .. .. 3.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. 4.	JOHN W. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

## KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM DREW .. .. Treble.	HARRY PHILLIPS .. .. 5.
JAMES M. BAILEY* .. .. 2.	ERNEST S. BAILEY .. .. 6.
GEORGE BERRY .. .. 3.	NORMAN R. BAILEY .. .. 7.
FREDERICK J. SMITH .. 4.	EDGAR H. BAILEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM DREW.

\*First peal in the method.

## CLAPHAM, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-two 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 and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ALBERT T. BARKER .. .. Treble.	HARRY GAYTON .. .. 4.
JOHN W. BARKER .. .. 2.	HERBERT L. HARLOW .. 5.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 3.	FRANK WEBB .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

## BARTON-LE-CLAY, BEDS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BEDFORDSHIRE ARCHDEACONRY.)

On Saturday, June 20, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

WALTER PAYNE* .. .. Treble.	BERTIE WILSON .. .. 5.
CHARLES A. PRATT .. .. 2.	FREDERICK BONNER .. 6.
FREDERICK PRATT .. .. 3.	JOHN HARE .. .. 7.
CHARLES WING .. .. 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

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

## LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM CLIFFORD, SEN. 5.
JAMES E. HEXTER .. .. 2.	PERCIVAL PRICE .. .. 6.
RICHARD HICKTON .. .. 3.	JOSEPH BAILEY .. .. 7.
JOSEPH HALL* .. .. 4.	JOHN PALING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH BAILEY.

\*First peal in the method. This peal, which is a variation of Parker's twelve-part, will be found under No. 1052 of the society's performances.

## BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 20, 1908, 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 13 cwt.

GEORGE LEWIS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HALSWORTH .. 5.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 2.	JOHN THORPE .. .. 6.
WALTER ALLWOOD .. .. 3.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 7.
JOHN HOLMAN .. .. 4.	ARCHIE BREABLEY .. .. Tenor.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## HAUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt.

JAMES TAYLOR* .. .. Treble.	JOHN PERRY .. .. 3.
JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 2.	*ALFRED MORETON .. 4.
*HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

\*First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells which have just been rehung by Messrs. Barwell. The ringers were afterwards entertained by the Rector, the Rev. W. T. Royds, Rural Dean.

## BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, June 23, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,

## A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. Treble.	*LONARD BULLOCK .. .. 5.
EDWARD I. STONE .. .. 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 6.
ALBERT P. WAKLEY .. .. 3.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN H. SWINFELD .. .. 4.	HARRY WAKLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

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

## Handbell Peals.

## OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

IN THE PARISH ROOM,

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

HUBERT EDEN .. .. 1-2.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. 5-6.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 3-4.	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7-8.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpires—A. W. Dix and A. D. Bates.



**Date Touches.****THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

GREAT BROMLEY (Essex).—On Saturday, June 6th, a date touch, 1908 changes, being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Double Court, and 468 Plain Bob. J. Taylor. W. J. Nevard, G. Lancaster, J. Howell, J. Souter, G. Andrews conductor.

**STOW AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**

FINCHAM (Norfolk).—On Friday, June 12th, at the parish church, a date touch of Bob Minor in 1 hr. 5 mins. W. Brown, S. Staines, C. Staines, W. Goodrum, Q. Staines, E. Barker conductor.

**Miscellaneous.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

EYNSFORD (Kent).—On Friday, May 29th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. West, R. Baldwin, T. Booker, S. Smith, M. Groombridge, jun., T. Groombridge, sen. conductor, E. Bates, G. Brakefield. On Saturday, May 20th, 2520 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 28 mins. E. Bates, I. Emery, T. Booker, T. Groombridge, jun., G. H. Kite, T. Groombridge, sen. conductor, H. J. Blackwell, R. Baldwin. Rung to celebrate the birthday of T. Groombridge, jun., the band wishing him many happy returns.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Whit Sunday, 701 Grandsire Caters. W. Doran conductor, A. Scambler, H. Torble, A. Neale, W. Truss, S. Bird, R. Saunders, W. Theobald, J. Moule, G. Potter. On Sunday, June 14th, 720 London Surprise on the back six in 28 mins. S. Hayes conductor, S. Bird, W. Doran, J. Moule, G. Hayden, H. Torble.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

BECCLES (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, June 2nd, at St. Michael's church, in honour of Mr. H. Hopson's 77th birthday, 777 Grandsire Triples. C. Parnell, A. Cornish, W. H. Symonds, G. B. Baxter, H. Hopson, G. E. Symonds conductor, H. Ling, R. Freeston.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

HORSLEY (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, May 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles with the bells muffed as a last token of respect to the late J. W. Brown, son of the warden and also a sidesman. J. Meynell, W. Smith conductor, J. Harrison, W. Peat, T. H. Whilton. Tenor 17 cwt.

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

WINSHAM (Somersetshire).—On Sunday, May 24th (Empire Day), at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 53 mins. J. Bowditch, G. Good, E. C. Spencer conductor, R. Pinney, E. Cottrell, A. Spindle, A. Singleton, T. Meech. Rung on the front five with 7-6-8 covering. First quarter-peal by all the band.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

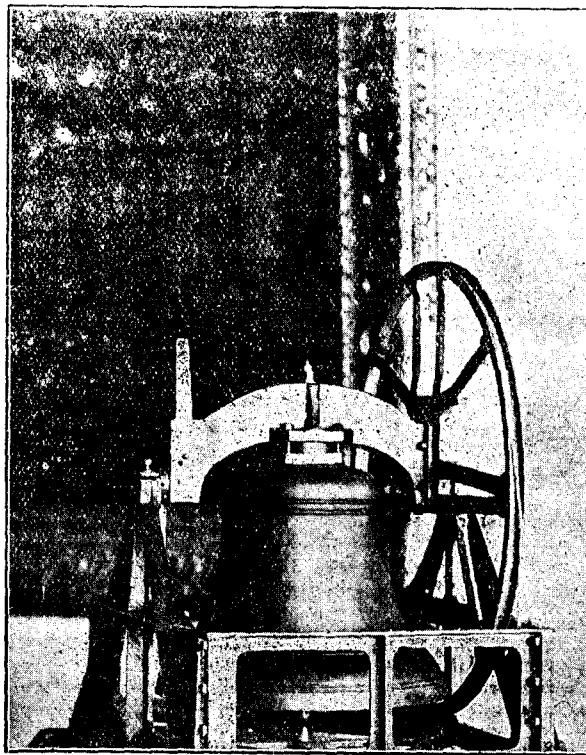
YATELEY (Hants).—On Monday, May 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Butler, F. Hagley, H. Tice, W. B. Tice, W. Horne, G. Bunch, S. Riddell conductor, B. Bunch. On Thursday (Ascension Day), a quarter-peal in the same method. G. Butler, F. Hagley, H. Tice, W. Horne conductor, S. Riddell, J. R. Bunch, G. Bunch, B. Bunch.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

BEACONSFIELD (Bucks).—On Thursday, May 7th, for practice, 420 Stedman Triples. F. Buckland, W. Bailey, J. Batting, L. Batting, L. Rolfe, R. Young, R. Buckland, J. W. Wilkins conductor. Also 252 conducted by R. Buckland. On Sunday morning, May 10th, for Divine Service, a 420. For evening service a 504, both conducted by R. Buckland, S. Child ringing in place of J. W. Wilkins. The 504 was the first by the local band. On Thursday, May 14th, an attempt was made for a quarter-peal, but failed after ringing upwards of 1000 changes.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, May 17th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. E. Broadbridge, A. M. Parslow, W. T. Saker, A. Miller conductor, E. A. Taylor, R. Rapson. Tenor 7½ cwt.

SAWSTON (Cambs).—On Monday, May 25th, in celebration of Empire Day, several touches, including 360 Bob Minor were rung by the local band. E. Freestone conductor, W. Sykes, F. Hurry, F. Matthews, S. Nunn, M. J. Lyles, B. Freestone, R. Wilson.

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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 June 30th; St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on July 2nd, 16th, and 30th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 7th and 21st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames st., on the 9th and 23rd; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 13th and 27th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 14th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 16th; all at 8 p.m. A district meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 4 p.m.

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

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Taunton to-day, Saturday, June 27th. Dinner at The London hotel Assembly Rooms at 2 p.m. Meeting to follow Service at St. Mary's church at 4 p.m. The following bells are available: St. Mary (10), from 1 to 2 p.m., and after the service; St. James (8); Wilton (6); Bishops Hull (6), all day.

E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Milton Ernest to-day, Saturday, June 27th.

REV. A. RUST, } *Hon. Secs.*  
I. HILLS,

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. J. F. FOSTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston, near Stourbridge, to-day Saturday, June 27th. Service, with address by the Rev. G. Gilbanks at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. The bells at Stourbridge (8), Oldswinford (8), Wollaston (6), and Kinvor (6), will be available. J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.** The annual meeting in connection with this society will be held to-day, Saturday, June 27th at Lichfield. The bells of the Cathedral, St. Mary's and St. Michael's churches, will be available for ringing. Service in the Cathedral at 4 o'clock, at which all members are requested to be present. Committee meeting at 4.45 in the Consistory Court. Tea at 5.45 at the Minster Cafe, Market Place, to be followed by the General Meeting, at which the Ven. Archdeacon Hodgson will preside. The tea will be 6d. each to all those members who have paid their subscriptions; to others 1s. each.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

20, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Denby to-day Saturday, June 27th. Ringing from 2 p.m. All visitors cordially welcomed.

A. WARD, *Local Hon. Sec.*

**The Saffron Walden Society.**—Established 1623.—The 285th anniversary of this society will be held to-day, Saturday, June 27th, when any visiting friends would be cordially welcomed. Dinner at The King's Arms inn at 1.30.

ERNEST A. PITSTOW, *Secretary.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Shipley to-day, Saturday, June 27th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting at The Sun hotel at 7.30. Refreshments provided.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Sefton to-day, Saturday, June 27th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULFITT, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. BENTHAM,

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Christchurch District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Fordingbridge to-day, Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 4 p.m.

G. PRESTON, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Stockport Branch.—Western Division.—Next meeting at Bowdon to-day, Saturday, June 27th.

A. T. BRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at Chailly on Saturday, July 4th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Those intending to be present at tea please let me know by July 1st.

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

16, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held at Willingham on Saturday, July 4th. Tea at 5 o'clock. Over bells available in the evening.

P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—The half-yearly meeting of the above society will be held at Batley on Saturday, July 4th. Meeting-house—The Fleece inn, near the church. Meeting to commence at 6 o'clock.

WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The monthly meeting will be held at Cheddleton on Saturday, July 4th. The belfry will be open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.45 p.m., and service in church at 7 p.m. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. John Gilbert, Rose Cottage, Cheddleton, near Leek not later than Wednesday, July 1st.

REV. W. G. KEYWORTH, } *Hon. Secs.*  
J. JOHNSON,

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at 6 o'clock (free) at The George and Dragon inn, followed by business meeting. All members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, July 8th. By kind permission of the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon, the rectory grounds will be open to members.

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

26, Dukas Road, Twickenham Wells.

**Central Northamptonshire Association.**—A special meeting will be held at Raunds on Saturday, July 11th, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the above Association. Bells ready at 2.30. Short service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Preacher—Rev. Hugh Bryan, formerly Vicar of Raunds and founder of the Association. Will those requiring tea let Mr. F. Gilbert, Grove Street, Raunds, know on or before July 8th.

F. WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—Members and friends will be cordially welcomed by the

local ringers to a meeting at Heston on Saturday, July 18th. The old ring of six has been augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea provided free at 6.

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**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will be held at Buckingham on Monday, July 20th. Service in the parish church at 12, preacher—Rev. W. L. Harnett, M.A., Rural Dean. Business meeting in the small Town Hall at 12.45. Dinner in the large Town Hall at 1.45, chairman—the Right Hon. Lord Addington. Dinner tickets at 2s. each, will be forwarded to those members only who send the money with the order, and their ringing qualifications to me on or before Monday, July 13th, and the whole amount will be refunded to change-ringing members, and 1s. each to probationers present at the dinner.

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**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Annual Report now ready. Compounding and Unattached members kindly write for same to Portsea Vicarage.

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—W. H. Fussell has removed to Farnburn Avenue, Farnham Royal, near Slough.

**ADDRESS WANTED.**—Will Mr. William Lambert who recently rang his 150th peal at Bolsover, Derbyshire, kindly send his address to E. Lambert, South View, Horsmonden, Kent.

## AN APPEAL.

The members of the Keighley society have opened a subscription list for the cause of one of their ringing brethren—J. McGoun—who has the misfortune to lose the use of one of his legs, the foot of which has been just amputated. He has been unable to use the limb now for a matter of eight months. The above company therefore beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country on his behalf. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 34, Hill Street, Keighley, Yorkshire, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS."

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**In Memoriam.****HENRY EDWARD MEACHAM.**

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Whitsuntide amongst relations and friends in Lichfield. He was buried at St. Michael's in that city on Wednesday afternoon, June 17th, and was borne to his last resting-place by four of his brother-ringers. It was intended to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells muffled at St. Mary's, Lichfield, but circumstances prevented the attempt being made. A touch of 1050 was however brought round by the following, some of whom had rung with deceased from boyhood. W. J. Cope, 1; F. Sedgwick, 2; E. Gallimore, 3; W. Hopley, 4; A. Bowler, 5; F. Cope, jun., 6; F. Cope, sen., (conductor), 7; H. Gallimore, 8.

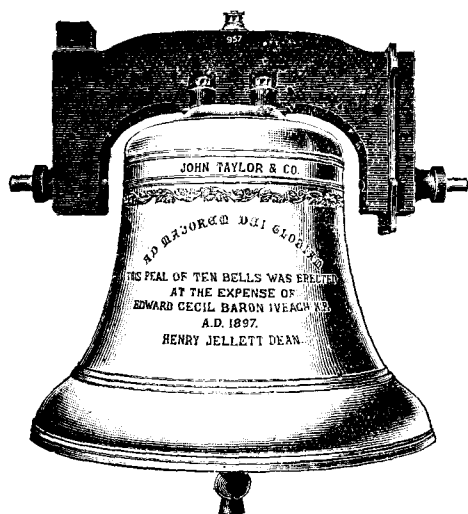
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**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

The first of the quarterly meetings of the Eastern Division for the year 1908-9, was held at Hellingly (6 bells), on Saturday, June 20th, and was fairly well attended, members turning up from Eastbourne, Hastings, Battle, Mayfield, the locals coming in force. Good practice was done in Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, which the local ringers especially availed themselves of. Tea was partaken of at The Railway hotel, at which the Rev. T. D. Lovelace, Vicar, presided, also at the meeting after tea. The Vicar expressed his pleasure at seeing the members present again at his church; he also kindly paying for the members share of the tea. Mr. W. Franks passed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and also for his thought in connection with the tea.

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The following subscriptions from ringers have been received towards converting the old peal of eight, destroyed by fire, into ten. Amount required—£300. Subscription should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Almondsbury, Huddersfield.

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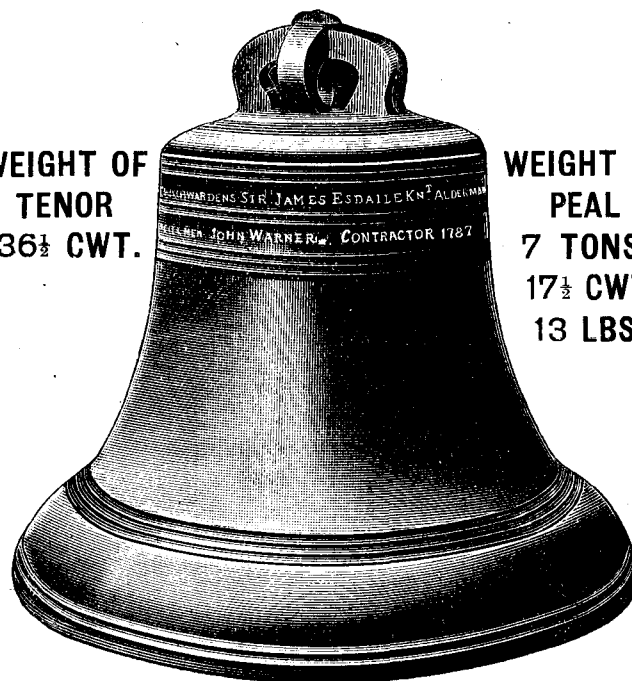
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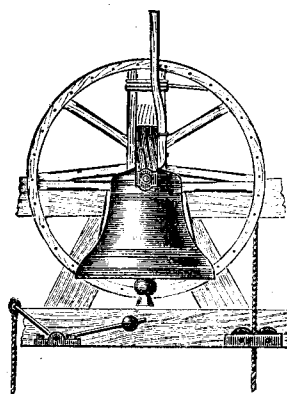
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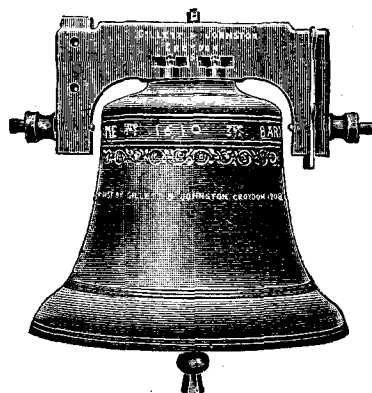
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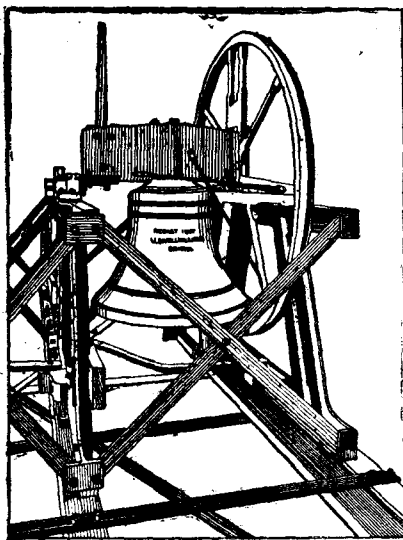
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## STRANTON, WEST HARTLEPOOL.

On Saturday, June 6th, the new bells at the above church were dedicated by Archdeacon Price of Auckland. The church, which is dedicated to All Saints, and dates from the thirteenth century, is the mother church of West Hartlepool, and possessed three bells, the smallest dated 1664, the 2nd a pre-Reformation bell, and the largest (about 9½ cwt.) a recast in 1898 of the old bell dated 1699. This bell has again been recast and six new ones added, making a very musical ring of eight, tenor 13 cwt. in F. The two remaining old bells take their place as the 4th and 6th in the new peal, which has been hung in new wrought steel framework on steel girders.

The bells were opened by members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, and among those present were Mr. G. T. Potter (president of the association), Messrs. R. S. Story and C. L. Routledge (of Newcastle), Mr. T. Metcalfe (of North Ormesby), and ringers from St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool, and neighbouring towers.

Touches of Kent Treble Bob, and Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, and the go and tone of the bells, which were cast and erected by Mears and Stainbank, of the famous Whitechapel bell foundry, were pronounced as excellent.

A number of ringers remained in the town over the week-end, in preparation for the meeting at Stockton-on-Tees on Whit-Monday, the bells being rung at both the morning and evening services on Sunday.

The church has already secured an enthusiastic band of ringers, who have made excellent progress, and who hope to become affiliated to the Durham Association at the next annual meeting.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent by the members and friends who were present at the quarterly meeting of this association at Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Saturday, the 20th of June.

Ringling commenced shortly after two o'clock, and whilst some were handling the ropes in a very masterly manner others were inspecting the ancient and beautiful church, the old finger stocks being very interesting as a curiosity and relic of the old times, or taking a stroll round the castle ruins and grounds, the scene of the tournament in "Ivanhoe."

The committee meeting at 4 p.m. was well attended, as was also the tea and general meeting, which were held in St. Helen's parish room at 4.45. At the subsequent general meeting the Rev. H. E. Sawyer, Vicar of Ashby, was voted to the chair, in the absence of the president and vice-president. The Rev. —. Phillips (curate of Ashby) and the Rev. E. V. Cox (of Tamworth) were also present.

The hon. secretary read particulars of the peals rung since the last meeting, viz.: fifteen on tower bells and three on handbells, ranging from Minor to Royal, and running through Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Duffield, Double Norwich, Superlative and New Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Caters, and Kent Treble Bob Royal. Rung in eleven towers by twelve bands.

The Rev. A. E. Hunt, of St. Alkmund's, Derby, and the Rev. H. E. Sawyer, Vicar of Ashby, were elected honorary members of the Association. Six ringing members, including the Rev. E. V. Cox (of Tamworth), were also admitted.

Mr. J. Griffin having made a few remarks as to the business done at the recent meeting of the Central Council, Mr. White proposed a hearty thanks to the Rev. H. E. Sawyer for his kindness for allowing the use of the bells and parish room, and for kindly taking the chair. Mr. White said he knew everyone present was pleased to welcome the Rev. H. E. Sawyer and the Rev. E. V. Cox as members of the Association, for the more ringers and clergy were bound together by mutual interest, the better it would be for the association and for ringing in general. The proposition having been seconded by Mr. A. Wakley and carried unanimously, the Rev. H. E. Sawyer addressed the meeting, and in a few well-chosen words said he was very pleased to welcome the association to Ashby, and hoped he would again have the pleasure in the near future.

The meeting having been closed, a move was made to the belfry, where ringing was kept up until about nine o'clock. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Duffield, Double Norwich, and Superlative Surprise Major being rung until time brought to an end one of the most enjoyable meetings it has been the writer's lot to attend.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this association was held at Lydney on Whit-Monday, June 8th. Proceedings commenced with an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples by members of the Gloucester branch, which failed soon after eleven o'clock, by which time ringers had arrived from other parts of the two dioceses, and the bells were kept going in various methods until service-time—12.30.

The service commenced at 12.40. An earnest address was given by the Rev. H. A. Cockey; the Vicar (Rev. J. C. E. Besant) also taking part in the service.

Luncheon was partaken of at The Swan hotel, where the room had been tastefully decorated for the occasion. The Master (Rev. C. D. P. Davies) presided over an attendance of forty-five, but had to leave before the luncheon was over to catch his train for Cambridge, Mr. Cockey having left by an earlier one.

The Rev. J. C. E. Besant took the chair at the business meeting, which immediately followed the dinner.

The minutes of the anniversary meeting at Cirencester-

were read and adopted. Mrs G. Staddon expressed regret at the absence of the hon. secretary (Mr. Bouflower), and the meeting concurred.

The chairman expressed the thanks of the association for the excellent arrangements that had been made for the dinner by the hon. secretary of the Gloucester branch (Mr. J. W. Davis). He also gave an appreciation of Mr. Cockey's earnest and thoughtful address.

Mr. F. S. Hockaday (hon. member) gave an account of the inscriptions on the bells of Lydney parish church, and also one bell at the neighbouring church of Aylburton, and followed with a few extracts from the parish accounts.

A course of Grandsire Triples was then rung on the handbells by Messrs. A. W. Brighton, R. Wilkins, J. Austin, and C. H. Gordon, and the meeting then closed.

The assistant hon. secretary (Mr. W. A. Cave), on behalf of the association, thanked the Rev. J. C. E. Besant for the admirable way in which he had fulfilled the duties of chairman in the absence of the master and treasurer.

The parish church was afterwards visited, and touches in various methods rung until 5.30.

### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Northampton was alive on Whit-Monday with the pealing of many bells from her church towers. The occasion was the annual gathering of the Central Northamptonshire Association, and many of those interested in this particular pastime foregathered and apparently much enjoyed the hospitality of the county town. The bells of All Saints, St. Giles, St. Sepulchre's, St. Peter's, and St. Edmund's were kindly and specially placed at liberty from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m., and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

At noon there was Divine Service at St. Peter's church, which was largely attended. The Rector (the Rev. R. M. Serjeantson) conducted the service, and the Rev. Hugh Bryan (Rector of Stoke Doyle, and founder of the Association) was the preacher. He took as the subject of his discourse the words: "There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world; none of them is without significance;" and in opening said it afforded him great pleasure to preach their annual sermon, because he had the honour to found the Association when Vicar of Raunds, in which connection the rev. gentleman acknowledged the assistance of the Rev. D. W. Barratt, then Vicar of Nassington, and the Rev. G. M. Edmunds, his predecessor at Stoke Doyle. The first meeting was held at Raunds on July 5th, 1883, and about thirty members joined. At the next meeting, at Wellingborough, several other parishes joined. It had been their hope that it would develop into one grand Diocesan Association, and they were approaching the fulfilment of their hope. In Northamptonshire there were forty-six hon. members, fifty-eight life members, and over 300 ringing members in thirty-eight parishes. The rev. gentleman spoke of the conditions attached to bellringing which he found in his native village of Lyddington, and at Leicester—things which led him to see that belfry reform was needed, and resulted in his taking so much interest in the Association. Those conditions were changed, and in conclusion the preacher reminded his hearers how holy was their office, and how careful they should be of their conduct, avoiding any levity in the discharge of their duties, and in their manner of life as churchmen and Englishmen.

After the service an excellent luncheon was served in The George hotel. In the unavoidable absence of the

President, the Rev. E. C. Channer (Vicar of Ravenshorpe), the chair was taken by the Rev. Hugh Bryan, who was supported by Alderman W. Tomes, J.P., the Rev. E. Prance (Maidwell), and Mr. F. Wilford, hon. secretary, who had made the arrangements for the gathering in admirable style.

The hon. secretary submitted his report, which showed that the income of the Association, including a balance in hand, was £54 3s., and the expenses £26, leaving a balance of £28 3s., a very satisfactory condition, after paying a lump sum of £8 5s. for writing peals. Forty peals had been rung during the year, which was a considerable increase over several previous years. During the year twenty-nine ringing, six honorary, and seven out-of-county members, and six new belfries had joined. In conclusion Mr. Wilford referred with regret to the death of two hon. members—Mrs. W. J. Henry, of Wellingborough, and Mr. J. Marriott, of Isham.

The report having been unanimously adopted, it was agreed by a large majority that in future the members who rung peals should defray the cost of entering them in the peal book if they so wished them to be recorded. It was also agreed members purchase their own certificates, a price being fixed, out-of-county members to pay similarly. General approval of the design for the certificate was expressed, and the meeting decided that the block therefore should remain in the charge of the hon. secretary, along with the peal book.

It was decided the anniversary of the Association be celebrated by a gathering at Raunds on July 11th, the chairman promising to preach.

Miss Elisabeth Henry, of Wellingborough, and Mr. W. M. Plevins, of Woodford House, were elected hon. members of the Association, along with several ringing members. Mr. Wilford was elected delegate to the Central Council for the next three years, and it was agreed that the next annual meeting be held at Northampton.

Mr. W. Ette, of Wellingborough, proposed, and Mr. Slarke (Towcester) seconded, a vote of thanks to the clergy and churchwardens for placing their bells at the disposal of the ringers, and to the chairman for his sermon and his conduct of the chair; and this having been carried, a vote of thanks to the hon. secretary, moved by Mr. F. Gilbert (Raunds), seconded by Mr. H. Key (Northampton), was passed, the replies of the Chairman and Mr. Wilford concluding the proceedings, after which there was further bellringing.

### BOB MAJOR.

By GEORGE F. WILLIAMS, *Devonport.*

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## A BRIEF VISIT TO CHESTER AND DISTRICT.

A year ago at Whitsuntide a few Yorkshire ringers visited the world-renowned town of Stratford-on-Avon—this year they were less ambitious in their desires for railway travel, and were content to try nearer home.

Mr. Bolland's preliminary enquiry (in this paper) a few weeks ago elicited prompt and favourable replies from Mr. H. Dew, Mr. H. W. Wilde, Mr. R. Sperring, all of Chester; and Mr. W. H. Gibson, of Scarborough.

Business calls and home afflictions mitigated the chances of all the same members meeting together once more, but substitutes were found to take their places, and the party of ten coming from different localities were prevented travelling together, but all arrived in due course.

After tea the first item on the suggested programme was a visit to the Cathedral under the guidance of Mr. Dew, the leader of the Cathedral company, who kindly acted as cicerone, and pointed out the many items of interest, and introduced his comrades to the Yorkshire "tykes."

An amusing circumstance happened here. Two of the visitors, bent on a tour of inspection of their own, got separated from the rest of the party, and could not locate the belfry entrance, but wandered disconsolately round the building until they were espied by one of the novices who had clambered to the top of the tower.

By this time the bells were swinging to the tune of Kent Treble Bob Major, and after all were satisfied with the Cathedral bells a move was made to an hotel for handbell music, but mine host rather curtly declined permission on account of magisterial dictum. Returning to our hostelry the embargo was withdrawn, and the bells were quickly made use of in many and varied methods, the Chester friends joining in.

Sunday morning, the visitors were astir betimes, and each one had enjoyed a stroll before breakfast, preparatory to assembling at St. Mary's-on-the-Hill to ring for service. Here some of the timorous ones were dismayed by the perpendicular ladders leading to the belfry, but the "heavy-weight member" (over 18 stones) set a good example by mounting; and in due time three courses of Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, and a few of the visitors attended service.

For evening service at St. Mary's-Without-the-Walls, the band attended at 5.30, and they were here joined by another visitor—F. Bayley (Portsea), who rang the tenor in two courses, and the 7th likewise in Treble Bob Major, and later shewed his good fellowship by joining in handbell practice.

For Monday morning a walk to Eaton Hall, where the band were permitted to walk through the extensive conservatories prior to calling at Eccleston church to test the fine peal of bells by Taylor, tenor 27 cwt., and of which a Yorkshire member—Mr. Wilde—has charge. Here everything in the church belfry was in spick and span order, and a short touch enabled the visitors to judge the merits of the peal. The Rector came into the belfry and welcomed the visitors, who before leaving inscribed their names in the book provided by Mr. Wilde for this purpose. In returning to the city the steamer was taken to enable each to carry away a remembrance of the sea *en route*.

Buckley, our next place of call, was kindly arranged for by Mr. Dew, who cycled over to take the place of the heavy-weight member who had to be left at home. From here a walk of three miles through "Tinker's Dale" brought us to the Mecca of all Liberal minded citizens—Hawarden—which was en fete for a gathering in the

Castle grounds Canon Drew, the Rector, readily granted permission for the use of the bells (a peal of six by Rudhall, tenor 13 cwt.), and Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by Messrs. Idle, Johnson, Cotterell, Ambler, Bolland, and Oddy; and Oxford Minor with F. S. Dixon in place of Ambler. At the conclusion an officer of the church appeared and congratulated the band upon their excellent striking. The opportunity was embraced to view the splendid memorial in the church, erected to the memory of the deceased statesman and his wife—Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone and Mrs. Gladstone.

To travel back to Chester by train caused a scramble, and we found friends awaiting us at the inn, ready for another musical evening, during which the efforts of the visitors for a "double" or "clinking" course would not come off successful.

Before separating from our Cheshire friends, Mr. Bolland in a few words expressed the pleasure of himself and comrades in being so graciously received by their ringing brethren, and the trouble they had taken to make this our first outing here so pleasant. Mr. Cotterell (Halifax), and Mr. Maude supported, to which Mr. Dew responded.

To shew that our programme was still incomplete, it was arranged to visit Pulford next morning, where we found awaiting us Mr. Wilde and Mr. Morgan, whose many achievements are recorded in the tower. On the light and handy ring of eight bells, two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major were rung with each. Next we received another favor in a personally conducted tour on the miniature railway, which runs through the Eaton estate, our guide being Mr. Wilde, who landed us in time to catch a train to Saltney, but in the excitement forgot to collect tickets.

To the clergy of the Cathedral and the other churches visited, the ringers tender their hearty thanks for the use of their bells. To our hostess of The Red Lion, Handbridge, it is only due to say that each one brought away pleasant remembrances of her efforts to provide good fare for her guests. To the promoter and his committee (who at the last moment was detained at home) due thanks were tendered for their services.

The members comprised Walter Idle (Dewsbury), F. W. Dixon (Guiseley), J. Cotterell, J. Ambler, S. Hirst (Halifax), Percy Johnson (Leeds), G. Nettleton (Shipley), G. Bolland, H. Oddy, and T. Maude (Song).

## EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A special ringing meeting of the above was held at Teversall on Saturday, June 20th. The Rev. G. E. Eaton (Rector), kindly entertained the members to a substantial tea in the schoolroom, to which sixty-eight sat down. The Rector was heartily thanked for his kindness, but was unable to be present owing to a sudden bereavement. Eight new members were enrolled, and Teversall added to the list of towers in union.

The Rector in conversation after tea, expressed the pleasure it had given him to welcome the Association to Teversall, and hoped they would soon visit him again.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 196.)

## PEAL VALUES.—LONDON SURPRISE.

Mr. R. S. Story said the question of points for the peal rung at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, by a band of the College Youths on November 11th, 1907, had been referred to the Committee of which he acted as clerical secretary, and the Committee had practically come to a unanimous decision that the points allowed should be 68.

The President said he thought item No. 9 upon the agenda "To discuss the claims of the various methods published under the title of "London Surprise Royal" had better be taken in connection with the Peal Values Committee's report.

Mr. F. G. May said he thought it only right that the Council should discuss the whole question, so that they might come to a definite decision. It was undoubtedly one of the most important items upon the agenda, and he trusted the Council would carefully go into the whole question. He did not consider the method that was rung was anything approaching to London Surprise Royal. If the methods published by the Rev. H. Law James were gone into, what was there either in Mr. Lindoff's or either of the others which justified their being called London Surprise Royal? If a comparison was made, he had no hesitation in expressing an opinion that there was an entire departure from the method, and such departure debarred either of the methods from recognition as London Surprise Royal. Those able to judge what London Surprise Royal ought to be would agree with him that it should be as nearly as possible an extension of London Surprise Major. What similarity had as yet appeared? Even Mr. Lindoff himself had said that in extending London to ten bells, it is not possible to follow true London all through, but told us what London Surprise Royal should be. After all the correspondence that had taken place, he trusted the Council would come to a decision as to what London Surprise really was.

The Rev. H. Law James said this was a hard subject to talk about. There had been several attempts to produce London Surprise Royal, but who had met with any success? He had himself gone fully and carefully into the whole question, with the sole aim of attempting to get at the truth, and he trusted the day had arrived when the Exercise could go into a controversy of this kind without animosity. Having gone fully into the work of one bell in London Surprise Minor, and followed it through London Surprise Major, the rev. gentleman proceeded to compare the various place-makings in each of the four methods published, illustrating his points by a large diagram. He contended neither of the methods were true London Surprise Royal, and said not only was he prepared to say this, but having gone so thoroughly into the whole question, he had no hesitation in saying that no real London Surprise Royal could be produced.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said he had no desire that this question should not come before the Council. What he did desire was to prevent the Legitimate Methods Committee from becoming a Court of Appeal, to which disputes could be referred, for if once the practice was adopted, who knew where it would end. The one practical question the Council had to consider was: "Does London Surprise Royal exist?" True London Surprise was rung on six and eight bells, but the prestige that surrounded it was so great that if no London Surprise Royal existed, there must be a method that could be acknowledged as such. He had no objection to a compromise. In the present case a certain method had been rung as London Surprise Royal. Could it not be admitted as Lindoff's variation of London Surprise Royal?

The Rev. H. Law James said if so, he was prepared to produce 100 such variations within a fortnight.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said he made the suggestion in justice to the band who accomplished the peal. In each of the methods published even the Rev. H. Law James' rules had been broken, therefore why should not others be permitted to do the same. He thought it would be well before the Council struck out such a method, to make sure that they had something better in its place.

Mr. W. L. Catchpole said having a company that had rung Cambridge Surprise Royal, he commenced to look up London

Surprise Royal, with the result that he produced the method published under his name. He did not claim any particular merit for it, beyond that it was as much London Surprise Royal as any of the others.

Mr. W. Cockerill said he should like to know if any method was rung in any other part of the kingdom as London Surprise Royal; if so, was it any of those that had been published, or any other? If it was one of the methods that had been published, which was it? It appeared to him that the whole of the methods were about equal, but different bands might have their pet aversions.

In reply to the President the Rev. H. L. James said he was unable to answer the question.

Mr. F. G. May said the Bristol band had started to ring the method published by the Rev. E. Bankes James, and succeeded in ringing about 1000 changes.

The Rev. H. Law James said his brother's method had two internal places at a cross section; this was not pure London Surprise.

Mr. W. Snowdon said if the matter was to be settled by the Council every point of view should be considered. A method was wanted which had the recognised lead-ends. Those methods which had been published did not possess them; therefore a lead-end was produced which was not London. He however had great admiration for the band who rang Mr. Lindoff's peal called London Surprise Royal.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett said there was no such method, neither could there be a method which would prove to be London Surprise Royal. There was no principle by which the method could be extended from Major to Royal or Maximus. If they took Grandsire Triples the bell that took the treble from the lead made 3rds place, and the same could be done in either Caters or Cinques, and thus there was a continuity—but it is not so with London Surprise Royal. It had been suggested that the name London Surprise Royal should be given to those which most resembled a Surprise method. Another suggestion was that the method first rung should have the preference. Who was to decide when doctors disagreed? He did not believe in either suggestion. He looked upon both as unsatisfactory. He did not think that the Council should take upon itself to say which of the methods published most resembled London Surprise Royal. There would be some of the authors, say four or five, who would be offended; therefore he was sure the result would be far from satisfactory.

Mr. G. F. Attree said if there is no London Surprise Royal let the Council say so, and be done with the matter. Let any band who rang any of the methods published call them by some other name. His idea was that it was impossible to have such a method as London Surprise Royal, but he did not think that Mr. Law James had yet got at the bottom of the matter. He, Mr. Law James, had told the Council more that day than he ever told it before, and it was therefore just possible that Mr. Law James would yet be able to produce London Surprise Royal. He did not think that the Council should admit the peal rung to be London Surprise Royal when such a method did not exist. He was fully prepared to support any resolution to the effect that there is no such method as London Surprise Royal.

The Rev. H. Law James said he was as sure as two and two make four that it was impossible for any London Surprise Royal to be produced.

Mr. G. F. Attree moved that the Council declined to adopt any of the methods hitherto published as London Surprise Royal. He believed the Council would be justified in adopting such a resolution, but desired to congratulate the band that rang the peal which had raised the question.

Mr. R. A. Daniell asked if new names could be given to the methods published.

Mr. G. F. Attree said such a course would follow.

The Rev. H. Law James moved that London Surprise Royal does not exist.

Mr. A. J. Trollope seconded.

The President said that Mr. Law James's resolution could come after that moved by Mr. Attree had been disposed of, if it was thought desirable to move it.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill said the band rang the peal under the impression that it was London Surprise Royal. Therefore it



was so called. Now it appeared it would have to be called a variation.

Mr. R. A. Daniell said a variation could not exist if no original existed.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill said the College Youths wanted to book the peal. Apparently it would have to be called "Lindoff's Variation."

Mr. J. Griffin asked where the original was.

Mr. G. F. Attree amended his resolution as follows: That the Council declines to recognise any method hitherto rung or published as being entitled to the designation of London Surprise Royal.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett seconded.

The President said it was not all of the Council that could follow Mr. Law James, but undoubtedly Mr. Pritchett had put the whole matter so to speak in a nutshell when he illustrated the work of the bell taking the treble from the lead in Grand-sire Triples, and showed how the exactly same work was done in both Caters and Cinques. Double Norwich was on a principle by which it could be extended to Royal or Maximus. The theory was perfect when the whole of the work was in front. He did not consider it desirable to pass any resolution that no London Surprise Royal could exist, for this at present was not sufficiently clear. Who could tell what someone in the future might produce. Mr. John Carter and also Mr. Parker had now shown that there were forty natural courses of Stedman Triples, yet ten years ago Mr. Thompson told them that twenty was the limit. While the Council might decline to admit that London Surprise Royal had yet been produced there was no one who had not the greatest admiration of the band that rang so complicated a method as that achieved at St. Dunstan's.

The Rev. H. Law James suggested that Mr. Attree's resolution should be altered so as to read that London Surprise Major was incapable of extension to ten or twelve bells, and remarked that he had examined up to twenty bells.

The Rev. H. Drake moved, and the Hon. Secretary seconded the previous question.

The previous question was carried by 24 Ayes to 21 Noes.

On the proposition of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. W. L. Catchpole, it was resolved that the recommendation of the Peal Values Committee, viz., that 68 points be allowed for the peal rung at St. Dunstan's, was unanimously adopted.

#### NOTE TO RULE 2.

The Hon. Secretary moved that the following note be appended to Rule II. "Note—Here and elsewhere in these Rules the word 'Member' should be taken as meaning a 'Member of Council.' A 'Representative Member' is not necessarily a Member of the Society which he represents." In moving the resolution, the Hon. Secretary referred to the point raised at the meeting of the Council last year, respecting the continuation of membership on the Council, although the member might have ceased to be a member of the Association or Guild by which he was elected; when it was held that the representative would cease to be a member of the Council. He (the mover) had always held that the Council stood on a somewhat similar footing to the House of Commons. A member of the House need not be even a ratepayer in the division which he represented, and he held his membership so long as that Parliament lasted. There need be no fear as to the working of the resolution, as an Association or Guild would still hold the whip hand, for if it was desired to dispense with the services of a representative for any reason, the subscription for the particular representative could be withheld, and so the member who had hitherto acted would be prevented from coming to the Council; that was of course if the Association or Guild thought fit to adopt such a course after the member had been asked to resign or otherwise asked to cease to represent the Association. He considered every Association or Guild would be well safe-guarded.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly asked how a member of the Council could continue to represent a Society of which he was no longer a member.

The Hon. Sec. replied that representatives were elected for a term, which was the life of each Council.

Mr. J. Bradney seconded.

The President said he did not think such a question was likely to arise; at the same time he considered it desirable to adopt the resolution.

The resolution was adopted.

## Correspondence.

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

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

REPLY TO MR. WILLSON.

SIR,—In your issue of the 6th ult., Mr. Willson tells your readers he has my letter acknowledging receipt of his long peals before him; and in your last issue he publishes this letter as proof of his statement, I suppose. But what does it prove? I submit it proves nothing but the receipt of a 5024 and 5088 peals, and however a man can lower himself to use such fabricated statements I really cannot imagine. If the publication of my old letter is given to confirm his first statements, then I say he has failed in his object, as it proves them false and at the same time confirms my flat contradiction of them. Mr. Willson is like the celebrated composer who used the course-end proof to a peal where the tenors were very much parted. This would do perhaps for some of the methods, but not for Treble Bob Major. By the publication of this old letter he has given himself away and lost all the game, yet he has the audacity to say I am caught. If I am caught it is speaking facts, while he is doing the reverse. I met Mr. Willson once. He asked me to look at the "best peal of Double Norwich" he had ever seen. I there and then told him it had been published as mine years ago. This self-same peal is given in the Collection, and is one of the rubbish heaps of mine mentioned in his last letter. Please note the difference—when his it's the best, when mine it's rubbish. What an impartial customer this is to be sure. His reference to Treble Bob peals starting with bobs h remind me of a peal published, I think in the year 1885. It contained the 8-6s and 8-67s without the 2nd in 6ths place at course-ends, obtained by going off as stated. The late Rev. H. Earle Bulwer took exception to this (not at the going off), but at the qualities, as they did not hold up when the composition was given in the ordinary way. He wrote me on the subject, pointing out on sending compositions, asking me to try and find one with the properties obtained by ordinary means. This I did, and the peal was first rung October 13th, by Royal Cumberlands, at Netley Abbey, Hampshire, and was published in "THE BELL NEWS" of November 30th, 1886, the occasion being the opening of the new bells of that church. This is my explanation, and my objection to peals going off as mentioned, as a chip to Mr. Willson. In conclusion I wish it to be clearly understood that anything I have said in this matter is not said with a view to evade any responsibility whatever.

HENRY DAINS.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—A correspondent has kindly sent to me (from "THE BELL NEWS" of the 6th ult.) a cutting which includes a letter from Mr. Joseph W. Parker on Stedman Triples. Mr. Parker correctly points out that the 240 leader circles rejected because they foul the remaining 120 at slow sixes should not be ignored when quick sixes are under consideration. To ignore them was a blunder of yours faithfully,

W. H. THOMPSON.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—I should be glad if any member of the Exercise (where the ringers have been insured by the church authorities), would kindly let me know how the insurance has been fixed, and with what company.

E. A. RIDGWAY.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The conductor of the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Sandhurst, Gloucestershire, and published in our last issue, was John Austin.—The name of the conductor of the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Bolsterstone on June 20th was Clement Glenn.

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A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM UNDERWOOD .. Treble.	ARTHUR SYMONDS ..	5.
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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Friday, June 19, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	*JOHN BURTON ..	5.
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CHARLES ROOPE ..	FREDERICK ROOPE ..	Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

\*First peal in the method.

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

On Friday, June 19, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. <i>Treble</i> ..	ARTHUR LAMBOURNE ..	6.
HARRY HOLIFIELD ..	STEDMAN WHITE ..	7.
EDMUND HOLIFIELD ..	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ..	8.
CUTHBERT WHITE ..	RICHARD WHITE ..	9.
NOBLE SPINDLOW ..	WALTER TUBB ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN.

## CLIFTON REYNES.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

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

W. SHARP ..	<i>Treble</i> ..	C. W. CLARK ..	4.
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Conducted by F. J. MYNARD.

## EXETER, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 22, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

FRANK W. GARDNER* ..	<i>Treble</i> ..	FRANK J. DAVEY ..	5.
CHARLES CARTER ..	2.	JULIUS SNOW ..	6.
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Conducted by ARTHUR W. SEARLE.

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

## BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY, BANGOR.)

On Tuesday, June 23, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

MORRIS J. MORRIS ..	<i>Treble</i> ..	ALBERT J. HUGHES ..	5.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES ..	2.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER ..	6.
THOMAS H. DYER* ..	3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ..	7.
JAMES H. MIDWINTER ..	4.	WILLIAM CRANE, JUN. ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

\*Elected a member of the above Association previous to starting; also first peal.

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## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

DAVID BREARLEY ..	<i>Treble</i> ..	† JAMES SHAW ..	5.
JOHN R. BREARLEY ..	2.	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH ..	6.
SAMUEL HARRISON ..	3.	CLIFFE DRONFIELD ..	7.
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## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LATES'S ONE-PART.

ERNEST GOWER ..	<i>Treble</i> ..	GEORGE H. HOWSE ..	5.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ..	2.	EDWARD W. BRAY ..	6.
ARTHUR MILES ..	3.	JOSEPH SHARP ..	7.
ARTHUR GOWER ..	4.	ALFRED E. MIDMORE ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

The band wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Goodwin, M.A., R.D., for the use of the bells, and to the ringers of St. Mary's for having everything in readiness.

## BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 24, 1908, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK PHILLIPS ..	<i>Treble</i> ..	ELI WATERS ..	5.
JOHN BEAMS ..	2.	CHAS. W. GOODENOUGH ..	6.
CHARLES R. FORFITT ..	3.	WALTER INGHAM ..	7.
EDWARD T. GREEN ..	4.	TOM BELBIN ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by the Rev. E. B. JAMES, and Conducted by J. BEAMS.

The conductor, for whom this peal was arranged, was elected a member of the above Guild previous to starting. For calling see Central Council Collection, peal No. 12, Section 1.

## RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(RIPLEY GUILD.)

On Wednesday, June 24, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR BOWMAN ..	<i>Treble</i> ..	FRED W. HILL ..	5.
HERBERT DAY ..	2.	WILLIAM H. FROST ..	6.
FRANK F. HILL ..	3.	FRANCIS H. KAY ..	7.
JOSEPH BOURNE ..	4.	HENRY GEORGE ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by HENRY GEORGE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 25, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD AUDSLEY* ..	<i>Treble</i> ..	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ..	5.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ..	2.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ..	6.
ISAAC EMERY ..	3.	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ..	7.
FRANK BENNETT ..	4.	JAMES E. DAVIS ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to I. Emery, the band congratulating him at the finish.

## WRINGTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 25, 1908, in Three Hours,

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. in C sharp.

FRANCIS W. NIPPER* ..	<i>Treble</i> ..	GEORGE GILLING ..	4.
SYDNEY T. CHALK ..	2.	JOHN H. B. HESSE ..	5.
EDWARD ANDOW ..	3.	† ANTHONY LANE ..	<i>Tenor</i> .
		TOM FRANCIS ..	

Conducted by FRANCIS NIPPER.

\*First peal as conductor. †First peal.

### KNIGHTON, RADNORSHIRE THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 25, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 8 cwt.

W. HALL .. .. . Treble.	R. BURGE .. .. . 4.
J. HAMMOND .. .. . 2.	C. L. SADLER .. .. . 5.
F. EVANS .. .. . 3.	S. ROBERTS .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by C. L. SADLER.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar on his preferment to the living of St. Oswald, Oswestry. First peal on the bells. First 5040 on six bells in Radnorshire. First peal by the ringers of the treble, 3rd. and 4th, who belong to the local company.

### BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 25, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of Violet, New London Pleasure, Oxford Delight,  
Woodbine, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES WARDLEY .. .. . Treble.	JAMES STARLING .. .. . 4.
FRED WATLING .. .. . 2.	ROBERT SMY .. .. . 5.
HENRY PUTTOCK .. .. . 3.	WILLIAM SAWYER .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SAWYER.

### GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1908, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,  
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

I. SIDEBOTHAM .. .. . Treble.	J. J. PEMBERTON .. .. . 5.
F. HALL .. .. . 2.	J. HARROP .. .. . 6.
J. GODDARD .. .. . 3.	J. HABRISON .. .. . 7.
S. STOTT .. .. . 4.	I. SCHFIELD .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

### HARPENDEN, HERTS. THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (THE OXHEY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 27, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,  
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

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

Composed by J. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. This is the first peal of London Surprise rung by a band resident in the county since the days of the Bennington ringers. First peal of Major on the bells. Further reference elsewhere.

### ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM)

On Saturday, June 27, 1908, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,  
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 lbs.

ALBERT D. CULLUM .. .. . Treble.	EDWIN J. MENDAY .. .. . 5.
LEWIS GREEN .. .. . 2.	ERNEST W. MENDAY .. .. . 6.
JOSEPH HANDS .. .. . 3.	HENRY SIMMONDS .. .. . 7.
GEORGE IRVINE .. .. . 4.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. Tenor.

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.  
First peal on the bells.

### NORTON-IN-HALES, SHROPSHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. (CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 27, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

THOMAS TUDOR* .. .. . Treble.	RICHARD T. HOLDING JUN. 5.
JOHN CARP† .. .. . 2.	ERNEST WEATHERBY .. 6.
JAMES HENRY RIDING .. 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. 7.
WILMOT TAYLOR .. .. . 4.	GEORGE HALL .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD THOMAS HOLDING, SEN.

\*First peal. †First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells which were made a peal of eight in 1867 by the addition of a treble and tenor by Messrs. Warner.

### ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

PERCY L. BROWN* .. .. . Treble.	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. . 5.
CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 2.	WALTER JAMES .. .. . 6.
CHARLES DALBY .. .. . 3.	R. HENRY BARTHAM .. 7.
JOSIAH MORRIS .. .. . 4.	*HARRY P. SMITH .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by R. HENRY BARTHAM.

\*First peal.

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

On Monday, June 29, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE .. .. . Treble.	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 5.
JAMES MERRICK .. .. . 2.	EDGAR HANCOX .. .. . 6.
ROBERT E. STAVERT .. 3.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. . 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

### Handbell Peals.

#### BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 24, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF F. R. KETTLERBORO,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WILLIAM J. THYNG .. 1-2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. . 5-6.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 3-4.	GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. . 7-8.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

Umpire—Fred Parsons. Arranged for J. Thyng, of Chesterfield, it being his first peal in the method on handbells.

#### GUILDFORD, SURREY. THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. (GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Friday, June 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING, 6, BRODIE ROAD,

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

MAURICE SMITHER .. 1-2.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN. 5-6.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. 3-4.	HENRY L. GARFATH .. 7-8.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

Umpire—F. Blondell. First handbell peal by all, and first double-handed peal of Grandsire by the above Guild.

**Date Touches.****THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**HOLBECK.**—On Friday, June 26th, at St. Matthew's church, a date touch of 1908 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 9 mins. F. Cundale, A. S. Mitchell, R. H. Howland, P. L. Cooper, J. Woodhead, P. J. Johnson, G. A. Jowett, D. Yorke. Composed and Conducted by P. J. Johnson. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Hudson, one of the local company.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**BLACKBURN.**—On Thursday evening, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. F. Hindle, H. Walker, W. Briggs, J. Edwards. E. Duteson, J. Watson, W. E. Wilson, A. Tomlinson. Composed by J. Sholicar and conducted by W. E. Wilson.

**CRANFORD (Northants).**—On Sunday, June 28th, at the parish church, a date touch of Minor, 1908 changes, being 360 of Woodhine, 360 Kent, 144 Oxford Treble Bob, 192 Double Court, 120 Double Oxford, 360 Oxford Bob, 360 Plain Bob and 12 changes. F. Lewin, T. Judd, B. Saddington, J. Saddington, J. Lewin, A. Smeathers conductor. The above are all local ringers with the exception of A. Smeathers, and have rung seventeen 720s of Minor and a quarter-peal and one peal of Plain Bob and one in seven methods. The bells were opened on June 26th, 1907, when the band, with the exception of J. Saddington and B. Smeathers, started to ring.

**Miscellaneous.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**HAGBOURNE (Berks).**—On Tuesday, April 28th, 504 Stedman Triples. E. A. Butler, L. Green, R. G. Rice, T. East, A. R. Bosley, W. Hitchman, R. T. Hibbert conductor, A. Woodley.

**HARWELL (Berks).**—On Sunday, May 3rd, 120 Stedman Doubles. G. C. Rice, W. Hitchman, R. G. Rice, A. R. Bosley, J. W. Wilkins, T. Hughes.

**WANTAGE (Berks).**—On Saturday, May 2nd, 532 Grandsire Triples, taken from Davies' tea-part. G. C. Rice, R. G. Rice conductor, A. Gregory, F. Bunce, H. Gregory, C. Lay, P. Jones T. Gregory.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**HULL.**—On Monday, May 18th, at St. James's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. A. Naylor, G. T. Marshall, C. Jackson conductor, G. T. Miller, T. Stockdale, H. Rodmell, L. Rodmell, A. Stark. Rung in honour of the Vicar, the Rev. D. K. Moore, M.A., completing twenty-one years as Vicar of the above church, also to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Naylor.

**THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

**PENTRE.**—On Sunday, May 3rd, at St. Peter's church, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. H. King conductor, H. Page, W. Page, J. Cross, T. Page, G. Wires, T. J. Hamlin, S. Weaver. First quarter-peal by the local band.

**THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

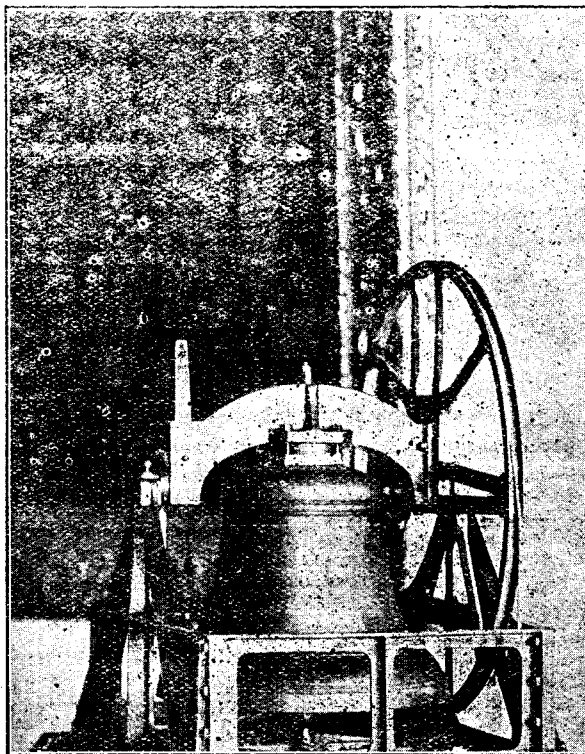
**PLYMOUTH.**—On Friday, May 1st, for practice at Charles' Church, 504 Stedman Triples. E. W. Marsh conductor, R. Dobson, F. Hockaday, G. Stroud, W. Richards, W. Hiscott, W. H. Marsh, J. Woodley. On Tuesday, May 5th, 168 in the same method. E. W. Marsh conductor, R. Dobson, F. Hockaday, G. Stroud, A. Wellington, W. Hiscott, W. H. Marsh, W. Ford. And 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Greenwood, R. Dobson, F. Hockaday, G. Stroud, A. Wellington, W. Hiscott conductor, W. H. Marsh, E. W. Marsh.

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**FARNHAM (Surrey).**—On Monday, May 35th, in honour of the Bishop of Winchester's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. A. LeClercq, G. Upshall, A. Smith, W. H. Lowman, E. Clapshaw, F. Elliott, T. Upshall conductor, W. Sherfield.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on July 16th and 30th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 7th and 21st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames st., on the 9th and 23rd; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 13th and 27th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 14th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 16th; all at 8 p.m. A district meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tea at The Plough hotel at 5 o'clock, where a social meeting will also be held at 8 o'clock. All members and friends will be heartily welcomed.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at Chailey to-day, Saturday, July 4th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30.

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

16, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held at Willingham to-day, Saturday, July 4th. Tea at 5 o'clock. Over bells available in the evening.

P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—The half-yearly meeting of the above society will be held at Bailey to-day, Saturday, July 4th. Meeting-house—The Fleece inn, near the church. Meeting to commence at 6 o'clock.

WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The monthly meeting will be held at Cheddleton, to-day, Saturday, July 4th. The belfry will be open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.45 p.m., and service in church at 7 p.m.

REV. W. G. KEYWORTH, *Hon. Secs.*  
J. JOHNSON,

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at 6 o'clock (free) at The George and Dragon inn, followed by business meeting. All members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, July 8th. By kind permission of the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon, the rectory grounds will be open to members.

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

26, Dukess Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**Central Northamptonshire Association.**—A special meeting will be held at Raunds on Saturday, July 11th, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the above Association. Bells ready at 2.30. Short service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Preacher—Rev Hugh Bryan, formerly Vicar of Raunds and founder of the Association. Will those requiring tea let Mr. F. Gilbert, Grove Street, Raunds, know on or before July 8th.

F. WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

Z. LORD, *Branch Sec.*

**The North Notts. Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Blyth on Saturday, July 11th, Members intending to take tea (at 5 p.m.), are requested to inform Mr. J. Hind Elyth, Rotherham, by July 8th.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—Bedfordshire Archdeaconry.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, July 11th, Bells available at 6 o'clock.

C. R. LILLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bedwas on Saturday, July 11th, at 4 o'clock.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Secs.*  
JOHN W. JONES,

**The Essex Association.**—North-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Osyth on Saturday, July 11th. A tea will be provided for all those who give notice of their intention to be present. Motor buses run from Clacton-on-Sea.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
Coggeshall.

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—Members and friends will be cordially welcomed by the local ringers to a meeting at Heston on Saturday, July 18th. The old ring of six has been augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea provided free at 6.

H. C. CHANDLER.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Luke's Heywood, on Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head to all sending in their names not later than Wednesday, July 15th, to Mr. J. Partington, 23, York Street, Heywood. A good attendance is requested, as the committee are holding a meeting here on that date.

JAS. JACQURS, *Sec.*

**Campsall (Doncaster).**—The Pontefract and Doncaster ringers propose meeting at the above village on Saturday, July 18th, for ringing practice, and, it is hoped, a stroll through the Squire's pleasure grounds, etc. Any ringer will be heartily welcomed. Cheap fares Askern 1½ miles. Please write—W. Pearson, Plumber, Pontefract, so that tea can be arranged.

**Halifax and District Association.**—The annual meeting and eight-bell contest will be held at Ripponden on Saturday, July 18th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by July 13th.

J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will be held at Buckingham on Monday, July 20th. Service in the parish church at 12, preacher—Rev. W. L. Harnett, M.A., Rural Dean. Business meeting in the small Town Hall at 12.45. Dinner in the large Town Hall at 1.45, chairman—the Right Hon. Lord Addington. Dinner tickers at 2s. each, will be forwarded to those members only who send the money with the order, and their ringing qualifications to me on or before Monday, July 13th, and the whole amount

will be refunded to change-ringing members, and 1s. each to probationers present at the dinner. A. E. REEVES, *Festival Secretary.*  
277, London Road, Reading.

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hayes on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. with address by the Rev. G. Clowes, Rector. Tea in the schools after the service, followed by business meeting, the Rector presiding. Half-fares up to 2s. allowed. Names of those who wish for tea must reach me by July 21st.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Annual Report now ready. Compounding and Unattached members kindly write for same to Portsea Vicarage. C. W. SCOTT, *Secretary.*

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT BIRMINGHAM** (reported last week.)—S. Grove's 100 Peals—Stedman, Cinques 10; Caters 6; Triples 21, conducted 3; Grandsire Caters 2; Triples 7, conducted 1; Doubles 1; Treble Bob Maximus 1; Royal 3; Major 8; seven Minor methods 1; Bob Major 3; Double Oxford Major 1; Double Norwich 10; Cambridge Surprise 10; Superlative 8; London 8. Total—100.

**THE PEAL AT HAKPENDEN.**—The record of this peal is thought to be unique from the fact that the three Surprise peals have now been rung by ringers who have all learnt their ringing, from the first rudiments of handling a rope, at the same church. It would be interesting to know if the three Surprise peals have been rung before by any local society under such circumstances. It is noteworthy that the ringer of the 4th in this peal had not previously rung a peal of Major away from the treble.

## AN APPEAL.

The members of the Keighley society have opened a subscription list for the cause of one of their ringing brethren—J. McGoun—who has the misfortune to lose the use of one of his legs, the foot of which has been just amputated. He has been unable to use the limb now for a matter of eight months. The above company therefore beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country on his behalf. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 34, Hill Street, Keighley, Yorkshire, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS."

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**In Memoriam.****WILLIAM BOOTH.**

It is with regret we record the death of the above ringer, a greatly respected member of the Ashton parish church company, who died on June 5th. He had been ill several weeks, but seemed to be getting all right again when he was taken with a stroke and died quite suddenly at the early age of forty-two years. The deceased commenced to ring about seventeen years ago with the parish church company, and had rung about twelve peals of Grandsire, Treble Bob and Stedman. He was steeplekeeper, and took a pride in looking after the bells and, keeping the ringing room in order. He was of a genial disposition, always willing to give up his own inclinations for the good of the general body. He was a member of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society and the Lan-

cashire Association, and his death will come as a great surprise to the members, by whom he was greatly esteemed. He was a thorough trades unionist, and represented the power loom overlookers on the Ashton-under-Lyne trades council. The funeral took place at the Hurst Cemetery on Tuesday, June 9th, the burial service being read by the curate at the parish church, who also officiated at the graveside. After the interment a course of Grandsire Caters was rung over the open grave by J. Shaw, J. Mellor, S. Wood, B. Thorpe, G. Longden. A touch of Grandsire Cinques, corresponding with the number of months deceased had lived, was rung at the parish church with the bells deeply muffled, also touches of Stedman Cinques and Treble Bob Maximus. He was followed to his last resting place by representatives of the Ashton-under-Lyne trades council, the power loom overlooker, and ringers from the surrounding

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HARPENDEN (Herts.)—On Wednesday, May 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Dellar, H. Burgess, R. Corburn, B. Jarman conductor, G. Newson, L. Pearce, D. Dellar, S. Barns.

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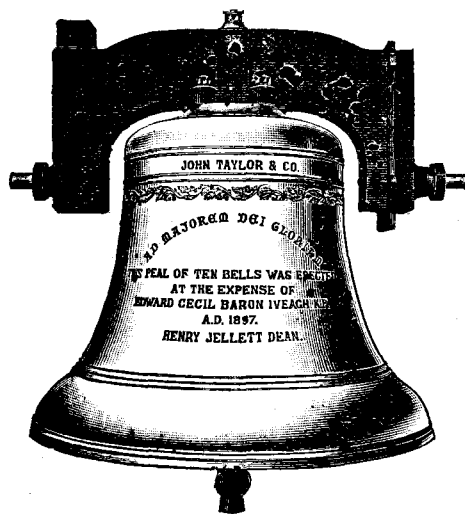
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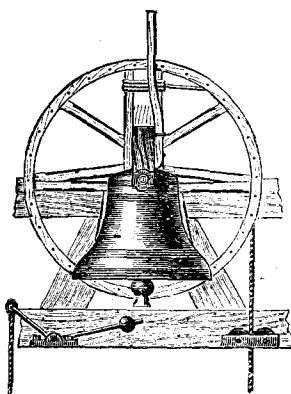
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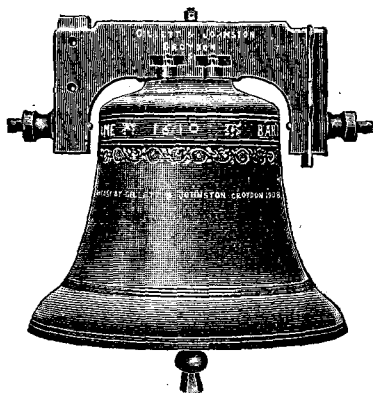
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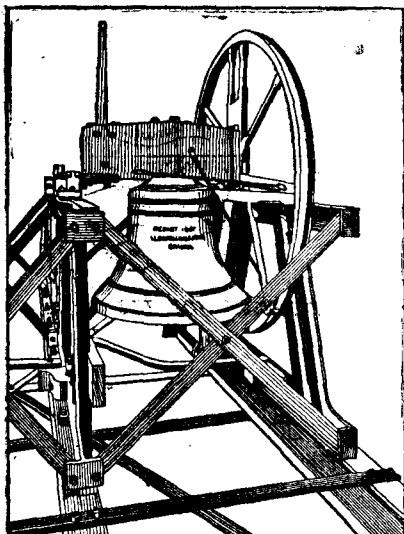
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## TADCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

History tells us that Tadcaster was a principal station of the Romans when York (Eboracum) was their imperial city, and many relics of Roman work have been found here, also the remains of a beautiful villa, whose circular floor of tiles, etc., are excellent samples of Roman work.

The church is a fine classical structure, dating back many centuries, and occupies a grand position on the bank of the Wharfe, Yorkshire's most picturesque river. The sacred edifice has undergone considerable alterations in recent years, the old box pews were swept away some years since, a new north aisle has been added, and the whole lighted by electric light. To commemorate the Jubilee (1887) a clock was installed in the tower, which has proved a great boon to the inhabitants, and now all is made complete by the placing of a new ring of eight bells therein. The old ring of six, cast by C. and R. Dalton, of York, which had done duty for 124 years, were thrown into the melting-pot, and now form part of the new peal which have been cast and hung by the Taylors of Loughborough. They are in the key of E flat, with a tenor of just under 21 cwt., and reflect the highest credit on the founders. The inscriptions on the old bells have been reproduced in the new ones.

The bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Beverley on Saturday afternoon, June 20th, the service commencing at three o'clock. Supporting the bishop were the Vicar of Tadcaster (Rev. J. R. Jones), the churchwardens (Mr. H. Ingleby and Mr. W. Sykes), and several clergy from the district, including the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Hemingbrough, a well-known change-ringer.

The ceremony of dedication took place in the baptistry immediately under the ringing-chamber, and every word of the office could be distinctly heard by the ringers assembled above. The bells were rung in rounds for a few minutes while the bishop and clergy returned to their seats, and then the hymn, "Lifted gently to the steeple," was heartily sung, after which the bishop delivered a very timely and most appropriate address. He congratulated those present on the accomplishment of a good work in a short time, and then proceeded to expound the lessons of the bells and their uses, mentioning the curfew and harvest bells; the marriage bells speaking joy and conveying congratulations and good wishes to those dedicating their lives to each other; and the muffled bells sympathising with those in trouble. He further reminded them that the bells were part of the furniture of the church, and as such were to be used like the silver trumpets in holy writ to call the people to worship, and to those who from sickness or other causes could not attend, to remind them that the beautiful service was proceeding in which God's blessing was being asked for all, from the king to the poorest person. In conclusion he reminded the ringers of their responsibilities as churchworkers, and expressed his hope that they would always be worthy of their high calling.

After the service the bells rung out merrily, the people standing about highly interested and delighted with their

grand tones, while many remained in the churchyard and streets near, others walked by the river side and among the trees, enjoying to the full the first eight bell music ever heard in Tadcaster.

The first touch rung on them was a musical one of Stedman Triples, 336 changes, followed by touches of Grandsire, Double Norwich, Duffield, Superlative and London Surprise, in all about 2000 changes. The ringers were from St. Michael's, Headingley, and they had been specially invited for the occasion. Afterwards, visiting ringers from York, Selby, Middlesbrough, Holbeck, Sharow, Ripon, Collingham, Hemingbrough, and other places rang for a time, when all repaired to the schoolroom for tea, kindly provided by the Vicar and wardens.

The people of Tadcaster are to be congratulated on the possession of such a melodious ring of bells, and also on the public spirit shown in providing, all classes having subscribed liberally. Special mention should be made of the generosity of Mrs. Ingleby and her son, who gave the tenor and treble, and whose interest in everything pertaining to the old church is well known. The Vicar and wardens are anxious to have the bells well rung by local men, and efforts will be made to establish a good band of change-ringers, who it is hoped will eventually become members of the county association.

A glance at the visitors' book in the church shows that many people from all parts are attracted to this district by the historical associations in which it teems, as well as the natural beauty spots of the surrounding country.

The river, too, proves a veritable magnet to the followers of Izaak Walton, who come in great numbers from the towns, especially Leeds, and the sound of the bells near the water will no doubt add to their enjoyment.

## LEINTWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Wednesday evening, June 10th, a peal-tablet, recording the first three peals ever rung on the bells in the church of St. Mary Magdalen, was unveiled by Miss Colvin, the Vicar's daughter. The special service was taken by the Rev. J. W. Colvin, M.A., who gave a very helpful address to the ringers present, Miss Colvin ably presiding at the organ. The peals are Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, and Grandsire Minor. A footnote to the tablet reads: "Change-ringing was introduced into this tower and the above company formed by C. L. Sadler, in June, 1906, previous to which it was practically unknown in this corner of Herefordshire."

## THORVERTON, DEVON.

On Thursday, June 25th, the belfry of the above parish church was the scene of a very pleasing incident, for Dr. Marshail, on behalf of the locals, presented Mr. Frank J. Davey with a silver bell pendant as a small token of their appreciation of the help he has given them in mastering Grandsire Triples. The present came as a surprise to the recipient, who in reply said he was pleased his efforts were bearing fruit, and he hoped they would go onward.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting was held at Limerick on Whit-Monday, June 8th, and was well attended by members from nearly all the centres in Ireland. The following societies were represented: St. Patrick's, St. George's, SS. Augustine and John's, Dublin; Christchurch, Bray; St. Saviour's, Arklow; St. Fin Barr's, Cork; St. Mary's, Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick.

On arrival at the terminus the visitors were taken into the hospitable care of the Limerick ringers, and were shewn round the city. The two towers were naturally the chief centres of attraction, and the ancient city was soon alive with the echoes of Purdue's bells, and those of the more modern St. Alphonsus. Several touches having been rung, an adjournment was made to the grand jury room of the county court house, where a truly sumptuous repast awaited the favoured visitors and guests; among which were represented all sections of the Limerick public. The Mayor of Limerick presided at luncheon, and having related the history of the Cathedral bells, extended a hearty welcome to the Association. After luncheon the President, the Rev. G. D. Scott, M.A., expressed on behalf of the Association their gratitude for the very hearty way they had been received in Limerick that day—a reception quite in keeping with the honourable traditions of that ancient city.

The Right Rev. the Bishop of Limerick moved that the thanks of the gathering be tendered to the ladies who had provided so sumptuous an entertainment, and Mr. Eakins, in responding on their behalf, referred to the manner in which the hon. secretaries of the reception, Rev. R. A. Adderley and Alderman M. Neice, had discharged their onerous duties.

The business meeting was then held, the Mayor presiding. Mr. G. Lindoff, hon. secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting. The report was circulated, from which it appeared that the number of members reached 157 all told; and the extension of the Association to Limerick was also referred to.

Mr. R. T. F. Greene moved the adoption of the report, and Mr. A. J. Corrigan seconded. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. R. F. T. Greene; Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. Lindoff; Hon. Treasurer, Alderman McNeice (Limerick). Dublin was chosen as the centre for the 1909 meeting. Ten new members were elected. Attention was called to the question of travelling facilities for the Association in Ireland, and a resolution was forwarded to the different railway companies asking for return tickets at single fares to members travelling for ringing purposes.

Votes of thanks were then heartily accorded to the Mayor of Limerick for his kindness in presiding; to the Dean of St. Mary's and the Rector of Mount St. Alphonsus for their kindness in allowing the visitors the use of the bells; to the county high sheriff for the use of the courthouse; to the retiring officers, Rev. G. D. Scott (president), and Mr. J. Myers (hon. treasurer).

The visitors were entertained to tea prior to their departure from Limerick, carrying with them memories of a delightful day, together with a more tangible souvenir provided by their hosts. St. Mary's Cathedral and Mount St. Alphonsus' Societies desire to thank the many ladies and gentlemen who so kindly contributed, both in money and kind, to the luncheon and tea.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A most enjoyable meeting of this Association was on Saturday, June 27th, held at Wollaston, a parish near Stourbridge, the only matter for regret being that the date coincided with that fixed for the annual meeting of the Staffordshire Association. The service, which was very well attended, was held in the parish church at 4 p.m., the address being delivered by the Vicar, the Rev. G. Gilbanks. After this the members had the pleasure of partaking of an excellent tea, presided over by the Misses Gilbanks, one of whom is a most accomplished ringer.

At the business meeting afterwards it was decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Wollaston, Mr. R. Matthews being selected as conductor, and the next quarterly meeting was fixed to be held at Badsey, near Evesham. Nine performing members were elected, and Mr. F. Cook was appointed instructor to the Crophorne company. Mr. John Smith, on behalf of himself and his co-delegate on the Central Council, gave a report of the business transacted at the meeting of that Council held at Cambridge, and it was decided to insert three peals in the illuminated peal book, Mr. H. Mason most generously offering to pay the fees for so doing. The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. and Misses Gilbanks for the various ways in which they had helped to make the meeting so successful and enjoyable, and to the organist and choir, who, by their assistance, contributed to the success of the service.

There were four rings available during the evening, but those at Kinver, an adjoining parish and one famous for its rock-dwellings, were not used, the main of the ringing being at Wollaston and St. Thomas's, Stourbridge. Those at Wollaston are a pretty ring of six which go very well, several touches of Minor, both Treble Bob and Plain, being rung there during the evening. At St. Thomas's, a ring of eight, the tenor goes much too bad for any good ringing, in fact it is almost impossible to ring her for more than half an hour, she goes so bad, nothing but three courses of Major and some short touches of Triples being rung.

## THE HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27th, a meeting of the northern district was held at Knebworth, and was attended by members from Hitchin, Baldock, Royston, Ely, Bedford, Great Wymondley, St. Albans, Hatfield, London and the local band. The bells were at the disposal of the visitors during the afternoon and evening, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob being rung. At 5.30 the ringers were entertained to tea by the Rev. G. A. Jackson (Rector of Knebworth), who also presided at the meeting, when the ordinary routine of business was gone through, the Rev. G. A. Jackson being elected an honorary member of the Association. Mr. H. Lewis, President of the Association, moved a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for the splendid tea he had provided, and for the use of the bells.

The Chairman said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the ringers to Knebworth, and thanked them for the honour they had done him in electing him a member of the Association.

A move was then made to the tower, and ringing was indulged in until nearly nine o'clock.

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### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The annual meeting of the above society was held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 27th. A fairly good muster put in an appearance, in spite of two or three bands having arranged to take a trip elsewhere, among whom were some well-known ringers generally to be seen at this meeting. After the bells had been set going, the usual 4 o'clock service was held in the Cathedral, at which the society's prayers were read, and a practical address was delivered by the Lord Bishop. The tea (at which the President, the Ven. Archdeacon Hodgson, honoured the company by his presence), was partaken of in the open air, about seventy sitting down. That over, an adjournment was made to a large room adjoining, where the meeting was held, with the President in the chair. The cash account was duly presented, showing a balance in hand of £13 3s. 4d. The accounts had been kindly audited gratis by Mr. Rowley, of Tipton. Then came the election of officers: the Rev. F. Tennyson was unanimously re-elected Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer. The Lay Hon. Secretary (Mr. S. Reeves) wished to retire, after having held that office for twenty-three years, the duties of which he always carried out most admirably. In his stead Mr. H. Knight, of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, was elected. Expressions of gratitude were accorded Mr. Reeves for his long and valuable services to the society by the President, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, and Mr. R. Cartwright. At this juncture the Ven. Archdeacon was obliged to leave—to whom a hearty vote of thanks was given for his presence—he having another appointment to keep. Mr. J. S. Pritchett was elected to the chair. Mr. J. E. Groves was elected Ringing-Master. Several new names were submitted for membership, among which was that of the daughter of Mr. Roland Cartwright. The following three places were chosen for the next quarterly meetings: Smethwick, Christ Church (West Bromwich), and Great Barr. The meeting terminated by a vote of thanks to Mr. Pritchett for occupying the chair.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Central Division was held at Chailey on Saturday, July 4th. The bells were raised at 3.30, and ringing kept up till 5.15, when a short service was held, the Rector (Rev. H. L. Jellicoe), giving a very good address. At 5.30 the party, numbering by this time about thirty, went down to the rectory to tea at the kind invitation of the Rector. The tea was prepared on the lawn in front of the rectory, which is a fine old 16th century building, and having the very unique feature of being surrounded by a moat. The Rector in welcoming the Association, said he was anxious that his own band of ringers should join the Association, and he himself would set the example by becoming a hon. member. Tea being over, the usual short meeting followed. The minutes of the previous meeting being read and passed, the Hon. Secretary then proposed that the Rev. H. L. Jellicoe be elected an hon. member. This was seconded by Mr. K. Hart, and carried. Mr. Stalham proposed, and Mr. Merritt seconded, that the Rev. —. Weber, of St. Paul's, Brighton, be elected an hon. member, which was carried. The Hon. Secretary proposed the Little Horsted band of eight ringing members be elected; also Mr. A. Sinnock, of the Chailey band, which was carried. Mr. J. T. Rickman, of Southover, proposed, and Mr. K. Hart, of Brighton, seconded, that the next quarterly peal be

attempted at Southover, the method to be Stedman Caters, which was carried. Mr. Rickman then moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for allowing the use of the bells, and providing such a nice tea, remarking that if it was not for the co-operation of the clergy in ringing matters, the various Associations and Guilds would not have made the headway that they have done in recent years.

After this the party had a walk round the very picturesque grounds, and then again visited the tower, and kept the bells going till 8.15, when owing to the threatening aspect of the weather, most of the members made tracks for home. The towers represented during the afternoon were St. Nicholas and St. Peter's (Brighton), Crawley, Uckfield, Little Horsted, Eastbourne, Southover, Chailey, Burgess Hill, Rotherfield, and Lindfield.

### THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual festival of the above Guild was held in Eglosayle parish church on a recent Thursday. The arrangements were made by Canon Kempe, the diocesan secretary. A public luncheon was held in the schoolroom, at which about fifty were present, and the general meeting of the Guild was held, Mr. J. C. Daubuz presiding. A shortened form of evensong was conducted by the Vicar, and was attended by the ringers and others. Canon Rashleigh, Rector of St. Mabyn, gave a fitting address. He thought the great thing for them to remember was that their calling was sacred; they should always be improving and making their way more perfect. The instruments they used were sacred, having been dedicated to God's service, and were, therefore, part of the furniture of the church. The bells were rung in cases of joy to remind people to praise God for blessings received. They were rung in cases of sorrow to remind them that their comfort in grief and tribulation was in God. The ringer he thought, who would call the people to church and afterwards walk away when the service commenced, was not a bit better than the priest who would preach to the people, but not try to practice what he himself preached.

The offerings at both services were devoted to the Guild's expenses. During the day ringing by various bands of ringers took place on the splendid peal of eight bells, the following parishes of ringers being represented: Kea, Stratton, Fowey, and Eglosayle. Messrs. Ham, Hall, and Treganowan, ringers from Kea, received medals, ten out of the ringers at Kea now holding medals, which is very gratifying.

### AN HISTORICAL CHESHIRE CHURCH.

The grounds of Barthomley rectory and church lend themselves admirably for out-door gatherings. They are the most picturesque in this part of the country, and every year, on the occasion of the annual garden party, people travel great distances in order to have the privilege of a ramble round the delightful gardens, and a view of one of the finest historical churches in England. At Monday's garden-party there were 700 present, a most enjoyable time being spent. The proceeds are for the rehanging of the fine ring of six bells by Rudhall (1743), and the addition of two trebles. Some months ago Messrs. Taylor reported very unfavourably on the condition of the timber frame, which is in a shocking state. The cost of rehanging and augmenting will be £300. The bells have not been

rung for nearly a year. The Rector's parishioners and friends are rallying around him in his efforts to raise the required amount. The tower played a conspicuous part in the Parliamentary days, when it was besieged and fifteen of the parishioners put to death after having been smoked out by the kindling of thatch taken from the neighbouring cottages.

### COOMBEINTEIGNHEAD, DEVON.

On Saturday, June 27th, a very pleasant visit was paid to this village by members of the Exeter Ringers' Cycling Club, who for once let their cycles rest at home, as there was a very pleasant trip to be obtained from Teignmouth up the river to the above-named place by boat. On arrival, the church of All Saints was found to be in perfect order, and quite a model of what a church should be. The bells, a fine ring of six, going well, were soon ringing out Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to perfection, and a most enjoyable pull was had, after which a walk of about a mile through some very pleasant typical Devon country lanes brought the party to Stokeinteignhead, where is a ring of five bells, rehung some years ago by Stokes, of Stokes, of Woodbury. A start was made, but halfway up the old clapper of the tenor broke, owing to a very bad splice, although it had stood for 100 years, which was most remarkable. This put an end to anything like half-pull. The remaining bells were lowered in peal—a novelty for most of the band, and tracks were then made for home, which was safely reached.

### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 209.)

#### POINTS FOR PEALS.

The Hon. Secretary said there had been considerable correspondence over the question of "points." Personally he had no particularly strong feeling one way or the other, and had not taken any part in the correspondence. There was no doubt much that could be said on both sides of the question. Undoubtedly the aim should be to make ringing as good as it possibly could be, and he thought that since "points" had been given, there had been an improvement in this direction. Like most things there might be disadvantages, but he thought the advantages outweighed the disadvantages. No doubt "points" were harmless. He thought that those who took an interest in the welfare of the Association or Guild of which they were members, were selfish if they disagreed with "points." He thought that which conduced to the quality of ringing should be permitted, and that it would be unwise to discontinue "points," and he moved accordingly.

Mr. R. Story, who seconded, said from a long experience he considered a great deal of success in ringing was due to the system of points.

Mr. J. Griffin said the question to be considered was whether points depreciated ringing or not, and whether they brought about good striking. If the Council desired to have the Analysis, points must be continued. Mr. Attree must have spent hours of labour in preparing it before the matter was taken up by the Council, and he should, he was sure, have the support of the entire Council in expressing their thanks to Mr. Attree for the work he had done. Now that the Council had taken up the Analysis, he considered that points must be retained. The Midland Counties Association were very much in favour of this course, and he trusted that the Association of which the President was a member, might yet come at the top of the list.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said he had not a very strong opinion one way or the other. He had not entered into the correspondence on the lines that some had. The question he thought that required consideration was: do points degrade ringing, and he would ask how could it unless ringing degraded itself? Another

question was "overlapping." It was said that the Rev. F. E. Robinson went over the country ringing peals here and there, but it was not done for the value of "points." One great thing was to get correct figures to go upon, and he thought there was something to be said for the ringing of peals by local resident ringers. In the Norwich Diocesan Report it appeared that 97 peals out of a 100 were rung by local residents, leaving only 3 per cent. not so rung, which was only a small proportion. If they came however to London no doubt there was considerable overlapping. Unfortunately points did not take into account good or bad striking, neither did points allow for peals rung by a young band. A peal of Grandsire Triples by a young band might be of just as much value as a Surprise peal by an older band.

Mr. E. Barnett said he had no hesitation in saying that "points" for ringing were a mere farce. Ringing should be done for the love of the Art, and "points" should not enter into it at all. He believed almost every London ringer was against the whole thing. The best thing to be done would be to do away with a system which did no good.

Mr. A. T. King said he had no very strong views on the subject, but he thought "points" did encourage ringing. He had put the question before a meeting of some fifty or more members of the Association to which he was Secretary, and not one present had a word to say against it, therefore he could only come to the conclusion that they were satisfied, and he therefore considered it his duty to support their views. He hoped however that no one would be wicked enough to say that he encouraged people to ring peals because of "points," for peals would be rung, so far as he was concerned, "points" or no "points." He would admit that the whole thing was in a state of chaos, and wanted revising, for the points allowed did not fit in with one another.

Mr. R. A. Daniell said he agreed with Mr. Barnett, and did not consider there was any real use in "points."

The Rev. H. Law James said he was of opinion that the introduction of "points" had led to peal-snatching.

Mr. W. L. Catchpole said he failed to see what good "points" were. Certainly they were no encouragement to good ringing, and often no doubt led to peal-snatching.

Mr. A. Hughes said one great objection was that "points" did not tend to bring about ringing which was of interest to the outside public. When "points" were the aim, the ringing might often be indifferent in the striking.

Mr. C. Howard said he believed "points" often led to ringers going about getting the use of towers for peal-ringing and pushing other people out who were living in the district, so snatching a peal for some other Association than that to which the tower was affiliated.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett said there was no peculiar value in "points" after all. The Analysis only appeared once a year. Those who objected could easily turn down the page on which it appeared, or pass it over without taking the trouble to look at it. He did not see any very great objection.

The resolution to continue "points" was carried by 33 to 9.

### Correspondence.

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

FINAL TO MR. DAINS.

SIR,—When a person driven to his last ditch turns to mendacity, and attempts to squirm and wriggle out of his false position by imparting his own contradictory statements to his opponent it is time to close the correspondence. Mr. Dains is indeed in extremis, and as he is an old man I don't wish to pursue him any further, particularly so as in the past I held his opinions in great respect. It is useless to thrash a dead donkey, for notwithstanding his effusion in to-day's "BELL NEWS" he must be conscious that his evidence would not stand two minutes' cross examination. I quite expected that he would seize upon his letter because the figures 17,104 or 11,008 were not explicitly stated; but before I part company with this mathematical mountebank I will ask him to digest the following

queries: (1) Why did his letter of acknowledgement discuss long peals if he had only received 5000s? (2) Why did he state in his first reply that his "memory only recalled ONE peal, and that a 5088," when in to-day's "BELL NEWS" he says—(3) "It proves the receipt of two peals, 5024 and 5088"? Surely Mr. Dains will give your readers the credit of common sense. They will not require the help of a Sherlock Holmes to see that Henry D. is on the rocks and don't know how to get off except by saying "he flatly contradicts." If Mr. Henry Dains can solve the above queries to the satisfaction of his conscience he will be entitled to all the peace of mind he can get. In conclusion I beg to thank the members of the Central Council for rectifying the wrong as far as it was possible for them to do. Especially are we indebted to the good offices of the Rev. F. E. Robinson and the Rev. Law James. Although it may be fairly assumed that the first duty of delegates is to defend the interests of those whom they are supposed to represent—and the M.C.A. deputies were in the Council Chamber—it was left to the reverend gentlemen to take the initiative and do us justice. For this we thank them and are grateful.

WILLIAM WILLSON.

P.S.—The peal composition of - - -

ought to be copyrighted by Mr. Dains at once, for I see in "THE BELL NEWS" he has the audacity to claim it! One would have thought it impossible in these days for either novice or professional to pretend that the conversion of a five-part touch into a three-part peal by the omission of a bob constitutes something new. H. D. ought to know if he does not that it has done duty in nearly every method since the days of Annable, and Soltanstaal, page 253.

W. W.

#### LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

SIR,—You hardly report correctly what I said on the above subject at Cambridge. I did not speak as if I had any doubt as to whether such a method as London Royal existed. I was fully convinced, and said so plainly, that there is no such method. I am therefore glad that the resolution was carried, but when this man was advocating the claims of one method, and that man of another, it seemed to me only right to point out that if you adopted anyone you would only be putting out one method which is not London to put in another which is equally not London. That the Stepney method is London I have never held, and I did not suggest that it should be called "Lindoff's variation." I mentioned another man's suggestion to point out that I could not consider it altogether satisfactory.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

#### THE PEAL AT HARPENDEN.

SIR,—While congratulating the local band on their three different Surprise Major peals rung with locally trained ringers, I may perhaps inform them that the same feat has been accomplished by the St. Thomas's company, Helmschore, Lancashire. Personally I should think there are many local companies who have been equally successful. However, so far as the Helmschore ringers are concerned I can speak with certainty. I may also add that Bristol Surprise may in the near future be scored by a local band.

J. H. BANKS.

#### A CORRECTION.

SIR,—I notice in your last issue the footnote to the peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells at Guildford reads "first double-handed peal of Grandsire by the Winchester Diocesan Guild." This is an error. The first was rung at Brighton (Holt's ten-part) on Thursday, March 18th, 1897, by Messrs. Frank Bennett, George Williams conductor, Keith Hart, Harry Weston, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" March 27th, 1897, page 648, as the first double-handed peal by the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

GEO. WILLIAMS.

#### RINGERS WEDDING AT BLETCHLEY.

The parish church at Bletchley was attended with an interested congregation on Whit-Monday, June 8th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Harry Sear, eldest son of Mr.

Valentine Sear, of Bletchley, and Miss Beatrice Alice Irons, second daughter of Mr. William Irons, of Bletchley. The service was choral, the hymns sung being 'O God our help in ages past,' and 'Love divine all love excelling.' Miss Giles, daughter of Lieut.-Colonel P. B. Giles, played the Wedding March. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of Drayton, Berks., assisted by the Rev. F. W. Bennett, Rector of Bletchley. The bride was given away by her father, and was accompanied by Miss Kate Irons (sister of the bride), and Miss Alice Sear (sister of the bridegroom). Mr. Walter Sear, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The Rev. F. W. Bennett gave the bridal party an address, remarking—"Harry, you and your family have been connected with this church for years past, and I notice in this churchyard you are a relative of an honest and upright man, and I hope you and Beatrice Alice will still continue to serve your connections for years to come."

Mr. Harry Sear is the leader of the ringers, and on this event, Mr. Ephraim Marks and other ringers did not let it pass, but presented him a silver cruet, and said he hoped they would both accept it, and that he would still continue to be their leader.

Mr. Sear replied, saying he should always come among them, as he had always done, and was always happy in the belfry with his brother-strings.

Mr. James George, of Rugby, gave a very nice present, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Sear a long and happy life.

#### THE TWENTY-FOUR.

"In these degenerate days it is worthy of note that he was the father of twenty-four children."—C. E. B. in "THE BELL NEWS" June 20th, 1908.

Along life's road I've jogged content,  
Oft seen the dark clouds lower,  
Thanked Providence had never sent  
Me children twenty-four.

Poor Jacob I thought handicapped,  
With his twelve sons or more,  
I'd rather be like Esau trapped,  
Than have twenty-four.

Degen'rate days! forsooth I find  
Too many idle poor;  
Where there is work for one assigned,  
There's always twenty-four.

Besides, who'd ask me home to tea?  
They'd bid me *au revoir*,  
Lest I should bring the family—  
My wife and twenty-four.

The landlord, too, might have a swoon,  
When I sought a house or floor;  
He'd post me to the guardians soon,  
Had I the twenty-four.

In limitation peace is found,  
Not with increase or store;  
Give me one quiet rood of ground,  
Than cares of twenty-four.

I've rang the wedding bell at noon,  
A knell the following hour;  
Our joys and sorrows come too soon,  
Without the twenty-four.  
G. F. M.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 1908.

## ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

Wednesday, April 22nd, was a veritable red-letter day in the history of Rotherfield, for on that date the newly-augmented peal from five to eight bells were re-opened. Some time ago it was suggested that something should be done with the old bells, as they were going very badly. As the tenor was a good bell, about 24 cwt., it was considered advisable to make them into a ring of eight, and through the generosity of Mr. Burt, a local resident, the matter was placed in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who advised the recasting of three of the old bells, adding three new trebles, and rehanging the whole in a new iron frame. The above-named firm have made a thorough good job of it, and the grand result of their work was the theme of every one. Through the efforts of Mr. Martin a mixed band of the Sussex County Association were invited to open them. 3.30 p.m. was the time fixed for the opening ceremony, but as there was a wedding at 2.30, the Rector very kindly allowed the bells to be rung, and then at 3.30 the opening ceremony was performed. The Rev. Canon Hoskyns, the Vicar of



Brighton, officiated, the interest shown by the residents being very great, as the church was packed to overflowing. After ringing touches of Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Bob Major, the ringers were very kindly entertained to tea at the village institute, which was greatly appreciated. After this there was some more ringing, and some talk of starting for a peal, but as there were many ringers about there it was thought better to come up again specially for the peal. Every one spoke most highly of the tone and "go" of the bells, which are certainly a credit to the Whitechapel firm.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 1, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK DAVIS .. .. Treble.	*ALFRED TURNER .. .. 5.
HORATIO GUMMER .. .. 2.	EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. .. 6.
FREDK. G. PERRIN .. .. 3.	ERNEST BRETT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BILLENESS .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

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

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 3, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD,

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

CHARLES JOHNSON* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. 5.
EDWARD EDMUND RICHARDS 2.	GEORGE HENRY DAYNES .. 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 3.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON 7.
THOMAS G. DEAL .. .. 4.	FREDERICK H. GOOCH .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD EDMUND RICHARDS.

\*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late W. J. Evelyn, Esq., J.P., "the Squire of Deptford."

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

On Saturday, July 4, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, UPPER CLAPTON,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR COLES .. .. 5.
CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
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Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Rung after meeting short for Cambridge Surprise This is the conductor's 400th peal.

### The Provinces.

#### BRAMPTON, HUNTS.

On Thursday, May 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being eight 120s each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Canterbury and Plain, and ten 120s of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

WM. MYALL .. .. Treble.	JAS. WOOLNOUGH .. .. 3.
FRED WATLING .. .. 2.	JAS. SPALDING .. .. 4.
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Conducted by JOHN LARTER.

#### DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. (DERBY BRANCH)

On Saturday, June 13, 1908, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD .. .. Treble.	CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 5.
WALTER WALLACE .. .. 2.	EDMUND WILLIS .. .. 6.
CHARLES E. HART .. .. 3.	SAMUEL MASKREY .. .. 7.
HAROLD INCKLE .. .. 4.	GEO. H. ROBINSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

This is the first peal on the bells since they have been rehung. It is also the first peal in the method on the bells, and was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Westerman, stepdaughter of the late Rev. J. S. Owen, who was a former Vicar of this parish.

#### BURSTOW, SURREY.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 25, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being seven 720s each called differently.

GEORGE W. WALDER .. Treble.	JOHN SHERLOCK .. .. 4.
ALBERT HARMAN .. .. 2.	PETER ETHERIDGE .. .. 5.
OLIVER SIPPETTS .. .. 3.	GEORGE F. HOAD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

#### HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 29, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lbs.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	W. HOBBS .. .. 5.
H. BOTTERILL .. .. 2.	H. J. TUCKER .. .. 6.
G. DENT .. .. 3.	W. TARLING .. .. 7.
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Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by F. PALMER.

First peal in the method as conductor.

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(THE ST. PETER'S COMPANY.)

On Monday, June 29, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON,

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

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

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

JOHN BATES .. .. Treble.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 4.
PERCY J. COOKE* .. .. 2.	CHARLES A. ROBINSON .. 5.
WILLIAM STAPLETON .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

Rung on St. Peter's Day. \*First peal with a working bell.

#### BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.

#### THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY, BANGOR.)

On Tuesday, June 30, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM CRANE, SEN. .. Treble.	MORRIS J. MORRIS .. .. 5.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES .. 2.	JAMES H. MIDWINTER .. 6.
WILLIAM CRANE, JUN.* .. 3.	ALBERT J. HUGHES .. .. 7.
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Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS, and Conducted by A. E. PEGLER.

\*First peal of Major. This peal is now rung for the first time.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 1, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S TEN-PART (No. 2.) Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Treble.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 5.
JAMES KEMP† .. 2.	WILLIAM E. BASKILL .. 6.
JAMES BAXTER .. 3.	WILLIAM STORY .. 7.
GEORGE HANDLEY† .. 4.	*JOHN MCKEAG .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

\*First peal. †First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to the Royal Show in Newcastle.

## SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, June 30, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

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R. WILFRED COLLIER .. 3.	JAMES A. DIXON .. 7.
CLEMENT GLENN .. 4.	*ERNEST CUTSFORTH .. Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY F. PALMER.

\*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to James A. Dixon, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## EYNSFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 3, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWARD BATES† .. Treble.	GEORGE H. KITE .. 5.
ISAAC EMERY .. 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 6.
THOMAS BOOKER .. 3.	REUBEN BALDWIN .. 7.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.* 4.	WILLIAM WEST .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

\*First peal. †First peal on eight bells.

## ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Treble.	RICHARD MORGAN .. 5.
HEBBERT WOOD .. 2.	CHARLES WILKINS .. 6.
GEORGE POVEY* .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 7.
JOHN WHEADON .. 4.	*WILLIAM SMITH .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

\*First peal in the method.

## MALDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM CHALK, SEN.* .. Treble.	ALFRED GOZZETT .. 4.
THOMAS C. GOZZETT .. 2.	HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 5.
FRED CHALK .. 3.	ARTHUR EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

\*First peal.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 6, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED F. HILLIER .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY .. 5.
JAMES KEMP* .. 2.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 6.
JAMES BAXTER .. 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. 7.
GEORGE HANDLEY .. 4.	ROBERT RICHARDS .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOSEPH KEEN.

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

## ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 6, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

WALTER BARRETT .. Treble.	OLIVER BROCK .. 5.
JAMES BETTS .. 2.	ERNEST POPPY .. 6.
JAMES TANN .. 3.	CHARLES BRICE .. 7.
FREDERICK BORRETT .. 4.	FREDERICK SMITH .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by C. BRICE.

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(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, July 6, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER .. Treble.	AUSTIN GREGORY .. 5.
GEORGE JONES .. 2.	JAMES V. WRIGHT .. 6.
EDWARD HARRISON .. 3.	JAMES MORGAN .. 7.
ROBERT SPERRING .. 4.	JOSEPH GRIFFITH .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES V. WRIGHT.

Rung to welcome their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales on their visit to Chester.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The handbell peal rung at Guildford reported last week, was rung by the Holy Trinity Society.—We have still a report of a peal rang at Barton Seagrave, without the name of the conductor. Will Mr. Hobbs kindly supply this information?—Mr. F. J. Mynard writes:—"The ringer of the treble in the peal rung at Clifton Reyes on Saturday, June 20th, and published in 'THE BELL News' of July 4th, was F. Boswell, not W. Sharp. I am sorry to have made such a mistake."

## Date Touches.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

FLEET.—On Monday, July 6th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1908 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins., being 720 College Single, 720 Double Court, and 468 Plain Bob. T. Copeland, Rev. C. J. Sturton, H. V. Fletcher, A. Campling, G. R. Truss, J. B. Halifax conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late J. W. Oliver, who in his younger days was a choirman and ringer at this church, and who was interred on the above date.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BURSTOW (Sussex).—On Wednesday, May 13th, a date touch of 1908 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 9 mins. F. Voice, A. Wisdom, S. Kenward conductor, A. Harman, F. Sadler, J. Sherlock. Rung as a compliment to J. E. Newton, Esq., the donor of the treble bell, on the occasion of the birth of a son and heir.

**Miscellaneous.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

HILLINGDON.—On Sunday, June 28th, for evening service at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. A. Finch, J. Merrick, H. Waite, B. Prewett, R. E. Stavert, H. H. Chandler, E. Hancox conductor, W. Foster. First quarter-peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the 66th birthday of the tenor ringer.

**THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

PLYMOUTH.—On Tuesday, May 12th, for practice at Charles' Church, 324 Stedman Caters. E. W. Marsh, R. Dobson, F. Hockaday, G. Stroud, W. Rundle, W. H. Marsh, A. Wellington, W. G. Hiscott, G. F. Williams conductor, W. Greenwood.

THORVERTON.—On May 21st, at the parish church, 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Edworthy, Dr. C. de Marshall, J. A. Martin, E. J. Ridler, F. J. Milford, J. Ridler conductor, H. Corry, R. Ford. First 168 on the bells by a local band. At the same time, standing as above, when well on for a 336 the clapper of the tenor fell out.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, June 21st, for Divine Service in the morning at the church of St. Mary Magdalen, 672 Cambridge Surprise Major. F. Borrett, A. Smith, C. Baker J. Allen, C. Roope, A. Roope, W. Roope, F. Roope.

HILGAY (Norfolk).—On Sunday, July 4th, at All Saints church, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major came to grief after ringing 1344 changes. F. Borrett, W. Bacon, H. Robinson, W. Goodrum, J. Doughty, J. Mardell, G. Cox, A. Ferguson.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

HERSHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, June 28th, for evening service, 1248 Double Norwich, in 41 mins. F. G. Woodiss, A. Shepherd, G. Woodiss conductor, G. Edser, jun., C. J. Hamblin S. C. Hamblin, J. Emery, W. Shepherd.

GUILDFORD.—On Wednesday, June 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. H. Burdock, C. Willshire, sen., H. L. Garfath, A. H. Pulling, B. Chorley, R. Wood, C. Hazelden, G. Gunner.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

BLEWBURY.—On Sunday, May 31st, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Michael's church, 504 and 168 Grandsire Triples. G. Welch, T. East, F. James, E. Aldridge, C. Gregory, W. Grace, C. Grenough, T. Aldworth.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

TICKENHALL (Staffs).—On Wednesday, May 27th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Baseley, H. Hurdman, F. Godfrey, F. Shepherd, D. Cotton, J. Hough conductor. 360 Grandsire Minor. F. Godfrey, J. Hough, H. Sharpe, F. Shepherd, H. Hurdman, D. Cotton conductor. Also touches of College Single and Grandsire Doubles, L. P. Gough taking part.

DAYBROOK (Notts).—On Monday, May 25th, at St. Paul's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Mitchell, E. H. Mitchell, R. E. Clark, V. Gosling, J. Clark, A. Barrett, T. Bysouth, W. H. Peabody. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mitchell and Bysouth.

**THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Sunday, June 21st, for morning and evening service, three courses of Stedman Cinques. On Tuesday, June 23rd, for practice, seven course of Stedman Cinques. C. Bower, T. Jakeman, S. Wood conductor, J. Shaw, J. Wood, B. Thorpe, J. Booth, B. Gill, J. Mellor, A. Adams, G. Longden, M. Oldfield.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

CARLTON-IN-CLEVELAND.—On Wednesday, June 3rd, after the dedication service, 640 Kent Treble Bob. G. J. Clarkson,

W. Clarkson, J. W. Wright, J. G. Hall, H. H. Bowes, J. Clarkson, J. W. Whittle, T. Metcalfe. 576 in the same method. G. J. Clarkson conductor, J. G. Hall, H. H. Bowes, T. Beckwith, J. W. Wright, T. Mellanby, J. W. Whittle, T. Metcalfe. On Whit-Tuesday, the formal opening, 640 Kent Treble Bob. W. Pick, J. G. Hall, J. Clarkson, T. Metcalfe, G. Park, A. W. Barrett, J. W. Whittle, T. Stephenson conductor. And 504 Grandsire Triples. A. W. Barrett, J. G. Hall, W. Pick, T. Metcalfe, R. Robinson, R. Pounder, T. Stephenson conductor, Dr. Pauli.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**

NORTON.—On Sunday, June 21st, for morning service, 240 each of Violet, Woodbine and Oxford. H. B. Harding, W. C. Taylor, J. E. Wheeldon, W. C. Deane, B. Pegg conductor, F. T. Dawson. For evensong, 720 Violet. J. F. Ryles, W. C. Taylor, J. C. Taylor, J. E. Wheeldon, W. C. Deane, F. T. Dawson conductor.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

PENGE.—On Tuesday, June 30th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. G. Conn, E. Podger, H. Edwards, E. A. Hull, G. Wickens, E. Wigg conductor.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

MILVERTON (Somerset).—On Thursday evening, June 4th, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Andrews, jun., H. Norman, R. Scott conductor, F. Norman, W. Chapman, A. J. Andrews, W. Andrews, sen., R. Chapman. Mr. J. S. Allen, who is an honorary member of the above, kindly entertained the ringers at his house to a good supper.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, May 3rd, at Bishop Ryder's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. W. Bryant, T. Collinson, J. Whiteside, W. F. Webb, J. Collett, J. T. Perry conductor, G. A. Taylor, A. Gardner.

DEVONPORT.—On Sunday, June 7th, for evening service at the Dockyard Chapel, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Woodley, G. H. Myers, A. Wellington, W. Rundle, G. F. Williams, A. E. Tomlins conductor, W. Ford, J. Gillett.

HEATHFIELD (Sussex).—On Sunday, July 5th, for evening service at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 46 mins. J. Collins, O. Collins, J. Taylor, W. Booth, C. C. Cox conductor, J. Lavender.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Saturday, May 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Seymour, A. Hull, F. C. Rice, T. J. Hull, R. A. Kirby, H. G. Lightfoot, E. P. Debenham, L. Westell. Rung in honour of the wedding of E. D. Livermore, a member of the St. Peter's Society.

SOUTHOVER (Lewes, Sussex).—On Sunday, May 17th, at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Richardson, G. H. Sturt, E. J. Pannett, F. S. Sturt, A. S. Langridge, A. J. Turner conductor, R. J. Dawe, F. Gregory.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 31st, at St. John's church, South Hackney, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. T. Cranfield, F. C. Newman, R. Sanders, W. Theobald, W. Truss, S. J. Bird, G. Scambler, A. J. Neale. On Sunday, June 7th, at the church of St. John-at-Hackney, for morning service, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Dorrington, F. Rumens conductor, T. Page, W. B. Manning, Arthur Coles, Albert Coles, H. C. Alford, E. J. Webb.

YORK TOWN (Surrey).—On Sunday, June 7th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering. F. Mustow, H. W. Boyles, W. Philmore, C. H. Pearce, J. B. Hesse, G. Miles conductor, J. Martin, T. Kemp.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.) — Meetings for practice will be held at St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on July 16th and 30th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 21st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 23rd; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 13th and 27th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 14th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 16th; all at 8 p.m. A district meeting will be held at Beddington to-day, Saturday, July 11th. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tea at The Plough hotel at 5 o'clock, where a social meeting will also be held at 8 o'clock. All members and friends will be heartily welcomed.

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 Speldhurst to-day, Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at 6 o'clock (free) at The George and Dragon inn, followed by business meeting. By kind permission of the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon, the rectory grounds will be open to members.

W. LATTEK, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
26, Dukess Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**Central Northamptonshire Association.**—A special meeting will be held at Raunds to-day, Saturday, July 11th, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the above Association. Bells ready at 2.30. Short service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Preacher—Rev. Hugh Bryan, formerly Vicar of Raunds and founder of the Association. F. WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association. -Rossendale Branch.**—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, to-day, Saturday, July 11th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.  
Z. LORD, *Branch Sec.*

**The North Notts. Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Blyth to-day, Saturday, July 11th.  
B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Ely Diocesan Association. -Bedfordshire Archdeaconry.**—A meeting will be held at Sandy to-day, Saturday, July 11th. Bells available at 6 o'clock.

C. R. LILLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bedwas to-day Saturday, July 11th, at 4 o'clock.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, } *Hon. Secs.*  
JOHN W. JONES, }

**The Essex Association. -North-Eastern District.**—The next meeting will be held at St. Osyth to-day, Saturday, July 11th. Motor buses run from Clacton-on-Sea.  
ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
Coggeshall.

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—Members and friends will be cordially welcomed by the local ringers to a meeting at Heston on Saturday, July 18th. The old ring of six has been augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea provided free at 6.  
H. C. CHANDLER.

**The Lancashire Association. -Rochdale Branch.**—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head to all sending in their names not later than Wednesday, July 15th, to Mr. J. Partington, 23, York Street, Heywood. A good attendance is requested, as the committee are holding a meeting here on that date.  
JAS. JACQURS, *Sec.*

**Campsall (Doncaster).**—The Pontefract and Doncaster ringers propose meeting at the above village on Saturday, July 18th, for ringing practice, and, it is hoped, a stroll through the Squire's pleasure grounds, etc. Any ringer will be heartily welcomed. Cheap fares. Askern 1½ miles. Please write—W. Pearson, Plumber, Pontefract, so that tea can be arranged.

**Halifax and District Association.**—The annual meeting and eight-bell contest will be held at Ripponden on Saturday, July 18th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by July 13th.  
J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*  
302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

**The Lancashire Association. -Manchester Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7.  
W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Kent County Association. -Ashford District.**—A meeting of the above district will be held at Appledore on Saturday, July 18th. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. No allowances at this meeting, but tea at 1s. each can be arranged for all those who send in their names before Wednesday, July 15th, to  
C. TRIBE, *Hon. Sec.*  
British School Villas, Tenterden.

**The Ashton-under-Lsne Society.**—The members of this society will hold their next quarterly meeting at St. James's church, Whitfield, Glossop, Derbyshire, on Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock.  
CHAS. BOWER, *Sec.*

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will be held at Buckingham on Monday, July 20th. Service in the parish church at 12, preacher—Rev. W. L. Harnett, M.A., Rural Dean. Business meeting in the small Town Hall at 12.45. Dinner in the large Town Hall at 1.45, chairman—the Right Hon. Lord Addington. Dinner tickets at 2s. each, will be forwarded to those members only who send the money with the order, and their ringing qualifications to me on or before Monday, July 13th, and the whole amount will be refunded to change-ringing members, and 1s. each to probationers present at the dinner. A. E. REEVES, *Festival Secretary.*  
277, London Road, Reading.

**The Kent County Association. -Lewisham District.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hayes on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. with address by the Rev. G. Clowes, Rector. Tea in the schools after the service, followed by business meeting, the Rector presiding. Half-fares up to 2s. allowed. Names of those who wish for tea must reach me by July 21st. T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. -North and West**

**District.**—A meeting of this Association will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, July 25th, by kind permission of the Rev. S. F. L. Barnays. The bells will be raised about 4.30 p.m. All members and friends of the Association will be welcome.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will (p.v.) be held at Hyde on Saturday, July 25th. The following towers will be open as stated on the circulars: Stockport, St. Mary (10), and St. George (10); Reddish (8); Haughton (6); Hyde (8); Holy Trinity, Stalybridge (8); Mottram (8). Service at St. George's, Hyde, at 3.15, at which the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, of Bishop Auckland, will preach. Tea at 4.15, price 9d. to members, and 1s. 6d. to hon. and non-resident members and visitors. Tickets, for which early application is asked, can be obtained from the Branch Secretaries.

REV. A. T. BRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

*New Mills.*

**The Surrey Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, July 25th. The bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at The Six Bells inn at 5.30. CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

## AN APPEAL.

The members of the Keighley society have opened a subscription list for the cause of one of their ringing brethren—J. McGoun—who has the misfortune to lose the use of one of his legs, the foot of which has been just amputated. He has been unable to use the limb now for a matter of eight months. The above company therefore beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country on his behalf. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 34, Hill Street, Keighley, Yorkshire, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS."

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**In Memoriam.****GEORGE SMITH.**

A typical ringer of the old school has passed away in the person of George Smith, for forty-five years a member of the company who used to practice at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. He had been ill only a few weeks, and the news of his death, which occurred on Monday, June 22nd, in his 64th year, came as a surprise to many. He was buried in Norwich Cemetery in the presence of a few ringers, the arrangements being made and carried out by his old ringing friend and namesake, Samuel Smith. George Smith, when in his prime, was undoubtedly one of the finest heavy-bell ringers that ever stepped on a tenor-box, and he was also a keen and expert double-handed ringer. Blessed with a good physique, he handled a big bell with consummate ease and grace. Many a

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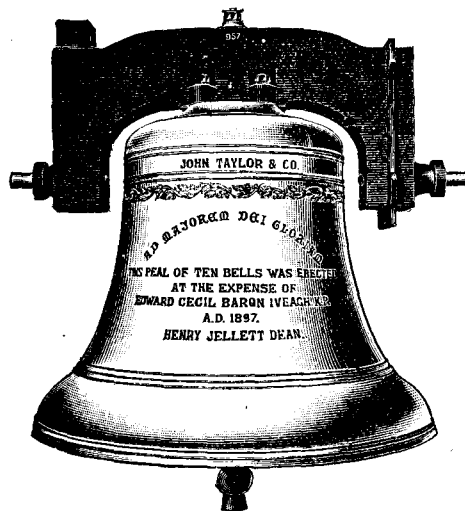
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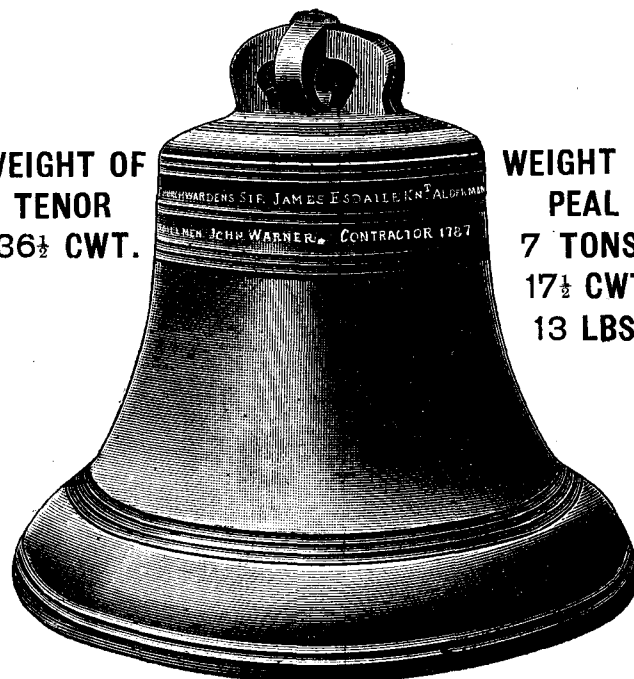
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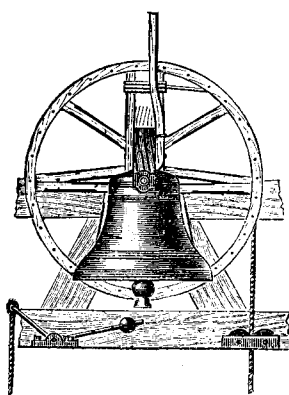
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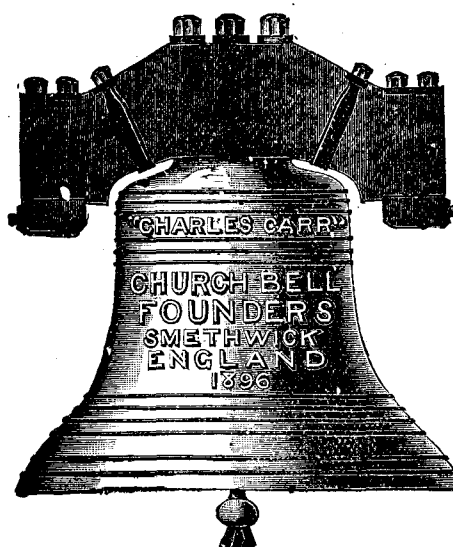
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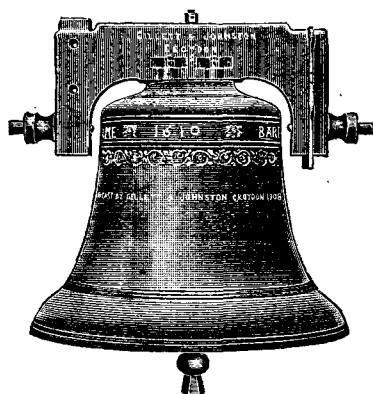
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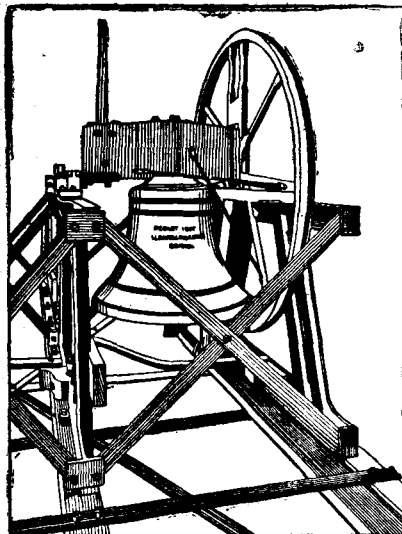
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## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT ALMONDBURY, MAY 23, 1908.

Many will agree that there are gatherings of the Exercise at which the smoothness of the proceedings and the enjoyable quiet of the whole form the chief features of the day; further, when this is so, it becomes quite impossible to adequately describe the hundred and one well-considered details which contribute their quota—such was the case at Almondbury.

A hill-top village, standing above Huddersfield, over which it seems to peacefully mount guard, it appears to have had an ancient castle, and rumour has it that the chief constable of the town aforesaid still comes up to be sworn in at Almondbury, so some sort of silent authority clings to the place.

The church, a well-cared for structure, dates back to about 1475, with very interesting registers (from 1557) and the quaintest of quaint parish accounts, from which one may glean a list of neighbouring animals that most disturbed the peace, from the amounts distributed to the executioners thereof. In a rude chest in the church are safely stored measures—liquid and dry—which again suggests an authority in the past. Here again, we have an incised slab to the memory of a neighbouring magnate, in full armour, with a date of 1574, but the most characteristic relic is a scroll, carved in oak, which runs round the base of the roof in the interior of the nave, bearing date 1522. Here, in quaint poetical language, and with the odd (to us) spelling of the period, the Saviour has addressed, as it were, the readers of the last four centuries, calling on them from the cross to witness His sufferings, and, on reflection, to repent; a promise of reward being given therefor. Unfortunately for the passing visitor, the dark oak makes him wish that the lettering could be picked out in gold, for unless with a very favorable light, it is nigh well lost in shadow. But the keen archæologist is not to be balked, for he will bring fieldglasses to bear on it, lying on his back on the floor of the church, and to him is then revealed many other quaint carvings in the bosses of the panelled roof, which are doubtless of the same date. These latter are found to be in keeping with the subject-matter of the text, which would best be described as a word-picture of the Crucifixion. So interesting is the old pile that it is difficult to turn away from it; originally the one church of a large parish, it now boasts of some twelve neighbouring daughters, and there we fear we must leave it.

A substantial tea was served in the church schools to some 250 visitors, a kindly and novel feature in the proceedings being the attendance of the choir, who lustily sang a series of part songs during the whole of two teas. The numbers present forced this division, and a gave good opportunity to the vocalists of showing the sustaining power of Yorkshire voices—the county's reputation was in good hands, and it came out with honours.

The business meeting followed, with the president in

the chair, supported by the Vicar, the Rev. C. D. Hoste, and the leading officers of the Association. The minutes of the previous meeting, at Beverley Minster, having been read and passed, the president mentioned the Selby Bell Fund, and expressed the Association's indebtedness to the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, of the Almondbury staff of clergy, for his kindness in taking up the post of hon. treasurer, adding that the officials of the society were worked to their limits in the ordinary affairs of their very large number of members, who now reach some twelve hundred odd.

Referring to the late Canon Wigram, it was reported that the Association's recent expression of regret sent to the family had been kindly acknowledged by being inserted in a very interesting memoir of the late Canon, better remembered possibly in the ringing world as the head of the Hertford County Association.

A reference to Mr. Clement Glenn's amiability in taking up the office of hon. secretary at the unanimous request of the committee, met with a hearty reception, it having been found by Mr. Pratt Cordingley, of Pudsey, impossible for him to devote the necessary time for the work.

The place of next meeting was left in the hands of the committee.

On the motion of the chairman, seconded by vice-president Bolland, a warm vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of his bells and school. Mr. Hoste, in replying, expressed the pleasure they all felt in welcoming the Yorkshire Association, and how very pleased they all were that the day was so propitious. He was sure they could not offer such bells as those at Beverley, but even with their smaller peal they at Almondbury were greatly interested in the art of change-ringing, and wished every success to the society in its work.

Similar votes were passed to the Rev. R. Phipps, Vicar of Kirkburton, an hon. member of the Association; to the Rev. A. H. W. Ridsdale, Vicar of Lindley; and to the Rev. G. C. B. Madden, Vicar of Armitage Bridge, for the use of their respective rings of bells; and also to J. A. Brooke, esq., for throwing open his gardens at Fenay Hall to the members.

The best thanks of the Association were then passed to the local committee, and the ladies who had assisted and presided at the tea-tables. To this Mr. Tyrwhitt-Drake suitably replied, adding that one and all had endeavoured to do their best to make the members enjoy their visit, and if they had succeeded they at Almondbury were amply repaid. A vote of thanks followed to the choir for their kindness in providing the musical part of the proceedings at tea, complimentary reference being made to Mr. Jenkinson their leader, for undertaking so arduous a task through two sets of visitors at the tea tables. Thanks to the chairman then ended a most enjoyable meeting, which in every way upheld the high standard of those of the Yorkshire Association, and proved beyond any doubt the sterling capacity of the local committee at Almondbury for making successful arrangements.

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## CARLTON-IN-CLEVELAND, YORKSHIRE.

Wednesday, June 3rd, was a great day in the annals of Carlton, the pretty, old-world village nestling beneath the Cleveland Hills, three miles beyond Stokesley, for then took place the dedication of the new ring of eight bells which has been placed in the tower of the parish church. Few churches in this district, rich as it is in ecclesiastical relics and traditions, have a more interesting history than that of St. Botolph at Carlton. Built on the site of an old Saxon church, it is dedicated to an Irish monk, who is said to have passed through Carlton village in the sixth century. In 1881 the church was burnt to the ground, and the then Vicar was placed on trial on a charge of incendiarism. Now a beautiful church has arisen over the ashes of the old. It is in Mr. Temple Moore's, the eminent architect's, most pleasing style, and has cost upwards of £3000. Those responsible for the restoration were wise enough to include, in the design, a strong and substantial tower, in order to hold a ring of eight bells, although at the time it was never expected that they would come so soon. The bell fund had a very humble, almost haphazard origin. Some four years ago a bazaar was held at Bunby Hall with the object of clearing the debt on the church, and a small surplus accruing, it was decided to utilise it as a nucleus for the bell fund. It was augmented from time to time by various subscriptions. Then the idea of a wheat bell was started by the Vicar (the Rev. J. L. Kyle), and many farmers and others who did not care to give money gave a bushel or more of wheat as a thankoffering for the good wheat years of 1905 and 1906. Then followed the idea of "the children's bell," to which many parents gave in their children's names. The money raised in the village by means of subscriptions, sales of work, etc., was allocated to the "village bell," and the money given by others outside the village to the "strangers' bell." Thus half the peal was accounted for, and afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Gjers, who, throughout, by their influence and kindness, have helped the cause in all manner of ways, gave the three largest bells, and the Vicar and Mrs. Kyle presented the last bell as a thankoffering for their youngest daughter.

The bells were cast by Messrs. Taylor, and are perfect alike in tone and workmanship.

The dedication service commenced at 6.45 p.m., long before which hour every seat in the church was occupied, and many were compelled to stand. The Lord Bishop of Beverley, the Vicar and neighbouring clergy, and the choristers (including white-robed girls, boys and men) assembled at the schoolroom, and walked in procession to the church, and at their entry the hymn "Onward christian soldiers" was sung. During the service Mr. W. Jones, of Middlesbrough, sang a sacred solo, and at the conclusion of the service a joyous peal was rung on the bells by members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association from Ormesby, Stockton and Stokesley.

On Whit-Tuesday, the formal opening took place under the auspices of the above Association, when ringers turned up from Darlington, Chester-le-Street, East Witton, Hemingbrough, Ormesby, Middleham, Sharow, Shildon, Skelton, Stockton and Stokesley. These were entertained to lunch at The Fox and Hounds to the number of thirty, with Mr. Churchwarden Middleton in the vice-chair, who expressed his hearty pride and interest in the fact that Carlton with its 250 inhabitants possessed a ring of eight bells, and looked forward to the time when they would be as proud of the ringers as they now were of the bells.

The Vicar, the Rev. J. L. Kyle, also extended a hearty

welcome to the assembled company, any of whom would be welcomed in the future whenever they chose to come.

Tea was afterwards provided at The Wild Ox by L. F. Gjers, esq. During the day the bells were handled in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. The day was kept as a gala day in the village, sports being provided and a pageant procession passing through the village about 6 p.m.

## TRURO CATHEDRAL.

Building operations in connection with the western towers of Truro Cathedral are now in full operation, and the south-west tower is five feet above the corbel course, or the termination of the former work. The estimated cost of the two towers is about £17,000, and it is calculated that the work will take two years to complete. Fifty-four men are engaged preparing and fixing stone, thirty of whom are acknowledged granite and Bath stone banker masons, and over 200 tons of building material are on the site. Messrs. Willcock and Co., the contractors, have fixed a most up-to-date plant, including a steam hoist, stone saws, mortar mixers, etc., and all the stone, etc., will be prepared on the site, a large quantity being now ready for fixing. A semi-private ceremony will be held shortly to ask God's blessing on the work and lay the memorial stone, and it is hoped that Mrs. Hawkins will attend the ceremony. The preparatory work in connection with the framing for the bells is well in hand, and the design of the north-west tower has been somewhat modified in order to strengthen the base for the reception of the peal of ten bells, which are being cast by Messrs. Taylor. The tenor will be 30 cwt.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27th, a meeting of this Guild was held at Sefton, near Liverpool, when about sixty members were preseat from Aughton, Crosby, Bootle, Halsall, Southport, Rainford, Tue Brook, Wigan, and the local company. Some excellent touches in different methods were rung, the bells being in excellent going order. By the kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. H. M. Wells, an excellent tea was partaken of.

The business meeting was afterwards held under the chairmanship of the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, supported by the Revs. E. C. Collier, A. F. Bartlett, H. M. Wells, and Messrs. Martin, Short, Smith, etc. The business was of the usual routine character; a financial statement being given by Mr. Martin, and a humorous speech by the Rev. E. C. Collier.

Several new members were elected, after which the usual vote of thanks brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

Mr. S. Hopgood, of Crosby, who has retired after being a ringer for forty years, was presented with a purse of gold of the value of £19, as a mark of esteem and respect.

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## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The monthly meeting of this Guild was held at Berkswell on Saturday in very delightful weather. The Rector (Rev. H. C. A. Back), who is vice-president of the Guild, entertained the members at tea on the beautiful lawn of his residence, which was much appreciated and enjoyed by all. There were present the following officers of the Guild: Messrs. Adams, Dickens, Flowers, Martineau, Pinford, Watson, White, Smallwood, and Coleman, and about thirty members and friends representing the towers at Allesley, Barston, Berkswell, Emscote, Nuneaton, Rugby, Solihull, Stoke-in-Coventry, Warwick, and also ringers from Birmingham and Coventry. The bells commenced ringing at 3.30, and touches of Stedman, Grand-sire, Kent and Treble Bob, and Bob Minor. Several new members were elected.

Mr. Coleman proposed, and Mr. Flowers seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. H. C. A. Back and Mrs. Back, for so kindly entertaining the Guild. It was considered by all present the most successful meeting of the Guild since its formation.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Bedwas on Saturday, July 11th, and was fairly well attended by representatives from Llandaff, Cardiff, Newport, Caerleon, Merthyr, Bedwellty, etc. Prior to the meeting, the bells were raised, and touches of Minor, also Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. At 4 o'clock a short service took place in the church, and an address was given by the by the Rector, the Rev. George Thomas.

Immediately after the service, the meeting took place in the large vestry, the chair being taken by the Rector. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and afterwards Instructors reports were taken. It was decided to continue the instruction both at Llanover and Bedwellty towers. The place for the next Monmouthshire meeting was next discussed, and it was decided that Monmouth be visited, and that a peal be attempted there during the morning prior to the meeting in the afternoon. Notice was given that at the next meeting the rules be read through with a view to re-adjustment.

Subscriptions were next paid, and after the usual vote of thanks to the chairman, the meeting closed. All were then invited to the rectory to tea, where it was found an excellent one was awaiting them. At the conclusion of tea a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells by Messrs. Clutterbuck, Butler, Jones, and Atwell, and then steps were again made for the tower, and ringing indulged in, which was brought to a close with a 720 of Bob Minor by J. Butler, F. Atwell, J. W. Jones, S. Dawe, F. Chamberlain, J. Clutterbuck conductor. This is supposed to be the first 720 on the bells. Thus concluded a very enjoyable meeting.

## WELLINGBOROUGH, KENT

Amid every token of respect and esteem the funeral of Mrs. W. E. Clapson took place at the cemetery on Saturday, June 27th. Mr. Clapson being an old member of the Wellingborough band, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect.

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## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The second monthly district meeting of the Derby district was held at Denby on Saturday, June 27th. Tea was partaken of in the schoolroom, about fifty members and friends being present. The Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Boissier, M.A., took the chair, being supported by Mr. M. Fryar, and also the Rev. —. Goodchild, of St. Andrew's, Derby. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, it was decided that Melbourne should be visited at the next monthly meeting.

The Vicar, in bidding the visitors welcome to Denby, said it gave him great pleasure to hear the bells so well and ably rung, and he hoped the time would not be far off when they might boast of having an efficient band of their own. In looking through the Association's report, he said that he was quite in sympathy with the object for which the society was formed, viz., to emphasise the important part the bells performed in the service of the Church, and that their office as church-workers should be fully recognised. In conclusion he wished to thank Captain Drury-Lowe, on behalf of the visitors, for his kindness and generosity in providing such a splendid repast.

Mr. M. Fryar, in responding, said he would personally convey the vote of thanks to Captain Lowe, who, he regretted, had not been able to be present.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells during the afternoon, which was suitably acknowledged, the Vicar promising to become an honorary subscriber to the Association. It is hoped that the local ringers may also be induced to join the society, and thus strengthen its ranks.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting was held at Willingham on Saturday, July 4th. A tea was given in the schoolroom by the Rector, the Rev. C. H. Crossley. Over twenty sat down. The Rector presided, supported by the Rev. T. E. Beckitt, Vicar of Over, Mr. P. Webb (district secretary), and others. Members were present from Cambridge, Over, and Ickleton, and the local company. Eight new members were elected.

It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Cottenham, the second Saturday in October.

Business over, the Rector kindly invited the ringers to take a stroll through the rectory garden, which was much appreciated, the chief feature being a rock garden. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of his bells, and for his kind hospitality. In reply, he said how pleased he was to welcome the Association to Willingham, and now that he and his ringers had joined them, he hoped to see them again before very long.

During the evening some good ringing was done. Over was visited, where some more ringing was accomplished, and thanks passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells. Barely time was left to catch the last train to Cambridge, the writer having to bike home twenty-three miles or more in the dark alone.

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## "MARBLETTE."

The practice of erecting tablets in the belfry as peal records is still very much in favor with peal-ringers. Many of these souvenirs are not such as to possess the slightest approach to artistic merit; neither are the majority of them entitled to commendation on the ground of imperishability. It is very strange that among the many tablets in existence, ancient and modern, the question of their permanence has in their inception revealed very little consideration. The determination to record the peal upon the belfry walls first arises, then the dimensions and character of the proposed peal-board would be discussed, and other trifling details, perhaps, but the question of its durability, its lastingness through remote periods, its imperishability in short, receive hardly a consideration. That attempts have been made here and there for such a purpose is true, but the plans adopted have not, to say the least, been successful. We have all heard of the copper slab which did duty for a peal-board, and some may have heard that this very "board" came to be missed. It may be safely said, therefore, that copper slabs are not safe things for belfry-tablets. Some who desire that the "peal-board" may continue for a long period, will discard altogether the use of any kind of wood for the purpose, and pin their faith to, and rest their hopes upon, an ordinary marble slab, upon which the record is generally cut in quite tombstone fashion. Vain hope, indeed. We have only to examine the specimens of this kind of record, to be of the decided opinion that they are complete failures, if permanence in such matters is regarded as an indispensable condition. The white marble slab, with its black funereal mounting, will stand, no doubt, but even then its life does not exceed that of a thick mahogany panel. And the record will vanish from the former material equally as soon, or sooner than from the latter.

The liking for peal-tablets will probably never die. There always has been a great ambition among ringers—the young ones especially—to have their names upon the belfry walls, showing some performance in which they have been engaged. The question which these remarks lead to is: "What is the very best material to employ for the purpose of making these records imperishable and permanent?" The answer is the head-line placed at the top of this article—"MARBLETTE." None but those who have seen this material have any idea of its adamant properties. It is practically impervious to decay. If we say it is like flint, it is because the word expresses durability and permanence. It never wears out or decays. The invention of the material, and the scientific mode of fixing the lettering desired, falls little short of the marvellous. The instances where companies of peal-ringers have obtained "Marblette" for a belfry tablet, with the beautifully-produced record thereon, has brought forth the most flattering encomiums. Peal-tablets of "Marblette" can be had to any size or shape, plain or ornamented. The process of manufacture lends itself to any design required, and the manufacturers of this sub-

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## STEDMAN TRIPLES.

BY THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

5040.

2314567	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
7614523	-	-		S	S		S		-	-
7326541	-	-		-					-	-
7316524			-	S	-		S		-	
7365412		S	S		S	-	S			
7316425	S		S	-	S	-	S	S		
7326451			-		-	-	S			S
7316254		S			-	-	-	-	S	-
5236471		S	S				-			-
5273416			-		-	S	-			
1562473		S	-		S		S			
4532716				S		-			-	
4536712	-	S	S	S		-	S		S	

Six times repeated.

This is the first peal of Stedman Triples ever produced in even equal parts all called alike. It is produced from 8 blocks, and so is divided into courses of ten sixes each, and every six-end is a regular six-end of one of the 8 blocks. Unfortunately it contains fourteen six-call sets, which cannot be broken up. In addition to these there are twenty-one four-call sets, seventy twin-call sets, and 170 single calls.

## BOB MAJOR.

Mr. W. E. White, of Cotgrave, Notts., is doubtful as to who is the composer of the following peal, and would be glad to hear something about it.

5056.

23456	W	B	H
45236	-		-
24536			-
53246	-		-
25346			-
32546			-
43265	-	-	-
24365			-
32465			-
63254	-	-	-
26354			-
32654			-

Three times repeated; single for bob half-way and end.

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## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

An interesting little ceremony took place on Monday evening, July 6th, in the belfry of Woodford parish church. The bells were then the heralds of joy and happiness, expressing themselves in London, York, and Cambridge Surprise methods. Ringers came from Leytonstone, Wanstead, Loughton, and other places to manifest their interest on the occasion of presenting to Mr. G. Black a handsome timepiece in commemoration of his recent marriage to Miss Waterhouse, of Buckhurst Hill. The Master, Mr. S. Hayes, in presenting the clock, asked Mr. Black, on behalf of those present, to accept it as a token of their esteem and appreciation of his past services to change-ringing generally. He knew all present wished his wife and himself much joy, trusting his new undertaking would not wean him of his devotion to change-ringing, or hinder his presence among those who had hitherto enjoyed his company.

Mr. Black, in feeling terms, thanked all for their generosity and kind wishes on behalf of his wife and himself. He should ever cherish not only the clock but the remembrance of the pleasant hours he had enjoyed with them in the past, and trusted the future would enable him to continue in their midst.

Mr. G. F. Margetson wished to echo the sentiments already expressed by Mr. Hayes, adding, Mr. Black had not only proved himself a capable ringer, but had elevated change-ringing by giving dignity and character to the Ringing Exercise.

Amidst the general expression of good-will and desires for Mr. and Mrs. Black's connubial felicities, the company then separated.

## 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. WILLSON.

SIR,—Kindly let me say "Well done, Mr. Willson, your final is good for me." But there are one or more statements I must criticise. In this last letter he queries why I should discuss long peals. My reply is I did not do so, as upon reference to my old letter he published I only referred to the Romford peal. He also says he has proved I had the long peal figures twice. This I deny in toto. I admitted having them once in my first letter, but this is not his proof, it is mine. In his first he boasted he had my letter of acknowledgement before him. This statement proved false when he published my old letter. Mr. Willson seems to make statements at random, draw inferences upon them, and then proceed to sum up, convict, etc., at will. He is qualifying for something where truth is no object I doubt. Here then we have three severe charges made against me which by his own showing are not worth the paper they are written upon, and yet it is upon these flimsy statements he has exhausted his vocabulary in abuse, put up his shutters and bolted, I suppose. In his last letter he says he expected me to catch on where I did. Bosh! as if so he would not have published my letter. He asks me to give your readers credit for common sense, which I really do. Now if he is really sincere in that request the wonder is he does not himself do so, instead of treating them to so much piffy argument as his letters contain, as nine-tenths of what he has said does not belong to the subject at issue. Now, Sir, if you go over Mr. Willson's letters you will find he has never said he sent me long peal figures. He draws inferences, and makes statements that are misleading and mischievous, and so when he talks of mountebanks it is a little amusing. In reference to the knotty points he mentions and wishes me to reply to, I shall return to those just when I deem

it proper, and not at the dictum of Mr. Willson. I consider I have exposed enough of his trumpery accusations or statements I am not intending to follow or take note of his schoolboy style of calling names, but let them run for what they are worth, but as he seems much exercised as to my age I will simply advise him to be careful of the next old man he takes on, and have a little more regard for the truth of his insinuations, so not again to get his fingers so severely rapped. Now concerning his long peal. His long peal I have never heard one word about, except that it was a good sound performance, and further, if Mr. Willson had sent me the figures, I should have had them before me, and they could not have been overlooked. I have no feeling in the matter, and so no ulterior views to satisfy. Lastly, he has a shot at my unique little composition, for the advertisement of which I ought to be grateful. But when he tells you it has done duty since the time of Annable he is out of depth and goes a bit wrong. I consider my self quite as good a student of Annable as Mr. Willson. But even if it has done many duties I don't mind, and may tell him he has not shown that anyone has put it to the use I have done, and so, Mr. Editor my claim will stand good, notwithstanding his insinuations. This reminds me I have another variation of the same peal, and I may say this is the second variation of peal No. 10 given in the Collection.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

5040.

23456 1 4 6

65324 - - 3

Fourteen times repeated, adding a bob at 1 to the second course of the fifth, tenth and fifteenth parts or divisions.

H. DAINS.

## A CHALLENGE.

SIR,—Some time ago I read in "THE BELL NEWS" a correspondence concerning the excellence of bellringing as an exercise. Now, Sir, I should like to make an offer to members of the Exercise. I have learnt the rudiments of ringing, and should like to find out to what extent it benefits people in an athletic sense. I have two brothers who pooh-pooh the idea of it being a good exercise, and they say that they don't suppose there is a bellringer in the world who can be in the least an athlete. The elder one says he is willing to prove it by beating any bellringer living in an athletic contest, containing one or all of the following tests: sprinting, jumping, hurdling, boxing, long distance running, swimming, club-swinging, wrestling, weight-lifting, or in fact any test of endurance the ringer might like to suggest. I am in a position to state that an opportunity will be offered at the Stadium, either private or public, to any ringer who cares to take up the challenge. Here is an opportunity, sporting in every way, for a member of the Exercise to make himself famous. I hope this challenge will be taken up in the same friendly spirit as it is offered.

JACOB SCANLON.

## Re HANDBELL PEAL AT GUILDFORD.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Williams, I will give my reasons why I claimed it as the first peal of Grandsire Triples rung double-handed by the Winchester Guild. If he will look in the Winchester Report for 1905, he will find a peal of Bob Major rung double-handed at Godalming on August 18th, 1904, being the first double-handed peal by the above Guild, and it was also duly recorded in "THE BELL NEWS" as such on August 27th, 1904. This performance was not disputed, as I naturally thought it was the first. But I have since looked up "THE BELL NEWS," and found a peal of Grandsire Triples rung double-handed at Brighton in 1897, by all Sussex men, and also rung for the Sussex Association, with a footnote to say—"This is the first peal double-handed by the Winchester Guild," but as it has not been recognised by the above Guild, I still claim ours to be the first.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1908.

WHETHER or not the correspondent who signs himself "Jacob Scanlon" at the bottom of his letter on another page is a true Hibernian, possessing the usual amount of native wit, we cannot say. He tells us he has read about the excellence of bell-ringing as an exercise, and is anxious to discover to what extent it "benefits people in an athletic sense." Then he makes a remarkable statement which will be productive of hilarity to the reader. He has an elder brother—he is not the only Jacob who has been thus blessed (or otherwise). This elder brother summons to conflict any living bell-ringer (he could hardly challenge a dead one) to an athletic contest in sprinting, jumping, hurdling, boxing, long-distance running, swimming, club-swinging, wrestling, weight-lifting, or any test of endurance the ringer might like to suggest. Evidently this formidable challenger is a kind of Admirable Crichton, but whether he has the modesty of that renowned champion is open to question. If however it can be helped, this mighty individual shall not be disappointed

of entering into combat. We will do our best to get a competitor to meet him in every one of the trials he has enumerated. And not only so, but that he and his brethren may see that we are anxious to deal with him fairly and squarely, before he enters the lists he shall be given five minutes' start.

Our correspondent lets out another story. He tells us he has two brothers who pooh-pooh the idea that ringing is a good exercise. Well they may pooh-pooh, and keep on pooh-poohing for ever if they like to do so. No reader of this paper will value their pooh-poohs one grain. Their opinions on such a matter is worthless, and their assurance in giving vent to them deserves a strong reprimand.

The art of ringing is an exact science. Its triumphs are not always to the strongest; it is an intellectual pursuit, wherein the comparatively infirm and aged can enjoy its practice, and the young and middle-aged gain benefit from it as a splendid vigorous exercise, both for body and mind. Can we say this for sprinting? Can we say that weight-lifting requires a retentive memory; or jumping requires the mental faculties to be unclouded and in full vigour? What is now known as Athletics, pure and simple, must not be compared with the intellectual art and science of change-ringing. Yet we have known ringers who have done great things from a simple athletic's point of view, and know them still. We should like to see how long the sprinter, and the jumper, and the boxer, and all the rest of them, would fare at the tenor of a heavy-going peal of eight in Treble Bob Major. We think some of their conceit would quickly go out of them.

We have under weigh a special article, entitled "The Bells of Beverley," which ought to prove attractive to our readers. This article will be illustrated by pictures printed on superior Art paper. We shall give further particulars later.

The report of the Central Council will be concluded next week.—As the season has arrived when the reports of ringers' outings reach us, we ask the compilers of same to be as brief as possible.—We again ask our friends to comply with the various regulations formulated for their own advantage, which will be found printed in our pages. If they disregard these they must look for disappointment.—Correspondents making enquiries must enclose with their letter a stamped addressed envelope if they want a reply.

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JOHN R. HAYMAN .. .. 4.	JOHN RICHARDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK J. DAVEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor-man, who has been captain of the club since its formation, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 6, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN ROBERTS .. .. .Treble.	GEORGE WOODHALL .. .. 5.
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. .. 2.	EDWARD CAUNCE .. .. 6.
GEORGE R. NEWTON .. .. 3.	*EDWARD GITTINS .. .. 7.
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. 4.	JAMES MARTIN .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

For calling see C.C. Collection, No. 100. \*First peal for twenty-five years.

## STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM GORDON, SEN. ..Treble.	RICHARD T. HOLDING .. 6.
J. H. MASON* .. .. . 2.	ALFRED GORDON .. .. 7.
J. H. RIDING† .. .. . 3.	WILLIAM GORDON, JUN. .. 8.
JAMES FERNLEY† .. .. 4.	ALLAN S. GORDON .. .. 9.
ERNEST WEATHERBY† .. 5.	GEORGE MARSHALL .. .Tenor.

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and Conducted by WM. GORDON, SEN.

\*First peal. †First peal of Caters. Further reference elsewhere.

## HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN BASS .. .. .Treble.	HORACE F. STREET .. .. 5.
FRANK WITHERS .. .. . 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. . 6.
VICTOR WHITE .. .. . 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. . 7.
JOHN WITHERS .. .. . 4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ROBERT MATTHEWS.

Rung after meeting short for London Surprise Major. This is F. Withers 50th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE .. ..Treble.	THOMAS RILEY .. .. . 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 2.	JESSE MOSS .. .. . 6.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 3.	JOHN FLINT .. .. . 7.
HARRY MOSS .. .. . 4.	GEORGE W. MOSS .. .Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by GEORGE W. MOSS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the band wishing him many happy returns.

## NESTON, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 11, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS METCALFE .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
ROBERT SPERRING .. .. 2.	*CHARLES COVENTRY .. .. 6.
JOHN TILLEY .. .. . 3.	WILLIAM BRISCOM .. .. 7.
JOHN W. DAVIES .. .. . 4.	*JAMES ROBERTS .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by C. COVENTRY.

\*First peal. First peal as conductor.

## STRANTON, WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

JOHN CHILTON .. ..Treble.	*ALBERT SIMPSON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PILLAR .. .. 2.	RALPH M. POUNDER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM NEAL .. .. . 3.	SAMSON T. WRIGHT .. .. 7.
THOMAS METCALFE† .. .. 4.	HENRY H. HANSON .. .Tenor.

Conducted by S. T. WRIGHT.

\*First peal. †100th peal First peal on the bells which were cast by Mears and Stainbank during the present year.

## PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1908, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT S. MITCHELL ..Treble.	PATRICK LARVAN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM O. TALBOT .. .. 2.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM VARLEY .. .. . 3.	GEORGE McHALE .. .. . 7.
PERCY JOHNSON .. .. . 4.	DAVID YORKE .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by E. A. RIDGEWAY, and Conducted by PERCY JOHNSON.

## Date Touches.

## CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ISHAM (Northants).—On Sunday, July 12th, a date touch of Minor, 1908 changes, being 720 of Oxford Bob and 1188 Plain Bob, in 1 hr. 5 mins. G. Blaxley, F. Andrew, F. Talbutt, W. C. Lewis, W. T. Wilson, E. M. Atkins conductor. The touch was rung to celebrate the conductor's 18th birthday, and is the first date touch and the longest length by an entirely local band on the bells.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FRENTHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, July 5th, after evening service, a date touch of Doubles, 1908 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins., being 480 Plain Bob, 480 Canterbury, 948 Grandsire. E. Day, C. Edwards conductor, E. Gorbett, W. Russell, F. Elliott, W. Deadman. This is the longest length of Doubles on the bells and by all the band. Rung as a firwell to the Rev. W. H. Moody, who is leaving Frentham to take up the living of Bentley.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Thursday, June 25th, 168 Stedman Triples, probably the first touch on the bells by an entirely local band. C. Edwards conductor, G. Upshall, F. Elliott, W. Lowman, A. Baigent, E. Newell, T. Upshall, W. Sherfield. On July 4th, 224 Bob Major, W. Mann, G. Upshall, A. Baigent, W. Lowman, W. Russell, T. Elliott, T. Upshall conductor, C. Edwards.

ASH (Surrey).—On Wednesday, July 3rd, 720 Double Court, 360 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire. W. Russell, G. Upshall, F. Elliott, T. Upshall, C. Edwards conductor. This is a very nice ring of five, tenor 8 cwt., and an effort is now being made to add a treble.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BARDFIELD.—On Monday, June 29th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Suckling, L. Wiseman, B. Pettit, H. Bowers, H. Cooper conductor, S. R. Roper. 360 Bob Minor. F. J. Fuller, C. H. Howard conductor, H. Bowers, F. Ely, J. Gould, S. R. Roper. 216 Double Court Bob. S. R. Roper, L. Wise, man, B. Pettit, H. Cooper, H. Bowers, C. H. Howard conduc



tor. Two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. C. H. Howard conductor, L. Wiseman, B. Pettit, S. R. Roper, H. Cooper, H. Bowers.

WETHERFIELD.—On Wednesday, July 8th, 360 Kent Treble Bob. H. Cooper conductor, L. Wiseman, B. Pettit, C. H. Howard, H. Bowers, S. R. Roper. 360 Bob Minor. H. Bowers, L. Wiseman, B. Pettit, F. Elä, H. Cooper, S. R. Roper conductor. 240 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Cooper, L. Wiseman, B. Pettit, C. H. Howard conductor, S. R. Roper, H. Bowers.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KINGS NORTON.—On Sunday, July 12th, for morning service, 824 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Williams, F. Sumner, A. Pritchett, T. Pritchett, F. Withers, J. Withers, J. Dowler, J. S. Pritchett conductor.

#### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PLYMOUTH.—On Tuesday, June 23rd, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. E. W. Marsh conductor, H. Rundle, F. Hockaday, G. Stroud, E. Tomlins, W. H. Hiscott, W. H. Marsh, W. Greenwood. And 501 Stedman Caters. E. W. Marsh, W. H. Marsh, F. Hockaday, G. Stroud, H. Rundle, E. Tomlins, A. F. Wellington, W. Hiscott, G. F. Williams conductor, W. Greenwood. Longest touch of Stedman Caters by residents.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON.—On June 7th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalen, 939 Stedman Caters. S. Wyatt, J. Routley, W. Bowden, E. Lloyd, P. Merson, J. Burge conductor, F. Sadd, G. Weaver, E. Wyatt, J. Fowler. This touch was rung for evening service and as a parting compliment to W. Bowden, who is leaving the diocese for Bedford.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON.—On Wednesday, June 24th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. T. Lawrence, A. Lawrence conductor, S. Palmer, G. Townsend, E. Bishop, C. J. Gardiner, A. Townsend, A. E. W. Smith.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LAVENHAM.—On a recent Friday evening, on handbells, the last two parts of the first half of Holt's ten-part. A. Symonds, 1-2; W. Fayers, W. R. J. Poulson, W. Dent, T. Pryke, S. H. Symonds, 7-8. Longest touch of Grandsire Triples by the 3rd, 4th, and 6th men.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNE.—On Monday, June 29th, at the parish church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Neal, A. E. Larkinson, A. S. Allen, J. W. Lake conductor, A. E. Larkinson, F. Blood, J. Osborne. This is the first 720 of Cambridge by the local band, and is believed to be the first rung in Lincolnshire by an entirely local band.

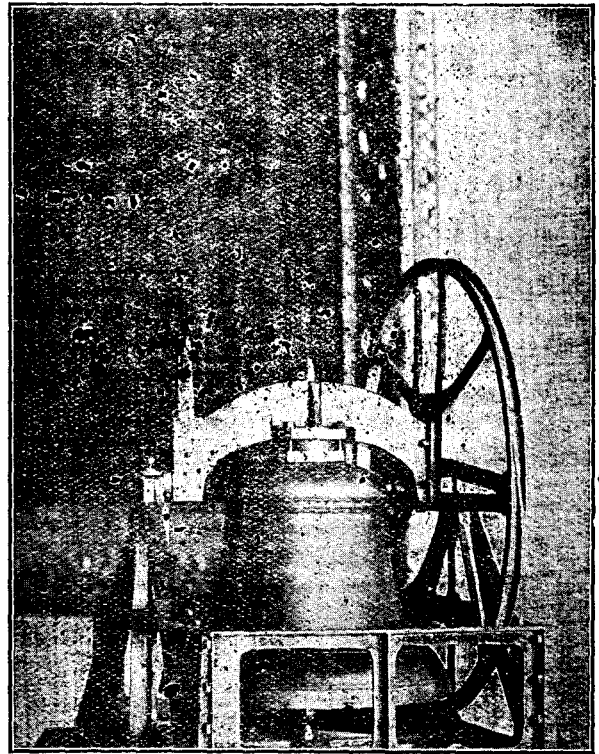
#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING.—On Sunday, June 7th, for Divine Service at St. Giles's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Durman, R. Bishop, G. Wheeler, C. Higgs, A. Burgess, G. Goodship, A. W. Osborne conductor, W. Dormer. Also 168 Stedman, E. Haynes ringing the 3rd. On Monday, June 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Durman, O. Gilbey, C. Higgs, G. Wheeler, R. Bishop, A. Burgess, A. W. Osborne conductor, A. Harding, 448 Bob Major. A. Harding, L. Green, O. Gilbey, E. Hughes, G. Irvine, J. Hands, C. Stone, A. W. Osborne conductor. 336 Stedman Triples, G. Essex ringing the 5th, conducted by A. W. Osborne. Rung on the occasion of the annual inspection of the Church Lads' Brigade. On Sunday, June 14th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Baker, E. Hughes, G. Wheeler, R. Bishop, G. Goodship, W. Dormer, A. W. Osborne conductor, A. Durman. On Sunday, June 21, 672 Stedman Triples. C. Baker, R. Bishop, G. Wheeler, E. Hughes, G. Goodship, W. Dormer, A. W. Osborne conductor, A. Burgess. On Monday, June 22nd, for practice, a touch of Bob Minor, a course of Bob Major, 180 Bob Major, a course of Kent Treble Bob Major, two courses of Double Norwich Major, 224 Stedman Triples, and

168 Grandsire Triples. The ringers taking part were W. Dormer, L. Green, C. Cox, J. Swain, N. Cox, G. Goodship, E. Hughes, A. W. Osborne, G. Wheeler, Rev. W. S. Mahony, W. Paice, F. Snook, R. Bishop, J. E. Hern.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, June 28th, 672 Bob Major. A. Gardner, T. Mullins, G. Burrows, H. Withers conductor, C. McKenzie, J. Porter, A. Hackley, T. Miller.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on July 30th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 21st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 23rd; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 27th; all at 8 p.m.

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

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—Members and friends will be cordially welcomed by the local ringers to a meeting at Heston to-day, Saturday, July 18th. The old ring of six has been augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea provided free at 6. H. C. CHANDLER.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, to-day, Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready at 3. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. A good attendance is requested, as the committee are holding a meeting here on that date.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

**Campsall (Doncaster).**—The Pontefract and Doncaster ringers propose meeting at the above village to-day, Saturday, July 18th, for ringing practice, and, it is hoped, a stroll through the Squire's pleasure grounds, etc. Any ringer will be heartily welcomed. Cheap fares. Askern 1½ miles.

**Halifax and District Association.**—The annual meeting and eight-bell contest will be held at Ripponden to-day, Saturday, July 18th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m.

J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*  
302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton to-day, Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above district will be held at Appledore to-day, Saturday, July 18th. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. No allowances at this meeting.

C. TRIBE, *Hon. Sec.*  
British School Villas, Tenterden.

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The members of this society will hold their next quarterly meeting at St. James's church, Whitfield, Glossop, Derbyshire, to-day, Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock.

CHAS. BOWER, *Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes to-day, Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Members intending to be present, please send word to

W. HUGHES, *Sec.*  
35, Church Road, Garston.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will be held at Buckingham on Monday, July 20th. Service in the parish church at 12, preacher—Rev. W. L. Harnett, M.A.,

Rural Dean. Business meeting in the small Town Hall at 12.45. Dinner in the large Town Hall at 1.45, chairman—the Right Hon. Lord Addington.  
dinner. A. E. REEVES, *Festival Secretary.*  
277, London Road, Reading.

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hayes on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. with address by the Rev. G. Clowes, Rector. Tea in the schools after the service, followed by business meeting, the Rector presiding. Half-fares up to 2s. allowed. Names of those who wish for tea must reach me by July 21st. T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—North and West District.—A meeting of this Association will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, July 25th, by kind permission of the Rev. S. F. L. Barnays. The bells will be raised about 4.30 p.m. All members and friends of the Association will be welcome.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will (n.v.) be held at Hyde on Saturday, July 25th. The following towers will be open as stated on the circulars: Stockport, St. Mary (10), and St. George (10); Reddish (8); Haughton (6); Hyde (8); Holy Trinity, Stalybridge (8); Mottram (8). Service at St. George's, Hyde, at 3.15, at which the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, of Bishop Auckland, will preach. Tea at 4.15, price 9d. to members, and 1s. 6d. to hon. and non-resident members and visitors. Tickets, for which early application is asked, can be obtained from the Branch Secretaries.

REV. A. T. BRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
New Mills.

**The Surrey Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, July 25th. The bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at The Six Bells inn at 5.30. CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*  
59, Wellsley Road, Croydon.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Hoghton, on Saturday, July 25th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDESSON, *Branch Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available at 2.30. Business meeting at The White Swan at 7.30 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Warwickshire Guild.**—The annual meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, July 25th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Service at St. Mary's church at 4.45 p.m., preacher—the Ven. Archdeacon of Coventry. Tea at 5.15 p.m. at The Dale Temperance hotel, followed by the business meeting. All members and friends intending to be present, are requested to notify to me not later than Wednesday, July 22nd.

ARTHUR LOSTE COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*  
1, Bilton Road, Rugby.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Derby Branch.—The next district meeting will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, August 1st. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All members and ringing friends cordially welcomed.

A. H. WARD, *Hon. Sec.*

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT STOCKPORT.**—This peal was rung to commemorate the first visit of Royalty to this ancient town, whose charter as a free borough was granted by Randal III., seventh Norman Earl of Chester in 1220, and as a fitting sequel to that historic event, the twenty-second holder of that title, our present Prince of Wales, honoured the town by opening Stockport's new Town Hall on the date of this peal, and an arrangement was made that the peal was rung during the time the Royal party was in Stockport.

**THE PEAL AT HALESOWEN.**—F. Withers 50 Peals.—Grandsire Doubles 1; Triples 1; Seven Minor methods 1; Stedman Triples 7; Caters 1; Bob Major 2; Kent Major 4; Royal 1; Double Norwich Major 7; Double Oxford 1; Superlative 8; Cambridge 8; London 8. Total—50.

## AN APPEAL

The members of the Keighley society have opened a subscription list for the cause of one of their ringing brethren—J. McGoun—who has the misfortune to lose the use of one of his legs, the foot of which has been just amputated. He has been unable to use the limb now for a matter of eight months. The above company therefore beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country on his behalf. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. W. Jeannison, 34, Hill Street, Keighley, Yorkshire, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS."

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**MALDON (Essex).**—On Sunday, May 24th, 720 of Minor in the six following methods: 120 each of Cambridge, Kent, Oxford, Woodbine, Plain Bob, and Double Court. E. Finch, A. Mansfield, W. J. Brinklow, T. Gozzett, A. Gozzett, H. Mansfield conductor.

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## Ringers' Outings.

THE MIDDLETON SOCIETY.—On Whit-Thurs day the parish church ringers left Middleton for Bath. Leaving Manchester by the 11.30 p.m. train to Bristol, they arrived at Bath about 6.30 a.m. on Friday morning. Leaving Bath station they took car to Swainswick, which they made their headquarters. Friday morning and afternoon saw them viewing the city. Tea over, they set out to St. James's church, where they met the ringers of that church. Ascending the tower they rang their first touch of Bob Major (576 changes), conducted by J. Bastow; then 350 Grandsire Triples conducted by D. Renshaw. After a chat with the ringers of St. James, they proceeded to their headquarters, well tired out for the first day. Saturday saw them out again in the morning. They

went to Weston by way of Lansdowne where they rang 360 of Minor, conducted by T. Oldham, and 300 of Minor, conducted by D. Renshaw. Afternoon saw them at Twerton parish church, where they rang 352 Grandsire Triples, conducted by D. Renshaw, and 224 Bob Major, conducted by J. Bastow. From Twerton they took car to Bath Abbey, where they met the tower-keeper of the Abbey, who said that the Rector desired to see them. The Rector (Rev. Prebendary S. A. Boyd), took them to the vestry, where he gave them a hearty welcome to Bath. He presented each of them with a photo of the interior of the Abbey. He took them round the Abbey, explaining its history to them. They afterwards ascended the tower for a touch on the bells, which they found much heavier than their own, the tenor being 37 cwt. They rang 336 Grandsire Triples on the back eight, con-

ducted by W. J. Prescott, of Bath. Sunday morning they rang for service at St. Mary's, Bathwick, where they rang 482 Grandsire Triples, conducted by D. Renshaw, and 288 Kent Major, conducted by J. Bastow. Sunday evening six of the ringers went to Batheaston church and rang 360 of Minor, conducted by J. Hollows, and 300 of Minor, conducted by D. Renshaw. The rest of the ringers went to St. Saviour's, Larkhall, and rang with the ringers of that church in a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by C. Bell, of Larkhall. The visitors desire to thank the Rector, Vicars, and ringers, through the medium of this paper, for the kindness they showed towards them.

## SELBY ABBEY BELL FUND.

The following subscriptions from ringers have been received towards converting the old peal of eight, destroyed by fire, into ten. Amount required—£300. Subscription should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Almondsbury, Huddersfield.

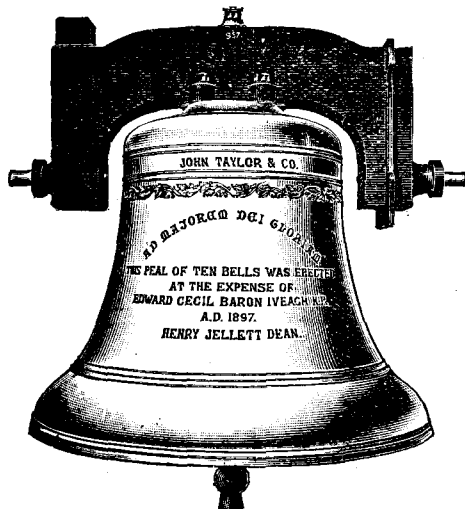
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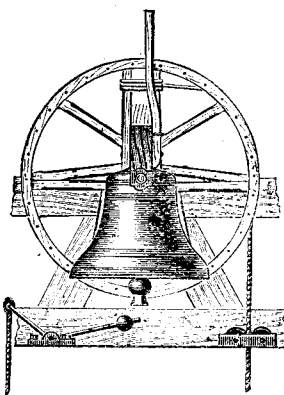
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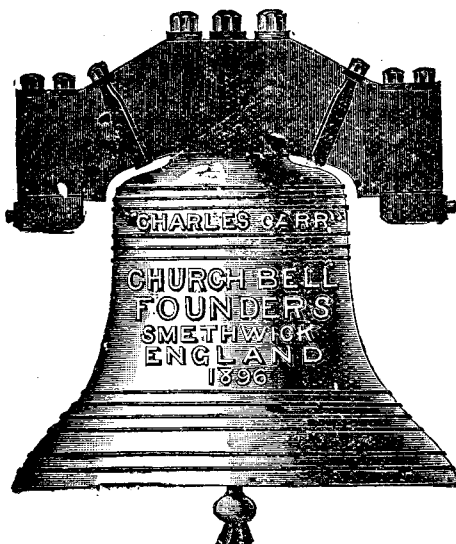
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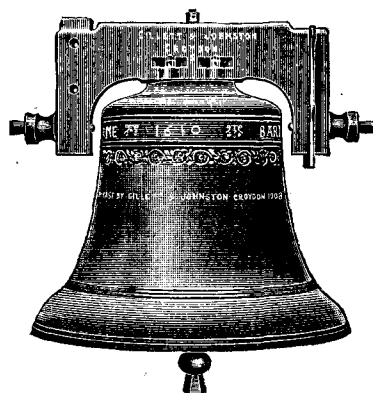
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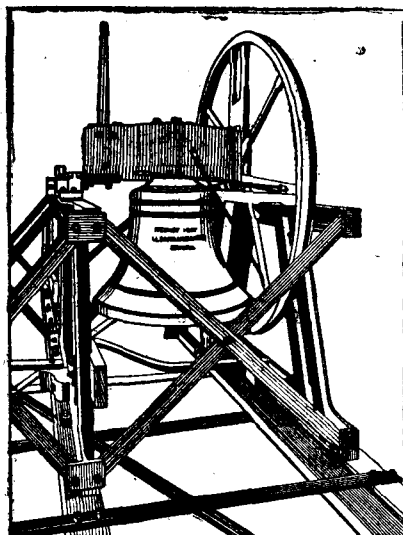
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## KIRKBY IRELETH, LANCASHIRE.

The Feast of St. Barnabas, which fell on Thursday, June 11th, and which was also a red-letter day in the Church life of the good folk of Kirkby Ireleth, was marked by great rejoicing on the occasion of the completion of the restoration of the bells of St. Cuthbert's church. The services on that day were the Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m., morning prayer at 10, and evensong at 3.30. The Archdeacon of Furness was the preacher at the latter service. Notwithstanding the inclement weather a good congregation assembled, and the following local clergy were present: the Ven. Archdeacon, Revs. Canon Monnington (Broughton), F. T. Wilcox (Coniston), C. Hartley (Broughton), and A. Partridge (Vicar of Kirkby). The service began with a processional hymn, which was sung by the choir and clergy as they slowly wended their way up the church. After suitable hymns had been sung, the Archdeacon, accompanied by the Vicar, made his way to the belfry in order to dedicate the new bell, and also the smallest bell, which had been recast. The Archdeacon then delivered an earnest address. Alluding to the fact that nature was full of voices—the beautiful song of the birds, the song of the brook, the rolling of the waves, the thunder rolling and echoing among the mountains, he said he was going to speak of the music of bells. It was a very interesting occasion in the history of Kirkby parish, for he was called upon to dedicate the complete ring of six bells. It was interesting because it was the gift of the parishioners themselves, who by this act were trying to beautify their church. He had looked up an instance where the ringing of a bell summoned the monks in Ripon to receive the parting counsels of Sir Wilfrid in 708. He referred to Sir H. Irving's striking drama, "The Haunting Memory of Bells," as presenting a powerful moral lesson and true to human nature. The ringers he classed as Church workers, men who must regard their office as a sacred one, calling people to the House of God. He hoped the bells at Kirkby would have a long life; that many generations yet to come would hear their sound; and that they would bring joy and happiness to those who had been deaf to God's voice.

At the close of the service there was a collection in aid of the Restoration fund, which amounted to the sum of £5 10s. This, together with what had been previously collected, reached the sum of £210, the estimated cost of the whole work being £231 18s. 6d. There has been a splendid response to the appeal on the part of many friends both in and out of the parish. The bells were opened by the Dalton parish church company.

The work of restoration was entrusted to the Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, who executed it in the most efficient manner. The new bell in this ring of six was cast of the purest metal, weighs 7 cwt., and now takes up its position as the 5th, between the 4th and tenor. The five bells, which were cast by Dobson in 1831, had been taken to Loughborough to be retuned.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended quarterly meeting was held on Saturday afternoon, June 27th, at Milton Ernest, the members showing up well from the various centres. The Vicar very kindly provided tea, which was served on his spacious and well-kept lawn, over thirty sitting down. It was a pleasure to the visiting ringers to see the local men present, the Vicar, it is believed, has taught them ringing. The company welcomed by the schoolmaster (Mr. Bonnet) who after saying grace apologised for the absence of the Vicar, who had a prior engagement.

After tea, the business meeting was held. A resolution was moved by Mr. I. Hills (one of the hon. secs.), and seconded by Mr. Barker, as follows: "That this meeting call the attention of the committee to the system of steepleage prevailing in one tower in the county, and desires that the committee shall take any steps that may be deemed necessary with the view of obtaining the abolition of that system." After a short discussion, this was carried unanimously.

Mr. I. Hills proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be passed to the Vicar for so kindly providing tea, and to Mr. Bonnet for presiding. This was carried with acclamation. The Vicar very kindly lent the visitors his handbells, which were put to good use, and some good ringing upon them (in Major and Caters) to the delight of the household.

Some good ringing was also done upon the church bells in various methods by the various companies present. The writer of these lines adds that this meeting was one of the most pleasant he has ever attended.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The summer quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Blyth, on Saturday, July 18th, when a fair number of members from Anston, Shireoaks, Worksop, Hart-hill, East and West Retford, Ordsall, East Markham, Tickhill, Blyth, Lincoln and Gainsborough manipulated the ropes to the methods of City Delight, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Minor. The day's outing and ringing was enjoyable from every point of view, and good ringing was executed on the bells. At 5.30 the ringers, to the number of twenty-six, adjourned to the Commercial House to partake of a good tea, provided by host and hostess Hind, after which followed the usual business meeting. In the unavoidable absence of the Rev. C. E. Scott-Moncrieff, the Vicar of the parish, the chair was taken by the Rev. B. Darley, Secretary of the Association. The second quarterly meeting will be held at Anston, on Saturday, October 13th. Votes of thanks were given to the Rev. C. E. Scott-Moncrieff for the use of the bells: and to host and hostess Hind for providing such a good tea. This brought the meeting to a close, but the bells were kept in motion, to the intense delight of outside listeners, until a late hour.

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### HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting and eight-bell contest of the above Association took place at Ripponden on Saturday, July 18th, when members were present from most of the towers in membership, and a pleasant half day was spent in this little village nestling so comfortably in the beautiful Ryburn valley. The church contains a musical ring of eight bells, tenor 10½ cwt., which, with the schools, had been kindly placed at the Society's disposal by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Gledhill, M.A.

Tea was served in the schools by the local branch, to which over eighty visitors sat down. The judges for the occasion were Messrs. J. Broadley, of Bradford, F. Salmonds, of Halifax, and L. Mallinson, Ripponden, who adjudicated upon the best rung piece of 640 Kent Treble Bob Major, or 672 changes of Grandsire Triples. Five companies took part in the ringing, which commenced at 2.45 p.m., when the draw for the order of ringing took place, and was completed at 7.15 p.m.

The annual meeting was afterwards held in the schools, the hon. secretary reading the minutes of the previous meeting, which were duly confirmed. The balance sheet which had been duly audited previously, was read and explained by the hon. treasurer, this showing a balance in the Society's favour at the end of June, 1908, of £11 13s. 7d.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was next proceeded with. Two nominations for the vacant post of President were submitted to a vote, and resulted in the election of Mr. George Drake, of Brighouse, who then took the chair, and thanked the meeting for the compliment paid to him by his election as President. He would do his utmost in upholding the dignity to which the post was entitled, and in furthering the welfare of the Association. No other nominations being placed, the remaining officers were re-elected, viz., Mr. G. Whiteaker, treasurer, and Mr. J. Cotterell, hon. secretary. The place of next meeting was decided in favour of Mytholmroyd, for No-

vember next, and a grant of £1 towards a peal board, in respect of a peal in seven methods rung by the Tong branch on March 14th last, was passed to be paid on the board being completed.

The result of the contest was given by Mr. Broadley, as follows: No. 1 Company, Halifax, 290 faults; No. 2 Company, Sowerby, rung out; No. 3 Company, Brighouse, 260 faults; No. 4 Company, Low Moor, 361 faults; No. 5 Company, Aldmondbury, 353 faults.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of his bells and schools, which was heartily carried.

Mr. Gledhill, in reply, said it was a pleasure to see such a body of men at Ripponden, all engaged in the sublime art. He himself had no skill in change-ringing, but he knew when the bells were well rung, and he had much sympathy with the judges in their difficult task of deciding upon the winning band. It was an important work which called ringers into requisition, involving many different aspects, and it was a noble art. As requested, he was pleased to have the honour to present the silver cup to the new president who had conducted the winning company. He supposed it would be more difficult to ring his light peal of bells, for those who were used to ring a heavy peal. The total weight of his eight bells, which were cast by Blews, of Birmingham, some thirty-six years ago, was only 54 cwt., four of the bells being what are known as maiden bells, which means they required no tuning after being cast. The cost of the peal was £340.

A vote of thanks to the local ringers and the ladies was carried, and responded to by Mr. Stott; also to the judges and to the officers for their services during the past year, was carried and duly acknowledged, bringing a pleasant meeting to a close.

### PARISH CHURCH, BOLSOVER.

On Tuesday, June 5th, a very interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of the above parish church, when Mr. F. E. Parsons, on behalf of the whole company, in a few appropriate words, asked Mr. G. W. Moss to accept a small set of handbells which had been subscribed for by his brother-ringers, to mark the occasion of his marriage with Miss L. Morris, which interesting event took place at Harwich on Whit-Monday.

Mr. Moss, in a few well-chosen words, thanked the company for their kindness in presenting him with so suitable a present, and expressed the hope that they would be able to score many peals on them.

The bells which are a very nice set, were supplied by Messrs. Shaw, of Bradford, and reflects great credit on them for their tone and finish. The tender bears the following inscription: "Presented to Mr. G. W. Moss, by the Bolsover band, on the occasion of his marriage, June 8th, 1898."

We have under weigh a special article, entitled "The Bells of Beverley," which ought to prove attractive to our readers. This article will be illustrated by pictures printed on superior Art paper. We shall give further particulars later.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 220.)

## VARIETY OF METHODS AND ACCURATE STRIKING.

The last item upon the agenda was "To discuss the question whether the present fashion of ringing a large variety of methods is responsible for decreased attention to accurate striking, and if so, whether any steps can be taken to encourage greater pride in this respect."

The Rev. H. A. Cockey in opening the discussion, said although he was not responsible for placing the matter upon the agenda, it was a subject upon which he felt very strongly, for accuracy of striking was not upon the increase. It had been said that they as ringers should remember what effect ringing had upon the general public. Ringers should learn not to be selfish. They should remember that there were people outside who had to listen to what they did; how important therefore it was that there should be in all ringing accurate striking. If opposition to ringing was to be removed, if it was desired to get the general public in favour of church bell ringing, then let there be the best accurate striking, for there was nothing that did more harm to ringing than bad striking. If there was bad striking, the general public could form no idea of the beauty of change-ringing; let them therefore as ringers attach the greatest importance to good striking. Let them take for example a church choir who decided to sing some of the most classical music by some of the greatest composers simply to say that they had sung it, and made the attempt to do so in public without having taken the trouble to practise. What would be the verdict? What would be thought of such a performance. It was the same with too many ringers of the present day, who insisted upon starting for peals in advanced methods in order to enable them to say that they rang a peal in that particular method. Such attempts were, he believed, often made before the band could even ring touches in the method. The agenda asked "whether the present fashion of ringing a large variety of methods is responsible for decreased attention to accurate striking." He was of opinion that it was. There was a great tendency in the present day for young ringers to attempt to ring advanced methods before they could master good striking, while some young beginners often attempted change-ringing before they were able to strike rounds. All beginners should thoroughly master good striking before going into change-ringing. It ought to be the duty of those teaching beginners not to attempt to reach change-ringing until good rounds could be struck. If this was generally done, he felt sure that the striking throughout the country would be very much improved. Just the same with the young hand who rang his first peal; he should learn to ring the method well before attempting an advanced method, which, when once attempted, he did not content himself with anything less than a peal. Of course no one was going to encourage prize ringing, far from it, but there was something to be learnt in regard to good striking from the manner in which the old prize-ringers rang even rounds. Bells were hung in Church towers. If they could be placed in towers connected with public halls, there might be prize-ringing. What would be thought if church choirs were permitted to make use of the churches for competition in singing. This was not permitted, and prize-ringing for a challenge cup and so forth was likewise out of place. But as he had already said these prize-ringers did strike their bells even if it was only rounds, and many a young beginner in the art of change-ringing might well take a lesson from them. While their chief aim should be good striking, there was the higher object which every ringer should have, viz., to ring for God's glory. The ringer who was careless or indifferent in regard to the striking of his bell, who did not ring his bell to the best of his ability, or who attempted to do that for which he had not had sufficient practice, was not ringing for God's glory. He felt convinced that if this was the one aim for all ringers, there would be a vast improvement in striking both in peals and touches.

Mr. J. Griffin said Mr. Cockey had made some comparison between ringers and choirs. There was the festival of the three choirs, when a charge was made for every seat.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said he did not object to that.

Mr. R. A. Daniell said this was for a charity.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley said he did not consider that the striking

in the present day was so good as formerly. Good striking was of far more importance than a number of methods. It was not only the effect that bad striking had upon the general public, but it led to dishonesty. There were peals sometimes recorded which were a fraud upon the Exercise. This matter was well put by the President last year at Exeter, when he said: "If many who took part in peals would have the 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."

The Rev. H. Drake said he took exception to one point referred to by the opener. When a young beginner had been taught to handle a bell he should at once be started in change-ringing, and a few changes would materially help in getting into good striking.

The Rev. M. Kelly said there might be much difficulty in getting good round-ringing, but to start at once into changes would often be a difficulty as regarded getting good striking. He agreed there was much to be learnt from the old west country prize-ringers, for many of them would ring for half an hour without a false blow.

Mr. R. A. Daniell said the young beginner of the present day started upon entirely different lines to that of the young beginner of past years, for now there were far more young bands than formerly. In days gone by the beginner found himself placed with a band all of whom could already ring, and he had to quickly learn good striking, otherwise the band would not have him, and he stood no chance whatever of becoming a ringer. All this was now changed; many young beginners starting as a band upon eight bells at once.

Mr. W. Snowdon said the suggestion made by the Rev. H. Drake was one he could not agree with, for he considered it utterly useless. The beginner should first be taught to strike well and in measured time before attempting changes. It was ringing to time that every beginner should have drilled into him first, and then there might be some prospect of his becoming an efficient ringer.

Mr. A. T. King said he did not think that the opener of the discussion had gone sufficiently to the root of the matter. It would be admitted that much of the striking was not what it ought to be. Let them however remember some of the causes that helped to prevent good striking besides those which Mr. Cockey had referred to. Bells are false, and in many cases it took time to get used to them so as to be able to produce anything like even striking. As to the general public, many rural parishes were proud of their local ringers, and if they did not ring well they soon heard of it.

Mr. G. F. Attree said he did not approve of any attempt to degenerate ringing, but rather would he support an effort to improve it. There might in some cases be worse ringing than formerly, but there was also good ringing still; also there were now fifty bands to one formerly, besides the fact that many of the bands of the present day were composed chiefly of new ringers. So far as the striking was concerned, if some of the bands had existed formerly, and under the same conditions, he did not think their striking would have been any better or even so good as that of the present day. As to London Surprise peals he thought those were often well struck, and he had been wondering wherever Mr. Cockey had been to hear such bad striking.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said he neither rang, nor had heard the method rung.

Mr. A. T. King said these advanced methods required more care. A ringer had to devote more time, and had more interest in the working of the bell he rang; and was therefore more likely to strike his bell to the best of his ability. As for the public, did not a large majority say they wished the bells were not rung at all? He had listened to good ringing and had heard some of the public say what a jolly row the bells had made.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said one cause of bad striking was that the same man did not always ring the same bell—where this

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was done, the striking was often much better. There was also the condition of bells which made it more easy to ring in some towers than in others.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett said according to the *Daily Mail*, there was to be no more bell-ringing (laughter), for the Pan Anglican Congress was going to pass a resolution to put a stop to it. He thought that where objections existed to bell-ringing, it was due in a large measure to bad striking.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said one of the rules of the Pan Anglican Congress was that no resolutions were to be submitted to any of the meetings (laughter).

The President said the subject was an important one. He was afraid the point which was intended had in a large measure been missed. He had placed the item upon the agenda because a large majority of peals were badly struck. It appeared to have been overlooked that perfect striking was perfect pleasure in ringing. How different was a peal rung under these conditions, and a peal rung in the more usual way. It was not so much a question of throwing blame upon those who rang the advanced methods, as that there was less accuracy of striking than there should be. He was afraid that a great deal of the old pride of having good striking had died out, whether it was in advanced methods or not. As to the public, none of them knew what method was being rung, and even many of the Exercise could only tell if the tenor was turned in or not. There was not one ringer in ten that could stand outside a tower and tell you what method was being rung; how then could you expect the general public to have any knowledge or to understand ringing. Yet how many of the public there were that loved their old parish church bells, and were ready to do all they could to preserve them. He attached the great importance to good striking just as many of the old ringers of the past day did, who were very severe upon bad striking. There was not then much chance for the beginner if he did not quickly make signs of progress in the art of striking. Another point which should be remembered was the great improvement that had taken place in many towers. There was now a far larger number of towers where the bells went well than in the days of their forefathers. All this should lead to improved striking.

The Rev. A. H. Boughey suggested that a resolution calling attention to the need of more accuracy in striking should be passed.

This was agreed to, and the following resolution was adopted: "This Council desires to call the attention of Associations generally, and of conductors in particular, to the desirability of encouraging the greatest possible accuracy in striking."

#### THE AGENDA.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett asked if a copy of the agenda could not be sent to each member of the Council, as some did not get their copy of "THE BELL NEWS" till late.

The President referred to Rule XII., and pointed out that it was an economy to have the Agenda published in "THE BELL NEWS." He had not found any difficulty in getting a copy, by having it direct from the publishers.

#### VOTES OF THANKS.

The Hon. Sec. moved, and Mr. R. S. Story seconded, a vote of thanks to the Dean of Trinity for the excellent arrangements made.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson proposed, and the Rev. G. F. Cole-ridge seconded, a vote of thanks to the President and Hon. Sec., and the meeting closed.

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

The members of this Society had their annual excursion on Saturday, June 27th, when the delightful town of Tunbridge Wells and some of the neighbouring villages were visited. The weather was somewhat dull during the day, but fortunately no rain fell. The party, which numbered about twenty, consisted of the Rev. J. W. Eisdell, Vicar, president of the Society, Mr. Churchwarden E. A. Davies, vice-president, Messrs. R. Fenn, sen., C. Faulkner, T. Faulkner, G. W. Faulkner, R. Fenn, jun., C. Fenn, E. Fenn, A. Hardy, J. Norris, A. Carter, H. E. Parker,

E. Lucas, W. Beard, and L. Derrick. At Cannon Street Mr. T. Cockerill, secretary of the College Youths, and Mr. A. Whight, the father of St. Margaret's Society, who had journeyed up from Chelmsford, joined the company.

As usual, Mr. Davies made the necessary arrangements connected with the outing, and he spared no time or trouble in order to ensure the enjoyment of those whom he delights to call "his boys." As a result the day will be remembered as one of the most memorable in the history of these enjoyable re-unions.

The party left London shortly after nine, and it was not long before the smoke and grime of the busy city was left behind and typical Kentish surroundings reached. The splendid panorama which stretches far away on each side of the train after leaving Dunton Green Station was much admired, and many were the inquiries made respecting the oast houses and hop gardens by those who had not seen these things before. On reaching Tunbridge Wells the party at once repaired to St. Peter's church, where the bells had kindly been placed at the disposal of the ringers by the Rev. Charles Courtenay, the Vicar. The bells are not very heavy but they are a musical peal, and the ringers rang 420 of Stedman Triples, 168 of Grandsire Triples, and 224 London Surprise Major.

Ringin' over, a move was made for The Neville Arms, where the company sat down to an excellent dinner. The Vicar presided, and the vice-chair was occupied by Mr. Davies. Time would not permit of speechmaking, and directly the meal was over a hurried visit was made to the Pantiles, where some of the visitors partook of the celebrated Chalybeate waters.

A splendidly-equipped four-in-hand brake had been requisitioned by Mr. Davies, and at two o'clock a start was made for Penshurst, a charming little village lying seven miles west of Tunbridge Wells. The drive up hill and down dale proved a most delightful one, and will no doubt be long remembered by those who had the pleasure of taking part in it. Along the ridge of hills south of the valley of the Medway a magnificent stretch of country, known as the weald of Kent, was viewed, and it was stated that the scene extends so far that on a clear day the Crystal Palace, some twenty-five miles away, can be discerned. On arriving at Penshurst, the ringers visited the church of St. John the Baptist, which was until recently a "Peculiar," under the immediate jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Canterbury, but it is now included in the diocese of Rochester. The earliest record of a church in Penshurst was in the year 1170, but of the building as it now stands the oldest part is the northern arcade of the nave, consisting of three arches with a small portion of the wall above them. These are of early English architecture, dating from about A.D. 1200. Between 1854 and 1858 a general restoration was carried out under Sir Gilbert Scott. The font is considered to be of the 14th or 15th century. One of the quatrefoils bears the arms of the See of Canterbury. It was around the monuments that the chief interest of some of the visitors centred. Of these, the most venerable is a dilapidated effigy of St. Stephen de Penchester, who was the lord of the place in the reigns of Henry III. and Edward I. Sir William Sidney, the first of the race who owned Penshurst, has his monument here, along with many of his successors, including Robert Sidney, Earl of Leicester. In the Sidney Chapel, the charming statue in white marble raised to the memory of the first Lady de L'Isle and Dudley, daughter of William IV., was greatly admired. The eight bells in the tower (the use of which was kindly granted by Canon Smith, the Rector), are a capital lot, and the ringers were delighted with them. Altogether about an hour's ringin' was indulged in, among the methods rung being 448 Superlative Surprise, 420 Stedman Triples, and 168 Stedman Triples. A visit was made to the rectory grounds adjoining the churchyard, and the company was courteously conducted round by Mrs. Smith, the Rector's wife. Before leaving the rectory a display on the handbells was given on the lawn, and a course of Grandsire Cinques was rung by E. G. Fenn, R. Fenn, T. Faulkner, C. Fenn, A. C. Hardy, G. W. Faulkner. During the afternoon a visit was paid to Penshurst Place, the historic home of the Sidneys, and now occupied by Lord de L'Isle and Dudley. They were shown over the beautiful grounds and gardens by Mr. John M. Seargeass, steward to his lordship, who also conducted them to the old baronial hall, 64-ft. in height, which is the chief feature of the house. Here still stands the hearth in the centre,



with the old-timed spit, the long tables where the domestics and retainers were placed, and the "high table" on the raised dais at the upper end, reserved for the head of the household and his particularly honoured guests. Owing to the family being in residence, the visitors were unable to visit other interesting parts of the noble mansion.

Shortly after seven the party again mounted and had another enjoyable drive through pretty country to Speldhurst, where at the entrance to the churchyard they were greeted and welcomed by Miss Rosa Macalpine-Leny, the only lady member of the College Youths, and who takes a great interest in change-ringing. Before proceeding to ring the company had tea at The George and Dragon. This inn is a special feature of the parish, and is said to have seen the days of the third Edward, whilst the tradition is that the Kentish bowmen of the place, who were among the heroes of Agincourt, held revel there in 1415, after returning victorious from France, in a spacious hall, with the fire logs in the centre and the smoke escaping through the roof, under which a gigantic beam of oak that can hardly have a rival crossed, and still crosses, the entire centre. Tea over, the ringers met at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, which is one of the most beautiful village churches in England. It is of modern construction, the first stone having been laid in 1870, whilst the tower was not completed until 1879 and the vestry in 1897. The structure consists of a nave, north aisle, chancel, vestry, and tower, all except the latter of the Early English style of architecture in its later period. Perhaps the chief glory of the church is the display of stained glass which fills all its windows, a description of which was kindly given the visitors by Mrs. Mackinnon, the wife of the Rector, the Rev. Donald D. Mackinnon. No less than nine of the windows are from designs by the late Sir Edward Burne-Jones, and it is believed that nowhere else is to be seen modern glass in greater perfection. The original peal of six bells was melted in the fire of 1791; in 1849 another peal of six was hung; two bells were added in the Jubilee year, and now there is a perfect, sweet-toned peal of eight bells. During the evening the ringers, through the kindness of the Rector, rang 192 London Surprise Major, 420 Stedman Triples, 240 Bob Major, and 126 Grandsire Triples. Before leaving the parish the visitors were conducted round the beautiful rectory grounds by Mrs. Mackinnon and Miss Leny, and they also inspected the rectory, which contains within its recesses a King John oak post, supported on a stone pillar in the foundations of the same date, the axe marks fixing the date to be of the early thirteenth century. After wishing Miss Leny and the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon a hearty good-bye, the return journey was commenced, and Tunbridge Wells reached about half-past eight.

Meeting again at The Neville Arms, Mr. T. Faulkner said before they parted he would like, on behalf of all present, to thank Mr. Davies for having arranged such a splendid outing, and enabling them once more to spend such a happy day. Each one got better and better every year. As he remarked at Speldhurst, he hoped Miss Leny would live a thousand years, and he also hoped Mr. Davies would live another thousand, both for the good of the ringing at St. Margaret's and for the sake of those annual outings. He hoped they would all be spared to come for at least a part of those thousand years. He would also like to thank the visitors for their presence, especially their old friend, Mr. Alfred Whight, Mr. Cockerill, Mr. Fenn, and his father. He was going to add the Vicar's name, but they could not call him a visitor, because he belonged to them. They were all delighted to have him amongst them on that occasion, for the more often he got amongst them the better they liked him. He again thanked Mr. Davies on behalf of his brother-strings for his great kindness in having arranged that outing, and he hoped they would all be spared many years together and that he would be able to arrange a great many more.

Mr. E. A. Davies said it would be lax on his part if he did not thank them at once for the kind sentiments they had expressed towards him, not only on that occasion, but on many others. They knew what a pleasure it was to him to arrange these outings. They had had a most successful day, and he was delighted that everything had passed off so well as it had. They had visited some lovely country, they had had splendid drives, and some good ringing, and he hoped they had all enjoyed themselves. He hoped it would be his privilege to bring

them out for many years to come. He was glad to have the company of the Vicar, and he was glad they were able to work side by side in helping the cause of change-ringing. He was sure that the Vicar, as well as himself, felt proud of their ringers in Barking, and considered them worthy of all the support both clergy and church officers could give them. He re-echoed the sentiments which Mr. Faulkner expressed in welcoming their visitors. With regard to their old friends, Mr. Alfred Whight, Mr. Cockerill, and others, it was always a pleasure to have their company amongst them, and he hoped that in future years they would join them again. He was sure their thanks were due to Mrs. Doisley for the excellent manner in which she had catered for them that day. She was an old friend of his, and several of those present had in years gone by partaken of the good things she had provided. She had always given great satisfaction, and he hoped she had done so on that occasion.

The Vicar thanked them for mentioning his name. It was always a pleasure to him to be among them, both in the belfry and on those occasions. He should always look back to that day as one of the most successful of their outings. They had a glorious day, and he should never forget the drive as long as he lived. He was a "horsey" man, and he loved a good horse from his nostril to the tip of his tail. He had never been behind such splendid horses as he had that day, and he was much obliged to Mr. Davies for having provided such a capital Jehu and such a beautiful team.

Mr. T. Cockerill, on behalf of the visitors, thanked Mr. Davies and the Barking ringers for the kind hospitality they had shown. He could assure them that it was a great pleasure for the visitors to come to those outings.

The party left Tunbridge Wells shortly after nine o'clock, and home was reached in good time.

### 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 HANDBELL PEAL AT GUILDFORD.

SIR,—I am much obliged to Mr. Willshire for his explanation re the above in reply to my correction in your issue of July 11, and to which I do not wish to add or retract one word, as the performance in "THE BELL NEWS" for March 27th, 1897, explains itself.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

#### REPLY TO MR. W. E. WHITE.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. W. E. White re 5056 of Bob Major, the peal he is doubtful about appears in the Central Council Collection, viz., peal 115, section 2, as the property of J. R. Pritchard, 1887. This peal, like many others of Bob Major, has been published in different forms as the property of other composers.

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**The Bell News & Ringers' Record.**

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1908.

THAT very eminent physician—Sir J. CRICHTON-BROWNE—has just given, at the annual congress of the Royal Institution of Public Health, an address which, after our comment of last week, may with propriety be noticed. This address, as a daily paper tells us, was on parsimony in nutrition, in which he deprecated the present tendency to abstinence in diet as an offset to overfeeding, while he uttered a warning to record-breaking athletes. The campaign against overfeeding was all very well, but we need not substitute for it, or rashly accept, the new and startling standards prescribed for us. With the departure of the old regime in Japan the prohibition against eating flesh had been swept away, and coincident with the rapid rise of Japan among the nations there has been a vastly increased consumption of animal food by the best people. The Anglican Alliance was now typified by the popularity of beef steak with Lea and Perrins' Worcestershire sauce.

So far so good. But the gist of the Doctor's address, so far as it concerns us, lies in the following paragraph:—

"There was a tendency in these experimental days to be a little short-sighted in our physiological views. In every newspaper there was testimony to the beneficial effects of strenuous physical exercise. But how many of these athletes lived to a green old age, and how many who had undergone severe training, and made records in one way or another, succumb prematurely to heart troubles? He could not help fearing that the breaking of records might sometimes end in the breaking of hearts. We must not confuse muscular energy with constitutional vigour."

After reading this, may we not assert that change-ringing occupies the first position among athletic pursuits? Ringers live to become old men, and its practice tends to such a favourable result. Some of us recollect the late HENRY JOHNSON taking part an 12,000 Stedman Cinques on his seventieth birthday; also that our old friend MATTHEW WOOD rung a peal on his eightieth birthday; and still is a member of the Exercise.

### The Metropolis.

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

On Wednesday, July 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE, FELTHAM,

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

THUBSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE Treble	JAMES MERRICK.. .. 5.
WILLIAM LAWRENCE .. .. 2.	EDGAR HANCOX.. .. 6.
ROBERT E. STAVERT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD.. .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	*JOHN W. EDWARDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

\*First peal.

### Handbell Peals.

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

On Monday, July 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT 19, OLD JEWRY, E.C.,

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

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. 1-2.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE.. .. 3-4.	W. J. NUDDS.. .. 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—Arthur T. King.

### The Provinces.

#### HEADCORN, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWIN G. BUESDEN.. .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. BRETT .. .. 5.
CHARLES W. BRETT.. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. .. 6.
ERNEST C. DOBBIE .. .. 3.	RICHARD S. STAINES .. .. 7.
CHARLES W. PLAYER .. .. 4.	PHILIP HODGKIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

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

#### HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 13, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

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

REV. C. P. DAVIES'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. Treble.	REV. F. J. O. HBLMORE .. 5.
FREDERICK G. BRETT .. .. 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. .. 6.
PERCY P. PAINE .. .. 3.	GEORGE J. JENKINS .. .. 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. .. 4.	FREDERICK DAVISON.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

Rung on the conductor's birthday, the band wishing him many happy returns.

#### MILTON ERNEST, BEDS.

(THE ST. PETER'S COMPANY, BEDFORD.)

On Saturday, July 18, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

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

Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

JOHN BATES .. .. Treble.	CHARLES A. ROBINSON .. 4.
PERCY J. COOK .. .. 2.	CHARLES A. PRATT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM STAPLETON .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal on the bells which have been augmented from five to six.

#### WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

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

JOSEPH H. PARSONS .. Treble.	FREDERICK BRACE .. .. 4.
ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 2.	*CHARLES F. WHITE .. .. 5.
JOHN BASS .. .. 3.	HARRY JONES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal of Minor. This is the quarterly peal for the Association. At the finish of the peal the bells were fired, and the usual good wishes extended to the tenor-man on the occasion of his recent wedding, much to his surprise, as the secret had been well kept.

#### CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, July 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL PRICE .. .. 6.
GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. 2.	ARTHUR KNIGHT .. .. 7.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. .. 8.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 9.
HARRY MOSS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. Tenor.

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

As the season has arrived when the reports of ringers' outings reach us, we ask the compilers of same to be as brief as possible.—We again ask our friends to comply with the various regulations formulated for their own advantage, which will be found printed in our pages. If they disregard these they must look for disappointment.—Correspondents making enquiries must enclose with their letter a stamped addressed envelope if they want a reply.

## BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1908, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF FORWARD ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN WITHERS .. .. Treble.	JAMES R. NEWMAN .. .. 6.
SAMUEL GROVES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. .. 7.
FRANK WITHERS .. .. 3.	GORDON CHECKETTS .. .. 8.
OLIVER JAMES .. .. 4.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 9.
ALFRED DAVIES .. .. 5.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal of Forward Royal by all the band, on the bells, and in the county of Worcester.

## WALMER, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. in F.

JACK WILLIS* .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. BRITT .. .. 5.
HARRY BARTON .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM H. WOOD .. .. 6.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. .. 3.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. .. 7.
CHARLES W. BRETT .. .. 4.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

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

## TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 13, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SEERS, SEN.† Treble.	CHARLES DENSLEY .. .. 5.
THOMAS RICKETTS .. .. 2.	†ALBERT E. SEERS .. .. 6.
RICHARD J. COUSINS† .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. .. 7.
EDMUND KING† .. .. 4.	THOMAS F. KING .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ALBERT E. SEERS, and Conducted by W. J. PRESCOTT.

†First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of the composer's parents.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 16, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. Treble.	FREDERICK ROOPE .. .. 5.
FREDERICK BORRETT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 6.
ALFRED SMITH .. .. 3.	CHARLES ROOPE .. .. 7.
CHARLES BAKER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM STEELE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

## CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, July 18, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

RICHARD HAYES† .. Treble.	THOMAS BURDOCK .. .. 5.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. .. 2.	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT .. .. 6.
HERBERT J. ELLIS .. .. 3.	THOMAS ATTWELL .. .. 7.
THOMAS MACK .. .. 4.	HENRY L. GARFATH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

†First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. L. Garfath.

## ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 18, 1908, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. Treble.	HARRY MOSS .. .. 5.
GEORGE MOSS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 6.
JESSE J. MOSS .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. .. 7.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 4.	JOHN FLINT .. .. Tenor.

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

## HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES.

FRED CAUSBY* .. Treble.	WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 5.
ARTHUR SMEATHERS† .. 2.	JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 3.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 7.
FRED WILFORD .. .. 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN W. BARKER, and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

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

## EYNSFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 19, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES J. NORTH* .. Treble.	WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. 5.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE† .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 3.	ISAAC EMERY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal in a Surprise method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

## NEWTON ST. LOE, BATH.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SEERS, SEN .. Treble.	ALBERT E. SEERS .. .. 4.
CHARLES DENSLEY* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 5.
FRANCIS W. CANNINGS* .. 3.	RICHARD J. COUSINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD J. COUSINS.

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

## GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL

CHARLES HARDING .. Treble.	HARRY WRIGHT .. .. 5.
ROBERT CHRISTIAN .. .. 2.	GEORGE ORFORD .. .. 6.
DENISON HAYWARD .. .. 3.	THOMAS FAULKNER .. .. 7.
FREDERICK PRESTELL .. 4.	CHARLES PIDGEON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

## ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. .. Treble	CHARLES ROOPE .. .. 5.
JAMES BETTS .. .. 2.	WALTER BARRETT .. .. 6.
ALFRED SMITH .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM STEELE .. .. 4.	FREDERICK SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

## WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN POOLE .. .. Treble	GEORGE WATERMAN .. .. 5.
ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. 2.	HENRY F. COOPER .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. RADLEY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN .. .. 7.
THOMAS LINCOLN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM E. EMEBY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE, and Conducted by WM. LINCOLN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Thomas Lincoln.

## Handbell Peals.

## WATFORD, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 16, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT "THE GREEN MAN,"

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

GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 1-2.	*HERBERT MARTIN .. .. 5-6.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 3-4.	HUBERT EDEN .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpires—F. W. Brinklow, T. L. Simmons, and W. J. E. Compton.  
\*First peal of Stedman on handbells.

## Date Touches.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Tuesday evening, July 14th, a date touch of 1908 changes in the following methods: 720 each of London Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob and 468 of Plain Bob, in 1 hr. 23 mins. A. Meyers, J. Anderson, W. Brown, G. Siddle, F. Sherraton, J. Robinson conductor. First touch on the bells. Rung to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, and as a birthday compliment to the Rev. J. W. St. A. Davies, senior curate.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PATRINGTON (Yorks).—On Saturday, July 11th, at St. Patrick's church, a date touch of Minor, 1908 changes, being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 468 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 4 mins. C. Jackson conductor, R. Rodmell, J. S. Calvert, G. Bayston, H. Rodmell, L. Rodmell.

CALVERLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, July 5th, at the parish church, a date touch of London Treble Bob Major, 1908 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. E. Keighley, S. Wheatley, W. Hollings, W. Popplewell, E. Wheeler, F. Walker, C. Pratt conductor, F. Page. Composed by J. Cordingley.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, May 31st, for morning service, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. T. J. Barker, C. Dell, C. S. Bird, H. C. Chandler, C. J. Edwards, T. Beadle, G. Spencer, A. Sheard.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DAGENHAM.—On May 24th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Rochester, E. Hawkins, R. Miles, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor.

HORNCHURCH.—On May 24th, 720 Plain Bob on the front six, tenor covering. A. Chaplin, C. Rochester, J. Dear, R. Miles, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor, D. Phillips.

WEST HAM.—On Sunday, July 19th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1260 changes, in 48 mins. W. Doran conductor, A. Neal, W. Truss, T. Cranfield, S. Bird, J. Moule, R. Sanders, W. Theobald, G. Hayden, G. Potter. Composed by J. Bradley.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KINGS LANGLEY.—On Thursday, June 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins. A. E. Weeden conductor, C. Huckle, J. W. Lane, A. G. Cook, R. S. Cook, A. J. Rogers first quarter-peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the occasion of the funeral of Sir. John Evans, K.C.B., F.R.S., at Abbots Langley.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROMFIELD (Salop).—On Monday, June 1st, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 24 mins. T. Stainer, W. Short, L. Williams, J. Evans, S. Roberts, C. L. Sadler conductor. Several 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, conducted by W. Short, in which Messrs. Hall, Dimmer, Newman and Hemming took part.

KNIGHTON (Radnorshire).—On the occasion of church-workers' day, Thursday, June 4th, the Leintwardine company under the conductorship of C. L. Sadler, attended by special invitation, and rung throughout the evening. Several of the local band were also got through a few 120s of Doubles. The ringers were very kindly entertained to dinner in the evening at the residence of Rowland Tench, esq.

WISTANSTOW (Salop).—On Sunday, June 14th, the Leintwardine ringers met Messrs. Short and Hall, of Church Stretton, and rang for Evensong 504, 419, 209, 97, 84 Grandsire Triples, also 360 each of Bob and Canterbury Minor. The local company were also got through several courses of Triples.

STOKESAY (Salop).—On Sunday, June 14th, after Evensong at the parish church, 360 each of Bob and Canterbury Pleasure. The ringers were entertained to supper at the vicarage.

EARDISLAND (Hereford).—On Sunday, May 10th, for Evensong at the parish church, 1080 Grandsire Doubles. J. Greenley, L. Williams, C. L. Sadler, J. Newman, J. Hammond conductor, A. Powell.

LEINTWARDINE.—On Sunday, May 17th, before Evensong, on the occasion of a visit of Messrs. Hall and Short, 120 each of Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and Bob, Grandsire, and Canterbury Pleasure Minor, conducted by W. Short. Also 360 Canterbury Minor, conducted by C. L. Sadler. On Thursday, May 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by J. Hammond.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, July 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Howlett, G. Somnar, C. Dell, F. Goddard, T. Beadle, G. Fardon conductor, G. Spencer, A. Sheard.

## BLACKPOOL.

RINGERS and their friends will find good accommodation at Mr. JOHN SMITH'S, 3, Livingstone Road (off Hornby Road), Blackpool (late of Rawtenstall. Near Central Station and Sea. Piano. "THE BELL NEWS" taken. A good half-pull neighbourhood.

**Notices.**

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on July 30th; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 27th; all at 8 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 Hayes to-day, Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. with address by the Rev. G. Clowes, Rector. Tea in the schools after the service, followed by business meeting, the Rector presiding. Half-fares up to 2s. allowed.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—North and West District.—A meeting of this Association will be held at Stanmore to-day, Saturday, July 25th, by kind permission of the Rev. S. F. L. Barnays. The bells will be raised about 4.30 p.m. All members and friends of the Association will be welcome.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will (p.v.) be held at Hyde to-day, Saturday, July 25th. The following towers will be open as stated on the circulars: Stockport, St. Mary (10), and St. George (10); Reddish (8); Haughton (6); Hyde (8); Holy Trinity, Stalybridge (8); Mottram (8). Service at St. George's, Hyde, at 3.15, at which the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, of Bishop Auckland, will preach. Tea at 4.15, price 9d. to members, and 1s. 6d. to hon. and non-resident members and visitors.

REV. A. T. BRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
New Mills.

**The Surrey Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Horley to-day, Saturday, July 25th. The bells will be available from 5 o'clock. Service to follow. Tea at The Six Bells inn at 5.30. CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*  
59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Hoghton, to-day, Saturday, July 25th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly meeting will be held at Rothwell to-day, Saturday, July 25th. Bells available at 2.30. Business meeting at The White Swan at 7.30 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Warwickshire Guild.**—The annual meeting will be held at Warwick to-day, Saturday, July 25th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Service at St. Mary's church at 4.45 p.m., preacher—the Ven. Archdeacon of Coventry. Tea at 5.15 p.m. at The Dale Temperance hotel, followed by the business meeting.

ARTHUR LOSTE COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*  
1, Bilton Road, Rugby.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Derby Branch.—The next district meeting will be held at Melbourne on Saturday,

August 1st. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All members and ringing friends cordially welcomed.  
A. H. WARD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Slinfold on Monday, August 3rd. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Members intending to be present please notify the undersigned by Friday, July 31st. H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*  
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading, Isle of Wight, on Bank Holiday, August 3rd. Bells available during the afternoon. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting after in the Church Hall. Members requiring tea kindly inform me by Tuesday, July 28th.  
Fareham. J. W. WHITING, *Dis. Sec.*

**Notice.**—Should any Foresters attending the High Court to be held in Northampton the first week in August, like a pull, if they write to me, I will try and arrange.

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**NOTE TO PEAL.**

**THE PEAL AT HEADCORN.**—W. J. Walker's Fifty Peals.—Minor 20; Stedman Triples 11; Grandsire 11; Double Norwich 1; Kent Major 5; Bob Major 2. Total—50.

**AN APPEAL.**

The members of the Keighley society have opened a subscription list for the cause of one of their ringing brethren—J. McGoun—who has the misfortune to lose the use of one of his legs, the foot of which has been just amputated. He has been unable to use the limb now for a matter of eight months. The above company therefore beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country on his behalf. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 34, Hill Street, Keighley, Yorkshire, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS."

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. George A. Black has removed to 34, Spratt Hall Road, Wanstead.

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34256			2	
53246	1	5	2	
56342	2			1
53462			1	2
63324	2		2	2
54326	1			2

Twice repeated; omit homes in last course of peal.

**STEDMAN CATERS.**

(By the same Author.)

5067.

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917532 15S  
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957312 15B  
957132 15S  
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345261	5	16
341562		16
342165		16
243561	5	16
241365		16
245163		16
542361	5	16
541263		16
145362	5	16
142563		16
143265		16
143562	85	16
142365		16
241563	5	16
243165		16
245361		16
542163	5	16
543261		16
541362		16
145263	5	16

\* By bobs at 1, 6.

† By bobs at 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9.

The last twenty-one courses repeated, calling the first—2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 15, 16, produces 214365879. Rounds as usual.

**BOLDMERE (Warwickshire).**—On Saturday, June 6th, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. G. Statham, G. Garrison, J. Sanders, J. Plant, M. Murphy, L. Powell, W. J. Meers conductor, J. Preston. First 720 as conductor.

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**In Memoriam.****THOMAS CLEMENT POWELL.**

It is with regret we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at his residence at Walthamstow on a recent Friday. Mr. Powell formerly resided at Waltham Abbey, first during his service at the R.G.P.F., and then as a tradesman. From 1857 to 1885 he was the respected conductor of the Waltham Abbey Society, to which local institution he rendered very valuable services as a first-class change-ringer and conductor. It was not in the circle of the Abbey ringers alone that the genial disposition of Mr. Powell made itself felt, but in the midst of a much larger circle of residents he made many friends, by whom he was also greatly respected. In addition to his ability as a change-ringer, he also held the appointment of the steeplekeeper

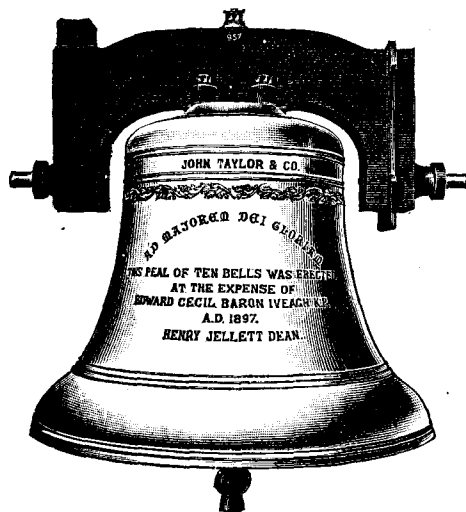
of the Abbey church for several years. On leaving Waltham Abbey Mr. Powell took a business at Loughton. Afterwards he went to London, and two years and a half ago he removed to Walthamstow. On Monday evening last a well-attended meeting of the Abbey ringers was held, Mr. W. A. Alps presiding, when on the motion of Mr. Alps, seconded by Mr. Tarling, the following resolution was unanimously passed: "It is with profound regret the Society had learned of the death of Mr. T. C. Powell, our late lamented conductor, and this society hereby records its sympathy and condolence with Mrs. Powell and her daughters in their bereavement." The funeral took place on Thursday, June 4th. The coffin which bore the following inscription—"Thomas Clement Powell, died May 29th, 1908, aged 84 years," was brought from Walthamstow to the Abbey church, where it was met by the Rev. F.

B. Johnston. Vicar, who conducted the obsequies. At the gates of the Abbey the ringers and other friends met and followed into the church, where the first portion of the burial service was read. At the cemetery the burial service was completed by the Vicar. Among many beautiful floral tributes was one from the Waltham Society with the inscription: "In affectionate remembrance of Mr. T. C. Powell, our late revered conductor." In the evening the usual whole pull and stand, denoting the age of the deceased, was rung upon the bells of the Abbey church, as a last tribute to Mr. Powell's memory. The ringing was conducted by Mr. W. A. Alps, who succeeded Mr. Powell as conductor to the local society twenty-three years ago. On this occasion nearly all the local ringers attended, and took part in the peal.

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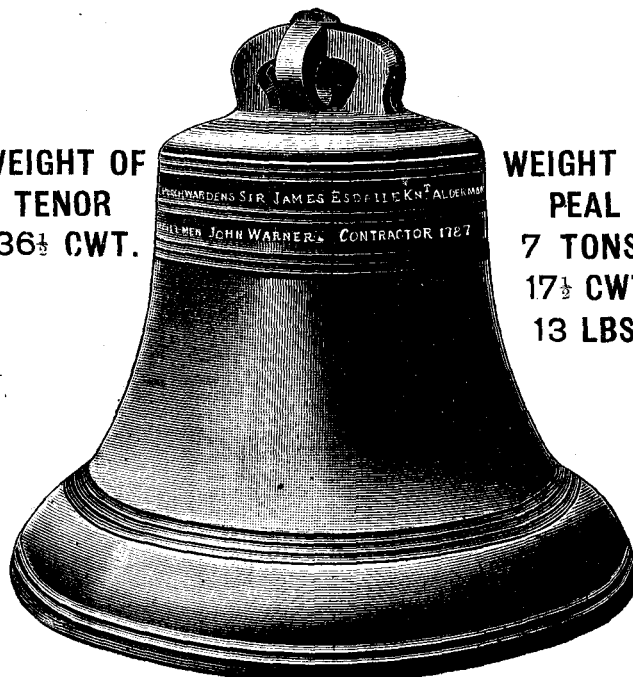
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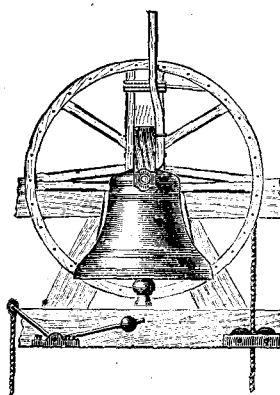
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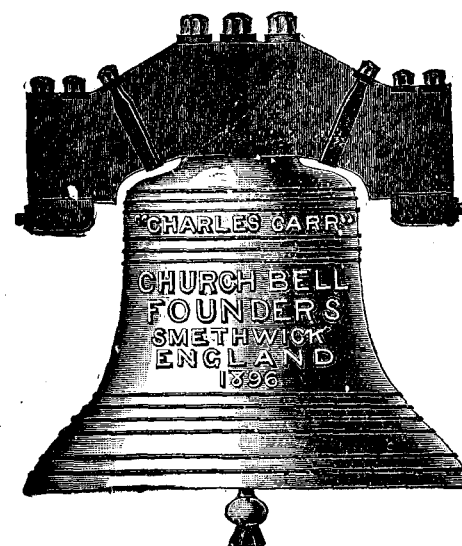
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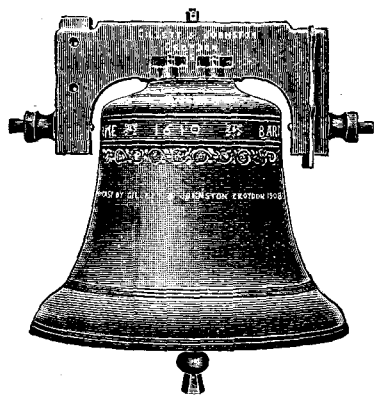
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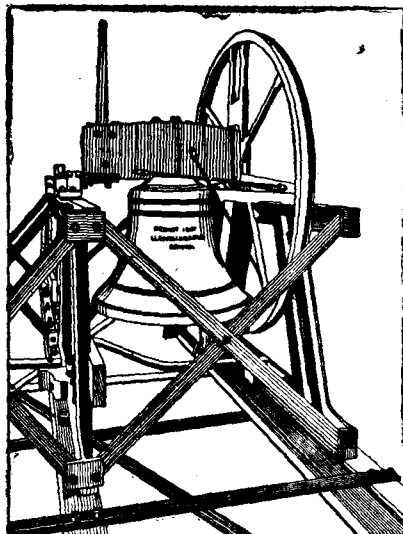
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## METHODS.

By J. A. TROLLOPE.

After a long and interesting discussion, the Central Council has decided not to recognise any method hitherto published as London Surprise Royal, and while one feels a good deal of sympathy for the band that rung the Stepney peal, there cannot be any doubt that it was the right conclusion to come to. The two things that were unmistakeable were, first, the absolute unanimity of those who have a right to speak on the subject that the method was not London, and second, the spontaneous and whole-hearted way in which every body acknowledged the brilliancy of the performance. Mr. James moved an addition that London Surprise Royal does not exist, and though I seconded it, I was not sorry that "the previous question" was carried. The larger part of the Council can scarcely have paid sufficient attention to the question to be able to express a definite opinion, and indeed, there are one or two points in connection with transferring a method from one number of bells to another that still want clearing up. Happily London Royal is not one of these. Mr. Attree thought it possible that some one "cleverer than Mr. James" (and *a fortiori* than myself) might arise later on, and find a legitimate London Royal. Let me assure him that that can never be. It is not that we don't know what London Royal is. We know it to the last blow. And we also know that it is a mongrel. An angel or a senior wrangler could get no further.

There are two cases where the transferring of a method (I am speaking of methods with treble and working bells only) from one number of bells to another is absolutely straightforward and unmistakeable. There are, first, those methods where the place-making does not alter the coursing order of the bells. These are Plain, Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob, etc. Neither the most ingenious nor the most perverse can suggest other than the correct versions of these methods. And there are, secondly, the two hunt versions of the one hunt methods. Here again there is absolutely no room for mistake. Double Norwich Caters is the one and only possible nine-bell variation of Double Norwich Major; Double Court Triples is the only possible seven-bell variation of Double Court Minor. If any one wants further light on this point may I refer him to my article in "THE BELL NEWS" of a year or so ago? When you get away from these two cases you are by no means on such solid ground. I accept, of course, the ordinary ten-bell version of Double Norwich as the correct version, but I think a very good case can be made out for saying that Double Norwich Royal should have places made in 6ths and 5ths as well as 4ths, 3rds, 8ths, and 7ths.

Mr. James objected at the Council meeting that such a method would come round at the second lead of the plain course. It may be so. I don't know, for I never have tested it, but it alters the argument not a bit. Double Oxford is the one higher method that all agree runs on all even-bell methods. Double Oxford Minor bears the same resemblance to Double Oxford Major that Double Court Minor does to Double Norwich Major. That being so, there are good grounds for holding that Double Court Minor is the six-bell version of Double Norwich. And if that be so, then Double Norwich Royal must bear the same relation to Double Norwich Major that Double Oxford Royal does to Double Oxford Major. As it happens, and I dare say by chance as much as anything, Double Norwich Major and Double Court Minor bear different names, and so we are quite free to accept the current version of Royal as correct. But where you have a six-bell and an eight-bell version of a method, you must develop your Royal from your Major as your Major is developed from your Minor.

A	B	C	D
123456	12345678	12345678	12345678
214365	21436587	21436587	21436587
241356	24135678	24135678	24135678
423165	42316587	42316587	42316587
243615	24361857	24361578	43261857
426351	42638175	42635187	34628175
	46283715	24365817	43268715
	64827351	42638571	34627851

A is a six-bell method. B C and D are eight-bell versions, and at least as much can be said for one as the other. That D is illegitimate does not affect the argument. I think that this example will shew that this question will bear a little more investigation.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11th, a special meeting was held at Raunds to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the above Association about sixty members being present from different parts of the county. Ringing commenced at two o'clock, followed by a short service in the church at four o'clock, when an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. H. Bryan, Rector of Stoke Doyle, and founder of the association. Tea was provided in the Institute at five o'clock, and this being over the president said he was pleased to be at Raunds, because it was thirty years since he saw the fine old church, and he could see a great change had been effected by restoration. The customary votes of thanks to the Vicar and preacher of the day were passed unanimously.

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

## POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCASHIRE.

On Friday evening week St. Chad's parish church was re-opened after having been closed for renovation for the past five weeks. Probably the first thought that struck the Vicar, the Rev. J. Young, M.A., when he took charge of the parish fifteen months ago, was that the church was in need of renovation, for since his induction he has worked assiduously towards that end. With the hearty co-operation of officials and congregation, Mr. Young has effected an almost complete transformation of the interior of the building, and on Friday night, a large congregation was unanimous in praise of the alterations that have been made.

For five weeks the sacred edifice has been in the hands of builders, painters and decorators. The ornamentation has been carried out with taste and originality. The whole scheme has been under the direction of Mr. J. D. Webster, father-in-law of the Vicar, who is an ecclesiastical architect of Sheffield. His expert guidance has been of immense value, and the work has been expeditiously carried out. The artistic gas chandeliers and brackets have been designed by Mr. Webster, jun., and they add much to the beauty of the church. Special attention has been paid to the ventilation, and the scheme adopted should considerably improve the atmosphere around the galleries. The ventilating shafts have been erected between the ceiling and the outer roof of the church. There is a funnel over each chandelier connected with a six inch pipe, which gradually rises, and eventually discharges the used air over the tower.

The lighting of the church has been given special consideration. In addition to the new chandeliers and brackets, new windows have been put in throughout the building, except where they were stained glass windows. The organ has also undergone repairs and cleaning, while the tower has been furbished up, and a dado has been placed round the ringing chamber.

One of the most important matters has been the re-hanging of the bells. For the past few years the bells have been in such a state that it was dangerous to do anything more than chime them. A new iron frame has been put in, and there is provision for eight bells, whereas at present there are six. The bells are exceedingly interesting and very historical; each is inscribed with a motto, and dedicated to the memory of some one. The work of re-hanging was entrusted to Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London, whose efforts have been most satisfactory. The church walls are again adorned with the five ancient hatchments of the Hesketh family. Mr. Bibby Hesketh, of Southport, is the patron of the living.

The bells, which have been subject to a complete restoration, are hung in one of Messrs. Warner's iron and steel girder frames, the various fittings being of the most modern type. The tenor weighs 7 cwt. The ringing company of South Shore parish church were invited by the Vicar of Poulton to open the bells. They first raised them in peal, and after a few rounds rang the first 700 of Canterbury Pleasure on them. The local ringers, who are not change-ringers yet, then rang some good rounds, and various mixed companies rung until 8 p.m., when they had to stop for Divine Service, which occupied a little more than an hour.

As the congregation left the church, the South Shore ringers rang a 700 of Plain Bob, and then the local ringers enjoyed their own way of ringing for about a quarter-of-an-hour. Then the Vicar became anxious for a pull him-

self, and he rang the treble in two plain courses of Bob Minor, much to the delight of everyone.

One of the visitors present at this opening writes to say that every ringer who had the pleasure of being at Poulton on the auspicious day of opening expressed his high appreciation at the result of Messrs. Warner's work. The go of the bells is simply perfection. The tenor ringer in the two 700s says: "I rang the tenor in both peals, and her go is splendid. In my opinion Messrs. Warner have done a first-class job."

The day was certainly marked by great enthusiasm. The parishioners and all concerned were delighted to know that the restoration was so successful, every one being full of compliments and praise to the founders. No doubt the change from the mere chime which had been heard for years, to the full notes of the bells as they were raised in peal, and well rung in changes, afterwards assisted greatly towards these feelings of satisfaction which animated all present.

The re-opening service was an important one. A large flag floated lazily from the tower, and for an hour before the time for starting, the newly hung bells rang out their merry peals. The church and churchyard looked their very best, and the procession to the church was an imposing one. The clergy assembled in the Masonic Hall, in the Market Square, and amongst those who walked in the procession were the Revs. F. H. Powell (Vicar), and A. R. Burgess and L. N. Forse, curates of South Shore parish church, besides numerous other clergy. The service was an enthusiastic one. Hymns were heartily rendered, and the anthem, "The radiant morn hath passed away," was well sung by the choir.

The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Sheffield, who prefaced his remarks by expressing regret at the absence of the Bishop of the diocese to officiate at that important service. His (Dr. Quirk's) presence was explained, if any explanation was needed, by the fact that he took a sympathetic interest, as former Vicar of their parish, in the work he was doing. Mr. Young came from a city where the speaker was working, and that city took a definite and distinct interest in the work that was being done under his (the Rev. J. Young's) guidance. He cordially expressed his congratulation to the Vicar and the congregation on the very satisfactory financial conditions under which they were able to re-open that church. He understood that money had been provided both for the re-hanging of the bells and the renovation and decoration of that ancient church. It would be a satisfaction to them, as it must be to their Vicar, and it was a cause for thankfulness and encouragement that they had been led by their generosity to give of their bounty to the glory of God. They therefore gathered together in particularly auspicious circumstances, and they hoped that that sanctuary in its renovated dignity might be to them as the words of his text, "Loose thy shoe from off thy foot, for the place whereon thou standest is holy." He trusted that they might realise the Divine purpose in that church, and if that were so, then the conception of the renovation would be indeed justified. Referring more closely to his text, Dr. Quirk said people of the present time were complaining of a decline in church-going. He did not altogether accept that statement. He thought that when they compared the numerous services of to-day with the few services there were fifty years ago, they would find that the percentage of church-going people was as great if not greater than they would find was the case fifty years ago. And he certainly thought those who went were quite as

earnest. If there was one reason for people not going to church, it was that they did not realise the reality of the Divine Presence. He thought that that renovated House might be a holy place, sanctified by the realisation of the Divine Presence. Speaking of the Divine purpose, he said that some people of the present day were denying the Divine Presence, and denying any purpose in life at all. They practically said there was no purpose in anything. The purpose of life was clearly stated in the command of the Captain of the Lord's House, to Joshua, "God so opened the Promised Land to the Children of Israel." That was the purpose of the Divine Presence, and the Divine power in God's House to-day was that they might have all men saved.

#### RE-DEDICATION OF BELLS AT LEONARD STANLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

From time immemorial four bells only hung in the tower of the ancient parish church of St. Swithin—which fine old Norman edifice was erected about the year 1150—in the above-mentioned pretty village.

Thirty years ago the ringers ascended the belfry, and rung them in rounds on Sunday morning, but alas! a large crack appeared in the tenor, and even these modest feats had to be abandoned. Early in the present year, through the beneficent liberality of a parishioner, the four bells—tenor about 20 cwt.—were removed from their resting-place, and Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, were entrusted with the work of submitting them to the furnace, and with the same metal re-producing six of lighter weight, to be rehung on the stout old oak frames, the same to be strengthened where needed. The work was accomplished with despatch, and Wednesday, July 22nd, was fixed for the re-dedication. At the invitation of the churchwardens, the Frocester ringers attended. The time fixed for the service was 6.30 p.m., and a large congregation assembled to witness the ceremony, and listen to an address by the Ven. Archdeacon Scobell, of Gloucester. The bells were raised with clappers lashed, and at a given signal from below, rang forth their first peal, this lasting for a few minutes only. The service ended, the Frocester ringers pulled off the maiden peals, consisting of two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. Then friends from Stroud arrived, and a place was made for them to handle the new metal. Grandsire was the method chosen. A 360 of Bob Minor followed, C. East conducting from the tenor. Then some 6-scores of Stedman and New Doubles.

After a splendid fall, the ringers were entertained to supper at the residence of Mr. Tennyson Fawkes. The Vicar, the Rev. G. W. Barnard, was present, also Mr. J. Vines, churchwarden. The Vicar heartily thanked the Frocester ringers for their services, remarking that having no ringers yet of their own, he should be most grateful for any help or assistance from them in the future.

Mr. R. T. Prout said they felt honoured to be asked to ring on this occasion, and thanked the donors for the capital spread enjoyed by all. The Frocester company present were Messrs. Prout (2), East, Summers, C. Wood and H. Woodman. That good friend, always welcome in every tower, Dursley's enthusiast, Mr. H. W. Fussell, was also present; and Mr. T. Baldwyn, of Gloucester, stood in most of the touches, and joined the company after.

T. P.

**HANDBELL MUSIC.**—Write to W. GORDON, of Stockport. The largest and best selection in the world.

#### LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 27th, members of this Society met at Shipley on the occasion of the usual monthly meeting. The belfry, a model of cleanliness and order, was visited early, and an attempt for a peal was made, which after about an hour's ringing was closed by the conductor, the striking not being up to the standard. Other ringers and friends having arrived touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Kent and Forward were rung before adjourning to The Sun hotel, where refreshments, kindly provided by the local band, were partaken of. One of the features of this period of the day's proceedings was the masterly fashion in which one of our hosts manipulated the various dishes. Perhaps his sudden duties since his election as sidesman, on which he has our congratulations, have given him the necessary skill. Afterwards the business meeting was held, the President, Mr. J. Broadley, in the chair, supported by ringers from Armley, Burley, Bolton, Bradford, Cullingworth, Calverley, Drighlington, Guiseley and Tong, but strange to say none of our city brethren attended. The business was quickly got through, there being nothing of a contentious nature to disturb the general harmony. Another of the local band was elected a member of the Society. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for the hospitable manner of the day's arrangements was carried unanimously.

Mr. G. Nettleton suitably responded on behalf of the authorities. Handbells were then freely used till time brought a most successful and enjoyable meeting to a close.

#### COTTENHAM, NEAR CAMBRIDGE.

A large clock has just been erected in the parish church tower here. It has two dials each 5-ft. across, plays the Cambridge chimes on four bells, and strikes hours on the large bell. Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, have carried out the work generally to the designs of the late Lord Grimthorpe.

#### 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 MAJOK.

SIR,—If Mr. White will refer to the number of this paper for April 18th, 1896, he will there find a letter from Mr. Craven enclosing the same peal figure for figure, as given by Mr. White, conclusively proving the peal is mine. It was first rung and called by myself at Liverpool in June, 1885, and the figures were published for the first time in this paper of December 17th 1887, under my name. See also "B. N." for October 5th, 1895, and April 5th, 1902, for correspondence in reference to the same peal.

JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

P.S.—Will Mr. J. W. Moorhouse, of Wakefield, kindly let me have his address?

#### Situations Vacant.

**GARDENER WANTED** Young man about 24, for Herbaceous borders, Roses, Fruit Trees and Lawns. Two other men kept to assist. Would be required to occasionally assist on duty. Must have had previous experience, and be well recommended. Bothy and room found. Change-ringer preferred.—For further particulars apply C. EDWARDS, Frensham Hill Gardens, Farnham, Surrey.

# "WHEN WAS MY PARISH CHURCH BUILT?"

(By John Spanton.)

London: *The Church Newspaper Co., Ltd.*—Price 6d.

Some years since a suggestion was made that some competent person should contribute to the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" some information about Old English Architecture. Presumably the readers of this paper who were competent, are too much engaged, to write about this subject; yet in its nature it is, or should be, an interesting one to the Exercise, and Mr. Sturdy's recent letters reminded me about it; and as it has since occurred to me that I have a copy of Mr. Spanton's pamphlet I thought I might write a few words about it. There are, of course, plenty of books on Architecture which may be consulted with advantage, but I have chosen Mr. Spanton's production as my text, because its small price may recommend it to some readers who would not be disposed to purchase a more expensive volume.

From my own experience, I can say that some knowledge of this subject is well worth having. To understand something about the development of Church Architecture gives a pleasure to visiting these buildings from which a want of such knowledge debars us, and as ringers visit more churches than most men I commend Mr. Spanton's little book to their attention.

I may add that it contains some instructive illustrations and lists of some good examples of the various styles.

Roman buildings may be left out of consideration, and then we have the following styles and periods: the Saxon prevailed for perhaps two or three centuries prior to the Norman Conquest in 1066; the Norman from then for about one hundred and fifty years, to the end of the twelfth century; the Early English during the thirteenth century; the Decorated, during most of the fourteenth century; the Perpendicular, from the latter part of the fourteenth till nearly the middle of the sixteenth century; when, for our present purposes, Church Architecture stops.

As I mentioned in the issue of April 11th last, it was not till past the middle of the seventeenth century that anything more of importance was done in the way of Church Building, and then in the imitative Classical Style which had become fashionable. Of course the periods I have named must not be understood to imply hard and fast dates. It will be readily understood that one Style merged into another by degrees.

We may dismiss Saxon specimens summarily because they are few in proportion, and do not lend themselves readily to generalization. More will be learned from Mr. Spanton's illustrations, and the illustrated account of St. Benet's, Cambridge, in these columns in the issue of March 30th, 1901.

As regards Norman buildings, their principal characteristic is the round arch used for both window heads and for pier arches between nave and aisles, and these are found sometimes quite plain, and sometimes much enriched. The above applies to the Early English Style,

with the substitution of "acutely pointed" for "round." In the Decorated Style the arches are wider, and in the case of windows the heads are filled with ornamental tracery of geometrical or flowing patterns. In the Perpendicular Style the arches have a tendency to get flatter, and the window heads are filled with tracery running up perpendicularly.

Of course this is only a very general way of stating the case, and I have not referred to mouldings and other details.

Still, when one considers the varying features of our churches, whatever little we know about them adds to their interest. There are some buildings about which even on the little I have said we could be in no doubt. No one could doubt, for instance, that the tower of Winchester Cathedral and the detached tower at Bury St. Edmunds are of the Norman period. Equally no one could see Salisbury and Lichfield Cathedrals and not realise that the former is Early English and the latter Decorated, while in every feature King's College Chapel at Cambridge proclaims itself Perpendicular in style. But the majority of our churches have a more complex history, and present features of several of the above styles, and, not a few, of all. And hence in our rambles about our old country and its many churches the possession of the information vouchsafed by Mr. Spanton will help us to a fuller appreciation of the structural and historical features of the interesting buildings we frequent.

R. A. DANIELL.

PLYMOUTH.—Recently, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. C. Gullett, C. Eales, W. J. Woodley, G. E. Parr, W. Hamlyn, W. Shears, G. H. Myers, C. Seat. Rung after an attempt for Holt's ten-part. On June 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. C. Gullett, W. J. Woodley, G. E. Parr, W. Ford, A. E. Tomlins conductor, W. Hamlyn, G. H. Myers, W. Hobbs.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday, June 14th, at the parish church, 576 Kent Treble Bob. G. Woods, A. Clowes, S. Churton conductor, T. Mountford, C. Page, F. Page, T. Austin, H. Page.

THRAPSTON.—On July 8th, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob, in 50 mins. Linda Kingstord, L. Wyman, D. Redhead, F. Arnold, H. Carter, C. Arnold, J. Nickerson conductor, G. Eads. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Aubrey Clarke, for eight years organist at the parish church, who was buried at Raunds that day.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, June 14, at St. Paul's church, Wood Green, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. T. Hughes, A. Wallater, E. J. Tyler, A. Plant, G. Hughes, W. Smith, J. Mallpass conductor, H. Belcher.

WALDRON (Sussex).—On Saturday, June 6th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was abandoned after ringing 1 hr. 45 mins., owing to the bad go of the tenor. H. Rann, A. Hobden, A. Miles, W. Booth, A. Reed, W. Jenner, G. Ades conductor, E. Unsted. On Whit-Sunday morning, 504 Grandsire Triples. P. Burgess, H. Ades, H. Rann conductor, G. Ades, W. Jenner, E. Geall, A. Reed, E. Jennings. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Barrell, G. Ades, W. Jenner, A. Humphrey, A. Reed, A. Hobden conductor, E. Thorpe.

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

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (LEYTONSTONE) SOCIETY

The annual two days' outing of this Society took place on June 27th and 28th, Guildford and district being the place selected. Meeting at Waterloo at 6.10 a.m. we were soon on our way, Guildford being reached about 7.35. We were met on the platform by Mr. J. Hunt, who through our short stay proved himself to be an able guide. After an introduction to all our band he at once conducted us to The Greyhound inn, which was to be our headquarters during our brief stay. Here we found breakfast awaiting us, and a good foundation was laid for our future exertions. This over we were soon seated in a pair-horse brake, and driving through the country lanes, enjoying the fresh air, such as is not our lot to enjoy every day, a drive of two miles brought us to the parish church of St. John the Evangelist, Merrow, where, being welcomed by some of the local ringers, we visited the tower, and the bells, tenor 13 cwt., were set swinging to London Surprise, a good 720 being the result. After a short touch of Cambridge the bells were lowered, and a drive of 1½ miles brought us to the church SS. Peter and Paul, West Clandon, where hangs a nice ring of six in good going order. Chelsea Surprise was attempted, but alas! it was not to be, for in the 1st course two bells shifted. A 240 of York Surprise with one of the local men (Mr. F. Bennett) standing in, and it was time to be on the move again. A drive of five miles through beautiful scenery brought us to Shere, our guide pointing out the places of interest on the way. Our brake stopped on the village green, just outside the grand old parish church of St. James, where we were met by the Rector, the Rev. F. C. Hill, who, after a few minutes chat, bade us go and try his nice ring of bells. Soon they were making their voices heard in Double Norwich, a well-struck 448 being rung; a 164 of Stedman Triples and a touch of Grandsire, with the sexton (Mr. Jewells) taking a rope, concluded the ringing here. By this time one of our party thought it was time for another meal, so adjourning to The White Horse, we found host Askew had a nice dinner ready for us, to which justice was done. This over we were soon on the road again, and after a short drive found ourselves at the parish church of SS. Peter and Paul, Albury. Here Carlisle Surprise was rung, a 720 being brought round at the second attempt. A short touch of Worcester, and on to Womersh, where a short touch of Kent Treble Bob was rung. A 720 of York Surprise was attempted, but nearing the end a lady entered the tower and requested us to stop ringing owing to a case of illness near the church. Nothing daunted our guide went forward, and through the generosity of the authorities at Bramley, procured the tower for us to have a short pull, but owing no doubt to us being in too much of a merry mood nothing would go right, so ringing a short touch of York we were soon on the road again. We arrived at the old world country town of Godalming after a short drive, where we were met by Mr. G. Hayden, who being unable to leave early with us journeyed to Godalming and met us there. After tea had been disposed of at Thorne's restaurant, we had a wash and brush up, and then on to the parish church of SS. Peter and Paul, where hangs a nice ring of eight bells, tenor 25 cwt. After the usual greetings with the local ringers the bells soon going to Superlative, a very good 448 being tapped off, two courses of Double Norwich and a touch of Grandsire. Then a four mile drive in the twilight to headquarters, where we arrived about 9.30 p.m. After supper we had a few minutes over pipe and glass, and then to bed, and soon the ten big and little bell bangers were soundly sleeping.

Six o'clock on Sunday saw us astir, some taking a walk over the bog's back (a hill known by that peculiar name, where beautiful scenery can be obtained of the surrounding district), others preferred a quiet walk round the lower parts of the town. Punctually at 8 o'clock we sat down to breakfast (we all gave our host credit for punctuality), the eggs and bacon disappearing with great ease. At 9.15, Mr. Hunt having again joined us, we made our way to St. Nicholas, being anxious to try the ring of ten, tenor 23 cwt., and soon they were swinging in Grandsire Caters for the 10 o'clock service. Then on to Holy Trinity, a grand ring of eight, tenor 25 cwt. Superlative Surprise, Stedman and Grandsire Triples concluded the morning's ringing. A quiet walk round brought about dinner time, and once more we were enjoying the country beef which was provided by our thoughtful host. This over we made an early start to walk to

Worplesdon, which proved a very warm task before the three miles had been covered. Reaching the church of St. Mary, which stands on the top of Perry Hill, we were glad our journey was over. The ring of six, tenor 18 cwt., was set going to Chelsea Surprise, but it refused to be rung, so a good 720 of York was successfully accomplished instead. A quiet walk home to tea, after which came our last pull of the tour, viz., at St. Nicholas for the evening service. Here Stedman Caters and Double Norwich was indulged in with the assistance of the local band, which brought about a successful finish to our ringing tour at Guildford.

Adjourning to headquarters once again, where some of our local friends joined us, we had a quiet half hour before train time, some handbell ringing being indulged in on a nice little peal kindly lent by Mr. J. Hunt, several touches of Grandsire and Bob Major being rung.

In conclusion we all wish to give our best thanks to those who assisted in making our outing such a success; to the clergy at the various towers for granting permission to ring; to the Rev. F. C. Hill, of Shere, who made us so welcome, and the sexton for having everything ready for us; the ringers of Holy Trinity, Guildford, we thank for meeting and assisting us. To Mr. Hunt, who made all arrangements, we owe a great debt of gratitude, and never shall forget his great kindness towards us. And last, but not least, to Mr. Fisher and family, of The Greyhound, for making us feel so much at home that we were so sorry to leave. We all arrived home safe and sound with memories of Guildford that will not easily be forgotten.

G. DAWSON.

The following ringing was done by the above Society on the occasion of their annual outing:—

MERROW.—720 London Surprise. J. Hunt, G. Dawson, W. Doran, H. Torble, S. Hayes conductor, J. Moule. And a touch of Cambridge.

WEST CLANDON.—240 York Surprise. G. Dawson, W. Doran, F. Bennett, T. Cranfield, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule.

SHERE.—448 Double Norwich. W. Doran conductor, T. Cranfield, W. Miller, S. Bird, S. Hayes, J. Hunt, J. Moule, H. Torble. 164 Stedman. W. Doran, T. Cranfield, W. Miller, H. Torble, S. Bird, J. Moule, S. Hayes conductor, G. Dawson. And a touch of Grandsire Triples.

ALBURY.—720 Carlisle Surprise. T. Cranfield, S. Hayes, W. Doran, S. Bird, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule.

WOMERSH.—240 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by J. Hunt. York Surprise was stopped owing to illness near the church.

GODALMING.—448 Superlative Surprise. G. Hayden, W. Doran, S. Hayes, W. Miller conductor, S. Bird, J. Hunt, J. Moule, H. Torble. Two courses of Double Norwich. W. Doran conductor, T. Cranfield, J. Moule, W. Miller, S. Bird, H. Torble, S. Hayes, G. Hayden. And a touch of Grandsire Triples.

GUILDFORD.—At St. Nicholas, 593 Grandsire Caters. W. Doran conductor, S. Hayes, W. Miller, T. Cranfield, S. Bird, H. Torble, J. Moule. 324 Stedman Caters. H. Torble, S. Hayes, S. Radford, T. Cranfield, W. Miller, S. Bird, J. Moule, G. Hayden, J. Hunt conductor, G. Cornell. At Holy Trinity church, 448 Superlative Surprise. T. Cranfield, S. Hayes, W. Miller conductor, S. Bird, J. Moule, A. H. Pulling, B. Chorley, H. Torble. 164 Stedman Triples. W. Doran, T. Cranfield, W. Miller, S. Bird, H. Hutton, S. Hayes conductor, G. Hayden, G. Cornell.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 1908

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch of this Association held its quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 18th, at Dinder. There was a good attendance of members, the following towers being represented: Chilcompton, Dinder, High Littleton, Leigh-on-Mendip, Midsomer Norton, Shepton Mallet.

Ringings commenced at 2 p.m., when a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was brought round by the Dinder men under the conductorship of Mr. H. Mounter. Soon after 3 p.m. the members repaired to Dinder House, where, by the kind hospitality of A. F. Somerville, esq., and Mrs. Somerville, they were provided with a most enjoyable tea, over which the ever-genial President (the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, Leigh-on-Mendip), presided. Tea over, the members settled down to the usual business meeting, at the conclusion of which hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the host and hostess, and also to Prebendary Walker, who had kindly invited the members to Dinder. At 6 p.m. the Rev. Prebendary Walker, assisted by the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, conducted evensong in the parish church, and the former gave a most impressive



address to the assembled ringers. After service the bell-fry was again besieged, and the remainder of the evening was, as usual, devoted to the Art.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, July 22, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	WILLIAM TRUSS .. 5.
MISS R. F. MABEL GILBANKS 2.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 6.
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THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 4.	JAMES C. F. BAILEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

First peal in the method by the ringer of the second.

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

On Monday, July 27, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

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

JOHN J. LAMB .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. 2.	*JOHN H. CHERSEMAN .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 3.	*JOHN ARMSTRONG .. 7.
WILLIAM MILLER .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method.

### The Provinces.

#### RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.

#### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being three 720s of Oxford Bob, and four 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently.

FRANK LEWIN .. Treble.	*ARTHUR PETTITT .. 4.
FRANK TALBUTT .. 2.	*DENNIS MAL'ETT .. 5.
BERNARD SADDINGTON .. 3.	†MAURICE ATKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

\*First peal. †First peal away from the treble. ‡First peal as conductor. The ages of the ringers, counting from treble to tenor, are 18, 19, 18, 17, 18, 18—average 18. This is the youngest band of members of the above Association which has rung a peal, and is believed to be the youngest band that has ever rung a peal in two methods.

#### ROMFORD, ESSEX.

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

On Tuesday, July 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE .. Treble.	ALFRED J. T. CARTER .. 5.
HARRY W. CATTERWELL .. 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS .. 6.
ARTHUR B. WIFFEN* .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. 7.
WILLIAM MILLER .. 4.	WESLEY WATSON .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method.

#### SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

JAMES M. BAILEY .. Treble.	EDGAR H. BAILEY .. 5.
GEORGE BERRY .. 2.	NORMAN R. BAILEY .. 6.
FREDERICK J. SMITH .. 3.	CHARLES SAMSON .. 7.
ERNEST S. BAILEY .. 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

All the above are members of the Leiston Society. First peal in the method on the bells, and was rung on the occasion of the society's outing to Southwold.

#### WEST TOFTS, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, July 25, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	†WILLIAM WESTLAKE .. 5.
HENRY BORRETT .. 2.	THOMAS FITZJOHN .. 6.
HAROLD BOWES* .. 3.	WILLIAM STEELE .. 7.
WALTER RADLEY† .. 4.	†CHARLES CARTER .. Tenor.

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

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

#### CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 25, 1908, in Three Hours Fourteen and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE W. MOSS .. Treble.	GEORGE HOLLIS .. 6.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. 2.	HARRY MOSS .. 7.
GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 3.	JOHN FLINT .. 8.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. 4.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. 9.
FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER* .. 5.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal of Royal.

#### HASLEMERE, SURREY.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, July 25, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES GIBBONS .. Treble.	THOMAS ATTWELL .. 5.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. 2.	†THOMAS UPSTALL .. 6.
RICHARD HAYES* .. 3.	HENRY L. GARFATH .. 7.
THOMAS MACK .. 4.	CHARLES EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Composed by G. WILLIAMS, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal of Major. Rung as a birth-day compliment to C. Edwards.

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On Saturday, July 25, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

T. SCRIMSHAW .. .. Treble.	C. KENNINGTON .. .. 5.
PERCY LONG .. .. 2.	*J. E. KENNINGTON .. .. 6.
A. W. LONG .. .. 3.	I. W. SEAMER .. .. 7.
W. H. HRYBOB .. .. 4.	F. W. HARGREAVE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. E. KENNINGTON.

\*First peal in the method, and first as conductor.

## BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

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

SAMUEL GYFORD .. .. Treble.	JOHN HALL .. .. 4.
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 2.	WILLIAM BURGESS .. .. 5.
CHARLES FREDERICK LING 3.	DAVID COLLINS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

## LOWICK, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

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

HENRY STUBBS .. .. Treble.	*JOHN GUESS .. .. 4.
JAMES NICKERSON .. .. 2.	RICHARD DUNKLEY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 3.	FRED GILBERT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED GILBERT.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringers wish to thank Mr. R. Dunkley for entertaining them to tea after the peal; also the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

## TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 25, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM PRITCHARD .. Treble.	ALFRED EDWARDS .. .. 4.
ARTHUR J. GRIFFITHS .. 2.	WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. 5.
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS .. 3.	WILLIAM DREW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. William Saunders, who was one of the local band of the above church.

## TURVEY, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANK BOSWELL* .. .. Treble.	FRED WILFORD .. .. 5.
ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. .. 6.
FREDERICK CAUSBY .. .. 3.	†FREDERICK MYNARD .. .. 7.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 4.	WILLIAM FREEMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal in the method on the bells. \*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. F. Causby was elected a member before starting for the peal.

## HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK G. BRITT .. Treble.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. 5.
RICHARD S. STAINES .. 2.	HARRY BARTON .. .. 6.
CHARLES W. BRITT .. 3.	CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. 4.	GEORGE JOHNSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

## WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Being twelve 6-scores of Plain Bob, and thirty 6-scores of Grandsire.

FREDERICK ROWLEDGE .. Treble.	FRED HOPPER .. .. 3.
FRANK ROLLINGS* .. 2.	THOMAS LAW .. .. 4.
GEORGE PARKER .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

\*First peal.

## FAREHAM, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 25, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE GRANT .. .. Treble.	GEORGE E. CHAPPELL .. 5.
HENRY W. WILKES .. .. 2.	EDWIN J. HARDING .. .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 7.
SIDNEY CHURCHER .. .. 4.	CECIL A. VALENTINE .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS, and

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

First peal as conductor on eight bells.

## BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 27, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

SIDNEY R. ROPER .. .. Treble.	CHARLES H. HOWARD .. 5.
LEWIS WISEMAN .. .. 2.	HORACE H. COOPER .. .. 6.
SAMUEL SLATER .. .. 3.	HARRY COOTE .. .. 7.
HENRY E. HAMMOND .. 4.	WILLIAM GRIMWADE .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by C. H. HOWARD.

## PENDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 27, 1908, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN R. PRITCHARD .. Treble.	ALFRED CROSS .. .. 5.
GEORGE E. TURNER .. .. 2.	HENRY W. KIRTON .. .. 6.
A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 3.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM .. 4.	ROBERT DAVIES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by ROBERT DAVIES.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)***On Wednesday, July 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,***AT THE RESIDENCE OF F. R. KETTLEBORO,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.  
5152 CHANGES.**

GEORGE W. MOSS.. .. 1-2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE.. .. 5-6.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 3-4.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. 7-8.

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

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**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)***On Wednesday, July 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,***AT 10, WELLGATE,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.**

SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 1-2.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3-4.	WALTER COATES .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Witness—H. Flintham.

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

STANTON-BY-DALE.—On Saturday, May 9th, a date touch of 1908 Minor, in 63 mins., being 288 Single Court, 720 Double Court, 360 Kent Treble Bob, and 540 Plain Bob. C. J. Baker, W. Halford, J. Hall, A. Freeman, C. Tansley, E. E. Gobey conductor.

SAWLEY (Derbyshire).—On Monday, June 8th, a date touch of 1908 Minor, in 1 hr. 12 mins., being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 468 Plain Bob. W. Rice, W. Halford, J. Hall, J. Bailey, J. Scattergood, E. C. Gobey conductor.

**Miscellaneous.****THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.**

SHIREOAKS.—On Thursday, April 9th, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. D. Taylor, W. Hargreaves conductor, H. Hall, H. Haigh, J. Fitzjohn, F. Hargreaves. On Sunday, April 19th, for Divine Service, 720 College Pleasure. D. Taylor, B. Hall, H. Hall, T. Bartholomew, H. Haigh conductor, F. Hargreaves. On Sunday, May 10th, 720 City Delight. D. Taylor, W. Hargreaves conductor, H. Hall, H. Haigh, B. Hall, F. Hargreaves.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Thursday, June 11th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. E. Waters, E. T. Green, F. Phillips, F. S. Wilson, C. R. Forfitt, C. W. Goodenough conductor, W. Kerley, T. Belbin.

CHERTSEY.—On June 3rd, 480 Grandsire Doubles. J. Terry, G. Warrington, H. Stevens, E. Warinton, J. H. B. Hesse conductor, P. J. Percy. Rung in honour of the Prince of Wales's birthday. On June 3rd, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Charge, E. Eassell, H. Stevens, E. Warrington, G. Warinton, A. C. Gray, J. B. Hessey conductor, P. J. Percy. On Sunday, June 21st, for morning service, 360 Grandsire Minor, with tenor behind. H. Stevens, E. Warinton, G. Warinton, E. Cassell, A. E. Gray, J. B. Hessey conductor, P. J. Percy. For evening service 630

Grandsire Triples. W. Charge, G. Warinton, H. Stevens, E. Cassell, G. Spencer, E. Warinton, J. H. B. Hessey conductor, B. J. Percy. On Tuesday, June 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Charge, A. E. Gray, G. Warinton, J. B. Hessey, H. Stevens, E. Warinton, W. Shepherd conductor, P. J. Percy.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

STANTON-BY-DALE.—On June 13th, 720 Double Oxford Bob. C. J. Baker, E. Scattergood, J. Hall, A. Freeman, C. Tansley, E. C. Gobey conductor.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, July 26th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 784 Double Norwich Major. F. Webb, W. Sadler, S. Slater, H. E. Hammond, C. H. Howard conductor, F. Rudkin, S. R. Roper, H. J. Collins.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

BROMLEY.—On Sunday, May 31st, for morning service at the parish church, 576 Cambridge Surprise Major. G. Kite, J. Emery, H. P. Harman, S. A. Wright, F. Bennett conductor, W. J. Jeffries, T. Groombridge, J. E. Davies.

**THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

HIGHGATE.—On Sunday, May 31st, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Ann's church, 1056 Superlative Surprise Major. A. Brightman, W. J. Nudds, A. Jacob, F. Bennett conductor, E. F. Cole, F. Smith, C. H. Martin, T. Card.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

LONG WITTENHAM (Berks).—On Monday, June 8th, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. W. Woodward, W. Grace, G. F. James, H. Holifield, R. G. Rice, E. Bannister conductor. The above band represents five parishes.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**

BOLSOVER.—On Sunday, June 14th, at the residence of Mr. Kettleborough, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major, in 38 mins. H. Mors, 1-2; F. R. Kettleboro, 3-4; W. Keeble conductor, 5-6; W. Lambert, 7-8.

ALDWINCKLE (Northants).—On June 6th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Jervis, L. Wyman, J. Nickerson conductor, D. Redhead, G. Eads. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Hodson.

COLERNE (Wilts).—On Saturday, July 11th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2½ hrs. it was abandoned owing to the bad go of the tenor. W. H. Seers, A. E. Seers, T. Ricketts, E. King, C. Densley, T. F. King, W. J. Prescott, conductor, W. Appleby.

DEVONPORT.—On Whit Sunday, for Divine Service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. J. Woodley, G. H. Myers, A. Wellington, W. Ruddle, B. Williams, A. E. Tomlins conductor, W. Ford, C. Gullett.

ISLIP (Northants).—On May 27th, 720 Oxford Bob. R. Day, Miss Linda Kingsford, A. Johnson, L. Wyman, T. Jervis, J. Nickerson conductor. A course of Kent. Miss L. Kingsford, L. Wyman, G. Hewitt, E. Curtis, T. Jervis, D. Redhead. On July 7th, 360 Plain Bob. J. Coleman, T. Jervis, W. Knighton, G. Hewitt, D. Redhead, J. Nickerson conductor. 360 Woodbine. T. Jervis, J. Nickerson, W. Knighton, G. Hewitt, D. Redhead, R. Loveday conductor. On July 15th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Hewitt, T. Jervis, W. Knighton, H. Meadows, F. Sturman, J. Nickerson conductor.

NESTON (Cheshire).—On Whit Monday, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. T. Metcalfe, J. Edwards, J. Tilley, W. Briscoe, W. Williams, C. Coventry conductor, J. Meador, J. Roberts.

STONE (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, June 6th, at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Woolley, G. Woods conductor, A. Latham, A. Miller, T. Mountford, J. Goodall, S. Churton, P. Preston.

### Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.) — Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on August 4th and 18th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 6th and 20th; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 10th and 24th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 11th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 13th; and St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on the 13th and 27th; all at 8 p.m.

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**The Midland Counties Association.**—Derby Branch—The next district meeting will be held at Melbourne to-day, Saturday, August 1st. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All members and ringing friends cordially welcomed.

A. H. WARD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Slinfold on Monday, August 3rd. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Members intending to be present please notify the undersigned by Friday, July 31st. H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading, Isle of Wight, on Bank Holiday, August 3rd. Bells available during the afternoon. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting after in the Church Hall. Members requiring tea kindly inform me by Tuesday, July 28th.

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

**St. Mary, Beddington.**—This tower will be open to visitors on Bank Holiday from 2.30. Flower Show in the park close by.

J. RUMBLE.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 15th. Bells ready at 4.30.

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**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—During the repairs to the tower of Winchester Cathedral, there will be no ringing on the bells until further notice.

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**Notice.**—Should any Foresters attending the High Court to be held in Northampton the first week in August, like a pull, if they write to me, I will try and arrange.

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### NOTE TO PEAL.

**THE PEAL AT WESTON FAVELL.**—This is believed to be the first peal on the bells, which have recently been quarter-turned and rehung by Howell and Son, Ipswich, the "go" of the bells being excellent. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. W. Swallow for the use of the bells; also Mrs. Swallow for so kindly providing tea after the peal.

### AN APPEAL.

The members of the Keighley society have opened a subscription list for the cause

of one of their ringing brethren—J. McGoun—who has the misfortune to lose the use of one of his legs, the foot of which has been just amputated. He has been unable to use the limb now for a matter of eight months. The above company therefore beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country on his behalf. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 34, Hill Street, Keighley, Yorkshire, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS."

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The last nine courses three times repeated.

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**Ringers' Outings.**

**ST. JOHN THE DIVINE (Kennington, Surrey) SOCIETY.**—On Saturday, June 13th, the members of the above society held their first outing, when a most enjoyable time was spent at Ashted, Surrey. Most of the party cycled down, and arrived at St. Giles' church about 4.30, where they were met by Mr. Wyatt, conductor of the Ashted ringers, and a few of his band. Several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, among which was a most successful 500. The bells were lowered at 7 o'clock, and when the members had been photographed by Mr. Wild, an adjournment was made to Mattens' Tea Gardens, where a most enjoyable repast was done ample justice to. After a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Wyatt and his brother-ringers for their kindness in assisting to make the

outing enjoyable, had been unanimously carried, the rest of the evening was given over to music and handbell ringing. At 9.30 a start was made for home, where all arrived quite safely, and hoping the outing was only a forerunner of many more. The Guild would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar (Rev. W. Waddilove), for his kindness in granting the use of the bells; also for his kind invitation to see his garden, which time did not permit them seeing, but they are hoping to have this opportunity at some future date.

**CHELTEMHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual outing of this Guild took place on Saturday, June 18th, when some twenty members paid a visit to Birmingham. They were met by Messrs. Godden, Painter, and Carter, who kindly acted as guides during the day. After an excellent touch of Stedman Caters at Aston church, the visitors returned to Birmingham, and

dined together with several friends at The White Swan hotel. In the afternoon touches of Triples were rung at Bishop Ryder's church and that of St. Chad's, and also Stedman Cinques and Treble Bob Maximus at St. Martin's. A most successful and enjoyable day was spent, every one agreeing that it was the best outing that the Guild has experienced. The best thanks of the party are offered to all Birmingham friends who so kindly got the towers open, and made all arrangements, and who turned up in such unexpected force to welcome their visitors in the evening, when various songs were sung, and Mr. Withers delighted his hearers with his clever performances on the zither. All regretted that trains would not allow of a longer stay in Birmingham, and after a prosperous journey, Cheltenham was reached at about 10.37 p.m.

**SELBY ABBEY BELL FUND.**

The following subscriptions from ringers have been received towards converting the old peal of eight, destroyed by fire, into ten. Amount required—£300. Subscription should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Almondsbury, Huddersfield.

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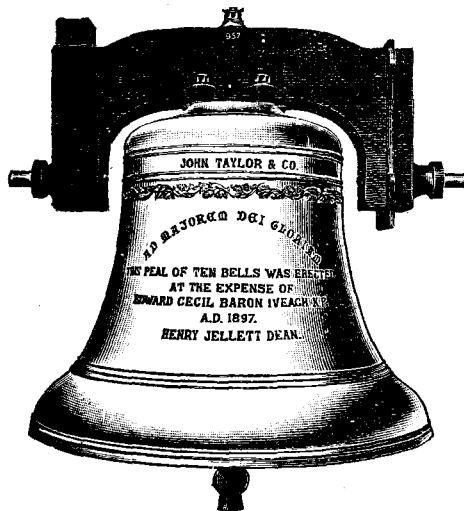
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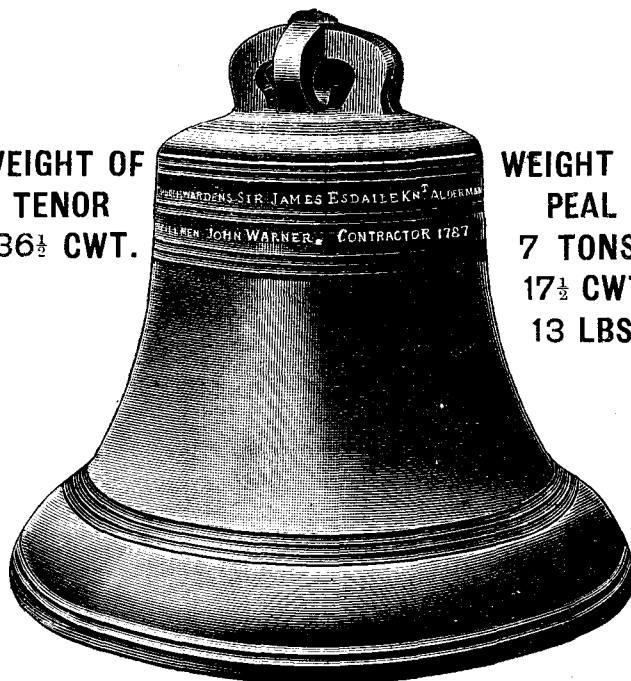
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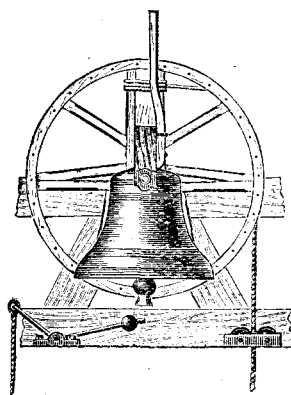
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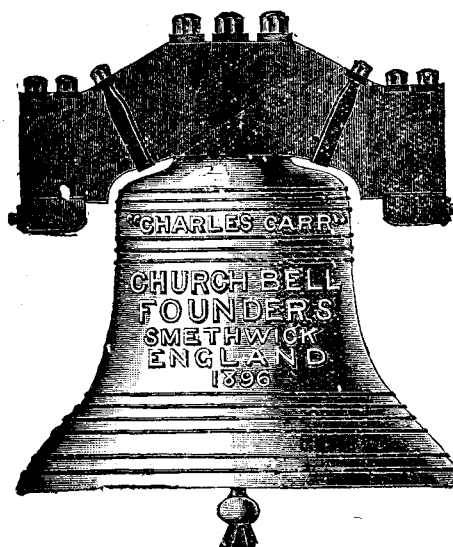
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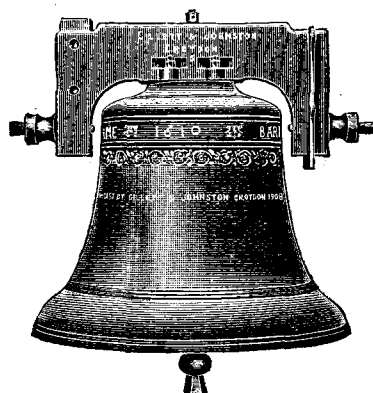
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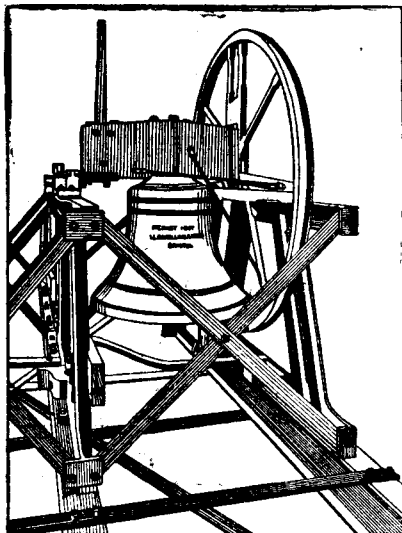
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## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 20th, the annual festival of this Guild took place at Buckingham. The visitors assembled in the morning, and after a few preliminary touches on the bells of the parish church, Divine Service took place. This was fully choral, the surpliced choir being in attendance. A sermon was preached by the Rev. W. L. Harnett (of Wolverton), who took for his text John xv. 27: "Ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning." The service concluded with the singing of the hymn, "Hosanna to the living God," and the pronouncing of the Benediction by the Vicar, the hymn "Songs of praise the angels sang," being sung as a recessional.

The business meeting was held at the Small Town Hall, the deputy-Master, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, presiding, supported by Lord Addington, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis (hon. secretary and treasurer), the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, several clergy from the neighbourhood, and Mr. A. E. Reeves (assistant-secretary). Representatives from many towers in affiliation with the guild were also present.

Apologies for non-attendance were announced from the Master of the Guild (Rev. F. E. Robinson), the Mayor of Buckingham, and Mr. A. J. Wright of Reading.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, in proposing the re-election of the Rev. F. E. Robinson as Master of the Guild, said that at one time he was afraid that would be impossible, but he was pleased to know that Mr. Robinson's health had improved to such an extent that he had put himself again at the disposal of the meeting. It would have been an exceeding great calamity if Mr. Robinson was lost to the Guild; he had worked hard, and at been at the back and call of the ringers since the formation of the Guild. In a letter from the Master, which Mr. Hart-Davis read, he expressed his willingness to accept office again, and reported that he had visited Shenley church, where he found the work of rehanging the bells had been well carried out by the firm of Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

The Rev. J. B. Kirby seconded, and it was carried by acclamation, the whole of the members rising to signify their approval.

On the proposition of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mr. J. Wilkins, the deputy-Master, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, was re-elected. The hon. secretary and treasurer, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, was re-elected. He said he was pleased to accept the position, especial with such an excellent assistant-secretary as Mr. A. E. Reeves, who was also re-elected at a salary of £15. As recommended by the committee, the representatives on the Central Council: the Rev. F. E. Robinson (Master), Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and Mr. F. W. Hopgood, were re-elected.

The deputy-Master announced that invitations to hold the 1909 festival had been received from Oxford, Chipping Norton, Kidlington, and Woodstock. The Rev. G. A. Littledale gave a cordial invitation on behalf of Chipping Norton. They could offer a fine church, a beautiful town

hall, and a newly-hung peal of eight bells, with four other peals of eight in the neighbourhood. Mr. Donnelly (churchwarden) also invited the Guild to Chipping Norton, assuring them that the laity would give them a good reception. A large majority of those present being in favour of Chipping Norton, it was determined that next year's festival should be held there.

It was decided to set aside £15 as a reserve fund, as recommended by the Committee.

The Secretary gave details of the financial position of the Guild, and said that when the expenses of the Festival had been paid, a sum of £28 1s. 11d. would remain in hand, but during the course of the next few months a good amount in subscriptions would be received, and there would be no difficulty in paying the grants recommended by the Committee. There was also a further reserve fund amounting to £7 13s. 8d., making in all nearly £23.

The following grants were recommended:—Buckingham, £5; High Wycombe, £5; Shenley, £2.

The Hon. Secretary said he was pleased to hear that the Buckingham grant had been of considerable use to the Vicar, who told him that it had helped considerably in raising the money for restoring the bells. He would like to congratulate the Vicar on the work carried out.

A member asked the state of the fund, and if it would be necessary to make the grant.

The Rev. P. P. Goldingham said that the money had been very useful. As a matter of fact they had received the money and spent it.

The Hon. Secretary said that it was another instance of the kindness of their dear old Master, who had paid the money out of his own pocket, and was prepared to take the risk of the Guild making the grant.

The Rev. P. P. Goldingham said the grant of £5 was a start to their fund, and it made the work of getting the remainder of the money together much easier.

The grant was agreed to, on the proposition of the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, seconded by Mr. G. Martin, and the High Wycombe grant was made on the proposition of Mr. J. W. Wilkins, seconded by Mr. F. Boreham.

On the consideration of the Shenley grant, the Rev. J. R. Vincent, Rector of Shenley, said that whilst they were grateful for the proposed grant, he felt he could hardly face his ringers unless he made an appeal to that meeting for an increase of the amount. They were only a very small village, and had gone in for a large work, and they felt that they would like the same consideration as such rich towns as Buckingham and High Wycombe. They had put in a new steel frame, and some of the bells had been recast at a cost of considerably over £200. In their little village they had raised about £200, and required about £15 to complete, and they knew that these last few pounds were the hardest to get. Whilst thanking the Guild for £2, the ringers of the village would more heartily thank them if they could increase the grant.

On the proposition of Mr. W. P. Routh, seconded by Mr. Vicars, it was decided to make a grant of £3.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge, one of the representatives on

the Central Council, gave an interesting report of the proceedings at Cambridge, when all four of the Guild representatives attended.

The chairman announced that during the year 110 change-ringers and seventy-two probationers had been accepted by the Committee, and this action was approved. There were at the present time 138 towers in union with the Guild, and the membership totalled 1,900.

The Rev. P. P. Goldingham, in the name of the ringers of Buckingham, thanked the Guild for the grant of £5 made.

Mr. Reeves read a letter from Mrs. Florence Chapman, of Tilehurst, thanking the members of the Guild for the financial help given her since the death of her husband. The assistant-secretary announced that in response to an appeal, the members of the Guild had sent £28 2s. 6d., and this was being paid to Mrs. Chapman at the rate of 5s. per week.

A vote of thanks to the deputy-master for presiding, was unanimously adopted, as was also a resolution that the Hon. Secretary convey a message of congratulation to the Master, expressing satisfaction at the excellent report on the state of his health.

This concluded the business, and the members adjourned to the large hall, where a first-rate luncheon had been laid by Mr. F. W. Turner, of The White Hart hotel, at which the Right Hon. Lord Addington presided.

Grace was said before and after the repast by the Rev. P. P. Goldingham.

The toast of "The King" was heartily honoured, and the noble chairman afterwards gave the toast of "The Guild." He apologised for having to leave the meeting, owing to the necessity of being in the House of Lords, where the Old Age Pensions Bill was to be considered. He felt proud to be the chairman of a bellringers' meeting, feeling that there was nothing better in approaching the shores of England than to see the church towers and to hear the ringing of the bells. The ringers were carrying out Divine work in reminding all that life was short, and that heaven was near. It was generally felt that to become entitled to a pension, one must have done something, and he really thought that members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild should have the first chance. He was proud to be with them, and regretfully left, and hoped the meeting would be most enjoyable.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis said before Lord Addington left the hall, he desired to thank him for attending the festival, and he also desired to say that his lordship had given him £1, so that could be given as the additional £1 voted during the afternoon to Shenley.

The Rev. P. P. Goldingham then took the chair.

The deputy-master, whose name was coupled with the toast, expressed the feeling of responsibility he had in carrying out the duties of Mr. Robinson, their one and only Master. Although it would be necessary for Mr. Robinson to give up heavy ringing, he would still be able to take part in light peals, and they earnestly hoped he might soon be able to come amongst them. He looked upon the Guild as one of the most pleasureable parts in the work of his life, and the honour of being deputy-master of the Guild was a great one, and he sought no greater honour than that of helping the Master of the Guild as long as they both were spared. The Guild was, in every way, in a most prosperous condition, and he wanted every member to consider the reputation of the Guild. He spoke very strongly on the need of accurate

striking of the bells, and constant practice at home before proceeding to other towers.

The Rev. J. B. Kirby gave "The health of the Vicar and churchwardens of Buckingham," and expressed the pleasure of all at the way in which they had been welcomed, and he also desired to couple with the toast the name of Mr. Harnett, who had given such a practical sermon. They wished to recognise all the help given by the Vicar, the choir, the organist, and the preacher.

The Rev. P. P. Goldingham, speaking in the name of all in Buckingham, said he was glad to welcome the Guild. He had to confess that up to two years before, he knew nothing about bellringing, but the good Master of the Guild came, and from him he learnt much about the bells, and found they were a very interesting study. He was glad to know that his own bellringers had joined the Guild, and was sure they would recognise that they had a reputation to keep up. It was well-known that at one time bells were founded in Buckingham, and there were bells still hanging in towers which were moulded in Buckingham. He hoped that when the turn came, the Guild would again visit the borough, where they would be heartily welcomed.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis submitted the toast of "The Mayor and Corporation," and regretted the absence of the Mayor, from whom a letter had been received, stating that he was attending a Public Health Congress at Buxton, and could not attend the luncheon; but they welcomed the deputy-mayor, who was representing the Mayor of the borough. He congratulated the Vicar and the town generally on the excellent peal of bells in the church tower.

The remaining toast was that of the Hon. Secretary and Assistant-Secretary, which was heartily honoured. This concluded the proceedings.

#### SWANMORE, HANTS.

A very pretty wedding was witnessed at the church of St. Barnabas, Swanmore, on a recent Tuesday, when Mr. H. G. Kerley was married to Miss Emily Linter, eldest daughter of Mr. William Linter, of Swanmore and Bishop's Waltham. After the ceremony many touches were rung, and during the evening a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor was rung to celebrate the event, all the ringers assisting being members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, while the bride's father, who was for a long time captain of St. Barnabas' belfry, and to whom the excellence of Swanmore ringing is due, acted as conductor. The following members took part: Messrs. Kerley, Hoare, Cooper, Laishley, Millard, and Linter.

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### THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of this Guild was held at Warwick on Saturday, July 25th. Evensong was sung at St. Mary's church at 4.45 p.m., at which a very interesting address was given by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Coventry on "Bells, Belfries, and Bellringers."

Tea was held at The Dale Temperance hotel at 5.30, followed by the business meeting, at which about forty members were present. In the unavoidable absence of the President, the Rev. Alan Williams, the Rev. F. H. Lawson, Vicar of St. Nicholas, Warwick, presided, supported by the following officers of the Guild: Messrs. Coleman, Dickins, Adams, Hessian, Martineau, Watson, Smallwood and Pinfold. The Chairman read a letter from the President expressing his regret at being unable to preside at the meeting. Letters were also received from the Rev. Canon Evans, the Rev. Dr. Deed, and Messrs. White and Flowers, expressing regret at not being present. After the minutes of the last general meeting had been read and passed, the hon. secretary read his report, which shewed a very satisfactory result in the progress of the Guild since its foundation. Three peals had been rung, one at Stoke-in-Coventry on February 21st, 1908; one at Hampden-in-Arden on February 22nd, 1908; and one at Bedworth on March 7th, 1908. Twenty-three quarter-peals have been rung by the following branches of the Guild; five of Grandsire Triples and one of Grandsire Caters by the Solihull branch; two of Grandsire Triples by the Stoke-in-Coventry branch; three of Grandsire Caters by the St. Mary's, Warwick, branch; and twelve by the St. Andrew's, Rugby, branch, viz., four of Bob Major, four of Double Norwich Major, two of Stedman Triples, one of Kent Treble Bob Major, and one of Grandsire Triples. The hon. secretary also reported that the membership had increased from forty-five to ninety-five. Two quarterly meetings had been held, one at Stoke-in-Coventry and one at Rugby. Monthly meetings had also been held, one Chilvers Coton and one at Berkswell.

The Hon. Treasurer next submitted his balance sheet, which was adopted, showing a favorable balance in hand of £7 11s. 2d.

The election of officers followed. The President, the Rev. Alan Williams was re-elected, also the Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. L. Coleman, the hon. treasurer, Mr. W. G. Dickins, and the hon. assistant secretary, Mr. A. J. Hessian. Great regret was expressed that Mr. E. H. Adams could not allow his name to stand for re-election as Master of the Guild, on account of his duties preventing him from attending the meetings of the Guild, Mr. Martineau, of Solihull, being elected in his place.

The following members were elected to serve on the Committee: E. H. Adams (Warwick), A. W. Flowers (Stoke-in-Coventry), J. Pinfold (Edmonscote), J. H. Sharatt (Bedworth), J. H. Smallwood (Coventry), R. Watson (Rugby), and Mr. J. H. White (Nuneaton). Messrs. Murray and Ambrose were elected hon. auditors. Mr. Coleman was re-elected representative of the Association on the Central Council.

The monthly meeting for August was fixed for Saturday, August 22nd, to be held at Hatton, and the September meeting was fixed for Saturday, September 26th, at Kenilworth. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, October 24th.

A discussion then took place with regard to a certificate for the Guild. It was pointed out that with the present finances the cost was prohibitive, as per estimate sub-

mitted, the matter being left to the committee for further consideration.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the chairman for presiding, and to the officers for their past services.

The towers of St. Mary and St. Nicholas, Warwick, and All Saints, Edmonscote, were open for ringing.

### PRESENTATION TO A RINGER.

On July 11th, at the annual summer outing of the Croydon parish church company, an interesting little ceremony took place at Lewes, when the members presented E. W. Bray (an old member) with a beautiful marble clock, with suitable engraved plate, as a token of appreciation for his services for many years as a ringer in the above guild.

Mr. E. W. Bray, who was deeply moved, in a few well-chosen words, thanked all the members for their great kindness on behalf of himself and Mrs. Bray, who he knew would appreciate their kindness as much as he did himself. He said he felt it very much when he had to leave Croydon, but he hoped to have the pleasure of meeting them all again many times at Eastbourne, where he was now residing.

All the members spent a most enjoyable day, and rang at Lewes and Ringmer churches several touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Oxford Bob Triples, and finished up a very pleasant day's outing at Brighton. The ringers wish to thank Mr. J. Turner, of Lewes, who met them, and Mr. Jones, of Ringmer, for so kindly placing their respective towers at their disposal.

### ST. NICHOLAS, LIVERPOOL.

At the Liverpool Consistory Court, on the 29th ultimo, Canon Kempthorne applied for permission to lift out the peal of 12 bells, and to strengthen the framework, or construct a new framework of steel and iron, and to rehang the bells. The faculty was granted.

### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Taunton on Saturday, when ringers from nearly all parts of the diocese spent a very pleasant day. At two o'clock all assembled at The London hotel, where dinner was served in the large hall. The Ven. W. H. Askwith, Archdeacon of Taunton, presided, supported by the Rev. C. C. Parker, Vicar of Corston (Master of the Association), the Rev. J. Hamlet, Vicar of Barrington, Ilminster, Rev. W. Prowse Hewett, Rector of Norton Fitzwarren, Rev. A. A. Brockington, curate of St. Mary's, Taunton, Rev. D. H. Spencer, Vicar of Winham, Mr. C. E. D. Boulflower, of Bristol, and Mr. E. E. Burgess, secretary. The towers represented were—St. Mary's and St. James's, Taunton, Bridgwater, Burnham, Castle Cary, Ditchat, Dulverton, Evercreech, Glastonbury, Huntspill, Ilminster Minehead, Norton Fitzwarren, Old Cleeve, Shepton Mallet, Midsomer Norton, Street, Stogumber, Wraxall and Wrington, about sixty members being present in all. An excellent dinner was provided and admirably served by Mr. E. H. Claridge.

After dinner the loyal toast was submitted by the Archdeacon, who observed that they were all very grateful to his Majesty the King for the way in which he had brought

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Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and a former Master of the above, next submitted the toast of "The Church." He said he was sure ringers were all churchmen, and that therefore they would accept that toast with unanimity. He would suggest that they might do something more to help forward the work of the Church in their daily lives. It was all very well to come there and say that the Church was a good thing; they must go a little further and help the Church. As bellringers they were, of course, all doing something, but if the thousand members of the Association were all church workers as well they would be an immense power for good throughout the diocese.

The Rev. J. Hamlett, in proposing "Other Ringing Associations," humorously referred to the fact that he had seen allusions in the newspapers to bellringing by ladies. The toast he had to submit, however, was that of such Associations as their own. One immediately came before their minds, and that was the Association with which Mr. Boutflower was connected. Then there was the Oxford Guild, which he started with, and the Master of which came down to see them and attempted five peals, out of which he rung four.

The business meeting immediately followed, the Secretary, Mr. E. Burgess, first announcing letters of apology for absence. It was much regretted that the Bishop of the diocese, who is President of the Association, was unable to be present, his Lordship being engaged in connection with the Lambeth Conference.

The Master then presented the annual report, and the Archdeacon congratulated the members upon its satisfactory nature, observing that it was a most businesslike statement, and showed that the work had not been allowed to flag.

The balance sheet for the year ending June 1st was read by the Secretary, and showed that the amount brought forward from the previous year was £88 10s. 4½d., while the contributions included £14 16s. 6d. from hon. members, £9 10s. 6d. from performing members, £2 19s. 4d. from Bath deanery, £1 2s. Bridgwater deanery, £3 6s. 10d. Chew deanery, £4 7s. 7d. Crewkerne deanery, £5 2s. 9d. Dunster deanery, £4 3s. 3d. Frome and Midsomer Norton deanery, £1 4s. 8d. Glastonbury deanery, and £2 12s. from Taunton deanery, the total receipts being £137 14s. 4d. The expenditure was £63 9s. 3d., leaving a balance in favor of the Association of £94 5s. 1d.

Mr. Boutflower, speaking in reference to the proposed alteration of the rule respecting the amount allowable for local expenses, said that £40 came from the central exchequer for expenses, etc., but the money contributed by the local branches was only about £23. Under the amended rule those contributions would be reduced to £17 or £18. He thought that before they decided upon such a drastic alteration they should consider whether their funds would stand the strain. He suggested that the proposal might be held in abeyance for another twelve months.

The chairman observed that if the branches had more money they would, he supposed, pay their own expenses out of it.

The Master said he was much obliged for Mr. Boutflower's criticism, but the whole question had already been gone into most carefully. They should, he considered, give the alteration a trial, and he was inclined to think the funds would stand it. He thought that seeing so many

members had voted for the change, they were bound to make it.

The Rev. A. A. Brockington proposed, and Mr. J. Burge seconded, that the alteration should be confirmed by that meeting. This was carried with only a few dissentients.

The re-election of the Rev. C. C. Parker as Master, was proposed by Mr. Maddock, seconded by Mr. J. Burge, and unanimously carried.

The Rev. C. C. Parker suitably replied, and added that he would take that opportunity of thanking the Archdeacon for presiding, and for the help given with regard to that meeting. They were always glad to have dignitaries with them.

The vice-presidents were re-elected as follows:—The Very Rev. Dean Jex-Blake, the Archdeacons of Wells, Bath, and Taunton, Lady Smyth, and the Right Hon. Sir A. A. Hood, Bart., M.P.

Mr. T. Doble proposed the re-election of Mr. E. E. Burgess as Secretary and Treasurer, and spoke of the valuable work he had done since he had held that position. His ability was well known, while they also knew that he was thoroughly energetic and conscientious with regard to all matters concerning the welfare of the Association.

Mr. A. E. Coles (Bridgwater), seconded, and the proposition was heartily carried, Mr. Burgess briefly responding.

The Rev. A. J. Hook, curate of St. John's, Glastonbury, was re-appointed auditor, and the following were elected re-elected representatives on the Central Council:—The Master, the Secretary (re-elected), Mr. David G. Taylor (Ilminster), and Mr. A. E. Coles. The number was increased to four on the suggestion of Mr. Boutflower.

Several new members were proposed and elected, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Evercreech.

The provision of a more elaborate certificate of membership was also recommended by several present, and a proposal was also made to hold a meeting at Yeovil. These matters were referred to the committee.

The Master thanked the Archdeacon and the other Vicars of the town for opening their towers that day; and also thanked the Archdeacon for presiding and arranging the service that was about to be held.

The meeting then terminated, and the members proceeded to St. Mary's church, where a special service was held.

### 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 WEST TOFTS, NORFOLK.

SIR—I wish to inform Mr. F. Borrett and my Thetford friends that the peal rung on July 25th was not the first peal of Major on the bells, as the Kenninghall company rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, 5120, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. on July 18th, 1871, in which the late Mr. J. Rudd, of Diss, took part.

WILLIAM H. DORAN.

### Situations Vacant.

**GARDENER WANTED** Young man about 24, for Herbaceous borders, Roses, Fruit Trees and Lawns. Two other men kept to assist. Would be required to occasionally assist on duty. Must have had previous experience, and be well recommended. Bothy and room found. Change-ringer preferred.—For further particulars apply C. EDWARDS, Frensham Hill Gardens, Farnham, Surrey.

## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on August 18th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 20th; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 10th and 24th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 11th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 13th; and St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on the 13th and 27th; 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 Hale on Saturday, August 15th. Bells ready at 4.30  
WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 15th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Z. LORD, *Branch Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield on Saturday, August 15th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7.  
W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, August 15th, at St. Lawrence's church, Biddulph. Representatives please notify the number intending to be present from their towers not later than August 12th, to Mr. J. Cottrill, Ivy Cottage, Marsh Green, Gillow Heath, Biddulph.

REV. W. G. KEYWORTH, } *Hon. Secs.*  
J. JOHNSON,  
143, Flint Terrace, Tunstall.

**Exeter Cathedral.**—Practice Wednesday next, 7.15 p.m.

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

**The Essex Association.**—South-Eastern District.—The bells of Southminster not being available on a Saturday, the next meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, August 22nd. Tea at The White Horse at 5 o'clock, 9d. per head to those sending in their names on or before August 19th.

HENRY F. COOPER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
County Offices, Chelmsford.

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Sunbury on Saturday, August 29th. The bells will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, and from 6.30 to 9. Members are asked to make an effort to attend this meeting, and they are reminded that the subscription due January 1st, should now be paid.  
J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Croston, on Saturday, August 29th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—During the repairs to the tower of Winchester Cathedral, there will be no ringing on the bells until further notice. JAS. W. ELKINS.  
3, Culver Villas, Winchester.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.**—This peal was rung on the occasion of the wedding of one of the local ringers—Mr. J. Lewin, to Miss Wright, of Cranford. Afterwards the ringers were entertained to tea and supper by Mr. and Mrs. Lewin, the ringers wishing the happy couple long life and happiness.

**THE PEAL AT GATESHEAD.**—This composition, the masterpiece of modern peals, is now rung for the first time. It has 252 bobs and 210 singles, and is the first peal ever composed in even equal parts in which each bell in turn becomes the observation bell. The figures appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of July 18th, 1908, and was rung at the second attempt.

**THE PEAL AT IPSWICH.**—L. Wiffen's 150 Peals.—Bob Triples 1; Major 3; Royal 1; Grandsire Triples 5; Caters 3; Kent Major 6; Royal 3; Maximus 11; Oxford Major 5; Royal 1; Double Norwich Major 36; Royal 2; Maximus 1; Stedman Triples 16; Caters 11; Cinques 8; Superlative 19; Cambridge 6; New 1; London 11. Total—150.

## AN APPEAL.

The members of the Keighley society have opened a subscription list for the cause of one of their ringing brethren—J. McGoun—who has the misfortune to lose the use of one of his legs, the foot of which has been just amputated. He has been unable to use the limb now for a matter of eight months. The above company therefore beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country on his behalf. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 34, Hill Street, Keighley, Yorkshire, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS."

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Mr. R. Rider .. .. .	0	4	0
Silsden ringers, per Mr. F. W.			
Rishworth .. .. .	1	0	0
A Ringing Friend (Grantham) ..	0	2	6
The Ilkley Ringers (per Mr.			
Feather .. .. .	0	10	0
Halifax and District Association,			
per Mr. James Cotterell:			
Bradford Branch .. .. .	0	10	6
Halifax Parish .. .. .	0	5	0
Mr. M. W. Lund (Bradford) ..	0	2	0

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—W. Pye has removed to 8, Sanson Road, Lansdowne Road, Leytonstone, N.E.

**UP-RIVER TRIPS.**—Our country cousins who are coming to the metropolis for the Franco-British and other Exhibitions would be well advised to make a tour of our grand old river Thames one of the features of their visit. The best and most enjoyable way of seeing the upper reaches of the river is afforded by the handsome 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 on the river. This trip is very popular with Londoners, and we are sure it will be equally appreciated by all who embrace the opportunity. Excellent luncheons, teas, and light refreshments of all kinds may be obtained on board at reasonable charges, and the fares are very moderate.

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By LOUIS HEAD, *Lyminge.*

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 1908.

OUR readers will be greatly concerned on hearing that the Master of the Oxford Guild has not been in his usual good health lately. He has been undergoing what is known as a rest-cure, which has evidently benefitted him, for the Guild Secretary had the pleasure of telling the members the other day that the Master had improved in health to such an extent that he had again consented to re-election. How the rev. gentleman is beloved was seen by the reception of the news that he was able to take office again. The proposition for his re-election was received with acclamation, the whole of the company rising to signify their enthusiastic approval.

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**The Provinces.****BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, July 21, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob, and 360 each of College Single, Duke of York, Violet, New London Pleasure, Oxford Delight, and Double Court.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES WARDLEY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM SAWYER .. .. 4.
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Conducted by WILLIAM SAWYER.

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Being four 6-score of Stedman Slow Course, twelve of Stedman's Principle and Plain Bob, and fourteen of Grandsire Doubles.

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Conducted by C. GREEDY.

First peal on the bells.

**EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, July 25, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

SIDNEY COOPER* .. .. Treble.	ALBERT E. LARKINSON .. .. 4.
HENRY CUNNINGHAM† .. .. 2.	JOHN WM. LAKE .. .. 5.
HERBERT REED‡ .. .. 3.	ARTHUR J. HOLMES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

\*First peal. †First peal of Minor. ‡First peal with a bob bell.

**HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, July 28, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lbs.

HENRY BOTTERILL .. .. Treble.	JOHN LUCKEY .. .. 5.
SAMUEL HAYES .. .. 2.	WALTER HOBBS .. .. 6.
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Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by HENRY J. TUCKER.

**PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

*On Tuesday, July 28, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,***AT CHRIST CHURCH,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

ROBERT PEARL, JUN. * .. Treble.	GEORGE R. NEWTON .. .. 5.
EDWARD CAUNCE .. .. 2.	SAMUEL STUART .. .. 6.
JOHN ASPINWALL .. .. 3.	†EDWIN BREEZE .. .. 7.
GEORGE WOODALL .. .. 4.	WILLIAM DANIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. ROYLE, and Conducted by E. BREEZE.

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

**GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, July 31, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

REV. H. LAW JAMES'S SEVEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH ROWEL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. .. 5.
JOHN S. RICHARDSON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 3.	ROBERT RICHARDS .. .. 7.
ROBERT W. FALCONER .. .. 4.	JOHN STUART .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

Reference elsewhere.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, August 1, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,***AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM PYE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. SMITH .. .. 6.
JOHN H. CHESMAN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

**IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.***On Saturday, August 1, 1908, in Three Hours,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,****A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. Treble.	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 2.	*ERNEST F. POPPY .. .. 6.
EDWARD EVANS .. .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. .. 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method. Arranged for E. Poppy. This is L. W. Wiffen's 150th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

**HERNHILL, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, August 1, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. BRETT .. .. 5.
EDWARD TRENDELL .. .. 2.	EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. .. 6.
JACK WILLIS* .. .. 3.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. 7.
CHARLES W. BRETT .. .. 4.	†HORACE GILBERT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by PHILIP H. PIERCE.

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

**REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.****THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, August 1, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM WILLIAMSON* .. Treble.	JAMES FERNLEY .. .. 5.
ALFRED BARNES .. .. 2.	†JAMES SHAW .. .. 6.
REV. ARTHUR T. BRESTON .. 3.	GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. 7.
WILLIAM LOWERY .. .. 4.	FRED HOLT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. THORPE, and Conducted by WILLIAM LOWERY.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the 25th anniversary of the consecration of the church

## MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 1, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

JESSE J. MOSS .. .. Treble.	HARRY MOSS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 6.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. .. 3.	ERNEST BECKWITH .. .. 7.
GEORGE CLARKE .. .. 4.	JOHN FLINT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

## ALMONDSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

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On Saturday, August 1, 1908, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM LANSDOWNE .. Treble.	FRANK K. HOWELL .. .. 5.
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FRED G. MAY .. .. 3.	ISAAC LONG .. .. 7.
ALGERNON L. LEWTON .. 4.	HENRY T. HOWELL .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY

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

## ANSTY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 2, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

JAMES GEORGE .. .. Treble.	JAMES MERRICK .. .. 5.
GEORGE A. SMITH .. .. 2.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 6.
ISAAC G SHADE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

## GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1908, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt, 1 qr. 21 lbs. in C sharp.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	ERNST F. POPPY .. .. 6.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	EDWARD E. DIAPER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 3.	FREDERICK WATLING .. .. 8.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. .. 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 9.
DENISON HAYWARD .. .. 5.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. Tenor.

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 30½ cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. Treble.	*JAMES MERRICK .. .. 6.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 7.
GEORGE A. SMITH .. .. 3.	HORACE W. ABBOTT .. .. 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 9.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 5.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

\*First peal on ten bells.

## STRATTON, CORNWALL.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE EXETER RINGERS CYCLING CLUB BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 3 1908, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED MONKLEY .. Treble.	EDMUND SARGENT .. .. 5.
FRANK J. DAVEY .. .. 2.	JAMES MOSS .. .. 6.
THOMAS LAVER .. .. 3.	ADOLPHUS SNOW .. .. 7.
JOHN HAYMAN .. .. 4.	*JOHN JORDAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK J. DAVEY.

Rang as a compliment to E. Sargent, whose home is the neighbouring village of Marhamchurch. \*Elected a member previous to starting for the peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

## HINXWORTH, HERTS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Merchants' Return, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR DANIELS* .. Treble.	ALFRED PRATT .. .. 4.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 2.	CHARLES A. PRATT .. .. 5.
FREDERICK PRATT .. .. 3.	*JAMES BLOTT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\*First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells which have been augmented to six by the addition of a treble by Mears and Stainbank, the splice being perfect. The treble was given in memory of the late Vicar by the parishioners and friends.

## CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

On Monday, August 3 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

JOHN R. MAIN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM B. MEADOWS .. 4.
ISAAC J. JUDD .. .. 2.	WALTER PERKINS .. .. 5.
BERNARD SADDINGTON .. 3.	ARTHUR SMEATHERS .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR SMEATHERS.

## TONG, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 720 each of Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, Woodbine, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER JACKSON* .. Treble.	THOMAS HEPWORTH .. .. 4.
JOHN EASTER* .. .. 2.	GEORGE BOLLAND .. .. 5.
EDWARD ODDY .. .. 3.	SAMUEL ODDY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

\*First peal.

## BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.)

On Monday, August 3, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt.

H. F. MOORE .. .. Treble.	H. R. MOORE .. .. 5.
P. O. LAFLIN .. .. 2.	A. E. MOORE .. .. 6.
F. NORMAN† .. .. 3.	†E. BRADFELD .. .. 7.
H. FOULGER† .. .. 4.	H. A. TURNER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by H. A. TURNER.

†First peal in the method.



**NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)**

*On Monday, August 3, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,*

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

SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. Treble.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 6.
JESSE J. MOSS .. .. 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
HARRY MOSS .. .. 4.	JOHN FLINT .. .. Tenor.

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

**CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)**

*On Monday, August 3, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.**

JOHN FLINT .. .. Treble.	*ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 6.
WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 7.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 3.	SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 8.
JESSE J. MOSS .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN E. KNIGHTS .. 9.
HARRY MOSS .. .. 5.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. Tenor.

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

**Dandbell Peals.**

**BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)**

*On Wednesday, July 29, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. KEEBLE,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER 1-2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 5-6.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 3-4.	HARRY MOSS .. .. 7-8.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

Umpire A. V. Moore.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Treble Bob Major, rung at Crawley, Sussex, has been sent without the number of changes being mentioned

**Miscellaneous.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

MORTON.—On Sunday, July 12th, for afternoon service at the parish church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. W. Lake, J. Osborne, C. Neaverson, A. E. Larkinson, F. Blood, T. L. Bainbridge. And 360 London Surprise. F. Blood, C. Neaverson, T. L. Bainbridge, A. J. Holmes, J. W. Lake, J. Osborne. Both the above were conducted by J. W. Lake.

EDENHAM.—On Wednesday, July 8th, 720 Stedman Doubles. J. W. Lake, A. E. Larkinson, H. Cunningham, A. J. Holmes conductor, F. Blood. 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Cooper, H. Cunningham, F. Blood, A. E. Larkinson, A. J. Holmes, J. W. Lake conductor.

BOURNE.—On Thursday, July 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Neal, H. Cunningham, J. W. Lake, F. Blood, A. E. Larkinson, A. J. Holmes conductor.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

GUILDFORD.—At Holy Trinity church, on Sunday, July 19th, in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. W. E. Jelley, a member of

the Holy Trinity Society, 500 Stedman Triples. H. Burdock, C. Willshire, sen., T. Maynard, H. Hutton, H. L. Garfath, R. Wood, B. Chorley, A. H. Pulling conductor.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Tuesday, July 7th, for practice, 503 Stedman Triples. W. Lebbon, C. Groves, P. Hannam, J. M. Turner, J. Symons, E. J. Harding, J. Harris, S. Thomas. On Sunday, July 19th, for service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Smith, C. Groves, J. M. Turner, J. Symons conductor, J. T. Matthews, H. Northfield, J. Harris, E. J. Harding. On Thursday, July 23rd, on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. Courtney Wilson, one of the curates of this church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. J. Smith, C. Groves, J. M. Turner, H. Northfield, J. Symons, E. J. Harding, J. Harris conductor, J. T. Matthews. 504 Grandsire Triples by the same band, conducted by E. J. Harding. On Sunday, June 21st, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Smith, C. Groves, J. Symons, A. Collins, Sergt. S. A. Gregory, R.G.A., J. Harris, E. J. Harding conductor, J. T. Matthews.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

BROOMFIELD.—On Sunday, July 26th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Clarke, C. Parsons, A. Speller, J. Tunbridge, G. Waterman conductor. H. F. Cooper. 180 Plain Bob. H. Bradley, C. Parsons, G. Parsons, H. F. Cooper conductor, E. Clarke, G. Clarke. For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Bradley, H. F. Cooper, A. Speller, H. Head, A. Bradley conductor, A. Head. Rung in honour of the christening of Frederick Archibald, son of Mr. A. Bradley, a member of the local band.

**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Sunday, July 19th, for evening service, 360 Oxford Bob. H. Carter, A. Carter, A. Woolston, A. Phillips, F. Williams, W. H. Lawrence. On Tuesday, July 21, 720 Woodbine. A. Phillips, B. Patmore, F. Williams, G. H. Barker, E. H. King, W. H. Lawrence conductor. 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. H. King, A. Woolston, A. Carter, A. Phillips, B. Patmore, W. H. Lawrence conductor. 120 Bob Doubles. W. Woolston, first 120. On Sunday, July 26th, for evening service, 360 Plain Bob. E. A. Overall, W. H. Lawrence conductor, A. Carter, A. Phillips, F. Williams, A. Woolston. After service 720 Oxford Bob. W. H. Lawrence conductor, 1-2; A. Woolston, A. Phillips, F. Williams, E. A. Overall. On Tuesday, July 28th, 360 Woodbine. A. Woolston, A. Carter, F. Williams, A. Phillips, H. Wallace, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Thursday, July 30th, 720 each of Duke of York and Double Oxford. A. Woolston, Rev. A. G. Langdon, B. Patmore, E. H. King, A. Overall, W. H. Lawrence conductor.

DEVONPORT.—On Saturday, July 13th, at the Dockyard chapel, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Linnell, R. Dobson, J. Woodley, F. Hockaday, W. Rundle, W. Shears, E. Marsh conductor, A. E. Tomlins. 216 Stedman Triples. E. Marsh, R. Dobson, F. Hockaday, W. H. Marsh, W. Rundle, W. Hiscott, A. E. Tomlins conductor, T. Linnell. On Saturday, June 20th, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Linnell, W. Hiscott, W. Rundle, W. Ford, C. Heales, J. Woodley, A. E. Tomlins conductor, J. Friend. On Saturday, July 4th, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Linnell, A. E. Tomlins, W. Hiscott, W. Rundle, A. Wellington, J. Woodley, E. Marsh, W. Fore. Several courses of Stedman Triples. On Saturday, July 25th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Hiscott, J. Woodley, W. Ford, R. Dobson, A. Wellington, W. Marsh, A. E. Tomlins, T. Linnell.

HILLINGDON (Middlesex).—On July 27th, during the evening practice 720 Bob Minor, taken from "Rope Sight." J. Peddle, W. Rawlins, W. Lawrence conductor, E. Hancox, H. Chandler, R. J. Finch. W. Foster also took part in the ringing.

KEA (Cornwall).—On Monday, June 29th, for practice, 546 Grandsire Triples. J. Hall, W. Davey, J. Dunstan, H. Harris, P. Harfoot, J. Thomas, W. Sandercock conductor, E. Ham. Also 168 in the same method. A. Treganowan, E. Ham, J. Hall, the rest as before.

SALTASH.—On Saturday, June 27th, at St. Stephen's church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Woodley, E. Marsh, A. E. Tomlins conductor, W. Hiscott, W. Ford, W. H. Marsh. And several 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

## Ringers' Outings.

THE GREAT TOTHAM COMPANY (Essex).—One often reads in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" of ringers' outings and their doings, but I doubt if ever a happier party ever set out than the one that visited the church of Great Totham, Essex, on Sunday, July 12th. It was termed the ladies' day, and punctually to time, the brake that had been chartered left Chelmsford, and picking up the majority at Great Bad-dow, we were amidst the sweet voices of the fair sex, the natives of the various villages passed through giving us a hearty cheer. Arriving at Great Totham seven brave men with their wives and a youngster or two, were met and most kindly welcomed by the Vicar (Rev. H. T. W. Eyre), Secretary of the Essex Association. As the weather was somewhat treacherous

we were ushered into the church, the fair sex looking round while a 720 of Bob Minor was rung. Tea was to have been served on the lawn, but rain was falling, and the Vicar suggested the ladies and children should have their tea first, so a 360 of Bob Minor was rung. The ladies having enjoyed a cup of the right sort, the ringers were then piloted to the tea-room and did full justice to the good things provided. The rain having ceased, a stroll round the garden and churchyard was much enjoyed, the crimson ramblers being a perfect picture. Many a country parson might learn something by visiting the church and churchyard of Great Totham. The bells were once more put on the move, and with three of the local ringers standing in, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob was rung for evening service. The Vicar shook hands, and wished every one good-bye. The return journey commenced with the weather clearing. A halt

was made at Maldon for the ladies to take a stroll round the promenade and lake. Home was reached about 10 p.m., all agreeing that it had been one of the best day's outing they had ever had, and which must be put on the ringers' diary as annual. One and all wish to thank the Rev. H. T. Eyre for the kind way he received us, his piloting us round the grounds, and for providing tea. H.F.C.

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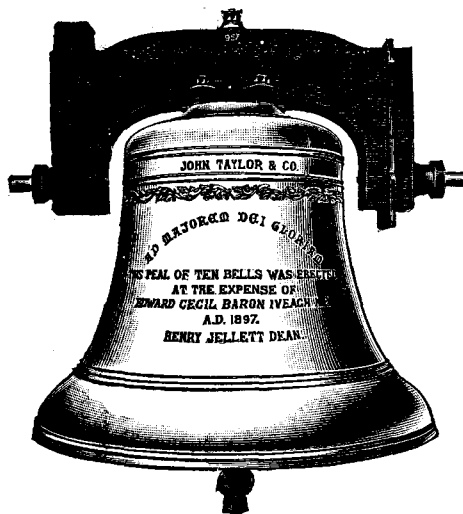
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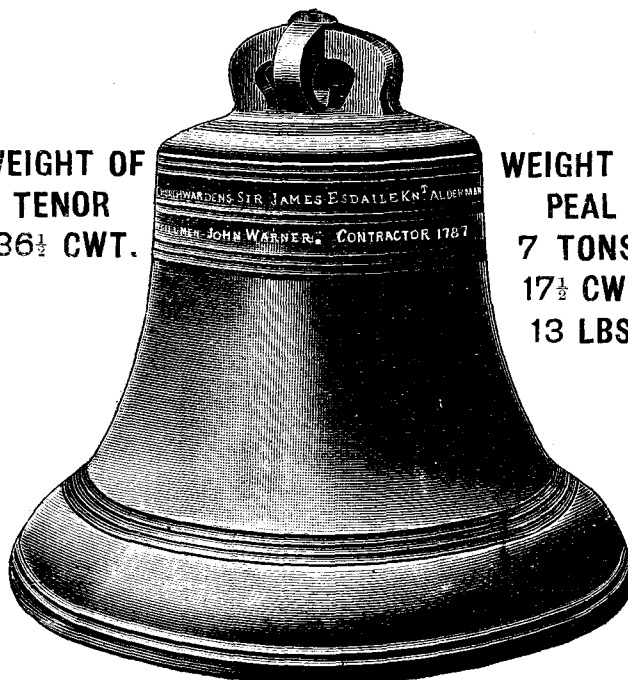
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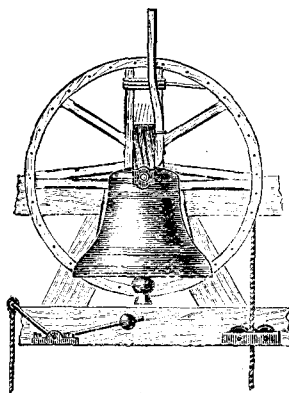
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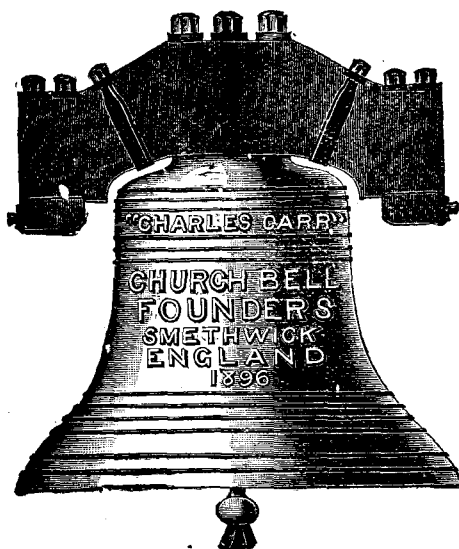
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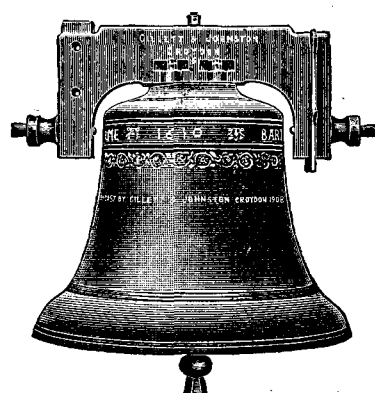
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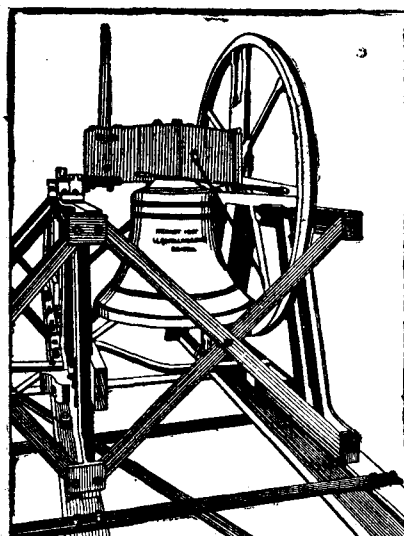
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## RINGERS AND CLERGY.

We have lately read, in various newspapers, some paragraphs which have been thus headed: "A Ringers' Strike," "Bellringers on Strike," and so forth. The writers of such rubbish are of the penny-a-liner order, and it is evident that they know very little of what they have the audacity to write about. "A Ringers' Strike," forsooth! There never was such a thing. If we take the word "Strike" in its popular acceptation, such a commotion, or effort, by a body of scientific ringers, is impossible. The phrase is ridiculous. The word "strike" is just as applicable to any self-willed or vain organist, who had resigned his post because he could not rule the Vicar, churchwardens, and all. In the case of a curate, also, who resigned on account of his disregarded protests against his superior's introduction of novelties into the service; or a churchwarden who unsuccessfully claimed to have a voice in the disposal of the offertory, the word could be employed just the same, but it would be very ridiculous in either sense, nethertheless. If regulations are insisted upon which to the ringers are unpalatable, they have as much right and reason to resign their office without the gratuitous insult of being told that they are "on strike." We sometimes hear of an incumbent accepting preferment where the income is larger than the one he at present enjoys; sometimes of a desire to have an exchange from a position where the parishioners are found to be non-appreciative of their Vicar's capabilities or tact. How foolish it would be to say in such cases that these persons were on "strike."

It is to be regretted that we are obliged to hear now and then of cases where the incumbent and his ringers are in the condition known as "at daggers drawn." It has been often affirmed that the chief cause of this is the incumbent's want of tact. We have nothing to say, certainly, in defence of those ringers who habitually and constantly leave the church immediately after calling other people there. But this conduct should not be met with a high hand; a clergyman should be a good tactician in such cases, and act warily. Ringers, whatever their position in life may be, are not serfs, nor creatures of inferior clay. The practice of change-ringing makes a man think, and his mind and intellect thus becomes more and more opened and expansive. Feeling this he is apt to resent the least sign of dictatorial conduct where bells and ringers are concerned. Kindly persuasion, patience, and gentle admonition on the part of the incumbent, will generally bring about the desired condition of things. What is known as riding the high horse with ringers will inevitably fail in its object and effect. The incumbent, who regards ringers as inferior people, as being below any

one church officer in point of intelligence, should divest himself at once of such opinion. Such a man will have to change his estimate of ringers before he commands their respect and obedience. A ringing company, properly dealt with, is the noblest asset among church officials which an incumbent can possibly have. How many instances could be shown to prove this? The reader will call to mind many where our brethren are pursuing their part in company with the local clergy, under conditions of great pleasure and unity. Many others, where there are no ringing clergy, also exist under very happy circumstances, by reason of the tact and courtesy shown to them. It is most expedient in these days that the clergy at large should endeavour to be at one with their ringers, as it has been ungrudgingly pointed out many times that ringers all over the land will form a bulwark in defence of the Church should any attack be made upon her.

The extracts from a newspaper which a correspondent incorporates in his letter on another page yield very little to the object in view. We must accept our friend's statement that "the silly season" is now in full swing. In former times we used to be favored with dissertations upon the immense gooseberry, varied with blood-curdling relations about the renowned sea-serpent. But these have got old and worn-out, something fresh is demanded. Amongst the effusions of the proverbial witless period, the public are treated to observations about church bells and ringers. Puny attempts 'tis true, all froth. Hurts no one, but gives an awful amount of pleasure and self consequence to the writers.

The greatest bugbear we now have in ringing matters is apathy. Not the apathy of ringers themselves, merely, though that is bad enough, but the apathy of many of the clergy, the careless and neglectful manner in which they disregard the bells and all that appertains to them. It is a painful fact that there are to be found too many incumbents, who give their bells no thought whatever, who feel not the slightest interest in them, and would not be troubled with any qualms of conscience if they were to be done away with. As for taking the least interest in the interior economy and arrangements of the ringing company, the idea would be (to them) absurd. They prefer to leave everything to the sexton, or some inferior church official, often a very illiterate and narrow-minded person, and the consequence is that no recognised company exists, and everything goes wrong. Why should this be? What is the reason for such neglect and apathy on the part of the incumbent? It has been said, with some reason, that this order of clergy has entered the Church late. That is to say, their intent to take orders has been

settled only just before or immediately after completing their collegiate education, before, indeed, they may have even heard of the Church Catechism. They are therefore not Church bred, as it were, and their sympathies and interests lie chiefly among other objects than church bells. A well-brought-up Sunday school youth will have heard something about the bells of his parish church where he attends the regular Sunday services, and he will be led to interest himself in them and the traditions of the belfry. He grows up having a sort of awe and wonderment concerning them, and such interest lasts through life. There is the difference. We think that the parsons who are not so Church bred from early life are chiefly to be found among those who are so apathetic and indifferent about bells and ringers. If such as they could universally be moved to action by identifying themselves in a practical manner with the bells, they would find it would repay them. And it would only be their duty after all.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North-Eastern district was held recently at St. Osyth, an interesting village adjoining the popular seaside resort of Clacton-on-Sea. The meeting was apparently thoroughly representative, about a dozen different towers being represented. The tea was held at The White Hart, and just at its close the Rev. H. Eyre arrived, his motor having given him trouble and made him late. The meeting afterwards was presided over by the Master of the district (Mr. F. Rudkin), the principal business being the election of eleven new members, including two of the local band. The Vicar was unable to be present, owing to the illness of a relative, and it was understood that he provided the tea, but at the last moment the Secretary discovered that an old friend, Mr. W. J. Nevard, with his usual generosity, played the part of host. Several good 720s and various touches were brought round on the bells of the parish church.

### BANK HOLIDAY AT EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS

Monday, August 3rd, was a day to be remembered by the nine members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, who met by the kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. F. S. Bourdillon), to attempt two peals on his bells. Situated amidst lovely woodland scenery adjoining Lockerly Hall, eight of the party met sharp at 10 a.m., and by one o'clock Thurstans's peal of Stedman Triples had been tapped off. Then to the vicarage for dinner, where needless to say the usual hospitality was shewn by the Vicar. The afternoon was spent on the lawn in the shade, with plenty of smoke and refreshment, Mr. Harris arriving from Portsmouth in the meantime. At 4 o'clock an attempt was made for a peal of Double Norwich, but which came to grief about ringing about two hours. To the vicarage for tea, after which a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Vicar for his kind invitation, and for the hospitable way in which we had been entertained, thus bringing to an end another of the many days that have been spent by ringers of the Winchester Diocesan Guild at East Tytherley. W.

### TWO PEALS OF LONDON SURPRISE.

By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, *Sheffield.*

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Repeat these nine courses in each peal except calling the ninth course I M and I W produces:—

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

### A 720 OF COLLEGE SINGLE.

By T. MILLINGTON, *Teversall, Notts.*

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

Five times repeated; single for bob midway and end.

GLOUCESTER.—On Thursday, June 4th, on the occasion of a Missionary Demonstration, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. T. Baldwyn, J. Gillett, C. Bexwell, F. E. Hart, G. Mileham, A. Brunsdon, J. Austin conductor, T. Whiting. On June 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Boxwell, J. Astin, W. Beard, F. E. Hart, G. Mitcham, J. Gillett, T. Baldwyn, A. Brunsdon.

CHILVERS COTON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, May 24th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. T. W. Chapman, H. Argyle, H. Street, J. H. White, H. Briggs, H. Cure, J. F. Clarke conductor, S. Jessop. On Sunday, May 31st, 420 Grandsire Triples. W. Cure, T. W. Chapman, W. Martin, J. H. White conductor, T. Rippin, H. Cure, J. F. Clarke, J. F. Clarke, jun.

SAWSTON (Cambs).—On Friday evening, June 19th, in the grounds of the Church Institute, 720 Bob Minor, on handbells. E. Freestone conductor, W. Sykes, F. Hurry, F. Matthews, S. Nunn, M. J. Lyles, R. Wilson. This is believed to be the first 720 of Bob Minor by all Sawston ringers.

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## SIR SIMONDS D'EWES.

When I was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1875, after paying entrance fee, etc., I was presented with a book of rules which included a short and interesting history of the society. In this the name of Sir Simonds d'Ewes is mentioned as Lord of the Manor of Lavenham, in Suffolk, and one who was fond of bell-ringing. Now for years I have been looking up what I could about this gentleman, and the following is what I have been able to gather of him; the same I thought might interest the readers of "THE BELL NEWS," and I therefore send it to you, Mr. Editor.

*Glensford, Suffolk.*

SAMUEL SLATER.

Sir Simonds d'Ewes is probably a far more interesting and amusing person to us in this generation than he ever was to those who knew him in the flesh. To them he must have been the incarnation of a boor; to us he has left a biography, on almost every page of which he has written down "prig," in the largest letters with a most entertaining simplicity, a labour of love, inspired by a consummate self-satisfaction. He was born on December 18th, 1602, at Coxden, in Dorsetshire. His father, Paul d'Ewes, Esq., was a man of some standing in Suffolk, and lived, as he says, at Welshall, in the parish of Milding. Simonds was a most delicate child reared with difficulty, half dead of measles, half killed by a fever while very young, and very likely it was on this account he became so unlike most boys, and was allowed to have his own way so completely, especially by his mother. He came to Suffolk about the year 1610, to live with his father, and as he writes—"The neat market-town of Lavenham yielding a good schoolmaster"—he was put to school there, having among his schoolfellows a Barnardiston, and a Clopton, of Kentwell Hall, Long Melford. He was admitted a member of the Middle Temple at eight-and-a-quarter, so that when he came to reside there nine or ten years afterwards, he found himself senior to some 200 of that society. Leaving Lavenham he returned to Chardstock, which he again left on his master giving up school-keeping, and he was transferred to a neighbouring village where he found fault with his teacher on account of his fondness for flogging, and that, "though a minister, he did not care to make his boys take note of his sermon in writing, or even attend properly to the services when in church." In this school however he studied for two years, and while there his father bought first Lavenham Hall, and then the manor of Stowlangtoft, of which latter place Simons was always very fond and proud. Of it he (I have heard) wrote as follows: "The purchase of the manor of Stowlangtoft this year by my father, being about four miles from Bury St. Edmunds, made me begin to fix my love on those southern parts of these realms, and to forget wholly Coxden and the western. The capital messuage and site of the Manor called Stow Hall, is a goodly and pleasant seat which my father after he had bought it, enlarged and beautified very much with brick wall and buildings. He was next put to school in St. Mary Axe, where he remained two years, and was then removed to the Bury School, where there was a very able teacher, and wholesome air, and my father's house not above five miles distant from it." At Bury we are told that he made excellent progress, and the fact that

he was placed in a firm too high for him, stimulated him to very great exertions. He speaks with eminent self-satisfaction of his themes being large and solid, and his "verses lofty and of various kinds." He kept his exercise book with 2850 verses, Latin and Greek, to say nothing of the prose, and he tells a story of how the Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, came into the school and began to examine his form. Ere they had long discussed, one young scholar of fifteen took him twice or thrice tripping in false Latin, and gave him notice of it, which so nettled him that he broke off abruptly and soon left the school. At the age of seventeen he resolved to be an author, and leave some work for the benefit of posterity. With this view he began at once to collect materials for a complete and correct history of Britain, but after two years at Cambridge he began his residence in the Temple, and took kindly to legal studies. Time fails me to tell of his wooing at the age of twenty-four, the heiress of Sir William Clopton, of Kentwell Hall, Long Melford, a child of about fourteen years, and most beautiful. I am not able to quote the love-letters that he sent with his diamond necklace, but having married, the rest of his life is soon told. He was returned member of Parliament for Sudbury in 1640, and sat in the Long Parliament of King Charles the First, was made a baronet in 1641, and was a strong adherent to the Parliamentary cause. This Lord of the Manor of Lavenham was so remarkable a character that a few more details concerning him may not in this article be considered improper, as I am told Sir Simonds has furnished us with some information respecting himself in his autobiography. He was trained for the law, and as his father was a most parsimonious man, the young lawyer found himself so short of cash, that he was frequently obliged to resort to reporting law cases. As the years sped the greatest passion of his life was to secure a wealthy wife. But this was not so easy, and many were the rebuffs which this formal and precise Puritan met with. Before long he secured an heiress with something in hand, when at last it turned out to be Mistress Anne Clopton, daughter of Sir William Clopton, of Kentwell Hall, Long Melford, Suffolk, and so anxious was Sir Simonds for the match, that he married the lady before she was fourteen years old. A curious sight it must have been to see this grim old Puritan joining hands with a fair young girl not out of her teens. There is too (I believe), yet extant, an amusing love-letter which Sir Simonds wrote to Mistress Clopton on the occasion of the presentation of a necklace. But I am not able to quote the letter in full, but he addressed the young lady as "fairest," and told her that he hoped the necklace "will, if not adorn the purer neck, yet be hidden in the private cabinet of her whose humble sweetness and sweet humility deserves the justest honour—the greatest thankfulness. Nature made stones, but opinion jewels; this without your milder acceptance and opinion will prove neither stone nor jewels," and so on. Sir Simonds after the custom of the times subscribed himself the lady's humble servant. I also gather that Sir Simonds d'Ewes, of Stowlangtoft, Knight, was made High Sheriff of Suffolk in the year 1640, being in the reign of King Charles the First. Sir Simonds died in 1650 at the age of forty-eight. What interest he took in church bell-ringing I am at a loss to know, as I believe that the grand tower at Laven-

ham in his day contained only the present 6th bell and the grand tenor, and Stowlangtoft church contained a ring of three bells only about this time. I also believe that he appointed one Rector of Lavenham, and that was the Rev. William Gurnall in 1644.

Since writing the above I have been able to gather that Sir Simonds had one son born unto him, and the baby was baptised at Lavenham church; that the baby died on the tenth day after his birth and the fourth from his baptism. This was in 1631.

A most interesting brass is still in Lavenham church, where the baby was buried. It represents an infant in its christening robe in which it was baptised, and was used as a shroud. In this case he died before his mother was churched. There is a long inscription on the brass, but being in Latin I am not able to translate 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."

SIR,—The silly season, now in full swing, is the time for many and sundry to air any grievance from which they may be suffering, either supposed or otherwise, and from all appearances bell ringing is not to escape from the tirade of these charitably-disposed members of the community. I will first attach the subjoined report taken from the "Daily Telegraph" of August 8th:

"BELLRINGERS' STRIKE.—The Carisbrooke, ringers are now on strike, as the result of the vicar's letter forwarding complaints received from church worshippers that the bellringers did not attend the services. The Vicar of Carisbrooke (the Rev. W. J. Stobart) makes the following observations in the current month's magazine: 'While they rung our late medical officer of health was never tired of denouncing those bells as distracting to the nervous, disturbing to the sick, and murdering the sleep of the weary working-man, including his professional self. And he told us that people hated the annoyance of the bells. Now they are silent that does not satisfy other people. Hundreds hear those bells who never come inside the church door. To our minds it seems like a horrid mockery that a man should spend half an hour ringing a bell to call people to church, and walk straight away from church directly he has finished ringing.'"

Here appears to be an instance of where the incumbent is thoroughly out of touch with his bellringers. If, as alleged, the ringers have deliberately rung the people to church and themselves away, what steps, if any, has he taken to reconcile matters? Does he know who the ringers really are? Is he a frequent visitor to the belfry? Are all the ringers members of his congregation, if not, why? These are vital questions on the point at issue, and brings to our mind the memorable words of a late Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who, speaking at the annual dinner of that Society, in respect to the deplorable laxity exhibited by some of the clergy towards the ringers, Mr. Burkin stated, what is a truism, "that if the clergy were to visit the west end of the church more frequently (meaning of course the belfry), the more regular attendance of the ringers at the east end (i.e. the holy table), would be the satisfactory result." While the enemy is at our gate, and the fate of the Church of England hangs in the balance, is a sorry time for an incumbent or churchwarden to neglect proper supervision of the belfry. Apparently the above is another concrete instance of treating the belfry as a negligible quantity, with the result clearly depicted, and the consequences are the ever ready tracker and enemy of all things ecclesiastical, finds an opportunity for another stab, of which the following is a mild example:—

"CHURCH BELLS.—SIR,—I have read with some interest the account under the above heading in your paper of Saturday. I

can quite understand why 'a man who has to ring a bell for half an hour to call people to church should walk straight away from church directly he has finished ringing. I am surprised that he does not run instead of walk away.' I agree with the medical officer referred to, who 'was never tired of denouncing those bells and their ringing as distracting to the nervous and disturbing to the sick.' I am unfortunate enough to live very near to a church which has a bell of the very worst type. Its tones are harsh, unmusical, and unbearable. When it is clanged it is a veritable terror and annoyance to me. It is distressing and distracting, and I bate the noise it makes. I can sympathise with those who say they love to hear the sound of church bells ringing far away over hill and dale. I sorely need sympathy when I am tortured by a coarse, unmusical, unsympathetic clang, clang, clang, just over the way. Why is it done? Can it be supposed that the bellringing will really call people to church? I wish the bishops had discussed this question, and given us the result in their Encyclical letter, so that we who suffer might be told why.—Yours truly, W. P. TRELOAR.

"Grange Mount, Norwood, Surrey, August 10."

True the tolling of a single bell is very distracting and monotonous, but the remedy lies in the hands of those who choose to reside near such, what is to them, a nuisance, as almost in every case they went to it, it did not come to them; but if charitably disposed they would, if churchmen, materially assist in procuring a musical peal of bells for the church, and so advance the honour and glory of God to their soul's benefit.

The position taken up by some of the clergy as dictator, instead of guide, philosopher and friend of the ringers, is as unchristian as it is intolerable, and it is fortunate for the Church that such cases are very few, and still less where it is carried to extremes. Such a position taken up in regard to the ordinary congregation would surely tend to drive them from the Church. It is the imperative duty of the clergy to be first in forbearance and brotherly love towards the ringers, thus establishing a common and beneficial understanding between them, instead of placing them in direct antagonism to arbitrary and dictatorial inquisition.

Is it too much to expect that with the combined intelligence and power possessed by the members of the Central Council, such cases as above described should not be taken up and thoroughly investigated? It may at first cause some little irritation, but I am firmly convinced that the benefit to the Exercise generally would far and away exceed any little tribulation to which those immediately concerned may for the moment be subjected. Let us be practicable churchmen first, and ringers afterwards, and do our utmost to remove any blemish that may for the moment appear on our escutcheon.

AD VITUM AUT CULPAM.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, June 7th, at St. Peter's church, 300 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Bates, J. Cooke, C. Stapleton, W. Stapleton, A. Robinson, C. R. Lilley conductor. On June 9th, 720 College Single, 1440 Oxford Bob and 720 Plain Bob. A. Bates, J. Bates, C. R. Lilley, P. Cooke, W. Stapleton conductor, A. Robinson. On June 14th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Bates, P. Cooke, C. Stapleton, W. Stapleton, C. R. Lilley, A. Robinson conductor.

KIRKBY IRELETH (Lancashire).—On Thursday, June 11th, 720 Bob Minor. T. R. Jackson conductor, T. Metcalfe, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart, J. Huddleston, J. Burrows. Rung after the dedication of the bells. On Sunday, June 14th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. In the afternoon 720 London New Bob and 720 Canterbury Pleasure. T. R. Jackson conductor, T. Metcalfe, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart, J. Huddleston, J. Burrows.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.) — Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on August 18th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 20th; St. John's, South Hackney, 24th; St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on the 27th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 25th; 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 Hale today, Saturday, August 15th. Bells ready at 4.30.  
WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.** — Rossendale Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Rawtenstall, to-day, Saturday, August 15th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Z. LORD, *Branch Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.** — Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Whitefield to-day, Saturday, August 15th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7.  
W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.** — The monthly meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, August 15th, at St. Lawrence's church, Biddulph.

REV. W. G. KEYWORTH, } *Hon. Secs.*  
J. JOHNSON,  
143, Flint Terrace, Tunstall.

**The Essex Association.** — South-Eastern District. — The bells of Southminster not being available on a Saturday, the next meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, August 22nd. Tea at The White Horse at 5 o'clock, 9d. per head to those sending in their names on or before August 19th.

HENRY F. COOPER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
County Offices, Chelmsford.

**Romney Marsh and District Guild.** — The annual outing will take place on Saturday, August 22nd, at Hastings. Tea free to members notifying me not later than Wednesday, August 19th. J. W. UNWIN, *Hon. Sec.*  
Tenterden, Kent.

**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, August 25th. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. The attendance of every member is earnestly requested.  
W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.** — South and West District. — The next meeting of this district will be held at Sunbury on Saturday, August 29th. The bells will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, and from 6.30 to 9. Members are asked to make an effort to attend this meeting, and they are reminded that the subscription due January 1st, should now be paid.  
J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.** — Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Croston, on Saturday, August 29th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.  
R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.** — Blackburn Branch. — A meeting will be held at the parish church on Saturday, August 29th. The bells will be ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.  
J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.** — The monthly meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (8), available at 2 p.m. Business meeting at The Thornhill Arms at 7.30 p.m.  
GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.** — Derby Branch. — The next district meeting will be held at Wirksworth on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided in the parish room (1s. each). Will all members intending to be present, please notify Mr. W. Fox, Market Place, Wirksworth, not later than Thursday morning, August 27th.  
A. H. WARD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.** — During the repairs to the tower of Winchester Cathedral, there will be no ringing on the bells until further notice.  
JAS. W. ELKINS,  
3, Culver Villas, Winchester.

## AN APPEAL.

The members of the Keighley society have opened a subscription list for the cause of one of their ringing brethren—J. McGoun—who has the misfortune to lose the use of one of his legs, the foot of which has been just amputated. He has been unable to use the limb now for a matter of eight months. The above company therefore beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country on his behalf. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. W. Jeannison, 34, Hill Street, Keighley, Yorkshire, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS."

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Mr. M. W. Lund (Bradford) .. 0 2 0  
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**CHANGES OF ADDRESS.** — T. H. Taffender has removed to 10, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.—J. W. Moorhouse has removed to 31, Lincoln Street, Wakefield.

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

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WE read that the ring of twelve bells at the church of St. Nicholas, Liverpool, are to be rehung in a new frame. This is welcome news, for not much has been heard about these bells for a long time; in fact for many years has there been a belief that they were unringable as a peal. It is astonishing that in a place like Liverpool a ring of twelve fairly heavy bells should have been allowed to remain so long out of repair. St. Nicholas, as we believe, the original parish church of Liverpool, and this makes such neglect appear more strange.

Two other churches in the same city—St. Peter's and St. Luke's—each have rings of bells, ten and eight respectively, but we hear very little about them now-a-days. Perhaps they too are in a parlous state; if so 'twould be well to have them attended to while the old parish bells were being rehung.

SIDNEY J. PECK.—If you write to the paper, merely adding "London" to the address, the letter will reach them.

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Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Reference elsewhere.

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Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

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Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

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

**ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, August 8, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;***IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.*

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Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

†First peal of Treble Bob. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. John Mercer Smith and Miss Daisy Heald, which took place at the above church earlier in the afternoon, Mr. Smith being a much-respected member of the choir of St. Giles's.

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Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

\*First peal. First peal of Minor by all except the conductr. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Craddock for his hospitality after the peal.

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Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

\*First peal of Major.

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WILLIAM RUMSEY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM GROOM .. .. 6.
JAMES BRITTS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM GRIMES .. .. 7.
ERNEST LINCOLN .. .. 4.	JAMES RUMSEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE, and Conducted by WM. GROOM.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Rumsey.

**HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, August 8, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lbs.**

HENRY BOTTERILL .. .. Treble.	GEORGE H. BARKER .. .. 5.
WALTER HOBBS .. .. 2.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW.. .. 6.
GEORGE F. MARGETSON .. 3.	WILLIAM T. PRIOR .. .. 7.
WALTER PRIOR .. .. 4.	HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by H. J. TUCKER.

GREAT LINFORD, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 8, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. TOMPKINS .. Treble.	*WALTER BONHAM .. .. 4.
WILLIAM EDWARDS* .. .. 2.	*GEORGE W. TOMPKINS .. 5.
HARRY SEAR .. .. 3.	WILLIAM F. SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

First peal on the bells. \*First peal in two methods. The bells have just been rehung by Messrs. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich, and the ringers expressed great satisfaction at the excellent 'go' of them.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 9, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE COOPER .. .. Treble.	JAMES STARLING .. .. 4.
CHARLES FISHER .. .. 2.	ROBERT SMY .. .. 5.
HENRY PUTTOCK .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SAWYER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SAWYER.

Rung in honour of Coronation Day.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 10, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK HILL .. .. Treble.	GEORGE PIPES .. .. 5.
JOHN HALL .. .. 2.	*HERBERT FRETWELL .. 6.
ERNEST HALL* .. .. 3.	FRED WATKINSON .. .. 7.
SAMUEL PORTER* .. .. 4.	*ARTHUR BENTLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

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

SLOUGH, BUCKS.

On Monday, August 10, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM WILDER .. .. Treble.	REUBEN FLAXMAN .. .. 5.
ALFRED C. FUSSELL .. .. 2.	EUSTACE T. HARWOOD .. 6.
LEONARD STILWELL .. .. 3.	EDWIN F. HOOPER .. .. 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 4.	ALFRED PERRYMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. F. HARWOOD.

Rung as a compliment to A. W. Leader, one of the local ringers, who was married that day.

Handbell Peals.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, August 3, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,  
IN THE ENGINE-ROOM OF THE WATERWORKS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

HARRY MOSS .. .. 1-2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 5-6.
FREDK. R. KETTLEBORO 3-4.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 7-8.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

Umpire—F. Squires, of Wanstead.

YORK.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.)

On Sunday, August 9, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT 16, MILLFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

THOMAS F. EARNshaw* 1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 5-6.
ALBERT C. FRANKLEY.. 3-4.	†THOMAS HAIGH .. .. 7-8.

Composed by G. WILLIAMS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\*First peal in the method. †First handbell peal in the method.  
First handbell peal of Bob Major in the city of York.

The following six peals were the result of a week's ringing in the Weald of Kent.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1908, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt.

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

CHARLES J. NORTH .. .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 6.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 3.	ISAAC EMERY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CRANBROOK, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES J. NORTH .. .. Treble.	ISAAC EMERY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Major on the bells.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 4, 1908, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. Treble.	ISAAC EMERY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 3.	*HUBERT J. BLACKWELL .. 7.
ERNEST C. LAMBERT* .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. WILLSON, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

\*First peal in the method.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 4, 1908, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21½ cwt.

ISAAC EMERY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. .. 3.	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL .. 7.
CHARLES TRIBE .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by F. BENNETT.

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## SALEHURST, KENT.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT .. .. Treble.	CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 5.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 2.	GEORGE WATSON .. 6.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. 3.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 7.
FRANCIS A. KENNETT .. 4.	FREDERICK LOCK .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## ROLVENDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 6, 1908, in Three Hours

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT* .. Treble.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 5.
FREDERICK BURDEN .. 2.	CHARLES TRIBE .. 6.
CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 3.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. 4.	JOHN J. MANETELOW .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal of Stedman Triples.

**PEAL CORRECTIONS**—The peal of Bob Major reported last week took place at Almondsbury, Gloucestershire, not Yorkshire.—In the peal at Blaxhall, Suffolk, rang on July 21st, the method College Single is incorrect; it should have been College Exercise.

**DEFECTIVE REPORT.**—A peal of Double Norwich has been sent from Winstanston, Salop, without the number of changes.

## Date Touches.

**MISTLEY (Essex).**—On Wednesday, June 17th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of 1908 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 7 mins. W. Harvey, J. Souter, F. Souter, J. Bowell, A. Fuller, W. Honeywood conductor. And three 720s and 560 Plain Bob, conducted by W. Honeywood.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**BARKING.**—On Sunday, June 21st (Hospital Sunday), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. A. C. Hardy, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, C. Fenn conductor, G. Cottiss, B. S. Thompson, G. W. Faulkner, R. Fenn.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**MAIDENHEAD.**—On Sunday, June 14th, 1232 Double Norwich Major, in 44 mins. L. W. Copsey, J. Eldridge, J. Little, H. Cox, C. Smith, M. Smithers, G. Martin, T. Price longest length in the method as conductor.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**HERSHAM (Surrey).**—On May 31st, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 38 mins. A. Shepherd, 1-2; W. Shepherd conductor, 3-4 G. Edser, jun., 5-6; S. C. Hamblin, 7-8. On Tuesday, June 9th, in honor of the marriage of the Rev. — Jones, curate of St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. G. Woodis conductor, F. G. Woodiss, W. Shepherd, E. Hamblin first quarter-peal in the method, A. Shepherd, G. Edser, jun., C. J. Hamblin, R. J. Polley.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**GOOLE.**—On Sunday, June 14th, for evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 47 mins. D. Carmichael, W. King, J. Smith, M. Tate, T.

Smith, J. Swingle, F. Tate, H. Ludkin conductor. First quarter-peal in the method by all and on the bells.

## EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**SWANWICK (Derby).**—On Thursday, June 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. B. Walvin, F. H. Kay, T. W. Gamble, C. Walvin, T. Stimpson. Rung in honour of the birthday of the treble and 4th men, the members wishing them many happy returns.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**HARROLD.**—On Tuesday, June 8th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, A. J. Barcock, W. A. Norman, L. Chapman, W. V. Newman conductor, H. W. Gayton H. Cockings, 120 Stedman Doubles. On June 9th, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 720 of Oxford Bob and 360 and 180 Bob Minor, in 42 mins. W. Stock, J. McGrath, C. Orpin, F. Skevington, H. W. Gayton conductor, H. Cockings, On June 12th, 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Double Oxford. H. Cockings, W. V. Newman, C. W. Clarke, F. Webb, H. W. Gayton, J. W. Barker conductor.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

**SHIREOAKS.**—On Thursday, April 9th, for practice, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. D. Taylor, W. Hargreaves conductor, H. Hall, H. Haigh, J. Fitzjohn, F. Hargreaves. On April 19th, for evening service, 720 College Pleasure. D. Taylor, H. Hall, B. Hall, J. T. Bartholomew, H. Haigh conductor, F. Hargreaves. On May 31st, for Divine Service, 720 City Delight. D. Taylor, W. Hargreaves conductor, H. Hall, H. Haigh, J. Fitzjohn, B. Hall.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

**RUSHALL.**—On Sunday, May 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 27 mins. G. Burrows, J. E. Groves conductor, G. Hughes, W. Fisher, R. Matthews, H. Knight. 720 Double Oxford Bob. G. Burrows, W. Fisher, G. Hughes, J. E. Groves, R. Matthews conductor, H. Knight. Also 120 of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and touches of Bob Minor were rung during the day after the dedication of the new ring of bells which have been cast and hung in a new iron frame on steel joists, and fitted with new iron headstocks by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**NEW MILLS.**—On Monday, May 25th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob. H. Haythorn, W. Lowery conductor, W. Williamson, W. Butler, H. Hibbert, T. Ashton, Rev. A. T. Beeston, F. Holt. On Sunday, May 31st, on the occasion of the Sunday School Anniversary, a quarter-peal of Bob Major. H. Haythorn, Rev. A. T. Beeston, W. Williamson, W. Butler, H. Hibbert, T. Ashton, T. Ramsey, F. Holt conductor.

**DARLEY DALE.**—On Saturday, June 13th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob. And at Wirksworth, on the same day, the same quarter-peal. W. Williamson, W. Lowery conductor, H. Haythorn, Rev. A. T. Beeston, W. Fox, T. Ramsey, W. Butler, T. Aston. The ringers wish to extend their thanks to the Rectors of the above churches for the use of the bells.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**LOWER PEOVER (Lancashire).**—On Saturday, July 4th, six members of the St. Thomas's company, Pendleton, rang at the parish church 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Smith, J. Smith, G. E. Turner, A. E. Wreaks, S. Greenhalgh, H. Chapman conductor.

**ALLESLEY (Warwickshire).**—On Tuesday, June 9th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Martin, R. Bosworth, W. Maund, A. Flowers, J. F. Clarke, J. H. White conductor. 720 Bob Minor. A. James, W. Martin, J. H. White, A. Flowers, W. Maund, J. F. Clarke conductor. And 120 Grandsire Doubles, J. F. Clarke ringing the treble.

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### Ringers' Outings.

ST. CHAD'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY (Birmingham).—On Saturday, July 4th, the above-named ringers had their annual outing to Leamington and Warwick. Arriving at Leamington, the party proceeded to the parish church, and some touches of Grandsire Triples were successfully brought round. After a short tour of inspection round the town, the party next journeyed to Warwick, being met by Mr. E. Adams, the local ringing-master, and several of the local ringers. The beautiful peal of ten was soon swinging to the tune of Grandsire Caters, and a touch of Bob Major on the back eight brought the ringing to a close. After a short stay in Warwick the party entrained for home, which was reached quite safely, all very pleased with their day's outing. The

ringers wish to thank the tower-keepers of Warwick and Leamington for their kindness in meeting them. The party was T. Miller, E. Mullins, C. Mackenzie, J. Porter, G. Burrows, R. Ducker, W. Hunt, and A. Gardiner.

THE BISHOP RYDER'S SOCIETY (Birmingham).—The ringers of the above church held their annual outing at Stoke, Coventry, on Saturday, July 4th. The ringers with their wives availed themselves of the express train to Coventry at 2.5, where they were met by Mr. J. Smallwood, their late ringing-master, who conducted them to St. Michael's, Holy Trinity, and other places of interest in Coventry. Tram was then requisitioned for Stoke, when a pleasant walk across the fields brought the party to St. Michael's. Here the bells were at once raised in peal, and several touches of Grandsire Triples brought on both time and appetite for tea. An excel-

lent tea was provided by Mrs. Flowers, to which ample justice was done. Mr. Carrod expressed regret at the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, who was unable to be present, on account of another party from the church with which he was going. Mr. Smallwood proposed a vote of thanks Vicar for his kindness for his kindness, and said he knew all regretted his absence.

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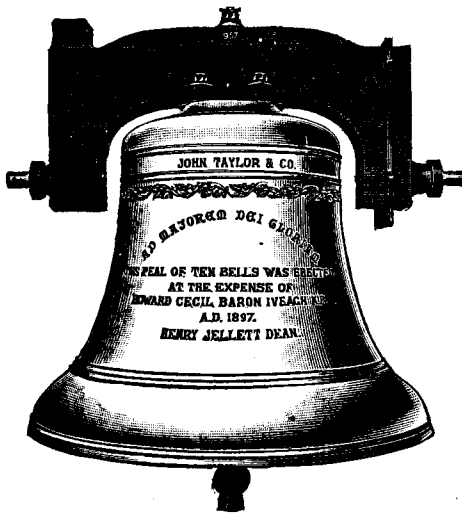
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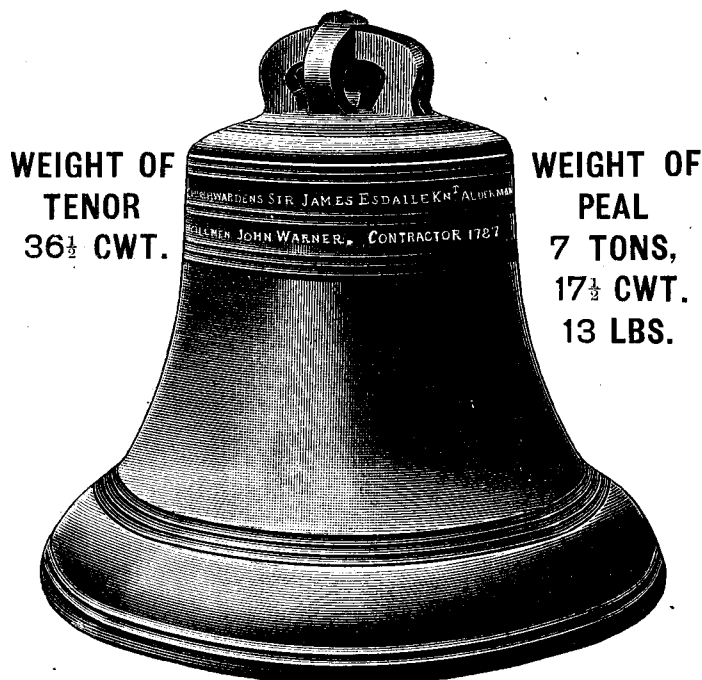
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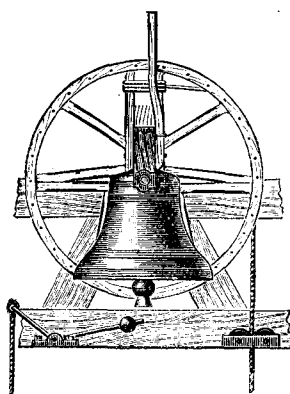
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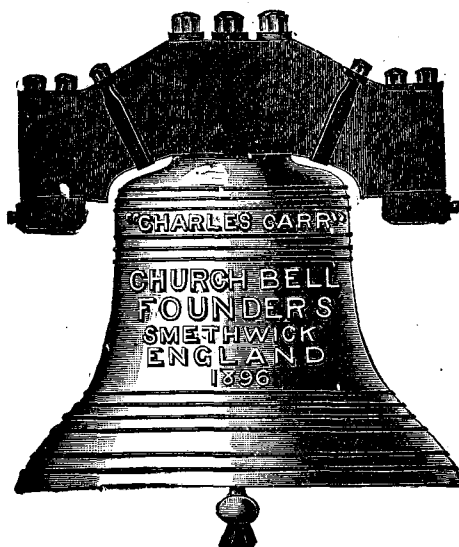
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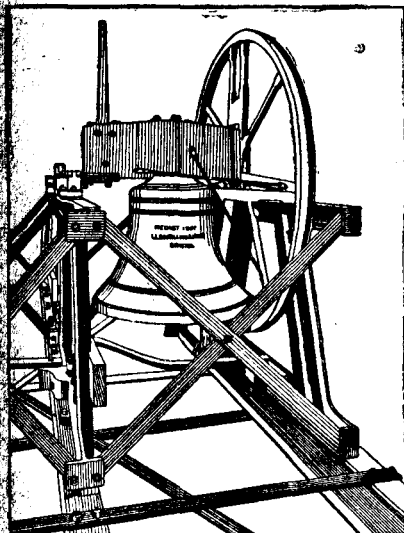
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## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

The quarterly meeting of this district was held at Hayes, on Saturday, July 25th, in glorious weather. The bells were at the disposal of the members at 3 p.m., and were going in various methods soon after that time. At 5 p.m. a shortened evening service was held in the church, at which a good number attended, but being a rather awkward place to get to several members did not arrive till 5.30 p.m. An excellent address by the Rev. G. Clowes (Rector), was listened to with rapt attention. At the conclusion of the service an adjournment was made to the tea gardens on the corner of Hayes Common, where a splendid meat tea, provided by the local company, and by the forethought of their hon. secretary, Mr. R. Lowndes, was partaken of in the open air and greatly enjoyed by the forty-eight present, which included the Rector of Hayes.

After tea the Rector extended a hearty welcome to the Association to Hayes, and said how pleased he was to meet them. He appreciated the work of the ringers, and spoke in glowing terms of the local band and their leader.

Then followed the business meeting, the Rector presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The elections of the Rev. Alexander P. F. Erskine as a non-resident life member in the tower of St. Nicholas, Chislehurst, on June 29th, and Mr. C. J. North as a practising member in the tower of St. Martin, Eynsford, on July 19th, were confirmed. Dartford and Greenwich were proposed as the place of the annual district meeting, Dartford being selected by a majority of one vote, for Saturday, October 31st.

The district secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, for his excellent address, and for presiding, and to the local members for the splendid tea they had provided, and the excellent arrangements they had made. This was seconded by Mr. J. W. Wells, and carried with acclamation.

Mr. R. Lowndes, on behalf of the local band, thanked them for the vote of thanks, and said how pleased they were to see such a good number present. He knew it was rather a bad place for a good many to get to, but the number present made them feel that they did still belong to the Association. They had only six bells, but still they kept plodding along, and were able to ring seven or eight Minor methods.

The Rector also thanked them, and said he could only re-echo what he had said before, how pleased he was to meet them, and hoped they would go on and prosper in their good work.

A move was then made to the tower for more ringing, and a cycle contingent visited West Wickham and rang three 120s on the five bells, which sadly need re-hanging. The ringing came to a close at Hayes soon after 9 p.m., and no one went away regretting he had come.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A most successful quarterly meeting was held at Leatherhead on Saturday, August 15th. A fair number attended from Dorking, Leatherhead, Ashted and Capel. During the afternoon touches of Treble Bob, Bob Royal, Stedman, etc., were rung, and the practice was followed by tea at The Crown coffee rooms. Mr. Marks, of Leatherhead, was chairman at the business meeting afterwards. It was decided that the annual district meeting be held at Dorking on November 21st, and also that a quarterly peal should be attempted before that date.

Mr. E. Dodd, of Dorking, started an animated discussion with regard to meetings to be held each month at the different towers in the district for practice in various methods. This resulted in a resolution being proposed by Mr. White that the following towers should be visited on the dates named: Leatherhead, first Tuesday in September, at 7.30, for Stedman Caters and Bob Royal; Dorking, second Monday in October, at 7.30, for Stedman Triples and Bob Major; Ashted, first Thursday in November, at 7.30, for Double Morwiche.

This proposition was seconded by Mr. Wyatt, and carried unanimously. It is hoped that as many of the district members and other ringers as possible will attend these practices. The meeting terminated with the customary votes of thanks to the Vicar and chairman.

## THE WOODFORD (ESSEX) GUILD.

Among the numerous visitors to Southend on Sunday, August 9th, were eleven members of the above Guild, who met at George Lane Station at 8 a.m., and were at Leytonstone joined by Mr. G. Black, of Wanstead.

With the courteous guidance of our esteemed secretary, Mr. R. Fox, we were enabled to travel in a first-class compartment on the Tilbury Railway, thereby increasing our comfort and enjoyment.

Pleasure had unmistakeably gained entrance to the hearts of all, even though the day be set apart for religious observance; yet it was apparent that reverence and temperance had come to the outing as well.

By 9.30 we had reached Southend, and before 10 o'clock we were within the belfry of Prittlewell, amidst the congratulations of its local ringers, who extended their usual

welcome and courtesy to all. Under the able supervision of Mr. E. Wightman we rang various touches in capital style until Divine Service took place at 11.

We had now leisure to view the town and the sea, the high tide at that hour giving us a glimpse of the best aspects of Southend and Westcliff. Some of us listened to the sad sea waves, others watched the hilarity of the seething crowd, or listened to the specific nostrums of orators, whose eloquence superseded their logic.

At one o'clock we dined at The Marlborough hotel. Here, amidst splendour and decoration, with luscious dishes served up in capital style by modern mermaids, we soon felt as strong as Neptune himself, though, unlike him, our wine consisted not of sea-water, nor our diet of ambrosia.

In the evening at 5.30 we rang for the 7 o'clock service, one of the curates thanking us for our visit. Following tea at The Marlborough we had but a short time to stay, so bidding our good friends adieu, were on our way home, reaching our domiciles ere our wives and families had commenced the first watch for our return, and to whom we have since been most assiduous by enumerating all the pleasures we enjoyed by the sea and with our friends at Prittlewell.

G. F. M.

#### THE HEAVITREE (DEVON) SOCIETY.

On a recent Saturday the members of the above, accompanied by the Vicar, the Rev. T. J. Ponting, and one of the vice-presidents, Councillor J. R. Nethercott, enjoyed their annual excursion. Starting from the vicarage gates at 7.30 a.m. in a well-appointed four-in-hand, under rather unpromising conditions (and many fruitless amateur attempts to sound the coach horn) tracks were made for Haldon hills. These were reached at 9.5, and a capital course of the usual al-fresco lunch was successfully brought round in about half-an-hour or so, when surrounded by a goodly array of the good things, left for supper, the group was photographed amidst the beauteous surroundings of nature, by one of the company. The drive was then continued through Chudleigh and Newton Abbot, and the rendezvous, Torquay, reached shortly after 12 o'clock. Upton belfry was then visited and some touches of Stedman and Grandsire rung on the bells, which were found to go well; but a proposed visit to the Marychurch tower had to be abandoned, regretfully, owing to insufficiency of time when compared with the arranged programme. A capital dinner at host Woolley's, of Union Street, well served, was not the least enjoyable part of the day's proceedings. Speeches were advisedly dispensed with, so the party visited Paignton by motor, and again after ringing, expressed everything to their liking. Returning to Torquay, the homeward journey was commenced at 6.15. A stop en route on Mount Pleasant, Dawlish, about 9 was made for lunch number two, after which we again rattled along to the accompaniment of well-known songs and the recounting of various experiences. Going through the famous Powderham Park the ever faithful city was reached shortly after eleven o'clock, and one of the most successful excursions was brought to a close. The company desire to express their gratitude to the incumbents of the churches visited for their ready permission, and to the belfry officials for having all in readiness.

To Advertiser "W.X."—If you will apply to the Colchester Lathe Company, you may get work.

#### "WANTED—A COMPANY OF TRENCHMEN."

Such an advertisement might have hung outside The Dove hotel, near Homersfield Station on Saturday, July 11th, when the St. Michael's company, Beccles, arrived to partake of the capital spread provided by host and hostess Rouse, in fine old English style. Having obtained a waggonette and pair, the journey thither was made via Bungay. The stomachic longings satisfied, a move was made to Alburgh parish church, and the bells were soon set ringing to Grandsire Triples, the Rev. Alfred Pagan having previously granted permission. Thence to Redenhall, where the Ven. Archdeacon Perowne graciously invited the company to a refreshing tea on the rectory lawn. During the meal the Archdeacon was most entertaining with the history of the church and rectory. A course of Grandsire Caters double-handed, and a few tunes on the handbells; next a pull on the those excellent-toned bells, renowned throughout the ringing-world, *vide* Dr. J. J. Raven's "The Church Bells of England," p. 172. "Of two fine bells in East Anglia bearing the St. Edmund stamp, the tenor at Redenhall, and the 7th at All Saints, Sudbury. Though the Redenhall bell has been terribly mangled by chipping, both sharpened and flattened, so that from the former process its diameter has lost some three-quarters of an inch, its tone is still very fine, as will be acknowledged by dwellers in the neighbourhood, as well as by ringers from all parts of the country. Dating from 1514, this being the date of a request from Thomas Bayly, of Harleston, 'vjs viijd to the church of Rednall to the yotyng of the gret belle.'"

The homeward journey was made through Flixton Park; the sight of the tall elm trees is most charming at this season. Short touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major at Bungay, also light refreshments, Beccles was reached about 10.45 p.m. This outing proved altogether most thoroughly enjoyable, and the company wish to thank the steeplekeepers and others at the respective churches for their kind assistance. G. E. S.

#### WHILE WANT WAITS!

We would willingly weigh William Willson's way, whereby when weary, when worn, whenever want, weakness, wasting; when wages wane, when widows weep, when workless workmen walk, when wolf with woe-ful wails wakes weary women folk—we want wise worthy words, well written, wholesome, warm, well-thought out—we wait William Willson's well-known welcome, weighty, writing.

WILLING WORKER.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The following members of the Swanscombe band—Messrs. Harper, Broom (2), Digby, Lane, Hayes, and Ring, paid a visit to the tower of SS. Peter and Paul, Ash, near Wrotham (by kind permission of the Vicar), on Saturday evening, August 8th. Everything being in readiness, a 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung, conducted by W. Harper. We then adjourned to a house near the school, where an excellent touch was brought round with the help of Mr. J. Rogers, and two of the local band, being most ably conducted by Mrs. Taylor. Returning to the tower a 720 Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by G. Hayes, and 720 Cambridge Surprise conducted by M. Digby; also two 120s of Stedman, J. Rogers ringing the tenor. This, and a splendid drive home, brought a pleasant evening to a close.

## "METHODS."

In "THE BELL NEWS" of August 1st, Mr. J. A. Trollope gave an article on the above subject. Being away on my holiday, I did not see the paper until my return home; but I really cannot allow it to pass without saying a few words on the subject.

Mr. Trollope speaks about transferring methods in a way with which I cannot agree, and talks of Plain Bob and Grandsire, Double Norwich Major and Double Norwich Caters, and other methods as variations. Now I contend, as I have previously stated many times, that all methods having one plain hunt bell (even-bell methods) are variations of one another, while methods which have two plain hunt bells and a covering bell (odd-bell methods) are entirely another different method, and not variations of the one-hunt system. Thus, Double Norwich Caters cannot be a legitimate transfer or variation of Double Norwich Major or Royal, and Darlaston Bob is not College Single, so that Mr. James was quite out of place in re-christening Darlaston Bob as College Single in the Central Council book of Methods (not legitimate) page 45. If methods are to be varied or transferred by adding hunt for working bells, then what are Grandsire Triples which we are ringing to-day under that name? According to the ideas of Messrs. Trollope and James, Grandsire Triples are Grandsire Doubles with four hunt bells, and Grandsire Caters Grandsire Doubles with six hunt bells. Both Messrs. Trollope and James have tried to explain by diagrams and in other ways in "THE BELL NEWS," but without altering in the least my opinion of what I consider legitimate.

Take one instance—and I could give many more—Double Oxford Bob Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, where the plain course of each has every change the same, the only difference in the two methods being at the beginning of each half lead, where a different place is made—lead and sevenths.

I do not wish to occupy more of your space, but all plain methods with one hunt are one variation; all plain methods with two hunts are another variation; and methods with a Treble Bob hunt are another variation, etc.

JOHN CARTER.

P.S.—I should like to point out that if we are to still stick to the odd methods' names as Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques, then let those methods have only Double, Triple, Cater and Cinques changes. Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus do not convey what the changes are or should be.

J. C.

**LATE NOTICE.**—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Chobham, Surrey, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at The White Hart inn (for those who inform me by Wednesday, August 26th), at 5.30. Meeting after.

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## LONDON SURPRISE.

Mr. Gabriel Lindoff writes:—

"Mr. C. H. Hattersley struck an unfortunate vein in London composition given in last week's issue. Both his reductions are false. I have about fifty 5024s on this plan, most of which have the 6th her extent home."

**GLOUCESTER.**—On Thursday, June 4th, on the occasion of a Missionary Demonstration, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. T. Baldwin, J. Gillett, C. Bexwell, F. E. Hart, G. Mileham, A. Brunson, J. Austin conductor, T. Whiting. On June 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Boxwell, J. Astin, W. Beard, F. E. Hart, G. Mitcham, J. Gillett, T. Baldwin, A. Brunson.

## SHIPLAKE, OXON.

During the month of May the following touches of Grandsire Triples were rung for Divine Service and practice at Shiplake church: a quarter-peal in honour of the birth of a daughter to F. J. Cross, esq., of Aston Tyrol, near Wallingford, and granddaughter of Sir Walter Philimore, Bart., of this parish. This was the first by G. Cleave as conductor. Also two 504s and 460 conducted by the same; two 504s and two 368s conducted by W. Cook; two 546s conducted by O. Porter, and 400 conducted by G. Irvine. The following took part in the ringing: A. Hinstead, A. Sheppard, P. Bartholomew, W. Wenman, W. Cook, W. Wicks, J. Goodger, G. Irvine, O. Porter, G. Cleave, and J. Hiscock; all who learnt to ring at Shiplake except the one last-named.

This ringing company is now disbanded, the chief trouble being the exceedingly High Church methods of the present Vicar (Rev. R. G. Smeaton). Some of them have refused to attend any service for a considerable time, others have only attended for the sake of their beloved bells. Nine of the eleven composing this band have Sunday employment, two of them work among the cattle, and have always to rise one hour and a half earlier on Sunday mornings to get their work done so as to be in time for ringing for the eleven o'clock morning service; in the winter returning to work at 11.15, and with the exception of the mid-day meal do not leave of until it is time to ring for evening service.

The ring of bells at Shiplake, formerly six, was augmented to eight in 1902, two trebles being added to the memory of the late Queen Victoria. Towards this object, the ringers gave £20, and helped the late Rev. J. Climen-son (then Vicar) to collect the sum required—£130. The tenor is by Robert Patrick, 1784.

## THE PEAL AT ST. ALKMUND'S, DERBY.

This peal, reported on another page, was rung as a birthday compliment to our old comrade, Mr. John Newbold, the ringer of the treble, who attained his seventieth birthday on the 13th instant. At the conclusion of the peal Mr. S. Maskrey, on behalf of the ringers, presented him with a silver-mounted pipe in case, and a tobacco pouch. The case bore the following inscription: "Presented to Mr. John Newbold by the ringers of St. Andrew's and St. Alkmund's churches." Mr. Maskrey, in wishing the recipient many happy returns, said how pleased we all were to take part in a peal on such an auspicious occasion. He heartily congratulated him on being able to manipulate his bell for upwards of three hours without an interval, at such an advanced age, and trusted that he might long be spared to take an active part in many more peals.

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## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Sunday, July 5th, for Divine Service at St. Luke's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. R. Pickering, A. Smith, D. Jones, F. Bywater, W. Fisher, W. Brant, H. Knight conductor, A. Fallon. After service a touch of Bob Major was rung by the same band, after which an adjournment was made to the house of Mr. D. Jones, who, with Mrs. Jones, hospitably entertained the visitors. Handbell ringing in Grandsire Triples and Stedman Doubles brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

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## BRISTOL SURPRISE.

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5024.									
2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H	
3	6	4	5	2	I			2	
6	3	2	5	4	2			2	
5	2	3	6	4			2	2	
3	4	6	2	5	2	-	2	2	
3	6	2	4	5			I	2	
2	5	4	6	3	I		I	2	
2	4	6	5	3	I	-	2	2	
3	2	5	4	6			2	2	
4	5	2	3	6			2	2	
3	4	5	6	2	2		2	2	
4	3	2	6	5			-	I	2
4	2	6	3	5	I	-	2	2	
5	4	3	2	6			-	2	2
2	3	4	5	6			2	2	

This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent wrong and right in the least possible number of courses and changes. It also has all the possible 8 6s.

5024.									
2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H	
3	2	6	5	4	2			2	
5	6	2	3	4			2	2	
4	5	3	6	2	2		I	2	
5	2	3	6	4	I			2	
5	3	6	2	4	I	-	2	2	
4	5	2	3	6			-	2	2
3	2	5	4	6			2	2	
2	3	6	4	5	2			2	
4	6	3	2	5			2	2	
5	4	2	6	3	2		I	2	
4	3	2	6	5	I			2	
4	2	6	3	5	I	-	2	2	
5	4	3	2	6	2		I	2	
2	3	4	5	6			2	2	

This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in sixths place, and the 6th her extent wrong, in the least possible number of courses and changes.

## CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS.

5280.									
2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H		
6	4	3	5	2	-		-		
5	6	3	4	2			-		

Four times repeated.

Rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on Saturday, August 15th, 1908; conducted by James Motts. The course-ends are taken from the late C. Middleton's 5600 of Cambridge Major.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, 24th; St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on the 27th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 25th; all at 8 p.m.

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

**The Essex Association.**—South-Eastern District.—The bells of Southminster not being available on a Saturday, the next meeting will be held at Widford to-day, Saturday, August 22nd. HENRY F. COOPER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
County Offices, Chelmsford.

**Romney Marsh and District Guild.**—The annual outing will take place to-day, Saturday, August 22nd, at Hastings. Tenderden, Kent. J. W. UNWIN, *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, August 25th. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. The attendance of every member is earnestly requested. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Sunbury on Saturday, August 29th. The bells will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, and from 6.30 to 9. Members are asked to make an effort to attend this meeting, and they are reminded that the subscription due January 1st, should now be paid. J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Croston, on Saturday, August 29th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting will be held at the parish church on Saturday, August 29th. The bells will be ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (8), available at 2 p.m. Business meeting at The Thornhill Arms at 7.30 p.m. GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Derby Branch.—The next district meeting will be held at Wirksworth on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided in the parish room (1s. each). Will all members intending to be present, please notify Mr. W. Fox, Market Place, Wirksworth, not later than Thursday morning, August 27th. A. H. WARD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coseley on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5. W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, August 29th, when the bells will be open for ringing at 3.30. Tea at 5.30, with business meeting after. All members and friends will be heartily welcomed. W. H. LAWRENCE, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Worplesdon (two miles from Guildford), on Saturday next, August 29. 2 o'clock.—Bells available at Worplesdon (6), and Pirbright (6). Service at St. Mary's, Worplesdon, at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Rector. Tea at schools at 6, tickets 6d. Visitors 1s. The grounds of Miss Cunliffe, and the museum of F. C. Selous, Esq., will be open during the afternoon. JOHN J. JONES, *Dis. Sec.*  
North Street, Guildford.

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Bowden and Stockport Branch; Eastern Division.—Next meeting at Disley, Saturday, August 29th. Western Division members intending to be present, must notify me before August 25th. A. T. BRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
New Mills.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held in the schoolroom at Silverdale on Saturday, September 5th, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Bells (6), available during the day. W. ROBINSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—Tee next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Alban's, Rochdale, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. A good attendance is requested, as business is important. JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, September 12th. Particulars to follow. E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Manchester on Saturday, October 3rd. Any proposed alterations of rules, and nominations for the following official posts, viz., President, General Secretary, and Treasurer, must be sent in to the General Secretary not later than Monday, September 7th. All ringing reports up to the 31st inst., to be sent to the Ringing Secretary. Further particulars by circular. A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*

4, Helena Street, Irlams O' Th' Height, Manchester.

J. H. BANKS, *Ringling Secretary.*  
462, Helmschore Road, Helmschore.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—During the repairs to the tower of Winchester Cathedral, there will be no ringing on the bells until further notice. JAS. W. ELKINS.  
3, Culver Villas, Winchester.

**NOTES TO PEALS.**

**THE PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS AT IPSWICH.**—This is the first peal ever rang in this intricate method, and it must be conceded that such a performance bespeaks the highest meed of praise for all the performers who took part. In achieving this they have added lustre to the annals of their society, and also to the Norwich Association, of whom all are members. The brothers Pye hail from Leytonstone, Essex; Prewett from Bushey; all the rest are members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

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**AN APPEAL.**

The members of the Keighley society have opened a subscription list for the cause of one of their ringing brethren—J. McGoun—who has the misfortune to lose the use of one of his legs, the foot of which has been just amputated. He has been unable to use the limb now for a matter of eight months. The above company therefore beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country on his behalf. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 34, Hill Street, Keighley, Yorkshire, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS."

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1908

THE number of ringers advertising in this paper for situations, some of them having been unemployed for a long time, gives rise to the conviction that our brethren who are more fortunately circumstanced do not rise to the occasion by doing their utmost to procure employment for them. It is a reproach that ringers do not go out of their way to render what help they could in this matter. We invite all to constantly watch these advertisements, and work heartily to mitigate the lot of their unemployed brethren.

## The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 15, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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ERNEST BONFIELD .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. 5.
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Conducted by FRANK BENNETT]

\*First peal of Stedman]



**Handbell Peals.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Friday, August 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes.*

AT 19, OLD JEWRY,

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

WILLIAM PYE.. .. 1-2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. 5-6.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHBY 3-4.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires—C. T. Coles, F. Wilford, and A. T. King. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. A. H. F. Boughby and W. Pye, both of which fall on the above date.

**The Provinces.****IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.****THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, August 1, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.**

JOHN J. MAWBY.. .. Treble.	ALFRED H. MARTIN.. .. 5.
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Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

This peal was arranged for A. R. Aldham, and was his first attempt for a peal in the method.

**WINSTANSTOW, SALOP.****WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, August 2, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt.**

WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Treble.	JAMES R. NEWMAN .. .. 5.
JOHN WITHERS .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
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Composed by W. WILLSON, and Conducted by ROBERT MATTHEWS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

**RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE,****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, August 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.**

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Treble.	*JAMES PAGETT .. .. 5.
HERBERT DAY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FROST.. .. 6.
FRANK HILL .. .. 3.	FRANCIS H. KAY .. .. 7.
JOSEPH BOURNE .. .. 4.	HENRY GEORGE.. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal of Treble Bob Major.

**WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, August 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. RADLEY .. Treble.	THOMAS LINCOLN .. .. 5.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 2.	WILLIAM LINCOLN .. .. 6.
ARTHUR SPELLER .. .. 3.	ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. 7.
WALTER RADLEY .. .. 4.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

**HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, August 8, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.*

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt.**

GEORGE T. POTTER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 5.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. .. 2.	R. ALDER GOFTON .. .. 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN.. .. 7.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. BARKER, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

**WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, August 13, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.**

FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. Treble.	GEORGE P. BURTON.. .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2.	JOHN E. BURTON .. .. 6.
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Composed by F. HARRISON, and Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

\*First peal in the method.

**OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(THE OXHEY SOCIETY)

*On Tuesday, August 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt, 1 qr. 15 lbs.**

WILLIAM J. E. COMPTON Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 5.
THOMAS L. SIMMONS .. 2.	*FREDERICK WHITE .. .. 6.
ARTHUR W. DIX .. .. 3.	HUBERT EDEN .. .. 7.
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Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW.

\*First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells by a local company.

**LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, August 11, 1908, in Three Hours.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being a 720 of College Single, and two each of Double Oxford, Double Court, and Plain Bob.

WILLIAM J. CROSS .. .. Treble.	*ARTHUR CAMPLING .. .. 4.
REV. C. J. STURTON .. 2.	GEORGE R. TRUSS .. .. 5.
HARRY V. FLETCHER .. 3.	†JOHN B. HALLIFAX .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN B. HALLIFAX.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, August 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 8½ cwt.**

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.. .. Treble.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 5.
GEORGE WOODISS .. .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	FRED WILFORD .. .. 7.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 4.	JAMES HUNT .. .. Tenor.

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

This is J. Hunt's 200th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, August 13, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 27½ cwt.

JAMES SHAW* .. .. Treble.	JAMES BOOTH .. .. 7.
THOMAS JAKEMAN* .. .. 2.	BENJAMIN GILL .. .. 8.
JOSEPH MELLOR .. .. 3.	SAMUEL BOOTH .. .. 9.
SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. .. 4.	ALBERT ADAMS .. .. 10.
JAMES WOOD .. .. 5.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 11.
ALBERT E. WREAKS .. .. 6.	BENJAMIN THORPE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and Conducted by S. GREENHALGH.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the memories of Messrs. Longden and Booth, late members of the local company. \*First peal of Maximus.

## DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN NEWBOLD .. .. Treble.	CHARLES E. HART .. .. 5.
ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 2.	JOHN BARKER .. .. 6.
CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 3.	SAMUEL MASKREY .. .. 7.
HAROLD INCKLE .. .. 4.	GEORGE H. ROBINSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Reference elsewhere.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, August 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. Treble	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 7.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 2.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 8.
ROBERT S. PYE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 9.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. .. 4.	EDWARD EVANS .. .. 10.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 11.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. .. 6.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

The figures of this peal are taken from the late C. Middleton's 5600 Cambridge Surprise Major, and was arranged by J. Motts. Further reference elsewhere.

## NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. Treble	EDWARD ROBBINS .. .. 5.
HERBERT DAY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FROST .. .. 6.
TOM A. BURNHAM* .. .. 3.	GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. PEABODY .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\*First peal.

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## WYE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 26 cwt.

EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 5.
HARRY BARTON .. .. 2.	EDWARD TRENDLELL .. 6.
CHARLES W. PLAYER* .. 3.	HENRY C. CASTLE .. .. 7.
CHARLES W. BRETT .. .. 4.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

\*First peal in the method.

## TWYFORD, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

GEORGE NOICE* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
CECIL A. VALENTINE .. 2.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 6.
HENRY W. WILKES .. .. 3.	EDWIN J. HARDING .. .. 7.
HENRY WHITE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. NEWSON, and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

†First peal of Major.

## SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN .. .. Treble.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 5.
THOMAS HAIGH .. .. 2.	GEORGE HALKSWORD .. 6.
THOMAS HODGSON .. .. 3.	HARRY GIBSON .. .. 7.
THOMAS F. EARNSHAW .. 4.	ABRAHAM HAIGH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal on the bells by the Association.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Minor has been sent from Walton-le-Dale, Lancashire, without any date being mentioned.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The peal of Minor rang at Cranford on August 3rd, should have been credited to the Central Northamptonshire Association.—In the peal rung at Rushton on July 18th, the footnote to D. Mallett should have been "first peal away from the treble," not "first peal."

## Miscellaneous.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, May 17th, for evening service at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. F. Bacon, F. W. Richardson conductor, V. Pavier, B. Miller, W. J. Jeffries, J. Law, A. E. Goddard, C. Macklin. On Sunday, May 24th, for evening service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. F. Bacon, V. Pavier, A. Bennington, B. Miller, F. W. Richardson, A. E. Goddard, W. J. Jeffries conductor, J. Law. On Sunday, June 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. F. Bacon, V. Pavier, J. Law, B. Miller, F. W. Richardson, A. E. Goddard, W. J. Jeffries conductor, C. Macklin.

## THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

DAWLEY (Salop).—On Sunday, June 28th, at Holy Trinity church, quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, being ten and-a-half 6-scores, each called differently, in 45 mins. H. Bailey, F. Downing, J. York, W. Jones, W. Saunders conductor, W. Merrington.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON.—On May 3rd, for morning service at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Robinson, O. W. Layng, A. Lawrence, H. W. L. Wells, R. W. Hyner, S. Palmer, C. J. Gardiner conductor, A. W. Harrington. For evening service 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. L. A. Wilson, O. W. Layng, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, T. Robinson, O. Norman, C. J. Gardiner conductor, E. Bishop. On May 10th, for morning service, 672 Stedman Triples. O. W. Lang, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, S. Palmer, C. J. Gardiner, O. Norman conductor, T. Robinson, A. W. Harrington. On May 12th, for practice, 336 Bob Major. H. W. L. Wells, A. Lawrence, T. Ricketts, R. W. Hyner, L. A. Wilson, T. Robinson, C. J. Gardiner, E. Bishop conductor. On May 17th, for morning service, 560 Bob Major. T. Lawrence, O. W. Layng, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, S. Palmer, O. Norman, C. J. Gardiner conductor, T. Robinson. On May 26th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. M. Brinkworth, A. Lawrence conductor, R. W. Hyner, G. W. Townsend, S. Palmer, H. W. L. Wells, C. J. Gardiner, A. Townsend. On May 26th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. A. Lawrence, C. J. Gardiner, R. W. Hyner, H. W. L. Wells, L. A. Wilson, E. Bishop conductor, S. Palmer, J. Tazwell. On May 31st, for evening service, 446 Double Norwich. O. W. Layng, R. W. Hyner, A. Lawrence, S. Palmer, T. Robinson, O. Norman, C. J. Gardiner, E. Bishop conductor.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Sunday evening, July 19th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob, 1280 changes, in 50 mins. R. Maynard, F. C. Maynard, G. Grimwade, F. Rumens, J. H. Wilkins, R. Maynard, jun. conductor, R. G. Rice, W. B. Manning.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FRENTHAM (Surrey).—On Thursday, August 6th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. E. Day first 720, C. Edwards conductor, W. Russell, E. Garbett first 720 of Minor, F. Elliott, W. Waterman. On Saturday, August 8th, for the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. Gell, 720 Bob Minor. H. Randall first 720, C. Edwards, W. Waterman, W. Russell, E. Newell, F. Elliott. 480 Oxford Bob. W. Waterman, C. Edwards conductor, W. Russell, T. Upshall, E. Newell, F. Elliott. 720 Kent Treble Bob was attempted, but was lost in the last course. E. Newell, W. Russell, C. Edwards conductor, F. Elliott, T. Upshall, W. Waterman. And several 1208 of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, in which Messrs. Mills, Deadman, Randell and Day took part.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Whit Sunday, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Dibben, J. Buckle, E. Thomas, C. Hall, W. Robson, G. Noice, H. Wilkes conductor, C. Gladdiss. On Friday, June 26th, the same quarter-peal in 48 mins., in honour of the King's birthday. F. Dibben, J. Buckle, H. Wilkes conductor, C. Hall, W. Robson, C. Gladdiss, G. Williams, P. Morfee.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SCARBOROUGH.—On Tuesday, June 23rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. T. Cole, J. R. Barton, H. Gibson, A. Coates conductor, H. Ferguson, J. Dixey. On July 1st, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Taylor, A. Coates, J. R. Barton, F. Davison, H. Ferguson, H. Gibson, J. Dixey conductor, T. Cole. On a recent Monday evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. J. Fryers, A. Coates, J. R. Barton, F. Davison, H. Gibson, H. Ferguson, J. Dixey conductor, T. Cole. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Henrietta Dixey, daughter of the conductor. On Sunday evening, July 5th, for Divine Service, 714 Grandsire Triples. H. Ferguson, A. Coates, J. R. Barton, — Christian, J. Cotterell, H. Gibson, J. Dixey conductor, F. Davison. On Wednesday, July 8th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. J. R. Barton, A. Coates, H. Ferguson, J. Cotterell conductor, J. Dixey, H. Gibson.

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SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—On May 19th, 720 London Surprise. J. W. Foster, A. Charlton, R. Dixon, H. Surtees, A. M. C. Field, F. Barron. And 720 Wells Surprise, by the same band. Both conducted by F. Barron. First 720 in either method by the band and on the bells.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DAGENHAM.—On July 8th, two 720s of Plain Bob. C. Rochester, E. Hawkins, R. Miles, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor. And 720 Double Oxford. D. Chaplin, 1; the rest as before. And 360 Double Court. A. Playle, C. Rochester, E. Hawkins, R. Miles, G. Playle conductor, J. Dale. Rung on the occasion of a wedding.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LONG EATON.—On Sunday, July 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. J. R. Ward, J. E. Hexter, R. Hickton, W. R. Hexter, J. Ward, sen., R. Dredge, J. Bailey conductor, T. Hutchinson.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Wednesday, June 24th, at St. John's church, Newhall, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor. F. Godfrey, D. Cotton, J. H. Stretton, H. Hurdman, F. Shepherd, J. Hough conductor. Another 720 in the same method. G. Basely, H. Sharpe, F. Godfrey, J. Hough, F. Shepherd, D. Cotton first in the method as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Miss Moir and Mr. W. Harrison, on the occasion of their marriage.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE.—On Friday, July 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 55 mins. P. Carter, W. J. Thomas, F. Mathis, J. Sinden, W. H. Eldridge, C. Carter, W. Franks composer and conductor, A. Rideout. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. E. J. Bloxsome, curate of Battle.

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

BOLDMERE (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, July 12th, at St. Michael's church, Johnson's 1008 Grandsire Triples. L. Powell, E. Mullins conductor, R. Ducker, J. Jennings, J. Jones, W. G. Ellis, T. Verry, A. Gardner. Rung to celebrate the wedding of W. G. Anker, one of the local ringers, to Miss Jessie King, of Boldmere, the ringers wishing them much happiness.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OLD WINDSOR.—On Sunday, July 19th, for evening service at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. F. J. Guttridge, L. Stilwell conductor, S. Stilwell, J. Guttridge, T. W. Gosling, A. Blake, W. Welling, F. Guttridge. Arranged for S. Stilwell, who was visiting Windsor.

CALVERTON (Bucks).—On a recent Sunday, for morning service, 480 Grandsire Doubles. J. Tomkins, W. Edwards, G. Tomkins, F. Taylor, F. Tomkins, B. Edwards. For evening service 720 in the same method, standing as before. First 720 with a bob bell by the ringer of the 5th, and first 720 by the ringer of the tenor, who is 16 years of age.

HORSLEY (Derbyshire).—On Monday evening, June 23rd, at St. Clement's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins. J. Meynell, W. Smith, J. Harrison, W. Pete conductor, T. H. Whilton.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, July 19th, for Divine Service at St. Edward's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 40 mins. G. R. Pye, F. Rainbird, H. Catterwell, F. Skevington, W. Woodgate, H. F. Dawkins conductor, W. Pye, W. Watson.

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### In Memoriam. WALTER JAMES.

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### Ringers' Outings.

THE HALSTEAD SOCIETY (Essex).—On July 6th, the members of this society had their annual outing, the place chosen being Bury St. Edmunds. Journeying from Halstead by motor, we arrived at Bury about 10.30 a.m. On arrival we were met by Mr. H. Turner, of the St. James's company. St. Mary's being the first tower visited, some touches of Treble Bob were rung upon the splendid ring of eight. Afterwards a move was made for dinner, which was served up in an able manner by host Turner, who had made all arrangements for the day. Dinner being over, a move was made for Rougham, where we found a nice ring of six, and some touches of Treble Bob and Double Court was rung, "but oh! how quiet," about five miles from anywhere. From

Rougham we went to Fornham St. Martin, where a 720 of Treble Bob was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Lord Chelsea who was being laid to rest at Culford church close by. From Fornham we went to Horringer where some touches of Oxford and Kent were rung. Returning to Bury for tea, the next and final tower to visit was the Norman tower with its fine ring of ten. Here again the bells were muffled as a token of respect to the late member for the borough. Meeting some of our Bury friends, a touch of Treble Bob Major was brought round, and also a touch of Grand-sire Caters, which brought the tower ringing to a close. Afterwards a pleasant hour was spent at Mr. Turner's, where several touches were rung upon the hand-bells, which brought a very pleasant day to a close, every one thoroughly enjoying themselves. The ringers wish to thank the Vicars and churchwardens for the use of the bells; also the Bury friends for the kind way in which they received us.

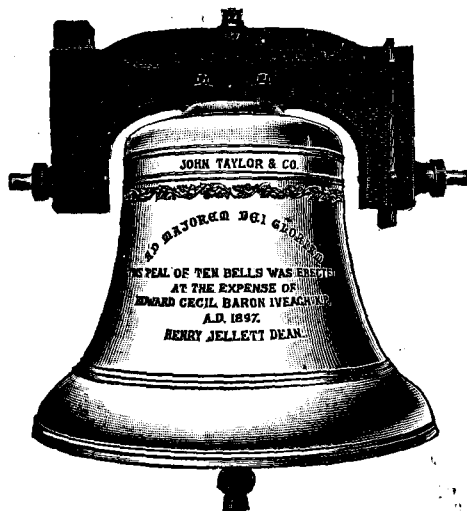
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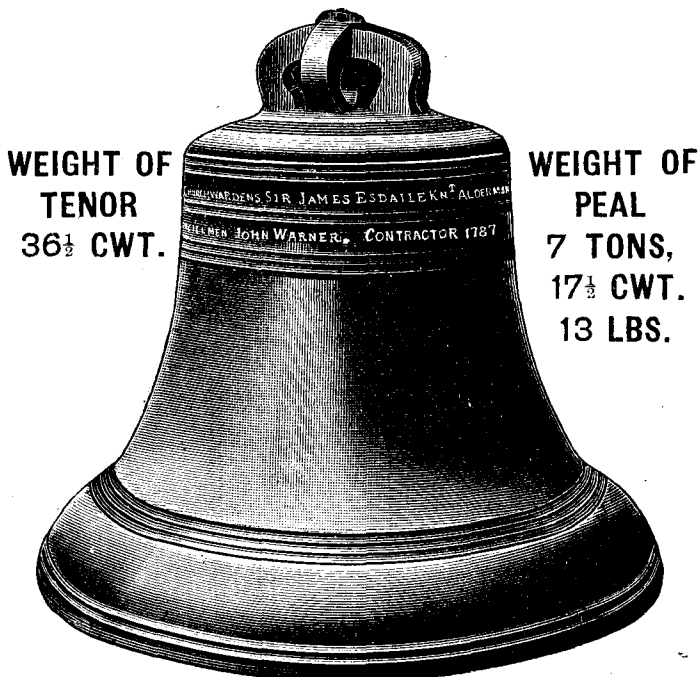
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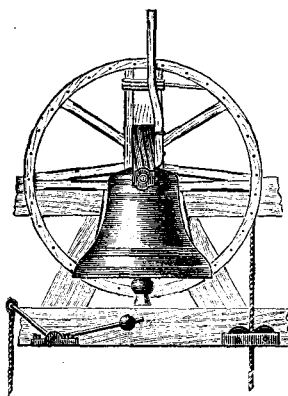
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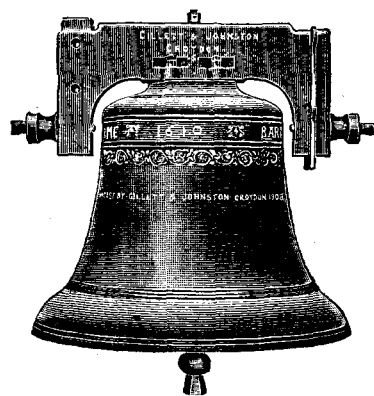
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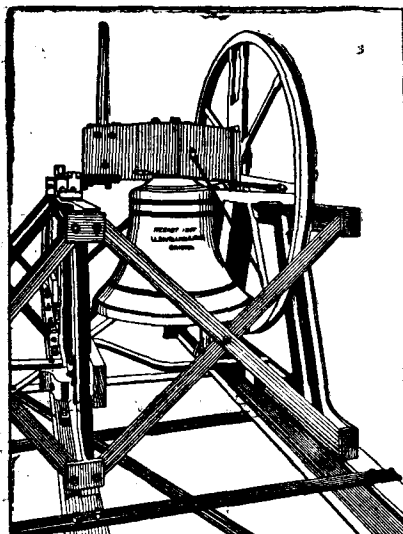
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## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 3rd, a quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth district was held at Brading, Isle of Wight, when members attended from Fareham, Portsea, Wickham, and Newport; members of the Brading branch also being present. The visitors were made welcome by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Blenkyn. The bells were available most of the day, when Grandsire and Bob Major and Minor were rung.

Tea was served at five o'clock, about twenty sitting down, after which the business meeting was held. In the absence of the Vicar the Rev. R. J. B. Busberg was voted to the chair. Two hon. members were proposed, one full and one probationary. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and room, and to the chairman for presiding.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the western division was held at Slinfold on Monday, August 3rd. Being a very fine day a good muster of ringers attended. The towers represented were Arundel, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Burstow, Burgess Hill, Crawley, Capel, Ewhurst, Horley, Heene, Lyminster, Rudgwick, Slinfold, Warnham, and West Tarring; also Messrs. Tompkins (treasurer), and H. Evans (divisional secretary), numbering thirty-two in all. Touches of Minor were rang in various methods till 5.30. A move was then made to The King's Head hotel, where tea was provided, the Rector, the Rev. F. G. Hughes, being present, and taking the chair. Tea over, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed, Warnham being selected as the place for the next quarterly peal.

Mr. Tompkins proposed the usual vote of thanks to the chairman for his attendance, and for presiding, to which the rev. gentleman replied.

A visit was again made to the tower, and ringing continued till eight o'clock.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the south-eastern district was held at Widford on Saturday, August 22nd. A thunderstorm with a very heavy downpour broke over the neighbourhood during the afternoon, and this no doubt was the cause of the poor attendance, as several who had promised to be present were absent. Members were present from Boreham, Chelmsford, Springfield, Writtle, and Widford. The meeting was honoured with the presence of Mr. W. Pickworth (of Hornsey, near London), who had braved the elements and cycled down. In the absence of the district Master (Mr. W. H. Judd) Mr. Rowland took the chair. It was decided to hold the annual meeting on December 5th. The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, also to Mr. Tarbun for having everything in readiness.

## A TRIP TO LEICESTER.

Saturday, July 18th, was set apart for the annual trip of the Sheffield parish church company, and as in previous years an enjoyable time was spent. Leicester having been decided upon, negotiations were opened with our friends there, and a hearty welcome was spontaneously given. Owing to business claims on the majority of members a start was not made until the 2.40 p.m. Midland express, which taking us through the Erewash valley landed us at our destination at 4.17 p.m. right time. On alighting at the platform, we found a group of prominent Leicester ringers patiently waiting our arrival, and after an introduction all round, we unreservedly placed ourselves in their hands, and it is owing to the excellent arrangements made that we were able to do so much in a very short time. Boarding a tramcar we were soon at St. Mark's church, where the bells were raised, and two touches of Stedman were rung. This church has a fine ring of eight, but unfortunately one or two of the bells do not go very well. Continuing from here on foot, our next visit was to St. Margaret's, where Stedman Caters was indulged in for half-an-hour. This is also a fine ring, but not in the best going order. Our next item on the programme was St. Martin's, a good going ring of ten, on which more Stedman Caters were rung, and a course of Treble Ten. The last, but not least, place of ringing was St. John's, where we found a grand going musical ring of eight, a model belfry, beautifully furnished and spotlessly clean. Great praise is due to the parties concerned for their splendid example in shewing what can be done to promote the welfare and comfort of ringers, and could others but see what a little consideration will do in this respect, doubtless some improvement might be made at some towers where such is not given. It was well that this was the last place of call, otherwise, to use the words of one, "we might take some getting out." Here we rung a touch of Stedman Triples, a course of London Surprise (the first on the bells, by the way), and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major.

A short diversion was then made to replenish the inner man with substantial refreshment, after which the whole united parties met at The Granville hotel for a social evening. Needless to say this was carried out in fine style, the harmony and handbell ringing being of first-class order, and one and all were sorry when the time arrived for the return journey home.

Our best thanks are offered to Messrs. Morris, Willson, and all others who so kindly contributed towards making this trip such a splendid success, which was one more of those excellent meetings of friendship to long remain on the memory of the visitors.

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	16	14	12	30	19	15	9	7	10	8	7	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	28	16	68	53	50	33	30	30	25	20	28	24			24		
Total Peals.	Maximus	Royal.	Major.	14 T. B. M. M.	9	7	Caters.	Triples.	Royal.	Major.	Triples.	Doubles.	1 Minor mthd	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Db. Nor. Royal.	Db. Nor. Major	Note A. S. Ry. (unnamed) London S. Maj.	Bristol S. Major.	Cam. Sur. Major.	New Cam. S. Maj.	Sup. Sur. Major.	Yorks. Sur. Maj.	7 S Minor mths.	Major.	Cinquets.	Caters.	Triples.		
1 Middlesex Cty. Assn....	79	—	—	1	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	8	7	—	3	17	—	—	—	1	12	19	2242	28'379
2 Norwich Dio. Assn.....	101	2	—	16	2	4	—	2	—	—	8	3	1	1	1	3	—	2	3	—	22	—	—	—	—	—	20	—	—	—	1	10	10	1729	17'118	
3 Kent County Assn.....	107	—	—	10	—	—	—	26	—	—	4	—	—	2	2	3	1	—	2	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	2	8	31	1669	15'598	
4 Midland Cties. Assn....	93	—	3	11	—	—	—	6	15	—	7	1	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	2	12	—	—	—	—	10	3	—	—	—	4	14	1491	16'032		
5 Oxford Dio. Guild.....	83	—	—	1	—	3	2	17	—	—	2	14	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	34	1186	14'289		
6 Lancashire Association..	63	1	1	18	—	1	—	11	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	3	—	4	1	—	1	6	—	—	—	—	9	1121	17'793		
7 Yorkshire Association...	78	—	2	21	—	5	2	12	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	12	1068	13'692	
8 Worcs. & Dists. Assn...	55	—	—	4	—	—	3	8	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	8	—	6	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	1	9	1033	18'763	
9 Winchester Dio. Guild..	70	—	1	8	—	3	—	19	—	—	7	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	4	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	17	968	13'828	
10 Sussex County Assn....	60	—	—	7	—	—	1	15	—	1	7	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	16	819	13'65			
11 Essex Association .....	52	—	—	12	—	—	1	9	—	—	5	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	4	—	6	—	—	—	—	1	5	—	1	—	3	720	13'846			
12 Hertford County Assn..	36	—	—	—	—	3	1	3	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	2	—	8	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	2	9	603	16'75		
13 Soc. Archdy. Staffs....	30	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	13	558	18'6		
14 Surrey Association.....	32	—	1	1	—	—	1	6	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	16	537	16'784		
15 St. Martin's Guild Birm	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	6	2	5	456	24'	
16 Ancient Soc. Coll. Yths..	20	2	2	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	4	6	448	22'4		
17 Durham & Newcstl. Ass.	25	—	—	6	—	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	10	445	17'8			
18 London County Assn.....	24	—	—	1	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	5	2	430	17'916		
19 Royal Cumberland Yths..	13	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	427	32'846	
20 Centl. Northamp. Assn..	28	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	4	2	1	1	—	—	—	2	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	9	—	394	14'142		
21 Bath & Wells Assn .....	40	—	—	—	—	—	2	13	—	—	1	16	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	320	8'		
22 Gloucester & Bristol Ass.	20	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	—	1	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	5	294	14'7	
23 Chester Dio. Guild.....	22	—	—	7	—	1	—	7	—	—	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	218	9'909	
24 Stoke Achdl. Assn.....	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	184	8'761		
25 Devonshire Guild .....	13	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	178	13'692		
26 Truro Diocesan Guild...	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	155	22'142		
27 Hereford Dio. Guild.....	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	9	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	149	7'45		
28 Bedford Association....	12	—	—	2	—	—	—	4	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	107	8'916		
29 Lincoln Dio. Guild.....	17	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	4	3	1	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	106	6'235		
30 North Wales Assn. ....	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	99	11'		
31 Ely Diocesan Assn. ....	12	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	98	8'166		
32 Salisbury Dio. Guild.....	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	69	13'8		
33 Cleveland & N. Yorks....	6	—	—	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	58	9'666		
34 Irish Association .....	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	42	14'		
35 Llandaff Dio. Assn.....	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42	7'		
36 Liverpool Dio. Guild....	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	7'		
37 North Notts. Assn .....	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	19.		
38 Salop. Arch. Guild .....	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	7'		
39 Halifax and District ....	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	12.		
Independent Societies....	50	—	1	1	—	—	3	19	—	6	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	469	9'38		
Grand totals.....	1339	5	13	136	2	1	24	29	266	4	84	14	67	22	8	7	10	7	3	44	2	105	1	22	11	5	5	85	3	1	3	10	61	279	21005	15'687

NOTE A. The ringing of this peal by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths is unquestionably a performance of very great merit; but the Central Council, for reasons which will appear in the report of their proceedings for 1908, have declined to allow the peal to be registered as London Surprise Royal. They have, however, accepted the Report of the Points Committee, and awarded 68 points for the peal, which sufficiently indicates the difficulty of the method, by whatever name it may be called hereafter.

Thurstans' Four-part and Variations, 244; Thurstans' Five-part, 2; Carter's peals, 10; Lindoff's peals, 5; Washbrook's peals, 3; Lates' peals, 2; Heywood's peals, 2; Martin's peal, 1.  
Conductors of four peals and upwards were; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 78; William Pye, 44; Frank Bennett, 38; James Motts, 28; Clement Glenn, 24; Robert Matthews, 23; Alfred H. Pulling, 21; John H. Cheesman and George Williams, 18; James E. Davis, 17; Charles R. Lilley and Bertram Prewett, 14; William Short, 13; Keith Hart, James



The peals in Plain Methods comprise: Bob Royal 4; Bob Major 84; Oxford Bob Triples 7; Bob Triples 2; Stansted Triples 2 (now rung for the first time); Penning's Triples 1; Darlaston Bob Triples 1; Union Triples 1.

The peals of Doubles are comprised in the following statement:—

Association.	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Methods	Total
Bath and Wells	14	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	16
Bedfordshire	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Central Northants.	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Ely Dio. Gld.	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
Gloucester & Bristol	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Hereford	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
Hertford	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Middlesex	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Norwich	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	3
Oxford	11	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	14
Sussex	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Winchester	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Worcester	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Independent	5	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	8
Total—	51	5	5	3	1	1	1	—	67

The 50 peals rung by Independent Societies are thus distributed, viz.: Bedfordshire 5; Berkshire 2; Buckinghamshire 1; Cambridgeshire 1; Edinburgh 1; Essex 1; Gloucestershire 4; Hertfordshire 1; Lancashire 3; Leicestershire 2; Lincolnshire 1; Middlesex 5; Nottinghamshire 1; Oxfordshire 6; Staffordshire 2; Surrey 4; Sussex 4; Warwickshire 2; Worcestershire 3; Yorkshire 1. Total—50.

The greatest number of changes in one peal was 7392 Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung by the Winchester Diocesan Guild. One other peal contained over 7000 changes; four peals were over 6000 changes; and under 6000 changes there were 1332 peals.

The 154 peals of Treble Bob were rung as follows: in the Kent Variation—Maximus, 5; Royal, 13; Major, 119; and in the Oxford Variation—Major, 17.

The 266 peals of Grandsire Triples were: Holt's Original 54; Holt's Six-part 1; Holt's Ten-part and Variations 74; Parker's Twelve-part and Variations, 37; Parker's One-part 1; Parker's Five-part 1; Parker's Six-part 6; Taylor's Bob-and-Single 24; Carter's (including his twenty-four part rung for the first time) 17; Hollis's Five-part 10; Rev. C. D. P. Davies' peals—Five-part 6; Ten-part 5; H. Moore's peals 6; Vicars' peals 4; other peals 20.

The 279 peals of Stedman Triples are accounted for thus; Thurstans' One-part 10;

NOTE—In reckoning points for peals, those over 7000 and under 10,000 counts as two peals; over 10,000 and 12,000 changes count as three peals, and so forth.

The following Table gives the first twenty Societies and their relative positions since 1895.

	1895	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907
1 Middlesex County Association	—	25	18	9	4	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
2 Norwich Diocesan Association	4	5	9	5	6	6	2	2	2	1	2	2
3 Kent County Association	7	7	8	3	4	4	6	9	3	3	3	3
4 Midland Counties Association	3	8	6	6	13	11	13	10	5	5	5	4
5 Oxford Diocesan Guild	1	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	8	8	6	5
6 Lancashire Association	10	4	5	7	7	8	14	19	22	9	8	6
6 Yorkshire Association	6	9	11	8	14	12	12	9	3	4	4	7
8 Worcestershire and Districts	12	6	3	10	15	18	21	20	23	17	14	8
9 Winchester Diocesan Guild	9	14	12	15	10	13	16	23	18	15	10	9
10 Sussex County Association	2	1	1	2	5	3	7	3	7	7	17	10

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	..	905	1902	..	1313	1907	..	1339
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			

Grand Total—23,308.

Parker and Arthur E. Pegler, 11; Charles F. Bailey, William Fitchford, James E. Groves, and W. S. Smith, 10; Thomas Groombridge, Geo. Holtfield, sen., Benjamin A. Knights, and Geo. N. Price, 9; Edwin Barnett, sen., Chas. W. Clarke, George Cattermole, John Flint, and Arthur Knights, 8; William H. Barber, Edwin G. Buesden, David Elliott, Lewis S. Griffith, Joseph Griffin, Geo. Hughes, Walter Large, Geo. R. Pye, John R. Sharman, Challis F. Winney, Sidney Wade, George Wightman, and Albert Walker, 7; Arthur Edwards, Arthur Latham and Sam Thomas, 6; John Austin, Harry Chapman, John Carter, Frederick W. Dixon, Geo. F. Hoad, John W. Jones, Ernest C. Lambert, Joseph A. Lambert, Geo. R. Newton, Albert Phillips, Alfred Rowley, and Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, 5; Harry Barton, Fredk. Borrett, Geo. Billenness, James Hunt, Herbert Knight, William H. Lawrence, Gabriel Lindoff, Walter Perkins, Philip H. Pierce, W. T. Pegler, William J. Prescott, James H. Ridyard, Joseph Ridyard, Fredk. W. Stokes, Fredk. W. Thornton, Fredk. R. Tullett, sen., William Watts, and Edgar Wightman, 4. In addition to these, 38 persons conducted three peals; 103, two peals; and 259, one peal, making a total of 477 persons who acted as conductors during the year. A peal of Stedman Triples rung at Wolverhampton on October 12th, 1907, was conducted by Mr. Herbert Knight, blindfolded.

The number of peals rung on church bells was 1309; on handbells, 30.

Two peals were found to be false, after publication; and they are therefore excluded from this Analysis.

The following is a summary of the peals rung on handbells:

Kent Treble Bob Maximus .. .. .	1
Kent Treble Bob Major .. .. .	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major .. .. .	1
Grandsire Caters .. .. .	1
Grandsire Triples .. .. .	7
Doubles .. .. .	1
Bob Major .. .. .	7
Bob Minor .. .. .	1
Bristol Surprise Major* .. .. .	3
Stedman Caters .. .. .	4
Stedman Triples .. .. .	3

Total—30

\*First peal in the method on handbells.

The 1339 peals rung are 26 more than last year; but they fall short by 180 of the record year, 1905. They were distributed as follows; January 106; February 113; March 86; April 132; May 111; June 103; July 64; August 90; September 124; October 118; November 152; December 140.

	1895	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907
11 Essex Association	16	11	10	12	9	10	9	8	6	6	7	11
12 Herts. County Asso.	25	19	13	18	20	14	8	12	12	13	16	12
13 Staff Archd Soc	15	21	17	13	19	19	17	18	25	21	21	13
14 Surrey Association	14	20	16	17	12	21	18	16	13	18	23	14
15 St. Martin's Gld, Bir.	21	13	20	16	8	7	11	11	15	12	19	15
16 Aoc. Soc. Coll. Vth	5	2	4	4	2	5	5	5	4	10	11	16
17 Durham and New. Ass.	8	18	19	31	18	16	10	13	10	11	12	17
18 London County Asso.	40	34	37	35	27	34	32	28	21	19	20	18
19 Royal Cum. Yths.	11	17	23	24	22	23	20	25	19	23	18	19
20 Cent. Northamp. Ass.	18	10	14	14	16	15	22	14	14	16	22	20

CHARLES E. BORRETT.  
JOSEPH GRIFFIN.  
ARTHUR T. KING.  
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.]

## 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."

## RINGERS AND CLERGY.

SIR,—I do not propose to trouble you with many words on the present occasion. I have had my say on this subject in your columns before now, and the silly season correspondents, even in such an excellent paper as "The Daily Telegraph," is not worth serious consideration. All I wish to refer to is the last paragraph in the letter of your correspondent in your issue of the 15th inst., in which he appears to suggest that in cases of disagreement the Central Council should intervene. What I wish to point out is that the Council is not constituted to do work of this kind. It is a body composed of representatives of local Societies and Associations, which meets once a year for deliberation, and the bulk of its work is transacted by Committees, whose members, for the most part, live so far asunder that they can only communicate by letter. How is such a body to intervene? Is poor Mr. Davies, because some dispute should arise in, say, Lincolnshire, to march across England in order to interview some possibly pig-headed fool of a parson? Clearly for work of this kind you must have paid officials.

But, Sir, what about County or Diocesan Associations? Can not their officers be asked to help in unfortunate cases of disagreement? And there is one more thing I wish to point out; that is that although an incumbent cannot be ousted from his legal rights connected with the belfry, the ringers have a perfect right to bring any grievance they may have to the notice of his ecclesiastical superiors—the Rural Dean, the Archdeacon, and the Bishop of the diocese. When we had some disagreement in the Metropolis a few years ago, we made for the Archdeacon like a shot, and the result was quite satisfactory.

R. A. DANIELL.

## "METHODS."

SIR,—I believe I am right in saying that Mr. Carter's objections to the C. C. Collection of Methods and also to my articles in "THE BELL NEWS" may be summed up in his statement this week that "Darlaston Bob is not College Single," or at any rate that statement illustrates his objections. Until Shipway's time no attempt had been made to get a systematic plan of varying methods beyond extending such methods as Plain, Grandsire and Stedman to the higher numbers, and producing more or less correct ten and twelve versions of such methods as Court, when occasion called for them. Shipway tried to find general rules which should give the variation of all methods, and from him we first get the single, double and reverse variations of methods. He also discovered the rule that if you have any method with a plain hunting treble you can add automatically a bell in the hunt. In this way he first gave us Court Bob Triples from Court Bob Minor, Double Norwich Caters from Double Norwich Major, and others. This rule is universal. There is no method which has one plain hunting treble to which you cannot add a bell in the hunt. You may hold if you like with Sir Arthur Heywood that putting a bell in the hunt makes so much difference in actual ringing that for practical purposes you have a new method, but when you are dealing with composition and construction you cannot consider the two methods as other than variations of each other. What Mr. Carter calls Darlaston Bob and we call College Single Triples, is got automatically from College Single Minor by applying Shipway's rule exactly as Oxford Bob Triples is got from Oxford Bob Minor or Court Bob Triples from Court Bob Minor. It seems that Mr. Carter uses the word "variation" in a different sense to what I use it. By variation I mean a method or peal got from another method or peal by applying a universal rule. And that I take it is what the ordinary person means by the word. But no stretch of the word can make Double Norwich a "variation" of Plain Bob, or London Surprise a "variation" of Superlative. Mr. Carter adds a postscript that because we call seven-bell methods Triples therefore all seven-bell methods must have triple changes throughout. I totally disagree. Below I give a seven-bell method which has not all triple changes. I should like to know why such a

method should not be rung. May I say this in conclusion that I have such a deep admiration for Mr. Carter's great intellectual powers and wide knowledge of ringing matters, that whenever I happen to differ from him I always make doubly sure of my grounds, and I am convinced that in this matter of methods the majority of the Committee, and not he, is in the right.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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

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

1 4 2 6 3 7 5

SIR,—As an old twelve-bell ringer let me say all honour to the band who rang the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. It is a campanalogical masterpiece of rope and performance, and will, with the names of the ringers, stand out in bold relief upon the pedestal of fame for all time. Ipswich, onward! First Surprise Maximus!

Mr. J. Carter has spoken, and I agree with most of what he has said. Grandsire is not Plain Bob, and never can be, and to tell us Grandsire Triples and Bob Major are the same is all very well in theory, but in practice when one finds Grandsire Triples has five bells and one assistant in the work, and Bob Major seven, the statement wants a bit of pickle to help it down. Double Oxford and Double Norwich, as Mr. Carter says, are change for change exactly the same, and was it not that Oxford is the oldest I should vote to discard it as a method, as Norwich is a decided improvement. Constitutionally and musically this is one of the best, if not the best, of all methods; but it will not gracefully lend itself to extending to higher numbers. Neither Royal or Maximus comes out exactly, and as to the Caters, well, if this was a new method just introduced, I venture to say it would share the same fate that the examples for London Royal have recently experienced, and I may here say I quite agree with the decisions arrived at by the Central Council at Cambridge last Whitsun on this subject. After all the articles and explanations and diagrams are given, there is no rule explainable that shows how to extend methods from one number to another except the following, and of all our methods Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford are the only methods that will extend indefinitely and hold up a family likeness unmistakable upon any number; while the original principle is the only one that holds up similarly upon either odd or even numbers. I think we are rather too severe on London conditions. For instance, in the Minor we have one example with work round the treble dodging, and one only. When we come to Major we find two examples, and that is Major. In Royal and Maximus we are told these two and no others are admissible. Why is this? The Major builder took a liberty with the Minor and cut out a place. By foregoing rule for Royal, Minor builder could say Major is not London, etc.

H. DAINS.

## CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS.

SIR,—While congratulating the band who rang the peal of Cambridge Maximus, I wish to point out that the composition is mine. It was composed as a 7200 of Royal in January, 1899, with 3 at H attached to each W, and conducted by me as a 5040 of Royal at St. Michael's, Gloucester, on February 8th, 1899, by omitting 3H in three parts out of the five, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" shortly after it was rung and also in the Gloucester and Bristol Report for 1899. The Maximus is the same peal, with the remaining two B blocks H omitted.

H. LAW, JAMES.

**Notices.**

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.) — Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 1st and 15th; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 7th and 21st; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 8th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 10th; St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on the 10th and 24th; St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 22nd; 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.** — South and West District. — The next meeting of this district will be held at Sunbury to-day, Saturday, August 29th. The bells will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, and from 6.30 to 9. Members are asked to make an effort to attend this meeting, and they are reminded that the subscription due January 1st, should now be paid.

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

**The Lancashire Association.** — Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Croston, to-day, Saturday, August 29th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.** — Blackburn Branch. — A meeting will be held at the parish church to-day, Saturday, August 29th. The bells will be ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.** — The monthly meeting will be held at Calverley to-day, Saturday, August 29th. Bells (8), available at 2 p.m. Business meeting at The Thornhill Arms at 7.30 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.** — Derby Branch. — The next district meeting will be held at Wirksworth to-day, Saturday, August 29th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided in the parish room (1s. each).

A. H. WARD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.** — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coseley to-day, Saturday, August 29th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.** — A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth to-day, Sat. August 29th, when the bells will be open for ringing at 3.30. Tea at 5.30, with business meeting after. All members and friends will be heartily welcomed.

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

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.** — Guildford District. — A meeting will be held at Worplesdon (two miles from Guildford), to-day, Saturday, August 29. 2 o'clock. — Bells available at Worplesdon (6), and Pirbright (6). Service at St. Mary's, Worplesdon, at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Rector. Tea at schools at 6, tickets 6d. Visitors 1s. The grounds of Miss Cunliffe, and the museum of F. C. Selous, Esq., will be open during the afternoon.

JOHN J. JONES, *Dis. Sec.*  
North Street, Guildford.

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.** — Bowden and Stockport Branch; Eastern Division. — Meeting at Disley to-day, Saturday, August 29th.

A. T. BRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
New Mills.

**The Kent County Association.** — Ashford District. — The next meeting of the above will be held at Marsham on Wednesday, September 2nd. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea (free) at 6 o'clock to all those who notify me on or before Monday, August 31st, to be followed by business meeting, at both of which the Rev. Canon Dyke has promised to preside.

C. TRIBE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

British School Villas, Tenterden.

**The Lancashire Association.** — Furness and Lake District Branch. — The annual meeting of the above will be held in the schoolroom at Silverdale on Saturday, September 5th, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Bells (6), available during the day.

W. ROBINSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.** — Rochdale Branch. — The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Alban's, Rochdale, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. A good attendance is requested, as business is important.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.** — A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, September 12th. Service at 3.30 p.m. in the parish church. Tea at 4.15 p.m. in schoolroom with meeting to follow.

E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.** — North Bucks. Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Calverton, Bucks., on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells open at 2 p.m.

F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.** — Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, September 12th (Life-Boat Saturday). Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.** — North and East District. — The next meeting of this Association will be held at All Saints' church, Edmonton, on Saturday, September 12th, by kind permission of the Rev. E. A. B. Sanders. The bells will be raised about 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided on the usual terms for those who intimate their intention to be present, but such intimation must reach the Hon. Sec. by September 7th at the latest. It is hoped that members and their friends will make a special effort to attend.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**The Lancashire Association.** — Liverpool Branch. — A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, September 12th. Bells ready at 4.30. Tea at 6. Members intending being present please send word to

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

36, Church Road, Garston.

**The Yorkshire Association.** — By kind permission of the Vicar — the Rev. B. Irwin — the September meeting will be held at Saltburn-by-the-Sea on Saturday, September 19th. Ring of eight, tenor 23 cwt. Circulars next week.

CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*

40, Percy Street, Rotherham.

**The Lancashire Association.** — The annual meeting will be held at Manchester on Saturday, October 3rd. Any proposed alterations

of rules, and nominations for the following official posts, viz., President, General Secretary, and Treasurer, must be sent in to the General Secretary not later than Monday, September 7th. All ringing reports up to the 31st inst., to be sent to the Ringing Secretary. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*

4, Helena Street, Irlams O' Th' Height, Manchester.

J. H. BANKS, *Ringing Secretary.*

462, Helmsshore Road, Helmsshore.

**The William Verry Commemoration.** — The annual dinner will be held at The Red Lion hotel, Handsworth, on Saturday, October 17th. Details later on.

R. FAUX, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.** — During the repairs to the tower of Winchester Cathedral, there will be no ringing on the bells until further notice.

JAS. W. ELKINS,

3, Culver Villas, Winchester.

**NOTES TO PEALS.**

**THE PEAL AT BISHOPS STORTFORD.** — This composition which has the 5th and 6th their extent at home, is now rung for the first time. It was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. He has now called a peal from every bell in the tower, including the longest and shortest peals.

**THE PEAL AT BRIGHTON.** — G. King's 300 PEALS. — Grandsire Triples 25; Major 1; Caters 7; Stedman Triples 46; Caters 19; Bob Major 12; Royal 2; Kent Major 28; Royal 10; Double Norwich Major 20; Royal 1; College Exercise Major 1; Superlative 47; Cambridge 26; London 33; Champion 2; New Cumberland 7; Gloucester 3; Oxford 3; Norfolk 2; Westminster 2; Bristol 3. Total—300.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.** — The address of Mr. J. R. Sharman will be 12, Frobisher Road, Hornsey, N., on and after Saturday, August 29th.

**AN APPEAL.**

The members of the Keighley society have opened a subscription list for the cause of one of their ringing brethren—J. McGoun—who has the misfortune to lose the use of one of his legs, the foot of which has been just amputated. He has been unable to use the limb now for a matter of eight months. The above company therefore beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country on his behalf. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 34, Hill Street, Keighley, Yorkshire, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS."

Brookfield ringers (Gorton), per			
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The holiday season is approaching its end, and next week our readers will have the pleasure of reading a full paper. We hope our contributors who have been away enjoying a period of recreation, have returned benefitted in every sense. And we shall be pleased to hear from them all as early as convenient.

## The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

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Conducted by W. FITCHIR.

\*First peal.

## SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DEBBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, August 12, 1908, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RANMOOR,

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IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

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## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

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On Thursday, August 13, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. Treble	HENRY L. GARFATH ..	.. 5.
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Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

## SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHARLES PALMER .. .. Treble	HENRY GARFATH .. ..	.. 6.
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Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 17, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

JOHN C. DICKEN .. .. Treble	GEORGE A. KING .. ..	.. 5.
CHARLES PALMER .. ..	HENRY GARFATH .. ..	.. 6.
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Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 18, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

WILLIAM LANSDOWNE* .. Treble	FRANK K. HOWELL ..	.. 6.
CHARLES DOWNING* .. ..	*SAMUEL PHILLIPS ..	.. 7.
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\*First peal of Royal.

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Tenor 36 cwt.

THOMAS MILLER .. .. Treble	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ..	.. 7.
FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. ..	JAMES L. WELLS .. ..	.. 8.
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Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and has the 5th and 6th ten times each in 5ths place, with all the 5-6-7-8s and 6-5-7-8s in the tittums position; also the 5th ten times, and the 6th eight times in 5ths, with all the 5-6-7-8s and 6-5-7-8s at hand for the handstroke home position.

## ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Wednesday, August 19, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES .. .. Treble	JAMES MEPRICK .. ..	.. 5.
WILLIAM PYE .. ..	*ARTHUR HARDING ..	.. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. ..	FRED WILFORD .. ..	.. 7.
CHARLES T. COLES .. ..	WILLIAM PICKWORTH ..	.. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

\*First peal of Stedman.

## BECKENHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 20, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Treble	*WALTER SMITH .. ..	.. 5.
ISAAC EMBRY .. ..	GEORGE DURLING .. ..	.. 6.
WILLIAM HEWETT .. ..	HERBERT P. HARMAN ..	.. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. ..	JAMES E. DAVIS .. ..	.. Tenor.

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet Treble Bob and New London Pleasure, two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob.

H. COLLINSON* .. .. Treble.	A. PEACOCK .. .. 4.
J. SARGINSON .. .. 2.	*C. CLARKSON .. .. 5.
DR. H. C. PAULI .. .. 3.	H. PARRISH.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. PARRISH.

\*First peal.

## GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 20, 1908, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

GEORGE HARRIS*† .. .. Treble.	*†JOHN W. LAKE .. .. 6.
C. WILLIAM SMITH† .. .. 2.	†JOHN CRAGG .. .. 7.
REV. E. W. CARPENTER† .. 3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. 8.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 4.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 9.
ARTHUR J. HOLMES .. .. 5.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal on the bells.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

A. M. C. FIELD .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. .. 5.
EDWARD A. HERN .. .. 2.	CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 6.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 3.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIEB .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. BAPBER .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 21, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. Treble.	WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 5.
GEORGE A. KING* .. .. 2.	HENRY STALHAM .. .. 6.
WILLIAM C. HART .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
CHARLES PALMER .. .. 4.	PHILIP ALLFREY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

\*300th peal; reference elsewhere.

## CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, August 22, 1908, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16½ cwt in F sharp.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 6.
HAWKINS ENGLISH .. .. 3.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 7.
DANIEL PRENTICE .. .. 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mr. John Norman, who was interred on the 18th inst.; and to Mrs. Schreiber, widow of the late Rev. H. W. Schreiber, and only daughter of the late Rev. Robert Longe, Vicar of Coddenham, who was interred on the 19th inst.

## WITTON, NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 22, 1908 in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F sharp.

ROBERT SPERRING .. .. Treble	HENRY W. WILDE .. .. 5.
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. 2.	JAMES MORGAN .. .. 6.
THOMAS MOORE* .. .. 3.	ALFRED JOHNSON .. .. 7.
SEPTIMUS JOHNSON .. .. 4.	*JOSEPH ASHMOLE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. H. BEEVOR, and Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

\*First peal of Major. For calling see C.C. Collection, No. 25.

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(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 22, 1908, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. Treble.	HARRY MOSS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 2.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 6.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 3.	GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. 7.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON* 4.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method.

## FAREHAM, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN W. WHITING .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 5.
FREDK. W. THORNTON .. 2.	EDWIN J. HARDING .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 3.	CECIL A. VALENTINE .. 7.
HENRY W. WILKES .. .. 4.	GEORGE GRANT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

F. W. Thornton was proposed a member previous to starting for the peal.

## DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

FRANK HILL .. .. Treble.	HERBERT FRETWELL .. 5.
WILLIAM CHRISTIAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FROST .. 6.
FRANCIS KAY .. .. 3.	FRED WATKINSON .. 7.
JOSEPH BOURNE .. .. 4.	THOMAS STIMPSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

Rung after meeting short for Caters.

## CARLTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1908, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

J. BAXTER .. .. Treble.	J. W. NEWTON .. .. 5.
W. CLARKSON* .. .. 2.	*J. P. CLARKSON .. .. 6.
J. G. HALL .. .. 3.	*J. W. WHITTLE .. .. 7.
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Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by T. METCALFE.

First peal on the bells, which are a new peal recently put in by Taylor. \*First peal in any method on eight bells.



FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 22, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT WALKER* .. .. Treble.	CHARLES SMITH .. .. 5.
PERCY W. WITHAM† .. .. 2.	ARTHUR WALKER .. .. 6.
JESSE ELDRIDGE .. .. 3.	GEORGE MARTIN .. .. 7.
JAMES LITTLE .. .. 4.	†THOMAS PRICE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by T. PRICE.

\*First peal. †First peal of Double Norwich. †First peal as conductor.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FRANK TALBUTT .. .. Treble.	MAURICE ATKINS .. .. 4.
BERNARD J. SADDINGTON .. 2.	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT .. 5.
MORRIS A. TURNER .. .. 3.	DAVID J. NICHOLS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

First peal in seven methods by the ringers of the treble and 4th. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. — Atkins for his hospitality after the peal.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt

SAMUEL HAYES .. .. Treble.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. .. 6.
WILLIAM T. PRIOR .. .. 2.	*FREDERICK PALMER .. .. 7.
HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. 3.	†GEORGE CHARGE .. .. 8.
WALTER HOBBS .. .. 4.	REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 9.
WALTER PRIOR .. .. 5.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. PITSTOW, and Conducted by H. J. TUCKER

\*First peal on ten bells. †First peal of Treble Ten. Reference elsewhere.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 24, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES TRIBE .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 5.
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. .. 2.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 6.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. .. 3.	CHARLES W. PLAYER .. .. 7.
FREDERICK BUTCHERS .. .. 4.	ALFRED BLACKMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST C. LAMBERT.

Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the ringers wishing him the usual compliments.

Handbell Peals.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 21 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 3-4.	*REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 7-8.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

Umpires—J. Flint and Harry Moss. Rang after meeting short for Superlative. \*First peal on handbells.

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On Monday, August 24, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF F. R. KETTLEBORO,

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

HARRY MOSS .. .. 1-2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 5-6.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 3-4.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 7-8.

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

Umpire—George W. Moss. First peal in the method on handbells by the ringers of the trebles and tenors.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The ringer of the 3rd in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on August 15th, was George R. Pye, not Robert S. Pye.

Miscellaneous.

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KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, June 7th, 1224 Double Norwich Caters. A. Cutmore, A. F. Harris, J. R. Mackman, F. G. Symonds, C. Charge, J. T. Kentish, F. G. Miles, S. A. Wright, W. E. Garrard conductor, C. H. Phipps. On Sunday, June 28th, 1259 Grandsire Caters. S. Davie, W. E. Garrard, J. H. Hayward first quarter-peal, G. W. Frayne first quarter-peal of Caters, H. G. Miles, A. Cutmore, A. F. Harris, A. V. Selby, J. R. Mackman conductor, C. H. Phipps. On Sunday, July 19th, 1080 Treble Bob Royal. A. V. Selby, J. Strutt, F. G. Symonds, G. W. Frayne first quarter-peal of Royal, H. G. Miles conductor, E. G. Stibbons, J. Howes, S. A. Wright, W. E. Garrard, J. R. Mackman.

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35426	-	-	-	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-	-	-	-
64523	-	-	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-	-	-	-

Twice repeated and never in 6ths place at course-ends.

Mr. Hattersley writes from The Royal British hotel, Dundee, to state that the transposition of the false lead-ends in the two peals published last week, are precisely

the same, as he pointed out to an eminent composer a few months ago, and cannot understand how he overlooked them, as he had occasion quite recently to refer to them to Mr. Snowdon. However it is an oversight plain and simple, and he is sorry to have been the cause of Mr. Lindoff writing to "THE BELL NEWS." Mr. Hattersley has however made both peals true by a slight manipulation of the courses.

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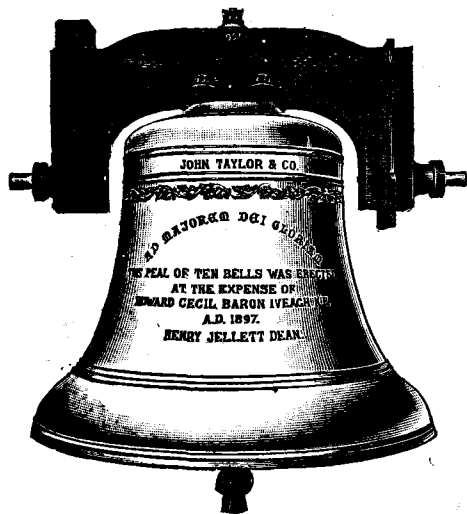
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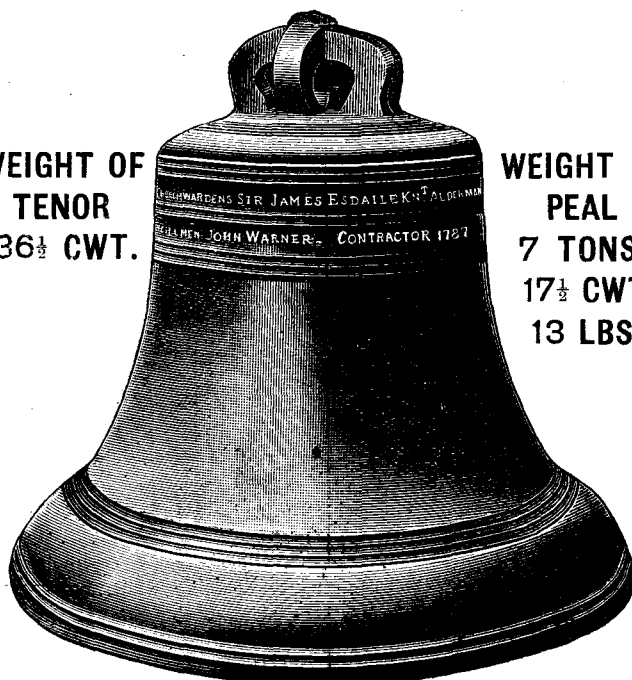
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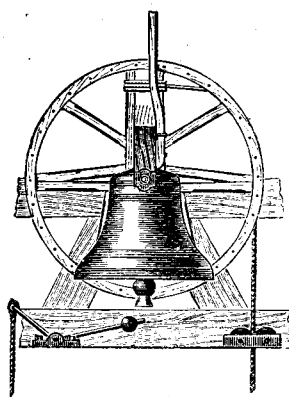
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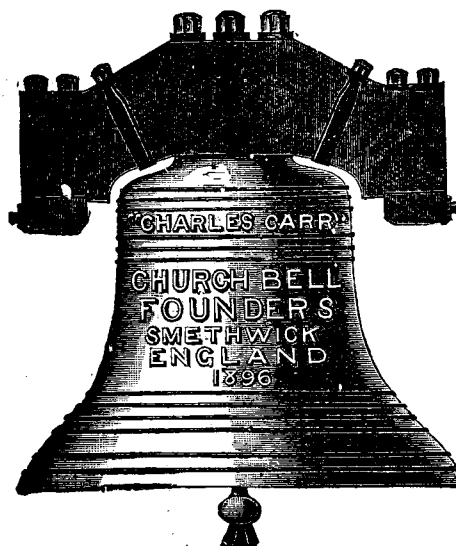
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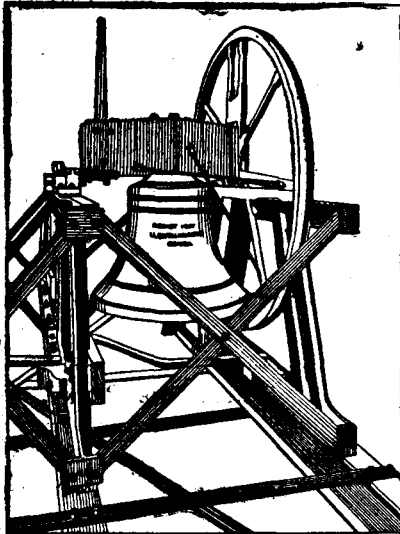
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## THEODORE ECCLESTON OF CROWFIELD HALL, ESQUIRE.

Many who have rung upon the ten bells at Stonham Aspal in the county of Suffolk—tenor 24 c. in E flat—and upon the eight bells at the neighbouring parish of Coddenham—tenor 16½ c. in F sharp—(both rings being the gift of Theodore Eccleston of Crowfield Hall, esq., in the years 1741-2, and coming from the Whitechapel foundry) have been interested in learning what they could about this “ringing squire,” and the company of ringers which he maintained by employing them on his estate; and the commonly-accepted tradition about him has been that he ran through his property, went out to America, and died there. The following facts about him may therefore be of interest to the readers of “THE BELL NEWS,” entirely disproving the popular belief.

Theodore Eccleston was the grandson of Hugh Eccleston, and only son of John Eccleston, of London, merchant, by Isabella his wife, daughter of John Harwood. This John Eccleston made his will, 31st July, 1735 (proved August 4th, 1735) bequeathing his property in equal portions to his wife Isabella and children: Anne, Hester, Priscilla, Isabella, and Theodore. Thus Theodore Eccleston inherited some means from his father, but the way in which he became possessed of the Crowfield estate was this: His mother had an only brother, Henry Harwood, who had a Grant of Arms from the Herald's College, 13th August, 1722, in which he is described as of Little Chelsea, in the parish of Kensington, also of Crowfield Hall, in the county of Suffolk, and son of John Harwood, late of the city of London, merchant, by Katharine Middleton his wife, daughter of John Middleton, of Twickenham, co. Middlesex, esq., and sometime Sergeant-of-Arms to the House of Commons. This Henry Harwood purchased the Crowfield estate in or previous to the year 1722, and dying intestate 10th December, 1738, was buried in Crowfield church—where a slab on the floor still exists to his memory—and his sister succeeded to the whole of his property. Administration of her brother's estate was granted to her 17th January, 1739, as “Isabella Eccleston, widow, the natural and lawful sister and only next of kin.” By her will dated 5th May, 1743, she desired to be buried at Kingston-on-Thames, in the burial-ground of her friends, and amongst other things bequeathed certain property to her daughter Hester for life, with remainder in default of issue to her son Theodore, and with ultimate remainder in default of issue to William, eldest son of Arthur Middleton, of South Carolina, her mother's nephew. Her manors of Crowfield Hall and Bocking Hall in Suffolk, with lands, etc. in Crowland-cum-Bocking, Brockford, Wetheringsett, Stonham Aspal, Mendlesham, Earl Stonham, Coddenham,

Wattisham, and Ringshall in Suffolk, also Dickleburgh Hall in Norfolk, to the use of her said son Theodore for life, with ultimate remainder in default of issue to her said cousin William Middleton.

The 9th bell at Stonham Aspal bears the following inscription: “In this tower hung 5 bells the tenor weighing 10 hun. 2 qrs. 0 lbs. In the year 1742 they were taken down and with ye addition of 3 tons 10 hun. of mettle were recast into ten att ye expence of Theodore Ecclestone esq. of Crowfield Hall aged 27 years. He also gave a new frame att ye same time 1742. Thos Lester made us all.” This proves that Theodore Eccleston was born about the year 1715. He appears to have lived much at Mortlake in Surrey, where he had a house; which accounts for his giving the two trebles to that church in 1746, one of which still bears his name, the other having been recast in 1784. He also gave two bells to Fulham parish church, both of which have been exchanged or recast (see “BELL NEWS,” vol. xxiv. p. 506, etc.), and two to Winchester Cathedral—the present third and fourth—of which the fourth only remains, bearing his name and the date 1742, the third having been recast in 1772. What his connection with these last two places was I have been unable to discover. He married at Mortlake April 24th, 1746, Catherine (who died in 1747, and was buried March 2nd at Mortlake), daughter of Mr. Samuel Jacomb of Ipswich and Flora his wife. The only issue of his marriage was a son, Theodore, who was baptised March 30th, 1747, died in infancy, and was buried at Mortlake July 9th, 1751. His knowledge of change-ringing must have been acquired in the metropolis previous to his connection with Suffolk, as he joined a London society called the Eastern Scholars in 1735, and as a member of that society assisted in ringing the tenor to 6012 changes of Grandsire Caters at St. Saviour's, Southwark, 28th November, 1735, in 4 hours 45 minutes, at which time he would have been about twenty years of age. He was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1744, served the office of steward in 1747, and Master in 1750, but does not appear to have taken part in any peals with that society. Two old peal-boards still hang in Coddenham belfry on which his name appears; and there is an interesting chandelier of heavy cast brass bearing the inscription—“The gift of Theodore Eccleston, esq. in the year 1740.” Originally it had six moveable branches, but unfortunately two only of them now remain. The particulars on the peal-boards are as follows:—

“On Thursday, September ye 10th, 1741, was rung in this steeple by ye Crowfield Society of Ringers a compleat Peal of Five thousand and forty of Gathrine's Tripples, being the first true Peal that Ever was Prick'd with two Doubles only. It was completed in three hours and seven minutes by ye men whose

names are under-written: Theodore Eccleston, Esqre, 1; Daniel Harsham, 2; John Foster, 3; Samuel Culham, 4; Samuel Keeble, 5; John Leggett, 6; Stephen Garnham, 7; Samuel Anderson, 8. John Foster called the bobs."

"On Tuesday, November ye 9th, 1742, was rung in this steeple by the Crowfield Society of Ringers a compleat peal of five thousand and forty Bob Major, being the first eight bell peal ever rung Here. It was completed exactly in Three Hours by the men whose names are under-written. Benjamin Walker, 1; Daniel Hearsham, 2; John Jennings, 3; Samuel Cullum, 4; John Bales, 5; Andrew Field, 6; Robert Greening, 7; Theodore Eccleston, 8. N.B.—Andrew Field called the bobs."

It is also said that he took part in a peal at Stonham Aspal, if so, and a board was erected to record it, it has long since disappeared. He died in 1753, and was buried January 14th with his wife and son at Mortlake; and it is not a little singular that although their burials are duly recorded in the register there, no memorial inscriptions of any sort exist. The following is a short abstract of his will: "Theodore Eccleston of Crowfield co. Suffolk esq.: executor to sell my personal estate. To continue the annuity to the widow Cawdell, constantly paid by me and my late mother. To my cousin Lucretia Fedden £100. My angling rods to the Rev. Mr. Henry Austin. To my father-in-law Mr. Samuel Jacomb and Flora his wife £10 each. To the six children of my sister Isabella Everard £100 apiece at their ages of 21 years. To my friend Mr. Samuel Anderson 10/6 a week for life. Rest of my manors &c. to my loving friend Mr. Samuel Alexander and his heirs &c. This 1st day of October 1752." This will was proved by the solemn affirmation of Samuel Alexander, sole executor, 25th June, 1753. The bulk of his property having been settled by his mother's will, he had no disposing power over it, and at his death it passed to the ultimate remainder-man, his cousin William Middleton, and is still in the possession of the latter's lineal descendant, the present Lady de Saumarez. "My friend Mr. Samuel Anderson" was one of his Crowfield company of ringers, and is called "Mr. Samuel Anderson of Stonham Aspal" in the subscribers list to John Holt's "Four Peals" 1753 (see Snowdon's "Grandsire," 1st ed. p. 130).

As will be seen above, his name appears on one of the Coddensham peal-boards as ringing the tenor to the peal of Gathrine's Triples. It is also interesting to note that Theodore Eccleston came of a Quaker family, and was probably drawn to the Church by his love of bells and change-ringing.

WILLIAM C. PEARSON.

Henley Vicarage.

### "CHURCH BELLS."

Some few days ago the "Daily Telegraph" printed a letter from Sir W. P. Treloar, which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of August 15th. This was followed by two or three other letters of the "silly season" type, one of which contained a ridiculously-exaggerated passage from Charles Dickens's "Little Dorritt." The following is from the pen of Mr. J. A. Murray, the well-known publisher, and an eminent literary authority:—

CHURCH BELLS.—SIR.—The last man in the world I should have expected to find airing a grievance upon this subject is the popular and always genial ex-Lord Mayor of London, Sir William Treloar.

I note that his complaint was not directed to the almost continuous ringing of bells on great civic occasions, but to the ringing of a church bell in the vicinity of his own residence at Upper Norwood.

I know the district very well, having resided in it for many years, and the offending church is also well-known to me. In

the house now occupied by Sir William, our greatest English tenor, Mr. Sims Reeves, resided for a number of years. He found the church and "the bell" there when he came, but it suggested no nuisance to his undoubtedly sensitive temperament, and within a stone's throw also of the church the greatest preacher of the age made his home, I mean Charles Haddon Spurgeon. Neither of these great men complained of annoyance from the bell in question. I suppose it suggested to them a very pleasing little round, which I, when I was at school (and probably Sir William likewise) often sang, and I think your correspondent, Sir W. J. Soulsby, must have had it in his mind when adding his very acceptable letter to the correspondence in your columns. It runs thus:

"Sweetly the soft church bell steals on the air,  
And in the House of Prayer bids us appear;  
Children of God, it seems softly to say,  
Haste to your Father's House,  
Hasten to pray."

Here you have the best of all reasons for the ringing of church bells. Is the Muezzin still to summon Muslims to prayer while our belfries remain dumb, and give forth no sound? What authority does the opinion of Charles Dickens lend to those who carp at church bells? On this, as on many other subjects, we should not think of being influenced by his opinion, much as we esteem his memory. In this respect he was no better authority than any one of your readers. He expressed his individual opinion, that is all.

Cardinal Wiseman once severely condemned Dickens as a "superficial traveller," when reviewing the American Notes. That eminent ecclesiastic was entitled to his opinion, but do any of us share it?—JOHN A. MURRAY.

### TWO PEALS OF LONDON SURPRISE.

BY CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, *Sheffield.*

No. 1.										No 2.									
5024.										5024.									
2	3	4	5	6	M	IN	&	5ths	W	2	3	4	5	6	M	IN	&	5ths	W
3	4	2	5	6						3	4	2	5	6					
4	2	3	5	6						5	4	3	2	6					
5	2	4	3	6						2	4	5	3	6					
2	4	5	3	6						4	5	2	3	6					
4	5	2	3	6						3	5	4	2	6					
3	5	4	2	6						2	5	3	4	6					
5	4	3	2	6						5	3	2	4	6					
4	3	5	2	6						4	3	5	2	6					
2	3	5	6	4						2	3	5	6	4					

Repeat the nine courses in each peal except calling ninth course I M — I W produces—

2	6	4	3	5	M	IN	&	5ths	W
6	4	2	3	5					
4	2	6	3	5					
3	2	4	6	5					
6	2	3	4	5					
2	3	6	4	5					
4	3	2	6	5					
6	3	4	2	5					
2	3	4	5	6					

The above are the two amended peals that I referred to in your last issue. By twice repeating the first nine courses in either peal, the changes would be increased to 5184. I may be allowed to state, that beyond their simplicity for bob-calling, there is nothing whatever commendable in the construction of such peals composed entirely on this plan, as it makes an unmusical method, even less musical by having the tenors so repeatedly divided. I may further state that in my opinion, the too frequent use of bobs before is not an improvement to the method.

# 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."

## "METHODS."

SIR,—The composition of the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung at Ipswich belongs to the late Henry Hubbard. It is given as a 6000 of Treble Bob Maximus over his name in Snowdon's "Treatise," page 3 part II.

In your last issue Mr. Trollope gives a well-constructed seven-bell method, upon which I congratulate him, and he asks why it should not be rung. My reply is (without deprecating this method in any way) the only reason I know of is there are better ones existing, Grandsire and Stedman, etc. Why I say this is that I consider any method of pure Triples is better than one made up of triple and double changes as this is. The plan is as old as any composition, as I will show by giving a similar method from Stedman's Campanalogia, 1677, given there under the title of Doubles and Triples.

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

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

1 3 5 2 7 4 6

It may be said this method is not so good, as the back change of plain course lead-ends do not come up in plain course. Well, Sir, that I admit, but for my argument it matters not, as every true composition of seven bells contain all and every change, then every such peal or composition contains all the music possible, and hence it makes no difference where golden or other changes come; they are all there somewhere, no matter what the method or composition, the only variation is in the calling of the peal and the position in which changes come up. A brief reference to Major or even-bell methods will illustrate perhaps more clear my meaning. Here Bob Major lead-ends and back changes should be retained, as there is no better music to supplant these; so if you get a good musical plain course you may count on a good musical composition, Bob Major itself for example. But if you once lose these lead-ends in plain course they are lost perhaps for all time, which, as I have tried to show, is not the case in seven-bell methods.

H. DAINS.

P.S.—Of course these methods are not to be classed with pure triple methods, except to make them illegitimate. But, Sir, classed by themselves, they will stand, may be rang, if they find favor amongst ringers and conductors.

H. D.

## CHESTERTON BELLS.

SIR,—Some time back you kindly inserted a letter from us asking for help towards adding the 6th bell to the existing ring of five in Chesterton church tower. This appeal produced £1, for which we thank you. The bells are well known for their richness of tone, and we are most anxious to add the treble, for which the frame has long been provided. Unfortunately bells are not a subject that appeal to people generally, and our task is an uphill one. We have got £30, and now ask you, Mr. Editor, to again allow us to appeal to ringers generally to help us complete the sum of £10. One thousand shillings will complete the task. Who will help?

OSRIC W. M. SHELTON.  
LAURENCE H. SHELTON.  
AMBROSE T. SHELTON.

Chesterton Vicarage, Cambridge.

# Obituary.

## GEORGE LONGDEN.

It is with regret we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, a much-respected member of the Ashton-under-Lyne parish church Society, which took place on Tuesday, August 5th, and was interred at Hurst Cemetery on Saturday, August 8th. After the funeral muffled touches of Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and Treble Bob Maximus were rung by mixed bands. The deceased will be greatly missed by the Ashton company, and his place will be hard to fill. A first-class ringer and conductor both in the tower and on handbells, he commenced his ringing career in 1873 at St. Peter's church, Ashton, and rang his first peal at that church on the 11th October, 1877, since which time he has rung 209 peals, thirty of which he had conducted, amongst which were five 7000s, two 8000s, three 10,000s, and the famous record peal of 16,608 Kent Treble Bob Major, rung on the 18th of May, 1883, in which he rang the 7th bell. He was well known throughout the United Kingdom as a first-class striker, as he had travelled all over it, as well as abroad, in connection with his work as a representative of the National Gas Engine Company of Ashton, by whom he was greatly respected; and in the opinion of the writer the knocking about is the cause of his early death, he only being 49 years of age. He leaves a widow and three little children to mourn his loss. The deceased was followed to the grave by representatives from twenty-six different towers and a large number of his fellow workmen and trade members of his Society, the Amalgamated Society of Engineers. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by the graveside by J. Wood, J. Mellor, S. Wood, B. Thorpe, S. Booth. A muffled peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus was rung as a last mark of respect by members of the Lancashire Association, particulars of which have been already published. The following is a list of the peals rung by deceased: Grandsire Triples 26, conducted 7; Grandsire Major, 4; Grandsire Caters 11, conducted 1; Grandsire Royal, 1; Grandsire Cinques, 4; Stedman Triples 8, conducted 1; Stedman Caters, 2; Stedman Cinques, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 94, conducted 8; Kent Treble Bob Royal 15, conducted 1; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 8; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 4; Plain Bob Triples 1, conducted 1; Plain Bob Major 21, conducted 7. On handbells: Plain Bob Major, 4; Kent Treble Bob Major, 3; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Grandsire Caters 1, conducted 1. Total rung 209, conducted 28.

## HENRY RAYBOULD.

The Halesowen (Worcestershire) Society have lost in the person of the above their highly esteemed ringing master, who passed away on August 23rd, at the age of 63 years. Ex-Inspector Raybould served in the Worcestershire police force for nearly thirty years. He was stationed at Halesowen for about twenty years, and retired on pension in 1899. He was the originator of change-ringing in the above society, and through his perseverance and enthusiasm the members successfully rang all the standard methods up to Double Norwich. He was laid to rest in Clent churchyard (his native village) on August 27th, amid many manifestations of regret, the service being conducted by the Rev. Davis Winstone, senior curate of Halesowen. Before and after the service touches of Stedman Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled by members of the Halesowen Society, and later in the evening touches of Grandsire were rung on the Halesowen bells as a tribute to his memory.

Two well-known metropolitan ringers have also just recently died. Mr. Walter Jones, who was one of the St. Paul's Cathedral company dying at a comparatively early age from the dread complaint known as pneumonia. Muffled peals have been rung to his memory, at St. Paul's and Bow; and at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, to which company he also belonged, the whole pull and stand was rung. The other departed ringer was Mr. Henry Wood, elder brother of Matthew Wood, who died at the grand old age of 91. Henry Wood was a member of the College Youths, and a sound ringer in various methods. By his decease the company loses one of their oldest members.

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# ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1907 AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER. TABULATED ACCORDING TO VALUE IN POINTS.

VALUE IN PTS. PER PEAL	Treble Bob.					Grandsire		Plain Methods.				Minor Methods.							Db. Mtd		Surprise Methods										Ford		Stedman.			Total value in points.	Average value in points per peal.
	16	14	12	10	8	9	7	10	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	16	16	68	50	50	30	30	20	20	25	20	20	24	24					
Total Peals.	Maximus	Royal.	Major.	14 T. B. M. M.	9	7	Caters.	Triples.	Royal.	Major.	Triples.	Doubles.	1 Minor mtd	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Db. Nor. Royal.	Db. Nor. Major	Note A. S. Ry. (unamed) London S. Maj.	Bristol S. Major.	Cam. Sur. Major.	New Cam. S. Maj.	Sup. Sur. Major.	Yorks. Sur. Maj.	7 S Minor mtds.	Major.	Claques.	Caters.	Triples.			
1 Middlesex Cty. Assn....	79	—	—	1	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	8	7	—	3	17	—	—	—	—	—	1	12	19	2242	28'379	
2 Norwich Dio. Assn....	101	2	—	16	2	—	4	—	2	—	8	—	3	1	1	3	—	2	3	—	22	—	—	—	—	20	—	—	—	—	1	10	1729	17'118			
3 Kent County Assn.....	107	—	—	10	—	—	—	26	—	—	4	—	3	—	2	2	3	1	—	13	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	8	31	1669	15'598				
4 Midland Cties. Assn....	93	—	3	11	—	—	—	6	15	1	7	1	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	2	12	—	—	—	10	3	—	—	—	4	14	1491	16'032				
5 Oxford Dio. Guild.....	83	—	—	1	—	—	3	2	17	—	2	14	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	34	1186	14'289				
6 Lancashire Association..	63	1	1	18	—	—	1	—	11	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	1121	17'793				
7 Yorkshire Association...	78	—	2	21	—	—	5	2	12	—	10	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	12	1068	13'692		
8 Worcs. & Dists. Assn...	55	—	—	4	—	—	—	3	8	—	6	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	1	9	1033	18'763			
9 Winchester Dio. Guild..	70	—	1	8	—	—	3	—	19	—	7	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	4	—	4	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	17	968	13'828			
10 Sussex County Assn....	60	—	—	7	—	—	—	1	15	1	7	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	16	819	13'65				
11 Essex Association .....	52	—	—	12	—	—	—	1	9	—	5	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	—	—	—	3	720	13'846				
12 Hertford County Assn..	36	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	3	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	2	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	9	603	16'75				
13 Soc. Archdy. Staffs....	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	13	558	18'6				
14 Surrey Association.....	32	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	6	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	16	537	16'784				
15 St. Martin's Guild Birm	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	2	5	456	24'			
16 Ancient Soc. Coll. Yths..	20	2	2	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	6	448	22'4				
17 Durham & Newstl. Ass.	25	—	—	6	—	—	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	10	445	17'8				
18 London County Assn....	24	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	2	430	17'916				
19 Royal Cumberland Yths.	13	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	427	32'846			
20 Centl. Northamp. Assn..	28	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	4	—	2	1	1	—	—	2	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	9	394	14'142				
21 Bath & Wells Assn .....	40	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	13	—	1	16	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	320	8'				
22 Gloucester & Bristol Ass.	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	1	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	5	294	14'7			
23 Chester Dio. Guild.....	22	—	—	7	—	—	1	—	7	—	2	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	218	9'909			
24 Stoke Achdl. Assn.....	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	184	8'761				
25 Devonshire Guild .....	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	178	13'692				
26 Truro Diocesan Guild..	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	155	22'142				
27 Hereford Dio. Guild....	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	9	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	149	7'45				
28 Bedford Association....	12	—	—	2	—	—	—	4	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	107	8'916			
29 Lincoln Dio. Guild.....	17	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	—	4	3	1	—	2	1	—	106	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	106	6'235				
30 North Wales Assn. ....	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	99	11'				
31 Ely Diocesan Assn. ....	12	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	98	8'166			
32 Salisbury Dio. Guild....	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	69	13'8				
33 Cleveland & N. Yorks....	6	—	—	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	58	9'666			
34 Irish Association .....	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	42	14'				
35 Llandaff Dio. Assn.....	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42	7'			
36 Liverpool Dio. Guild....	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	7'				
37 North Notts. Assn .....	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	19'			
38 Salop. Arch. Guild .....	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	7'			
39 Halifax and District ....	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	12'			
Independent Societies... ..	50	—	1	1	—	—	—	3	19	—	6	8	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	469	9'38			
Grand totals.....	1339	5	13	136	2	1	24	29	266	4	84	14	67	22	8	7	10	7	3	44	2	105	1	22	11	5	5	85	3	1	3	10	61	279	21005	15'687	

NOTE A. The ringing of this peal by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths is unquestionably a performance of very great merit; but the Central Council, for reasons which will appear in the report of their proceedings for 1908, have declined to allow the peal to be registered as London Surprise Royal. They have, however, accepted the Report of the Points Committee, and awarded 68 points for the peal, which sufficiently indicates the difficulty of the method, by whatever name it may be called hereafter.

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1908

THIS week a correspondent takes exception to a brief comment which appeared a fortnight ago. He has not sufficiently grasped the intent of the writer with whom he cannot agree. That is his misfortune. Our unemployed brethren avail themselves of the advantages these pages afford them to advertise for work, believing that the Exercise, or very many of its members, will attempt, by representation and influence, and by solicitation where necessary, to put something in their way so that employment may be secured. It was intimated in our remarks that up to the present very little had been done by the Exercise, either individually or collectively, to help these advertisers to obtain work. And to this opinion we still adhere.

Who has not noticed week after week these pleadings (for such they are) of our distressed brethren? We can imagine with what anxiety they await a communication of some kind which may be a favourable response to their appeal. "Hopes deferred maketh the heart grow sick." Can we without offence ask our readers to give this sub-

ject a thought; to peruse the notice-page more carefully; and see whether they can, by any and every possible means, render help to those brethren who are in necessity through unemployment?

Beneath we append the letter of the correspondent referred to above.

#### Re UNEMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYABLE.

SIR,—In your editorial note of this week's issue you seem to think by your remarks that ringers of to-day are all for number one as regards employment. I must say I cannot agree with you. I know of several who would put themselves to more trouble than is done at present if they knew more about those who are in want of work. I am sorry to have to say it, but I have proof without end that there are a lot of men to-day who advertise just merely for advertising sake. They do not want work, and moreover than that they won't have work. Since I have been in Derbyshire (seven years) I have obtained and given employment to over sixteen ringers, and half of these have only been "half-inch" workmen; and as to some of their ringing abilities this had best be left unsaid. I am more than pleased to say all men are not alike. GEO. W. BEMROSE.

P.S.—It would be interesting to know what Mr. Daniell's experience is on the above with his office as labour bureau management.

#### TOWN HALL, DERBY.

The large clock in the tower has lately been thoroughly overhauled and improved. A new Lord Grimthorpe's double three-legged gravity escapement has been fitted to it, and the dial wheels have been reconstructed. Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who have done the work, guarantee that the clock in future will keep time within a few seconds a month. The clock has four 6-ft. 9-inch illuminated dials, and strikes the hours and chimes the quarters.

#### The Metropolis.

##### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

##### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 5.
FREDK. W. HARDING* .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 6.
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Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal in the method.

#### The Provinces.

##### HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

##### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE .. .. Treble.	JOHN WHEADON .. .. 5.
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On Tuesday, August 25, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

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

ISAAC EMERY .. .. Treble.	GEORGE DURLING .. .. 5.
JOHN EMERY .. .. 2.	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL .. 6.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.* 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	†ALFRED JAMES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

†First peal. \*First peal of Stedman.

##### MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

THOMAS H. COLBURN .. Treble.	CHARLES J. NORTH .. .. 5.
JAMES D. DREWETT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. JOINER .. .. 6.
DOUGLAS W. DREWETT .. 3.	JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. .. 7.
ALFRED J. WHITE .. .. 4.	JOHN S. DANIELS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

Rung as a farewell peal to A. J. White, who is shortly leaving the neighbourhood for Auckland, New Zealand.

##### SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, August 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RAMMOOR,

##### A PEAL OF ORIGINAL MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH ATKIN .. .. Treble.	CHARLES HAYNES .. .. 5.
FRANCIS WARD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. 6.
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LEONARD CHARLESWORTH 4.	SAM THOMAS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

\*First peal. This is believed to be the first true peal of Original Major.

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(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 27, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr.

ALBERT BROOKS .. .. Treble.	THOMAS BULL .. .. 5.
REV. CYRIL JENKIN .. .. 2.	JESSR BROOKS .. .. 6.
FREDEBICK POUNDS .. .. 3.	HARRY BROOKS .. .. 7.
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##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

JOHN CARTER .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 5.
FRANK WITHERS .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
JOHN WITHERS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM FAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE  
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On Thursday, August 27, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

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

\*First peal in the method.

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## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 27, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
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ERNEST J. WILSON* .. .. Treble	RICHARD LRATHER .. .. 5.
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FREDK. C. THOMAS .. .. 4.	JOHN ROBERTS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\*First peal.

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First peal on the bells by the Association.

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(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

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WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 5.	*HARRY POWDRILL .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

\*First peal of Caters.

## PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1908, 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 12½ cwt.

BERNARD MOODY .. .. Treble	*BENJAMIN WATKINSON .. 5.
WILLIAM P. BROOK .. .. 2.	FRANCIS BARKER .. .. 6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3.	THOMAS M. BARKER .. 7.
JOHN FRYER .. .. 4.	THOMAS HOULDER .. Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\*First peal in the method.

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(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

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5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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Tenor 26 cwt.

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FRANK COLE .. .. 2.	AUSTIN GWINNETT .. .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BATEMAN .. .. 8.
HUBERT SCRIVENS .. .. 4.	†JOHN W. DAVIS .. .. 9.
ALBERT WRIGHT† .. .. 5.	†FREDK. SANDFORD .. Tenor.

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

†First peal of Caters.

## LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Sunday, August 30, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HUBERT EMERSON .. .. Treble	JAMES JONES .. .. 4.
THOMAS LEWIS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS .. 5.
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Conducted by WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS.

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## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

HENRY S. REEVES .. .. Treble	FREDERICK BONNER .. .. 5.
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JAMES MERRICK .. .. 4.	*BASIL HUGHES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

\*First peal.

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Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS MILLER .. .. Treble	JAMES PLANT .. .. 5.
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#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

JOHN B. JACKSON .. .. 1-2.	FREDK. W. DIXON .. .. 5-6.
THOMAS M. THOMPSON.. 3-4.	JOSEPH WAITE .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by FREDK. W. DIXON.

Umpires—F. W. Hird and W. B. Smith. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. M. Thompson.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Grandsire rung by members of the Surrey Association, has been sent without name of place mentioned.

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED.—On Sunday, July 26th, at the parish church, 576 Superlative Surprise. G. Gray, W. Prior, G. Jordan, S. Hayes, J. Luckey, H. J. Tucker, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. And 504 Stedman Triples. S. Hayes, H. Little, W. Prior, W. T. Prior, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor. On Wednesday, July 29th, for practice, 840 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, W. Prior, J. Luckey, H. J. Tucker, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

APPLEDORE (Kent).—On Thursday, July 27th, an attempt for a peal came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 45 mins. G. Johnson, C. W. Player, A. Johnson, E. C. Lambert, C. Tribe, F. S. Brown, E. G. Johnson conductor, W. Sharp. On Sunday, July 30th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Law, E. G. Johnson conductor, C. L. Noakes, S. W. Hills, A. Johnson, F. S. Brown, G. Johnson, W. Sharp. For evening service 672 Grandsire Triples. W. Law, G. Johnson, C. L. Noakes, S. W. Hills, A. Johnson, F. S. Brown, E. G. Johnson conductor, W. Sharp. All the above touches were rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a last token of respect to the late James Law, who had been a ringer at Appledore for forty-five years. He dropped dead on his way to work on the Monday morning. He was at the belfry on Sunday both morning and evening in the best of health, and his sudden death cast a gloom over the place. He was laid to rest on the following Thursday amid every token of respect and sympathy from all who knew him.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHENLEY.—On July 11th, at the parish church, 720 Grand-sire Doubles. F. Baker, H. Sear, J. Higgins, E. Marks, G. F. Clarke, V. Sear. First 720 on the bells. On August 10th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Edwards, C. F. Johnston, G. W. Tompkins, W. Bonham, J. Higgins, H. Sear conductor. Composed by J. George. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss T. Grace, a member of the choir.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST CLANDON.—On Thursday, July 30th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Monk, H. Stovell, T. Streeter, J. Goacher, W. Day, F. Bennett.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, July 19th, at Bishop Ryder's church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1280 changes, in 47 mins. W. F. Webb, T. Collinson, B. Whiteside, J. B. Collett, R. Hackley, J. T. Perry conductor, F. Burley, W. G. Ellis.

BURGESS HILL (Sussex).—On Sunday, July 26th, for evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Horney, H. C. Castle, E. Bish, H. Bish, T. Stringer, J. Parsons, A. W. Gravett conductor, F. Day. And

550 in the same method. E. Killick, E. Bish, W. Hart, H. Gravett conductor, H. Bish, A. Gravett, H. C. Castle, F. Day.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, July 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. G. R. Fardon conductor, J. Howes, F. Smith, T. Beadle, C. F. Winney, F. G. Goddard, J. H. B. Hesse, S. How. On Sunday, August 9th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. J. Howes conductor, F. G. Goddard, A. Cutmore, T. Beadle, G. R. Fardon, J. H. B. Hesse, A. Harding, G. Spencer.

MARGATE.—On Sunday evening, July 26th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. H. Saxby, S. G. Twyman, A. Scambler, J. Blythman, E. L. Burgess, G. Johnson, C. W. Player conductor, G. Enderby.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, July 4th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Symonds conductor, H. Gladwell, R. W. J. Poulson, W. Fayers, H. D. Poulson, T. Levitt.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sunday, July 19th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Chattle, G. Jutson, E. Tilley, J. W. Jarvis, J. Jutson, F. Jeffs conductor. First 720 by the local company. On July 25th, 720 Bob Minor. R. Rowell, G. Jutson, E. Tilley, J. W. Jarvis, J. Jutson conductor, F. Jeffs. 720 Bob Minor. R. Rowell, E. Tilley, J. W. Jarvis, F. Cooke, G. Jutson conductor, F. Jeffs. On August 2nd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Chattle, G. Jutson, E. Tilley, J. Jutson, J. W. Seamer conductor, J. W. Jarvis.

REDHILL (Surrey).—On Sunday, July 26th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Streeter, A. Harman, A. Bashford, S. Kenward conductor, J. Cotterell, J. Sherlock, W. H. Buckland, H. Edwards. For evening service 504 and 168 in the same method. J. Gear, W. Streeter, A. Bashford, W. H. Buckland, J. Cotterell, H. Card conductor, H. Edwards, E. Dennis.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On July 9th, at Christ Church, on the occasion of a local wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Armstrong, S. Wade, G. Bester, F. G. Tegg, N. A. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. E. Miller conductor, A. G. Crane.

ST. ANNE'S-ON-SEA (Lancashire).—On Tuesday evening, August 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Mason, F. Greenwood, J. Jones, F. Page, J. Smith, C. Page, W. Willson conductor, F. Bennett. At St. John's, Blackpool, on Tuesday, August 4th, 336 Grandsire Triples. Miss Lillian Willson, W. Willson, J. Jones, F. Page, E. Timbrell, J. Smith, C. Page, F. Bennett. And 336 Bob Major. W. Mason, F. Greenwood, J. Jones, E. Timbrell, F. Page, J. Smith, C. Page, W. Willson conductor.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.—On the occasion of the opening of a new ring of eight the following touches were rung: 228 Kent Treble Bob. J. W. Newton, G. Parker, R. A. Lovie, R. W. Falconer, G. W. Peverell, J. Robinson, W. H. Porter, T. Metcalfe conductor. 336 Stedman Triples. J. Chilton, R. W. Falconer, W. Pillar, O. Arkless, W. Neal, R. M. Pounder, T. Metcalfe conductor, T. G. Gamlin. 448 Grandsire Triples. J. Chilton, G. Handley, J. Baxter, C. Cox, S. F. Wright, A. A. Hughes conductor, A. Simpson, T. Blackburn. 420 Stedman Triples. G. W. Park, G. Handley, E. Burnett, W. Neale, A. Simpson, S. T. Wright, T. Metcalfe conductor, T. Blackburn. 640 Kent Treble Bob. J. Chilton, E. Burnett, G. Handley, R. A. Lovie, R. W. Falconer, J. Robinson, E. Hern, T. Metcalfe conductor. On Whit Sunday, for evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Chilton, W. Pillar, A. A. Hughes, W. Neal, T. Blackburn, E. Burnett, A. Simpson conductor, E. Reynard.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 15th; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 7th and 21st; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 8th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 10th; St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on the 10th and 24th; St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 22nd; all at 8 p.m.  
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held in the schoolroom at Silverdale to-day, Saturday, September 5th, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Bells (6), available during the day. W. ROBINSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Alban's, Rochdale, to-day, Saturday, September 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. A good attendance is requested, as business is important.  
JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, September 12th. Service at 3.30 p.m. in the parish church. Tea at 4.15 p.m. in schoolroom with meeting to follow.  
E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—North Bucks. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Calverton, Bucks., on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells open at 2 p.m.  
F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, September 12th (Life-Boat Saturday). Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7.  
W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—North and East District.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at All Saints' church, Edmonton, on Saturday, September 12th, by kind permission of the Rev. E. A. B. Sanders. The bells will be raised about 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided on the usual terms for those who intimate their intention to be present, but such intimation must reach the Hon. Sec. by September 7th at the latest. It is hoped that members and their friends will make a special effort to attend.  
ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*  
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, September 12th. Bells ready at 4.30. Tea at 6. Members intending being present please send word to  
WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*  
36, Church Road, Garston.

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Alfreton on Saturday, September 12th. Tea in parish room at 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards. All members intending taking tea are requested to write Mr. F. Watkinson, 129, King Street, not later than September 8th.  
T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—A meeting will be held at Brightling (8 bells) on Saturday, September 12th. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector—Rev. C. A. Sturgess-Jones, M.A. Members wishing to be present at tea, and also for brake from Robertsbridge Station, must let me know by Monday, September 7th. Will branches, etc. kindly note subscriptions for 1908 are due, and should be sent as soon as possible. Train—Hastings, 2 p.m.; brake—2.30, Robertsbridge.  
GEO. H. HOWSE, *Hon. Sec.*  
2, Carlton Road, Eastbourne.

**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. George's, Gravesend, on Saturday, September 19th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Church House at 5.30. Business meeting after tea, when the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place. Members intending to be present at tea must let me know on or before Wednesday, September 16th.  
A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
65, Clive Road, Rochester.

**Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham.**—The renovation of this church being completed, the usual weekly practice will be resumed on Saturday, September 12th, from 6 till 7.30.  
W. H. CARROD, *Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—South-Western Branch.—The annual district meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available after 3 o'clock. Tea at The Red Lion at 5.30, (rs. 6d.), members 6d. Business meeting to follow.  
G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at Ruspur on Saturday, September 19th. Tower open at 3. Tea at The Star inn at 5 o'clock, 6d. each to those who let me know by September 15th.  
R. J. DAWK, *Hon. Div. Sec.*  
15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—By kind permission of the Vicar—the Rev. B. Irwin—the September meeting will be held at Saltburn-by-the-Sea on Saturday, September 19th. Ring of eight, tenor 23 cwt. Circulars next week.  
CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*  
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**The Lancashire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Manchester on Saturday, October 3rd. Any proposed alterations of rules, and nominations for the following official posts, viz., President, General Secretary, and Treasurer, must be sent in to the General Secretary not later than Monday, September 7th. All ringing reports up to the 31st inst., to be sent to the Ringing Secretary. Further particulars by circular.  
A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*  
4, Helena Street, Irlams O' Th' Height, Manchester.

J. H. BANKS, *Ringing Secretary.*  
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**The William Verry Commemoration.**—The annual dinner will be held at The Red Lion hotel, Handsworth, on Saturday, October 17th. Details later on.  
R. FAUX, *Hon. Sec.*

**Exeter.**—Practice at the Cathedral second Wednesday in every month at 7.15 p.m. until further notice.  
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**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—During the repairs to the tower of Winchester Cathedral, there will be no ringing on the bells until further notice.  
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—A. B. Peck has removed to 42, Harrowgate Road, South Hackney, N.E.

### AN APPEAL.

The members of the Keighley society have opened a subscription list for the cause of one of their ringing brethren—J. McGoun—who has the misfortune to lose the use of one of his legs, the foot of which has been just amputated. He has been unable to use the limb now for a matter of eight months. The above company therefore beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country on his behalf. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 34, Hill Street, Keighley, Yorkshire, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS."

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The Annual General Meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, will be held on Saturday, October 10th, at All Saints Church, Fulham, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. W. C. Muriel. Further particulars will appear later.

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

### THE PEAL ANALYSIS.

As is our custom we repeat the Analysis once more. Had the following letter from Mr. King reached us in time, we would have made the desired correction:—

SIR,—I am sorry to find that Mr. W. Keeble's name has been omitted from the list of conductors in 1907. On reference to the rough copy, I find him duly credited

with sixteen peals; but in making out the fair copy, his name was inadvertently omitted. The mistake is mine, and I can only assure my old friend Mr. Keeble that I am very sorry it should have been made.—ARTHUR T. KING.

### Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. GEORGE'S GUILD, BECKENHAM.—The annual outing of this society was held on Wednesday, August 12th. Leaving Beckenham at 6 o'clock, Dover was reached soon after 8, when thirteen sat down to a substantial breakfast at The Pavilion hotel. Then to the pier, where much interest was taken in watching the loading of mails, etc., to the Calais and Ostend boats, a trip round the harbour, and a trip over the railway company's fine boat *Empress* brought up dinner-time.

This over, we climbed the shaft to the barracks and cliffs, and were well rewarded by the excellent view obtained. Then to St. Mary's church, where we were met by some of the Dover band, and about an hour-and-a-half was spent in ringing some touches of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, and Bob Major. Tea was then taken, and a journey through the town to the Harbour station, which the happy party left at 7.20 for home, all having spent a most enjoyable day. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the Dover ringers for their assistance in the ringing. W. S.

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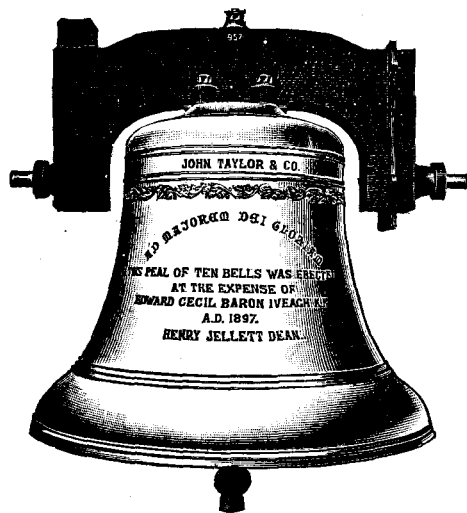
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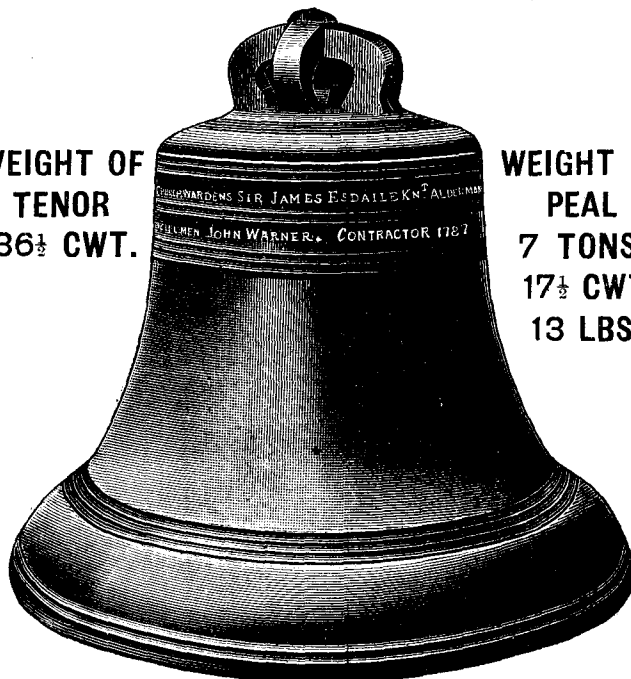
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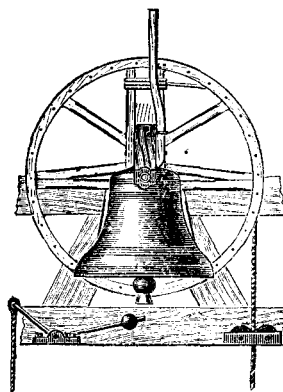
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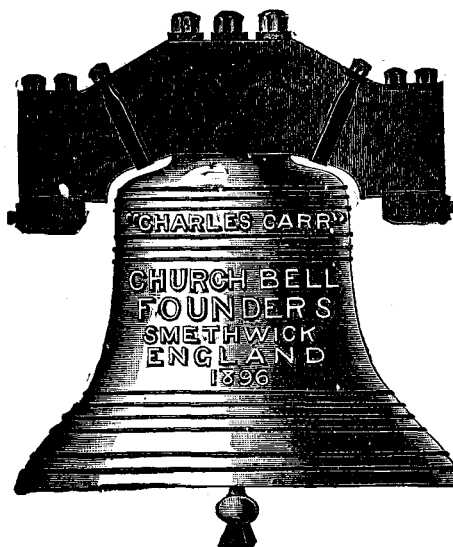
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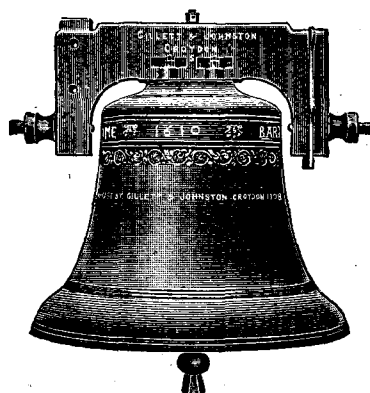
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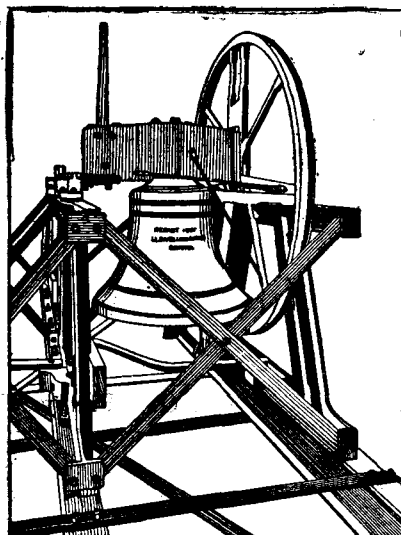
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## COMPOSITION.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Some time since I gave in "THE BELL NEWS" some rules for composing extents, and illustrated them by three-part peals of Bob Major. I will now give a further example of composition and take as my method Superlative Surprise Major. I shall assume that what we want is a one-part peal with the 4th and 6th the extent in 6ths produced by full courses, that is without bobs before. The composition of Superlative is identical with that of Bob Major with this exception that to avoid internal falseness you may not have two courses with the same bells in 5-6 in reverse order. If you have 32546 you may not have 23564, nor 52364 nor 35264. Of course Superlative being a Treble Bob method, has no singles, and the "wrong" follows the "middle," and not the "middle" the "wrong," as in Bob Major. There are twelve courses with the 6th at home, and out of these twelve three are 32546, 53246, and 25346. We cannot therefore also have the courses 23564 52364 and 35264. This will reduce the available number of courses with the 4th in 6ths to nine. We start them with twelve full separate courses with the 6th at home, and nine full separate courses with the 4th in 6ths. We will further restrict our problem by stipulating that the courses with the 4th in 6ths shall be joined together by the calling of what is known sometimes as the "old" 1008 Bob Major, and the twelve courses with the 6th at home shall be gathered into two round blocks by a set of bobs which you will find in Taylor's peal of Bob Major (Central Council Collection No. 130), and which appear in Reeves's 13,440 No. 186 and other old compositions. We then get:—

A	W	R	B	W	R	C	W	R
63254	—	—	45236	—	—	42356	—	—
26354	—	—	24536	—	—	54326	—	—
32654	—	—	53246	—	—	32546	—	—
65324	—	—	25346	—	—	43526	—	—
36524	—	—	34256	—	—	52436	—	—
53624	—	—	23456	—	—	35426	—	—
62534	—	—						
56234	—	—						
25634	—	—						

Each of these is a round block, and together they contain all the qualities we want for our peal. The calling of A may not be varied at all, the slightest change brings the 6th into 5ths place and gives the sixty-four course-ends which we saw would make the peal false. But as we shall see B and C may be slightly varied so as to make a different division of the twelve courses between the two blocks.

The shortest peal in full courses is 5152 changes, or twenty-three courses; the above three blocks contain twenty-one courses. We shall therefore want two more

courses, and these two courses will serve the double purpose of giving us the required length, and also to join our three round blocks A, B and C into one peal. We must next select these two extra courses. We may not use any course that has the 4th or 6th in 5ths place, for they are false with the courses we have already got. That leaves us the 2-3, 2-5, 3-2, 3-5, 5-2 and 5-3 course-ends, eighteen in all, out of which to select two suitable ones for our purpose. That purpose is to join the three round blocks A, B and C into one. To do this we must use bobs M. No bob can join B and C directly without falseness, so what we must do is this: first join B to A with an extra course, then join C to A with another extra course. If we call one extra course x and the other y we may express our task thus: A + x + B and A + y + C. Now what is the qualification we want in these two extra courses x and y?

It is this: that by calling a bob M in any one course in A the ringing is shifted into x, then another bob M in x must shift it into B, and a third bob M back again to A. And in like manner bobs at M must shift the ringing from A through y to C and back again to A. A little inspection will shew that only such courses in which both the 4th and the 6th are affected by the bob M will serve for the purpose of these extra courses. They are out of our available courses the following:—

45623  
65432  
62453  
42635  
43652  
63425

Call a bob at M in each of these courses. We get—

D	45623	E	65432
	65324		45236
	35426		25634
F	62453	G	42635
	42356		62534
	32654		52436
H	43652	K	63425
	63254		43526
	23456		53624

First notice that D and E contain courses that have the bells in 5-6 reversed. They are therefore false against each other, and if you use D you cannot also use E. Similarly F and G and H and K are false against each other. Next let us see in how many ways we may divide the twelve courses with the 6th at home among the two blocks B and C. A as I said cannot be touched. There are four ways:—

	W	R		W	R
L	45236	—	M	42356	—
	24536	—		54326	—
	53246	—		32546	—
	25346	—		43526	—
	34256	—		52436	—
	23456	—		35426	—

N	35426	-	-	O	32546	-	-
	43526	-	-		54326	-	-
	52436	-	-		25346	-	-
	45236	-	-		34256	-	-
	23456	-	-		53246	-	-
	42356	-	-		24536	-	-
P	24536	-	-	R	23456	-	-
	52436	-	-		45236	-	-
	43526	-	-		34256	-	-
	54326	-	-		25346	-	-
	32546	-	-		42356	-	-
	53246	-	-		35426	-	-
S	42356	-	-	T	45236	-	-
	34256	-	-		23456	-	-
	25346	-	-		52436	-	-
	32546	-	-		43526	-	-
	54326	-	-		24536	-	-
	35426	-	-		53246	-	-

We may use any one of these four pairs of round blocks. Turn back to the three-course blocks. We have to use two of these with the exceptions I mentioned. Our available combinations will be D + F, D + G, D + H, D + K, E + F, E + G, E + H, E + K, F + H, F + K, G + H, G + K. Now take the courses in the three course blocks with the 6th at home and underneath the six-course block, where that course comes unite the initial letter of the three-course block. Thus 35426 is a course in the three-course block D. 35426 appears in the six-course blocks M, N, R and S. Underneath the blocks M, N, R and S unite D. So with the others. You will then get:—

L	M	N	O	P	R	S	T
E	D	D		G	D	D	E
H	F	E		A	E	F	G
	G	F			F		H
	K	G			H		K
		H					
		K					

Now take the combinations of the three-course blocks we wrote out above. Wherever the two letters appear in *different* columns in any one of the above four tables we have a peal. When they appear in the *same* column we cannot use that combination. Take the combination E + F. These two letters appear in different columns in the first table, which means we have a peal. E + F is:—

M	M
65432	-
45236	-
25634	-
62453	-
42356	-
32654	-

Nine courses are called as block A, six courses as block L, and six as block M. These six bobs at the middle are added, and the whole falls into one peal of 5152 changes, thus:—

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

	5152.
	23456
Block L	45236
Block A	63254
	26354
	32654
Extra Course	62453
Block M	54326
	32546

	M	W	R
	43526	-	-
	52436	-	-
	35426	-	-
	42356	-	-
Block A	65324	-	-
	36524	-	-
	53624	-	-
	62534	-	-
	56234	-	-
	25634	-	-
Extra Course	65432	-	-
Block L	24536	-	-
	53246	-	-
	25346	-	-
	34256	-	-
	23456	-	-

In the same way, by taking the various combinations of the three-course blocks in turn, every peal on this plan may easily be written out. There will be no need to prove them, for we have only used such material that cannot be false.

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS,

By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

THE SIXTY COURSE-ENDS.

6591.

231456	4	5	16	Continued—	4	5	16
				214356	-	-	-
216453*				514623	-	-	-
612354	-	-	-	415326	-	-	-
214563	-	-	-	215643	-	-	-
213465	-	-	-	213546	-	-	-
312564	-	-	-	216345	-	-	-
314265	-	-	-	416523	-	-	-
315462	-	-	-	413625	-	-	-
513264	-	-	-	315246	-	-	-
314652	-	-	-	316542	-	-	-
412536	-	-	-	612435	-	-	-
416235	-	-	-	216534	-	-	-
415632	-	-	-	214635	-	-	-
512346	-	-	-	314526	-	-	-
412653	-	-	-	316425	-	-	-
413256	-	-	-	315624	-	-	-
416352	-	-	-	514236	-	-	-
516243	-	-	-	516432	-	-	-
513642	-	-	-	615234	-	-	-
312456	-	-	-	514362	-	-	-
213654	-	-	-	614253	-	-	-
513426	-	-	-	613452	-	-	-
516324	-	-	-	316254	-	-	-
615423	-	-	-	614532	-	-	-
613524	-	-	-	412365	-	-	-
614325	-	-	-	612543	-	-	-
415263	-	-	-	613245	-	-	-
413562	-	-	-	615342	-	-	-
312645	-	-	-	512463	-	-	-
215436	-	-	-	215364	-	-	-
512634	-	-	-				

Round with calls at 2, 9, 10, 16, 17 sixes.

\* 1, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 17, 18.

Rung on handbells at Oxhey, September 5th, 1908, conducted by G. N. Price. It will be observed that the peal is in one continued course, and was purposely composed as such. It is a record performance on handbells, and very commendable to the whole band, but even more so to the conductor.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford district was held on Saturday, August 29th, at Worplesdon. There was a large number present, and the gathering was of a very genial and interesting character. The meeting was attended by between fifty and sixty from Farnham, Clandon, Ewhurst, Haslemere, Merrow, Guildford (St. Nicolas and Holy Trinity), Woking, and others, in addition to the local company. During the afternoon Miss Cunliffe kindly invited the members to visit her beautiful grounds, where garden games were provided, together with a supply of light refreshments, all of which were greatly appreciated. A visit to the museum of Mr. F. C. Selous, at Pirbright, proved attractive to a large number. At Pirbright some change-ringing was indulged in, and altogether the time, prior to the service, was very pleasantly filled up. Subsequently a service was held at St. Mary's, Worplesdon, which was conducted by the Rector (Rev. D. C. Tovey), who preached an able sermon from one of the collects of the special service. He drew many practical lessons from the text, his remarks being received with deep attention by those present. At the conclusion of the service, tea was provided in the schoolroom, at which the Rector presided.

At the business meeting which followed the chair was occupied by Mr. W. A. Shaw. A letter was first read from the Rev. F. J. Oliphant, Vicar of Woking, expressing his regret at being unable to attend, and enclosing the sum of two guineas for life membership. The list of new members was then submitted, and included the following: Rev. R. J. S. Gill (Farnham), Rev. R. F. Cardale (Haslemere), Mr. W. A. Shaw (Worplesdon), Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon); besides these compounding members several ordinary were also admitted. Mr. R. Whittington reported that he had brought the question of Bentley and Crondall towers before the annual meeting at Dorking in June, and permission was given to incorporate them in the Guildford district. The secretary explained that as the district was so large now, Mr. Edwards had kindly consented to act as assistant-secretary to the Farnham neighbourhood. A motion would be brought forward at the ensuing meeting at Guildford to hold an extra meeting in the year solely for the new district. The next quarterly peal was proposed to be Stedman Triples, to be attempted at Shere tower, and conducted by Mr. S. Radford.

The chairman paid a most eloquent tribute to the way in which the bells had been rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and as the latter was in the room, he said he would like to personally thank them. Mr. Johnston returned his sincere thanks, and said he would be very pleased to have an order to go and add two more trebles to the present splendid peal of six. This met with much approbation from the assembled ringers, and the chairman remarked that he hoped it would not be long before it should be done.

Other business followed of a routine character, and the usual votes of thanks were passed.

## THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held in the church rooms, Workington, on Saturday, August 29th, the Rev. W. Spurrier (of Irton) presiding, and representatives being present from Aspatria, Cleator Moor, Crosthwaite, Egremont, and Workington. The chairman welcomed the members, and read a letter from the Rev. W.

R. Burnett (of Braithwaite), regretting his inability to be present. The report, which referred to the Association's satisfactory financial position, and the greater interest which was being manifested in its doings, and the statement of accounts, were then read by the secretary, and unanimously adopted. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Workington ringers for their services in furnishing, free of charge, the labour which had been bestowed upon the case for the shield. The Rev. W. H. Spurrier and Mr. J. D. Baxter were unanimously re-elected president and hon. secretary and treasurer respectively, and the vice-presidents, with the addition of Lieutenant-Colonel Lowthorpe-Lutwidge, and the substitution of the present for the late Dean of Carlisle, were also re-elected.

It was decided to hold the next shield competition at St. Bees on Easter-Monday, and that the conditions should be the same as those of the last one, with the exception that the shield-holders should not be permitted to ring Plain Bob Minor; that Mr. Chapman of Manchester be again asked to act as adjudicator; that a medal be provided for each member of the winning company as before; and that the usual contribution towards the expenses of competing companies be made.

It was agreed to hold the next annual meeting at Cockermouth, and that the members be invited to combine their attendance at the meeting with a visit to Bridekirk earlier on in the day for the purpose of having a ring on the church bells there. One of the Aspatria ringers had given notice of his intention to move that the annual competition under certain circumstances be abandoned, but as he did not put in an appearance, and none of the members present were in favour of it, the matter dropped.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

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

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held on Saturday, August 29th, at Coseley, when from various causes a small number of members put in an appearance. As there is a young band learning at Coseley, it was thought by the officers of the Guild that a meeting held there would stimulate and encourage them to go forward with their work, it is therefore to be regretted that so few thought fit to be present at the meeting. As service was held in the church at five o'clock, and an address given by the Rev. S. Floyd (curate), who, in the absence of the Vicar through a family bereavement, welcomed the members of the Guild to Coseley.

At the business meeting which was held in the vestry, the Rev. S. Floyd in the chair, the minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and confirmed. It was resolved that the peals set down for the last quarter, and not accomplished, should be attempted during the ensuing quarter, and that the next quarterly meeting be held at Sedgley.

Mr. S. Spittle, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rev. S. Floyd for conducting the service, and the interesting address he gave in the church, also for presiding at the meeting, wished him to convey to the Vicar the thanks of the meeting for the use of the bells, and to express their sincere sympathy with him in the trouble which had befallen him by the death of his brother. This was seconded by Mr. W. R. Small, and carried. The Rev. S. S. Floyd suitably responded, and said he would, at the first opportunity he had, convey their kind expressions to the Vicar.

Several touches were rung with the bells half-muffled.

## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 15th; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 21st; St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on the 24th; St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 22nd; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Everoreech to-day, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Service at 3.30 p.m. in the parish church. Tea at 4.15 p.m. in schoolroom with meeting to follow.

E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild—North Bucks. Branch.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Calverton, Bucks., to-day, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells open at 2 p.m.

F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at Worsley to-day, Saturday, Sept. 12th (Life-Boat Saturday). Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.**—The next meeting of this Association will be held at All Saints' church, Edmonton, to-day, Saturday, Sept. 12th, by kind permission of the Rev. E. A. B. Sanders. The bells will be raised about 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided. It is hoped that members and their friends will make a special effort to attend.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.**—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight to-day Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells ready at 4.30. Tea at 6. Members intending being present please send word to

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

36, Church Road, Garston.

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Alfreton to-day, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Tea in parish room at 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—A meeting will be held at Brightling (8 bells) to-day, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector—Rev. C. A. Sturgess-Jones, M.A. Will branches, etc. kindly note subscriptions for 1908 are due, and should be sent as soon as possible. Train—Hastings, 2 p.m.; brake—2.30, Robertsbridge.

GEO. H. HOWSE, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Carlton Road, Eastbourne.

**Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham.**—The renovation of this church being completed, the usual weekly practice will be resumed to-day, Saturday, Sept. 12th, from 6 til 7.30.

W. H. CARROD, *Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.**—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. George's, Gravesend, on Saturday, September 19th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Church House at 5.30. Business meeting after tea,

when the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place. Members intending to be present at tea must let me know on or before Wednesday, September 16th.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

65, Clive Road, Rochester.

**The Essex Association.—South-Western Branch.**—The annual district meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available after 3 o'clock. Tea at The Red Lion at 5.30. (1s. 6d.), members 6d. Business meeting to follow.

G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.**—The next meeting will be held at Ruspur on Saturday, September 19th. Tower open at 3. Tea at The Star inn at 5 o'clock, 6d. each to those who let me know by September 15th.

R. J. DAWES, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—By kind permission of the Vicar—the Rev. B. Irwin—the September meeting will be held at Saltburn-by-the-Sea on Saturday, September 19th. Ring of eight, tenor 23 cwt. Circulars next week.

CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*

40, Percy Street, Rotherham.

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.**—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Caistor on Saturday, September 26th. By kind permission of the Rev. W. F. W. Westbrooke the bells will be available from 11 a.m. A service will be held in the church at 4 o'clock. Tea at The White Hart hotel at 4.45. Meeting afterwards. Members intending being present please notify Mr. A. M. Hardy, High Street, Caistor, on or before Tuesday, September 22nd.

J. W. SRAMER, *Hon. Sec.*

99, Legsby Avenue, Grimsby.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, September 26th. Tower open at 2.0 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.0, followed by tea (1s. each) at 4.45 in the girls' school. Tea will only be provided for those who send in their names to Mr. B. Sugden, Duffield Bank, Derby, not later than the previous Thursday. By the kindness of Sir Arthur Heywood, the grounds of Duffield Bank will be open to visitors during the afternoon.

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

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.**—The district annual meeting will be held on Saturday, September 26th, 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. Sec. 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 would kindly send him an intimation.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Norwich on Thursday, October 1st. Special service at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.45. Dinner at 1.30 in the Mancroft Mission Hall. All the rings of bells in the city will be available. Members attending must send notice by September 29th. For full particulars see notice cards sent to masters of companies.

CHARLES E. BORRETT, *Secretary.*

10, Chester Street, Norwich.

**The Lancashire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Manchester on Saturday, October 3rd. Any proposed alterations of rules, and nominations for the following official posts, viz., President, General Secretary, and Treasurer, must be sent in to the General Secretary not later than Monday, September 7th. All ringing reports up to the 31st inst., to be sent to the Ringing Secretary. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*

4, Helena Street, Irlams O' Th' Height, Manchester.

J. H. BANKS, *Ringling Secretary.*

462, Helmsford Road, Helmsford.

### CHURCH CONGRESS AT MANCHESTER.

If there should be any of our ringing clergy attending the above who may desire to have a peal or a practice during Congress week, arrangements can be made with Mr. Wreaks or Mr. H. Chapman, 11, Beech Grove, Plymouth Grove, Manchester.

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—Preliminary Notice.—The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 10th, at All Saints church, Fulham, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. W. C. Muriel. Further particulars will appear later.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**The William Verry Commemoration.**—The annual dinner will be held at The Red Lion hotel, Handsworth, on Saturday, October 17th. Details later on.

R. FAUX, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Salop Guild.**—Meeting at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, September 19th, at 2.30 p.m.

COLE-HAMILTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly meeting will be held at Tong on Saturday, September 26th. Peal attempt 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at Greyhound inn 7 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Badsey, near Evesham (Littleton and Badsey stations 1 mile) on Saturday, September 26th. Service with address by the Vicar, the Rev. W. C. Allsebrook, at 4.15 p.m. prompt. Business meeting at Vicarage afterwards. Tea will be provided free for those sending in their names names before Wednesday, September 23rd. The bells (8) will be available for ringing. All unpaid subscriptions should by then be received.

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

**The North Wales Association.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Ruthin, on Saturday, September 26th, at 3.0 p.m. Afterwards tea will be provided by the Vicar and churchwardens. Those intending to be present please intimate same to Mr. R. H. Williams, 21, Clyd Street, Ruthin, not later than the 21st inst.

S. A. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Llanreston, Llandudno.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dibden, near Southampton, on Saturday, September 19th. The tower of the church will be opened at 2.30. Tea in the parish schoolroom at 5.30.

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### Ringers' Outings.

**THE HALESWORTH AND CHEDISTON SOCIETIES.**—On a recent Monday, in summer-like weather, through the kindness of the Rev. A. R. Upcher, M.A., and other subscribers, the members of the above societies went for their annual outing. The party, numbering nineteen, accompanied by the Rector, started in a most comfortable pair-horse van, supplied by Mr. J. F. Button, Church Farm, at 8.30 a.m. The first call was made at St. Margaret's, Southelmham, where the Rev. G. F. Smith-Rewse gave the company a cordial welcome. Several touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung on the five bells here, in which the rev. gentleman took part, and then a move was made to St. Cross. Here again all was in readiness for the visitors by the courtesy of the Rector, the Rev. W. J. Wilby, and touches of Doubles were again rung. Alburgh (Norfolk), was reached at noon, and after being heartily greeted by the Rector (Rev. A. Pagin), the tower was at once visited. The ringers rang several touches of Bob Major and Triples on the newly-hung and musical peal of eight bells, tenor 9½ cwt. Leaving at 1.15, the party arrived at Pulham St. Mary about 2 p.m., and here an excellent dinner was awaiting them at The King's Head, served up in excellent style by host and hostess Brice. This was presided over by the Rector (Rev. A. R. Upcher), and needless to say full justice was done after the long drive in the bracing air. On the motion of Mr. E. C. Lambert (Secretary), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman, to all their generous subscribers, to the clergymen who had so kindly granted the use of their bells, and to Mr. Brice, who as leader of the Pulham company, had in addition to providing the dinner, arranged everything for them. An hour's ringing was indulged in on the fine peal of eight bells, and then the company, including Mr. Brice, proceeded to Redenhall, where, by the kind invitation of the Ven. Archdeacon and Miss Perowse, they partook of tea on the rectory lawn, the rev. gentleman and ladies giving them a most hearty welcome. Shortly after the grand old peal of eight bells, tenor 24 cwt. in D, was rolling its music across the Waveney Valley and the surrounding country in touches of Bob Major and Triples, to the great delight of the residents in the neighbourhood, many of whom expressed the pleasure it gave them to welcome the party to Redenhall. After an hour's ringing, a few touches was given on the famous Redenhall hand-bells at The Old Yew Tree, and a start was made for home at 8 p.m. Halesworth was safely reached shortly after 10 o'clock, and thus brought to a close one of the most pleasant outings ever enjoyed by the above societies.

**THE BURNHAM SOCIETY (Somersetshire).**—On Saturday, July 11th, the ringers of St. Andrew's church had a very pleasant outing to Dartmouth and Totnes. Dartmouth was reached soon after 12 o'clock, and the ringers soon made their way to the fine old parish church, and had the pleasure of ringing a few touches of Grandsire on the fine peal of bells. At 1.30 the party sat down to a capital dinner at The Queen's hotel, provided by host Burt. Having done ample justice to the good things provided, the party made their way to the Naval College, permission having been kindly granted for them to be shown over the college. It is regretted that time would not permit them to stay as they would have liked, having to catch the 4 o'clock train for Totnes. The trip up the Dart was much enjoyed. Totnes parish church was visited, and a few touches of Grandsire were rung on that grand peal of bells. The "go" of the bells at both towers are all that could be wished for change-ringing. The ringers wish to thank the Vicars of Dartmouth and Totnes for the use of the bells, and Mr. Friendship, of Dartmouth, and Mr. Pengilly (Totnes), for arranging the same. The return journey was commenced just before 8 o'clock, and Burnham was reached about 11.30, everyone being well pleased with the day's outing.

**THE ST. MARY'S (LEWISHAM) SOCIETY.**—Saturday, July 18th, was the day chosen for the annual outing of this society, and at 6.45 a.m. they all met at Hither Green station, S.E.R. for Hythe and Folkestone. Unfortunately the day turned out to be a very wet one, but this did not damp their spirits, everyone being on pleasure bent. Hythe was reached at 9.15 a.m., and after some slight refreshment at The King's Head, where they were met by

Mr. Richards, they ascended the tower, accompanied by Messrs. Manning and Gower. Some capital ringing was done, and well-struck touches of Bob Major, Stedman, and Oxford Bob were brought round. They then paid a visit to the crypt, where there is a very large collection of human bones and skulls reckoned to be the remains of about 4,000 people. Dinner was the next item, and a capital spread was provided by hostess Gravenor, of the Coronation Tea Rooms, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was intended to spend an hour or two on the beach, but rain stopped all that, and accordingly they set out for Folkestone. Here the rain held up for about half-an-hour, and they took a walk round the harbour, this bringing tea-time. After tea they made their way to the church, and were met by Messrs. Kerdwell, etc. A well-struck touch of Stedman on this grand ring of bells brought ringing for the day to a close, which but for the rain was a most enjoyable one. Hither Green was reached at 10 p.m. The members wish to thank the Vicars of Hythe and Folkestone for their kind permission to ring; also to the above ringers for meeting them and making them so welcome. They were honoured with the company of the Vicar of Lewisham (Canon Hough), he having to leave at 5 p.m.

**THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, WEST HAM.**—The members and friends of this society had their annual outing on Saturday, August 22nd, when a visit was paid to Brentwood and South Weald. The party which numbered fourteen, consisted of Messrs. Bird, Cranfield, Doran, Hayden, Moule, Neale, Newman, Potter, Scholes, Theobald, Torble, and Truss. On arriving at Brentwood in a downpour of rain, they were met by Mr. J. Burgess, who had kindly made arrangements for them. When the weather had cleared up a bit, they made tracks for South Weald, where they found Mr. J. Warner and one or two others waiting for them. They soon escorted them to the tower, where they attempted two or three times to ring 720 London Surprise, but it came to grief in the last part, so touches of Cambridge, Treble Bob, Bob Minor, and Grandsire Doubles were rung. After bidding Mr. Warner good-bye, they hurried back to Brentwood where they sat down to a good meat tea at Messrs. Drake's restaurant in High Street, Brentwood. After tea a move was made to the tower. The bells were all up ready, and soon set going to Grandsire Triples, and 240 Bob Major, in which Mr. Hawkins, a local ringer, stood in; and 576 Double Norwich, but Stedman would not go. In conclusion they wish to thank Canon Fraser and the Rev. C. T. Newton for kindly granting permission to ring, and especially Mr. Burgess, the steeplekeeper of St. Thomas's, Brentwood, for helping to make the excursion a success.

**THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, MAIDSTONE.**—Through the generosity of the Vicar of Maidstone (Rev. E. H. Hardcastle), and churchwardens, the members of this society recently partook of a most enjoyable drive through the Weald of Kent, truly described as one of England's beauty spots. The party started from Maidstone at 2 o'clock, proceeding via Watlington and Bowhill to Yalding, where the first break was made. The stocks in the beautiful old church of Marden were closely examined on that quaint and picturesque village being reached, the party then proceeding to Headcorn, where a fine spread was found waiting for them at The King's Arms. Needless to say ample justice was done to the good things provided. On the tables being cleared, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and churchwardens for making the outing possible; Mr. A. E. Gasson also being thanked for arranging matters, and Mr. T. Mannering for presiding at the tea. Later on a visit was made to the church, where the ringers' old friend, Mr. P. Hodgkin, gave them a hearty welcome. Some touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, and the party returned to Maidstone, which was reached shortly after ten o'clock.

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GEORGE A. KING .. 4.	ALBERT D. STONE .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

## SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 1, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT W. LOVIE .. Treble.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON .. 5.
RALPH A. LOVIE .. 2.	FRANK NAISBY .. 6.
JOSEPH W. PARKER .. 3.	WM. T. ROBSON .. 7.
GEO. R. TAYLOR* .. 4.	JOHN HAWES .. Tenor.

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, and Conducted by W. T. ROBSON.

This composition is in one part, without bobs at quick, never more than four consecutive bobs and two singles only, and is now rung for the first time.

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## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 1 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JACK FOREMAN .. .. Treble.	*EDWARD A. HERN .. 5.
JAMES R. KEMP* .. 2.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 6.
REV. A. H. HITCHCOCK† 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. 7.
WILLIAM STORY .. 4.	JOHN MCKEAG .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. E. KEEN.

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

## OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 1, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, GLODWICK,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qrs.

ALBERT CLEGG .. .. Treble.	JAMES W. TAYLOR .. 5.
GEORGE H. BREVOR .. 2.	JAMES LEES .. 6.
GEORGE HARRIS .. 3.	RICHARD NEWTON .. 7.
GEORGE HOYLE .. 4.	LUKE HAMPSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD NEWTON.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 2, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

RANDALL GRIMBLE* .. Treble.	WILLIAM STEELE .. 5.
CHARLES BAKER .. 2.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. 6.
CHARLES ROOPE .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. 7.
FREDERICK ROOPE .. 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by J. B. FENTON, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

\*First peal.

## GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 3, 1908, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

JAMES KEMP .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 5.
JOHN S. RICHARDSON .. 2.	ROBERT W. FALCONE .. 6.
JOHN F. BIRD .. 3.	JOHN FOREMAN .. 7.
EDWARD A. HERN .. 4.	ERNEST E. FERRY .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

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

## WIDNES, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 4, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

REV. C. A. CLEMENTS* .. Treble.	REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 5.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY* 2.	*GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 6.
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. 7.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

\*First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung for the anniversary of the dedication, and first peal on the new bells. During the year four peals have been brought round out of four attempts, the methods being Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Doubl, Norwich, and Superlative.

## SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

J. W. WILKINSON† .. .. Treble	J. H. HALL .. .. 5.
T. H. HAIGH .. .. 2.	T. METCALFE .. .. 6.
J. R. BARTON† .. .. 3.	H. GIBSON .. .. 7.
G. F. ALEXANDER .. .. 4.	*F. DAVISON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. H. HAIGH.

†First peal in any method. \*First peal of Grandsire. The 3rd and tenor ringer were proposed members before starting for the peal. First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

## WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

THOMAS H. REEVES.. .. Treble.	*GEORGE HUGHES .. .. 7.
THOMAS MILLER .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 8.
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 3.	THOMAS J. ELTON .. .. 9.
HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 4.	HORACE BELCHER .. .. 10.
ALFRED PADDON SMITH .. 5.	†JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 11.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 6.	REUBEN HALL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by J. E. GROVES.

\*First peal of Cinques. †First peal of Cinques as conductor.

## NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR BUTLER* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. PEABODY .. 5.
HERBERT DAY .. .. 2.	FRANCIS H. KAY .. .. 6.
EDWARD C. GOBEY* .. .. 3.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 7.
REV. R. P. FARROW .. .. 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\*First peal in the method.

## DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON .. .. Treble.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 5.
GEORGE BESSON .. .. 2.	GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 6.
JOHN W. THOMPSON .. .. 3.	REUBEN CLIFFORD .. .. 7.
GEORGE TOMLINSON .. .. 4.	JOHN FLOWER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by REUBEN CLIFFORD.

## WOOTTON COURTENAY, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s.

Tenor 14 cwt.

F. DATE* .. .. Treble.	C. GREEDY .. .. 4.
A. SULLY* .. .. 2.	*J. WATTS .. .. 5.
W. HOYLE .. .. 3.	H. MOORE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. MOORE.

\*First peal in the method.

## MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. Treble.	GEORGE CLARKE .. .. 5.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 2.	GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. 6.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 3.	*WILLIAM GOSLING, JUN... 7.
THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 4.	JOHN FLINT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

\*First peal in the method.

## REIGATE, SURREY.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

J. WILLIAM POOLEY.. .. Treble.	HENRY F. EWINS .. .. 5.
GEORGE W. WALDER .. .. 2.	THOMAS SPARKS .. .. 6.
ARTHUR HOLMAN .. .. 3.	GEORGE WALDER, JUN. .. 7.
GEORGE F. HOAD .. .. 4.	HENRY A. HOAD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

First peal on the bells by the above Association, and was arranged for G. Walder, jun. H. Hoad was elected a member previous to starting.

## LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS MARY AND NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. Treble.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 5.
HENRY L. GARFATH .. .. 2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. .. 6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, JUN. 3.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. 7.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. .. 4.	ARTHUR C. OTWAY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHEROOK, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

## SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANSTEY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT MASON .. .. Treble.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 5.
EDWARD JACKSON .. .. 2.	THOMAS BOTTRILL .. .. 6.
ALEX. BRAMLEY .. .. 3.	JAMES HARRIS .. .. 7.
DANIEL RICHARDS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

First peal of Treble Bob by all except the conductor. The ringer of the 5th was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

## LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWARD H. KING .. .. Treble.	FRED W. ELLIOTT .. .. 4.
BERNARD PATMORE .. .. 2.	HENRY WALLACE .. .. 5.
ERNEST A. OVERALL .. 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

PHILIP ALLFREY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM C. HART .. .. 5.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. .. 2.	ALBERT D. STONE .. .. 6.
CHARLES PALMER .. .. 3.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung as a farewell compliment to G. A. King, who is leaving Brighton for Canada.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

RAYMOND DUNSTER* .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 5.
ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 2.	CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 6.
ALFRED JOHNSON .. .. 3.	GEORGE JOHNSON .. .. 7.
ARCHIBALD C. KAY .. .. 4.	*FREDERICK BURT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. PLAYER.

This peal was arranged for the conductor's 31st birthday, the ringers wishing him the usual compliments. \*First peal.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKLANDS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt.

GEORGE H. HOWSE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE WATSON .. .. 5.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 2.	FREDERICK LOCK .. .. 6.
ROBERT C. LORD* .. .. 3.	WALTER FRANKS .. .. 7.
FRANCIS A. KENNETT .. 4.	WILLIAM H. SWAIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal of Stedman. This peal was especially arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Lock, the popular captain of the local band.

HODDESDON, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

HENRY G. ROWE .. .. Treble.	BERTRAM PRHWETT .. .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	SAMUEL J. BIRD .. .. 7.
GEORGE H. BARKER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

JOHN OVERTON .. .. Treble.	BERTRAM HEAD .. .. 5.
ALBERT T. BAKER .. .. 2.	ERNEST FOXALL .. .. 6.
GEORGE CASE .. .. 3.	WILFRED OVERTON .. .. 7.
JOHN ELCOCK .. .. 4.	HORACE W. OVERTON .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by JOHN OVERTON.

First peal of Major by all except the conductor. First peal in the method by the conductor, on the bells, and by the above Guild.

Handbell Peals.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,  
IN THE PARISH ROOM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6591 CHANGES.

HUBERT EDEN .. .. 1-2.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 5-6.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 3-4.	HERBERT LANGDON .. 7-8.
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by GEO. N. PRICE.

This composition has the sixty in-course course-ends, with the bells in the tittnms position. It is the first time a peal of this description has been rung on handbells. Umpires—A. W. Dix and F. White.

WIDNES, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 1-2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 5-6.
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. 3-4.	REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 7-8.
*REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 9-10.	

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

Umpire—Frederick Hayes. \*First ten-bell peal in hand.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OXENHOPE (Yorks).—On Tuesday, August 25th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a date touch of 1908 Minor, in 1 hr. 9 mins., being 240 Kent, 240 Violet, 240 Oxford Delight, 240 New London Pleasure, 240 Woodbine, 240 Duke of York, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, and 180 Bob Minor. A. Howley, W. B. Smith, B. R. Ayers, J. Riley, A. Pickles, C. A. Pawson. Conducted by W. B. Smith.

SUTTON, NEAR HULL.—On Friday, August 28th, at the parish church, a date touch of Minor, being 720 each of Oxford and Kent, and 468 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 8 mins. C. Jackson conductor, H. Rodmell, J. Heckingbottom, G. Bayston, A. E. West, L. Rodmell.

Miscellaneous.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PONTEFRAC T.—On Monday, August 31st, at the parish church an attempt for a date touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major came to grief two changes from home, through the tenor rope breaking. H. Walters, F. Moody, J. Carter, J. Heckingbottom, W. Pearson conductor, J. Jackson, J. Fryer, T. T. Barker. Arranged for J. Heckingbottom, of Denton, one of the first members of the All Saints, Pontefract, society.

HULL.—On Monday, August 24th, at Holy Trinity church, on the occasion of Mr. G. T. Marshall's silver wedding, 528 Major. F. Merrison, J. Highfield, C. Gibson, C. Jackson conductor, A. Naylor, J. Heckingbottom, H. Rodmell, L. Rodmell, J. Hodds.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—On Monday, July 20th, for a special service of mission workers at St. Luke's church, 504 and 252 Stedman Triples. J. Aspinall, T. Hammond, sen., G. R. Newton, E. Caunce, G. Woodhall, W. Twist, W. Davies conductor, S. Stewart.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

TWYFORD (Hants).—On Thursday, July 9th, 756 Stedman Triples. G. Williams conductor, G. Smith, C. A. Valentine, L. Lampard, W. C. Lampard, W. H. George, W. T. Tucker, F. Oxenbury. 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Oxenbury, C. A. Valentine conductor, L. Lampard, W. C. Lampard, W. T. Tucker,

W. H. George, G. Smith, G. Williams. Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich practice.

**NORTH STONHAM (Hants.)**—On Thursday, 720 Duke of York. A. Marks, H. Wilkes, C. J. Fray, W. T. Tucker, W. H. George, G. Williams conductor. First 720 by all except the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. First 720 in the method in the county of Hants. On Sunday, May 17th, after evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Dumper, A. Marks, C. J. Fray, W. H. George, G. Williams conductor, W. T. Tucker. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of E. Mundy, of the local band. On Sunday evening, June 14th, 504 Oxford Oxford Treble Bob. E. Dumper, W. Rowe, R.E., G. Williams, C. Fray, W. Rowe, sen., W. T. Tucker conductor. On Sunday evening, July 12th, 360 Kent Treble Bob. E. Dumper, W. T. Tucker, W. Rowe, R.E., C. Fray, W. Rowe, sen., C. A. Valentine conductor.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**ABINGDON (Berks.)**—On Sunday, July 5th, at the church of Nicholas, 720 Bob Minor. H. W. Holifield, J. Brown, A. Fawdry, H. Holifield, F. Barratt, C. A. Valentine conductor.

**STONY STRATFORD (Bucks.)**—On Sunday evening, June 7th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Clarke, C. A. Valentine, E. Yates, W. Bonham, H. Tucker conductor, J. Giles. On Wednesday, June 10th, 720 Bob Minor. E. Yates, W. Edwards, H. Tucker, W. Bonham, G. Tompkins, C. A. Valentine conductor. Also 180 College Single. W. Edwards, H. Tucker, E. Yates, W. Bonham, G. Tompkins, C. A. Valentine conductor.

**CALVERTON (Bucks.)**—On Saturday, July 3th, 288 Kent Treble Bob. A. Clarke, G. Tompkins, E. Yates, W. Bonham, W. T. Tucker conductor, H. Tucker. Also 240, 120, and 144 of Bob Minor.

**COBHAM (Kent.)**—On Wednesday, August 29th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. C. Waterman conductor, W. Walker, G. Mungeam, A. Shearman, J. Wood, W. Marsh. First quarter-peal on the bells.

**EYNESBURY (Hunts.)**—On Sunday afternoon, August 16th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Irons, S. Peck, H. Fields, S. J. Coleman, G. D. Coleman conductor, E. Chasty. On Wednesday, August 19th, in the belfry of the parish church, an attempt for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was lost after ringing half-way. S. J. Coleman, 1-2; J. Burton, 3-4; G. D. Coleman, 5-6; H. Fields, 7-8.

**GORLESTON (Suffolk.)**—On Sunday evening, July 26th, after Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. D. Hayward, T. Faulkner, G. W. Golding, G. Orford, A. C. Hardy, G. Symonds conductor. Also some some touches of Bob Minor. T. Faulkner conductor, F. Denton, A. C. Hardy, G. Orford, G. Symonds, A. Crowe.

**GREAT YARMOUTH.**—On Sunday morning, July 26th, for Divine Service, 503 Grandsire Caters. R. Christian, H. Wright, E. Hayward conductor, T. Faulkner, A. C. Hardy, A. Lambert, G. Daynes, R. Tooley, T. W. Golding, T. Daynes. Also a course of Grandsire Cinques with T. Harwood, 1; F. Pestell, 2; the rest as in Caters. For evening service two courses of Bob Royal. F. Pestell, R. Christian, H. Wright, D. Hayward, T. Faulkner, G. Moy, G. Symonds, A. C. Hardy, T. W. Golding.

**ISLEWORTH (Middlesex.)**—On Sunday evening, July 26th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. G. R. Fardon conductor, J. Howes, F. Smith, T. Beadle, C. F. Winney, F. Goddard, J. H. B. Hesse, S. How.

**WEST CLANDON (Surrey.)**—On August 12th, to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Lord and Lady Cranley, of the British Embassy, Berlin, 720 Oxford Bob. F. Day, G. Monk, J. Goacher, W. Savage, W. Day, F. Bennett conductor. For practice on August 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Monk, W. Savage, R. Blake, J. Goacher conductor, W. Day, F. Bennett. Also 240 York Surprise. G. Monk, W. Savage, R. Blake, J. Goacher, F. Bennett, W. Day 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."

#### "METHODS."

SIR,—Just one more word. I can only say what I have said before: Methods with one guiding bell are one variation, and methods with two guiding bells are another variation, and so Grandsire is not Plain Bob.

Mr. Trollope says that methods are worked out automatically by adding another bell. That may be so, but it does not hold water unless it is done in a direct form, not alternately up and down. If we move a place from 2nds in Minor to 3rds in Triples, we must move that place to 4ths in Major and 5ths in Caters, and not 2nds in Minor, 3rds in Triples, 2nd in Major, etc., that will never do.

He speaks about seven-bell methods being Triples; this word speaks for itself, and when he said "below I give a seven-bell method which has not all triple changes," why not tell us at once the method is not what it ought to be, and therefore it must be an illegitimate one, the same as the London Royal which was rung under that name, but was only obtained by adding a place which ought not to have been.

After Mr. Trollope illustrates by giving a method containing double and triple changes for a triple method, below I give a method which he has called illegitimate, and, while I do not wish just now to go into private correspondence, I distinctly say it is not, but another method of another system, with pure triple changes, instead of having a second hunt and two bells doing the same work. It has a dodging bell instead, until the treble returns to lead.

I give this method so as to shew that there are better methods with triple changes than methods comprised of double and triple changes for Triples. I myself am not in favour of this method any more than illegitimate Triples.

While I am pleased to see that there is someone else who agrees as to what variation should be, Mr. Dains says we have extending methods—Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford. Mr. Trollope cannot have a second hunt to work in Kent and Oxford, for odd numbers and this condemns his system at once.

JOHN CARTER.

#### NEW METHOD.—NEW PRINCIPLE.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

2 1 4 3 6 5 7  
2 4 1 6 3 7 5  
4 2 6 1 7 3 5  
2 4 6 7 1 5 3  
4 2 7 6 5 1 3  
2 4 7 5 6 3 1  
4 2 5 7 3 6 1  
2 4 5 3 7 1 6  
4 2 3 5 1 7 6  
2 4 3 1 5 6 7  
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#### LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR COMPOSITION.

SIR,—I see in your last issue Mr. Hattersley states in the footnote below his composition on the above method, that peals on the 1N and 5ths plan only makes an unmusical method less musical, and makes it easy for a bob-caller. I am afraid our friend is trying to teach the Exercise something he has yet to learn himself. If my memory serves me right, Mr. Hattersley has never rang a peal of London, and therefore is not in a position to express an opinion. Now I have rang more London Surprise than anyone, including a great number of peals on the 1N and 5ths plan, and several in the old bare plan, and I can truthfully say that a good 1N and 5ths peal is 50 per cent. better music than the old plan, and although the tenors are parted for two leads in a course, the music is often better than it is with the tenors together on the old plan, especially when the 2nd or

3rd are in 6ths place, which cannot be avoided, and as regards the 1N and 5th calling being easy for a conductor, he makes a great mistake, for the frequent use of calls does not, as Mr. Hattersley states, make the method less musical, but it makes it difficult for a conductor to keep the coursing order of the bells in his eye.

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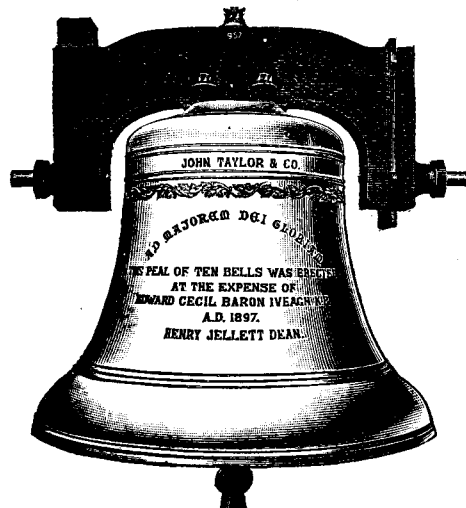
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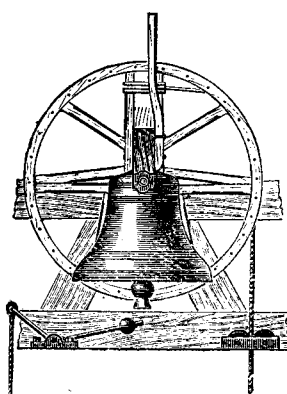
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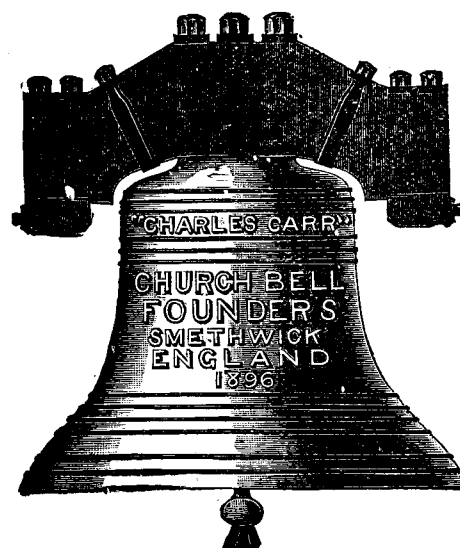
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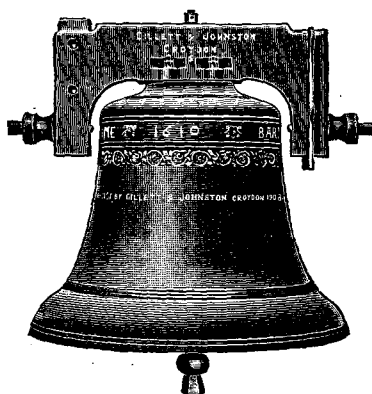
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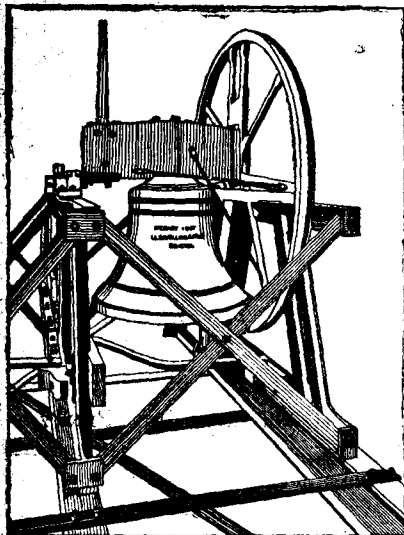
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## THE BISHOP OF GLOUCESTER AT WICKWAR.

On Wednesday, August 27th, the new ring of six bells were dedicated at a service in Wickwar parish church, Gloucestershire.

A large congregation was assembled, including the Earl of Ducie, Messrs. F. F. Fox, E. A. Hichens, F. G. Ansell, R. A. Bennett, and A. A. Johnston (of Croydon).

The Bishop of Gloucester, who was present to perform the ceremony, in preaching the sermon took for his text Numbers x. 1, 2, 3: "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them, that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps. And when they shall blow with them all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation."

The Bishop was assisted at the service by the Rector (Rev. Canon Lyon), Rev. R. P. Davies (rural dean), and the Rev. E. R. Mosley (of Tortworth).

Two of the old bells were cracked, and the rest were badly out of tune, so that it was decided to recast the whole. They have been hung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, in a new iron frame, and with all new fittings, including cast iron stocks; and the go was pronounced to be perfect.

The tenor's note is G., the bell weighing 12 cwt., the whole peal has been tuned on the late Canon Simpson's principle, and the beautiful tone of the new bells, as compared with the old state of things, evoked the admiration of all who were present on the opening day.

The ringers from Thornbury came over for the day, and under the leadership of Mr. Howell, rung some excellent touches of Minor at the conclusion of the service.

## BELL RESTORATION (?).

The ringers of Finedon parish church have complained for a long time of the condition of the eight bells, but the authorities evidently value the opinions of anybody than that of the ringers. The village blacksmith was called in, also a carpenter, who pegged away all day, and when the ringers went up to ring they heard the noise, and upon enquiry were told the bells were being put right! Then the verger came up to try them! He cannot ring, but managed to pull one off, and exclaimed: "They go a lot better now." (He has never rung rounds in his life.) Still reluctant, the powers that be asked the advice of a society that watches the repair of old buildings but our readers will note with interest that the matter is likely to be ventilated. The following letter appeared in the *Northampton Telegraph* of September 4th:—

## "RESTORATION OF FINEDON BELLS."

"SIR,—The Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings is a valuable institution, and in these days of vandalism one to be commended. But like all other things mundane, the society exceeds the limit of its usefulness at times, and strays into channels where its want of knowledge is too painfully apparent. A case in point is the question of restoration of church bells. The secretary of this society says: 'This society always recommends oak frames, considering that an oak frame does not try an ancient tower by vibration nearly so much as a steel frame, and its experience is that a steel frame affects the tone of good bells by imparting a metallic and clanging sound to them. . . . Of course there are one or two firms of bellhangers who disagree with the society, but on the whole the majority undoubtedly agree with us. The society will, if necessaries, give instances where bad results have followed the use of steel frames.'

"The statements above are diametrically opposed to truth and to fact. As a member of a society of ringers that has rung in more towers than the ancient society has ever been, I beg to say that not 'one or two' bellhangers, but all the great firms, only supply wood frames when specially wanted. All specify the iron frames. The reason is not far to seek. An iron frame resting upon girders which are built into the tower walls keeps the four sides of the tower bound together, and prevents vibration. This can be demonstrated to the merest novice in engineering skill. Again, there is no tone or sound above the shoulder of the bell. The crown or top is absolutely dead; in fact, if the top of the bell was cleanly cut off the tone of the bell would not deteriorate. This can be tested by striking a light blow upon a glass or lamp shade which has a passage right through the top. The bells hang upon axles from its 'dead' part (i.e. the crown), and it is impossible therefore to transmit any sound to the frame or vice versa. If the iron or steel frame affects the sound of the bells, how is it that the society does not condemn the iron clapper? Here is an iron ball deliberately striking the bell, and for hundreds of years it has been overlooked! The society ought to recommend a wooden mallet or a rolling-pin to be consistent.

"I cheerfully invite the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings to give, not several instances where iron or steel frames have affected the tone of the bells, but just one—one that can be investigated. It goes without saying that we of the ringing fraternity will find a man to take the platform against any that the society can produce. Exeter Cathedral bells, the heaviest in the world, are in an iron frame; St. Patrick's, Dublin, ditto; the ring of 12 at St. Giles's, Cripplegate, London, are being rehung from wood to steel frame; in fact all modern peals are being fitted up in the modern fashion. Experience has taught something, and rectors and churchwardens would do well to exercise their own common sense and obtain evidence from practical ringers who travel far and wide rather than surrender to fossilized opinions suited only to the mediæval ages,

W. WILSON."

## BARTHOMLEY CHURCH, CHESHIRE.

The six old bells of this historical Cheshire church are now at the Loughborough foundry, being quarter-turned, and are to be fitted up in new frames, with all modern accessories. Two new trebles are to be added. The 25th of September is fixed for the opening-day, when eight members of the Chester Guild will attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples.

## RUMNEY, CARDIFF.

A sum of £57 10s. 6d. was realised by the tea and sports, etc., held in aid of the fund for providing bells for St. Augustine's church, Rumney. The function, which was organised by Mrs. Edmunds, of The Elms, and friends, proved most successful.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5th, the annual meeting of the Furness and Lake District branch was held at Silverdale, near Carnforth, when about twenty-five ringers were present from Ambleside, Brathay, Broughton-in-Furness, Dalton-in-Furness, Kendal, Silverdale, Grange-over-Sands and Burton. During the morning eight members from Brathay and Ambleside took the opportunity of visiting Burton, when touches of Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet, Kent, Oxford, and Plain Bob were rung. A pleasant drive of six miles across the country brought us to Silverdale, where touches of London Surprise, Canterbury Pleasure, Violet, Kent, and Plain Bob were rung by mixed bands. At four o'clock a move was made for tea, at the conclusion of which the meeting was held, Mr. W. T. Clark, of Broughton-in-Furness, presiding. Lancaster was chosen for the next half-yearly meeting, to be held the first Saturday in March next.

Owing to an alteration in the place of meeting, the ringers were deprived of the presence of the Vicar, who had cycled over from Carnforth to be present, but who afterwards visited the belfry, and gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Silverdale.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

Owing to extensive repairs to the belfry floor, etc., at St. Michael's, Southampton, the usual monthly practice which should have been held on Saturday, September 5th, had to be abandoned, likewise all ringing there until further notice. However, on Saturday, the 5th instant, a good practice for Superlative Surprise Major was held at St. Martin's, Salisbury, it being the usual practice-night. The tower was very kindly given over to the visitors, which included Messrs. Wilkes and Wilkes, who had cycled over twenty-four miles; M. Stewart by motor cycle; and Messrs. Tucker, George, and Valentine; Messrs. Gifford, Rumming and Macey, of the local band, making up the party, and although nothing but plain courses were accomplished, it is hoped a good touch may be brought off at the next practice at Romsey Abbey.

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## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

The members of the North and East District of the above Association held a meeting at All Saints' church, Edmonton, on Saturday, the 12th inst. There was a very satisfactory attendance. The Vicar, the Rev. E. A. B. Sanders, was good enough to hospitably entertain all who came at the new parish hall, and addressed them in language of kindly welcome, which ringers so highly appreciate. Among the new members elected at the meeting was Miss Edith Parker, daughter of Mr. J. Parker, who earlier in the day gave evidence, while ringing the treble in a touch of Superlative Surprise, that she inherits her father's talent. This young lady has now joined the Association, and we fully anticipate that, at no very distant date, she will be found ringing Bristol Surprise with the Edmonton band.

After evensong, the members were photographed by Mr. E. S. Poll, of Walthamstow, in what remained of daylight, and if the picture be successful, we can only say that it will form a very welcome memento of a very interesting occasion.

Altogether, it was a great opportunity for ringers to be associated with the local band in ringing Surprise methods, but it is only fair to say that Grandsire and Stedman were also rung, and that everybody seemed to be busily and happily engaged so long as the ringing lasted.

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

On Saturday, September 5th, this being the date selected for the annual excursion, the majority of the members availed themselves of the facilities granted by the G.E.R. for travelling in a special carriage connected with the 6.40 a.m. train to London. The party were met by Mr. E. Horrex, formerly of Ipswich, who conducted them to a restaurant, where breakfast was partaken of. Then on to the Franco-British Exhibition. Here the numerous and wonderful attractions soon whiled the hours away, and a move was made to the church of St. Mary-le-Bow, previous arrangements with Mr. W. T. Cockerill placing the bells at our disposal. We were met by Messrs. Cockerill, Horrex, O'Meara, Gibbs, Rowbotham, Garrard, Golding, etc. A course of Kent Treble Bob Maximus and Stedman Cinques was rung. After a convivial half-hour the time for the return journey came round, and wishing their London friends good-night, the party left by the 8.50 p.m. train for Ipswich, after a most enjoyable day. They wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Rector of St. Mary-le-Bow for the use of the bells. M.

## ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

Saturday, August 22nd, was the day selected for the annual fete of the parish church society, and it was decided to pay a visit to the beautiful town of Bridgnorth. Negotiations were opened with our friend Mr. Overton, who kindly undertook the preliminary arrangements, and, accompanied by several of the local ringers, most hospitably met our company of about fifteen ringers and friends on our arrival at Bridgnorth. After a slight adjournment for refreshments, tracks were made for St. Leonard's church, the various items of interest in this quaint and ancient town being pointed out and descanted upon by our kindly guides as we proceeded. Arrived at St. Leonard's, and after a careful survey of this fine old



parish church—in many respects unique—we mounted to the ringing chamber. He we found not only a model for well regulated sound, light, and every other comfort, but also a remarkably fine ring of eight, which were raised and soon set going to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Most of the party ascended to the top of the tower, which commands a very extensive view of the surrounding country.

The next item on the programme was a substantial tea arranged for by friend Overton at The Castle restaurant, and it is hardly necessary to relate how satisfactorily it was attended to. At its conclusion a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens of Aston—the Rev. Canon Sutton and Messrs. James and Edwards—for their kindness in providing all refreshments, and regret was generally felt that those genial gentlemen were unable to be with us that day.

Tea over, and after a walk through the Castle Grounds, overlooking both High and Low Towns, St. Mary's church was visited, where were found a nice handy ring of six bells, with the local ringers all ready to welcome us and place the bells at our disposal. Touches of Grandsire and Bob Minor were nicely struck by mixed bands of the visitors and local ringers, after which another short touch brought up the time for the return journey. The elements were particularly kind, the rain keeping off until we were under shelter on our return.

Every member of the party was pleased with the visit, and expressed the wish that it might not be long before another one was paid to Bridgnorth. Our best thanks are hereby tendered to the Rectors of St. Leonard's and St. Mary's for the use of their bells, to the ringers of both towers for so kindly meeting and welcoming us, and more especially to Mr. Overton for making the arrangements, and suggestions for our comfort.

J.

### Date Touches.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NEWHALL (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, September 2nd, a date touch of Bob Minor in 1 hr. 10 mins. G. Baseley, J. Godfrey, D. Cotton, J. H. Stretton, H. Hurdman, J. Hough conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. John Clay, of Ambleside.

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SEALE (Surrey).—On Friday, August 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Lowman, W. Russell, C. Edwards, F. Elliott, T. Upshall, F. E. Dawe conductor.

ODIHAM (Hants).—On Saturday, September 12th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Bashford, G. Upshall, F. Elliott, E. Newell, T. Upshall, C. Edwards conductor. And 360 Bob Minor, A. Baigent ringing the 3rd.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HYTHE (Kent).—On Saturday, August 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. A. R. Manning, W. Wood, P. W. Crunden, W. Bidnall, T. A. Vincett, S. A. Gower, S. Binfield conductor, B. B. Baker. First quarter-peal of Stedman on the bells.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KELSEALE (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, June 21st, after Divine Service, two courses of Treble Bob Major and a course of Bob Major. W. Fleming, G. Thompson, E. Youngs, A. J. Berry, W. Drew, H. Phillips, M. Thompson, F. Watling.

SAXMUNDHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, June 21st, the following methods: 720 each off Double Court Minor, 720 Woodbine, and 720 Kent. W. Sawyer, E. Youngs, H. Puttock, J. Starling, A. J. Berry, F. Watling conductor.

BENHALL (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, June 21st, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and 360 Kent. W. Sawyer, E. Youngs, H. Puttock, J. Starling, A. J. Berry, F. Watling conductor.

HORHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, June 28th, after Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. Whitten, G. Fisk, E. Youngs, J. Nollar, A. Watling, A. J. Berry conductor.

EARL SOHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, July 12th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob. B. Buckle, E. Youngs, W. G. Crickmer, A. J. Berry, J. Mallett, W. Rose conductor.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NEWHALL (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, August 30th, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor in 46 mins. G. Baseley, J. Godfrey, D. Cotton, J. H. Stretton, H. Hurdman, J. Hough conductor.

LEICESTER.—On Monday, August 31st, at the church of St. John the Divine, 518 Grandsire Triples. Miss Lilian Willson, W. Willson, jun., T. Bottrill, J. Harris, J. Tomlinson, J. W. Beckwith, W. Willson conductor, J. Smith.

LONDON.—On Tuesday, September 8th, at the Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, on handbells, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. W. Hazell, 1-2; S. Lawrence (conductor), 3-4; F. Conn, 5-6.

SOUTH WIGSTON (Leicestershire).—On Tuesday, September 8th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. \*Miss Lilian Willson, \*L. Willars, W. Willson, jun., J. Clarke, \*G. Huddleston, J. Willars, W. Willson conductor, \*J. Britchfield. \*First quarter-peal.

### NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT APPLETON.—This peal was a noteworthy performance, as it was rang by two families, namely, White and Holifield. This is believed to be the first time a peal on ten bells has been rang by two families only. In honour of the event, Mr. G. Holifield gave a dinner, which was served by Mr. F. Tubb at The Plough, about twenty ringers and friends sitting down to an excellent repast. Dinner over, the chairman (Mr. F. White), proposed the health of "The King"; also that of the conductor of the peal—Mr. G. Holifield, which was drank with musical honours. Mr. Holifield, responding, said he was very pleased to be present that evening in honour of such an event, and he hoped the Appleton Society would still make further progress in the art of change-ringing. Mr. Stallard proposed the health of the Appleton ringers, and Mr. F. White suitably responded. During the evening songs were rendered by members of the company, and selections given on the handbells by the Appleton handbell ringers; also a piccolo solo and guitar accompaniment by Messrs. H. White and F. Tubb, and two excellent songs by Miss F. Lambourne. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. F. Tubb for providing the dinner, and also to the Rector for the use of the bells, which brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Albert E. Reeves, Assistant Secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, has removed from 377, London Road, Reading, to 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

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By WILLIAM WILLSON, *Leicester.*

5004.

23456

23456978 I 3 I  
 35426 8th in 3  
 52436 8th in 3  
 63254 8th in 2

45362 8th in 2  
 34562 9th in 3  
 54263 8-9  
 25463 9th in 3  
 42563 9th in 3  
 52364 8-9  
 35264 9th in 3  
 23564 9th in 3  
 53462 8-9  
 43265 8-9  
 24365 9th in 3  
 32465 9th in 3

This part repeated, calling first course 9th in 3 single  
 in lieu of 8th in 2, produces—

24563978

45326789\*

52346 9th in 3  
 35246 7th in 3  
 23546 7th in 3  
 34526 9th in 3  
 42536 9th in 3  
 54236 7th in 3  
 25436 7th in 3  
 53426 9th in 3  
 32456 9th in 3  
 43256 7th in 3  
 24356 7th in 3

This part repeated, calling first course 9th in 3 single,  
 brings rounds. \* 6th in and out at 2 with singles, and 8th  
 in 3. This composition has the 6th her extent behind the  
 9th in the tittums, and her extent home in the natural  
 backstroke position.

## LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

By FREDERICK DENCH, *College Youths.*

5184.

23456 B IN &amp; 5ths W

63254 - -  
 32654 - -  
 26354 - -  
 56234 - -  
 62534 - -  
 25634 - -  
 35264 - -  
 52364 - -  
 23564 - -

Twice repeated.

## CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By FREDERICK DENCH.

5120.

23456 B IN M W 4th H

764253 - -  
 62534 x - -  
 52436 - -  
 23564 x - -  
 56234 - -

Four times repeated.

The tenors are only parted four leads in each part, and  
 it is the first peal in the method in this number of changes.

## DOUBLE NORWICH ROYAL.

By W. H. INGLESANT.

5040.

23456 I 3 8

45263 S - -  
 56243 - -  
 64253 - -  
 34652 - -  
 \*45326 - -  
 53426 - -  
 34526 - -  
 52346 - -  
 23546 - -  
 35246 - -  
 24536 S - -  
 45236 - -  
 52436 - -  
 54236 S - -  
 42536 - -  
 25436 - -

Repeat last twelve courses, calling first course marked  
 \* s at 1, bob at 8, instead of 3, 8. Has the 6th her extent  
 at home.

## BOB MAJOR.

A FIVE-PART PEAL.

By ALBERT E. SEERS, *Bath.*

5040.

W M R  
 43625 S B  
 64532 B B  
 26543 B S  
 52364 B B  
 36524 B B  
 53462 B B  
 45236 B B  
 24653 B B  
 62345 B B

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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. John's, South Hackney, on the 21st; St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on the 24th; St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 22nd; all at 8 p.m.

The 271st anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 14th. Members are requested to attend the meeting on October 6th, to discuss what the name shall be for the peal of Royal rung at Stepney on November 11th last.

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

**The London County Association late the St. James's Society**—Established 1824.—The sixth annual grand Bohemian Concert will be held on Saturday, October 10th, at The Talbot restaurant, London Wall, City. Doors open at 7.15 p.m., commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission only by programme, price 6d. reserved seats 1s., to be obtained from the following officers and committee: Messrs. Matthews, Winney, Daniell, Ellis, Smith, Neale, Bevan, Iles, Perrin, Davis, Scambler, Turner, Simons, and Hairs. During the afternoon several towers will be open for ringing peals and touches, announcement of which will be made later.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill.

**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. George's, Gravesend, to-day, Saturday, September 19th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Church House at 5.30. Business meeting after tea, when the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place.

A OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
65, Clive Road, Rochester.

**The Essex Association.**—South-Western Branch.—The annual district meeting will be held at Barking to-day, Saturday, September 19th. Bells available after 3 o'clock. Tea at The Red Lion at 5.30. (1s. 6d.), members 6d. Business meeting to follow.

G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at Ruspur to-day, Saturday, September 19th. Tower open at 3.

R. J. DAWB, *Hon. Div. Sec.*  
15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—By kind permission of the Vicar—the Rev. B. Irwin—the September meeting will be held at Saltburn-by-the-Sea to-day, Saturday, September 19th. Ring of eight, tenor 23 cwt. Circulars next week.

CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*  
40, Percy Street, Rotherham.

**The Salop Guild.**—Meeting at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, to-day, Saturday, September 19th, at 2.30 p.m.

COLE-HAMILTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dibden, near Southampton, to-day, Saturday, September 19th. The tower of the

church will be opened at 2.30. Tea in the parish schoolroom at 5.30

JAS. W. ELKINS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Caistor on Saturday, September 26th. By kind permission of the Rev. W. F. W. Westbrooke the bells will be available from 11 a.m. A service will be held in the church at 4 o'clock. Tea at The White Hart hotel at 4.45. Meeting afterwards. Members intending being present please notify Mr. A. M. Hardy, High Street, Caistor, on or before Tuesday, September 22nd.

J. W. SEAMER, *Hon. Sec.*  
99, Legsby Avenue, Grimsby.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, September 26th. Tower open at 2 o p.m. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock, followed by tea (1s each) at 4.45 in the girls' school. Tea will only be provided for those who send in their names to Mr. B. Sugden, Duffield Bank, Derby, not later than the previous Thursday. By the kindness of Sir Arthur Heywood, the grounds of Duffield Bank will be open to visitors during the afternoon.

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

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—North and East District.—The district annual meeting will be held on Saturday, September 26th, at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. D. Stooks. The bells will be raised about 3 p.m. Tea will be provided on the usual terms at The Cherry Tree hotel. The Hon. Sec. 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 would kindly send him an intimation

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

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly meeting will be held at Tong on Saturday, September 26th. Peal attempt 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at Greyhound inn 7 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Badsey, near Evesham (Littleton and Badsey stations 1 mile) on Saturday, September 26th. Service with address by the Vicar, the Rev. W. C. Allsebrook, at 4.15 p.m. prompt. Business meeting at Vicarage afterwards. Tea will be provided free for those sending in their names before Wednesday, September 23rd. The bells (8) will be available for ringing. All unpaid subscriptions should by then be received.

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

**The North Wales Association.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Ruthin, on Saturday, September 26th, at 3 o p.m. Afterwards tea will be provided by the Vicar and churchwardens. Those intending to be present please intimate same to Mr. R. H. Williams, 21, Clyd Street, Ruthin, not later than the 21st inst.

S. A. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
Lawreston, Llandudno.

**The Herts. Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Rickmansworth, on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea at Howe's, Church Street, at 5.45. 7d. a head.

H. EDEN,  
*Hon. Sec. West Div.*  
8, Highfield Road, Bushey.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at the parish church, Middleton, on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available from 4.30 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested, as business is very important.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Norwich on Thursday, October 1st. Special service at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.45. Dinner at 1.30 in the Mancroft Mission Hall. All the rings of bells in the city will be available. Members attending must send notice by September 29th. For full particulars see notice cards sent to masters of companies.

CHARLES E. BORRETT, *Secretary.*  
10, Chester Street, Norwich.

**The Lancashire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Manchester on Saturday, October 3rd. Any proposed alterations of rules, and nominations for the following official posts, viz., President, General Secretary, and Treasurer, must be sent in to the General Secretary not later than Monday, September 7th. All ringing reports up to the 31st inst., to be sent to the Ringing Secretary. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*  
4, Helena Street, Irlams O' Th' Height, Manchester.

J. H. BANKS, *Ringing Secretary.*  
462, Helmsshore Road, Helmsshore.

CHURCH CONGRESS AT MANCHESTER.

If there should be any of our ringing clergy attending the above who may desire to have a peal or a practice during Congress week, arrangements can be made with Mr. Wreaks or Mr. H. Chapman, 11, Beech Grove, Plymouth Grove, Manchester.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday, October 3rd. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Committee meeting at 5.30. Tea in parish room at 6. 1s. per head. Reports will be ready.

H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*  
38, Leicester Street, Wolverhampton.

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Peterstone-super-Ely on Saturday, October 3rd, at 4 o'clock. REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*  
JOHN W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—Members are requested to note that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the parish church, Fulham, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. W. C. Muriel, on Saturday, the 10th October next.

3 p.m. Members assemble at the church for ringing.  
5 p.m. Short service and sermon by the Vicar.  
6 p.m. Tea in the parish room, followed by the meeting.

Those desirous of having tea provided for them are requested to give intimation to that effect to the Hon. Secretary by the 5th October at the latest, in order that proper provision may be made.

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

**The William Verry Commemoration.**—The annual dinner will be held at The Red Lion hotel, Handsworth, on Saturday, October 17th. Details later on. R. FAUX, *Hon. Sec.*

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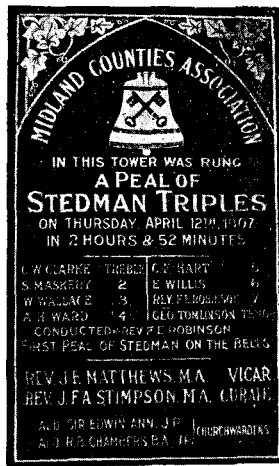
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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1908.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Cirencester branch was held on Saturday, September 5th, at the picturesque village of Chedworth. Representatives were present from the towers of Chedworth, Cirencester (Holy Trinity), Down Ampney, Northleach, and Swindon. Service took place at the church at four o'clock, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. G. E. Mackie), who gave a capital address from Psalm cl.

Tea was provided at The Seven Tuns inn after the service, at which Mr. Mackie presided, as well as at the subsequent meeting. The usual business was transacted, and Wroughton was selected as the place for the next meeting, to be held early in October. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Mackie for his kindness in arranging the service, for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting. The bells were rung before the service and during the evening. The Chedworth handbells were requisitioned, and with the attendance of the local brass band a very enjoyable time was spent.

### The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, September 12, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

HARRY FLANDERS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	ALBERT W. COLES .. .. 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 8.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 9.
ALBERT SEERS .. .. 5.	ALFRED N. HARDY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

### The Provinces.

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

On Friday, August 29, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

WILLIAM HOLIFIELD .. Treble.	HARRY HOLIFIELD .. .. 6.
EDMUND HOLIFIELD .. .. 2.	STEDMAN WHITE .. .. 7.
FREDK. WHITE, SEN. .. 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 8.
CUTHBERT WHITE .. .. 4.	RICHARD WHITE .. .. 9.
G. HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. .. 5.	FREDK. WHITE JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

#### BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JAMES W. TRAPPITT .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. FLOWMAN .. 6.
EDGAR BENNETT .. .. 2.	HENRY BROOKER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 3.	WILLIAM GROVES .. .. 8.
JAMES RUMBLE* .. .. 4.	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT .. 9.
ALFRED T. JONES† .. .. 5.	JAMES WIGNELL .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR BENNETT.

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

#### DEVONPORT, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHAPEL H.M. DOCKYARD,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor about 9 cwt.

JOSEPH WOODLEY* .. Treble.	*FRANK HOCKADAY .. .. 5.
GEORGE R. STROUD* .. 2.	WILLIAM FORD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM RUNDLE .. .. 3.	WALTER H. MARSH .. .. 7.
ARTHUR E. TOMLINS .. 4.	ERNEST W. MARSH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS, and Conducted by E. W. MARSH.

\*First peal of Bob Major.

#### HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 5.
PETER LAYLIN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 6.
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM COLEY .. Treble.	HARRY WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
ELIJAH WHITE .. .. 2.	GEORGE N. COCKEN .. .. 6.
VICTOR WHITE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. WEBB .. .. 7.
HARRY LEA .. .. 4.	ALFRED HACKETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by Wm. H. WEBB.

First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to their late ringing master, Mr. H. Raybould.

#### HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST C. DOBBIE* .. Treble.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 5.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. .. 2.	HARRY BARTON .. .. 6.
RICHARD S. STAINES .. 3.	FREDK. G. BRETT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WENBAN* .. .. 4.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. A. HOLDEN, and

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

\*First peal in the method.

#### EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES R. GREENLEY .. Treble.	LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS .. 4.
WALTER S. EVANS* .. .. 2.	JOHN HAMMOND .. .. 5.
WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. 3.	ANDREW W. POWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HAMMOND.

\*First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. R. S. Aldridge, for his kind hospitality before the peal.

#### WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 6, 1908, 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, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

GEORGE KEMP .. Treble.	ALPHAUS BERRY .. .. 4.
WILLIAM ROSE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 5.
THOMAS DAVY .. .. 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

W. Lambert was elected a member previous to starting.

#### STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 6, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ARTHUR E. WALL* .. Treble.	*JABEZ PREECE .. .. 4.
WALTER S. EVANS .. .. 2.	LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS .. 5.
JOHN HAMMOND .. .. 3.	*ALFRED HAMSHIRE .. Tenor.

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

\*First peal. This peal was rung for morning service. The treble 4th and tenor ringers belong to the local band.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 6, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDK. W. RICE .. .. Treble.	JOHN W. STEDDY .. .. 5.
OLIVER SIPPETTS .. .. 2.	ALFRED D. MILLS .. .. 6.
JOHN AKEHURST .. .. 3.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. 7.
JOHN RICE .. .. 4.	JACK PRESTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by JACK PRESTON.

## PENDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE HOYLE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE H. BEEVER .. .. 5.
SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. 2.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD .. .. 6.
JOSEPH OGDEN .. .. 3.	RICHARD NEWTON .. .. 7.
ROBERT DAVIES .. .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by WM. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

## WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, September 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN WILLIAM FITCHIE .. Treble.	JAMES ECCLES .. .. 4.
FREDERICK HARWOOD .. 2.	*CHARLES W. ECCLES .. 5.
ROBERT SANDERSON .. 3.	ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. FITCHIE.

\*First peal.

## WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE WIRKSWORTH SOCIETY.)

On Monday, September 7, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK TURNER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM FOX .. .. 5.
T. HARRY GREATORREX .. 2.	†GEORGE BOWMER .. .. 6.
FREDERICK JOHNSON .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN GREATORREX .. 7.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 4.	*EDGAR ALLEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATORREX.

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

## BISHOP AUCKLAND, DURHAM.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 8, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON Treble.	REV. H. J. ELSEE .. .. 5.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES .. 2.	REV. C. A. CLEMENTS .. 6.
REV. E. W. CARPENTER .. 3.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 7.
REV. W. W. C. BAKER .. 4.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. Tenor.

Composed by F. BENNETT, and

Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

For figures see Midland Counties Report peal 1014. First clerical peal in the method.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALPHAERUS BERRY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 5.
CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 2.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 6.
JESSE MOSS .. .. 3.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. 7.
HARRY MOSS .. .. 4.	JOHN SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

## DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 8, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Treble.	REV. H. J. ELSEE .. .. 5.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 2.	REV. C. A. CLEMENTS .. 6.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3.	REV. W. W. C. BAKER .. 7.
REV. E. W. CARPENTER .. 4.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

For figures see Midland Counties Report, Peal No. 982. This is the second clerical peal ever rung, and the first clerical peal of Major.

## TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 8, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE TEMPLE .. .. Treble.	CHARLES COLLIER .. .. 5.
HERBERT E. HOLDER .. 2.	HENRY W. BROWN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM DAVIS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 7.
GEORGE HILL .. .. 4.	JAMES FUSSELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY W. BROWN.

All the above are members of the Church of England Men's Society. First peal on tower bells by the Society.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 9, 1908, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER (CITY),

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

HUBERT C. CAVILL .. .. Treble.	FRANK K. HOWELL .. .. 5.
FRED G. MAY .. .. 2.	ALGERNON L. LEWTON .. 6.
WILLIAM LANSDOWN .. 3.	ISAAC LONG .. .. 7.
CHARLES DOWNING .. 4.	HENRY T. HOWELL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. H. A. Fleetwood, M.A., who was married on the same day at Charles Church, Plymouth.

## BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 10, 1908, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	JOHN SOUTER .. .. 5.
CHARLES BAKER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 6.
FREDERICK DAY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD .. 7.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. 4.	WILLIAM STEELE .. .. Tenor.

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



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

*On Thursday, September 10, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,**

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
**THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.**

ALBERT P. WAKLEY .. .. Treble.	GEORGE BULL .. .. 5.
ALFRED E. SMITH .. .. 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. .. 3.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 7.
REGINALD STONE .. .. 4.	EDWARD I. STONE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

\*First peal. First peal as conductor.

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES.**  
**THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**

*On Friday, September 11, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,**

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.**  
**Tenor 27½ cwt.**

REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Treble.	REV. E. W. CARPENTER .. 6.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 2.	REV. H. J. ELSE .. .. 7.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY .. 3.	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE .. 8.
J. THORNTON RICKMAN .. 4.	REV. W. W. C. BAEER .. 9.
REV. C. A. CLEMENTS .. 5.	REV. C. W. O. JENEYV .. Tenor.

Composed by C. WALLATER, and  
 Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

For figures see "BELL NEWS" December 17th, 1904. First peal  
 on ten tower bells by the Guild. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells.

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

*On Friday, September 11, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,**

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.**

F. S. WHITE .. .. Treble.	T. PAYNE .. .. 6.
S. HOUNSLOW .. .. 2.	W. C. HEDGES .. .. 7.
A. LAMBOURNE .. .. 3.	G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. 8.
A. FOX .. .. 4.	W. FINCH .. .. 9.
G. HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. 5.	*G. A. KING .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

\*First peal.

**MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,**

*On Friday, September 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,**

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

WALTER E. PAULSON* .. Treble.	JOHN SIDDALL .. .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	WILLIAM TAYLOR .. .. 6.
JOHN H. PAULSON .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN GREATORIX .. 7.
WILLIAM FOX .. .. 4.	JOHN TOPLIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATORIX.

\*First peal.

**SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(THE ANSTREY SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, September 12, 1908, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,**

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

JAMES HARRIS .. .. Treble.	EDWARD JACKSON .. .. 5.
ALBERT MASON .. .. 2.	THOMAS BOTTRILL .. .. 6.
ALEX. BRAMLEY .. .. 3.	HOBACE W. ABBOTT .. .. 7.
DANIEL RICHARDS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

This peal has the Queen's, Whittington's, and all its variations with  
 tenors parted, Tittums and the 6th wrong and twenty-four times right.

**WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, September 12, 1908, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

**Tenor 11½ cwt.**

JAMES TARBUN* .. .. Treble.	ALFRED TARBUN .. .. 5.
ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. 2.	HENRY HEAD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM NEWMAN* .. .. 3.	ALFRED WRIGHT .. .. 7.
ARTHUR HEAD .. .. 4.	*GEORGE WATERMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS, and Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

\*First peal of Bob Major. For composition see "BELL NEWS" of  
 August 22nd, 1908.

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*On Saturday, September 12, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

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WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

\*First peal in the method.

**Handbell Meals.**

**SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

*On Friday, September 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,*

**AT 33, HOLLY STREET,**

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.**

ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 1-2.	WALTER COATES .. .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3-4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 7-8.

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—G. O. Dixon.

**SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, September 12, 1908, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

**AT 33, HOLLY STREET,**

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

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

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**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, September 12, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,*

**AT THE RESIDENCE OF F. R. KETTLEBORO,**

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

WILLIAM LAMBERT .. 1-2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 5-6.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 3-4.	JESSE J. MOSS .. .. 7-8.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

Umpire—Harry Moss. This was the conductor's fiftieth peal on  
 handbells.

## Ringers' Outings.

THE ROMSEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual outing of the members of this Guild was held at Hastings on Saturday, August 22nd, the following towers being represented: Ashford, Headcorn, Rolvenden, Tenterden, and Blacklands. Some arrived early in the day by train, others later in the day on cycles, and after enjoying the various attractions, viz., the sea, a county cricket match, electric trams, etc., they met at Morris's dining-rooms in the Queen's Road, at 4 o'clock, and did full justice to an excellent tea provided from the Guild funds. Soon after 5 o'clock they met at Christ Church, Blacklands, and were welcomed by Mr. J. Livermore, one of the local band. The bells were raised, and a well-struck 672 Grandsire Triples was rung by

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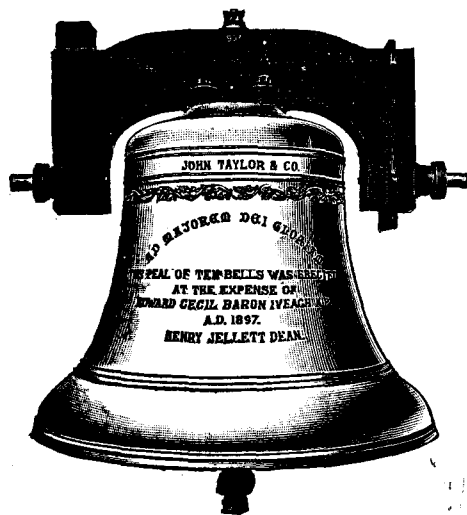
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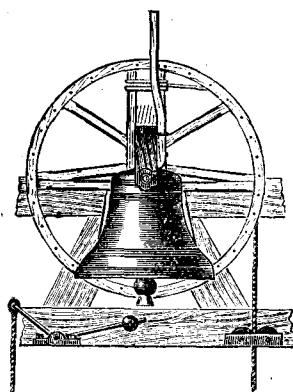
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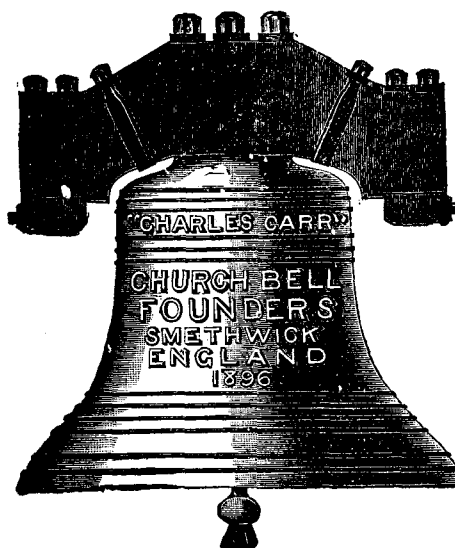
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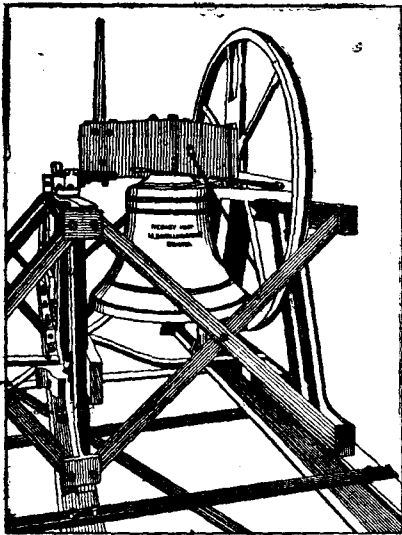
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## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Christchurch district was held at Lymington on Saturday, September 12th, there being a satisfactory attendance of members from Bournemouth (St. John's and St. Peter's), Christchurch, and Lymington, Mr. G. Williams, of Southampton, also attending.

Tea was partaken of at the Church House, the Vicar (Rev. C. Bostock) presiding, supported by the Rev. E. Dennett, Mr. G. Elliott and Mr. J. C. N. King, churchwardens.

After tea the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. It was decided to attempt the next quarterly peal at Ringwood. It was also decided to hold the annual meeting at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, in place of Christchurch, whose tower is undergoing repairs, consequently no ringing can be done there, probably until Christmas or longer.

Mr. J. N. King was elected an honorary member of the Guild, and Messrs. Figgures and Kerley ringing members. Mr. M. Stewart then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and for granting the use of the Church House and bells. The Vicar very suitably responded, expressing the pleasure it gave him and the churchwardens to welcome the Guild to Lymington at all times; also paying a most eloquent tribute to the Guild.

The remainder of the evening was spent in ringing touches of Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, and Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the Eastern Division of this Association was held on Saturday, the 12th instant, at Brightling.

Members to the number of fifty were present, representing the following branches: Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas, and St. Paul's), Christ Church, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, Christ Church Hastings, Christ Church Eastbourne, St. Clement's Hastings, Battle, Salehurst, Heathfield, Rotherfield, Brightling, etc.

Good practice was done in the standard methods, and several members rung their first touches.

Tea was partaken of at five o'clock by kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. J. E. Sturges-Jones, who presided, he also taking the chair at the business meeting which followed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It was decided to ring the next quarterly peal at Battle, Mr. Keith Hart conducting.

Mr. George Watson (general hon. sec.), proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Rector for providing so bountiful a tea, and also for his kindness in presiding. The Rector, in responding, said it was a great delight to him to see so many present. Taking into consideration that what an ungetatable place Brightling was, he hoped some day a certain peal of Bob Major would be rung on his bells.

The shortened service at six o'clock, at which all the members attended, was much appreciated, the singing being quite a feature of the service. The offertory (a special one) was given to the Pekin (China) bell fund.

Ringing was continued until eight o'clock, and brought to a close one of the most agreeable meetings the Association has ever held in this part of Sussex.

## THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the above was held at Alfreton on Saturday, September 12th, members being present from Ashover, Alfreton, Blackwell, Crich, Morton, South Normanton, Ripley, Swanwick, Selston, Tibshelf, Teversall, North and South Wingfield, Denby, and ringing friends from Matlock.

A substantial tea was provided by the Vicar (Rev. T. A. Moxon), to which forty-six sat down, in the parish room adjoining the vicarage.

The Vicar was heartily thanked for the tea, and for the use of the bells and room. In replying, the rev. gentleman said that it gave him great pleasure to welcome the members to Alfreton. He then alluded to the high value of ringers as church officers, and wished them always to remember, that after calling others to church, it was a duty (if possible) to remain themselves.

Mr. F. Watkinson was also duly thanked for making such good arrangements, thereby causing the meeting to be so pleasant. One and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves, train time coming too soon for many.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the North Bucks. branch was held at Calverton on Saturday, September 12th, when some forty ringers attended from the following towers - Calverton, Emberton, Newport Pagnell, Olney, Padbury, Sherington, Stony Stratford, Old Bradwell, and Old Wolverton.

At 3.30 p.m. an appropriate service was held in the parish church, conducted by the Rev. R. F. Rumsey (Rector), a splendid sermon being preached by Rev. E. R. Massey. Following the service, a tea was served in the schoolroom, and the business meeting was held subsequently. The president of the branch, Rev. J. R. Vincent (Senley), presided, and those present included the Rev. F. W. Bennitt (Bletchley), Rev. P. H. R. Hunter (Newport Pagnell), Mr. C. W. Clarke (Bedford), and Mr. F. W. Booth (hon. sec). The business was of a formal character. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Bletchley on December 5h.

During the afternoon and evening several good touches of Minor and Doubles were rung.

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## ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.

The annual meeting of this Guild was held at Shrewsbury, in St. Chad's vestry, on Saturday, September 19th. The Rev. J. Mackay, Vicar of Bromfield, presided. The Secretary, Rev. R. M. Cole-Hamilton, presented the annual report of the Guild. Reference was made to the loss sustained during the past year by the resignation of Mr. Mackay, who had ably filled the post of Secretary during the last thirteen years.

It was shown that twenty-seven new members and two honorary members had joined since the last annual meeting. Three quarterly meetings had been held at Dawley, Wellington, and Shifnal. Peals were reported as having been rung at Madeley and Wistanstow.

The financial statement showed a balance in favour of the Guild of £13 7s. 3d.

After the meeting a short service was held in St. Chad's church, when an address was given by the Secretary.

An adjournment was then made to the Church Room for tea, kindly provided by the Vicar of St. Chad's. The belfries of St. Chad's, St. Mary's, and St. Julian's, by kind permission of the respective clergy, were open to the ringers during the afternoon.

## CHARLES CHURCH, PLYMOUTH.

A very interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of the above church on Tuesday, September 8th. Mr. W. Marsh, conductor, on behalf of the ringers, presented the Rev. H. A. Fleetwood, M.A., late senior curate of Charles Church, with a Gladstone bag, on the occasion of his leaving Plymouth, and on his marriage with Miss Evelyn Douglass James, which took place at Charles Church on September 9th. Miss James is the oldest daughter of Charles Douglass James, esq., the donor of the two trebles at Charles, and a sidesman of the church.

The Rev. H. A. Fleetwood has accepted the living of Creting St. Mary, Suffolk, and in his reply to the presentation stated that at present there were no bells at Creting, but one of his first objects would be to try and raise a peal in memory of the late Rector. Mr. Fleetwood came to Plymouth from Bristol 3½ years ago. He has always been interested in ringing, and when the Charles Parochial Society was formed two years since he was one of the promoters. He has since worked very hard for the branch, seldom missing Sunday ringing, and attending practices when possible. At all times he has been one of us. Some three months ago he rang the treble through a 5040, his first peal, and the first by the Charles Society, a performance of which he is very proud.

After the presentation 630 Grandsire Caters was rung. G. Fowler, R. Dobson, F. Hockaday, G. Stroud, W. Rundle, E. Marsh, W. Hiscott, G. Williams conductor, W. Marsh, Rev. H. A. Fleetwood. On Wednesday, the bells were rung and fired for a wedding. In the evening Holt's ten-part was attempted, but was lost owing to the conductor missing the last bob of the ninth part. R. Dobson, E. Marsh, F. Hockaday, G. Stroud, W. Hiscott, W. H. Marsh, G. Williams, W. Shears. The Bristol band are to be congratulated on ringing a peal in honor of the event.

## CHRIST CHURCH, WANSTEAD, SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 5th, the members of the above society, accompanied by the Rev. A. W. Hands and Mr. E. Harry, enjoyed a very pleasant day's ringing in no less

than seven different villages in the beautiful Constable country near Colchester. The weather being fine the drives between the villages were much enjoyed.

Starting from Snaresbrook by the 6.13 a.m. train, we arrived at Colchester at 8.10. Here we were met by our genial guide, Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, Essex, and a pleasant drive of about four miles brought us to The Rose and Crown inn, Great Horkesley, where breakfast was in readiness, and it was much appreciated by all. At 9.30 the church was reached, and ringing began with a touch of Plain Bob, followed by a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. During this time Mr. E. Harry was busy with his camera taking photographs of this interesting church. Leaving here at 10.30 we drove to Nayland (Suffolk), where there is a good ring of six, which were soon going to touches of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. Here again the camera man well to the fore in taking photos. of a very old window with quaint wood carving on the sill, abutting on the main street. After a few minutes' adjournment for refreshment, our next move was to Stoke-by-Nayland, where we found a very heavy ring of six, the tenor said to be 28 cwt. The bells are hung in the following order: 1, 2, 3, 6, 4, 5, but even with this difficulty, and a poorly-lighted ringing chamber, we managed to ring two touches of Plain Bob and a 6-score of Oxford Treble Bob. A 720 of Plain Bob was lost when two-thirds through, the ringer of the 2nd becoming unharnessed in the middle.

Our next move was to The Angel inn, Stoke, where a splendid dinner had been provided, and to which ample justice was done, course-ends coming up in fine style. 2.45 saw us again on the road to Higham, with another peal of six. Here the bells are hung in a circle from right to left, which is rather confusing at first. However several touches were rung, and our friend Mr. Harry had in the meantime fixed up his camera, so that when we emerged from the church, we were requested to fall into line for that dreaded ordeal—a snapshot.

From here our journey was to Stratford St. Mary, a beautiful peal of six, where we managed to ring a 360 of Plain Bob and 360 Kent Treble Bob. Leaving here we crossed the river again into Essex, arriving at The Gun inn, Dedham, about 5.15 for tea. After we had paid attention to the inner man, the Rev. A. W. Hands in a few well-chosen words, tendered a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Nevard for the splendid arrangements he had made for the comfort of all. A short walk from here brought us to Langham church, where there is a ring of six bells. The bells were soon going to Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and finally a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was brought round. A return was then made to Dedham, and a pleasant drive of about four miles brought us to Ardleigh, where there is a peal of eight bells. Here we rang several touches of Kent Treble Bob, and a course of Grandsire Triples, which brought to a close a most enjoyable day's ringing. Returning from Ardleigh by the 9.26 train, we arrived at Snaresbrook at 11.40 p.m.

The ringers wish to tender their thanks to the clergy of the different churches for their kindness in allowing them the use of the bells; and to Mr. Nevard for the able manner in which he looked after their comfort.

The ringers taking part were—W. J. Nevard, S. Hayes, G. Cornell, W. Smith, F. Squires, J. B. Marks, E. A. Lebbon. Conductors—S. Hayes, W. J. Nevard, F. Squires, and J. B. Marks. L.

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

## OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Thursday, September 3rd, the members of the parish society had their annual excursion to Shifnal, Salop. The party, which included Superintendent Hill, Messrs. Cooper, Rose, Forrest, Evans, Turner, Vickers, Moore, all leading tradespeople of Oldbury, and Mr. J. Carter (Birmingham), Mr. Bradney (Shifnal), journeyed by train to Wolverhampton, where they were met by a coach and fine team of four chestnuts. Driving through Tettenhall to Albrighton, where, owing to the sudden death of the Vicar, the bells were rung muffled, time only allowing for two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Tong Castle was the next stop, where special permission had been granted to drive through the beautiful grounds, a concession which has only been allowed twice during the last twenty years. Here Mr. Bradney acted as guide. After viewing this stately old castle (the ancient family seat of the Vernons), Tong Church was next on the programme. This is one of the most historic churches in England, full of memorials, statues and mementoes of the Vernon family and the clergy, dating back over five centuries. The old carved oak seats of the chancel and the various memorials aroused much interest, Mr. Bradney supplying explanations and details, which were much appreciated. This ancient building contains the oldest ecclesiastical library of any church in England, and there is a side chapel, an exact representation of Henry the Seventh's chapel in Westminster Abbey. Owing to the extraordinary long draught, it is most difficult to have good striking on this pretty ring of six bells, but a very fair 6-score of Grandsire and other plain ringing was done. Afterwards they visited the old belfry, the steps leading to which are much worn, and saw the "huge" bell, which is only rung on state occasions. They then proceeded to Shifnal, calling on the way at the famous hostelry, The Bell O' Tong. A splendid dinner was served at The Crown inn by host Jake, a well-known and respected ringers' caterer. Superintendent Hill was voted to the chair, and on behalf of the ringers expressed the thanks to everybody who had subscribed towards the outing. This was supported by Mr. Jaggar, who also tendered apologies from several gentlemen unable to be present, including Mr. Godden, much to everyone's regret. After some musical contributions, and the usual votes of thanks to the host and Mr. J. Bradney, the party drove through Bonningdale, calling at The Horns, arriving at Wolverhampton at 10 p.m., catching the 10.45 train for home, everyone voting this one of the best outings ever had.

## ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.

Several members and friends of the above society visited Mapledurham on Saturday, September 12th, and spent a very pleasant afternoon and evening. Arriving about 2.30 they were met by the local band, who had previously arranged a cricket match with them. The match over, which ended in a tie of 82 runs each, tea was provided on the ground, after which a move was made for the tower, where a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by Messrs. Cullum, Hands, Green, Essex, Irvine, E. W. Menday (conductor). Also 720 of Bob Minor by Messrs. Frankum, Hibbert (conductor), Gilbey, Cullum, E. G. Frankum, and Simmonds. And several 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles with Miss I. Frankum, W. Deacon, and E. Nash standing in; and a short touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor, bringing a very successful outing to a close.

## DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By E. BARNETT, SEN., Crayford.

5248.

23456 1 4 5 6

54326 - -

43526 - -

35426 - -

24536 - -

45236 - -

52436 - -

32654 - -

26354 - -

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\*52634 - -

\*36254 - -

23465 - -

34265 - -

42365 - -

43265 - s

32465 - -

24365 - -

25346 - -

53246 - -

32546 - -

35246 - s

52346 - -

23546 - -

Repeated.

Reduced to 5024 by omitting the three bobs marked with an asterisk in one part only.

First rung at Crayford as a 5024 on Tuesday, September 15, 1908, conducted by the composer.

## SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By W. H. INGLESANT.

5280.

23456 M W H

56423 5THS &amp; 4THS -

45623 - -

64523 - -

52643 - -

65243 - -

32546 - -

53246 - -

25346 - -

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## EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.

Several ringers of the Central Northamptonshire Association visited the above place on a recent Saturday. Several short touches were rung on the bells, including 240 Kent Treble Bob by Messrs. Rowledge, Moore, Law, Hopper, Rollings, Wilford (conductor). Also a course of Kent Treble Bob with F. Green on the treble. And 360 Bob Minor by Messrs. Rowledge, Green, Moore, Wilford (conductor), Rellings, and Law. And 720 Bob Minor by Messrs. Slarke, Key, Law, Moore, Hopper (conductor), and Wilford. This is the first 720 by Mr. Slarke, great credit being due to him for the manner in which he rang. Mr. Slarke had provided an excellent tea. After tea Mr. Slarke's fine peal of handbells were used for tune and change-rings.

Mr. F. Wilford proposed hearty thanks to the Rector of Easton Neston (Rev. R. C. Collins), for the use of the bells. He also said how much they were indebted to Mr. Slarke for once more inviting them, and so kindly providing for their needs. He congratulated him on ringing his first 720, and that he had been restored to health.

Mr. Slarke thanked Mr. Wilford and the visitors, saying how much he had enjoyed meeting them, and hearing their bells so well rung.

## HANDBELL RINGING CONTEST.

The fifty-fourth annual handbell ringing contest took place at Bell Vue Gardens, Manchester, on Monday, September 21st, when eleven sets of ringers gave their best renderings of a selection from Verdi's opera *La Traviata*, which had been specially chosen for the contest. Eight of the bands hailed from Yorkshire, two from Lancashire, and one from Birmingham, therefore it must be granted at once that the Yorkshire dialect was very much in evidence all over the Gardens throughout the day; also each company had its own partisans or friends, who greeted them with boisterous shouts at the beginning and end of their performance. This kind of thing at previous competitions caused the judges to issue a large printed placard prohibiting all applause, but the notice had no effect on the audience, who yelled and shouted as bad as ever.

It will be remembered that for six years out of the last seven, the Crossland Moor ringers have carried off the first prize; but this year, in consequence of their three last victories, they were barred out until 1909. Not to be denied however, they instructed their sons and friends, and brought a band of lads from Crossland Moor, who to the astonishment of many people, rang exceedingly well, so that again and for the first time in Belle Vue history, the premier honours went to the same place for the fourth time in succession.

The prizes were as follows:—

1st.—Crossland Moor United Junior, £15.

2nd.—Royston United, £10.

3rd.—Dewsbury, £8.

4th.—Lane, Holmfirth, £6.

5th.—Barnsley, £3.

6th.—Birstall (St. Saviour's), £2.

7th.—Almondbury Juniors, £2.

8th.—Clifton, £2.

9th.—Pendlebury, £2.

The last four were consolation prizes awarded in order of merit. Judges—Mr. George Pritchard (London); Mr. R. Johnson, Professor of Music (Manchester).

## 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."

## "METHODS."

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Carter, the method rung as London Royal is certainly not illegitimate. It is a good first-class Surprise ten-bell method. Neither is the one I gave last week illegitimate, or others of its class, unless you are prepared to maintain that the name is of more importance than the thing itself. But the method report covers this ground, and I stand

by the method report. The method Mr. Carter gave is illegitimate for this reason: that it has not proper lead-ends, and that the leads do not balance. This last thing it is that condemns Yorkshire Court. In that case it resulted in internal falseness, and I should not be surprised if all such methods turned out false. That you can't turn Kent Treble Bob into a Cater method has nothing to do with the question. You can't have any Cater method on the Treble Bob principle. We are only talking about the plain principle. Also Mr. Carter should not speak of it as my system. I did not originate it. I only advocate it because I have proved it to be true.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

## AN EXPLANATION.

SIR,—It has been pointed out to me that the statement in my article of the week before last that you cannot have the bells in 5-6 reversed in Superlative is not correct. I meant it to be read with the condition I had just laid down, viz., the 4th and 6th the extent in 6ths in full courses, i.e. without bobs before. I may refer those who want to know under what conditions the bells in 5-6 may be reversed to the very full investigation published by Sir Arthur Heywood in "THE BELL NEWS" a few years ago. If my memory serves me aright both Sir Arthur and Mr. Dains have peals with five pairs of bells reversed in 5-6.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

## TO THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE AND OTHERS.

SIR,—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Long Eaton, Derbyshire, on Saturday, June 20th, was a Midland Counties Association peal, and it should have been so described when first published.

W. E. WHITE.

## INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—In your issue of August 1st last was published an article by Mr. R. A. Daniell, entitled "When was my parish church built"? I have tried to get this pamphlet through my local newsagent, and he has failed to obtain the same for me. I gave him full particulars as published. Would you kindly inform me in your columns next Saturday through whom I can procure a copy, for I should greatly like to understand antique architecture and the chronology of same.

G. E. SYMONDS.

[Perhaps Mr. Daniell or some one else can give the information required.]

## MR. BERTRAM PREWETT'S 500 PEALS.

On Tower Bells:—				Rung.	Conducted.
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	...	...	...	1	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	...	...	...	1	
Stedman Cinques	...	...	...	24	
New Cambridge Surprise	...	...	...	3	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	...	...	...	9	
Stedman Caters	...	...	...	82	3
Grandsire Caters	...	...	...	1	
Bristol Surprise Major	...	...	...	8	
London Surprise Major	...	...	...	42	
Cambridge Surprise Major	...	...	...	1	
New Cambridge Surprise Major	...	...	...	10	4
Superlative Surprise Major	...	...	...	117	20
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	...	...	...	18	
Treble Bob Major	...	...	...	2	1
Bob Major	...	...	...	2	
Stedman Triples	...	...	...	151	35
Grandsire Triples	...	...	...	8	1
On Handbells:—					
Stedman Cinques	...	...	...	4	
Stedman Caters	...	...	...	9	
Stedman Triples	...	...	...	7	2
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# Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**  
The 271st anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 14th. Members are requested to attend the meeting on October 6th, to discuss what the name shall be for the peal of Royal rung at Stepney on November 11th last.

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

**The London County Association late the St. James's Society.**—Established 1824.—The sixth annual grand Bohemian Concert will be held on Saturday, October 10th, at The Talbot restaurant, London Wall, City. Doors open at 7.15 p.m., commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission only by programme, price 6d. reserved seats 1s., to be obtained from the following officers and committee: Messrs. Matthews, Winney, Daniel, Ellis, Smith, Neale, Bevan, Iles, Perrin, Davis, Scambler, Turner, Simons, and Hairs. During the afternoon several towers will be open for ringing peals and touches, announcement of which will be made later.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill.

**The Royal Cumberland Youths.**—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, October 3rd, to which all members and friends are cordially invited. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at The Nag's Head at 5.30, 8d. each to those who let me know by Thursday, October 1st. It is hoped St. Saviour's tower will be open in the evening. A social will be held afterwards.

F. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*  
31, Haris Lane, New Cross.

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Caistor to-day, Saturday, September 26th. By kind permission of the Rev. W. F. W. Westbrooke the bells will be available from 11 a.m. A service will be held in the church at 4 o'clock. Tea at The White Hart hotel at 4.45. Meeting afterwards.

J. W. SHAMER, *Hon. Sec.*  
99, Legsby Avenue, Grimsby.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Duffield to-day, Saturday, September 26th. Tower open at 2.0 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.0, followed by tea (1s. each) at 4.45 in the girls' school. By the kindness of Sir Arthur Heywood, the grounds of Duffield Bank will be open to visitors during the afternoon.

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

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—North and East District.—The district annual meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, September 26th, at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. D. Stooks. The bells will be raised about 3 p.m. Tea will be provided on the usual terms at The Cherry Tree hotel. The Hon. Sec. 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 would kindly send him an intimation.

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

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly meeting will be held at Tong to-day, Saturday, September 26th. Peal attempt 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at Greyhound inn 7 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Badsey, near Evesham (Littleton and Badsey stations 1 mile) to-day, Saturday, September 26. Service with address by the Vicar—Rev. W. C. Allsebrook, at 4.15 p.m. prompt. Business meeting at Vicarage afterwards. The bells (8) will be available for ringing. All unpaid subscriptions should by then be received.

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

**The North Wales Association.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Ruthin, to-day, Saturday, September 26th, at 3.0 p.m. Afterwards tea will be provided by the Vicar and churchwardens.

S. A. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
Lawreston, Llandudno.

**The Herts. Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Rickmansworth, to-day, Saturday, September 26th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea at Howe's, Church Street, at 5.45, 7d. a head.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec. West Div.*

8, Highfield Road, Bushey.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at the parish church, Middleton, to-day, Saturday, September 26th. Bells available from 4.30 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested, as business is very important.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Norwich on Thursday, October 1st. Special service at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.45. Dinner at 1.30 in the Mancroft Mission Hall. All the rings of bells in the city will be available. Members attending must send notice by September 29th. For full particulars see notice cards sent to masters of companies.

CHARLES E. BORRETT, *Secretary.*  
10, Chester Street, Norwich.

**The Lancashire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Manchester on Saturday, October 3rd. Any proposed alterations of rules, and nominations for the following official posts, viz., President, General Secretary, and Treasurer, must be sent in to the General Secretary not later than Monday, September 7th. All ringing reports up to the 31st inst., to be sent to the Ringing Secretary. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREARS, *General Secretary.*  
4, Helena Street, Irlams O' Th' Height, Manchester.

J. H. BANKS, *Ringing Secretary.*  
462, Helmschore Road, Helmschore.

## CHURCH CONGRESS AT MANCHESTER.

If there should be any of our ringing clergy attending the above who may desire to have a peal or a practice during Congress week, arrangements can be made with Mr. Wrears or Mr. H. Chapman, 11, Beech Grove, Plymouth Grove, Manchester.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday, October 3rd. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Committee meeting at 5.30. Tea in parish room at 6.1s. per head. Reports will be ready.

H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

38, Leicester Street, Wolverhampton.

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Peterstone-super-Ely on Saturday, October 3rd, at 4 o'clock. REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*  
JOHN W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, October 3rd.

A. RUST, *Hon. Sec.*  
I. HILLS, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at St. Andrew's church, Eastbank Street, Southport, on Saturday, October 3rd. Full particulars by circular. REV. W. T. BULPIT, *Hon. Secs.*  
W. BENTHAM.

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—Members are requested to note that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the parish church, Fulham, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. W. C. Muriel, on Saturday, the 10th October next.

3 p.m. Members assemble at the church for ringing.

5 p.m. Short service and sermon by the Vicar.

6 p.m. Tea in the parish room, followed by the meeting.

Those desirous of having tea provided for them are requested to give intimation to that effect to the Hon. Secretary by the 5th October at the latest, in order that proper provision may be made.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury on Saturday, October 10th. Bells at 4.30. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held at Cottenham on Saturday, October 10th. Tea at 5.

P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Poulton-le-Fylde on Saturday, October 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30.

GEORGE MARIES, *Branch Sec.*

**The Surrey Association.**—The autumn meeting will be held at Mitcham on Saturday, October 10th. Bells at the parish church will be available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at Mr. Bance's at 6 o'clock, and the usual business meeting to follow. CHAS DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*  
59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

**The Kent County Association.**—Maidstone District.—The district meeting will be held at Bearsted on Saturday, October 10th, when half fares up to 1s. will be paid. The belfry will be open for ringing at 4 p.m. Business meeting at the Institute Hall at 6 p.m. The Vicar has kindly consented to attend.

A. F. ASHMAN, *Dis. Sec.*

**The William Verry Commemoration.**—The annual dinner will be held at The Red Lion hotel, Handsworth, on Saturday, October 17th. Details later on. R. FAUX, *Hon. Sec.*

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. Thos. Ricketts, late of 19, Oxford Street, has removed to Turl Street, Swindon, Wilts.

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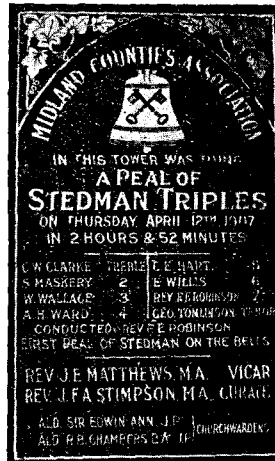
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1908.

## JUBILEE AT STOCKPORT.

Last week-end the 50th anniversary of the opening of Vernon Park, Stockport, was celebrated by a procession of Trades, Friendly Societies, etc., headed by bands of music, orchestral, military and choral music in the Park, which place was splendidly illuminated at night by Messrs. Brock, of London, with 14,000 electric lights and Chinese lanterns. On the 20th of September, 1858, there were very similar proceedings with the addition of bell-ringing, which the authorities arranged for; starting at 5 in the morning and going on until late at night, of which band of ringers only one now remains living, viz., Mr. William Gordon, who on Sunday last, the 20th September, performed the same office as he did half a century previously, by ringing the same bell and conducting all the ringing.

F. BROOKSBANK.—Send a stamped addressed envelope, and we will reply.

JAMES GEORGE.—List of peals next week.



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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

REV. W. POYNTON .. .. Treble.	HORATIO GUMMER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. 6.
RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. 3.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 4.	WILLIAM BAYLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Thursday, September 17, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN, GOSPEL OAK,

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

Being 720 each of Violet, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, and College Single. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST BONFIELD* .. .. Treble.	RICHARD BEVAN .. .. 4.
NEWLAND ALDERMAN* .. 2.	FRANK SMITH .. .. 5.
ALBERT BRIGHTMAN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. NUDDS.

\*First peal in seven methods.

**The Provinces.****MIDDLEHAM, YORKS.****CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, September 10, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being two 720s of Violet Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and one 720 each of New London Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

G. HANDLEY .. .. Treble.	J. SARGINSON .. .. 4.
W. SYKES* .. .. 2.	C. CLARKSON .. .. 5.
H. PARRISH .. .. 3.	H. C. PAULI .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. HANDLEY.

\*First peal.

**DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 12, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

CARTER'S No. 9.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD .. .. Treble.	EDMUND WILLIS .. .. 5.
CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 2.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN .. .. 6.
SAMUEL MASKREY .. .. 3.	WALTER WALLACE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BATES* .. .. 4.	CHARLES BRADLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER WALLACE.

\*First peal of Stedman. †First peal.

**LEISTON, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 12, 1908, in Three Hours and One Minute.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

NORMAN R. BAILEY .. .. Treble.	ERNEST S. BAILEY .. .. 5.
JAMES M. BAILEY .. .. 2.	EDGAR H. BAILEY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM DREW .. .. 3.	HENRY F. COOPER .. .. 7.
FREDERICK J. SMITH .. 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Arranged for H. F. Cooper, who was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

**WITHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, September 12, 1908, in Three Hours.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being seven 720s each called differently.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR J. HOLMES .. .. Treble.	ALBERT S. ALLEN .. .. 4.
JOHN W. LAKE .. .. 2.	CHARLES E. NEWHAM .. 5.
GILBERT GOSSWELL† .. 3.	JAMES OSBORNE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

†First peal. The ringer of the 5th was proposed a member before starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

**CALVERLEY, YORKS.****THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.***On Saturday, September 12, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED W. DIXON .. .. Treble.	*SYDNEY KEIGHLEY .. .. 5.
ROBERT CHILD* .. .. 2.	FRED WALLER .. .. 6.
WALTER POPPLEWELL .. 3.	CHARLES PRATT .. .. 7.
WALTER STANHOPE* .. 4.	SAMUEL WHEATLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOSEPH FLEMING, and Conducted by S. WHEATLEY.

First peal as conductor. \*First peal.

**DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.****THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 12, 1908, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. Treble.	JOHN FRYER .. .. 5.
DICK THORNTON .. .. 2.	THOMAS M. BARKER .. 6.
SMITH COLLISON .. .. 3.	FRANCIS BARKER .. .. 7.
GEORGE BARRON .. .. 4.	SYDNEY BARRON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS BARKER.

First peal by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and tenor.

**ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 12, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART, No. 1.

Tenor 15 cwt.

DAVID BARNES .. .. Treble.	RICHARD MORGAN .. .. 5.
JOHN LOWRY .. .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 6.
JOHN WHEADON .. .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 7.
JOSEPH SPOONER* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

\*First peal with a bob bell.

**CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.****THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 12, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two 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.

WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. Treble.	*JOSEPH SADDINGTON .. 4.
BERNARD SADDINGTON .. 2.	WALTER GILBERT .. .. 5.
FRANK KIRK .. .. 3.	FRED GILBERT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED GILBERT.

\*First peal in seven different methods.

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

On Monday, September 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. Treble.	RICHARD G. RICE .. 5.
LEWIS GREEN .. 2.	EDWIN J. MENDAY .. 6.
GEORGE IRVINE .. 3.	JOSEPH HANDS .. 7.
ERNEST W. MENDAY .. 4.	HENRY SIMMONDS .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

## BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWARD CAUNCE .. Treble.	GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 5.
JOSEPH WOODS .. 2.	*SAM W. STEWART .. 6.
JOSEPH CLIFFE .. 3.	JAMES MARTIN .. 7.
JAMES DILLON .. 4.	EDWIN BREEZE .. Tenor.

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\*First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells. For calling see Central Council Collection of peals, No. 118.

## PENDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 14, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lbs.

FRANCIS SMITH .. Treble.	A. EDWARD WREARS .. 5.
GEORGE E. TURNER .. 2.	SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. 6.
JOSEPH TURNER .. 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. 7.
JAMES H. RIDYARD .. 4.	WILLIAM H. SHUKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

## BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, September 15, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

DAVID BREARLEY .. Treble.	JAMES T. SHAW .. 5.
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 2.	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH .. 6.
SAMUEL HARRISON .. 3.	CLEMENT GLENN .. 7.
ARCHIE BREARLEY .. 4.	JOHN R. BREARLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and  
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Rung to celebrate the coming of age of the ringer of the 3rd, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

## SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, September 19, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

SAMUEL REEVES .. Treble.	EDMUND J. HYLAND .. 5.
FRANK WITHERS .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. 7.
JOHN WITHERS .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Dowler and Painter, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns.

## CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 16, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

PARKER'S TWELVE PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING .. Treble.	JAMES V. WRIGHT .. 5.
CHARLES DAVIES† .. 2.	JAMES MORGAN .. 6.
FRED WESTON* .. 3.	FRANK MILTON .. 7.
GEORGE PIERCE .. 4.	*JOHN DAVIES .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. Isaac Williams, a late churchwarden, who was interred that day.

## DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 17, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR AINGE .. Treble.	SIDNEY BARRON .. 5.
BERNAL E. HOWE .. 2.	FIFTH HOPWOOD .. 6.
SMITH COLLINSON .. 3.	FRANCIS BARKER .. 7.
JOSEPH BROADLEY .. 4.	DICK NEWTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS BARKEZ.

## ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1908, in Six Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 10,192 CHANGES.

JOHN J. JACKSON .. Treble.	EDWARD JACKSON .. 5.
ALBERT MASON .. 2.	THOMAS BOTTRILL .. 6.
ALEX BRAMLEY .. 3.	JAMES HARRIS .. 7.
DANIEL RICHARDS .. 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. Tenor.

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## EWELL, SURREY.

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

On Saturday, September 19, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt

ALFRED H. PULLING .. Treble.	EDWARD J. GROVE .. 5.
ALFRED H. WINCH .. 2.	FREDERICK GODDARD .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB .. 3.	JAMES HUNT .. 7.
CHARLES T. COLES .. 4.	CHARLES E. READ .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

The following peals are the result of a week's ringing in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire by members of the Midland Counties Association:—

## NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 12, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES GEORGE .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWITT .. 3.
REV. A. T. BRESTON .. 2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. 6.
GEORGE DENT .. 3.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Monday, September 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 5.
HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 2.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

## NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Monday, September 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Treble.	GEORGE DENT .. .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 6.
JOHN FLINT .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

## MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

On Tuesday, September 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 6.
HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 3.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 7.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

On Wednesday, September 16, 1908, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Treble.	GEORGE DENT .. .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 8.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 4.	GEORGE H. BEMROSE .. 9.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 5.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. Tenor.

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

## ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

On Wednesday, September 16, 1908, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Treble.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 3.	*JOHN FLINT .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method. First peal of Bristol on the bells, by the Association, and in the county. This is B. Prewett's 500th peal.

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On Thursday, September 18, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN FLINT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 6.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 3.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE DENT .. .. 4.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

First Surprise peal on the bells

## ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Friday, September 18, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES GEORGE .. .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.
JOHN FLINT .. .. 2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 3.	*BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 7.
GEORGE DENT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

## EASTWOOD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

On Friday, September 18, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt, 21 lbs.

HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Treble.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 5.
GEORGE DENT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method in the county.

## DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 19, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5005 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. Treble.	GEORGE DENT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 2.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 3.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 9.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 5.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This was the composer's 400th peal.

## WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 19, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 6.
JOHN FLINT .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 7.
HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

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On Monday, September 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

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

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S VARIATION. Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 2	ROBERT BRETT SMITH .. 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE SEN. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE 4.	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is the 150th tower the conductor has rang a peal in.

#### CRAYFORD, KENT.

On Tuesday, September 15, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 5.
ISAAC EMERY .. .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE SEN. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

#### LEE, KENT.

On Wednesday, September 16, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 5.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

#### Date Touches.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Wednesday, September 2nd, at the parish church, a date touch of 1908 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 10 mins. G. Basely, F. Godfrey, D. Cotton, J. H. Stretton, H. Hurdman, J. Hough conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. John Clay, of Ambleside.

#### Miscellaneous.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BATHAY.—On Wednesday, August 26th, with the bells deeply-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. Clay, of Miller Bridge, Ambleside, who was interred at Bathay that day, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Duke of York. R. Satterthwaite, W. Nevinson, F. Woodend, W. Sharp, J. Holme, W. Robinson. On Sunday, August 30th, after evening service, as a last mark of respect to Mr. J. Pye, a member of the choir, who was interred at St. Anne's-on-Sea on the 28th inst., two 720s of Plain Bob. J. Backhouse, W. Nevinson, F. Woodend, W. Robinson, J. Holme, B. Hawkrigg.

AMBLESIDE.—On September 8th, on handbells, two 720s of Plain Bob. G. Fairclough, 1-2; W. Nevinson, 3; W. Robinson, 4; W. Sharp, 5-6.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday, August 30th, a quarter-peal

of Bob Minor, in 46 mins., and a 720. G. Bosely, F. Godfrey, D. Cotton, J. H. Stretton, H. Hardman, J. Hough conductor.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CHURCH STRETTON (Shropshire).—On Sunday, August 2nd, at the parish church, a course of Superlative Surprise Major. W. Shillock, F. Withers, R. Matthews, J. Withers, A. Davies, S. Grove, J. Dowler, W. Short. A course of London Surprise Major. W. Shillock, F. Withers, W. Short, J. Withers, A. Davies, S. Grove, J. Dowler, R. Matthews.

LEOMINSTER.—On Monday, August 3rd, at the Priory church, a course of London Surprise Major. W. Shillock, F. Withers, A. Davies, R. Matthews, J. Withers, S. Grove, J. Dowler, W. Short. This is the first course of London Surprise ever rung in the county of Hereford. And seven courses of Stedman Caters. F. Withers, R. Matthews, W. Shillock, J. Withers, W. Short conductor, A. Davies, S. Grove, J. Dowler, J. R. Newman, E. Thompson. On Tuesday, August 4th, an attempt for a peal of Superlative Surprise Major failed after ringing 1800 changes. W. Shillock, F. Withers, A. Davies, J. Withers, W. Short, S. Grove, J. Dowler, R. Matthews conductor.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON.—On June 2nd, at the parish church, 336 Bob Major. C. J. Gardiner, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, S. Palmer, T. Ricketts, T. Robinson, L. A. Wilson, E. Bishop conductor. On June 9th, for practice, 742 Grandsire Triples. T. Lawrence, A. Lawrence conductor, R. W. Hyner, G. W. Townsend, O. W. Layng, C. J. Gardiner, A. Townsend, A. E. W. Smith. On June 14th, for evening service, 504 Stedman. O. W. Layng, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, S. Palmer, E. Bishop, O. Norman, C. J. Gardiner conductor, A. W. Harrington. For evening service, 504 Stedman. T. Robinson, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, H. W. L. Wells, L. A. Wilson, E. Bishop conductor, C. J. Gardiner, A. W. Harrington. On June 28th, for morning service, 336 Double Norwich. T. Lawrence, O. W. Layng, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, T. Robinson, O. Norman, S. Palmer, C. J. Gardiner conductor. On August 18th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. M. Brinkworth, A. Lawrence conductor, R. W. Hyner, G. W. Townsend, S. Palmer, H. W. L. Wells, C. J. Gardiner, A. W. Harrington. The last 742 of Holt's Original. T. Lawrence, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, G. W. Townsend, S. Palmer, C. J. Gardiner, E. Bishop conductor, A. W. Harrington.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GOOLE.—On Sunday, August 23rd, for evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. J. Clark, W. King, F. Tate, M. Tate, T. Smith, J. Swingle, H. Ludkin conductor, J. Smith.

DRIFHLINGTON.—On Thursday, August 20th, at St. Paul's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. A. Gascoigne, D. Thornton, S. Collison, G. Barron, T. Hepworth, F. Hopwood, F. Barker conductor, S. Barron.

HANDSWORTH.—On Sunday, August 2nd, for morning service, 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 30 mins. C. Starkey, T. Westwood conductor, W. G. Ellis, B. Starkey, J. Porter, R. Faux, T. Verry S. Dunby. Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Miss Jones, a member of this church.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, August 23rd, for morning service at Christ Church, 1344 Cambridge Surprise Major, in 51 mins. G. Bester, F. G. Tegg, W. Pickworth, J. Armstrong, N. A. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor.

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THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.—The members of this society selected the Dulverton district for their annual outing, which took place on Saturday, August 22nd. The party, numbering fourteen, left Exeter by train for Dulverton under somewhat depressing conditions, as rain had been falling heavily, and threatened to continue for some time. But the weather, although dull, with occasional showers during the forenoon, gradually improved, and the afternoon was ideal. The visitors breakfasted at The Red Lion hotel, Dulverton, and then proceeded in a pair-horse brake along the charming valley of the Barle, and over the commons (which were then resplendent with heather bloom) to Exford, and paid a visit on the way to the famous Devil's

Punch Bowl. At Exford there was an impromptu luncheon, and then some 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung on the bells of the parish church, which is 1,000 feet above sea-level, and has an aisle reputed to have been built chiefly out of a legacy left by a local blacksmith about 1532. From Exford the party drove to that well-known beauty spot of Somerset—Winsford (six bells), and thence along the magnificent valley of the Exe to Exton (six bells), and Dulverton. The bells at both Winsford and Exton were rung in Grandsire, Stedman, and Bob Minor, and found to be in a condition which reflected great credit on Mr. Stokes, of Woodbury, who was responsible for the hanging of them, as well as those at Exford. Dinner was served at The Red Lion hotel, and a few toasts were honoured, including that of the Rev. Prebendary Bird (President), Mr. Harry Hems (Vice-

president), Mr. E. Shepherd (Ringing-Master), and the landlord, whose catering was excellent. A ring on the light and musical peal of eight bells at the parish church, with some of the local ringers, followed. Exeter was reached at 10 o'clock. The arrangements made by Messrs. T. G. Bartlett (Hon. Secretary), and W. Drake (Hon. Treasurer), were capital, and the trip was thoroughly enjoyed.

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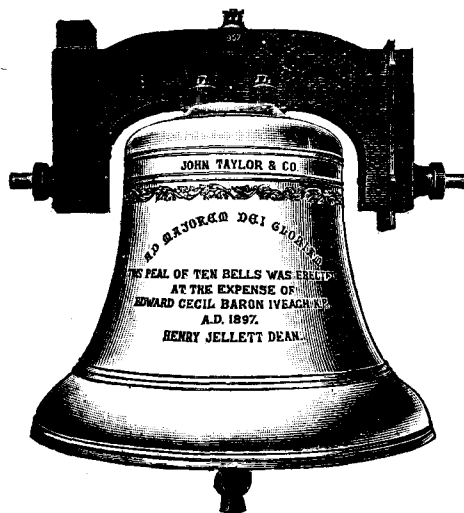
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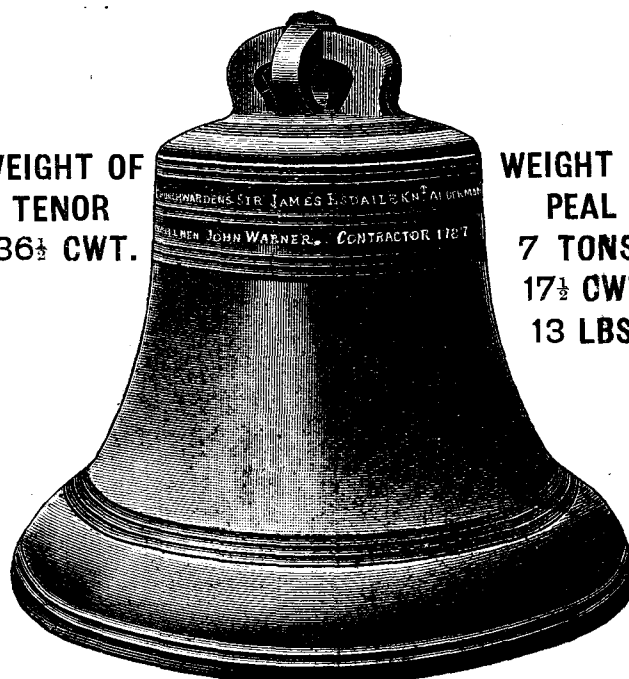
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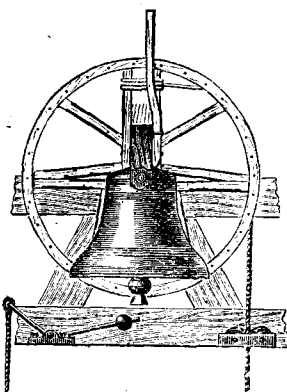
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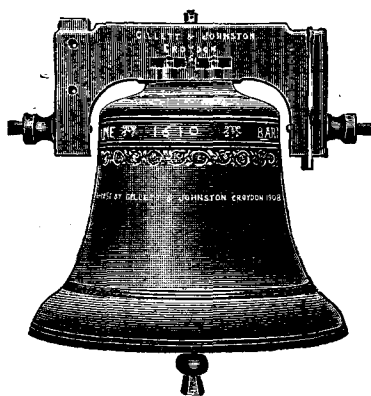
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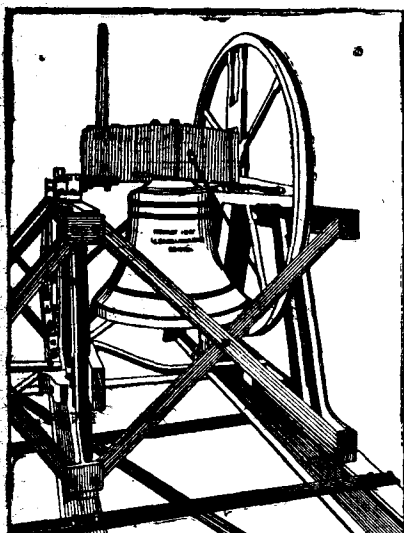
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## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

AUTUMN MEETING, SEPTEMBER 19th, 1908.

ON the far north-east coast of the county of York lies the town of Saltburn, sweet and redolent of the sea.

The old fishing-village nestles close down to the wave-washed shore—the reader should keep his mind entirely free from any ideas of smuggling—and some half-century ago the five or six cottages that sheltered the inhabitants were celebrated for the teas they offered to visitors from afar. This local reputation centred itself round certain “fat rascals” which were served hot. These were toothsome delicacies and had absolutely nothing to do with cannibalism directed towards the officers of Inland Revenue—this for the credit of the inhabitants in those early times. They appear to have been a sort of rich “fatty-cake,” in the centre of which were congregated solid masses of currants, and, as might naturally be expected, they had many admirers. To this day in another county they are known as “singing hinnies”—musical because they were taken piping hot off the fire, and doubtless also because of vocal sounds which would proceed from any who were injudicious in their haste to test their reputation, forgetful of their heat-retaining qualities.

But it is quite a different music that has brought us to Cleveland to-day, not “singing hinnies,” nor the songs of the sea, nor the roar of the cliff-storming breakers that know so well how to give voice in a fierce “nor-easter.” No! we are in a different mood, more peaceful, and more ready to listen to that harmony, however wafted to us, so well expressed in the poet's verse:—

Comes at length a voice of many waters,  
As when the waves break lightly on the shore;  
As when at dawn the feathered choir rejoices,  
Singing aloud because the night is o'er.

The “night” in our case must have been the railway journey, especially the portion blast-furnace-studded on the banks of the Tees, for it was a distinct relief to find ourselves leisurely sauntering along listening to the music of the finest bells in Cleveland.

We cannot but admire those who foresaw the future watering-place, and wisely laid out the modern town on the cliffs overlooking beauteous miles of sea. Such is the situation of the health resort where we find ourselves “singing aloud because the night is o'er.”

We are gazing on the outline of a magnificent headland, daring the sea at its foot to do its worst, whose top rises as a sheer precipice to a height of 360 feet. Indeed so grandly do these heights, running south, hold their own, that at the stupendous cliff of Boulby 660 feet above sea level, is reached, and this is stated by the late Professor Phillips, in his “Sea Coast of Yorkshire,” to be “the loftiest of all the precipices that guard the English coast.”

The Saltburn bells are tuned on the late Canon Simpson's lines, and very grandly do they roll out their notes. The tenor, some 23 cwt., is in the key of D., or D sharp, but they give the impression of a deeper note, so deep in fact that they sound as if they would carry the trebles of a peal of ten.

It is a far cry from Saltburn, in the north, to Exeter, in

the south, but our thoughts easily bridge it, and as we mentally stand listening to that stupendous ring of ten—tenor 72 cwt.—yes! 10 cwt. heavier than that of St. Paul's cathedral—we remember the whole air in the cathedral yard resounded with the notes of the “common cord” of the keynote of the peal, and how the grand tenor “Grandison” gave voice in all this hum. Then came a short silence, and this great southern peal poured out its music as a ring of eight in a minor key. But where has the new tenor picked up its mournful wail? Our knowledge of the subject makes us know that the tenor and treble of the ten are no longer sounding, and that a flat 4th of the original ten has taken the place of the old 4th; but where has the new tenor picked up the tone of tribulation and woe in which it pours forth its complaint? It had no such wail before. Indeed, if it had possessed anything approaching it the peal of ten in the major would have been spoilt. The answer is more simple than understandable; simply from the all-powerful and sympathetic tones of the common cord of the peal now speaking in the minor; and not merely in the bell itself, which in the major key—when it was merely the unsympathetic 9th—was a well-behaved and unassuming bell.

Remembering all this, and bringing our minds back to the north, we listen to the common cord in the combined roll of the tenor, the 6th, 4th, and treble, and we pronounce the roll from this 23 cwt. tenor not only to be excellent, but positively astounding, so great and so far-reaching is the effect of this modern tuning.

Canon Simpson being dead yet speaketh: “But I beg very earnestly to repeat here what I have said elsewhere that any general advance in this respect (tuning in the three octaves in which a bell speaks) must depend very largely on the demand made by the musical public (and especially by incumbents and churchwardens) for greater perfection in the bells supplied to them.”

In this connection it is interesting to know that Canon Simpson's pamphlet was known in the north before the order for the bells was given. The handsome gift to the church at Saltburn was made by A. J. Dorman, esq., in memory of a younger brother, and it is one of which the Vicar and inhabitants of Saltburn have good reason to be proud.

During the afternoon the official committee met in the parochial hall for the transaction of general business, and here the genial Vicar took the opportunity of putting in an appearance in order to learn that all was being carried through to their liking. Meanwhile those free from official cares were of course busy with the bells.

Tea was served to more than seventy members, who were indebted to the local committee for some excellent arrangements, the hall, the tea-room, and the railway-station being all within a stone's throw. The company was thoroughly representative, as the following list will show, members being present from Sheffield, Rotherham, Leeds, Goole, Pontefract, Selby, Headingley (Leeds), Holbeck (Leeds), Pudsey, Tong, Shipley, Keighley, Bradford, Gargrave, York Minster, Middlesbrough, Thornaby, etc.

The general business meeting was held in the parochial

hall, with the President in the chair, supported by the principal officers, both Vice-presidents being also in attendance. The minutes of the last meeting (Almondbury), having been read and passed, the President proceeded to make a statement about the Selby Abbey Bell Fund. The Hon. Treasurer of the fund had sent a telegram—the distance, and difficulty of reaching home again that night preventing him from being present—stating that the amount standing in the columns of that week's "BELL NEWS" was all he had had sent in to that date. The number who had announced their amounts, said the President, was so small that it was quite impossible to forecast any result, as the sum, £14, satisfactory as it was for the number who had sent, was quite unworthy of being announced as a combined effort. The desirability of Local Hon. Secretaries communicating their results to the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake was greatly emphasised.

The place of next meeting was left in the hands of the Committee. Mr. H. Lindsay (Headingley), and Mr. Percy Johnson (Holbeck, Leeds), were elected auditors and returning officers for the Annual Meeting on the motion of Messrs. Cryer and Hall, of Selby.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, the Rev. B. Irvin, M.A., for his kindness in lending his bells and the Parochial hall, the President remarking that he had been obliged by other engagements to leave them after attending the gathering at the tea-tables.

A similar vote was then passed to the Saltburn band and their friends, for their excellent arrangements for the gathering; with special thanks to Mr. J. H. Blakiston, the talented conductor of the Middlesbrough company, for his valued services as Local Hon. Sec. for the meeting. Mr. Blakiston who had been here and there and everywhere looking after the visitors' welfare, was unfortunately absent at the moment, so he was unable to receive in person the thanks to which he was so justly entitled. A vote of thanks to the chair brought the official proceedings to a close, the chairman remarking that he had endeavoured to make the meeting short, so that all could enjoy the maximum of the Saltburn air, and this was the more allowable as their Committee often sat three hours at a stretch at headquarters.

After listening to some excellent striking of methods such as Grandsire, Oxford, Kent, Stedman, Double Norwich, Bristol and London Surprise, a goodly number of those not busy in the tower returned to the Parochial hall to hear the President dissertate on "The mathematical side of Grandsire Triples viewed geometrically": on the plan evolved by W. H. Thompson, Esq., M.A., a former scholar of Caius College, Cambridge.

In reply to a closing vote of thanks the President said that, if this attempt of the Yorkshire Committee to supply supply scientific matter for discussion at their meetings proved the beginning of a new departure, he would be very proud of the Association who had always endeavoured to point the way, both as to the Art itself, and the Science underlying it.

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That part of Worcestershire, sometimes called "The Garden of England," and rightly too, for it contains some of the finest land in the country, and some of the most productive, was on Saturday, September 26th, visited by about forty members of this Association, the occasion being the quarterly meeting at Badsey, a village some three miles from Evesham. Now that we hear so much of the Small Holdings Act, and the cry of "back to the land," it is instructive to visit such places as Evesham and district, where the land is especially suitable for small holdings, and one must remember that all land is by no means suitable, and hear the opinion of those who have land requiring so much less horse labour than is generally the case. And although some have done exceedingly well, still one is forced to the opinion that the lot of the small holder, and especially in the case of he who starts without capital, is by no means a bed of roses.

The service, with address by the Vicar (Rev. W. C. Allsebrook), was held in the church at 4.15, and then on the invitation of the Vicar, those present made their way to the vicarage to partake of tea kindly provided by him.

During the business meeting afterwards, with the Vicar in the chair, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Oldbury. Mr. F. Cook was appointed conductor of the quarterly peal to be attempted at Badsey. Messrs. W. G. Jones and G. Checketts were then appointed auditors, and four new members were elected. An application having been received from the Dodderhill company for an instructor, Mr. G. Checketts was asked to undertake it. The loan of a set of the Association's handbells to the Badsey company, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar, brought the meeting to a close, those present being treated to a course of Double Norwich on the dulcimer by Mr. H. Withers before departing, some to the station, and some to the tower, where touches of Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire were rung.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch took place at Caistor on Saturday, September 26th. A good number of members turned up from Lincoln, Gainsborough, Grimsby, Scanthorpe, Barrow-on-Humber, Brigg, and the local men.

At 4 o'clock a short service was held in the church, the Rector (Rev. W. T. Westbrooke) giving a most excellent address. Following the service a tea was held at The White Hart hotel, the Rector presiding, supported by Mr. F. Linley (Gainsborough), Mr. Ainger (Caistor), and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Nine new members were elected, including the Revs. C. Godfrey, A. R. Macdougall, and Messrs. Taylor (2), bringing the membership of the branch up to 412.

Mr. F. F. Linley, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rev. F. T. W. Westbrooke for the use of the bells and for the service, spoke of the great interest he took in bells and ringers generally.

The Rev. F. T. Westbrooke, in responding, thanked Mr. Linley for the kind remarks he had made, and would at all times be pleased to welcome any ringers to Caistor.

Votes of thanks to the organist and choir for their services that day were passed.

During the afternoon the bells were kept going, several 720s of Oxford, Kent, and Plain Bob being rung.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the central division of the above was held at Rusper on Saturday, September 19th, but was rather poorly attended by Sussex ringers, owing no doubt to it being rather an out of the way place, but thanks to Horley and Burstow towers, which are affiliated to the above Association, though situated in Surrey, and Messrs. Hoad, Ewins and Dewey, of Reigate, a very good meeting was held. Touches of Bob Major were rung till 5 o'clock, when tea was partaken of at The Star inn, about twenty members from the following towers being present: Crawley, Burstow, Horley, Lindfield, East Grinstead, Rusper and Southover. Tea over, the usual business meeting was held, the chair being taken by E. Dewey, Esq., of Reigate, in the absence of the Rector, who could not attend. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and passed, Mr. T. Spring (Chailey), and Mr. H. Castle (East Grinstead), were elected members.

Crawley was then chosen as the next place to attempt the next quarterly peal, the method to be Bob Major or Treble Bob, and Mr. K. Hart to conduct it.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, for the use of the bells, brought the meeting to a close. A move was again made to the tower, and touches of Bob Major, Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire, kept up till 8 o'clock.

## SOWERBY, YORKSHIRE.

A large clock with Cambridge chimes, showing time on two large dials, has just been erected on the parish church by Messrs. 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.

## BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

This old village lies in one of the lovely valleys of which Cheshire contains so many. It is about four-and-a-half miles from Crewe. In it is an old historical church dating from about the fifteenth century. The tower contained a ring of six bells, tenor about 12½ cwt., which were much admired for their fine tone. About six months ago small pieces of mortar commenced to fall while the ringers were ringing, and on this being reported to the Rector, the Rev. G. W. Skene, M.A., he at once communicated with Messrs. Taylor, who came down and made a thorough examination of the bells and their fittings. The result was that the Rector was advised not to allow any more ringing until the bells had been thoroughly overhauled. The Rector at once set to work to find the necessary funds to put the bells in proper ringing order once more, and in a very short time sufficient money was collected to enable him to give the order to Messrs. Taylor to proceed with the restoration, which was to be completed by the 25th of September, in time for the harvest festival to be held on that date. Punctually to time the bells arrived back from Loughborough, now a peal of eight, two trebles

having been added, and the tenor recast, owing to a slight crack having been found in the old bell.

The work of erecting the new frame and bells, which stand upon four massive steel girders, quite independent of the old floor, which now has only to carry its own weight, has given every satisfaction both to the Rector, the ringers, and every one who has inspected the work, and Barthomley now possesses one of the finest rings in Cheshire. The Rector having expressed a wish that the bells should be opened with a 5040, eight members of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild were asked to attempt this. On Thursday evening most of the ringers invited to take part in the peal, together with the local company, attended to try the bells, and give Messrs. Taylor's representative an opportunity to see that everything was right for the morrow. The dedication of the new bells, at the wish of the parishioners, was done by the Rector, after which rounds and short touches were rung for about an hour, everyone being loud in their praises at the splendid way in which the bells worked.

On Friday afternoon, September 25th, at 3.40, a start was made for Holt's ten-part peal, which was successfully brought round at 6.42 (particulars of which will be found in another column). After slight refreshments a short touch was rung for service, C. J. B. Cooke, Esq., ringing the 6th. The church was profusely decorated by the parishioners, the most noticeable features being models of two rings of eight bells with clappers complete, made of straw, the one being hung over the font, and the other at the east end near the chancel arch. On Saturday the eight ringers who rang the peal, the local company, together with the churchwarden and sidesmen, organist and choir-master were entertained to dinner by the Rector. At 4.30 the bells were raised, and touches rung with several of the local company standing in until 6.30, when an adjournment was made to The White Lion. Here the Rector was waiting to receive his guests, and soon all were partaking of an excellent repast, and for the next hour nothing but the clatter of knives and forks was heard. The Rector having said grace, he enquired of the vice-chairman if he could be allowed to smoke. Permission having been granted, cigarettes and pipes quickly made their appearance, and fumes of tobacco began to float about the room. The tables having been cleared the toast of "The King and Queen and members of the Royal Family" was proposed by the chairman and duly honoured by singing a verse of the National Anthem. Songs were contributed by Mr. Churchwarden Kent, Mr. Langford (Crewe), and others. The chairman having announced that he should have to leave, Mr. Kent proposed "The health of the Rector." He said he had known him for nearly thirty years, and could say nothing of him but what was good. He had worked hard to get the money for those splendid bells that they had been listening to that day. He always admired the old ring of

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six, but he must admit that they had been greatly improved by the addition of the trebles and the alterations in the tower, which reflected great credit on Messrs. Taylor.

Mr. J. S. Bentley (churchwarden) seconded, and spoke of the goodness of the Rector. He was a friend to those in trouble; he could rejoice with those who rejoiced, and he hoped he would live many years to be Rector of Barthomley, as he would be very much missed in that parish, where he had the respect of all who knew him.

The toast having been drunk with musical honours, the Rector said that he did not know how to reply to such kind words as had been spoken. He was deeply grateful for the kind way they had received the toast. He tried to do his best for every one, and when a Rector had such officers as he had about him, the task was not a hard one. It was a secret at present, but he did not mind telling them, that although he had not the account for the restoration of the peal, he believed that there would be a nice balance over and above all demands.

Mr. Langford asked the Rector about a peal-board for the peal rung the day before. The Rector replied that he had not thought about it, but now that it was mentioned, he would only be too pleased to put up a suitable board to commemorate the peal, and also the alterations in the tower at his own expense, as he thought the idea was a good one. After wishing the company good-night, he left us. Mr. Dudley Parsons then kindly took the chair, and songs and speeches were made until 10 p.m., and after singing a verse of the National Anthem the company dispersed, all being well pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

On Sunday the Harvest Festival was continued, the ringing arrangements being entrusted to the local company for the morning service. For the afternoon service the Alsager ringers rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. F. G. Edwards, A. Edwards, T. Cartwright, J. Edwards, G. Cartwright, T. Edwards, W. Cartwright conductor, J. Baxter. For evening service the Lawton ringers were invited to take charge of the ringing, and several good touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, this bringing to a close the opening ringing of the new 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."

TO MR. SYMONDS.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Symonds' letter in your last issue, I wish I could give him satisfactory information. Mr. Spanton's pamphlet was published by "The Church Newspaper Company, Limited," whose undertaking is now, I understand, absorbed by "The Guardian" newspaper, and on inquiry at the office of the latter, I learn that the pamphlet in question is now out of print. Had I known this earlier I should not have troubled you with any remarks about it. But I will lend Mr. Symonds my copy if he cares to write to me for it. R. A. DANIELL.  
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Bob Minor ...	1	
Bob Major ...	23	1
Bob Royal ...	6	
Treble Bob Major (Oxford) ...	1	
Treble Bob Major (Kent)...	30	
Treble Bob Royal (Kent) ...	18	
Treble Bob Maximus (Kent) ...	5	
Canterbury Pleasure Major ...	1	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major ...	15	
Forward Royal ...	1	
Forward Maximus...	1	
New Cambridge Surprise Major ...	1	
London Surprise Major ...	3	
Bristol Surprise Major ...	1	
Superlative Surprise Major ...	35	
	400	17

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These observations on the circumstance of a 400-peal-record are not intended to give it a prominence greater than it deserves. Some of us are prone to look upon the completion of every hundredth peal as the close of an epoch, or landmark, worthy of more than passing notice or actual record. The friends of James George—and he has many—are desirous that his hundredth peals should be so dealt with. They would have his photograph appear at the performance of each century—as the cricketers term it—of peals, but he is too well-known for this. Besides, as he is journeying on in life, ringing here, there, and everywhere, his facial lineaments change with years, and to fulfil this desire for a photograph, continuous, as it were, would not be expedient.

Allusion has been made to the fact that James George is well-known to many all over the country. His ubiquity is patent. The position he holds upon the London and North Western Railway is the cause mainly of this. The extensive ramifications of this great company compel him to be nearly always on some journey or other, and it may be conceded that no other ringer living is such a traveller as he. Wherever he goes all acknowledge his good nature and even temperament. This is all that need be said concerning the ubiquitous, irrepressible, James George, and his four hundred peals. He is going on his way rejoicing in the prospect of ringing another one hundred, and those who are acquainted with him will hope he will soon succeed. P.

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**Date Touches.****THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

YORK.—On August 30th, at 16, Millfield Road, on handbells, a date touch of 1908 Grandsire Triples, in 57 mins. L. Woodcock, 1-2; A. C. Fearnley, 3-4; T. F. Earnshaw, 5-6; T. Haigh, conductor, 7-8. Composed by C. Jackson.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday evening, August 4th, a date touch of 1908 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr, 15 mins. S. H. Symonds conductor, W. Dent, W. Fayers, R. J. Poulson, F. G. Symonds, T. Pryke, F. Pryke, A. Symonds. Composed by J. Barrow.

**Miscellaneous.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

UPPER DEAL.—On Sunday, August 2nd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Barton conductor, H. Denne, A. L. Poole, A. B. Court, R. H. Howland, J. B. Lovell. Messrs. Poole and Lovell were camping at Walmer with the Territorial Army, and belong to Bromley and Beckenham respectively, it being their first 720 on six bells.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, August 9th, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 45 mins. F. Bacon, F. W. Richardson conductor, J. Law, H. E. White, A. Bennington, A. E. Goddard, W. J. Jeffries, C. Letzer.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

CHOLSEY (Berks).—On Sunday, August 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 42 mins. W. Kimber, R. Finch, A. Finch, G. Higgs, G. Cauldwell conductor, A. Strange.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

HULL.—On Tuesday, August 11th, at Holy Trinity church, 816 Stedman Triples. J. Highfield, T. Stockdale, C. Jackson composer and conductor, A. Naylor, D. W. Brown, H. Rodmell, L. Redmell, J. Hobbs. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mayor C. Judge, J.P., churchwarden. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Jackson, T. Stockdale, H. Rodmell, A. C. West, J. Hodds, T. Whitfield, A. Naylor, L. Rodmell.

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

HARROLD (Beds).—On Wednesday, August 5th, an attempt for a peal of Bob Minor came to grief in the sixth 720 after ringing 2 hrs. 6 mins. H. Robinson, W. A. Norman, F. Skevington, F. Sawfoot, H. W. Gayton conductor, H. Cockings. On Saturday, August 8th, two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 120 Oxford Bob. V. Inskipp, W. A. Norman, J. W. Barker, F. Sawfoot, H. W. Gayton, H. Cockings.

**THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.**

SKETTY.—On Monday, August 3rd, at St. Paul's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. B. Devonald, D. Rees, W. Williams, W. Evans, J. Stedman, C. Morse conductor, W. Green, E. Thomas.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

NORWICH.—On Tuesday, August 4th, an attempt for 5024 Bob Major, on handbells, was lost through a shift just before the end, in 2 hrs. 18 mins. C. E. Borrett, 1-2; G. P. Burton, 3-4; J. E. Burton, 5-6; J. A. Trollope composer and conductor, 7-8. This same band in 1894 rang 11,200, the longest to date, on handbells, but have not had any opportunity of ringing together for years.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

WIGSTON MAGNA.—On Tuesday, August 11th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. T. Humberstone, T. H. Hardy, W. Brewin, A. Briers, W. H.

Humberstone, A. E. Stanyork, E. Morris conductor, A. White first quarter-peal.

**THE LINCON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

FRIESTON.—On Sunday, August 9th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Clayton, A. O. Barber, A. West, G. Elington conductor, A. Sharp, J. Sharp.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

NETHERTON.—On Friday, July 4th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 30 mins. W. Massey, H. Hill, A. Greenfield conductor, H. Hubble, H. Garratt, A. Prestidge. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Alderman G. H. Dunn, J.P. The fine alabaster pulpit which now stands in the parish church was the gift of the late Alderman and Mrs. Dunn, in remembrance of their two deceased sons.

BEESTON.—On Sunday, August 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. W. Clifford, jun., F. S. Price, A. Roberts, W. Peabody, J. Ward, sen., A. Lowe, A. Coppock conductor, J. Paling.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Sunday, August 30th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1263 changes, in 48 mins. H. Kirk, B. Knights conductor, G. Hollis, W. J. Thyng, W. Peabody, S. Price, G. Thompson, A. Knights composer, A. Coppock, N. Dickens.

COOKLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, August 2nd, for morning service, 360 Grandsire Doubles. G. Pugh, G. Davies conductor, F. Palmer, J. Hickman, W. Pugh, H. Martin. 360 Grandsire Doubles. G. Pugh, G. Davis, F. Palmer, H. Martin, W. Pugh conductor, R. Edge. On Tuesday, August 4th, on the occasion of the annual show of the Cookley and Wolverley Horticultural Show at Lea Castle, Wolverley, 486 Grandsire Doubles. G. Pugh, G. Davis conductor, F. Palmer, J. Hickman, H. Martin, R. Edge.

CLAPHAM.—On Sunday, August 2nd, at St. Mary's (R.C.) for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. H. Gummer conductor, A. N. Hardy, F. Hairs, E. J. Webb, W. G. Matthews, G. H. Sentance, J. W. Chapman, A. Fluck first quarter-peal.

KETTERING (Northants).—On Tuesday, August 19th, for practice, 1024 Superlative Surprise. A. V. Inns, C. W. Bird, A. E. Payne, E. Chapman, R. F. Turner, F. W. Sawfoot, D. L. Nichols, M. A. Turner conductor.

MANCHESTER.—On Saturday, August 1st, at the Town Hall, 488 Grandsire Triples, 9-8-10 covering. W. Cartwright, T. Braddock, W. Billinge, A. P. Smith, R. Newton conductor, H. Pye, E. Potts, H. Lowe, H. Bess, G. Barlow. Tenor 52 cwt.

SAWSTON (Cambs).—On Monday, August 3rd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. S. Nunn, E. Webb, F. Hurry, E. H. King, P. Webb, S. Stubbings conductor, F. Matthews, W. Tykes. Another 360, standing as above, conducted by P. Webb. On Tuesday evening, August 11th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins., with the tenors covering. E. Freestone, W. Sykes, F. Hurry, F. Matthews, S. Nunn, M. Lyles, B. Freestone, R. Wilson. First 720 of Bob Minor on the bells by all Sawston ringers.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, August 16th, for morning service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. A. R. Glasscock, S. Wade, G. Bester, J. Armstrong conductor. W. Pickworth, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, H. Armstrong.

SEDGLEY.—On Sunday, August 2nd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Ray, F. Evans, E. Screen, T. Watton, H. Jeavous, J. Screen conductor, W. Mills, R. Speakman.

TUNSTALL.—At Christ Church, on July 20th, for practice, 1728 Double Norwich Major. F. Smith, G. A. Smith conductor, J. Darlington, H. Smith, J. Johnson, A. A. Clay, J. Godber, W. Thompson.

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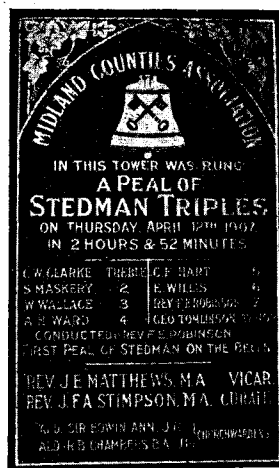
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## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Dibden on Saturday, September 19th. During the afternoon touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich were rung. Mr. G. Williams presided at the tea, which by the kind permission of the Rector was held in the schoolroom. Mr. Williams apologised for the absence of the chairman of the District (Rev. Canon Braithwaite), and the hon. secretary, and reminded members that the annual meeting of the district would be held at Southampton on the second Saturday in November. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and to the chairman.

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IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL J. BIRD .. .. 5.
HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. 2.	YORK GREEN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM TRUSS* .. .. 3.	HENRY TOREBLE .. .. 7.
FRANK NEWMAN .. .. 4.	SAMUEL HAYES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by SAMUEL HAYES.

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

**THE ST MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.**

On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS. 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
FREDK. G. PERRIN .. .. 2.	ISAAC EMERY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HEWETT .. .. 3.	ERNEST BRETT .. .. 8.
HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 9.
WILLIAM C. HEDGES* .. 5.	RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters.

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

On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRED C. MAYNARD .. .. Treble.	HENRY J. MAYNARD .. .. 6.
FREDERICK RUMENS .. .. 2.	*JOHN H. BRNSTEAD .. .. 7.
JOHN H. WILKINS .. .. 3.	ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN. .. 8.
ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. .. 4.	ERNEST S. POLL .. .. 9.
GEORGE F. MARGETSON .. 5.	*PHILIP A. COARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN.

\*First peal of Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. T. King, Esq., Hon Secretary to the above Association, and Robert Maynard, sen.

**The Provinces.****ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.****WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, September 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

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

STEPHEN KNOWLES* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 4.
WILLIAM MARTIN .. .. 2.	CHARLES BEAMAN .. .. 5.
JOHN BASS .. .. 3.	JAMES REYNOLDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES REYNOLDS.

\*First peal.

**BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, September 19, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

SIDNEY WALTER .. .. Treble.	HARRY BARTON .. .. 5.
FREDERICK G. BRETT .. .. 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. .. 6.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 3.	EDWARD TRENDLELL .. .. 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. .. 4.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by E. TRENDLELL.

First peal of Major on the bells.

**PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)**

On Saturday, September 19, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

FRANK SMALL* .. .. Treble.	*JAMES ORME .. .. 5.
WILLIAM FARRAL* .. .. 2.	EDWIN BREEZE .. .. 6.
ROBERT PEARL* .. .. 3.	JOHN DYSON .. .. 7.
FRANK JONES .. .. 4.	†JOHN HASLAM .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. BREEZE.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal. First peal in the method on the bells by an entirely local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Lever, Esq., M.P., the donor of the bells.

**OLD CLEEVE, SOMERSETSHIRE.****THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, September 19, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being seven 720s.

A. BARKER* .. .. Treble.	*J. H. HOLE .. .. 4.
W. HOYLE .. .. 2.	C. GREEDY .. .. 5.
C. SUMMERS .. .. 3.	H. MOORE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. MOORE.

\*First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. This is H. Moore's sixtieth peal.

**SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, September 19, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

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

CECIL J. BAKER .. .. Treble.	*ARTHUR FREEMAN .. .. 4.
RICHARD DRAGE* .. .. 2.	EDWARD C. GOBEY .. .. 5.
JOSEPH HALL .. .. 3.	THOMAS D. THOMPSON .. Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

\*First peal. First peal in seven methods by all the band, and first peal in seven methods on the bells and in the Nottingham District by the above Association.

**MOORSIDE, NEAR OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.**

On Saturday, September 19, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lbs.**

I. SIDEBOTHAM .. .. Treble.	C. MARSLAND .. .. 5.
A. FIELDING .. .. 2.	*H. HAMPSON .. .. 6.
J. GODDARD .. .. 3.	L. HAMPSON .. .. 7.
J. J. PEMBERTON .. .. 4.	I. SCHOFIELD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

\*First peal.

**EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, September 20, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being two 720s of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

GILBERT GOSWELL .. .. Treble.	JOHN W. LAKE .. .. 4.
CHARLES NEAVEVERSON .. 2.	ARTHUR J. HOLMES .. .. 5.
GEORGE H. SENTENCE .. .. 3.	JAMES OSBORNE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES OSBORNE.

First peal as conductor.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

ARTHUR GRAVETT .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM C. HART .. .. 6.
HENRY STALHAM .. .. 3.	ALBERT D. STONE .. .. 7.
CHARLES PALMER .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, September 22, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. Treble.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 7.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 2.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 8.
JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 3.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 9.
FREDERICK DICKENS .. .. 4.	JAMES L. WELLS .. .. 10.
ALF PADDON SMITH .. .. 5.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 11.
EDMUND J. HYLAND .. .. 6.	ALBERT WALKER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HARVEY REEVES, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung as a welcome home peal to T. Russam, who has just returned from Canada. The conductor has now rang and conducted a peal of Stedman Cinques on each of the twelve bells in St Martin's tower, and is believed to be a record for any twelve-bell tower.

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

On Tuesday, September 22, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

F. S. WHITE .. .. Treble.	*A. R. BOSLEY .. .. 6.
R. G. RICE .. .. 2.	A. LAMBOURNE .. .. 7.
H. HOLIFIELD .. .. 3.	G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. .. 8.
C. WHITE .. .. 4.	R. WHITE .. .. 9.
G. HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. .. 5.	W. J. TUBE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

\*First peal of Caters.

## SELWORTHY, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR SULLY .. .. Treble.	GEORGE STACEY .. .. 4.
WILLIAM HOYLE .. .. 2.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. .. 5.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 3.	HENRY MOORE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY MOORE.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

## HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1908, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM DELLAR .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WHEELER .. .. 5.
GEORGE DENT .. .. 2.	FREDERICK PALMER .. .. 6.
BENJAMIN COPPING .. .. 3.	JOHN CORDELL .. .. 7.
HARRY BOTTRILL .. .. 4.	JOHN SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by F. PALMER.

First peal by all except 2, 4, 6. Rang as a welcome to the Rev. James Dudley Elwell, second son of the late Rev. Henry Elwell, who was inducted to the above benefice the previous Monday.

## RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON .. Treble.	†WILLIAM FOX .. .. 5.
GEORGE A. GOODWIN† .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FROST .. .. 6.
GEORGE A. HASLAM* .. 3.	JOHN FLOWER .. .. 7.
JOSEPH BOURNE .. .. 4.	HENRY GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

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

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

On Wednesday, September 23, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLIFIELD .. Treble	FRANK BARRETT .. .. 5.
HARRY HOLIFIELD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HUTTON .. .. 6.
RICHARD G. RICE .. .. 3.	EDMUND BANNISTER .. .. 7.
EDGAR HUMFREY .. .. 4.	FREDK. W. WOODWARDS Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD G. RICE.

First peal as conductor.

## SELY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 24, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

LOUIS J. GRIFFITHS .. Treble.	FREDK. NEVITT .. .. 5.
GEORGE HITCHMAN .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

Arranged for L. J. Griffiths, of Talgath, who was elected a member before starting.

## BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Friday, September 25, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

JAMES EDWARDS .. .. Treble.	RICHARD LANGFORD .. .. 5.
THOMAS CARTWRIGHT .. .. 2.	*ARTHUR ALKMAN .. .. 6.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING .. .. 7.
WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT .. .. 4.	FREDERICK G. EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. T. HOLDING, SEN.

\*Belongs to the local company. Further reference elsewhere.

## ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PARKER'S SIX-PART No. II.

WALTER HOWLETT* .. Treble.	THOMAS BEADLE .. .. 5.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 2.	FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 6.
HENRY C. CHANDLER .. 3.	GEORGE SPENCER* .. .. 7.
CHARLES DELL .. .. 4.	HENRY SEWARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

\*First peal in the method.

## BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGBEY .. Treble.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 5.
JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. 2.	ROBERT P. KNIGHT .. .. 6.
DANIEL JONES .. .. 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 7.
JOHN PERRY .. .. 4.	ROBERT PICKERING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

The ringers of the treble and 6th, for whom the peal was arranged, were elected members of the above society previous to starting for the peal.

## WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

ROBERT WOOD .. .. Treble.	THOMAS LINCOLN .. .. 5.
FREDERICK W. EDWARDS* .. 2.	FREDERICK G. RADLEY .. 6.
GEORGE W. SORRELL .. 3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN .. .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 4.	FREDERICK EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

\*First peal. Arranged for the conductor, who hails from Oxhey, Herts. The rest are the local company.

## COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirteen 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.

RICHARD POTTER .. .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER .. .. 5.
CHARLES NORFOLK .. .. 2.	WILLIAM ELLIOTT .. .. 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
PERCY LANGSTON .. .. 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. MILLER, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 2.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 6.
FRED E. PARSONS .. .. 3.	HARRY MOSS .. .. 7.
WALTER ROBINSON .. .. 4.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6 with all the 8-6s, and is the first peal ever obtained with these qualities.

## ROCHESTER, KENT.

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

On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 26½ cwt.

WILLIAM HAIGH .. .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 7.
SGT.-MAJOR A. PYE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## FAREHAM, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	ALBERT MILLARD .. .. 5.
JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 2.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. .. 6.
HENRY W. WILKES .. .. 3.	EDWIN J. HARDING .. .. 7.
GEORGE E. CHAPPELL .. 4.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. Tenor.

Composed by G. NEWSON, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John W. Whiting, Hon. Secretary of the Portsmouth District, who received the usual congratulations afterwards. This was W. T. Tucker's fiftieth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. Treble.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 3.	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE .. 8.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 4.	EDWARD EVANS .. .. 9.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 5.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal ever rang in the diocese of Norwich, and was rang with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Robert Stephen Cook. Further reference elsewhere.

## Handbell Peals.

## ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, September 17, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT 10, WELLGATE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

SIDNEY F. PALMER* .. 1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 5-6.
ALBERT NASH .. .. 3-4.	*ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 7-8.
GEORGE O. DIXON* .. 9-10.	

Composed and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\*First handbell peal of Caters. Umpires—W. Coates and W. Warburton.

## ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Friday, September 18, 1908, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT 10, WELLGATE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 1-2.	ALBERT NASH .. .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3-4.	WALTER COATES .. .. 7-8.

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN. Umpire—W. Warburton.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 19, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. KEEBLE,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

HARRY MOSS .. .. 1-2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 5-6.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 3-4.	*ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 7-8.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\*First peal on handbells. Umpire—A. V. Moore.

## Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on October 5th and 19th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 6th and 20th; St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on the 8th and 22nd; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 6th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 8th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 15th and 29th; St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 20th, all at 8 p.m.

The 271st anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 14th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (4s. each), may be obtained of Messrs. Bayley, Burden, E. A. Davies, Fardon, Garrard, Golding, Harman, Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, A. Jones, H. Langdon, O'Meara, Newton, Peck, Pettit, Price, Prime, Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, Taffender, Winney, M. A. Wood, or to

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

**The London County Association late the St. James's Society.**—Established 1824.—The sixth annual grand Bohemian Concert will be held on Saturday, October 10th, at The Talbot restaurant, London Wall, City. Doors open at 7.15 p.m., commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission only by programme, price 6d. reserved seats 1s., to be obtained from the following officers and committee: Messrs. Matthews, Winney, Daniell, Ellis, Smith, Neale, Bevan, Iles, Perrin, Davis, Scambler, Turner, Simons, and Hairs. During the afternoon several towers will be open for ringing peals and touches, announcement of which will be made later.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill.

**The Royal Cumberland Youths**—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, October 3rd, to which all members and friends are cordially invited. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at The Nag's Head at 5.30, 8d. each to those who let me know by Thursday, October 1st. St. Saviour's tower will be open from 6.30 to 8.30. A social will be held afterwards. F. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*  
3, Harts Lane, New Cross.

**The Lancashire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Manchester to-day, Saturday, October 3rd. All ringing reports up to the 31st inst., to be sent to the Ringing Secretary. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*  
4, Helena Street, Irlams O' Th' Height, Manchester.

J. H. BANKS, *Ringling Secretary.*  
462, Helmschore Road, Helmschore.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Bromwich, to-day, Saturday, October 3. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Committee meeting at 5.30. Tea in parish room at 6, 1s. per head. Reports will be ready. H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*  
38, Leicester Street, Wolverhampton.

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Peterstone-super-Ely to-day, Saturday, October 3rd, at 4 o'clock.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*  
JOHN W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Turvey to-day, Saturday, October 3rd.

A. RUST, *Hon. Sec.*  
I. HILLS, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at St. Andrew's church Eastbank Street, Southport, to-day, Sat., October 3rd. Full particulars by circular. REV. W. T. BULPIT, *Hon. Sec.*  
W. BENTHAM.

**The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—East Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Swanage to-day, October 3rd. Ringing from 2 o'clock. Service in the parish church at 4.15. address by Diocesan Secretary—Rev. W. P. Schuster, Vicar of West Lulworth. Tea at 5, in the schoolroom, followed by General Meeting.

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

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at St. John's church, Burslem, to-day, Saturday, October 3rd. A committee meeting will be held at 4.30 in the schools.

REV. W. G. KEGWORTH, *Hon. Secs.*  
J. JOHNSON,

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—Members are requested to note that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the parish church, Fulham, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev W. C. Muriel, on Saturday, the 10th October next.

3 p.m. Members assemble at the church for ringing.

5 p.m. Short service and sermon by the Vicar.

6 p.m. Tea in the parish room, followed by the meeting.

Those desirous of having tea provided for them are requested to give intimation to that effect to the Hon. Secretary by the 5th October at the latest, in order that proper provision may be made.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury on Saturday, October 10th. Bells at 4.30. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held at Cottenham on Saturday, October 10th. Tea at 5.

P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Poulton-le-Fylde on Saturday, October 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30.

GEORGE MARIES, *Branch Sec.*

**The Surrey Association.**—The autumn meeting will be held at Mitcham on Saturday, October 10th. Bells at the parish church will be available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at Mr. Bance's at 6 o'clock, and the usual business meeting to follow. CHAS DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*  
59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

**The Kent County Association.**—Maidstone District.—The district meeting will be held at Bearsted on Saturday, October 10th, when half fares up to 1s. will be paid. The belfry will be open for ringing at 4 p.m. The Vicar has kindly offered to provide tea in the Institute Hall at 5.30. Business meeting after tea. Will the Secretaries of towers kindly advise me as early as possible, the number attending tea. A. F. ASHMAN, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, October 10th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at The Angel, Sunn Street, at 5.30. J. J. FOSTER, *Hon. Sec.*  
*Northern Division.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Warrington, on Saturday, October 10th. Bells ready at 4.30. Members intending present please send word to

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

35, Church Road, Garston.

**The North Notts. Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Anston, Kiveton Park Station, on Saturday, October 10th. Members intending to take tea at 5 p.m. are requested to inform Mr. S. Smith, Anston, Sheffield, by October 6th.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting of the above will be held at Biddenden on Saturday, October 10th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea (free) to all those who send in their names to me not later than Wednesday, October 7th, at 6 o'clock, to be followed by the usual business meeting, at both of which the Rector, the Rev. E. B. Th. Morgan, will preside. An allowance of 1s. per mile (maximum 2s.) for one way will be allowed to members present at the tea.

C. TRIBE, *Hon. Sec.*

British School Villas, Tennerden.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Derby Branch.—The next district meeting of this branch will be held at Ripley (8 bells), on Saturday, October 24th. Ringing from 2 p.m.

A. H. WARD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The William Verry Commemoration.**—The annual dinner will be held at The Red Lion hotel, Handsworth, on Saturday, October 17th. Details later on. R. FAUX, *Hon. Sec.*

## NOTE TO PEAL.

**THE PEAL AT FAREHAM, HANTS.**—W. T. Tucker's 50 Peals.—Doubles 1, conducted 1; One Minor method 5, conducted 3; Three ditto 1, conducted 1; Seven ditto 4; Grandshire Triples 10; Stedman Triples 11; Bob Major 3; Kent Major 12; Double Norwich 3. Total—50; conducted 5.

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All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 34, Hill Street, Keighley, Yorkshire, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS."

**SHALFORD (Surrey).**—For the induction service of the Rev. E. A. Ferguson on the evening of September 2nd, 360 Bob Minor. T. Bond, E. Lucas, J. Streeter, J. Goacher, A. Pulling, W. Trewin (conductor). After the service 720 Oxford Bob. T. Bond, G. Elston, E. Lucas, J. Goacher, A. Pulling, W. Trewin (conductor).

## Obituary.

## STEWART BING.

The Canterbury Cathedral company have suffered a sad loss by the death, at the early age of 27, of Stewart Bing, an honorary member of their band, which happened on Wednesday, September 23rd, at Waltham, a village about seven miles from the cathedral city. He had been a ringer only two years or so, and learned to handle a bell so quickly that he was able to ring the cathedral tenor to a peal of Stedman Caters on boxing-day, 1906, a performance which he repeated the following month, and again boxing-day last year. He rung two peals of Stedman Triples (inside) at St. Stephen's, and one at St. John's, Margate; and in January of this year he rang the 5th in a peal of Stedman Caters at the cathedral. Altogether he

took part in seven peals of Stedman, four of Caters and three of Triples, rather an unusual record for a young ringer. Early this year he was taken with hemorrhage from the lungs, from which he never recovered. The funeral took place on Saturday, September 26th, at Waltham. Among the wreaths was one from his brother-ringers of the Cathedral, E. G. Buesden attending to represent the company. A half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples on the evening of the funeral came to grief after over two hours' good ringing, owing to the clapper of the 6th bell falling out.

## ROBERT STEPHEN COOK.

It is with regret we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at his residence on Tuesday, September 22nd. As a last mark of respect the members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, assembled and

rang a course of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, with the bells half muffled, concluding with the usual whole pull and stand. The deceased was for nearly thirty years employed at the Orwell Works, Ipswich, twelve years of which he was engaged as storekeeper. The funeral took place on Saturday, September 26th. The hearse was preceded by a good number of his fellow-workmen, and after the interment ten of his brother-ringers met at the church of St. Mary-le-Tower and rang with the bells half muffled a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. By his death the St. Mary-le-Tower Society has lost a very genial member. R.I.P.

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**S**ITUATION, permanent, wanted as Clerk or Timekeeper. Change-ringer, capable of conducting. Member of Midland Counties Association. Good references, age 29, married. Apply—W. A., care of Editor.

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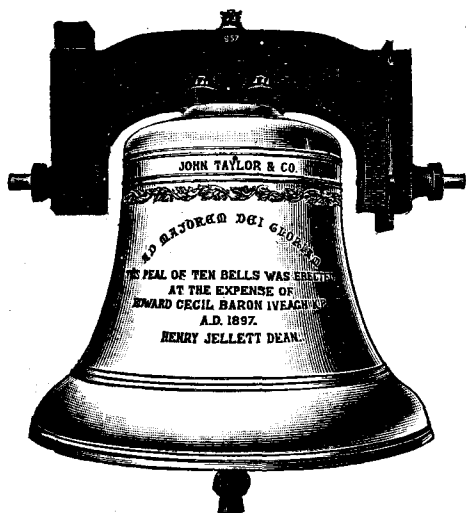
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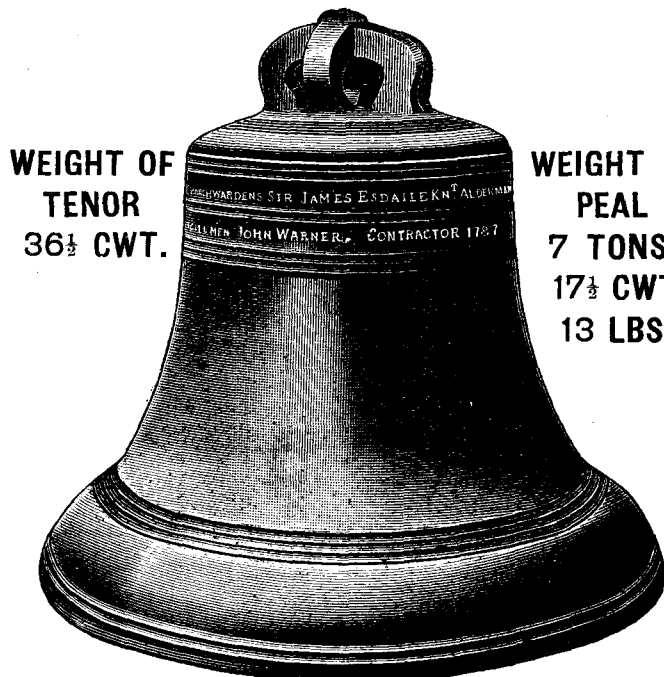
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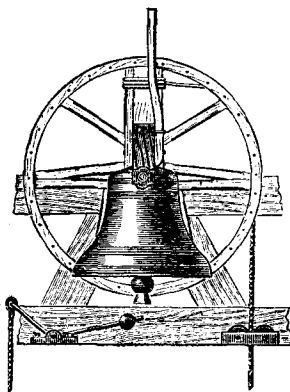
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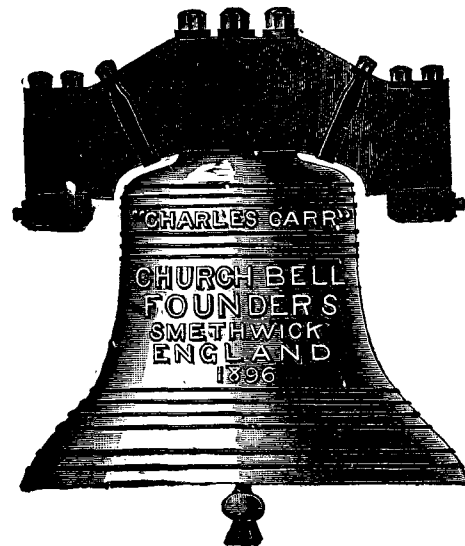
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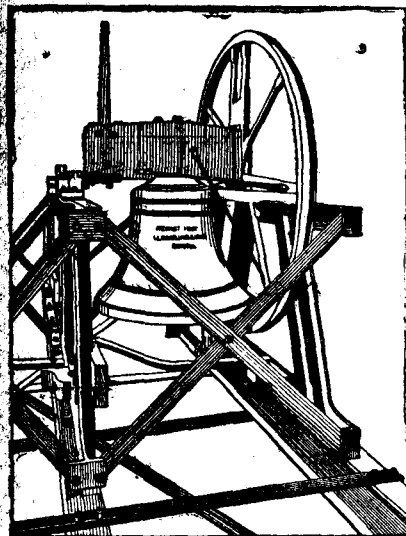
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## CRANLEIGH, SURREY.

The week ending October 3rd was a notable one in the church history of Cranleigh, Surrey. The massive old tower, one of the finest in Surrey, has been undergoing a thorough repair, and has been re-shingled. This was finished on Wednesday, September 30th. The bellhangers have also been at work. The old peal of six (tenor 19 cwt.) has been retuned and two new trebles added, making a splendid ring of eight. The new bells were given by two generous parishioners—Lord Alverstone, Lord Chief Justice of England, and the Rev. W. Forbes Capel, formerly a curate at the parish church. The new ring was dedicated on Saturday, October 3rd, by the Lord Bishop of Winchester. It was the especial wish of the Rector and churchwardens that whatever ringing was to be done on the opening day should be done by the local band, who accordingly met half an hour before the service (timed for 3.15), and rang a 360 of Kent Treble Bob on the old six. After service touches of Treble Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering, and several courses of Grandsire Triples were rung. The ringers were entertained at tea by the Rector and churchwardens.

The "go" and tune of the new ring is all that can be desired (which goes without saying), being the work of that old-established firm, Mears and Stainbank, of the Foundry, Whitechapel, London. And now the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild is one more eight-bell tower the richer.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The second quarterly meeting of the year was held at Duffield on Saturday, September 26th, and was well attended by ringers from Ashby, Alfreton, Bolsover, Beeston, Burton, Chesterfield, Cotgrave, Derby, Duffield, Leicester, Loughborough, Mansfield, Nottingham, Ripley, Wirksworth, etc.

The ten bells at the parish church were available for the visitors at 2 p.m., and were kept going in all the well-known methods to a late hour. Sir Arthur Heywood had kindly thrown open his grounds at Duffield Bank to the members, and on a glorious afternoon this privilege was keenly appreciated.

The committee meeting was held in the Girls' School at 4 p.m., and at 5 o'clock the members, to the number of sixty-nine, sat down to an excellent tea. This was followed by the general business meeting, amongst those present being the Rev. J. P. C. Aldous (Vicar of Duffield), Mr. E. D. Taylor, Mr. W. E. White (Hon. Secretary), and others. The duties of Hon. Treasurer was carried out by Mr. W. C. Wakley, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. A. Wakley. The Hon. Secretary announced that both the President and Vice-president were unavoidably prevented from attending the meeting, and in the absence

of these two gentlemen he moved that the Vicar should take the chair. This was seconded by Mr. Taylor, and carried with applause.

Mr. White then read the minutes of the last meeting held at Ashby, and they were signed *nem. con.* A list of peals rung since the last meeting was then read, comprising a 5040 in seven methods, eight peals of Grandsire Triples, four of Stedman Triples, three of Bob Major (including a 10,192), six of Double Norwich Major, six of Treble Bob Major, eight of Superlative Surprise, one of New Cambridge Surprise, two of London Surprise, two of Bristol Surprise (the first in the method by the Association), one of Grandsire Caters, three of Stedman Caters, and three of Kent Treble Bob Royal, all on tower bells; and three peals of Bob Major, two of Double Norwich, and three of Kent Treble Bob Major on handbells, in all fifty-seven peals, which with those rung in the two previous quarters, brings the total for the nine months up to 107 peals, which eclipses any previous full year's record of the Association. The thanks of the Association are due to the Bolsover band, and to the brothers Pye and those gentlemen who made up their bands, for their handsome contribution to the above total.

The names of new members were read, and their election ratified, viz., three new honorary members, including the Vicars of Duffield and St. Andrew's, Derby; four life members, and ten ringing members.

Mr. J. Griffin then said he desired to make a personal explanation of certain incidents that had taken place at the last meeting of the Central Council, with reference to the omission of Mr. Willson's long peal of Double Norwich from the Council's collection of peals. He read letters which had passed between himself, Mr. Willson, Sir Arthur Heywood, and Mr. White, and it was finally shewn that no negligence or unfriendly feeling towards Mr. Willson had been manifested by the M.C.A. delegates; Mr. Willson accepting the explanations of Mr. Griffin and Mr. White, the matter was settled amicably.

The Rev. J. P. C. Aldous then briefly addressed the meeting, thanking the members for electing him a honorary member and voting him to the chair.

Mr. White proposed, and Mr. Fox seconded, a vote of thanks to the Vicar and to those who had made arrangements for the tea. The Vicar replied, and a most successful meeting closed.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The thirty-first annual meeting of this Association was held at Norwich on Thursday, October 1st, and proved a very enjoyable gathering. The authorities had very kindly granted the use of the bells in all the city churches, and therefore "bell-music" was abundant. The annual service was held at St. Peter Mancroft, a large number of the visitors attending. The Rev. A. J. Alpe, Rector of Garveston and Thuxton, and an honorary member of the Association, gave the address, and in it the preacher set forth the sacredness of the ringers' office, and the necessity for staunch churchmanship on the part of every one who

rang. Immediately after the service the members assembled in the Mancroft Memorial Hall for luncheon. The President (Mr. J. Sanicroft Holmes) occupied the chair, and was supported by the Revs. C. L. Kennaway, F. J. Meyrick, E. C. J. Bowen, E. C. Hopper, A. J. Alpe, W. C. Pearson, and W. A. Partridge, Messrs. D. Holme, G. P. Burton, W. L. Duffield, and C. E. Borrett (secretary), and the following district secretaries: Messrs. F. Day, J. W. Sedgley, T. Fitzjohn, and D. Hayward.

One hundred members were present, and at the conclusion of the repast the President gave the toast of "The King," and "The Bishop and Clergy," the latter being responded to by the Revs. F. J. Meyrick and A. J. Alpe.

Mr. D. O. Holme, in an admirable speech, proposed the toast of the day—"Success to the Association," and to this the Rev. C. L. Kennaway (hon. sec. and treasurer) responded. The annual report, which was then read, gave encouraging details of the work of the Association. Both numerically and financially their position was sound, and although restoration work to bells and belfries in the diocese had not been as extensive as in some other years, yet some notable improvements had been carried out, and some important ones were in progress. The peal performances of the preceding twelve months included some brilliant performances, and special mention was made of the magnificent record of the Ipswich branch, the members of which had placed to the credit of the Association peals of Cambridge Major, Royal and Maximus, London, Superlative and Double Norwich Major, Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve—a year's work indeed!

The officers of the Association were all re-elected, and Messrs. W. L. Catchpole, J. Motts, G. P. Burton and C. E. Borrett were elected representatives on the Central Council. A grant of £7 10s. was voted to the St. John de Sepulchre, Norwich, bell fund, and £2 10s. was also voted to the Palgrave bell fund. The election of a quantity of new members brought the meeting to a close, and the various towers were again visited, and the bells kept going until evening.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the south-western division took place at Barking on Saturday, September 19th. Members arrived from Woodford, Wanstead, Leytonstone, West Ham and Dagenham, but singularly enough Barking and Romford more especially, were conspicuous by their few representatives. The day had been chosen also for a demonstration in aid of the local hospital, and at 3.30 the merry bells were contributing their quota of the public enjoyment. The dingy and uninviting courts and alleys of Barking emptied their inhabitants into the narrow thoroughfares of this once famous and historical town, where centuries ago the Abbey flourished amidst the beauty of woodlands and resourceful domains.

To-day another picture presented itself. Ill-clad children, seemingly unconscious of their meagre lives, romped and shouted with joy at the passing pageant. Pretty girls there were, who solicited contributions, the authorities evidently aware that few, even with their last coppers, will say nay to a fair maid. At 5 o'clock ringing ceased for awhile, for the Rev. J. W. Eisdell, accompanied by his churchwarden, Mr. E. A. Davies, were in the vestry to show interested ringers some of the relics and curiosities of this venerable place. The damp and rust of time and decay were visible to the inquisitive as they peered into the remains of by-gone days and listened to

the description of their discoveries by the Vicar, patriarch and custodian, of their interesting treasures. Here was the ring and even the bone of the finger of Yolenta de Sutton, it once adorned, dating as far back as 1320. There the wassall-cup of 1650, the old chalice, the register of christenings in 1560, and also the record of the marriage of the famous adventurer and explorer, Captain Cook, 1762. Amidst these relics, of solitary ruins, and silent and mouldering walls and tombs, what lessons and delicious sentiments may come to the contemplative mind! Here was the dust of the proud and rich mingled with the meanest of mankind—a vindication of the emptiness and nullity of terrestrial things, sufficient to check the ambition and cupidity of restless mortals.

At 5.30 tea was taken by a party of twenty-five at The Red Lion hotel, the Vicar presiding. Among that number were Mr. E. A. Davies, churchwarden, Mr. G. Black, the Master, Mr. S. Hayes, the Secretary, Mr. G. F. Margetson, and the brothers Faulkner and Fenn, whose talents in change-ringing are universally known and admired. The business meeting followed, and after the minutes of previous meeting had been read, the Master and Secretary were unanimously re-elected. St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, was decided upon for the next place of meeting. Mr. S. Hayes then proposed, seconded by Mr. E. Davies, a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the Vicar for presiding and granting the use of the bells, which was duly carried.

The Vicar, in responding, spoke of the joy and delight the ringing of the bells gave him. He felt it an honour to be present that evening. He had often been astonished at the earnestness and enthusiasm of ringers, who, like squirrels, were never more happy than when they were climbing the steeples to indulge in their hobby or Art of change-ringing. Though only a dream, he still thought he might one day be found in some quiet and sequestered village, endeavouring of master the science which his present duties forbade. Out of a population of 30,000 he received no complaints to the ringing of the bells, showing the ringers were appreciated. In listening to the minutes which had just been read, he was forcibly struck by the good example of the Vicar of North Weald in providing for the ringers at his own expense. He hoped to go and do likewise.

The bells were kept going in various methods from Grandsire to London Surprise, giving some members, including the writer, a chance of attempting what they could not creditably perform, and trying the patience of some of the genuises of Barking. But it was a pleasant day, and well spent, though we could have wished more present, and perhaps the next meeting may atone for the deficiencies of the past.

G. F. M.

### THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly meeting of the above Association was held at Ruthin on Saturday, September 26th. Members attended from Abergele, Buckley, Bangor, Denbigh, Llandudno, Llangollen, Ruthin, and Wrexham. The business meeting was held in the church vestry, with the Rev. A. Abel in the chair. Tea was partaken of in the Council Chambers, provided by the ladies of the parish. The Ven. Archdeacon Griffiths presided, and after tea extended on behalf of the churchwardens and himself, a hearty welcome to the Association. He eulogised the work of an Association of this sort, and said there was no body of churchworkers who deserved more recognition



than bellringers. Societies of this sort did much to widen the sphere of labour for Churchmen. Bellringing did more towards the advance of bodily activity and zeal than anything else he knew of. He hoped that the outcome of this meeting would be to stir the Ruthin ringers to become efficient in the Art. In conclusion he said he was glad to see a good number present, and hoped the Association would again visit Ruthin at an early date.

Mr. J. W. Davies (Llangollen) then replied, and thanked the Archdeacon for the kind way he had spoken of the ringers. He hoped that this meeting would be of lasting good to the Ruthin ringers. He knew from experience that they would soon become efficient ringers, if only the bells were put in a ringable condition. Indeed he complimented them for sticking to their work under such trying conditions. On behalf of the Association he thanked the Archdeacon and churchwardens for the kindly welcome, and for the use of the bells.

Mr. R. H. Williams (Ruthin), then said how pleased he and his ringers were to see the Association. They in Ruthin had been plodding on in the same old way, and it was a great treat to hear some change-ringing. Until the bells were put in order, he felt that it was of no use asking the Association for an Instructor. He thanked the Archdeacon for the kind way he had treated his own ringers, as instance the gift of a beautiful set of handbells. He hoped that in the near future the Archdeacon would see his way clear to have the bells put in a ringable condition. He thanked the Association for holding the meeting at Ruthin, and that they would do their best for the cause of change-ringing.

Mr. A. E. Pegler (Bangor), gave his opinion on the state of the bells. He said they would soon have to be seen to, as there was no doubt that they were in a very bad condition. He hoped to hear that they would soon be put in order, and that the ringers would soon become efficient in the Art.

The Archdeacon apologised for the absence of the churchwardens, as Saturday was a very awkward day for them in Ruthin. He felt he could not leave the chair without proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for the way they had attended to their wants that day. They had taken up the affair at a very short notice, and it was to their credit that they had supplied such an excellent repast. This was carried by the ringers in the usual way.

Tea over, a course of Grandsire Triples and tune-ringing on the handbells was indulged in by the Bangor ringers. Ringing during the day consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and 720 Bob Minor, the first on the bells.

The outcome of this meeting has been no doubt to stir up change-ringing in this district. It is heard on good authority that something may be done to the bells at Denbigh. At present they are only chimed, but with a curate there who takes a great interest in ringing, there is every probability of something being done. The meeting was a most successful one, and thanks are due to Mr. R. H. Williams, the energetic leader of the Ruthin ringers, for the excellent arrangements during the day.

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The autumn meeting was held at Skelton on Saturday, September 26th, and was attended by ringers from Darlington, Guisborough, Middlesbrough, Ormesby, Robin Hood's Bay, Sharow, Shildon, Skelton, Stockton, and West Hartlepool. During the afternoon touches of Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, also 546 Grandsire Triples, which was struck to perfection, bringing out to great advantage the musical properties of this grand ring, of which the tenor is 23 cwt. At 5 o'clock the company sat down to tea at the Church Room, the chair being occupied by the President. In the absence of the Rector, who nevertheless takes great interest in the progress now being made by the Skelton band, and who was present in the tower during the afternoon, the toast of "The Bishops and Clergy" was responded to by Mr. Stevenson (churchwarden), and the Rev. R. Hodgson (curate, and Secretary of the Association). Several new members were proposed, including the Ormesby band, and Messrs. Pennyman (Ormesby), and Giers (Busby Hall), as hon. members. Later a visit was made to Saltburn tower, and two short touches of Kent Treble Bob Major were brought round, which ended the proceedings as a successful and enjoyable meeting, which it is hoped will further stimulate the marked progress now being made at Skelton.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting was held at Evercreech on Saturday, September 12th, when fifty members put in an appearance, representing fourteen towers. A short service was held in the parish church at 3.30, the Rev. W. T. Dyne, Vicar of the parish, giving a very appropriate address. An excellent tea was provided in the school-room, after which the business meeting was held, the Rev. C. C. Parker (Master of the Association), presiding, being supported by the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, Rev. W. T. Dyne, Rev. A. J. Hook, and E. J. Allen, Esq.

The minutes were read by the Secretary and duly passed. Four honorary and several performing members were duly elected. Glastonbury was selected for the next quarterly meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the Rev. W. T. Dyne for the very able address he gave the members, and for the use of the bells. This was carried unanimously. After the rev. gentleman had responded, a move was made to the tower, where a nice ring of eight bells was found, which have recently been rehung by Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, the "go" being all that could be desired. Several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major were rung during the evening.

#### THE STOW AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

This society held their quarterly meeting at Fincham, Norfolk, on Saturday, September 26th, members from Stow Bardolph, Shouldham, Fincham, and Marham being present. A excellent tea was provided at The Swan inn, which the members very much appreciated. After tea business was discussed, and the next meeting was decided to be held at Downham Market in December. Touches of Treble Bob and Bob Minor were rung at the parish church, the striking being very good.

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The 27th anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 14th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (4s. each), may be obtained of Messrs. Bayley, Burden, E. A. Davies, Fardon, Garrard, Golding, Harman, Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, A. Jones, H. Langdon, O'Meara, Newton, Peck, Pettit, Price, Prime, Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, Taffender, Winney, M. A. Wood, or to

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**The London County Association late the St. James's Society.**—Established 1824.—The sixth annual grand Bohemian Concert will be held to-day, Saturday, Oct. 10th, at The Talbot restaurant, London Wall, City. Doors open at 7.15 p.m., commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission only by programme, price 6d. reserved seats 1s., to be obtained from the following officers and committee: Messrs. Matthews, Winney, Daniell, Ellis, Smith, Neale, Bevan, Iles, Perrin, Davis, Scambler, Turner, Simons, and Hairs. During the afternoon several towers will be open for ringing peals and touches, announcement of which will be made later. Previous to the concert the tower of St. Giles, Cripplegate (twelve bells), will be open for ringing from 5 p.m. till 7.30.

T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.

10, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill.

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—Members are requested to note that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the parish church, Fulham, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. W. C. Muriel, to-day, Saturday, October 10th.

3 p.m. Members assemble at the church for ringing.

5 p.m. Short service and sermon by the Vicar.

6 p.m. Tea in the parish room, followed by the meeting.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury to-day, Saturday, October 10th. Bells at 4.30. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, Branch Sec.

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held at Cottenham to-day, Saturday, October 10th. Tea at 5.

P. WEBB, Dis. Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Poulton-le-Fylde to-day, Saturday, October 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30.

GEORGE MARIES, Branch Sec.

**The Surrey Association.**—The autumn meeting will be held at Mitcham to-day, Sat.,

October 10th. Bells at the parish church will be available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at Mr. Bance's at 6 o'clock, and the usual business meeting to follow. CHAS DEAN, Hon. Sec.  
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**The Kent County Association.**—Maidstone District.—The district meeting will be held at Bearsted to-day, Saturday, Oct. 10th, when half fares up to 1s. will be paid. The belfry will be open for ringing at 4 p.m. The Vicar has kindly offered to provide tea in the Institute Hall at 5.30. Business meeting after tea.

A. F. ASHMAN, Dis. Sec.

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Hitchin to-day, Sat., October 10th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at The Angel, Sun Street, at 5.30. J. J. FOSTER, Hon. Sec.  
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**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Warrington, to-day, Saturday, October 10th. Bells ready at 4.30. WALTER HUGHES, Sec.  
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**The North Notts. Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Anston, Kiveton Park Station, on Saturday, October 10th.

B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting of the above will be held at Biddenden to-day, Sat., October 10th. Tower open at 4 o'clock, to be followed by the usual business meeting, at which the Rector, the Rev. E. B. Th. Morgan, will preside. An allowance of 1s. per m/e (maximum 2s.) for one way will be allowed to members present at the tea.

C. TRIBE, Hon. Sec.

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**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 17th. Tower open at 4 o'clock.

W. LATTER, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the church of St. John the Baptist, Broughton, on Saturday, October 17th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, Branch Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's, Waterfoot, on Saturday, October 17th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

T. ROLLERSON, Branch Sec.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Derby Branch.—The next district meeting of this branch will be held at Ripley (8 bells), on Saturday, October 24th. Ringing from 2 p.m.

A. H. WARD, Hon. Sec.

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Dartford on Saturday, October 31st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m., with an address by the Rev. Percy E. Smith, Vicar. Tea will be provided for those only who send me their names by the 27th inst. Business meeting after tea, the Vicar presiding.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

**The William Verry Commemoration.**—Through unavoidable circumstances, the annual commemoration dinner is postponed until November 14th, when we hope to meet many old and new friends.

R. FAUX, Hon. Sec.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT ROTHERHAM (RUNG ON SEPTEMBER 26th).**—S. F. Palmer's 100 Peals.—Bob Minor 1; Bob Minor (4 methods), 1; Grandsire Triples 9; Caters 6; Cinques 1; Stedman Triples 18, conducted 2; Caters 7; Cinques 5; Bob Major 7; Royal 1; Kent Major 11, conducted 1 (including a 11,232); Royal 4; College Single 2; Forward Major 1; Double Norwich Major 5.

On handbells.—Grandsire Triples 14; Caters 1; Bob Major 5; Royal 1; total 100; conducted 3.

**THE HANDBELL PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS AT SHEFFIELD.**—G. Lewis' 50 Peals.—On tower bells: Four Minor methods 1; Seven Treble Bob Minor methods 2; Grandsire Triples 2; Caters 3; Bob Major 4, conducted 1; Kent Major 7, conducted 3 (including 6208 and 11,232); Stedman Triples 8, conducted 2; Caters 3.

On handbells.—Grandsire Triples 8; Caters 2; Stedman Triples 1; Bob Major 7; Royal 1; total 50; conducted 6.

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**NORWICH.**—On Sunday evening, August 30th, for Divine Service at St. Peter Mancroft, 1008 Stedman Triples. A. Potter, W. Cutbush, J. Freeman, G. Mayers, J. E. Burton, G. P. Burton, C. E. Borrett conductor, H. Borrett, Tenor 45 cwt.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

## OFFICIAL MINUTES.

The Third Session of the Sixth Council was held in the Council-Chamber of the Guildhall at Cambridge on Whitsun-Tuesday, 9th June, 1908, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., President, in the chair. There were present 55 out of 93 elected representatives, and 8 out of 11 honorary members.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, passed and signed, the Hon. Secretary announced that expressions of regret for absence had been received from Rev. C. E. Matthews, and from Messrs. J. Clark, J. W. Jones, and A. F. M. Stewart.

The Hon. Treasurer then submitted the annual statement of accounts of which the following is a summary: Balance from last year, £50 7s. 2d.; affiliation fees, £11 12s. 6d.; sale of publications, £4 10s. 4d.; making a total of £66 10s. The expenditure had been: Expenses of last meeting, £2 7s.; Printing, £29 14s. 6d.; postage and sundries, £1 1s.; leaving in hand a balance of £33 7s. 6d. To this may be added the estimated nett value of the publications left in the hands of Messrs. Bemrose and Sons, £129 8s. 6d., bringing the total assets of the Council to the sum of £162 16s. These accounts, having been previously audited in detail by the Standing Committee were passed on the proposal of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin.

The Hon. Secretary then announced that the Cambridge University Guild, the Truro Diocesan Guild, and the Warwickshire Guild, had become affiliated to the Council.

The following new members were introduced to the President and took their seats on the Council, viz.: Mr. A. L. Colman, of the Warwickshire Guild; Rev. T. L. Jones, of the North Wales Association; Mr. E. H. Lewis, of the Cambridge University Guild; and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, honorary member.

On the proposal of the Rev. H. Law James, seconded by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Rev. E. W. Carpenter was unanimously re-elected an honorary member, as was also Mr. Tom Lockwood, on the proposal of Mr. W. Snowdon, seconded by Mr. C. H. Hattersley.

The President then delivered a brief and stirring address on the duty of ringers as churchmen to do their utmost as defenders of the Church's schools which were threatened by the projected legislation of the party now in power. His words met with hearty applause from the Council.

On behalf of the Peal Collection Committee Dr. A. B. Carpenter reported that Section III. of the Collection containing peals of Double Norwich Court Bob had been published, and that a list of errata had been carefully drawn up and inserted in each copy of the work.

It was proposed by Rev. C. D. P. Davies, seconded by Dr. A. B. Carpenter, and carried unanimously, that Mr. J. A. Trollope be added to the Committee. On the proposal of Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by Rev. H. Law James, the Committee were instructed to include in the next section the figures of Mr. W. Willson's long peal in the form in which an attempt was made to ring it.

Mr. R. A. Daniell reported progress on behalf of the Church Press Committee.

Speaking for the Legitimate Methods Committee Rev. H. Law James reported that Section I. of the Collection of Legitimate Methods, containing methods in Doubles, Minor and Triples, had been published during the year. On the proposition of Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mr. F. B. Tompkins it was agreed that the question of type writing the future work of the Committee be left in the hands of the Hon. Secretary, subject to the decision of the standing committee.

Mr. John Carter having expressed disagreement with certain particulars in the Collection of Legitimate Methods, it was with his concurrence agreed that his name should be removed from the title page.\*

For the Peals' Analysis Committee Mr. A. T. King reported that the Analysis for 1907 had been ready for some months,

\* In subsequent private correspondence with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Carter has expressed himself as being willing that his name should remain on the title-page, and accordingly no action has been taken on the resolution.

with the exception of one matter on which the formal reply of the Peal Values Committee was being awaited.

On behalf of the Peal Values Committee Mr. R. S. Story reported that the Committee were of opinion that the peal rung and published by the title of "London Surprise Royal" should be allowed 68 points; this opinion being subsequently endorsed with unanimity on the proposal of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. W. L. Catchpole.

The President having decided that at this point it would be best to take item No. 9 on the Agenda, there ensued a long discussion, introduced by Mr. F. G. May, on the claims of the various methods published under the title of "London Surprise Royal." Mr. G. F. Attree proposed, and Mr. J. S. Pritchett seconded a resolution to the effect that "The Council declines to recognise any method hitherto rung or published as being entitled to the designation of London Surprise Royal," but on the motion of Rev. H. Drake, seconded by the Hon. Secretary, the previous question was carried by 24 to 21.

It was proposed by the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. J. Bradney, and carried, that the following note be appended to Rule II., viz.: "Here and elsewhere in these rules the word 'member' shall be taken as meaning 'member of Council.' A 'representative member' is not necessarily a member of the Society which he represents."

The Hon. Secretary proposed, Mr. R. S. Story seconded, and it was carried by 33 votes against 9, that "it is desirable to retain the practice of apportioning points for peals."

At the close of a long and interesting discussion, introduced by Rev. H. A. Cockey, on the question as to "whether the present fashion of ringing a large variety of methods is responsible for decreased attention to accurate striking; and, if so, whether any steps can be taken to encourage greater pride in this respect," it was proposed by Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, seconded by Mr. J. S. Pritchett, and carried, that "This Council wishes to call the attention of Associations generally, and of conductors in particular, to the desirability of encouraging the greatest possible accuracy in striking."

The Hon. Secretary moved a cordial vote of thanks to the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey for his kindness in making such excellent arrangements for the meeting of the Council. This having been seconded by Mr. R. S. Story, was enthusiastically carried.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson proposed, and Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded a vote of thanks to the President and Hon. Secretary, and the meeting adjourned.

## 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."

## "METHODS,"

SIR.—It was not my intention to say anything further on this subject, but I cannot allow one item to pass. I never said that the method which was rung as London Surprise Royal was an illegitimate method, but I do say that it was rung under an illegitimate name. Mr. Trollope says that the method I gave is illegitimate, owing to the lead-ends not being proper ones. Now since it is a perfect Triple method, and contains the same lead-ends as Grandsire Triples, I am surprised to read that Mr. Trollope has at last stated that the Grandsire Triple lead-ends are illegitimate. What indeed is Mr. Trollope going to do with the very best of all Triples methods, Grandsire? I will now leave him to his own devices in this matter, but there is one question I wish to ask. When a committee is appointed to investigate a matter, should it not be done by that body and that body alone, and not through the public press?

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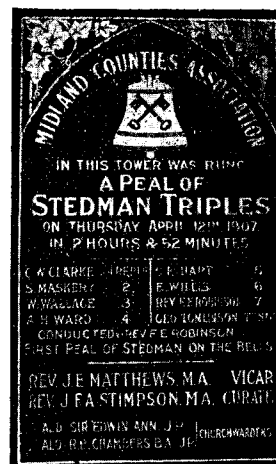
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1908.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

At a special meeting held on Tuesday, October 6th last, it was resolved that the peal rung at Stepney on November 11th, 1907, shall be entered in the Society's peal-book as London Surprise Royal.

## The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, COLEMAN STREET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES .. .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.
CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 2.	HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADB.. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

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

**The Provinces.****STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sunday, September 6, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 15 cwt.**

GEORGE GOODE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HARRIS .. .. 4.
GEORGE TAYLOR .. .. 2.	WILLIAM TAYLOR .. .. 5.
HENRY W. YOUNG .. .. 3.	JAMES JONES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY W. YOUNG.

First peal on the bells.

**CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(CHESTER BRANCH.)***On Wednesday, September 16, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

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

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

ROBERT SPERRING .. .. Treble.	JAMES V. WRIGHT .. .. 5.
CHARLES DAVIES .. .. 2.	JAMES MORGAN .. .. 7.
FRED WESTON* .. .. 3.	FRANK MILTON .. .. 7.
GEORGE PIERCE .. .. 4.	*JOHN DAVIES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. SPERRING

\*First peal. Rang with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Isaac Williams, a late churchwarden of the above church, who was interred on that day.

**ST. IPPOLYT'S, HERTS.****THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 19, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IPPOLYT'S,

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

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Merchant's Return, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR CROFT* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE WOLFE .. .. 4.
WILLIAM J. CROFT .. .. 2.	CHARLES V. HARE .. .. 5.
JOHN HARE .. .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells.

**BRAMPTON, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, September 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 9 cwt.**

WM. MYALL .. .. Treble.	JAS. WOOLNOUGH .. .. 3.
JNO. COLE .. .. 2.	JAS. SPALDING .. .. 4.
JNO. LARTER .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by JNO. LARTER.

This is believed to be the first peal of Stedman Doubles by the Association.

**MONKSILVER, SOMERSETSHIRE.****THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being eight 6-scores of St. Simon's, ten of Stedman Slow Course, and twelve each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

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

\*First peal. Conducted by W. BENNETT.

**HYDE, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.**

JAMES SHAW .. .. Treble.	*TOM WILDE .. .. 5.
SAM BOWKER* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HECKINGBOTTOM .. 6.
ARTHUR HAUGHTON* .. .. 3.	ALBERT HOUGH .. .. 7.
HARRY NORGROVE* .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN THORPE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by A. HOUGH.

\*First peal in the method.

**IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.****THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. Treble.	THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 5.
ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. 2.	ARTHUR SMEATHERS .. 6.
FRED CAUSBY† .. .. 3.	WALTER PERKINS .. .. 7.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 4.	FRED WILFORD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN W. BARKER, and Conducted by F. WIDFORD.

†First peal in the method with a bob bell.

**KNEBWORTH, HERTS.****THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.**

HENRY S. REEVES .. .. Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 5.
ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. 2.	GEORGE H. BARKER .. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BERRY .. .. 7.
EDWARD F. COLE .. .. 4.	ARTHUR R. JACOB .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

**PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
BULWER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.**

BERNARD MOODY .. .. Treble.	BEN WATKINSON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM P. BROOK .. .. 2.	JOHN FRYER .. .. 6.
GEORGE WILCOCK .. .. 3.	THOMAS M. BARKER .. .. 7.
JOHN PEASE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PEARSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. M. BARKER.

This peal has the whole of the 6-7s at backstroke, and is now rung by the Association for the first time.

**MORTIMER, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

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

*On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by E. W. MENDAY.

\*First peal of Double Norwich.

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## HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE GATLAND .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM HILLMAN .. .. 5.
JOHN SMART .. .. 2.	ARTHUR HUTCHINGS.. .. 6.
HARRY EVANS .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN BASSETT .. .. 7.
GEORGE NORRIS .. .. 4.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. Tenor.

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS, and Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Smart, Evans, and Bassett, the rest of the band wishing them many happy returns.

## WEOBLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 27, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 22 cwt in E flat.

HENRY J. TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HARRIS.. .. 4.
GEORGE TAYLOR .. .. 2.	ALBERT E. HURCOMB .. 5.
HENRY W. YOUNG .. .. 3.	*FRANK LEWIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY W. YOUNG.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells and was rung for Divine Service.

## HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Monday, September 28, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs.

JOHN J. PRATT .. .. Treble.	JAMES MERRICK.. .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 2.	JAMES W. WILKINS .. .. 6.
ROBERT E. STAVERT.. .. 3.	*EDGAR HANCOX .. .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

\*First peal of Stedman as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. T. King, Esq., Hon. Secretary of the Association.

## BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 29, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by J. S. WILDE, and Conducted by D. BREARLEY.

## OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 1, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

WILLIAM H. HOLIFIELD..Treble.	WILLIAM FINCH.. .. 6.
THOMAS PAYNE .. .. 2.	ARTHUR LAMBOURNE.. .. 7.
HARRY MILES .. .. 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 8.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 4.	EDMUND BANISTER .. .. 9.
ALFRED FOX .. .. 5.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. Tenor.
	ANTHONY STRANGE .. ..

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

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

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 1, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 37½ cwt.

GEORGE T. POTTER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 6.
EDWARD A. HERN .. .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. 7.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. .. 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 8.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. .. 9.
ROBERT W. FALCONER* .. 5.	ROBERT RICHARDSON.. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

\*First peal of Caters.

## STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 2, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH HARDY .. .. Treble.	HARRY WHITTLE .. .. 5.
REUBEN CLIFFORD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FOX .. .. 6.
ERNEST W. ABBOTT.. .. 3.	EDWARD READER .. .. 7.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 4.	ALFRED HARRAD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD READER.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 1, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST W. COULSON ..Treble.	WILLIAM E. WHITE .. .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FOX .. .. 6.
HARRY WHITTLE .. .. 3.	REUBEN CLIFFORD .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 4.	EDWARD READER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON ..Treble.	WILLIAM FOX .. .. 5.
HARRY WHITTLE .. .. 2.	ERNEST W. ABBOTT.. .. 6.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 3.	EDWARD READER .. .. 7.
DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 4.	ARCHIE BREARLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD READER.

It was intended to ring Caters at the parish church, but illness prevented.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

HENRY BROWNJOHN ..Treble.	HENRY PRING .. .. 5.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 2.	JOHN THOMAS .. .. 6.
RICHARD CLARK.. .. 3.	WALTER E. APPERLEY .. 7.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 4.	WILLIAM A. CAVE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

First peal of London by all except the ringers of the 2nd and 6th. Quickest peal of Major on the bells.



### FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

PARKER'S SIX-PART NO. II.

HORACE SKUSE .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM HENLEY .. .. 5.
REUBEN FLAXMAN .. .. 2.	GEORGE BASDEN .. .. 6.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. .. 7.
FREDERICK REID .. .. 4.	JOHN BOVINGTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

\*First peal. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, and as a farewell to the Rev. H. C. Wilder, who is leaving Farnham Royal for Sulham, near Reading.

### Handbell Peals.

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

On Wednesday, September 23, 1908, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT 10, WELLGATE,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5025 CHANGES.

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

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—W. Warburton. For figures of this composition see "Grandtire," page 112.

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

On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT 10, WELLGATE,

#### A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

GEORGE LEWIS .. .. 1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 5-6.
ALBERT NASH .. .. 3-4.	WALTER COATES .. .. 7-8.
SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—W. Warburton. First handbell peal of Bob Royal by the Association, and by all the band. This is S. F. Palmer's 100th peal; reference elsewhere.

#### SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT 33, HOLLY STREET,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN .. 5-6.
ALBERT NASH .. .. 3-4.	GEORGE LEWIS .. 7-8.
GEORGE O. DIXON .. .. 9-10.	

Composed and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—T. G. Sarel. This is G. Lewis's fiftieth peal; reference elsewhere.

### HERSHAM, SURREY.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(YORKTOWN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S BELFREY,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

CHARLES J. HAMBLIN* 1-2.	G. EDSE, JUN. .. 5-6.
ARTHUR SHEPHERD .. 3-4.	*STEPHEN C. HAMBLIN.. 7-8.

Conducted by G. EDSE, JUN.

\*First peal. First peal double-handed by the local band. The conductor's first peal as such, and it is to be wondered if he is alone in his first success at conducting being double-handed. Umpire—Ernest J. Hamblin.

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

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY)

On Monday, September 28, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT 10, WELLGATE,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN .. 5-6.
ALBERT NASH .. .. 3-4.	SAM THOMAS .. 7-8.
GEORGE O. DIXON .. .. 9-10.	

Composed and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—W. Coates. This is S. Thomas' 100th peal for the Association, and his first peal on handbells.

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

On Tuesday, September 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

IN THE BELFREY,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

JOHN B. JACKSON .. 1-2.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. 5-6.
THOMAS M. THOMPSON 3-4.	JOSEPH WAITE .. 7-8.

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Umpires—S. Brown and W. B. Smith. First peal on handbells in the method by the Association.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Grandsire Triples has been sent from Plymouth, without church or date being mentioned.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Minor rung at Sandiacre on September 19th, and reported in our last issue, was conducted by E. C. Gobey, and the weight of the tenor is 16½ cwt.

### Miscellaneous.

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

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 23rd, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 1224 Double Norwich Caters. A. Cutmore, H. G. Miles, J. R. Mackman, F. G. Symonds, A. F. Harris, E. G. Stibbons, J. Howes, A. V. Selby, W. E. Garrard conductor, J. Judd.

#### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HOLCOMBE ROGUS.—On Sunday, September 27th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 46 mins. T. Vickery, W. Vickery, E. Woodberry, R. Woodberry, R. Gillard conductor, L. Pidgeon. First on the bells, first as conductor, and first by the above members. Rung in honour of the re-visit of Dr. Browne.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday evening, September 27th, at Charles Church, 1277 Grandsire Caters, in 49 mins. R. Dobson, G. F. Williams composer and conductor, F. Hockaday, G. Stroud, E. W. Marsh, W. Ford, A. Wellington, W. Hiscott, W. H. Marsh, J. H. Woodley.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED.—On Sunday, August 2nd, for evening service at the parish church, 640 London Surprise Major. G. Gray, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. On Wednesday, August 5th, for practice, 672 London Surprise. H. J. Tucker, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, August 9th, for morning service, 588 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, W. T. Prior, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, J. Luckey, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, H. Little, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. On Wednesday, August 19th, for practice, 672 Superlative Surprise. G. Jordan, Rev. A. H. F. Boughiey, H. J. Tucker, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor.

#### THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

DUBLIN.—On Sunday, August 30th, for evening service at St.

George's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. C. Purdie, T. H. Corrigan, G. Lindoff, G. Booker, G. A. Ruth, J. Hutchinson, A. J. Corrigan conductor, W. Hart. On Monday, August 31st, 558 Grandsire Caters, in 24 mins. J. A. Hayden, T. H. Corrigan, J. Smith, G. Lindoff conductor, R. Lynch, G. Booker, A. J. Corrigan, J. Hutchinson, J. W. Townley, J. Noblett.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARWELL (Berks).—On Monday, August 17th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. C. Hitchman, G. C. Rice, W. Hitchman conductor, R. G. Rice, V. R. Hitchman, R. Hitchman. Rung to celebrate the 50th birthday of Dr. Rice, and the visit of the Lord Bishop of Rivernia, Australia, father and uncle respectively to the ringers of the 2nd and 4th.

BEDFORD.—On Monday, September 14th, 2520 of Minor, being 720 College Single, 720 Oxford Bob, and 1080 of Plain Bob. A. Bates, C. R. Lilley, C. A. Robinson, C. Stapleton, J. Bates, W. Stapleton conductor. Rang with the bells deeply-muffled as a mark of respect to H. L. Clarke, who was churchwarden when the bells were made a ring of six in 1895. On Sunday, September 20th, 360 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Bates, J. Cockie, C. R. Lilley, W. Stapleton, C. A. Robinson, E. C. Chasty. A course of Violet, E. C. Chasty ringing the treble.

COCKLEY (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, August 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. G. Pugh, G. Davis, F. Palmer, J. Hickman, W. Pugh, H. Martin.

COPT OAK (Leicestershire).—On August 22nd, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. A. Measey, G. H. Geary, T. H. Hardy, W. Smith, J. Morris, E. Morris conductor. And 720 Bob Minor, conducted by E. Geary.

GREAT BROMLEY (Essex).—On Sunday, August 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Lancaster, C. Herbert, G. Lancaster, E. Herbert, G. Andrews, W. J. Nevard conductor. 720 Bob Minor. J. Taylor, W. J. Nevard, G. Lancaster, C. Herbert, G. Andrews conductor, E. Herbert. Messrs. C. and E. Herbert are from Woburn, Beds., and wish to thank Mr. Nevard for the excellent arrangements made by him, which proved a very enjoyable outing.

GROBY (Leicestershire).—On August 25th, 720 Bob Minor. E. Geary, E. Morris conductor, V. Geary, J. W. Spencer, A. Measey, T. H. Hardy.

GORLESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, July 13th, a party of ringers paid a visit to this place, and were met by the local company and Mr. D. Hayward, of Great Yarmouth, and Mr. Rowe, of Bedford. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung by R. Rowell, D. Hayward conductor, S. Burrage, F. Cooke, F. Jeffs, H. Crowe. Also touches in which Mr. Rowe took part, conducted by F. Jeffs. The company afterwards adjourned to The Feathers hotel. Mr. Hayward having an appointment at six o'clock in Yarmouth was compelled to leave rather early, but invited the company to have a short time with him at The White Horse hotel. They were joined by brother-strings from Derbyshire, who took part in some handbell ringing. They wish to thank Mr. Hayward for his kindness.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, September 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. G. Webb, G. Ransom (conductor), J. J. Parker, T. Beadle, C. Dell, G. Spencer, F. Goddard, H. Seward.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, September 27th, for evening service at the church of St. John Waterloo Road, 1312 Double Norwich Major. F. G. Perrin, A. Valentine, A. N. Hardy, F. Aike, E. Brett, F. Bennett, W. Hewett, J. Davis composer and conductor.

ROMFORD.—On Tuesday, September 15th, for practice at St. Edward's church, 576 Bristol Surprise Major. W. Watson, C. T. Coles, G. Jaye, A. T. Carter, W. Woodgate, H. F. Dawkins, A. B. Wiffen, G. R. Pye conductor.

SHALFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, September 13th for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. T. Thompson, G. Elston, T. Streeter, E. Lucas, T. Bond first 720 in any method, W. G. Trewin conductor.

SOMERLEYTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, July 25th, a mixed party of ringers visited this place and rang 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. T. Orford, W. Arnott, A. Webber, R. Christian, D. Hayward, T. Faulkner conductor. Also touches of Kent and Plain Bob, Orford, Hayward and Webber conducting. The company then adjourned to The Duke's Head, where a meat tea was served on the lawn. After a look round the gardens and a little more whiskey and cyder, the return journey was commenced, Yarmouth being reached at ten o'clock, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

THORINGTON (Essex).—On Sunday, August 16th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Andrews, C. Herbert, W. J. Nevard conductor, G. Lancaster, G. Andrews, E. Herbert. Also 360 Double Court, conducted by G. Andrews.

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#### MEMORIAL TO LLANDUDNO RINGERS.

The beautifully-engraved brass tablet fixed in Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno, to commemorate the death, through disease, of two members of the Guild of Ringers in the South African war, while serving with the 3rd vol. batt. of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, was unveiled, on Sunday, September 26th, in the presence of a crowded congregation. The tablet has been fixed upon the wall of the church tower at the west end of the church interior. The ceremony was a most impressive one. After the anthem the clergy, choir, members of the military forces and fire brigade joined in a procession, during the singing of a hymn, from the chancel to the west end, where the unveiling took place. The Rector said the prayers appointed for such occasions, and the silk veil covering the tablet was drawn aside by Capt. Tuxford, of Conway, the officer commanding the E company of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Captain Tuxford and representatives of the bellringers and the Fire Brigade, then, with the Rector, placed their hands upon the tablet, while the latter declared memorial dedicated in the following terms: "This memorial is hereby dedicated to the glory of God, and in remembrance of Charles Vaughan Jones, sergeant in the 3rd. Vol. Batt. of the R. W. F., and Harry Deverell, private in the 3rd Vol. Batt. of the R. W. F., members of the guild of bellringers of this church, who died while serving their country in the South African War, during the years 1901-2." From the words of St. Paul to the Corinthians: "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

The Rector afterwards preached a commemorative sermon.

CENTRAL COUNCIL COLLECTION OF PEALS, SECTION III.—In connection with this publication Dr. Arthur B. Carpenter writes: "Mr. James Hunt has drawn my attention to peals No. 158 and 162, which are precisely alike, except that his peal is true and mine as published is false. I have only two remarks to make on the subject. First, the falsity is none of my making, as I sent the correct figures to the collector, and second, as I do not know when, if ever, the peal was published in 'THE BELL NEWS,' I willingly waive all claim to the authorship in favour of Mr. Hunt."

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the nature and nationality of the different trees which abound there, some of which are most magnificent. One of the younger members of the society, who possessed a camera, took several snapshots of the party, and also the church and castle. The return journey was made about 8.30, and all arrived home in good time, well-pleased with their outing. S.

## RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Monday, September 28th, Mr. H. Joslin, one of the ringers at South Weald, was married to Miss Dorothy Mundy, at Orsett. Six ringers cycled from South Weald to Orsett, where they were met by Mr. A. Keeling and some of the local band. The bells were fired as the happy couple left the church, and several touches of Grandsire were rung. Then to the bride's home for dinner; a stroll round in the

afternoon, and after tea to the church. After having a look at the bells (a ring of six, which are kept in good order), they were soon going to Grandsire Doubles, with the bridegroom and some of the local ringers taking part. The visitors wish to thank Mr. Keeling for the very kind reception, and also the Vicar for the use of the bells.

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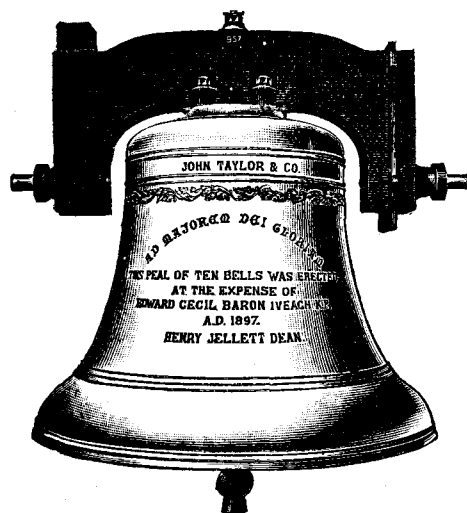
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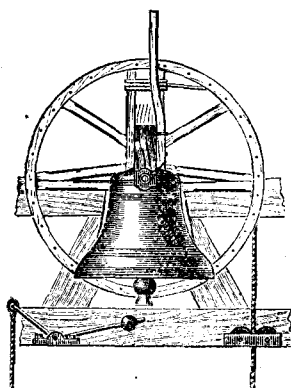
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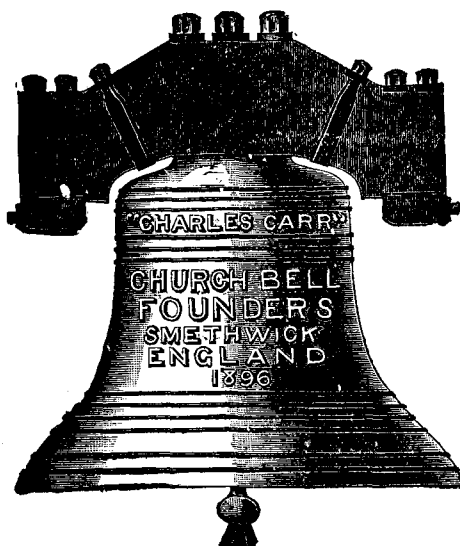
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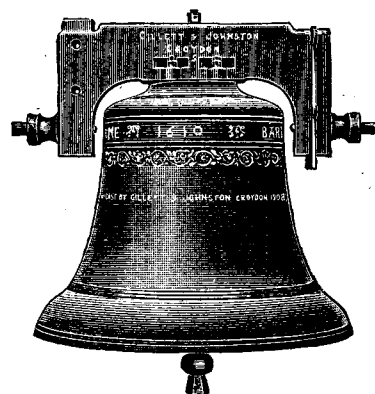
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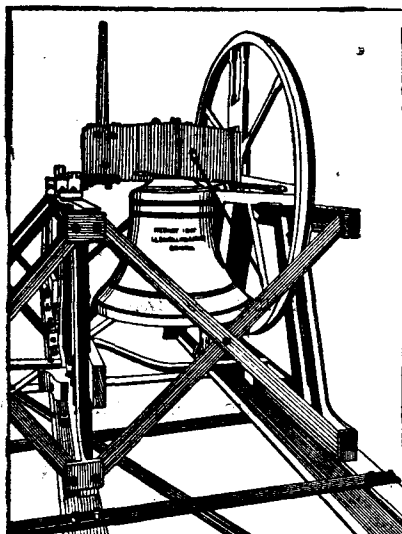
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## ALL SAINTS, GAINSBOROUGH.

After a lengthy period of silence the bells of this church again pealed forth their joyous sounds on Thursday, September 17th. Five of them—1, 2, 3, 4, and the tenor—have been recast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and the remaining three have been retuned by the same firm. Their tone now is mellow and sweet, and there is a sweetness and softness of sound about the ring which was formerly absent. Messrs. Taylor have done their work well. In place of the old oak frame the bells now swing upon a steel H frame, and the wheels and all other fittings are new. Many necessary repairs have been made in the tower. A new floor has been put down in the bell chamber, and the floor of the ringing room repaired. New oak louvre boards have been fixed, the lower portion being backed by a sounding-board, which will minimise the sound in the immediate neighbourhood. The interior of the tower has been protected from the intrusion of birds by the erection of substantial copper wire frames, which line the open louvres. The dedicatory service was conducted by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Grantham, Canon McCarth, D.D., who at 12.45, accompanied by the Vicar, Canon J. E. Standen, M.A., the Rev. J. T. Tull, M.A., Mr. H. Cuckson, and Mr. W. Beechey (churchwardens), and Mr. J. H. Marshall ascended to the belfry where the parish church ringers were found in readiness. After prayers for benediction of the bells and ringers, the Bishop and the Vicar handed the ropes to the churchwardens, who distributed them amongst the ringers, who at once proceeded to raise the bells. During the afternoon a peal of Bob Major was attempted by members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, in the following order: H. D. Adlard, G. Flintham, S. Wolfe, G. Chester, J. T. Ladd, A. B. Shepherd, J. W. Seamer, H. Kirton. Subsequently the ringers were entertained to tea at the Coffee Tavern by the churchwardens, after which a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for service by W. Dickinson, G. Flintham, S. Wolfe, J. T. Ladd, J. W. Seamer, A. B. Shepherd, H. Kirton, W. Parrish. A service was held in the evening, at which the Bishop of Grantham preached from St. Paul i. 12.—“Not as if I had already attained, or were already perfect.”

## BLACKMOOR, HANTS.

On Saturday, October 10th, a party of ringers from Farnham district were invited to visit Blackmoor for the purpose of re-opening the bells after rehanging by Messrs. Warner. The bells were raised in peal and 120 Grandsire Doubles rung. Another 120 with two local men standing in was brought round. After tea various touches were rung, including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob Minor. Also a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. E. Garbett, C. Edwards conductor, J. Capp, W. Backford, E. Newell, W. Russell. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor, and first in the method on the bells. And 120 Bob Minor. C. Edwards, E. Garbett, J. Capp, W. Russell, E. Newell,

W. Backford conductor. Others taking part in the ringing were Messrs. Clapshaw, Lowman, T. Upshall, and W. Sherfield.

This is an exceptionally fine ring of six by Warner, and the “go” leaves nothing to be desired, and reflects the greatest credit on the founders. During the ringing the Vicar entered the belfry and expressed his great pleasure in seeing so many members of the Guild present, and hoped his own ringers would become members. He himself would become an honorary member, and if Mr. Edwards would come and give instruction he would learn to ring himself. Six of the local ringers promised to join the Guild. The Vicar also kindly consented to a 5000 being attempted at an early date.

## LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

The five old bells in this very old church tower, which have not been rung for over twenty years, have, by the efforts of the Rector, the Rev. George Roberts, been restored. The five old bells have been quarter-turned, a new treble added, and the whole hung in a substantial frame of oak with cast-iron diagonals. The work has been done by Carr, of Smethwick. The new bell having been dedicated by the Rector at an early morning service, the ring was solemnly started in its new period of service with appropriate prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon of Brecon, who also gave a very appropriate address, which was listened to by a full church on Saturday, September 26th. The opening ringing was performed by the St. John's (Morriston) Guild. Time did not permit for any length of ringing, but Grandsire Doubles and Minor was freely rung. The band wish to thank the Rector for the great kindness he showed them in providing everything that ringers desire, and hope he may soon have a willing band of churchworkers and ringers to ring his beautiful old bells. The church is placed on the side of a mountain overlooking some of the most beautiful scenery in the Usk Valley. The tenor is a pre-reformation bell, and bears a Latin inscription in black letter.

## WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

On Sunday afternoon, October 4th, the musical bells of this parish were re-opened after having been rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, who has carried out the work in a most satisfactory manner. The bells, which are considered one of the sweetest rings of five in Suffolk, with a tenor of 10 cwt., have all been quarter-turned, to enable the clappers to strike in a fresh place on the sound-bow, giving a much clearer tone than heretofore. New headstocks, wheels, pulleys, and fittings have been provided, and the frame has been strengthened and braced. The tower roof, which was in a very dangerous and dilapidated condition, has been made secure by the insertion of two beams, and a new flag pole and vane is in course of erection. The Vicar (Rev. J. Garforth), the churchwardens (Messrs. G. Green and W. Whatling), and the

parishioners of Wissett generally, are to be congratulated on the successful accomplishment of the work, which has been carried out at a cost of about £40. Towards raising this sum a Bazaar was held during the summer, and on Sunday the Vicar was able to make the pleasing statement that only about £7 is still required, of which £2 11s. was realised at the collection that afternoon.

The day was gloriously fine, and by 3 o'clock, the hour fixed for the service, the quaint old church was well filled. The hymn "Now thank we all our God," having been heartily sung, the prayers and lessons were read by the Vicar. The special dedication service was then impressively read near the belfry by Archdeacon Lawrence, after which the bells were rung for a short touch by Messrs. Howard, Lambert (conductor), Kerri-son, Symonds, and Punchard. The appropriate hymn—"Hark on high the joyful music," followed, and then the Archdeacon based a very practical discourse on Psalm cxlviii., 1-5. He said it had of late years rightly become the custom to mark in a special manner any gift to a church, for it reminded them that it was a hallowed thing, and gave them the opportunity of asking God to bless it. That afternoon they were met together to celebrate the re-hanging of the bells of that church, which were now again set ringing for the glory of God. He felt they were very fortunate in having such a peal, which was a great addition to any church. He referred to their many associations with joy, gladness and sorrow. Their chief employment was to call people together on Sundays, and he would that they persuaded more to attend the House of God. He hoped they would always be regarded as an invitation, for they always said "Come." Bells could teach them the simplest lessons to be joyful, and were a sort of reminder that they ought to be happy in their lives. They were also used as a warning. They tolled for young and old, the ready and the unready, and each time were dropping in our ear the hint "Prepare." He urged them to take heed to what the bells said, and to love them for God's sake. In conclusion, he expressed his surprise to find they had such a peal, which was one upon which they were to be congratulated. He was pleased to learn that Mr. Lambert, of Halesworth, had taken a great interest in the work, and hoped their local ringers might all be induced to join the diocesan Association. They in that parish had accomplished a good work in repairing their bells, which was the more creditable as they had done it themselves. When they had received a good thing, it was right for the people of the present day to keep it in repair and safety, and he was sure that what they had done would receive God's blessing.

Over twenty ringers assembled at the tower, and both before and after the dedication service some excellent change-ringing in various methods of Doubles were accomplished. One and all were highly pleased with the easy "go" of the bells, which are now quite a pleasure to ring, and reflect great credit on the firm entrusted with the work of re-hanging. The following companies were represented: Beccles, Halesworth, Huntingfield, Bramfield, and Wissett. Miss Garforth, of Spexhall, also took part in a well-struck touch after the service.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The augmented ring of eight bells at St. John de Sepulchre, Norwich, will be dedicated at a special service on Thursday next, October 22nd. The tower will be open for ringing from 6 p.m. C. E. BORRETT,

Secretary.

#### THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A most enjoyable meeting of the above Society was held on Saturday, October 3rd, at Christ Church, West Bromwich. Representatives from various towers put in appearance, including Bradley, Cannock, Coseley, Darlaston, Handsworth, Haughton, Lichfield, Wednesbury (Parish Church and St. Paul's), West Bromwich (Christ Church and All Saints'), Wolverhampton (St. Peter's and St. Luke's), and last, but not least, the Rev. E. V. Cox, who had cycled from Tamworth. The bells were raised in peal soon after 3 o'clock, when touches in various methods were indulged in, which included Grand-sire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, Caters, and Cinques; Superlative Surprise Major and Kent Treble Bob Royal. At 5 o'clock a short service was held in the church, when the Rev. W. Solly delivered an interesting address. At the committee meeting which followed, the rev. gentleman in the chair, said how pleased he was to have the opportunity of paying tribute to the good qualities of Mr. S. Reeves—late hon. secretary—both in connection with ringing matters and other church work. He had known him many years, he said, and had always found him a most trustworthy man. He also expressed the hope that Mr. Reeves would continue to interest himself in the Society, a hope that is cherished by all.

Mr. S. Reeves and Mr. R. Cartwright were unanimously re-elected to represent the Society at the central council meeting. (Through an oversight this election was omitted at the annual meeting in June.)

An adjournment was then made for tea, which seemed to be much enjoyed, rather more than 40 sitting down. The annual reports were here distributed.

A vote of thanks was given the Rev. W. Solly for his address and presence, and one to Mr. Reeves for making such comfortable arrangements.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3rd, the second quarterly meeting of the above society was held at the historic village of Turvey. The glorious weather which prevailed enticed a good number of ringers from Bedford, Bromham, Clapham, Emberton, Harrold, Husborne Crawley, Irthling-boro', Kettering, Luton, Northampton, Olney, and Woburn. The local company made arrangements for the ringing, and during the afternoon and evening various touches were rung in the following methods:—Plain and Treble Bob Major, Duffield, Double Norwich, and Superlative Surprise; Grandsire and Stedman Triples. The general opinion being that the quality of the ringing was much above the general tone of "meeting-ringing." Tea, over which the Rev. C. B. Hulton presided, was served at 5 p.m. on a fine old country lawn at the back of The Three Cranes hotel. After tea a suggestion was made that the date of the annual meeting be altered to Midsummer. On the proposition of Rev. C. B. Hulton, seconded by Mr. M. Matthews, the matter was referred to the committee to consider and report upon. With proper arrangements it is believed that the suggestion will meet with the cordial approval of all members.

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## LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3rd, a meeting of the above guild was held at Southport, when delegates were present from Southport, Ormskirk, Aughton, Halsall, Crosby, Wigan, Sefton, Crossens, Hindley, Poolstock, and Rainford. Divine service was held at St. Andrew's Church. The Vicar, the Rev. G. J. Howson, warden of the guild, officiated, and addressed the members from the text, "A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." The rev. gentleman, in the course of his address, observed that such was Jesus Christ's description of His disciples. They were public men; they were not to be ashamed of being His followers; they were to be the salt of the earth, not of a small corner of it. They were to be the light of the world, not a portion of it. They were to be set on a hill, and they were to dare to be Christians. That applied to Church workers. A clergyman was a public man, and a ringer was also a public man—he must not be afraid of being in the eye of the public, but he must live out the Christian life. He might learn that from the bells. They stood up high above the world, their message was to invite and to warn. There were bells in church towers, and there were bells on buoys at sea, and their message, though different in each case, was yet of vital importance. They were set on a hill. Each of them was to be a voice that sounded from the hill. Each message should be to invite to Christ, not so much as by their voices as by their lives. They must not deter people from Christ, but draw them to Him. So their message was a message of warning to those who were in danger, spiritual danger. Were they prepared to do that double work? If not they were not worthy to be called Christ's disciples. It needed determination, and it needed skill, but it was their business, and they must do it by the grace of God, with head, with hand, and with heart; but, above all, to the glory of God.

After the service the members sat down to an excellent tea, prepared by Mrs. Howson, in the parish room, and at its conclusion the Rev. J. E. Woodrow, Rural Dean of Ormskirk, proposed a vote of thanks to the host and hostess. This was seconded by the Rev. R. F. Markham, Rector of Aughton, who gave some counsel to the ringers as church officials. The Rev. W. T. Bulpit, master of the guild, emphasised the warm reception that had been recorded, and the resolution was carried with acclamation. The Rev. G. J. Howson, in responding, thanked the members for the honour they had done him in electing him warden of the guild, and promised that if he could he would worthily fulfil the duties of the office whatever they might be. Mr. John Martin, hon. treasurer, said he was sure the worthy warden would soon find out his duties, and he was sure the guild would ever have cause to be proud of its warden. Mr. Halliwell, of Wigan, was elected an honorary member of the guild. Mr. Plinth, churchwarden of St. Luke's, Great Crosby, gave a cordial invitation to the guild to meet at that church, and this was supported by his colleague, Mr. J. Rawsthorne. In the course of the afternoon many of the ringers visited Christ Church and Emmanuel Church, and rang several "touches" in the standard methods.

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## IN THE WEALD OF KENT.

The August Bank Holiday week of this year afforded some members of the Kent County Association the opportunity to satisfy a long-standing desire to visit this delightful part of Kent. They met, eight strong, at the Old Parish Church at Tonbridge, in the evening of Saturday, August 1st, and soon after six the bells were going in Cambridge, a good peal being brought round in 3 hrs. 14 mins. This was the first peal in the method on the bells. Early rising was the order of Sunday, Hawkhurst Moor Church being the first on the programme for that day. All arrived here in time to participate in the ringing for morning service, and touches of Stedman, Superlative, Double Norwich, and Treble Bob were rung. Mr. H. J. Blackwell then took charge of the party, and escorted them to Gunn Green, where his mother and sisters had very kindly provided a spread, to which I may fairly say all did ample justice. Arrangements had been made to ring at Benenden for the afternoon service, but as the parties' time-table got somewhat disorganised, time was too short to indulge in more than a short touch of Stedman, which, however, was quite enough to allow the party the chance of appreciating the qualities of this peal. Thence to Cranbrook, where, after tea had been taken together, an adjournment was made to the tower, and touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, and Superlative were rung for and after the evening service. Good-night was said, and arrangements made for an early start in the morning. After an early inspection of the bells, when it was discovered that 2 or 3 of them were badly endbound, a successful attempt was made for Superlative, and the first peal of Major on the bells came round in 3 hrs. 13 mins. All admired the tone of the peal, though the 60 was not considered first class.

Goudhurst, with a fine peal tenor 27 cwt., the heaviest in the programme, was reached by some by a walk through the woods, which gives to this part of Kent its fame for scenery, and by the rest on cycle. An attempt was made for Cambridge, which unhappily came to grief after ringing about 50 minutes.

After tea further ringmg was indulged in some touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative, and the first course of New Cumberland on the bells being brought round. These bells have lately been rehung, and go like tops, and the disappointment of losing the peal was greatly felt.

Three of the party had to answer to duty's call and return to London in the evening; but the remaining five, supplemented by Messrs. Pitman, Lambert, and Blackwell, met at Headcorn on Tuesday morning, where success again crowned their efforts, and Messrs. Blackwell and Lambert secured their first peal of Double Norwich in 3 hrs. 12 mins. At Staplehurst, in the afternoon, with a peal of Kent in 3 hrs. 17 min. brought the total of peals up to four. The best of friends must part, and all of the original party except two returned to London after the peal.

Hawkhurst, on Wednesday morning, saw an unsuccessful attempt for Stedman, but a peal in this method was secured at Salehurst, Sussex, in the evening with the assistance of 2 St. Leonards and 1 Hastings members.

At Rolvenden, on Thursday, a peal of Stedman was rung, but here success left the party; attempts for peals at Appledore on Friday and Rye and New Romney on Saturday proving futile. Nevertheless, the outing was one of the most enjoyable, and everyone who participated therein looks forward to another such in the near future.

The wiser must not close without expressing the thanks of the whole party for the consideration and kindness shown them throughout, and especially are their thanks due to Mrs. and Miss Brockwell, Mr. Hubert Blackwell, and Mr. Hall for adding so much to the enjoyment and success of this tour in the Weald of Kent.

## LATE NOTICE.

**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual festival will be held at Newcastle on Monday, October 26th. Committee meeting at 11.30 in the Cathedral vestry. Service in Cathedral at 12.30 p.m. Address by the Lord Bishop of Newcastle. Dinner at 1.45 at the Hotel Metropole. Members 1s. 3d.; non-members 2s. 6d. Replies before the 21st inst. to

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## ALL SAINTS, FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.

Sunday, October 4th, was a red-letter day at the church of All Saints, Fulham, the occasion being the dedication by the Bishop of London of the tower and bells after restoration. The bells, a well-known and musical ring by Rudhall, were fully described in this paper of December 30th, 1905, and several historic peals have been rung on them, notably 12,036 Grandsire Caters and the first peal of London Surprise rung in London. In April, 1907, a slight accident caused a general overhauling, and it was found necessary to stop all ringing pending the restoration of both tower and bells. The latter portion of the work was entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and has been most efficiently carried out. The bells have been quarter-turned and new fittings supplied throughout, the "go" being admirable.

The special dedication service falling concurrently with the Harvest Thanksgiving, the church was tastefully decorated, and there was a large congregation, including the Mayor of Fulham (Councillor E. G. Easton) in his official robes. The first part of the service was held under the tower, and after the dedication the Bishop gave a signal, and ten rounds were rung. During the singing of the hymn "O God, our help in ages past," the clergy and choir proceeded to the chancel, the Bishop giving an able address from the text: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."—Matt. xi. 28. His lordship said:—

There is nothing so evangelical, in the best sense of that word, nothing so evangelical as the sound of church bells. If you come to think of it, when we are in joy nothing more tumultuously expresses our joy than the ringing of bells. I remember when I was Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral at that time in the nation's history when, after terrible anxiety, we were relieved in South Africa, nothing was felt by London fully to express its sense of relief until we rang the bells of Saint Paul's Cathedral, for the first time the joy bells since the relief of the City of Lucknow. And even to-day I think we all of us feel that when something happens down here which stirs us to the heart, nothing fully expresses it, we never feel that our joy has found full expression till these ancient bells of ours, which have rung for 180 years, have sounded forth their joy to the whole neighbourhood round. Or, again, when we are in sorrow, what solemnises the most flippant soul more than the sound of the passing bell. Just as in joy the sound of the joy bells cause a tumult of joy in the heart, so the passing bell reminds us, however young, however frivolous it may be we are, it reminds us for a few moments of the certainty of death. We, too, one day, will be carried up some church when we die, and that our soul will pass to give an account of all that has been done, as that soul whose passing is signalled by the passing bell. Or, again, in the history of our country. What stirred everyone at times of fire or sudden danger like the alarm bells rung from our parish churches throughout the land? But it is when we come to what our own bells in these more peaceful times have to speak to us, it is then that the full evangelical character of bell-ringing is manifest to us. We have our sorrows and our joys, and the bells help us with them. But what our bells as they ring out have to say to most of us year in and year out is what I have selected as the most expressive message for the bells to give to you as they ring again after these months of silence. "Come unto Me, all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." What I want you, dear neighbours, and I look on you all as dear neighbours to me now, what I want you to feel, as I shall try and feel as I sit there in my study at Fulham and hear them, and that you in your homes round here, I want to hear the voice of Jesus say to you through the bells, "Come unto Me," "Come unto Me," "Come unto Me," as the bells go on, "Come unto Me, and I will give you rest." Or, as that old hymn we shall sing presently, truly says:—

Far, far away, like bells at evening pealing,  
The voice of Jesus sounds o'er land and sea.

And laden souls by thousands meekly stealing,  
Kind Shepherd turn their weary steps to thee.  
Angels of Jesus, angels of light,  
Singing to welcome the pilgrims of the night.

And what makes me say that the bells are fully evangelical is because the whole of Fulham ought to hear Jesus Himself speaking to each individual soul, Come unto Me when the parish bells ring.

Now I can imagine there being this afternoon four classes of people in the Church. I can imagine some who have come here to-day to this as almost a secular function. They have been interested, they cannot help being interested, in what takes place in the old parish, the little hamlet of Fulham, the little village of the birds, now grown to a vast town. And I am sure we all welcome, in his official capacity to-day, an old friend as a Mayor of Fulham who has come to represent the municipality to-day. But still, I can imagine some here who, if they were honest with themselves, would frankly admit that they had never really either heard or answered the appeal of Jesus Christ to their souls. I imagine someone saying, "Well, I like coming, I like seeing the church, but I cannot honestly say that I have ever come to Jesus Christ. I cannot honestly say that I have ever given my life to Him. Well, then, my first word, dear brother or sister, is for you. I say this to you. We know about the world now, the world is a little place. Now we know all about the religions of the world. The last gathering in this very church at which I was present was of 150 bishops from every quarter of the world. We know all about Buddhism, all about Confucianism, and about Mohammedanism. We know from every quarter of the world from our good travellers what there is that gives hope where despair was before. And we know this, and I have it on the authority of the greatest traveller that has ever been, one greatly respected by all our statesmen, and that is Mrs. Bishop, who spent some of her last days at Fulham, and loved the place. She has lived in every country of the world, and devoted her life, the last years of her life, to mission work, because only in the Christian countries did she find hope. And what came out in the Pan-Anglican Congress in testimony from every part of the world, and we had living here laymen from every part of the world, of every race and of every colour, that the only progressive, conquering, uplifting thing in the world to-day is this old religion to which we have got, some of us, so much accustomed to at home. It would be an awful thing to sink in sight of land, and it is an awful thing to me to think that some people in the home of Christianity, the very place from which Christianity has gone to all those distant parts of the world, living out of sound of church bells the whole of their lives, may go down in sight of land. And that even in this church to-day there may be some who really have no rest of mind, no rest of conscience, no rest of heart, but who might have it if they came to Jesus Christ. And, therefore, I do put it to you, as if you were speaking to me, and as if I was speaking to you alone in my room, and there is no good preaching to any congregation except one by one, and as if you were speaking to that man, speaking to that woman, by themselves. I say, are you at rest? Have you peace of mind? Can you have peace of mind if you do not believe in the central unity behind everything? Have you peace at heart when your wife is taken from you this very year, or your child, if you have no belief as to where they go to at all? Have you peace of conscience if you have never laid your sins at the foot of the Cross, and received pardon and peace? And the first thing to you the bells speak this afternoon they say it is not too late; it is not too late. We have begun again, the gospel still rings on at Fulham. Some day it may be too late; but come unto Me, come unto Me, come unto Me, as the bells repeat their peal, and I will still give you rest. And I would simply pray, if there be such in this church to-day, I would pray you not to lose what may be the last invitation.

And then, secondly, I can imagine some who are here to-day, possibly some of our Nonconformist brothers, one of whose leading ministers I have just ordained in St. Paul's Cathedral this morning. But there may be many much nearer to us than we are aware, or they have been apt to think, who, while they quite believe in the great invitation of Jesus Christ, "Come unto Me, and I will give you rest," have never yet found it breathed to them through church bells. The Church has seemed to them



formal, the Church has seemed to them an organisation which exist for its own purposes, and they have never heard the loving personal voice of Jesus through a Church, or through anything connected with a Church. Well, let me speak, then, if there be such, to you, my non-conforming brother or sister. You have got some great misunderstanding if you think that. Why, we believe that the Church is nothing unless it is the body of a personal living Christ. We only believe in baptism because we believe the living Christ stands there, and says, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not!" And we use water merely because He told us to, and for no other reason in the world. We know that He was the least of a formalist who ever lived, and we therefore must believe that just as He used outward and visible signs Himself—the clay round the eyes of the blind man, "Go and wash in the pool of Siloam," it is His will, that is all we know, that we should use outward and visible signs too. But it is the living Jesus in Whose arms we lift the children when we bring them unto the font. And at Confirmation we believe it is the living Christ who stands there, speaks to us, and says, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost," as He did of old. And that when we come to the Holy Communion it is the living Christ standing there: "Take eat, this is My Body." His own words. Here is the bread of life for you to eat, and here the wine of life for you to drink. And, therefore, the Church beyond everything is Christ through and through. That all its effect, all its power, all its comfort, all its love, all the reality of its services, is because we believe a living Jesus walks up and down in it, and makes effective all its ministrations. And when you look at it like that, why, to come to church is to come to Christ. The Church is the hands and feet of Christ, and if you have understood anything different you have made a great misunderstanding all your life. And everyone who sees the misunderstanding should unite with us in doing that on which our hearts are now set, throughout Christendom, uniting once again the disunited forces which claim the name of Jesus Christ.

But then, one more class. I can imagine some here who have been churchmen all their lives, and churchmen they have always called themselves. But they just come here occasionally when they feel inclined, perhaps come to the communion once a year, coming, as they say, to the church when they have nothing especially else to do. They have not cut off the connection with the old church, but that is really their attitude, more or less towards religion. Now, what I want to say to you, brother or sister, who may have that attitude of mind towards religion and towards the church, and I say it in the words that I have found made a considerable impression upon a naval audience to which I was speaking at the early part of this year, either this is everything or it is nothing. Either what the church bells proclaim is the great secret of the world, the most awful thing, blessed, and yet most awful, that the Son of God Himself came down from Heaven, lived here, died here Himself, rose again and ascended back, either it is that tremendous and awful story, or it is the great delusion of the world. And if it is true, of all attitudes your attitude is the most inconsistent one of all. I'd rather be the person who had to meet Jesus Christ at the end, and say it was so great I couldn't believe it, than to say, Oh, yes, I believed it, but I forgot. I thought it was not of great importance, and three weeks out of the four I forgot to come to church. Now let the church bells ring out this to you. It is either everything, or it is nothing. If this is true, then everything alive in Fulham is bought with the price. We have our business, we have our joys, we have our recreations, we have our pleasures. We are not meant to go about with long faces, because we are devoted Christians, but it covers everything, and every week that comes you have to acknowledge what you owe to Jesus Christ. Early on the first day of the week you should be here and make your worship, and your praise and give your thanks. Every business day that passes, everything in the office, in the shop, must be marked with the cross. And I defy you—I could argue with you if I had you by myself—it is the only consistent position. Either I cannot believe it, and I don't, or if I do believe it, then with my whole soul I'll live it out, for it is the most awful thing in the world.

And then once again, and lastly, there are the happy, faithful, loving church people—I expect the great majority of those who are present this afternoon—who love the church and who love

the bells, and love to hear them, and who say one to another and to their children, Come, the bells have begun, we must be off to church again this morning or this evening, and who look on it as a very happy afternoon to-day because they hear the old bells again, and they feel the church is once again completed. Well, what is my message to them? Enter fully into the joy of thy Lord. It is the happiest thing in the world to be a devout and faithful churchman, because we believe that in the Church we have received, and we can claim, all the privileges which are possible to have. You, doubtless, are all confirmed. You, doubtless, are regular communicants. You, doubtless, are trying to find the deepest possible joy in every communion to which you come. What the bells say to you is this, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see. For many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which you see, and have not seen them, and to hear those things which you hear and have not heard them." Happy are ye, happy people. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. Now taste the joy of religion. Win other people by the joy and the happiness which shines in your very face, and then the bells say you will have fulfilled the summons which we issue.

And so it is neighbours, fellow citizens, fellow churchmen, we gladly welcome the restoration of our tower, and the ringing forth of our bells again. Come unto Me, come unto Me, come unto Me, come unto Me, they will ring on for generation after generation. God grant that in answering their summons we may find the joy which the world can neither give nor take away.

The service closed with the "Te Deum," and the offertories during the day were devoted to the restoration fund.

After the service the Bishop ascended the tower to inspect the work and greet "his friends the ringers," and the bells were kept going until the time of the evening service, the ringers being entertained to tea by the Vicar during an interval.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A QUARTERLY meeting of the above was held at Peterston-super-Ely on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, at 4 o'clock, and was well-attended by representatives from Llandaff, Cardiff, Bridgend, Llantrisant, Newport, Penarth, Newton Nottage, St. Hilary, &c. The chair was taken by Mr. S. Dawe, the Master of the Association, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector of the Parish. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, instructors' reports were heard, and it was stated that good progress was being made at the Llanover tower.

Application was made by the members of the Newton Nottage tower for an instructor, and it was decided that instruction would be given by the Bridgend ringers.

The place for the next Glamorganshire Quarterly Meeting was left undecided until the annual meeting, which will be held at Cardiff on Dec. 26th, although an invitation was given by the Llantrisant tower to visit there. Subscriptions were then taken, and the meeting brought to a close. Afterwards a 720 of Bob Minor was rung by the following:—W. Coombes, J. Evans, D. Thomas, J. W. Jones, S. Dawe (conductor), and J. Clutterbuck.

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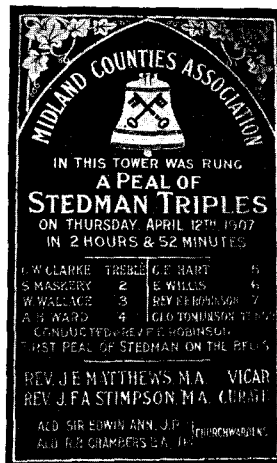
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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

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OUR reports this week show that the bellfounders have lately been well-employed. We read of four neighbourhoods where bell operations of various kinds have been carried out. Such intelligence is of the most cheering nature to all our readers, not less so to those churchpeople who love Church bells than to change-ringers. The Lord Bishop of London, it will be found, was most prominent in the proceedings attendant upon the restoration of the bells of Fulham parish church, and it is with pleasure that we publish in full his address to the ringers and congregation assembled on that occasion. When we see the fathers of the Church identifying themselves in this manner with Church bells, it is not only gratifying, but it presents an earnest of what good influences are to come. Most of us know that our Church bells are beloved by thousands upon thousands of British people; their lore and traditions are engrafted within them; and the Bishop

of London's sympathies and feelings are in the same direction. And no wonder; for he is a native of a county which possesses some of the most beautiful bells in England, with more than one ancient Abbey therein having bells much beyond many places, and an ancient Cathedral (said to be the most perfect church in the land) with a heavy peal.

### The Provinces.

#### LENTON, NOTTS.

##### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 3, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

##### A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES. Tenor 8½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY* .. .. Treble.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 5.
JOHN FLINT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. 6.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO* .. 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. 7.
HARRY MOSS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

\*First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells, and in the city of Nottingham.

#### OSPRINGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE .. .. Treble.	CHARLES R. MILLWAY .. 5.
WILLIAM WENBAN* .. .. 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 6.
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Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

\*First peal of Stedman.

#### SPELDHURST, KENT.

##### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR MAYNARD* .. .. Treble.	JAMES MAYNARD .. 5.
GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM LATTER .. 6.
JAMES BAKER .. .. 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. 7.
GEORGE TURLEY .. .. 4.	EDWARD MANKELOW .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

\*First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Baker, he having been a ringer at the above church for fifty years. Messrs. Chapman and Turley have also been ringers there for thirty years, and J. Maynard for twenty-eight years.

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

On Saturday, October 3, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

R. W. JENNINSON .. .. Treble.	JAMES RILEY .. .. 4.
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Conducted by FREDK. W. DIXON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. Wilkinson Whitlam, donor of the bells.

#### BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE. WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS† .. Treble.	*GEORGE FIGOTT .. .. 6.
JOHN WITHERS* .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. 7.
JAMES R. NEWMAN* .. 3.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 8.
FRANK WITHERS .. .. 4.	†JAMES DOWLER .. .. 9.
GORDON CHECKETTS† .. 6.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal of Caters. †First peal of Stedman Caters. ‡First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

#### ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

##### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5059 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

JAMES JONES .. .. Treble.	JOHN T. PERRY .. .. 6.
JOHN CARTER .. .. 2.	THOMAS COLLISON .. 7.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 3.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS .. 8.
A. THOMAS HYLAND .. 4.	BERT J. WHITESIDE .. 9.
E. JAMES HYLAND .. 5.	FRANK BENNETT .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal was specially composed and rang for Mr. W. H. Godden's birthday, the odd number of changes denoting his age. The peal has the 5th and 6th twenty-three times behind the 9th in the titlums position. The ringers and friends wish Mr. Godden many happy returns of the day.

#### BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.

##### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN OVERTON .. .. Treble.	BERTRAM HEAD .. .. 5.
ALBERT T. BAKER .. .. 2.	WILFRED OVERTON .. 6.
JOHN ELCOCK .. .. 3.	HORACE W. OVERTON .. 7.
ERNEST FOXALL .. .. 4.	HARRY JONES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

Rung with the bells full muffled, as a last tribute of respect to T. M. Southwell, esq., late President of the local Church Defence League, and head of H. and M. Southwell, Ltd., carpet manufacturers, who was interred on the above date.

#### WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

##### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROOKS .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL OAKES .. .. 5.
JNO. WORTHINGTON .. 2.	*MATTHEW BERRY .. 6.
ALF. POTTEE .. .. 3.	JOHN POTTER .. .. 7.
JNO. DENNER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM DENNER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

\*First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of Mr. John Ridyard, a well-known resident, who had been churchwarden for over thirty years, and who was buried that day at Walkden.

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## HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM KEYS* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 5.
GEORGE PIGOTT .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
GEORGE HITCHMAN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

\*First peal of Stedman away from the tenor.

## GREAT TEY, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

RICHARD POTTER .. .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER .. .. 5.
ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 2.	CHARLES NORFOLK .. .. 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 3.	*WALTER LADHAM .. .. 7.
PERCY LANGSTON .. .. 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

\*First peal in the method.

## TONG, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES J. SALLAWAY .. Treble.	EDWARD ODDY .. .. 4.
JAMES HEPWORTH* .. .. 2.	HENRY ODDY .. .. 5.
GEORGE BOLLAND .. .. 3.	FRED HARGREAVES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

\*First peal. Arranged for Fred Hargreaves, formerly one of the company, but now of Cleethorpes.

## PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 6, 1908, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY .. .. Treble.	HENRY ODDY .. .. 5.
TOM LATIMER .. .. 2.	GEORGE BOLLAND .. .. 6.
JAMES C. BOOTH .. .. 3.	FRED HARGRAVE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BOLLAND .. .. 4.	FRANK BIRKS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. H. HARDY, and Conducted by WILLIAM BOLLAND.

## WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 6, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. PARSONS .. .. Treble.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 4.
MISS M. GILBANKS* .. .. 2.	*WALTER J. BRETHERTON 5.
JOHN BASS .. .. 3.	CHARLES F. WHITE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal on six bells. First peal of Minor rung by a lady in Worcestershire. It is also believed to be the first peal of Minor in five methods rung by a lady with a bob bell.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 6 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALBERT MARKS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 4.
CRCIL A. VALENTINE .. 2.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 5.
CHARLES J. FRAY .. .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First 5040 in seven methods by the above society, and was rung as a farewell to C. A. Valentine who is leaving the district.

## RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

ALEXANDER HUTCHISON* Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY .. .. 5.
HERBERT DAY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FROST .. .. 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 3.	HENRY GEORGE .. .. 7.
JOSEPH BOURNE .. .. 4.	†GEORGE A. GOODWIN .. Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by G. A. GOODWIN.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method as conductor. Rung for the Harvest Festival, and as a farewell peal to the conductor.

## DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1908, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD .. .. Treble.	JOHN FLOWER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BATES .. .. 2.	†BART MITCHELL .. .. 6.
ROBERT GEORGE BASSON .. 3.	JAMES PAGETT .. .. 7.
GEORGE TOMLINSON .. .. 4.	*JOHN CAMPION HUNT .. Tenor.

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

†First peal away from the tenor. \*First peal in any method. This is the first time this peal has been rung by the above Association.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, October 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN CORBIGNAN* .. .. Treble.	JAMES JONES .. .. 5.
BERT J. WHITESIDE .. .. 2.	†EDWARD MULLINS .. .. 6.
JOHN COLLETT† .. .. 3.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WEBB .. .. 4.	†ARTHUR GARDNER* .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD MULLINS.

\*First peal. †Proposed members of the Guild previous to starting. †First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the opening of St. Paul's Higher School for Catholic girls by Lord Edmund Talbot.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR ROOPE .. .. Treble.	CHARLES ROOPE .. .. 5.
CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE .. .. 6.
EDWIN WHITING* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 7.
ROBERT WHITING .. .. 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method.

## ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 8, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs. in G.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	WALTER BARRETT .. .. 5.
JOHN SOUTER .. .. 2.	WALTER HOBBS .. .. 6.
REV. W. C. PEARSON .. 3.	WILLIAM DUFFIELD .. 7.
OLIVER BROCK .. .. 4.	FREDERICK SMITH .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

## DARLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 8, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
SHIPWAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK TRAVIS .. Treble.	BENJAMIN GREATORREX .. 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	WILLIAM FOX .. .. 6.
HENRY GREGORY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM TAYLOR .. .. 7.
HUGH GREGORY .. .. 4.	HUGH W. GREGORY .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM TAYLOR.

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

## DARLSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, October 8, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

HORACE BELCHER .. Treble.	DANIEL JONES .. .. 5.
GEORGE HUGHES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 6.
ALBERT BLUNDELL .. 3.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 7.
ALFRED J. WALLATER .. 4.	JOSEPH LOWE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to George Hughes.

## SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 9, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, and Bob Minor.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES M. BAILEY .. Treble.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. 4.
FREDERICK J. SMITH .. 2.	ERNEST S. BAILEY .. 5.
EDGAR H. BAILEY .. 3.	NORMAN R. BAILEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal in seven methods on the bells, and first peal in seven methods by all.

## REDDISH, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MOTTRAM, STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 10, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELISABETH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

I. SIDEBOTHAM .. Treble.	A. FIELDING .. .. 5.
A. BARNES .. .. 2.	S. HILL .. .. 6.
J. GODDARD .. .. 3.	J. HARROP .. .. 7.
J. J. PEMBERTON .. 4.	C. MARSLAND .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

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

## CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES.

WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. Treble.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 5.
FRANK WITHERS .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
ALFRED DAVIES .. .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
JOHN WITHERS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SHORT .. Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Matthews, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

PERCY LANGSTON .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER .. .. 5.
JAMES NEWMAN .. .. 2.	HENRY F. COOPER .. 6.
ARTHUR EDWARDS .. 3.	ALFRED G. RIVERS .. 7.
ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 4.	DAVID H. ELLIOTT .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by A. G. RIVERS.

## STRANTON, WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

JOHN CHILTON .. Treble.	OSWALD ARKLESS .. 5.
THOMAS METCALFE .. 2.	ERNEST BURNETT .. 6.
JOHN G. HALL .. .. 3.	ALBERT SIMPSON .. 7.
SAMPSON T. WRIGHT .. 4.	THOMAS G. GAMLIN .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES, and  
Conducted by A. SIMPSON.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

## SWINDON, WILTS.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr.

THOMAS RICHARDSON* .. Treble.	ERNEST BDULTON .. 4.
HENRY HATTON .. .. 2.	JOHN PENNEY .. .. 5.
THOMAS RICKETTS .. 3.	CHARLES PACKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOS. RICKETTS.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. C. E. Prior, who is leaving to take up his work as foreign missionary in Calcutta.

## SHENSTONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 10, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. Treble.	GEORGE PARSONS .. 5.
FREDERICK DICKENS .. 2.	GEORGE ROBERTS .. 6.
GEORGE F. SWANN .. 3.	CHARLES DICKENS .. 7.
BERTRAM G. LEEHAM .. 4.	SIDNEY J. JESSOP .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

## BAGLAN, SOUTH WALES.

## THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s.

DAVID L. REES .. .. Treble.	JOHN E. BLOXHAM .. .. 4.
WILLIAM GREENSLADE .. .. 2.	JAMES A. HOARE .. .. 5.
CHARLES MORSE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells. First peal by the ringers of the treble and 4th. First peal as conductor.

## WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1908, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON Treble.	*BENJAMIN SOWTER .. .. 5.
CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 2.	JOHN WARDMAN .. .. 6.
ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FOX .. .. 7.
JOHN MILLETT .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN GREATORREX .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

\*First peal of Major. Rung on the eve of the Harvest Festival.

## BUXTED, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED J. PIERPOINT .. Treble.	J. THORNTON RICKMAN .. 5.
ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 2.	JAMES A. HART .. .. 6.
HARRY STALHAM .. .. 3.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 7.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 4.	ARTHUR COSHAM, SEN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT J. DAWE.

Reference elsewhere.

## BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

JOHN C. ADAMS* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM FISHEE .. .. 5.
HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 2.	†GEORGE HUGHES .. .. 6.
ALFRED J. WALLATER .. 3.	*THOMAS J. ELTON .. .. 7.
ALBERT BLUNDELL* .. 4.	FREDERICK J. COPE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

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

## DIBDEN, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 11, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HERBERT PAYNE* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. .. 5.
HENRY W. WILKES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. .. 6.
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 3.	†EDWIN J. HARDING .. .. 7.
A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and  
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal of Double Norwich away from

the treble. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival. The band, with the Eling and local ringers, were afterwards entertained to tea by the Rector. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Tucker, mother of the ringer of the 5th.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Bob Major has been sent from Marsham Norfolk, without the number of changes being mentioned.

## Miscellaneous.

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

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Sunday, September 27th, for morning service at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. T. G. Bartlett, J. Milner, C. J. Bartlett, H. Rumens, E. D. Lillywhite conductor, W. J. E. Jones, H. F. Hull, O. L. Twist. On Sunday, October 4th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, for evening service, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. G. W. Ayres, W. J. E. Jones, C. J. Bartlett, J. Milner, E. W. Lillywhite, H. Rumens, H. F. Hull conductor, O. L. Twist. After service the same quarter-peal in 46 mins. W. J. E. Jones, J. Milner, C. J. Bartlett, E. D. Lillywhite, H. F. Hull, F. Butler, H. T. Scarlett conductor, O. L. Twist.

LEEDS (Kent).—On Sunday, October 11th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at St. Nicholas church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. G. W. Ayres, H. Rumens, C. J. Bartlett, F. W. Butler, E. D. Lillywhite, J. Milner, H. F. Hull conductor, W. J. E. Jones. Rung by the St. Saviour's Walthamstow society on the occasion of their annual outing.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 11th, at St. Dunstan's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, taken from Shipway, in 51 mins. W. Doran conductor, A. Scambler, T. Cranfield, W. Truss, R. Sanders, S. Bird, S. Parmenter, W. Theobald, A. Hall, G. Barrell. On Sunday, August 30th, at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. H. Hawkins, T. Cranfield conductor, W. Doran, S. Hayes, R. Sanders, H. Torble, G. Hayden, S. Bird.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.—On Saturday, September 26th, 1024 Kent Treble Bob. W. Pick, W. Burnett, G. F. Alexander, C. Howcroft, J. Smith, T. Wick, F. Sheppard, C. J. Clarkson conductor. 576 Grandsire Triples. W. Holmes, G. J. Clarkson, G. F. Alexander, J. G. Hall, A. Simpson, E. Burnett, T. Metcalfe conductor, A. McFarlane. 704 Kent Treble Bob. W. Holmes, W. Pick, J. G. Hall, J. Smith, G. J. Lungley, T. Simpson, F. Sheppard, T. Metcalfe conductor. And three courses of Bob Major. On Monday, September 28th, the practice was attended by Messrs. G. J. Clarkson and T. Stephenson, from Stockton, when a considerable length of Bob Triples was rung with six of the local band taking part, amongst whom was the conductor.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PLYMOUTH.—On Tuesday, September 1st, at Charles Church, for practice, 593 Grandsire Caters. R. Dobson, J. Woodley longest length, G. F. Williams conductor, G. Stroud, W. Rundle, W. Ford, F. Hockaday, F. W. Marsh, W. H. Marsh, W. Greenwood.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, September 27th, at the parish church, after morning service, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. H. Jones, J. Jones, T. Verry, J. Hopkins, J. Screen, W. G. Ellis conductor, B. J. Whiteside, G. Ellis.

COTGRAVE.—On Sunday, October 4th, two 120s of Grandsire Doubles. D. Simpson, W. E. White, T. Kirkby, W. White, G. H. Simpson, T. Squires. These are the first 120s on tower bells by the treble ringer.



**Notices.**

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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 October 19th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 20th; St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on the 22nd; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 15th and 29th; St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 20th, all at 8 p.m.

The 271st anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 14th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (4s. each), may be obtained of Messrs. Bayley, Burden, E. A. Davies, Fardon, Garrard, Golding, Harman, Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, A. Jones, H. Langdon, O'Meara, Newton, Peck, Pettit, Price, Prime, Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, Taffender, Winney, M. A. Wood, or to

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 Tonbridge to-day, Saturday, October 17th. Tower open at 4 o'clock.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the church of St. John the Baptist, Broughton, to-day, Saturday, October 17th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's, Waterfoot, to-day, Saturday, October 17th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. T. ROLLERSON, *Branch Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Derby Branch.—The next district meeting of this branch will be held at Ripley (8 bells), on Saturday, October 24th. Ringing from 2 p.m. A. H. WARD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Angmering on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at The Lion inn, 6d. each to those who inform me by Thursday, October 22nd.

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

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

**The Warwickshire Guild.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, October 24th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Evensong with an address by Canon Baillie at 5 o'clock. Tea (1s.) at 5.45 p.m. Guild meeting to follow.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Dartford on Saturday, October 31st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m., with an address by the Rev. Percy E. Smith, Vicar. Tea will be provided for those only who send me their names by the 27th inst. Business meeting after tea, the Vicar presiding.

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

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The members of this society will hold their next quarterly meeting at Dinting (six-bell tower).

near Glossop, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting in the tower at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited CHAS. BOWER, *Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church, Burnley, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Portsmouth District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Portsea on Saturday, October 31st. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Short service at the parish church at 5.30. Tea at The Institute at 6. Meeting after. Members who will require tea, kindly inform me by the 26th inst. J. W. WHITING, *Dis. Sec.*

Fareham.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, on Saturday, October 31st. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in the Parochial Room (rear of church), at 7.30 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Dover, on Saturday, October 31st. Belfry open at 3.30. Travelling allowance up to 2s. will be paid. G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at All Saints, Isleworth, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Rev. J. H. Champion McGill in the Mission Room at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Members are particularly requested to make an effort to attend as there will be important business to transact. Please send all outstanding subscriptions to Mr. J. Merrick, Bedford, by the 27th inst., to allow amounts to be properly made up.

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

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Guildford District.—The annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4th. Service at St. Nicolas church, Guildford, at 5.30. The Bishop of Dorset will preach a farewell sermon to the members. Tea at the Parish Hall at 6.30; members 6d., visitors 1s.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

**The William Verry Commemoration.**—Through unavoidable circumstances, the annual commemoration dinner is postponed until November 14th, when we hope to meet many old and new friends.

R. FAUX, *Hon. Sec.*

**NOTE TO PEAL.**

**THE PEAL AT BUXTED.**—This peal was arranged for Messrs. Hart, Pierpoint, and Cosham, of Uckfield, and to be rung there. It was their first peal on eight bells. On the arrival of the band at Uckfield, it was found that the Rector's wife was seriously ill, and that ringing was out of the question, so a hurried journey was made over to Buxted, and permission obtained to have the use of the bells, for which the band very heartily thank the Rector (Rev. G. S. Pownall), for granting permission at so short a notice.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—W. G. Ellis has removed to 145, Vicarage Road, Aston, Birmingham.

**DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.**

By G. R. NEWTON.

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Repeated.

Omit bobs marked with an asterisk in first part only. First rung at St. Paul's, Wides, on May 14th, 1908, conducted by the composer.

**OXFORD BOB TRIPLES.**

By H. J. TUCKER, *Bishops Stortford.*

5040.

(Composed January 15th, 1898.)

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437256 5 527463 5

374562 2 425763 5

573462 5 374256 3

625473 1 453627 4

426573 5 274653 1

734526 1 452367 4

537426 5 674352 1

435726 5 376452 5

354267 2 523476 1

Each part twice repeated with a Holt's single half-way and end.

Rung at St. Michael's church, Bishops Stortford, on December 21st, 1899.

**COMPLETE** Set of musical handbells. Thirty-seven in all. Sound and in perfect order. Fitted up in metal frame with keyboard as a piano. Cost £50. Must be sold. What offers? 30, Erskine Road, Walthamstow.

## Ringers' Outings.

ST. MARY AABOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON N. —The members of this Guild had their annual outing on August 10th, Ipswich being the place chosen. Upon arriving at their destination, tracks were made for St. Margaret's church where they found Messrs. Catchpole, Motts, and Prentice awaiting their arrival. After a look round the church, a visit was paid to the belfry, brother W. Motts having everything in readiness for them. Touches of Grand-sire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative were rung on the nice ring of eight. An adjournment was then made to Bell's restaurant, Queen Street, for dinner, at which justice was done to the good things so excellently served up by host Bell. This over, a few minutes walk brought them to the Town Hall, where a well-appointed pair-horse brake was

awaiting them for a seven-mile drive to Coddenham, which was much enjoyed, the weather being beautifully fine, the country looking at its best, the harvest being in full swing. Upon arriving at the prettily-situated church, tracks were at once made for the belfry. Upon entering this well-kept ringing-room, they found the found the following writing on the wall: "Dear Mr. Motts,—Everything is ready; welcome to the St. Mary Abbots ringers: much regret cannot be with them this afternoon.—A. English." Very kind of the old friend whose visits to St. Mary Abbots some time ago are well remembered. A touch of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and a course of Superlative were rung on this handy ring of eight. Again mounting their brake, the drive was continued to Henley, where they were kindly welcomed by the Rev. W. C. Pearson, who accompanied them to the belfry, where a few short touches were rung, the

rev. gentleman taking part. After this they were most kindly entertained to tea in the vicarage. Having thanked the Vicar for his kindness to them, and a walk round his well-stocked garden, brought their short stay with him to a close all too soon. Continuing their drive, Ipswich was reached again about 6. Making for St. Mary-le-Tower, some touches of Stedman Caters and Treble Ten on this fine peal was much enjoyed. Train time arriving, they had to wish their Ipswich friends a hurried good-night, Liverpool Street being reached soon after 10. They wish to thank the Vicars of the respective places for allowing them to ring; also their Ipswich friends for the trouble they took on their behalf; and Messrs. Motts and Catchpole for most kindly giving the whole day to them.

## THE MCGOUN FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	4	6	6
Mr. Fussell (Slough) ...	0	2	0
The Halifax and District Association, Rippenden branch, per Mr. J. Cotterell ...	0	5	0

All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 34, Hill Street, Keighley, Yorkshire, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS."

## Situations Wanted.

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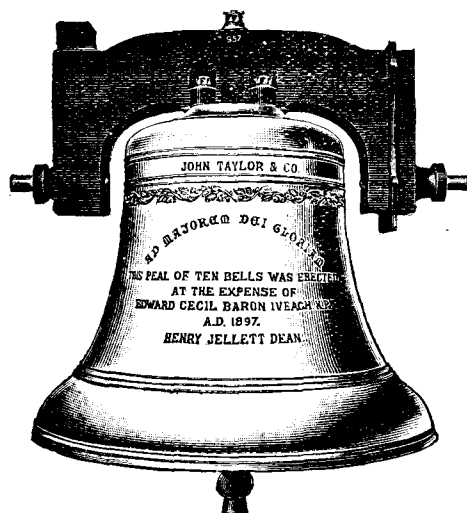
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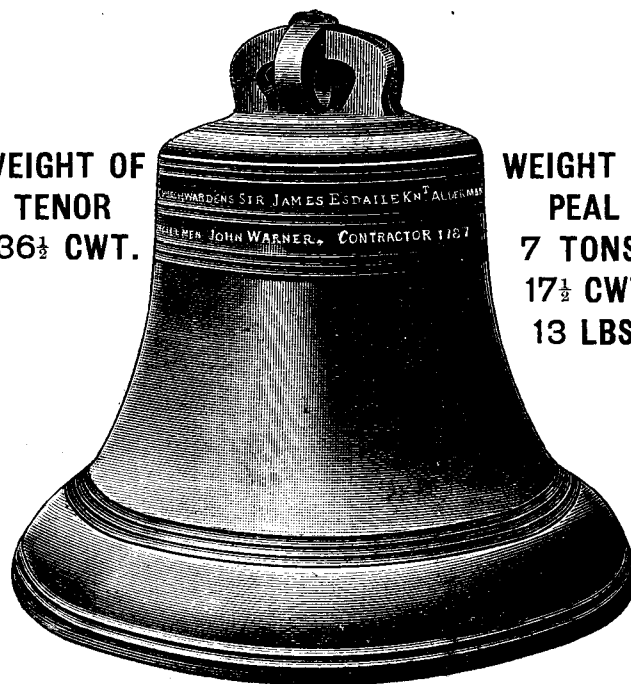
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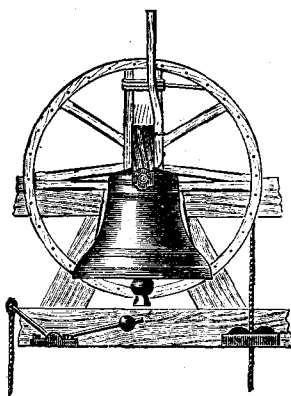
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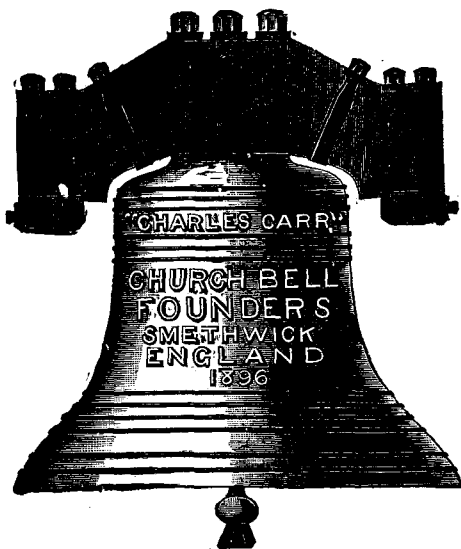
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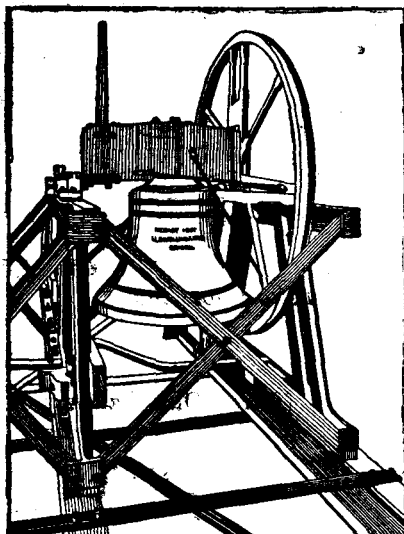
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## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Members of this Association from all parts of the country assembled in Manchester in good force on Saturday, October 3rd, for the purpose of taking part in the annual gathering. Representatives were present from Ambleside, Kendal, Ashton-under-Lyne, Bacup, Blackburn, Bolton, Burnley, Clitheroe, Eccles, Colne, Farnworth, Haslingden, Liverpool, Milnrow, Newchurch, Helmshore, Oldham, Padiham, Preston, Prestwich, Ramsbottom, Rawtenstall, Rochdale, Swinton, Stretford, Todmorden, Walkden, Waterfoot, and Worsley. There were between 130 and 140 members and friends present. At 3.30 a service was held at the cathedral, the preacher being the Rev. Canon Wright. The anthem was Purcell's "Bell Anthem," so called from the fact that the introductory symphony represents a peal of bells. It was effectively sung by the choir, and Dr. J. Kendrick Pyne's accompaniment on the organ was admirable.

Canon Wright selected as his text the words: "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good"—Num. x. 29. He said he had preached before many associations, but never before an association of bellringers as he did that afternoon. The words of his text had a special application to the members of that Association and their duties. There was a striking variety in their methods or the character of their ringing. They had their marriage bells, their service bells, and then the funeral bells, all so expressive and impressive, and they loved the bells, and could not but have a very high regard for those who rang them. The words he had selected, as they would recollect, were the words of Moses, and he, addressing his father-in-law, Raguel, said, "We are journeying into the place of which the Lord said, 'I will give it you;' come then with us, and we will do thee good." In what way was that appropriate as a text of a sermon to bellringers? It was appropriate because they were ringers of church bells; they were ringers of church bells primarily, and their ringing on the Sabbath was an invitation to divine service. The message they gave was an invitational message, and therefore these words—"Come thou with us, and we will do thee good," were really, if they reflected, the message, he would not say of the bells, but of the ringers of the bells, every Sunday that they rang the bells. It was not, he repeated, so much the message of the bells as the message of the ringers of the bells. Too often they forgot the men behind the bells. They thought of the church bell as they thought of the church clock, as being a thing that went by itself. What he wanted to press home to them was that the sound of the bells was figuratively the voice of the ringer, and the sound of the bells was a message from the ringers—"Come with us, and we will do thee good." Let them magnify their office, and never let any man forget that as they rung the bells Sunday after Sunday, they were throwing out the message, "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good." It was important that they should lay this home to their hearts. They were all workers together in Christ's Church—the clergy, the members of the choir, and the ringers of the bells. They should endeavour to live up to the message

they gave forth. They said in effect—we want you to come into the House of God unto which we summon you, and we will do you good. The rules of the Association said that they were to use all their influence to induce every ringer of church bells to be a man who not only rung others to worship, but joined in the worship himself. They remembered the "Pilgrim's Progress;" how Pilgrim went into the great city, and all the bells of heaven seemed to ring. That might be taken as the full fruition of all their labours. Might they all finally hear the words addressed to them—"Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Might God bless that important Association, and all who were in any way connected with it.

At the close of the service the members were taken through the cathedral, and the principal objects of interest were pointed out and explained to them by the Rev. H. J. Elsee (Vicar of St. George's, Bolton), President of the Association. Tea was subsequently served at the cathedral schools, Todd street. In the course of the repast the Dean of Manchester (Bishop Welldon) entered the room, and was received with loud applause. The President said that they were all delighted that the Dean had paid them a visit, and they would regret to hear that he would be unable to remain with them. He would address a few words to them and then retire.

The Dean said he was glad to see so many present. He hoped every arrangement had been made for their comfort both at the cathedral and elsewhere. They were, he understood, bell ringers of Lancashire. He was rather puzzled on entering the room at seeing ladies at the tea-table. He asked whether they were bell-ringers? and was told—"Oh no! they were not bell-ringers." Then, he remarked that they must be the bells (belles). All he could say to them was that he hoped they would have a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether. He was delighted to see them, and would not detain them any longer, for the tea would, he hoped and believed, do them as much good as his speech.

Tea over, after a short interval the annual meeting was held, under the presidency of the Rev. H. J. Elsee. The President said it was twelve years since they last met in Manchester. As they all knew, the attendance at the annual meetings did not at all represent the strength of the Association. When they considered that they had more than 1,000 ringing members, and a fair number of honorary members, and they did not get more than 150 to attend their annual meetings, it seemed that they had a great many who did not take sufficient interest in the Association to give up one half-day in order to attend. This was one point on which they should try to improve next year. The present meeting was better than some they had, and it was certainly very representative; still he thought they should try and beat up interest in their various branches, and secure larger attendances in the future. They met in Manchester at a very interesting time. It was quite true that there was nothing in the rules limiting the membership to members of the Church of England. All present were churchmen. They

were glad to welcome into their county association ringers who were not churchmen, but, as he had said, the bulk of them were churchmen and church wardens. Next week the Church Congress would meet in Manchester, and that day was practically the first day on which matters connected with the Congress were beginning to take place; and it fittingly happened that the ringers of Lancashire met in the city in which the congress was to be held. With regard to ringing there was nothing they could not do in Lancashire if they set their minds to it. They must never forget, however, that the chief purpose, after all, was to get good Sunday ringing. They might think of good peals and methods, and be proud of ringing them, but let them keep their best ringing for Sunday. In the past year they had had to regret the loss of some well-known members of their Association, more than in any year he could remember. There was, for instance, Mr. Gough, in the Liverpool district. He set an example of the right sort of interest which all would do well to follow. They knew how constant he was in his attendance at the meetings. They all felt his loss very keenly. The President paid similar tributes to the memory of other members who had died during the past year, and mentioned in the report.

Mr. J. H. Banks (assistant hon. sec.) then read the annual report, which stated that the Association now included 1,257 members in the following classes:—Hon. life members, 64; hon. members, 30; non-resident members, 109; life performing members, 259; performing members, 795; total, 1,250. The performing members were distributed as follows:—Manchester branch, 174; Rochdale, 150; Liverpool, 139; Blackburn, 131; Rossendale, 127; Bolton, 101; Preston, 90; The Fylde, 74; Furness and Lake District, 68; total, 1,054. During the year 106 new members had been elected, including 3 honorary life members, 1 honorary, 8 non-resident, and 94 performing members. Twenty-three names had been removed from the books, 9 of them through death, and 18 transferred to the life membership. The income for the year was £48 1s. 10d., and the expenditure £41 0s. 10½d., showing a gain of £7 10s. 11½d. The funds of the Association now amounted to £106 10s. 3½d. This was the first occasion on which they could claim over £100 to their credit. The number of peals rung during the year were as follows:—Grandsire Triples, 16; Grandsire Caters, 2; Bob Major, 5; Kent Treble Bob Major, 14; Kent Treble Maximus, 1; in seven Miour methods, 1; in seven Treble Bob Minor methods, 1; in seven Surprise Minor methods, 2; in 14 Surprise Minor methods, 1; Stedman Triples, 6; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 5; Superlative Surprise Major, 6; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; London do., 5; Bristol do., 1; total 68. This list showed a fair average as regarded the number of peals rung, but in the variety of methods was the best they had yet recorded. The peals of Bristol Surprise Major and New Cambridge were the first by the Association, but both of these were rung outside the county, and by non-resident members. They were very grateful to such visitors for the example and encouragement which they had given in first-rate ringing to the local members, but they could not claim the distinction of those peals so fully as if they had been rung by residents. The committee congratulated the bands who had established new records for the Association in long peals. There had been 10,080 Treble Bob Minor rung at Brathay in seven Treble Bob methods, and the same number of changes by the Oswaldtwistle company in fourteen Surprise Minor methods, and the longest length of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 7,200

changes, the latter being rung at Helmsshore. Their best list of Surprise Major peals had been mainly contributed by the non-resident members, and the committee hoped that their local ringers would do their utmost to achieve success in this direction. They deeply regretted that four of the peals were rung with bells muffled as a last tribute to departed ringers. These were for Messrs. Samuel Gough, of Garston, Robert Foulds, of Colne, and Thos. Wroe, Geo. Longden, and W. Booth, of Ashton-under-Lyne. All these were very useful members of the Association, and the peals rung to their memory showed the deep esteem in which they were held by their brother ringers. During the year a new ring of eight bells had been dedicated at Shore, near Littleborough. The committee were glad to hear that the grand ring of 12 at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, was likely to be rehung, and that work was in prospect at Heywood, Stretford, and Walton-on-the Hill. With regard to Mr. Gough he rang his last peal at the age of 80 years, and attended a meeting at 85, within a few months of his death. The debt which the Association owed to Mr. J. Walker, of Blackburn, and Mr. J. Mather, of Walton-le-dale, for their past services was a great one. And in Mr. Geo. Longden, of Ashton-under-Lyne, they had lost a good ringer whom many friends would miss. They had also had to sympathise with Mr. S. Wood in his severe accident, but were happy to think that it would not interfere with his ability in the belfry. In conclusion, the committee expressed their thanks and those of all members to branch secretaries to whose work and interest the success of the Association must be largely due.

Mr. H. W. Jackson (treasurer) submitted the financial statement, the substance of which, as he pointed out, was contained in the report of the Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Eachus, the committee's report and the financial statement were adopted.

The President said they all felt gratified at the visit of the Dean, who had had a very busy day, but was good enough to come and see them. They were also pleased to see in the cathedral Mr. Higginbottom, one of the wardens, and Mr. Bayley, the comptroller, and both of these gentlemen were now present. He was one of the retiring officers. It was about 18 years since they first elected him as their president, and he thought it was quite time that they found somebody else to fill that position. ("No, no." A voice: "We'll elect you for another 18 years.") He was quite willing to serve them in any capacity, and he should regard it as a great honour to be re-elected President, but at the same time he thought they might appoint someone else who would have new ideas and new methods, which might be useful.

Mr. John Eachus then took the chair, and proposed that the Rev. H. J. Elsee be re-elected President. This was seconded by three or four members simultaneously. The motion was carried with much enthusiasm, and the President resumed the chair.

Mr. A. E. Wreaks was unanimously re-appointed general secretary for two years, and Mr. H. W. Jackson was re-appointed treasurer.

The following four members were elected (by ballot) as representatives to the Central Council, viz.:—Rev. H. J. Elsee, Messrs. Samuel Wood, Harry Chapman, and James H. Banks. It was also decided to pay each one attending the council 10s.

A proposal was made that all new members should receive an emblem free, and there was an amendment that all new non-resident members and those performing

members who had paid up their 15s. should have one free. The amendment was carried.

The next annual meeting will be held at Rawtenstall.

A vote of thanks was passed to Canon Wright for his sermon, to the churchwardens of the cathedral, and the comptroller, and to the authorities of the different towers for the use of the belfries by members of the Association.

Mr. Higginbottom (churchwarden) and Mr. Bayley (comptroller) briefly acknowledged the vote of thanks.

A vote of thanks was passed to the President and the officers for their services during the past year.

After the meeting members availed themselves of the use of the belfries (kindly offered by the different authorities) of the Cathedral (ten bells), St. John's, Deansgate (8), St. Phillips, Hulme (8), Holy Trinity, Hulme (8), and St. Thomas', Pendleton (8). The Manchester Town Hall bells (10) were also placed at the disposal of the Association from 2 p.m. till 3.15, and from 9 to 8. The church belfries were thrown open to the members in the afternoon, and again in the evening. The ringers rang short touches in the following methods:—Grandsire, Treble Bob, Stedman, and Superlative. In some cases the bells were ringing till 10 o'clock, and visitors to the Church Congress, many of whom arrived in Manchester on Saturday were thus unexpectedly welcomed to the city, and the joyous ringing of the bells found a fitting prelude to the great convention of clergy and laity so soon to be inaugurated.

#### BENTLEY, HANTS.

On September 29th the Rector, the Rev. W. H. Moody invited Mr. C. Edwards to take a company of ringers to the above (and also invited them to tea at the rectory) for the purpose of introducing his own ringers to the Winchester Guild. Tea was at 6 o'clock. On arrival at the rectory the ringers were received by the Rector and Mrs. Moody and churchwardens, R. B. Eggar, esq., and A. E. Seawell, esq. Mr. Moody kindly presided at the tea tables, and a friendly chat upon ringing matters were indulged in. Tea over, the Rector expressed his very great pleasure in seeing so many ringers. His object in asking them there that evening was for the purpose of introducing the Bentley ringers to that excellent body, the Winchester Guild, and he sincerely hoped that Bentley ringers would all become members, and take up proper change-ringing. If they made up their minds to do so he was sure Mr. Edwards would assist them, and they would very soon derive benefit from his instruction, as Mr. Edwards had already been a very great help to him and his ringers when he was Vicar of Frensham.

Mr. Edwards then explained the various objects of the Guild. At the close nine members joined the Guild, and both churchwardens became honorary members. Mr. Edwards then proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Moody for their kindness in asking them all there that evening, and he was quite sure there was nothing which helped more to unite ringers, Rectors and churchwardens so much as these social gatherings. The ringers then visited the tower, accompanied by the Rector and churchwardens, when they had an opportunity of witnessing some change-ringing, a well-struck 720 of Oxford Bob Minor being rung, conducted by C. Edwards.

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#### Correspondence.

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

#### "CANTERBURY PLEASURE."

SIR,—I shall take it as a favour if I may ask your readers through your columns if any one knows who compiled the above method, and when? It is, I believe, quite a modern production, and, except in Associations' Reports or the like, I doubt whether it has ever been printed. Any information will be most gratefully received.

WM. SNOWDON.

24, Basinghall Street, Leeds, Yorks.

#### "LONDON ROYAL."

SIR,—I see in your issue of October 10th the Ancient Society of College Youths have decided, in spite of the Central Council's decision, that the method, of which they rang a peal at Stepney on November 11th last, shall be called "London Surprise Royal." Now I have very little to say on the subject except this: that if those members which passed that resolution had been at the Central Council meeting at Cambridge and heard how thoroughly the method was dissected and discussed by the method-building experts present, they would not have wondered why their representative's colleague did not second the proposition in favour of its being called "London." I am quite ready to acknowledge the great amount of skill required to ring a peal in such an intricate method, but is it worth while persisting in calling it "London" when it has been so thoroughly demonstrated that it cannot possibly be that?

E. BARNETT.

#### THE REV. H. LAW JAMES'S 150 PEALS.

	Rung	Conducted
Kent Treble Bob Maximus ... ..	1	
Plain Bob... ..	1	
Grandsire Cinques ... ..	1	
Kent Treble Bob Royal... ..	3	2
Plain Bob... ..	3	1
Cambridge Surprise ... ..	2	1
Grandsire Caters ... ..	4	1
Stedman Caters ... ..	3	
Double Norwich Caters ... ..	1	
Double Norwich Major... ..	20	19
Kent Treble Bob Major ... ..	17	11
Plain Bob Major ... ..	15	9
Superlative Surprise Major ... ..	6	3
Cambridge Surprise Major ... ..	2	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major ... ..	2	1
Double Oxford Major ... ..	2	2
London Surprise Major... ..	1	1
Gloucester Surprise Major ... ..	1	1
Canterbury Pleasure Major ... ..	1	1
Stedman Triples... ..	30	5
Grandsire Triples ... ..	12	4
Bob Triples ... ..	3	2
Canterbury Triples ... ..	1	
Minor ... ..	16	14
Doubles ... ..	2	2

Total 150; conducted 81. Including the first peal of Double Norwich Major ever rung in hand, and the first peal of Double Norwich Caters ever rung. The first peal conducted was in hand, and the conductor's first in hand. Six in hand, and 144 in the tower.

**SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—**On Sunday morning, September 13th, for Divine Service, 1344 Cambridge Surprise Major, in 50 mins. G. Bester, F. G. Tegg, W. Pickworth, J. Armstrong, N. A. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor.

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## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual service of this Association was held at Fulham parish church on Saturday, October 12th. About 70 members attended the service, and a goodly number of parishioners were also present. The service commenced at 5 o'clock, and the preacher was the Rev. W. C. Muriel, Vicar of the Parish, who took for his text—Romans x. 18, "Their sound went into all the earth and their words unto the ends of the world." This message, he said, was spoken of the Gospel, but applied with equal force to the message of Church Bells. In this hustling, bustling, money-getting world, amid so much that was sordid and selfish, with crowds intent on this pleasure or on that sin, suddenly there might often be heard the sound of Church Bells, sending forth their message of hope to many a broken heart, bidding men and women come and lay aside for a while their burden, and snatch a few moments for that peaceful communion with their Maker which the world outside could not give. In this way the bells were preachers lifted up on high; they were voices, which never failed to arrest attention; and if only men had ears to hear, what a glorious message Church Bells would after unfold!

In former days, it was customary to give names to bells, and as there were ten bells in the tower of the Parish church, he would ask them to try and imagine that each bell had a name corresponding to the message it had to deliver. He would like to suggest the following:—

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|------------|-----------------|
| 1 Faith.   | 6 Thanksgiving. |
| 2 Hope.    | 7 Joy.          |
| 3 Charity. | 8 Sorrow.       |
| 4 Prayer.  | 9 Duty.         |
| 5 Praise.  | 10 Warning.     |

Very briefly, but pointedly, the message taught by each bell was touched upon, the preacher concluding with an eloquent and impressive reference to the solemn warning of the tenor bell, whose message seemed to him to be well summed up in the following invitation—

Come to thy God in time,  
Thus with the pealing chime,  
Youth, manhood, old age past,  
Come to thy God at last!

As ringers went about their work, let them think of these things, and if they interpreted the message of the bells aright, might they never be reproached with the thought of opportunities neglected, or of gifts misused.

After the service the company adjourned to the Parish Room for tea, at the close of which a course of Stedman Caters was admirably rung on handbells by Messrs. G. R. Pye, B. Prewett, William Pye, J. W. Driver, and J. W. Nudds.

The business meeting followed, and the Report for 1908 was, in part, read by the Hon. Secretary and approved. It was also ordered to be printed in due course, together with a list of the peals rung and conducted by members since the commencement of the Association in 1897. The accounts were passed, subject to audit by Mr. J. Armstrong, of Southgate, and Mr. W. Dell, of Hadley, so soon as the receipt of outstanding subscriptions enabled the accounts to be finally closed.

The Report showed that 68 peals had been rung since the last annual meeting, viz.:—

	No. of Peals,
Treble Bob Minor, 6 methods ... ..	1
Kent Treble Bob Major ... ..	1
Grandsire Caters... ..	1
Grandsire Triples ... ..	1
Grandsire Doubles ... ..	1
Oxford Bob Triples ... ..	1
Superlative Surprise Major ... ..	21
do. Rochester Variation ... ..	1
New Cambridge Surprise Major ... ..	2
London Surprise Major... ..	5
Bristol Surprise Major ... ..	5
Stedman Triples ... ..	19
Stedman Caters ... ..	9
Total ... ..	68

and of these, two peals of Stedman Triples and three of Bristol Surprise Major were rung on handbells.

As regards performances on Tower Bells, 29 had rung their first peal in a new method: 16, their first peal in any method; and 3, their first peals as conductors in a new method. The members had rung their first peals on ten bells, and, in the higher methods, three had rung their first peals of London Surprise; three, their first peals of Bristol Surprise; four, their first peals of Superlative; and one, his first peal of New Cambridge Surprise.

The number of quarter-peals rung was 50, including a date touch of Grandsire Triples at Isleworth, and of Doubles at Pinner. The performance of the local ringers at Southgate was particularly noticeable, who, in addition to quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples, had also rung quarter-peals of Stedman, Superlative, the Rochester Variation of Superlative, and Cambridge Surprise Major.

The number of meetings held, exclusive of the annual general meeting, had been 14, and all had been well attended. Sympathetic reference was also made in the Report to the death of the Rev. Prebendary Covington, and of Mr. Thomas Titchener.

Nine new members were elected at this meeting, making a total of some 70 for the year. It was further decided that the number of representatives on the Central Council should be increased to four, and Mr. J. Waghorn, sen., having withdrawn his name from the five members nominated, the following were ultimately elected:—Messrs. Henry C. Chandler, Arthur T. King, W. Pickworth, and J. R. Sharman.

The old officers of the Association were again elected, and the reception given to the Hon. Secretary showed that he continued to retain the affectionate regard of the members whom he has endeavoured, albeit imperfectly, to serve.

It transpired that although the total number of members had not yet been ascertained, by setting the deaths and withdrawals against the number of new members, the total would for the first time exceed 600.

A cordial vote of thanks to the Rev. W. C. Muriel was passed for his kindly welcome, and for his eloquent address. The meeting was very well attended, considering the many other counter attractions which happened to fall on the same day. It was on all sides held to be no less successful than any of the many successful meetings hitherto held, the success in this instance being mainly due to the unwearied exertions of Mr. W. Driver and the members of the local band. There was some excellent ringing in the following methods:—Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise and Superlative.

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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 the 29th, at 8 p.m.

The 271st anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 14th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (4s. each), may be obtained of Messrs. Bayley, Burden, E. A. Davies, Fardon, Gardner, Golding, Harman, Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, A. Jones, H. Langdon, O'Meara, Newton, Peck, Pettit, Price, Prime, Row-betham, W. D. Smith, Taffender, Winney, M. A. Wood, or to

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

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Derby Branch.—The next district meeting of this branch will be held at Ripley (8 bells), to-day, Saturday, October 24th. Ringing from 2 p.m.  
A. H. WARD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Angmering to-day, Saturday, October 24th. Bells available at 4 p.m.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*  
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

**The Warwickshire Guild.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull to-day, Sat., October 24th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Evensong with an address by Canon Baillie at 5 o'clock. Tea (1s) at 5.45 p.m. Guild meeting to follow.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Dartford on Saturday, October 31st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m., with an address by the Rev. Percy E. Smith, Vicar. Tea will be provided for those only who send me their names by the 27th inst. Business meeting after tea, the Vicar presiding.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The members of this society will hold their next quarterly meeting at Dinting (six-bell tower), near Glossop, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting in the tower at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited.  
CHAS. BOWERS, *Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church, Burnley, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.  
J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Portsmouth District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Portsea on Saturday, October 31st. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Short service at the parish church at 5.30. Tea at The Institute at 6. Meeting after. Members who will require tea, kindly inform me by the 26th inst.  
J. W. WHITING, *Dis. Sec.*  
Fareham

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on Saturday,

October 31st. Peal attempt at 3.0 p.m. Business meeting at the Three Horse Shoes at 7.30 p.m.  
GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—The annual festival will be held at Newcastle on Monday October 26th. Committee meeting at 11.30 in the Cathedral vestry. Service in the Cathedral at 12.30 p.m. Address by the Lord Bishop of Newcastle. Dinner at 1.45 at the Hotel Metropole. Members 1s. 3d.; non-members 2s. 6d.  
Blackhill. A. M. C. FIELD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Dover, on Saturday, October 31st. Belfry open at 3.30. Travelling allowance up to 2s. will be paid. G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at All Saints, Isleworth, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Rev. J. H. Champion McGill in the Mission Room at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Members are particularly requested to make an effort to attend, as there will be important business to transact. Please send all outstanding subscriptions to Mr. J. Merrick, Bedford, by the 27th inst., to allow amounts to be properly made up.

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

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Guildford District.—The annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4th. Service at St. Nicolas church, Guildford, at 5.30. The Bishop of Dorking will preach a farewell sermon to the members. Tea at the Parish Hall at 6.30; members 6d., visitors 1s.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, November 7th, when we hope to see a good attendance. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—North-Western Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, November 14th, at Bishops Stortford. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. H. T. Lane), the bells will be available at two o'clock. Tea at The Chequers hotel at 5.50. The Hon. Secretary would be glad if members intending to attend would kindly send him an intimation by the Wednesday previous.  
JOHN F. PENNING, *Hon. Sec.*  
Fairville, Saffron Walden

**The William Verry Commemoration.**—Through unavoidable circumstances, the annual commemoration dinner is postponed until November 14th, when we hope to meet many old and new friends.

R. FAUX, *Hon. Sec.*

**Notice.**—The tower of St. Luke's, Chelsea, is open for practice every Tuesday at 8 p.m. All visitors are welcome.  
J. PRYER, *Hon. Sec.*

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—A. M. C. Field, Secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association, has removed to Prospect House, Leadgate, county Durham.

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5056.

23456	M	W	H
46532	I	I	2
35264	I	I	
34562	2	I	
42563	I	2	
52643		2	I
25346	2	2	
34256	I	I	
45236	2		

Repeated.

This peal has all the 8-6s, 8-6-7s and 6-7-8s, with the 6th her extent at six course-ends each way in 5-6.

5088.

By the same Author.

23456	M	W	H
35426		2	
26543	I	2	2
25463		I	2
25634	2	2	I
24536	2	I	

Twice repeated.

## DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By HENRY MOORE, Minehead.

5376.

23456	I	4	6
65324	-	-	
45326		8	
62543	-	-	
32546		8	
64235	-	-	
54236		8	
63452	-	-	
34256	8	-*	

\* Single instead of bob in the third and sixth parts.

## STEDMAN CATERS.

By the same Author.

5184.

231456	I	6	5	6	15	16
321456	-	8				
126453		-				
621354		-				
136254		-				

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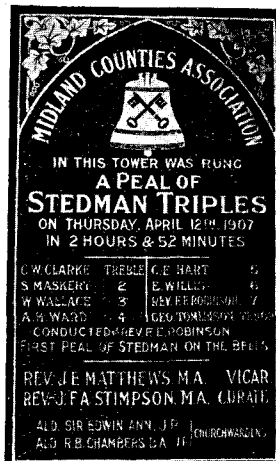
## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1908.

ONE of the seniors of the Ancient Society of College Youths has thought it necessary, from increasing age and vanishing sight, to resign his position as a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral company. We allude to our old and highly-respected friend—MR. WILLIAM COOTER.

For many years he has suffered from that ophthalmic complaint known as cataract, but he has borne it with patience and resignation. Notwithstanding, he has always been regarded as one of the great clever men of the Exercise, his many and various performances, on church bells and in hand, warranting such an estimation. References to old records and documents give tangible evidence of his great ability.

We think that no living ringer enjoys the respect of his ringing brethren in a greater degree than MR. COOTER. All will wish him the greatest happiness during the evening of his life, and his old friends will experience very fond remembrances of the hours they have spent with him in the church tower and out of it.



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**The Metropolis.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, October 14, 1908, in Three Hours,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM HEWETT .. .. 5.
FREDK. G. PERRIN .. .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 6.
ERNEST BRETT .. .. 3.	FREDK. HOLDEN .. .. 7.
EDWIN F. PIKE* .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES HUNT, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

\*First peal of Major.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, October 17, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minute,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES.**

Tenor 31 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. Treble.	REUBEN SANDERS .. .. 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 2.	ALBERT W. COLES .. .. 7.
FREDERICK DICKENS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 8.
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 9.
SAMUEL J. BIRD .. .. 5.	HARRY FLANDERS .. .. Tenor.

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

**The Provinces.****PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.***On Wednesday, September 30, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF THE EMMANUEL,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 12 lbs. in E flat.

JOHN GLUYAS .. .. Treble.	FRANK DUNAWAY .. .. 5.
ARTHUR E. TOMLINS .. .. 2.	GEORGE H. MYERS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM RUNDLE .. .. 3.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 7.
JOSEPH WOODLEY* .. .. 4.	†WALTER HOBBS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. MYERS.

\*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal. G. F. Williams was elected, and F. Dunaway re-elected members of the above Guild previous to starting.

**SOUTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 3, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

THOMAS STIMPSON .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAMSON WHARMBY .. 4.
FRANCIS H. KAY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM G. CHRISTIAN .. 5.
FRANK JACOBS* .. .. 3.	FRED WATKINSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

\*First peal.

**TUNSTALL, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, October 6, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, and Plain Bob.

JAMES WARDLEY .. .. Treble.	FRED WATLING .. .. 4.
CHARLES E. FISHER .. .. 2.	ROBERT SMY .. .. 5.
HENRY PUTTOCK .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SAWYER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SAWYER.

**MARSHAM, NORFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, October 8, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.**

Tenor 7 cwt.

ERNEST G. SUFFLING .. Treble.	*BERTIE J. HOWCHIN .. 5.
GEORGE S. SOAME .. .. 2.	JAMES R. PILCH .. .. 6.
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. .. 3.	JOHN GODFREY .. .. 7.
JACOB MOY .. .. 4.	GEORGE MOY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by G. MOY.

\*First peal.

**WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(THE WIGSTON MAGNA SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, October 10, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

CLEAL'S ONE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS HUMBERSTONE* .. Treble.	*WILLIAM H. HUMBERSTONE 5.
FREDERICK H. DEXTER .. 2.	GEORGE CLEAL .. .. 6.
ALFRED ROE* .. .. 3.	*PERCY CARTER .. .. 7.
ARTHUR BRIERS* .. .. 4.	*ALFRED WHITE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Briers and Carter.

**DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 10, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES.**

Tenor 17 cwt.

BART MITCHELL .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS H. KAY .. .. 6.
JOHN HALL .. .. 2.	JOHN FLOWER .. .. 7.
HERBERT DAY .. .. 3.	HENRY GEORGE .. .. 8.
WILLIAM G. CHRISTIAN .. 4.	FRED WATKINSON .. .. 9.
JOSEPH BOURNE .. .. 5.	THOMAS STIMPSON .. .. Tenor.

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

First peal of Caters by all the band except the ringer of the 7th.

**HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, October 11, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE E. PANNELL† .. Treble.	*GEORGE ARNOLD .. .. 5.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 2.	*WALTER BUBST .. .. 6.
JAMES FLEUTY* .. .. 3.	ERNEST RIDGWELL .. .. 7.
WILLIAM ROOT* .. .. 4.	*ARTHUR SAUNDERS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

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

**ALDENHAM, HERTS.****THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, October 12, 1908, 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.

EDGAR HANCOX .. .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.
ROBERT E. STAVERT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. 6.
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 3.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 7.
JAMES MERRICK .. .. 4.	BASIL HUGHES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his 30th birthday, it being his 508th peal.

CLANDON, GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, and Durham Surprise; Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE MONK* .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH GOACHER .. .. 4.
HENRY BLACKMAN* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM DAY .. .. 5.
REGINALD BLAKE .. .. 3.	FREDERICK BENNETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. BENNETT.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. First peal of Treble Bob in the Guildford District by an entirely local band. Through the kindness of the Rector, who takes a great interest, the band enjoyed a pleasant day on a recent Thursday at the Franco-British Exhibition.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ONSLow J. FOREMAN .. Treble	THOMAS JULL .. .. 4.
ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 5.
WILLIAM SPICE .. .. 3.	ALBERT J. DAY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 12, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOEL HERN .. .. Treble.	EDWARD A. HERN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 2.	*GEORGE T. POTTER .. .. 6.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 3.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 8.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. .. 4.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. .. 9.
R. ALDER GOFTON .. .. 5.	ROBERT RICHARDS .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

\*First peal of Royal.

EXETER.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.  
(ST. SIDWELL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 13, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL,

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

Tenor 23 cwt.

THOMAS BARTLETT .. Treble.	THOMAS MUDGE .. .. 6.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 2.	EDWIN SHEPHERD .. .. 7.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 3.	EDMUND SARGENT .. .. 8.
CHARLES CARTER .. .. 4.	JAMES MOSS .. .. 9.
FRANK MURPHY .. .. 5.	ALFRED MONKLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SHIPWAY, and Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

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

On Wednesday, October 14, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Treble.	GEORGE CHESTER .. .. 5.
TOM PYLE .. .. 2.	GEORGE FLINTHAM .. .. 6.
STANLEY WOLFE .. .. 3.	JOHN W. WATSON .. .. 7.
JOHN A. FREEMAN .. .. 4.	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON .. Tenor.

Composed by J. PLATT, and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, October 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. Treble.	EDWARD I. STONE .. .. 5.
ALBERT P. WAKLEY .. 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 6.
HAROLD A. RABBETS .. 3.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 7.
JOHN H. SWINFIELD .. 4.	GEORGE BULL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to Thomas Winfield, thirty-three years clerk of this church, for his invariable kindness to the ringers.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

HARRY LEWIS .. .. Treble.	CHARLES E. BARTLETT .. 5.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS .. .. 2.	H. CHARLES BOND .. .. 6.
CHARLES E. EDEN .. .. 3.	WILFRED ANDREWS .. .. 7.
ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. 4.	JOHN J. JEFFERIES .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

Rung as a tribute of respect to D. G. Bingham, Esq., who within the last three years has presented the town with a free Library, a Drill Hall and Rifle Range entirely free of cost.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, October 15, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being seven 6-scores each of Plain Bob, Canterbury, Old Doubles, Morning Star, April Day, and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE JACKSON* .. Treble.	WALTER KERRISON .. .. 3.
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT .. 2.	ARTHUR H. TOOK .. .. 4.
JOHN PUNCHARD .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

\*First peal. Rang to celebrate the rehanging of the bells by Messrs. Bowell and Son.

RUNCORN.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 15 lbs.

REV. C. A. CLEMENTS .. Treble.	HENRY W. WILDE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BIBBY* .. .. 2.	EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. 6.
GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 3.	*BENJAMIN H. TREVITT .. 7.
ROBERT SPERRING .. 4.	JAMES MORGAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS, Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

\*First peal of Major. For calling see C.C. Collection No. 16.

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## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 15, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT.. ..Treble.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 5.
FREDERICK ROOPE .. .. 2.	*GEORGE SNELLING .. .. 6.
JOHN SNELLING* .. .. 3.	ARTHUR ROOPE .. .. 7.
CHARLES BAKER .. .. 4.	CHARLES ROOPE.. ..Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

\*First peal on eight bells.

## CARHAMPTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 15, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN FARMER* .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM HOYLE .. .. 4.
ARTHUR SULLY* .. .. 2.	JAMES WATTS .. .. 5.
JAMES SULLY* .. .. 3.	HENRY MOORE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY MOORE.

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

## WELTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, October 16, 1908, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWIN BALDWIN .. ..Treble.	STEPHEN WILSON .. .. 4.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. .. 2.	ARTHUR BALDWIN .. .. 5.
SIMON CADE .. .. 3.	THOMAS STOVIN.. ..Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

This is the first peal on the bells, and the first by all except the conductor, and the conductor's 150th peal.

## STANDON, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR PHILLIPS .. ..Treble.	ROBERT G. KING .. .. 4.
EDWARD H. KING .. .. 2.	ERNEST A. OVERALL .. .. 5.
ROBERT WILKERSON.. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE..Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

## BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of College Exercise, Violet, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Oxford Delight, Double Court, and 720 each of Woodbine, Kent, Oxford, and Plain Bob.

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

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 24½ cwt.

WILLIAM BIGGIN .. ..Treble.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY.. .. 6.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 3.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. .. 7.
GEORGE HOLLIS.. .. 4.	JOHN FLINT.. ..Tenor.

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

This was W. Biggin's 100th peal for the Yorkshire Association.

## HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Saturday, October 17, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE .. ..Treble.	GEORGE WOODISS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. 2.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 6.
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. .. 3.	JOHN HOWES .. .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS.. ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Major on the bells.

## CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 11 cwt.

HERBERT RENMANT .. ..Treble.	THOMAS BURDOCK .. .. 5.
HENRY MULLARD .. .. 2.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. .. 6.
THOMAS ATTWELL .. .. 3.	ERNEST NEWELL .. .. 7.
CHARLES EDWARDS .. .. 4.	HENRY L. GARFATH.. ..Tenor.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Arranged and rang as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. Attwell.

## Handbell Peals.

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

On Tuesday, September 29, 1908, in One Hour and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT 10, WELLGATE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3-4.
WALTER COATES .. .. 3-4.	.. .. 5-6.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First handbell peal of Minor by the Association, and by all the band. Rung after meeting short for Triples. Umpire—G. Oakes.

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

On Wednesday, September 30, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT 14, WELLGATE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 1-2.	WALTER COATES .. .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3-4.	*SAM THOMAS .. .. 7-8.

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**Date Touches.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

HERNE.—On Saturday evening, September 26th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1908 Minor, in 1 hr. 9 mins., being the first date touch on the bells. T. Stone, W. Sorrell, G. Simpson, E. Slingsby, C. Holman, C. Turner conductor.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

HARWELL (Berks).—On Wednesday, October 7th, a date touch of 1908 Grandsire Minor, in 1 hr. 8 mins. H. C. Mulford, A. R. Bosley, T. Hughes, R. G. Rice, V. R. Hitchman, W. Hitchman conductor. Longest touch on the bells and by the local band.

GESTINGTHORPE (Essex).—On Sunday, August 30th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1908 Bob Minor. E. Turner, A. Catterwell, W. Nice, A. Abrams, W. Root, G. E. Pannell conductor. Arranged for A. Abrams, of Chatteris, Cambs.

**Miscellaneous.****THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

PLYMOUTH.—On Wednesday, October 14th, for practice at Emmanuel Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's ten-part, in 49 mins. C. Leat, W. Rundie first quarter-peal as conductor, E. W. Marsh, J. Woodley, C. Eales, A. F. Wellington, G. F. Williams, T. Linnel.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

Bow.—On Thursday, October 8th, at St. Mary, Stratford, Bow, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Doran, G. Scambler, T. Cranfield, Y. Green, S. Bird, J. Moule, S. Hayes conductor, R. Sanders.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

FROYLE (Hants).—On Tuesday, October 6th, 720 Bob Minor. E. Garbutt, G. Upshall, W. Bashford, E. Newell, W. Russell, C. Edwards conductor.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Wednesday, October 7th, for Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. A. LeClercq, A. Smith, W. Bashford, W. Lowman, E. Clapshaw, W. Russell, C. Edwards conductor, W. Sherfield. First quarter-peal in the method by Messrs. Bashford and Russell.

YATELEY (Hants).—On August 16th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Butler, C. Hilton, W. G. Bunch, H. Tice, F. Hagley conductor, W. Horne, S. Riddell, B. Bunch. On August 30th, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Butler, S. Riddell conductor, W. G. Bunch, C. Hilton, F. Hagley, H. Tice, W. Horne, A. Hearmon. On Sunday, September 6th, 504 Grandsire Triples, G. Butler, C. Hilton, H. Tice, W. G. Bunch, F. Hagley, G. Bunch, S. Riddell conductor, B. Bunch. For evening service 364 in the same method. W. G. Bunch, C. Hilton, H. Tice, F. Hagley, F. Hopgood conductor, G. Bunch, S. Riddell, W. Horne.

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

GAINSBOROUGH.—On Sunday afternoon, September 27th, a

quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 46 mins. W. Whelpton, J. T. Ladd, W. Dickenson, H. D. Adlard, P. Ballance, C. Milner, H. Haigh conductor, T. Bartholomew. First quarter-peal in the method by all except J. T. Ladd.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

HARWELL (Berks).—On Thursday, October 1st, 1440 Grandsire Minor. H. C. Mulford, R. G. Rice, T. Hughes, A. R. Bosley, V. R. Hitchman conductor.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

LEISTON.—On Tuesday, July 21st, for practice, 1024 Cambridge Surprise. J. M. Bailey, G. Berry, E. S. Bailey, F. J. Smith, E. H. Bailey, N. R. Bailey, C. Samson, C. F. Bailey conductor. On Saturday, August 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. M. Button, F. J. Smith, W. Button, G. Berry, C. Samson, E. S. Bailey, C. F. Bailey conductor, J. M. Bailey. On Saturday, August 29th, 1472 Cambridge Surprise. J. M. Bailey, G. Berry, E. S. Bailey, F. J. Smith, E. H. Bailey, N. R. Bailey, C. Samson, C. F. Bailey conductor.

LONDON.—On Saturday, October 17th, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, a third of a peal of Grandsire Triples, in 62 mins. G. Dorrington, A. Hughes, A. Hughes, jun. conductor, M. A. Weed composer, F. Andrews, D. F. Gibbons, C. Hills, C. Kennedy.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Monday, September 14th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. J. W. Pooley, A. Holman, G. W. Walder, F. T. Hoad, C. Hoad, A. Cotterell, H. A. Hoad conductor, H. Ewins, G. F. Hoad, H. Bennett.

SANDIACRE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, September 27th, for evening service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Double Court, in 26 mins. L. Smith, R. Cox, J. Hall, A. Freeman, T. D. Thompson, C. Wilkinson. After service 720 Double Oxford, in 25 mins. C. Wilkinson, W. Halford, J. Hall, A. Freeman, T. D. Thompson, E. C. Gobey conductor.

STANTON-BY-DALE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, September 27th, for afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 23 mins. C. Tansley, W. Halford, J. Hall, W. Thornley, C. Wilkinson, E. C. Gobey. On Sunday, October 4th, for evening service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 600 Bob Doubles. H. Fawcett, A. Churchill, E. C. Gobey, W. Thornley, C. J. Baker, C. Arbon. After service a quarter-peal of Minor, in 43 mins., being 720 of Kent and 540 of Plain Bob. E. C. Gobey, C. J. Baker, J. Hall, W. Thornley, A. Freeman, T. D. Thompson. All conducted by E. C. Gobey.

SPRINGFIELD (Essex).—On Thursday, August 27th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. C. Cook, D. Dawson, W. Dawson, W. Sharpington, E. Dawson conductor, M. Windley. 120 Bob Minor. C. Cook, D. Dawson, G. Waterman conductor, W. Sharpington, C. Westrip, H. Sharpington. 240 New London Pleasure. D. Dawson, E. Dawson, G. Waterman conductor, W. W. Sharpington, M. Windley, H. Sharpington. On Sunday, August 30th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. C. Cook, D. Dawson, W. Hawkes, W. Sharpington, G. Waterman conductor, H. Sharpington. 120 New London Pleasure. D. Dawson, E. Dawson, W. Hawkes, W. Sharpington, G. Waterman, H. Sharpington. For evening service 720 Bob Minor. J. Martin, D. Dawson, W. Hawkes, W. Sharpington, G. Waterman conductor, H. Sharpington. 120 Bob Minor, C. Cook, D. Dawson, W. Dawson, W. Sharpington, C. Westrip, H. Sharpington conductor. On Tuesday, September 1st, for practice, 360 Bob Minor. C. Cook, D. Dawson, W. Hawkes, W. Sharpington, G. Waterman conductor, H. Sharpington. 216 Bob Minor. C. Cook, D. Dawson, W. Hawkes, W. Sharpington, G. Waterman conductor, H. Sharpington. 360 Oxford Treble Bob. D. Dawson, G. Waterman, W. Hawkes, W. Sharpington, M. Windley, H. Sharpington conductor.

TETTERHALL (Near Wolverhampton).—On Sunday, September 6th, for evening service at the church of St. Michael and All Angels, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 52 mins. A. Price, H. Dalton, B. Dalton, J. H. Rowe, G. Tudor, J. Evans.

**Ringers' Outings.**

ST. MARY'S GUILD, TAUNTON. — On Saturday, a party of twelve members left Taunton at 5.15 a.m. for London. On their arrival at Paddington they were met by Mr. F. A. Holden, who had arranged to spend the day with his Taunton brother-strings. The start of the day's programme was a good breakfast at The Connaught, Edgware Road. They then proceeded by tube to the City, and visited St. Paul's Cathedral, permission being granted for them to see the famous peal of twelve, about which they had heard so much. The next item was a treat for them all, namely, a ring on the musical peal of ten at St. Margaret's, Westminster. A well-struck touch of 509 Stedman Caters was brought round by Messrs. Wyatt, Routley, Fowler (2), Lloyd, Burge (conductor, Sadd, Merson, Maddock, and

White. Another touch was also rung with Messrs. Reed, Holden and Weatherstone taking part. Mr. C. Ward, they were informed, was responsible for these bells. Great credit is due to him, and it is the wish of the ringers, the next time they visit London, to attempt a peal at St. Margaret's. After the mid-day meal the remainder of the time was spent at the Franco-British Exhibition. They arrived home safely, all having enjoyed the Guild's first visit to the Metropolis. B.

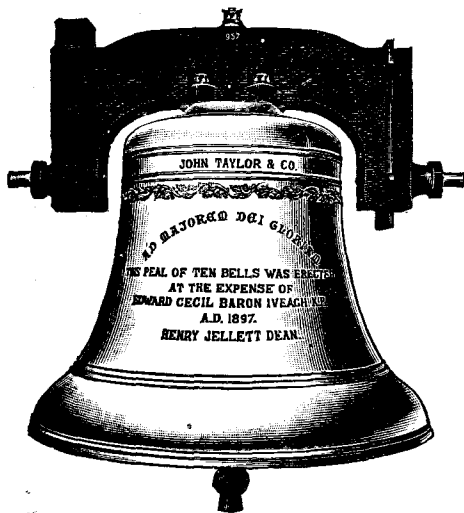
THE ST. JOHN'S GUILD, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE. — Through the generosity of the Vicar and churchwardens and friends, the members of the above held their annual excursion on Saturday, September 12th, Edinburgh being the place chosen. Leaving Newcastle at 7.25 a.m., "Auld Reekie" was reached (after a journey of

124½ miles), at 11.10 a.m. Messrs. Ellis and Heathcote met the ringers, and escorted them to the Haymarket Restaurant, where luncheon was soon disposed of. The company then visited St. Mary's Cathedral, where Stedman Caters, Forward Royal, and London Surprise Major was rung, Messrs. Ellis and Heathcote assisting in the Royal and Caters. The party then broke up, some going to see the Exhibition and Forth Bridge, and others to the Castle and Holyrood Palace. 5.20 brought all together again for dinner, which was served in first-class style. The last item on the programme was St. Cuthbert's charch, where touches of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Major on this fine ring of eight brought the day's ringing to a close. The return journey commenced at 8 p.m., home being reached about 11.15, all thoroughly pleased with the trip, the weather having been exceptionally fine. The band take this opportunity of thanking the respective authorities for the use of the bells, and others who helped to make the day's outing successful; particularly Mr. Heathcote, of St. Cuthbert's, who made all the arrangements for the supply of the inner man. K.

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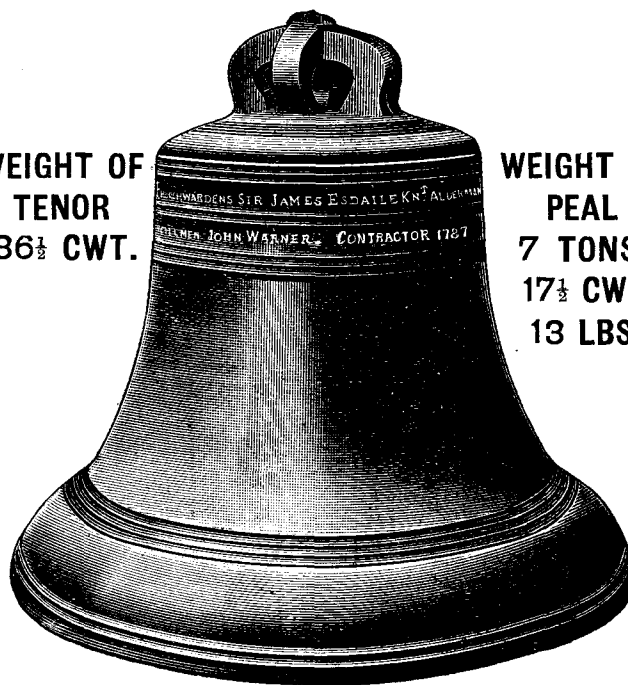
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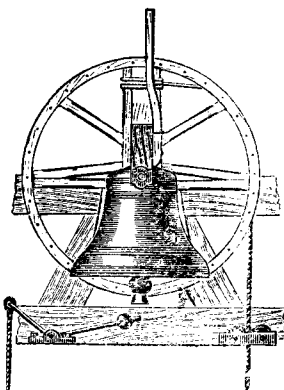
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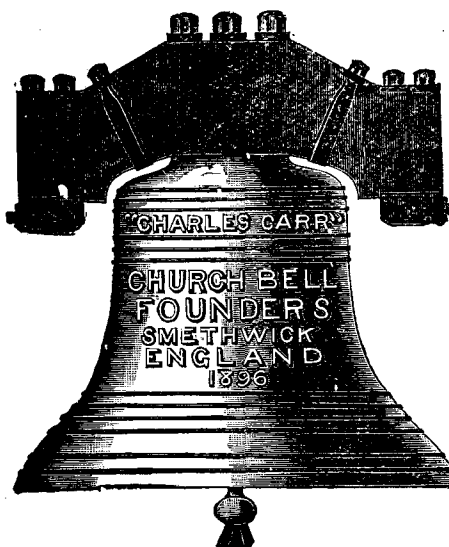
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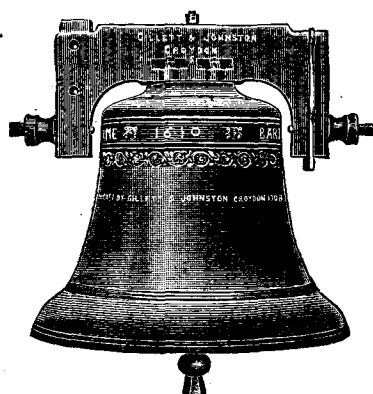
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## NEW RING OF BELLS FOR THE CATHEDRAL, VANCOUVER, B.C.

A very interesting communication reaches us from the above-named far-off settlement, relative to the erection of what may be regarded as a new ring of bells at the Cathedral (R.C.) there. Our correspondent prefaces his account thus:

"It is to be hoped this letter does not come from so great a distance that it will not find room in your valuable paper, or be of no interest to its many readers. I presume it is not generally known amongst ringers that we have a magnificent peal of eight bells in this most enterprising young city in the farthestmost portion of Greater Britain beyond the seas. Perhaps a description and short history may not be out of place, for indeed they have a history. In the year 1900 there were seven bells cast by Messrs. Paccard, of Savoy, being a carillon, the tenor of which weighed 4960lb., note C natural, 60 inches across the sound bow, the other bells being E, E flat, F, G, A, and C respectively, the treble weighing 590 lbs., 30 inches across soundbow. Beautifully-toned bells they were, full of harmonics, all maiden bells and in perfect tune, masterpieces of the founders' art in the matter of decoration; but on account of the peculiar method of hanging, no stays, slides, pulleys, or even proper ropes. On account of the peculiar scale, it was finally decided to retain the F, G, and A bells, and recast the others, to add another five, and get the whole rehung in a modern iron and steel frame, which was performed in a most perfect manner by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Castle Green, Bristol. The splice is absolutely perfect, and the go all that can be desired. Indeed, it would be difficult to believe the work could have been done in a more satisfactory manner. The five top bells were recast in 1906, the present tenor weighing 17½ cwt. The whole peal was put together and tested before being sent out from the foundry. On Wednesday, June 3rd, for practice, our band rung a course of Grandsire Triples. We have also accomplished a number of 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, a few touches of Bob Minor, also Stedman Doubles, all of which we claim to be the first in Canada on tower bells. Ringers who can ring any method are heartily welcome, and are most cordially invited to the ringing chamber. Practice every Wednesday, 7 to 8 p.m. Any readers of "THE BELL NEWS" knowing of any ringers out this way would oblige by forwarding them a copy of this issue, and next time Vancouver is heard from I hope it will be to record the first peal on the bells and in the country."

Our correspondent being practically unknown to us, it was necessary to verify in some measure the above almost romantic story. Our enquiries have resulted in the following account of the circumstances, and a general history of the transaction with the British firm of bell founders who have carried out the work. The Vancouver Cathedral authorities purchased from a firm of French founders in the year 1900 a set of bells, which, whilst they were magnificent examples of the moulders' art, and in themselves individually good in tone, were nevertheless useless from the standpoint of English practice, being

practically unpealable, owing to the proportions of weights and diameters being out of proper relation. Negotiations ensued between the bell founders—Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol—and the authorities at Vancouver respecting the partially re-casting of the peal to suit English ringing practice, these negotiations extending over a period of several years. Ultimately, it was decided to place the whole matter in their hands, and the French bells were sent to Bristol from Vancouver. They had no alternative but to break up several of the bells and provide new ones, practically reconstructing the whole peal; and thus eventually produced what was in effect a new ring, very musical and harmonious, and most suitable for peal-ringing in our British fashion. According to instructions given to Messrs. Llewellyns and James, they provided each bell with a complete set of modern English mountings, and built a new iron frame formed of a foundation of strong rolled steel joists, with massive cast iron sections bolted thereto, all properly fitted together and constructed in the best possible manner.

The whole of the work was despatched to Vancouver, and received in good order. All parts having been carefully marked for refitting, no difficulty was experienced in erecting the frame and bells in the tower—in fact, the whole of the work was erected and the bells in ringing order between the hours of 1 and 5 p.m., which is probably a record. If it is not necessary to particularly compliment Messrs. Llewellyns and James upon the skilful and prompt execution of this Vancouver contract, the Exercise may reasonably flatter itself upon the sole eminence enjoyed by British bell founders abroad in carrying out in such a manner every work required in connection with church bells.

## BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

The peal of eight bells at St. Mary's Church, which are considered to be one of the best in the county for the weight, all being cast at the Whitechapel Foundry in the year 1820, the tenor being in the key of F, and weighing 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs., have recently been rehung by order of the Town Reeve, H. B. Owles, Esq. The work has been respectively carried out by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, the go of the bells being all that can be desired.

ISLE OF DOGS.—Recently, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. T. H. Hawkins, T. Cranfield, E. E. Richards conductor, J. Wanenker, R. Sanders, A. W. Coles, F. Thornton, C. Clark, jun. On Tuesday, September 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. T. H. Hawkins, W. Weatherstone, T. Taylor, W. Foreman, E. Webb, F. Goddard, E. E. Richards conductor, C. Clark, sen. Rung in honour of the marriage of C. Clark, jun., which took place in Canada the same day.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had, gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers,

### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely archdeaconry was held at Cottenham on Saturday afternoon, October 10th, which was well attended. The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey presided at the tea and business meeting; members being present from Cambridge, Ely, Ickleton, Fulbourn, Wilburton, Haddenham, Over, Willingham, and the local ringers.

The minutes of the last district meeting were read and signed. The place for the next meeting was discussed, the matter being finally left in the hands of the Secretary, Mr. P. Webb, for him to consult the vicars and various church authorities concerned, and also the phases and changes of the moon, and after mature observation of that refulgent planet, arrange a meeting some time in January or February at Whittlesford or Stapleford.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector (Rev. C. E. Crump) for the use of the bells, also to the chairman for presiding. The chairman said he was only too pleased to be present. He regretted that he was unable to be more often amongst them.

During the afternoon various methods were rung, including a 700 of Kent Treble Bob by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, P. Webb, J. Stalley, J. Taylor, H. Sharp (conductor), W. B. Kempton. These bells have recently been rehung, and are in good ringing order.

Cottenham church is over three miles from the nearest railway station. Mr. A. Savidge, one of the local ringers, kindly provided conveyances to take the visitors to the railway station at night, for which we tender him our best thanks. Although we arrived home safely, we nearly lost our train through someone's clock being slow, but we got off by paying when we were asked for "Tickets please."

### THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The third quarterly meeting of this society was held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, October 3rd, and was well attended by members from all parts of London, country members being well represented by Messrs. Barnett (2, Crayford), Martin Stewart (Wimborne), and others. St. Mary's bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to the tune of Treble Ten, Stedman Caters, Double Norwich, and Superlative. St. Saviour's tower was also open in the evening, when some capital touches of Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, Superlative and London were rung.

At 5.30, the company, mustering thirty-six, sat down at The Nag's Head, and were agreeably surprised to find a substantial spread had been provided through the generosity of Mr. E. S. Poll, who had placed two prime joints of "Old England's best" on the table. Needless to add this course was tapped off in the Cumberlands' best style. The usual business followed, the Master (Mr. A. Jacob), presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting being read and confirmed, the election of Messrs. Squires, Bottrill and Tugwood as members was carried; also of Mrs. A. Jacob as an honorary member. The election of Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart in the tower of St. John's, Waterloo Road, was ratified.

The Hon. Secretary then proposed that the next meeting be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on the third Saturday in January, and that it be the Annual General Meeting of the society.

Mr. Parker seconded the proposition, saying it was a step in the right direction, and on being put to the meeting, this was carried unanimously.

Mr. Parker next proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the

Vicars and churchwardens of St. Mary's and St. Saviour's for the use of the bells, and the steeplekeepers for having everything in readiness, coupling with it the name of Mr. Poll for what he had placed on the table.

On the proposition of Mr. W. Matthews, a vote of thanks was passed to the ladies for their services at the tea, which concluded the business.

At 8.30 a social was held, songs being rendered by Messrs. Matthews, Rumens, Watson, Hopkins (2), Scarlett, and others, Mr. Margetson ably accompanying on the piano.

An enjoyable evening was brought to a close with a few remarks from the Master impressing on those present that the third Sunday evening in the month was ringing at St. Martin's, after which the National Anthem was sung, the company separating shortly after 10.30.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

After an absence of two years a meeting was held at Pendlebury, when a representative of the Manchester Branch, numbering over twenty, put in an appearance from Eccles, Gorton, Manchester, Pendleton, Stretford, Worsley, and the local company. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung, when the business meeting put a stop to it for a while, the meeting being presided over by Mr. J. H. Ridyard, when pleasure was had in accepting three of the local company as members of the Association. Afterwards the bells were started going, but the *strong man* being about, off comes the slide of the seventh, which stopped the practice of the evening. While discussing the situation the Vicar of the Parish came in and gave a welcome to the company, this being the first meeting since he became Vicar, and he hoped they would visit the place again soon. He consented to become an honorary life member. The writer adds: "If anyone wants a strong man to make a job for the founders I can strongly recommend this one, from personal experience."

### A TRIP AMONGST THE MOORLAND BELLS.

The sixth annual tour of the Exeter Ringers' Cycling Club took place during a week-end, and was limited to Saturday afternoon and the Sunday, being carried out in the Tavistock district, with the special object of visiting some of the towers on the borders of Dartmoor. The party was not so large as in former years, the number of retractions at the eleventh hour, and the curious objections raised in a few instances to the use of the bells, almost put an end to the expedition. A good party, however, was happily secured, and as events turned out the tour was probably the pleasantest, as it certainly was the best from a ringing point of view in the history of the club. The party made the Cornish Arms, Tavistock, their headquarters, and were excellently catered for by the proprietor, Mr. Backwell, who supplied the necessary conveyances.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to visiting Petertavy (six bells), Lamerton (six bells), and Tavistock (eight bells). The party was joined by the President of the Devonshire Guild—viz., the Rev. Maitland Kelly, at Petertavy, who kindly entertained the party at tea at Tavistock, and journeyed with them to Lamerton, where he, to the regret of the whole party, had to part company. The early part of Sunday was showery, but, nothing daunted, the party visited Whitchurch (six), Walkham-



ton (six), where breakfast was supplied at Barn Farm, Barons, after which the visitors attended the morning service, and then proceeded to Sheepstor (six), where an excellent dinner was served by Miss Blatchford, and the party, after being photographed, proceeded to Meavy (six).

Grandsire and Stedman were the methods rung, the striking throughout being very good. The bells at Peter-tavy and Tavistock were found to be in need of overhauling and restoration. The peals at the other towers were very satisfactory, which reflected great credit on the bell-hangers, Messrs. H. Stokes and Son, of Woodbury.

The party consisted of the Rev. Maitland Kally (President of the Devonshire Guild), Messrs. John Richards (Captain of the Club), F. J. Stokes, W. Richardson, W. A. Webber, A. W. Searle, A. E. Searle, and Frank J. Davey, hon. sec., who made the necessary arrangements for the trip, which ended so satisfactory.

#### WEDDING BELLS AT WOODBURY, DEVON.

Thursday, October 22, will be long remembered by the ringers of the village of Woodbury, Devon, for on that day they met with heart and good will to ring merry peals for their old chum, familiarly known as "Bill Wilde," who had decided to take to himself a wife to help him through the rest of his life. Punctually at 2.0 p.m. the bridegroom, with his supporter, was waiting at St. Swithin's for the bride, Miss Mary Jane Gordon, who duly arrived, when the Rev. R. Neely, Vicar, officiated at the interesting ceremony, after which he wished them God's speed and a happy married life, the two having been made one, and the ring given as a pledge thereto. Then the bells pealed forth, telling the whole village of the wedding having taken place. The happy couple were the recipients of several presents from well-wishing friends, Old Bill being one of the boys who struggled and mastered six scores of Grandsire Doubles, and has rung more than one touch of Triples, at which he was a most promising young member, his leaving to join the force (police) being a heavy loss to the local band. As a special request from his old chums he entered the belfry later in the day, and had a pull together before leaving for Bigbury, in the district known as South Hams, where he is now stationed.

#### THE PARISH CHURCH, DONCASTER.

On Wednesday, October 14th, special services were held in the above parish church to celebrate the jubilee of its dedication. The preacher in the morning was the Bishop of Sheffield (Dr. J. N. Quirk), and in the evening the Dean of Bristol (Dr. Pigou), both of whom were formally Vicars of Doncaster. The church, built to the designs of Sir G. Scott, at a cost of £60,000, contains the heaviest peal of eight bells in Yorkshire, designed by the late Lord Grimthorpe.

Before the various services, the following touches were rung: A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 54 mins. H. Brock, H. Wilson, C. Scott, H. Marwood, G. Clow, A. Ash (conductor), G. Halksworth, W. Howard. A date touch of Double Norwich Major in 1 hr. 20 mins. H. Fevre, R. Bayles, C. Scott, G. Clow, H. Breck, A. Ash, H. Wilson, G. Halksworth (conductor). Composed by C. Jackson, of Hull. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 52 mins. R. Bayles, G. Halksworth, A. Ashe, H. Marwood conductor, C. Scott, H. Wilson, G. Clow, and W. Howard.

#### A WEEK-END IN SOMERSET.

Having been extended an invitation to spend a few days in Somerset, Mr. F. A. Holden, of London, taking advantage of his holiday, travelled to Taunton on Friday, September 25th. The conditions being favourable, various places of interest in the town were visited.

On Saturday, the quarterly meeting of the Taunton Deanery being held at Crowcombe, a visit was paid to this very picturesque village, eleven miles distant from Taunton, and a good ring on the very fine peal of six partaken of in various methods.

Before returning to Taunton a short stay was made at the village of Bishop's Lydeard (eight bells), where various touches of Stedman Triples were rung by W. White, W. A. Fowler, J. Fowler, T. Creed, S. P. Merson, F. A. Holden, J. Burger (conductor), and H. Reed.

Sunday, the day of Harvest Festival at St. Mary Magdalene, Taunton, the fine peal of ten were going early to Stedman Caters for morning service, the following touches being rung: 379 and 939, conducted by J. Burge. For evening service, 1263 of Stedman Caters were rung by F. A. Holden (conductor), J. Routley, S. Wyatt, E. Lloyd, S. P. Merson, J. Burge, F. Sadd, W. A. Fowler, W. White, and J. Fowler.

The arrangements for Monday and Tuesday were attempts for peals of Bob Major and Stedman Caters at St. James and St. Mary Magdalene respectively, but unfortunately sickness near at hand prevented this being brought about. Thus a glorious week-end came to a close.

#### ASHSTEAD, SURREY.

On Saturday, October 10th, the wedding of Mr. J. B. Wyatt, the eldest son of the worthy captain of the local ringers, Mr. John Wyatt, to Miss A. L. Chitty, took place at the parish church, the Rector, the Rev. R. A. Waddilove, officiating. It was a red-letter day for the ringers who assembled, with the help of friends from Leatherhead, to do honour to the occasion. After the ceremony several touches were rung, the following ringers taking part:—W. Cook, J. Cook, A. Dean, E. Hull, A. Winch, W. H. Corbett, A. Humphries, W. Arthur, W. Farrell, J. Page, and H. Price. Afterwards a move was made to Matten's restaurant, where Mr. Wyatt had kindly provided a meat tea, which was served in host Matten's usual style, the Rector taking the chair.

A vote of congratulation from all present was then sent to the happy pair. In the evening an attempt to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples, Holt's Original, came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 40 min. Treble, W. Cook; 2, J. Hoyle; 3, G. Wyatt; 4, A. Winch; 5, W. H. Corbett, conductor; 6, E. Hull; 7, A. Dean; tenor, W. Farrell.

The rest of the evening was given up to songs and hand-bell ringing until God save the King brought a most enjoyable time to a close.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Monday, September 14th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. J. W. Pooley, A. Holman, G. W. Walder, F. T. Hoad, C. Hoad, A. Cotterell, H. A. Hoad conductor, H. Ewins, G. F. Hoad, H. Bennett.

APPLES.—GOOD COOKING, DESSERT, hand-picked. 1d. and 1½d. per lb.: f.o.r.—Order early.—LONGREY, Stoke Lacy, Worcester.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Considering the inclemency of the weather, the members turned up to the annual meeting at Newcastle-on-Tyne in goodly numbers last Monday, October 26th.

The committee met at the Cathedral Vestry to discuss and select places and dates of meetings in the forthcoming year and to have a selection of officers to put before the general meeting. The Lord Bishop of Newcastle, Dr. Straton, afterwards delivered an address to a goodly congregation of ringers and laymen in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral. He based his address on the words of 1 Corinthians xiv. 12.—"Seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church." Every gift, the Bishop said, came from God, and every christian man should strive for the development of his own special gift to reach perfection in it. The desire to excel in their gift was lawful and honest, but it should not be from mere selfish gratification or love of display, but to the edification of the Giver of the gift. The Association he had been asked to address was, he reminded them, a "diocesan" association. He hoped the members reflected on the significance of the music they sent forth—the significance of the music whether the occasion were a sad or a merry one, was never forgotten by those who heard it. Bellringers could not exercise their gift, he thought, without entering into the spirit of it. Let them seek to excel in their work and let it be always to the edification of the Church. The Bishop closed his address with an appropriate quotation from one of Sir Walter Scott's poems.

The service was conducted by the Rev. G. R. B. Lewis, assistant priest at the Cathedral, and the lesson was read by the Rev. J. W. Moran, the Bishop's chaplain.

An excellent dinner was provided prior to the general meeting at The Metropole hotel, the President, Mr. G. T. Potter, presiding. He was supported by the Bishop of Newcastle, the Revs. G. R. B. Lewis, J. W. Moran, A. B. de Moleynes (Rector of Chester-le-Street), J. Hudson Barker (Vicar of Consett), Arthur Allwork (Rector of Whickham), and H. B. T. Richardson; Mr. H. Whitehead, Mr. Field, Mr. W. Story, Mr. C. Carew Cox, etc. The vice chairs were occupied by Mr. Thos. Hudson, of Sunderland, and the Rev. Bernard Jealous, Jarrow. After the loyal toasts had been honoured, Mr. Hudson proposed "The Bishops and Clergy of the Dioceses."

The Bishop of Newcastle, in reply, thanked the members for inviting him to be present. He believed it was good both for parishioners and clergy to meet in a social manner; and especially was he anxious to do so that day, because he wished to thank them in person for the extremely kind address they had presented to him when he first came to the See. That address was deeply valued by him, and would be handed down to those who came after him. He wished the Association every success. When he was informed that over three million changes could be rung on ten bells they would see the infinite opportunities that were before them. He was satisfied that if the clergy reflected a little more on the matter they would see what a use the Association could be, and they would in person express, as he was sure they felt, prosperity to the Association.

Mr. Wm. Story proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicars and wardens of the churches in Newcastle and district who had lent their bells for use during the day.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. M. C. Field) read the annual report and balance sheet, the latter shewing a very healthy balance in hand—£6 6s. 8d. Progress was satis-

factory as regarded the affairs of the Association. The number of peals had risen to 28 in twelve methods, with total points 582, average 20'78, the best average yet presented in the annual report. Ferry's list (to promote excellence in Sunday ringing) showed a very hearty return of twenty-two competitors; the average points had steadily risen, and now more than doubled the first year's return. The first three places had again been taken by last year's winners—Holy Trinity (6 bells) Darlington, first, 3204 points; North Shields (ten bells) 2463 points, second; St. John's, Darlington (eight bells) 1476 points, third. Of the 5000s rung the conductors were headed by Mr. W. H. Barber, ten peals, one being Carter's odd-bob peal of Stedman, called from an inside bell, blindfolded. A peal of Shipway Major, rung at Gosforth, also called for special remark.

After the formal adoption of the report and balance sheet the Rev. B. Jealous proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring officers to which Mr. G. T. Potter suitably replied.

Mr. W. Story proposed, and Mr. Field seconded, the election of Mr. C. L. Routledge to the Presidency of the Association for the forthcoming year. This was carried unanimously, and Mr. Potter resigned the chair to the new President, the latter thanking the members for their kindly confidence in electing him to so important a position. The discussion of the new rules as drawn up by the committee then occupied the time of the meeting, and all were passed except the rule governing the date of the annual meeting. It was decided to fix this date by a postal ballot of all the members, and then the new rules will be printed in the annual report. The new rules embodied a scheme for dividing the two counties into four districts—North, South, East and West, and a vice-president to be elected for each. The elections on this were decided as follows: Vice-president for the northern division, Mr. R. S. Story, Whitley; southern division, Mr. W. Kingdom, Bishop Auckland; eastern division, Mr. J. W. Parker, Sunderland; western division, Mr. J. W. Forster, Benfieldside. Mr. A. M. C. Field was re-elected to the office of Hon. Secretary and Treasurership, while Mr. C. Todd, of Darlington, was appointed hon. auditor. A large number of new members were elected including no less than twelve from the newly-affiliated belfry of Stranton, West Hartlepool, including three honorary members.

The Rev. A. B. de Moleynes proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, and this closed the meeting. The bells of the Cathedral, St. John's, All Saints, Gateshead St. Mary were kept going in various methods through the evening, and thus ended one of the most successful meetings of the Association. There were upwards of eighty members present at the meeting following the dinner.

LEISTON.—On Tuesday, July 21st, for practice, 1024 Cambridge Surprise. J. M. Bailey, G. Berry, E. S. Bailey, F. J. Smith, E. H. Bailey, N. R. Bailey, C. Samson, C. F. Bailey conductor. On Saturday, August 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. M. Button, F. J. Smith, W. Button, G. Berry, C. Samson, E. S. Bailey, C. F. Bailey conductor, J. M. Bailey. On Saturday, August 29th, 1472 Cambridge Surprise. J. M. Bailey, G. Berry, E. S. Bailey, F. J. Smith, E. H. Bailey, N. R. Bailey, C. Samson, C. F. Bailey conductor.

CIDER.—GOOD SWEET HEREFORDSHIRE CIDER. Eighteen gallons, 12s., nine gallons, 6s., f.o.r. in consumers' casks. DESSERT and COOKING APPLES.—LONGNEY, Stoke Lacy, Worcester.

## Notices.

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### The Ancient Society of College Youths.

Established 1637.  
The 271st anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 14th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (4s. each), may be obtained of Messrs. Bayley, Burden, E. A. Davies, Fardon, Garrard, Golding, Harman, Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, A. Jones, H. Langdon, O'Meara, Newton, Peck, Pettit, Price, Prime, Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, Taffender, Winney, M. A. Wood, or to

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

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Dartford to-day, Sat., October 31st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m., with an address by the Rev. Percy E. Smith, Vicar. Business meeting after tea, the Vicar presiding.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The members of this society will hold their next quarterly meeting at Dinting (six-bell tower), near Glossop, to-day, Saturday, October 31st. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting in the tower at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWERS, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church, Burnley, to-day, Sat., October 31st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Portsea to-day, Sat., October 31st. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Short service at the parish church at 5.30. Tea at The Institute at 6. Meeting after.

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

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, to-day, Sat., October 31st. Peal attempt at 3.0 p.m. Business meeting at The Three Horse Shoes at 7.30 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Dover, to-day, Sat., October 31st. Belfry open at 3.30. Travelling allowance up to 2s. will be paid. G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at All Saints, Isleworth, to-day, Saturday, October 31st. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Rev. J. H. Champion McGill in the Mission Room at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Members are particularly requested to make an effort to attend, as there will be important business to transact.

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

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Yeovil

on Saturday, November 7th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Prayers at 4.45. Tea (6d. each) at 5. Business meeting immediately after. Intending visitors kindly say not later than Tuesday, November 3rd, whether they will require tea.

D. G. TAYLOR, *Local Hon. Sec.*  
Crownhill, Ilminster.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, November 7th, when we hope to see a good attendance. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly meeting will be held at Stoke on Saturday, November 7th. Bells at 4 p.m. Tea at 6 o'clock in the Church Institute. Service at 7 o'clock. Members intending to be present please notify Mr. S. Chnrton, 24, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent. All members in arrears with their annual subscriptions are requested to pay up, or otherwise their names will not appear in the annual report.

REV. W. S. KEYWORTH } *Hon. Secs.*  
J. JOHNSON  
143, Flint Terrace, Tunstall.

Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Mytholmroyd on Saturday, November 14th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by November 9th.

J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*  
302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday November 14th. Bells ready at 4. Unveiling of peal-board. Members intending being present, please send word to

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

35, Church Road, Garston.

The Essex Association.—North-Western Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, November 14th, at Bishops Stortford. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. H. T. Lane), the bells will be available at two o'clock. Tea at The Chequers hotel at 5.30. The Hon. Secretary would be glad if members intending to attend would kindly send him an intimation by the Wednesday previous.

JOHN F. PENNING, *Hon. Sec.*  
Fairyville, Saffron Walden.

The William Verry Commemoration.—The annual commemoration dinner will take place on Saturday, November 14th, at The Red Lion hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, when it is hoped to meet old and new friends. Tickets 2s 6d. each, may be had from any of the ringers of the parish church. Dinner at 6.30 sharp. The bells of the parish church will be available from 2.30 to 6 o'clock.

R. FAUX, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the members of the above district will be held at Southampton on Saturday, November 14th. Holy Rood belfry will be opened at 2.30. Tea will be had at 5 o'clock in St. Michael's schoolroom, and will be followed by the business meeting. St. Michael's bells will be available after 6.30. Members intending to be present at the tea will oblige by informing the District Secretary, if possible, not later than Thursday, November 12th.

JAS. W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*  
3, Culver Villas, Winchester.

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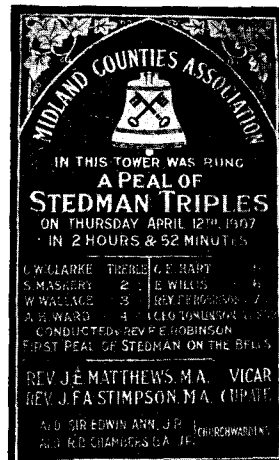
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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1908.

We have recently heard grave complaints about the neglect with which many Association members treat the appeals of their officers with regard to the provision of refreshment at the various meetings which are held for their benefit at various places. In nearly all the published notices from these officers, an intimation is generally given that some kind of refreshment will be provided. But it is necessary that they should always have some idea how many they have to provide for, and thus a request is always made by the Secretary that he may be informed of those who intend to be present. This request however, is frequently disregarded. Many will not take the slightest trouble to render the hard-worked officer the slightest assistance, and much unpleasantness results. We have heard of a case of only three members promising to take tea (one of these did not turn up), but when the hour arrived, no less than fifty members were looking for the usual meal to be laid out. Whether these obtained

their refreshment we do not know; if they did not it was their own fault. This grievance has been pointed out before; if these neglectful people will try to exercise a little forethought, perhaps we shall not have to refer to it again.

\*\* Next week will be published with this paper, pictures of Beverley Minster, and St. Mary's, Beverley, with descriptive letterpress.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, October 22, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5014 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. Treble.	ALFRED FECK .. .. 6.
ALFRED JONES .. .. 2.	CHARLES BURDEN .. .. 7.
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Composed by J. P. BRADLEY, and Conducted by H. SPRINGALL.

Rung on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the conductor's wedding, his brother-ringers congratulating him on the event.

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

On Saturday, October 24, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

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

MOORE'S TWELVE-PART.

GEORGE WATKINS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE SPENCER .. .. 5.
EDWARD CASSELL .. .. 2.	ALBERT E. GRAY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM J. DEAN .. .. 3.	HARRY MANCE .. .. 6.
FRANK A. SMITH .. .. 4.	HENRY JACKSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. MANCE.

†First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Cassell.

#### THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, October 24, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES J. NORTH .. .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HEWETT .. .. 6.
ALBERT TURNER .. .. 3.	RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. 7.
FRED G. PERRIN .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and  
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

### The Provinces.

#### KINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 27, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

W. SHORT .. .. Treble.	LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS .. .. 4.
C. J. SADLER .. .. 2.	J. BRADNEY .. .. 5.
L. WILLIAMS .. .. 3.	G. PHILLIPS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

First peal on the bells.

#### EARDISLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM PRITCHARD .. Treble.	ALFRED EDWARDS .. .. 4.
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS .. .. 2.	JOHN HAMMOND .. .. 5.
WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. 3.	*PERCY JONES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

First peal on the bells. \*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. D. Griffiths.

#### BOCKING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

PENNING'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HARRY SMITH .. .. Treble.	JOHN T. BARKER .. .. 5.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 2.	WALTER SMITH .. .. 6.
LEWIS WISEMAN .. .. 3.	EDWARD CLAYDON .. .. 7.
HORACE H. COOPER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GEIMWADE .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

#### TWYWELL, NORTHANTS.

#### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being forty-two 6-scores each called differently.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qrs. 23 lbs.

THOMAS BUTLER* .. Treble.	ARTHUR ROBINSON .. .. 3.
BERNARD SADDINGTON .. .. 2.	THOMAS ABBOTT .. .. 4.
MATTHIAS HOBBS .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

\*First peal. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by the Rector, the Rev. W. W. Bennett.

#### ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

#### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720s of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

GEORGE BLAXLEY .. Treble.	WILLIAM C. LEWIS .. .. 4.
MAURICE ATKINS .. .. 2.	WALTER T. WILSON .. .. 5.
FRANK TALBUTT .. .. 3.	EDWARD CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD CHAPMAN.

First peal in five methods by the ringers of treble, 4th and 5th. First peal away from the treble by the ringer of the 3rd. First peal in five methods by local men.

#### OSPRINGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDWIN BUESDEN .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 5.
CHARLES W. BRETT .. .. 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. .. 6.
JACK WILLIS .. .. 3.	FRED G. BRETT .. .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	HERBERT BAKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

## HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. Treble.	† HARRY GAYTON .. .. . 5.
LEWIS CHAPMAN .. .. . 2.	† HERBERT W. COCKINGS .. 6.
ALFRED EVERITT .. .. . 3.	ARTHUR CHAPMAN .. .. . 7.
FRED CAUSBY .. .. . 4.	WILLIAM GROOME .. .. . } Tenor.
	ALFRED MARTIN .. .. . }

Conducted by WILLIAM V. NEWMAN.

† First peal on eight bells. After ringing the tenor for 2 hrs 30 mins., W. Groome was taken ill, and A. H. Martin, who was at hand, took the rope and finished the peal.

## TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 17, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

FRED SMITH .. .. . Treble.	WM. RIGBY .. .. . 5.
GEORGE SMITH .. .. . 2.	WM. CARTER .. .. . 6.
ARTHUR CLAY .. .. . 3.	HENRY PAGE .. .. . 7.
FRED PAGE .. .. . 4.	JOHN JOHNSON .. .. . Tenor.

Cumdosed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by J. JOHNSON.

## QUEENSBURY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1908, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS B. KENDALL .. Treble.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. . 5.
THOMAS MURRAY .. .. . 2.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. . 6.
ARTHUR GILL .. .. . 3.	FRANCIS BARKER .. .. . 7.
JAMES COTTERELL .. .. . 4.	FRED SALMONS .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## EARDISLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE,

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 18, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

J. ELEMENT* .. .. . Tenor.	WALTER S. EVANS .. .. . 4.
JABEZ PREECH .. .. . 2.	J. HAMMOND .. .. . 5.
E. MORRIS* .. .. . 3.	G. PHILLIPS .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by J. HAMMOND.

\*First peal. The band wish to thank the Eardisley ringers for their kind hospitality after the peal. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

## DULVERTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S

Tenor 15 cwt.

H. HOBBS .. .. . Treble.	H. HOLLOWAY .. .. . 5.
W. PAGE .. .. . 2.	*G. H. FISHER .. .. . 6.
W. A. HAWKINS .. .. . 3.	C. PARKHOUSE .. .. . 7.
T. NEWBERRY .. .. . 4.	G. SLOMAN .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by G. H. FISHER.

\*First peal as conductor. First peal of Triples by all the band. First peal on the bells.

## FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Wednesday, October 21, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-seven 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.

JAMES MEBRICK .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM WELLING .. .. 5.
ROBERT E. STAVERT .. .. 2.	BERTHAM PREWETT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM LAWRENCE .. .. 3.	EDGAR HANCOX .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. .. 4.	† MALCOLM MACDONALD .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

† First peal. \*First peal of Stedman. Rung on the 103rd anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

## BATTLE, SUSSEX—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 22, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN SINDEN* .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS A. KENNETT .. .. 5.
WALTER ALCOCK .. .. 2.	FREDERICK LOCK .. .. 6.
FRANK MEDHURST .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. THOMAS .. .. 7.
GEORGE WATSON .. .. 4.	WALTER FRANKS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by WALTER FRANKS.

\*First peal of Major. Arranged as a birthday compliment to F. A. Kennett.

## CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S TEN-PART (No. 1.)

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK WHIBLEY .. Treble.	HARRY SEAL .. .. . 5.
EDWIN SMITH .. .. . 2.	EDWARD BRIDGER .. .. . 6.
ARCHIBALD DENTON .. .. 3.	GEORGE EDWARDS .. .. . 7.
SIDNEY HUNTLEY .. .. . 4.	ELGAR KING .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN SMITH.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Ernest Everest, one of the local band, to Miss M. Turner, of Hever, which was celebrated on the same date at the bride's home, the band wishing them long life and happiness.

## BOREHAM, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

HENRY F. COOPER* .. Treble.	FRED CHALK .. .. . 4.
HORACE MANSFIELD .. .. 2.	ALFRED GOZZETT .. .. . 5.
GEORGE WATERMAN* .. 3.	ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

\*First 5040 in seven methods. First in seven methods on the bells.

## EMBERTON, BUCKS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES FREEMAN* .. Treble.	WILLIAM FREEMAN .. .. 4.
HERBERT L. HARLOW .. .. 2.	FREDERICK J. MYNARD .. .. 5.
HENRY W. GAYTON .. .. 3.	HERBERT COCKINGS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. MYNARD.

\*First peal.



PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. T. PATES .. .. Treble.	J. BALLINGER .. .. 5.
F. MUSTY .. .. 2.	W. DYER .. .. 6.
G. H. PHILLOTT .. .. 3.	R. HEMMING .. .. 7.
W. TOWNSEND .. .. 4.	T. PENDRY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. DYER.

Rung on the occasion of the birthday of Mr. F. Musty, who is believed to be the only living member of the original band of Painswick Ynths. The veteran is still hale and hearty, and can manipulate with the best in his beloved method of Stedman.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PIRSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED ROBSON* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM SPICE .. .. 5.
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. .. 6.
RICHARD STAINS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HAIGH .. .. 7.
WILLIAM EASTER .. .. 4.	SIDNEY PEACOCK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HAIGH.

\*First peal in the method.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1908, in Three Hours Two and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR ROOPE .. .. Treble.	CHARLES ROOPE .. .. 5.
CHARLES BAKER .. .. 2.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. .. 6.
FREDERICK ROOPE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 7.
JOHN ALLEN .. .. 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. .. Tenor.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the Rector.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HERBERT GREEN .. .. Treble.	JOHN MCKELL .. .. 5.
THOMAS B. KENDALL .. .. 2.	ROBERT W. JENNISON .. .. 6.
SMITH COLLINSON .. .. 3.	FRANCIS BARKER .. .. 7.
THOMAS BANCROFT .. .. 4.	JOHN HALL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS BARKER.

SHERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 24, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

HENRY L. GARFATH .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM J. COX .. .. 5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, JUN. .. .. 2.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 6.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. .. 3.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. .. 7.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. .. 4.	*HARRY MASON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SEPTIMUS RADFORD.

\*First peal of Stedman. First in the method as conductor. This is the quarterly peal of the district.

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On Saturday, October 24, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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WALTER J. TUBB .. .. 3.	RICHARD WHITE .. .. 7.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. 4.	FREDERICK WHITE, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY)

On Saturday, October 24, 1908, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN .. .. Treble.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE LEWIS .. .. 2.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 6.
GEORGE HALKSWORTH .. .. 3.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 7.
GEORGE O. DIXON .. .. 4.	JOHN THORPE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal on the bells by the Association, and first peal in the method on the bells.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

WILLIAM HICKLING .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM E. WHITE .. .. 4.
WALTER WHITE .. .. 2.	GEORGE H. SIMPSON .. .. 5.
THOMAS KIRKBY .. .. 3.	THOMAS SQUIRES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

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Handbell Peals.

GOSFORTH, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 13, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 1-2.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. .. 5-6.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 3-4.	R. ALDER GOFTON .. .. 7-8.
*JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by WM. H. BARBER.

First peal of Stedman on handbells by all except the conductor, also by the above Association. \*First peal on handbells. Referee—John Foreman.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF F. R. KETTLEBORO,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WILLIAM J. THYNG .. 1-2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 5-6.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 3-4.	GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. 7-8.

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WILLIAM O. TALBOT ..	1-2.	†PERCY J. JOHNSON..	5-6.
ALBERT S. MITCHELL*	3-4.	*JOSHUA WOODHEAD ..	7-8.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

\*First peal on handbells. †First peal on handbells as conductor. This peal was rung on a peal of handbells formerly the property of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and kindly lent for the occasion by his brother, Mr. William Snowdon, to whom the ringers tender their sincerest thanks for his kindness. This composition will be found in the C.C. Collection, peal No. 100.

**DEFECTIVE REPORTS.**—Peals have been sent from Bourton-on-the-Water (Gloucestershire), Salehurst and Rolvenden (Kent), without any date being mentioned.

**PEAL CORRECTION.**—The ringer of the tenor of the peal rung at Newcastle Cathedral on October 1st was Robert Richards, not R. Richardson.

**Date Touches.****THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

ICKLETON (Cams.)—On Wednesday, October 21st, at the parish church, a date touch of 1908 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 15 mins. F. Bowtell, E. Webb, P. Webb conductor, A. Lilley, J. Webb, F. Crick. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Vicar, the Rev. J. Amps, who was interred that day at Cambridge. Deceased, who was 81 years of age, had been Vicar of Ickleton 44 years.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

BIRSTWICK (Yorks.)—On Saturday, October 24th, a date touch of Minor, 1908 changes, being 360 Woodbine, 720 each of Oxford and Kent, and 108 Bob Minor. J. Highfield, C. Jackson conductor, T. Stockdale, H. Rodmell.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

APPLETON.—On Tuesday, October 20th, at St. Lawrence's church, a date touch of 1908 Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. H. Holifield, H. Holifield, A. Lambourne, C. G. White, G. Holifield, jun., W. J. Tubb, F. S. White, G. Holifield, sen., R. White, F. White, jun. Composed and conducted by G. Holifield, sen.

HARWELL (Bucks.)—On Tuesday, September 8th, 720 Grandsire Minor, composed by J. Carter. G. Gardner, T. Hughes, R. G. Rice conductor, A. R. Bosley, V. R. Hitchman, W. Hitchman. First 720 of Minor, by all resident members of the local band for eight years, and also first by ringers of treble and 2nd for eight years.

**Miscellaneous.****THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

NEWPORT (Mon.)—On Sunday, September 13th, for evening service at All Saints church, for evening service, 336 Bob Major. B. Millard, F. Charles, J. Bullen, J. Jones, C. Bowen, A. E. Morgan, J. Pippin, J. W. Jones conductor. Longest touch in the method by all except the conductor.

**THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

THORVERTON (Devon.)—On October 20th, for practice, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Edworthy, Dr. C. de N. Marshall, J. A. Martin, E. J. Ridler, F. J. Milford, J. Ridler conductor, H. Corry, J. Ferris. First on the bells by a Thorverton band.

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ISHAM (Northants.)—On Wednesday, September 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. F. Andrew, W. C. Lewis, F. H. Talbutt, W. T. Wilson, G. A. Blaxley, E. M. Atkins conductor. This is the sixtieth 720 in which at least four of the local band have taken part, the first being rung on September 7th, 1907. They consisted of 31 Plain Bob, 27 Oxford Bob, and one of Canterbury Pleasure, and twenty were called differently. The following have taken part in the ringing: E. M. Atkins 60, W. T. Wilson 55, G. A. Blaxley 48, W. C. Lewis 47, F. A. Talbutt 46, F. Andrew 36, D. Mallett 30, J. E. Chapman 21, T. Buller 8, A. Inns 13, G. Burgess 2, A. Pettitt 2, G. Lines 1, R. Williamson 1. The conducting was shared by E. M. Atkins 28, J. E. Chapman 21, G. Lines 1. On Wednesday, September 9th, 720 Double Oxford Bob. G. E. Chapman, W. T. Wilson, F. Talbutt, W. Lewis, F. Andrew, E. M. Atkins conductor. 720 Kent Minor: F. Andrew, E. M. Atkins, F. Talbutt, W. T. Wilson, W. Lewis, E. Chapman conductor.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, September 16th, at the Cathedral, on the occasion of the Three Choirs Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques. J. Morris, J. Hill, F. Viles, O. Hill, W. Powell, T. Baldwin, W. C. Jones, E. E. Davis, H. Wilkes, J. R. Newman conductor, E. Watkins, W. H. Johnson. On Tuesday, September 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. F. Viles, J. Morris, J. Hill, B. Hill, jun., W. C. Jones, T. Lane, H. Wilkes, A. Hill, J. R. Newman conductor, W. H. Johnson. On Thursday, September 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. F. Viles, J. Morris, J. Hill, B. Hill, jun., W. C. Jones conductor. T. Lane, H. Wilkes, A. Hill, E. Watkins, W. H. Johnson. On Friday, September 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, A. Hill, J. Hill, B. Hill, W. C. Jones, T. Lane, H. Wilkes conductor, W. H. Johnson, E. Watling, J. R. Newman. A quarter-peal was also attempted on Wednesday, September 9th, but time would not allow of its completion.

CHALFONT ST. PETER (Bucks.)—On Thursday, October 8th, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. On Sunday, October 11th, for morning service, 720 in the same method. W. Briden, R. Bolton, J. Stone, F. Bolton, A. Swan, J. Blackmore.

ROMFORD (Essex.)—On Tuesday, September 15th, for practice, 576 Bristol Surprise. W. Watson, \*C. T. Coles, G. Jaye, A. J. Carter, \*W. Woodgate, H. F. Dawkins, \*A. B. Wiffen, G. R. Pye conductor. \*Longest touch in the method. A course of London Surprise. A. J. Carter, C. T. Coles, G. Jaye, T. E. Loosemore, W. Woodgate, H. F. Dawkins, H. Cattermole, G. R. Pye.

SCARBOROUGH.—On Tuesday, August 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Sear, A. Coates, J. R. Barton, H. Gibson, F. Bonner, J. Nicholls, J. Dixey, F. Davison. On Wednesday, August 5th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was lost after ringing 2 hrs. 6 mins. H. Fergusson, T. Haigh conductor, J. R. Barton, T. Hodgson, A. Fearney, A. Haigh, H. Gibson, F. Davison. Rung on the occasion of the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught to open the Marine Drive. And a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. H. Fergusson, A. Fearney, T. Hodgson, A. Haigh, H. Gibson, T. Haigh, F. Davison. On Sunday, August 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Fryers, T. Ripon, J. R. Barton, A. Coates, H. Gibson, R. Newton, J. Dixey conductor, F. Davison.

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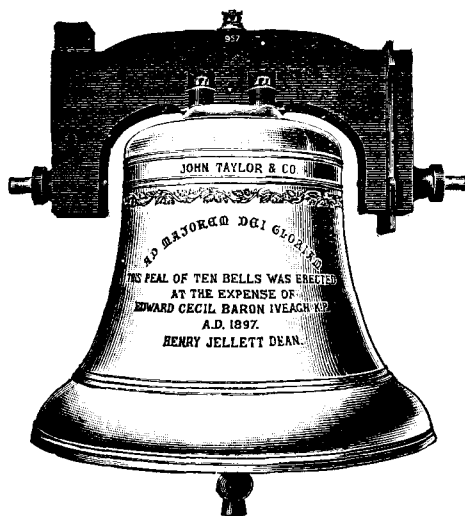
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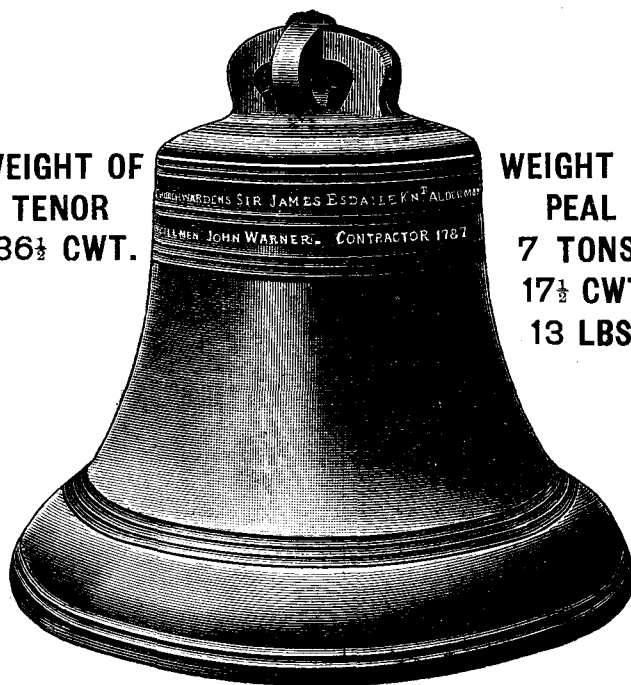
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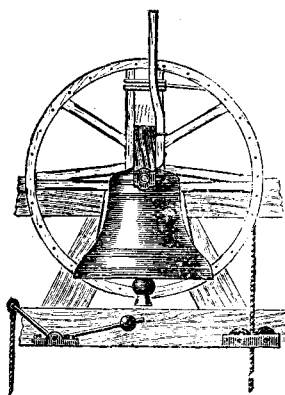
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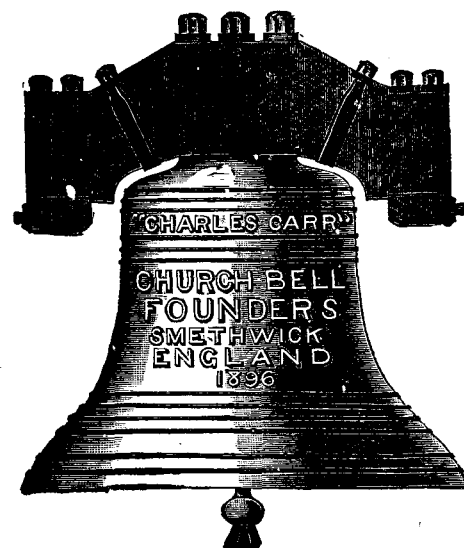
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## THE BELLS OF BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE MINSTER OF ST. JOHN AND THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

Though it may be asserted that the principal ecclesiastical edifices of Europe are found to be of greater magnificence than those of our own country, the statement must certainly be regarded as limited, and received with hesitation and doubt. We may not boast of such edifices as the Cathedral of Antwerp, St. Peter's at Rome, and some others which are spread over the continent. But we know of no other country but ours where such ancient and splendid Churches are dotted about here and there like our glorious Abbeys and Minsters. Their name is legion. They have lately been brought into prominent notice from various causes. The unfortunate conflagration which attacked Selby Abbey led to increased interest being taken in other edifices of similar historical and antiquarian value. The Abbeys of Sherborne, Tewkesbury, and Westminster, the Minster of Wimborne, and the rest of them have been in the minds of churchmen of every social grade since the Selby circumstance. Apart though it is from this unfortunate fire, the ruin of the ancient and historic Glastonbury Abbey has been lately much in evidence, and something has been said with reference to its restoration for the purpose of Divine Worship after a lapse of centuries. But the greatest interest has recently been brought to bear on the Minster of St. John of Beverley, owing to one or two circumstances. On the 25th of January this year, the Yorkshire Association held its annual meeting at Beverley, and our report of the proceedings, written by our own correspondent, was the means of awakening a tremendous interest in the historical Minster throughout the length and breadth of the land. At the same time there appeared a neatly got up booklet, with the title of "The Bells of Beverley," which gave some interesting information concerning the Minster, and also the grand church of St. Mary, in the same old town. This publication (advertised on another page) should be in the hands of everyone with an antiquarian turn of mind, of everyone who is interested in the grand old Church of the nation, and its splendid temples around which such a halo of sanctity rests. We have taken the liberty to cull from it some of the lines which follow, and the illustrations published with this number are the same as those contained in the booklet, the use of which we have been favoured with by the Rev. Canon NOLLOTH, D.D., Vicar of Beverley Minster.

A precinct, of considerable size on the west and south, surrounds the Minster; and its grey walls rise from a smooth lawn, dotted with trees and flowering shrubs. As

the traveller stands before the west front, with its lofty towers, the very ideal of the blended strength and grace of the Gothic style, fretted with rich carving from pinnacle to plinth, and adorned with some ninety statues of kings and bishops, saints and warriors, he is more forcibly reminded of the facades of the great cathedrals of France and Germany, than by any other church in this country. Nor will his admiration be lessened when he enters the interior. Our latest writer on architecture, Mr. Francis Bond, ranks the nave of Beverley Minster among the four "most successful vaulted interiors we possess"; and he describes the choir as "the masterpiece of thirteenth century Gothic."\* The great Norman font, the fine oak stalls in the choir, with their "misereres" and pinnaced and traceried canopies, the altar-screen, the rich painted windows, the "Fridstol," or chair of Sanctuary (dating probably from King Athelstan's time), and above all, the far-famed "Percy Shrine," the finest of Gothic monuments, are among the chief objects of interest in this noble interior.

It will naturally be expected by our readers, after reading the heading to this article, to learn something about the Beverley bells. Let us deal first with those at the Minster. In the North Tower hangs the ring of ten which has become so famous. In the south tower is a seven-ton Bourdon bell. The exact weight of this bell is 7 tons 3 qrs. 1 lb. We may fitly insert here the remarks upon these bells made by our special correspondent when reporting the Yorkshire Association meeting above alluded to:—

"Promptly at 3.30, as a preliminary to the service touch, the seven-ton Bourdon—the third largest church bell in England—was raised and rung mouth-upward for a few minutes. This was arranged so that all might hear and analyse its tone for themselves. The fundamental note, with its hum note in the octave below, and its nominal in the octave above, was beyond criticism; and as the fifth was true and just sufficiently pronounced, we were bound to admit it was a fine bell. Now the Ten come rolling down in full peal, and a vastly increased hum asserts itself. The Bourdon proves in good tune, and its note, G, comes out grandly below the Tenor's C, which latter proclaims itself from some 42 cwt. of metal. This double chorus, for we can hardly call it a duet, is continued only for a few minutes, but long enough to allow us to grasp how well the big G can join in as the bells are being lowered, and how usefully she can put herself in evidence just as the heavy end of the peal is getting out of hand in its clapping—for the Bourdon on Sunday morning and evening is rung as the service bell for the last five minutes. After listening to this special

\* Gothic Architecture in England, pp. 54, 535.

ringing our minds were satisfied that the bells and the service touch had been more than satisfactory."

The reader will wonder when he reads that a bell of such a weight as this Bourdon ("Great John" by name) is raised and rung with ease. The hanging of it must be truly magnificent. The tenor of the ring of ten in the south tower is 41 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs., something we may suppose like the back ten of St. Peter Mancroft, and St. Michael's Cornhill. All the bells, as well as "Great John," are from the Loughborough foundry, and are held to be among Messrs. Taylor's greatest triumphs. Canon Nolloth, who is an expert among bells, was desirous that they should have the benefit of the very latest discoveries with reference to dominants, harmonics, fundamentals, and so forth, and therefore the theories of the late Canon Simpson have been carried out in founding them—"tuned in the light of modern science with the tones of the three octaves in which a bell speaks in truth with one another."

Mr. Starmer has described the tenor as "an ideal example of a perfectly tuned bell."

In the south tower of the Minster may also be seen the ancient bells, "Peter" (the Prayer-bell), and "Brithunus" by Johannes de Stafford, about 1330; and the inscription rings of two other bells, of 1663 and 1747.

One word about the Minster clock, now almost as famous as the bells. The making of this great clock was entrusted to the celebrated firm of John Smith and Sons, of Derby, perhaps the greatest Church clock makers in the world, on the recommendation of Lord Grimthorpe. It has a special set of chimes which play upon the ten bells in the north tower, and strikes the hours on Great John in the south tower. The machinery is therefore divided; part of it being in one tower and part in the other with a connection across. It shows time on a 14 feet dial in the north tower. It has all Lord Grimthorpe's improvements—gravity escapement, compensated pendulum, and keeps time with great accuracy. The music of the chimes and the boom of the hours on "Great John" are heard all over the district.

So much for the Minster bells and clock; but a great deal more could be said. But the church of St. Mary now demands our attention. The booklet alluded to in the course of this paper tells us that: "The noble church of St. Mary was probably founded in the twelfth century, and has few rivals in dignity and beauty among the parish churches of England. The western turrets, the south porch, and the great eastern window are noticeable features; as well as the font, the 'Minstrels' Pillar,' the ancient misereres, and the beautiful vaulting of the chapel of St. Michael."

From what the illustration of this noble church of St. Mary, Beverley, shows us, this extract gives a very modest description. The edifice is most striking, and its view creates in a moment the idea that we are beholding a fabric of a Church peculiar to our faith as Englishmen. Here also is an excellent ring of ten bells, cast at the same foundry as those of the Minster, by Messrs. Taylor. The tenor is 34 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs. in D flat, and every-

thing connected with them is of a first-rate character and stability. A glance at the illustration will bear out what we have said as to St. Mary's being a grand specimen of what an English church ought to be.

A final word. Referring again to the report of the meeting of the Yorkshire Association, the President, in proposing a vote of thanks to Dr. Nolloth, said: "Not only had he presented the seven-ton Bourdon as a thank-offering at the end of his twenty-one years' ministry, but he and those dear to him had the satisfaction of knowing—for they must know it—that they had been instrumental in providing St. Mary's and Beverley Minster with the two finest rings of ten that any one town were known to possess; St. Mary's tenor being one of 35 cwt., whilst that at the Minster was about 41½ cwt., with the Bourdon in tune with it."

Members of the Ringing Exercise must hold that the worthy Canon is a gentleman to be highly honoured by them, and it is such as he who should be invited to accept whatever honour it is in their power to bestow.

#### RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

The parish church here has just had fitted in the tower a large Westminster chiming clock. It shows time on two large illuminated dials, is fitted with all the latest improvements, and is guaranteed to keep very accurate time. Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, have carried out the work.

#### THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at Solihull on Saturday, October 24th. By the kind permission of the Rev. T. B. Harvey Brooks, Rector, the bells were at the disposal of the ringers in the afternoon and evening. Evensong was sung at the parish church at 5 p.m., at which a very interesting and instructive address was given by the Rev. Canon Baillie, Rector of Rugby, on "Bells."

By the kind arrangements made by the Master of the Guild, Mr. Martineau, an excellent tea was provided at the Church House. Following tea the meeting of the Guild was held, and in the unavoidable absence of the President, the Rev. Alan Williams, the vice-president, the Rev. Canon Baillie, presided, and was supported by the following officers of the Guild: Messrs. G. A. Martineau, L. H. Adams, R. Watson, A. L. Coleman, and about eighteen other members and friends. Mr. A. L. Coleman, Hon. Secretary, read the minutes of the last quarterly meeting. It was proposed by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Fenton, that the next quarterly meeting be held at Bedworth on Saturday, January 23rd, 1909, and this was carried unanimously. A vote of thanks was passed to Canon Baillie for his address, and also to the Rector of Solihull, and to Mr. G. A. Martineau for the kind arrangements he had made for a successful meeting.

Although the attendance was far below all previous meetings, which was regrettable, it is hoped all members of the Guild will do their best to support the quarterly meetings of the Guild.

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## PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS.

For some time past the parishioners of Pattishall have been desirous of renovating their bells and adding a new one, and a short time back it was decided to have the work done, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, being entrusted with the order. The floor of the belfry was also sadly in need of repair, and it was decided to have that done at the same time, the cost being estimated at £225. The five old bells have been recast, and with the addition of a new treble make a most musical ring of six, in the key of G Major. And in place of the old wood frame, which was condemned, a new steel and iron frame has been erected, built in the most modern and approved manner, and so massive and rigid as to entirely counteract the thrust of the bells when they are in full swing. Whilst the fittings are also new, including cast iron stocks, in place of the old elm stocks, with which to suspend the bells, ropes, sliders, pulleys, etc. Yet another feature of the new bells at Pattishall is their tone and musical value. For Messrs. Gillett and Johnston who have been entrusted with the whole of the work, have lately put into practice a method of tuning bells which is quite contrary to the old or ordinary state of things. Each bell has been tuned to itself, as well as to the rest of the peal, so that, when struck, it shall sound at least five notes correctly in tune with one another; the strike-note (the note itself), the nominal (octave above strike-note), the hum-note (octave below strike-note), also a third and a perfect fifth to the strike-note. The result is perfect harmony, and proper tune, and those who hear the new bells and then contrast them with the old, will readily admit that science and modern machinery have worked wonders.

On Thursday the inauguration ceremony took place, and at the afternoon service the church was crowded with villagers and inhabitants from the surrounding district. The following robed clergy were present: the Rev. G. Gibson, M.A., Vicar of the parish; Canon Lloyd T. Jones (Vicar of All Saints, Northampton); Dr. King (Rector of Gayton); Canon Hulbert (Vicar of Towcester); the Rev. F. H. Menzies (Rector of Blakesley); the Rev. R. A. Kennaway (Rector of Greensnorton); (the Rev. — Mortimer (Rector of Wappenham); the Rev. W. A. Howes (Rector of Cold Higham); the Rev. S. Lidbetter (Rector of Lois Weedon), while amongst the congregation were the Rev. J. Ellison, a former Vicar of the parish; the Rev. W. B. Patten (Rector of Whittlebury); and the Rev. J. Neale (Rector of Harpole). Canon Jones was the special preacher, and took for his text, "Whether, therefore, ye eat or drink, or whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God." In the course of his address the preacher pointed out the benefit to be derived from following the above advice, and also pointed out the value of public worship, worship of the body of Christ, which was composed of all. The Canon said it was often stated that men did not go to church as often as they should do, but when men grasped the principle that one of the greatest blessings was derived from living for the glory of God, they would find men would attend church regular. One should not need attracting to the church, but should attend because they placed God first in their lives.

Speaking in regard to the inauguration of the bells, Canon Jones pointed out the various deeds the bells denoted, and of the various uses given them. They told the people when there was rejoicing, and also when there was sadness, and also called them to public worship.

Another service was held in the evening, a shortened form of evensong being given, the Rev. E. W. Harrison (Rector of Bugbrooke), giving an appropriate address. The Vicar stated during the service that subscriptions and promises amounted to £190, while the offertories that day were also in aid of the fund, so as to make the church free from debt.

After the dedication a few rounds were rung by the local ringers,

Then a 700 of Bob Minor by J. Read, jnn. (Wicken), C. Green (Wicken), T. Law (Weston Favel), A. Moore (Davenport), J. Read, sen., F. Wilford, conductor (Northampton.) A 6-score of Grand-sire Doubles. J. Clarke (Towcester), L. F. Taylor (Croydon), A. Moore, T. Law, J. Read, jnn. conductor, J. Read, sen. 240 Kent Bob. Before evening service a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. After evening service, a 700 of Kent Treble Bob. A. Moore, F. Wilford conductor, T. Law, W. Rogers, C. F. Johnston (Croydon), L. F. Taylor (Croydon).

Before the service the bells were inspected by the ringers, all of whom were satisfied with the work. The go of the bells was excellent, and left nothing to be desired.

## BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 17th, at All Saints church, the first peal was rung on these bells. The ring of six was opened at the time of the Diamond Jubilee, the treble being given by the Rev. Canon Welby, who still lives at Barrowby, although he has now retired. The bells were overhauled, and the treble made by Taylor. The living is occupied by the Rev. Stephen Gladstone, son of the late W. E. Gladstone. Permission was given for the use of the bells by the Rev. J. Allen, curate of Barrowby, in the absence of the Rev. S. Gladstone, who was in Germany for the benefit of his health.

The captain of the Barrowby ringers (Mr. J. Peel), who prepared the bells, sat in the belfry while the peal was rung, and he must have taken a great interest in it. Miss Gladstone thoughtfully sent word for the ringers to go for tea at the Rectory, but arrangements had been made at The Marquis of Granby hotel. It was too late therefore to make any change, and a hearty vote of thanks was sent by the ringers to the lady, who said her father, had he been at home, would have given an invitatic.

STANTON-BY-DALE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, September 27th, for afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 23 mins. C. Tansley, W. Halford, J. Hall, W. Thornley, C. Wilkinson, E. C. Gobey. On Sunday, October 4th, for evening service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 600 Bob Doubles. H. Fawcett, A. Churchill, E. C. Gobey, W. Thornley, C. J. Baker, C. Arbon. After service a quarter-peal of Minor, in 43 mins., being 720 of Kent and 540 of Plain Bob. E. C. Gobey, C. J. Baker, J. Hall, W. Thornley, A. Freeman, T. D. Thompson. All conducted by E. C. Gobey.

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## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of the Portsmouth district was held on Saturday, October 31st, at the parish institute, Portsea, kindly lent for the occasion by the Vicar, Canon B. R. Wilson. Members attended from Fareham, Wickham, Bishops Waltham, Havant and Portsea. Other members and officers present were G. Williams (West End), H. W. Wilkes (Southampton), J. W. Whiting (hon. district secretary), Rev. C. E. Matthews (Master of the Guild and Vicar of Titchfield), G. E. Chappell (assistant secretary), Mr. E. J. Harding (representative on central committee), Mr. F. S. Bayley (auditor), Rev. C. W. Scott (hon. sec. of the Guild and Chairman of the district).

The bells of St. Mary's were available from 3 o'clock, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman being rung. A short service was held at 5.30, conducted by the Rev. C. W. Scott, who gave an excellent address. Tea was provided at 6 o'clock, the Rev. C. E. Matthews presiding. The Master presided at the business meeting, being supported by the hon. secretary. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the election of officers proceeded with. The Rev. C. W. Scott said he was very sorry he would not be able to offer himself for re-election as chairman of the district, as he was shortly leaving for China. He felt much obliged for the kind consideration shown him at all times during his term of office, and should always remember the pleasant times he had spent with the members.

It was suggested to leave the election of Chairman for the January meeting. The other officers were all re-elected with the exception of Mr. O. C. Coombs, Mr. G. Chappell being chosen to fill his place on the central committee. The places for the quarterly meetings to be held in 1909 were selected as follows: Titchfield, the last Saturday in January; Netley, Easter Monday; Newport, Isle of Wight, August Bank Holiday; Petersfield, the last Saturday in October; and the annual to be held at Fareham in January, 1910.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews, on behalf of the members present, thanked the Rev. C. W. Scott for the excellent manner in which he had always conducted the business of the Guild, and said he was sorry to lose one who had taken so keen an interest in the working of the same, and hoped he would be spared many years to carry on his work as missionary. The members all wished him God-speed.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the Institute and bells; also the Master for presiding.

## RINGER'S WEDDING.

The marriage was solemnised at St. Philip's church, Maidstone, on Saturday last, of Mr. Ernest Spiller, a member of the All Saints' company, and Miss Alice Maud Snashford, daughter of Mr. George Snashford, of Maidstone. The Rev. H. C. Anstey (H.M. Indian Service) officiated at the ceremony. The bridegroom was the recipient of a handsome cruet stand from his fellow-ringers, whilst in the evening a quarter-peal was rung on All Saints' bells in celebration of the happy event.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

"LONDON SURPRISE" ROYAL.

It has been represented to me in private correspondence that the official minutes, as published in this paper for October 10th, see p. 377) are not quite correct in the account of the Council's action on the question of so-called "London Surprise" Royal. My correspondents' impression is that the resolution proposed by Mr. Attree, and seconded by Mr. Pritchett, to the effect that "the Council declines to recognise any method hitherto rung or published as being entitled to the designation of London Surprise Royal" was carried by a large majority, if not unanimously; and that it was a resolution stating that true London Surprise Royal cannot be produced that was shelved by the carrying of the previous question. As I am naturally anxious that the minutes should be quite correct, I shall be grateful to any readers whose memory may be clear on the point, if they will kindly write giving their impressions. In any case no harm has yet been done, as the minutes have not yet been entered in the minute-book.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

## THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

[OBITUARY.]

With deep regret I read in your columns of the "death" of this little society, which, although not born with a silver spoon, bade fair soon after its birth to have a distinguished career.

It cried loudly at first, 'tis true, and its well-being caused its guardians great anxiety, but by dint of care and frequent changes of scene, it grew strong, and when still a child rang its first peal. And now, before it has reached manhood it is dead! Oh! why should one so fair, with such bright hopes, be struck down so young?

When last I saw it I suspected it was very ill, and an examination only corroborated my suspicion. I felt assured that it was suffering from such a complication of ailments as to be quite beyond the powers of an ordinary physician to cure. I hoped a specialist would take up the case, but apparently I hoped in vain. Such a man might at least have prescribed for a few of its complaints. For instance he might have:—

(1) Suggested the appointment of a new custodian in place of the guardian who had not the necessary time to attend faithfully to two charges at once;

(2) Suspected that another of its guardians who had hitherto been a firm believer in "Bell's Elixir" was now advocating the rival medicine known as "Belles Julep," and that he was using the latter in such large doses as to endanger the welfare of his charge, and had already created in it a feeling of terrible lassitude.

(3) Decided that was necessary to remove the arm on which had grown a "cancer" of jealousy and spite, providing in its place a wooden limb capable neither of ringing peals nor writing anonymous postcards preventing other people doing so;

(4) Pointed out that moderate attacks of "ringers' disappointment" could, by a little care and forethought, be ward off, but should the disease develop in a small place (like Appledore for instance), no local physician would be able to cope with it;

(5) Advocated a full glass of ten-part wine in convalescence rather than a drop only of Original, and that watered all too freely.

Many of my friends will agree with my sentiment, and many will endeavour to laugh it to scorn, but all must acknowledge that the little friend that has passed away will be greatly missed by all who knew it.

I have never heard that it had any near relatives, and therefore it might be wise to advertise for a foundling to fill up the gap.

ITS SORROWING FRIEND.

The date of the funeral, I understand, is not definitely fixed, but I take it that notice of this will be given in due course. The Will, of course, will also have to be read on that day.

CIDER.—GOOD SWEET HEREFORDSHIRE CIDER. Eighteen gallons, 12s., nine gallons, 6s., f.o.r. in consumers' casks. DESSERT and COOKING APPLES.—LONGNEY, Stoke Lacy, Worcester.



**Notices.**

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 12th and 26th; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 16th and 30th; St. John's, Hackney, and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th; St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on the 19th; all at 8 p.m.

The 271st anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 14th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (4s. each), may be obtained of Messrs. Bayley, Burden, E. A. Davies, Fardon, Garrard, Golding, Harman, Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, A. Jones, H. Langdon, O'Meara, Newton, Peck, Pettit, Price, Prime, Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, Taffender, Winney, M. A. Wood, or to

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Eagleley Road, Clapham, S.W.

On the 14th, the towers of Southwark Cathedral and St. Magnus will be open from 4 to 5 p.m., and 4 to 6 p.m. respectively.

**The Royal Cumberland Youths.**—Members and friends are requested to note that the practice-nights at St. Martin-in-the-Fields will in future be on alternate Wednesdays at 8 o'clock. The next meeting will be on November 11th. There will also be ringing for Divine Service on Sunday evening, November 15th.

F. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*

3, Harts Lane, New Cross.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Crewkerne Deanery Branch. A quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Yeovil to-day, Sat., November 7th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Prayers at 4.45. Tea (6d. each) at 5. Business meeting immediately after.

D. G. TAYLOR, *Local Hon. Sec.*

Cornhill, Ilminster.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles to-day, Sat., November 7th, when we hope to see a good attendance. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The monthly meeting will be held at Stoke to-day, Sat., November 7th. Bells at 4 p.m. Tea at 6 o'clock in the Church Institute. Service at 7 o'clock. All members in arrears with their annual subscriptions are requested to pay up, or otherwise their names will not appear in the annual report.

REV. W. S. KEYWORTH } *Hon. Secs.*  
J. JOHNSON

143, Flint Terrace, Tunstall.

**Halifax and District Association.**—The next quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Mytholmroyd on Saturday, November 14th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by November 9th.

J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 14th. Bells ready at 4. Unveiling of peal-board. Members intending being present, please send word to

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

35, Church Road, Garston.

**The Essex Association.**—North-Western Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, November 14th, at Bishops Stortford. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. H. T. Lane), the bells will be available at two o'clock. Tea at The Chequers hotel at 5.30. The Hon. Secretary would be glad if members intending to attend would kindly send him an intimation by the Wednesday previous.

JOHN F. PENNING, *Hon. Sec.*  
Fairville, Saffron Walden.

**The William Verry Commemoration.**—The annual commemoration dinner will take place on Saturday, November 14th, at The Red Lion hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, when it is hoped to meet old and new friends. Tickets 2s 6d. each, may be had from any of the ringers of the parish church. Dinner at 6.30 sharp. The bells of the parish church will be available from 2.30 to 6 o'clock.

R. FAUX, *Hon. Sec.*

63, Backus Road, Soho, Birmingham.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the members of the above district will be held at Southampton on Saturday, November 14th. Holy Rood belfry will be opened at 2.30. Tea will be had at 5 o'clock in St. Michael's schoolroom, and will be followed by the business meeting. St. Michael's bells will be available after 6.30. Members intending to be present at the tea will oblige by informing the District Secretary, if possible, not later than Thursday, November 12th.

JAS. W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*

3, Culver Villas, Winchester.

**St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on the evening of Tuesday, November 17th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m.

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

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Basingstoke District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, November 21st. Bells (8), available afternoon and evening. Short service at the parish church at 5.30. Tea at the Church Cottage at 6. Meeting after. Kindly communicate with me by November 17th.

F. G. HUME, *Dis. Sec.*

Oakley, Basingstoke.

**Central Northamptonshire Association.**—Quarterly meetings will be held at Harlestone on November 7th; Islip on the 14th; Isham on the 21st; and Irthlingborough on the 28th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Usual arrangements.

F. WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

**Notice.**—The tower of St. Luke's, Chelsea, is open for practice every Tuesday at 8 p.m. All visitors are welcome.

J. PRYER, *Hon. Sec.*

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—A. M. C. Field, Secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association, has removed to Prospect House, Leadgate, county Durham.

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5120.

23456 M W H

36452 I 2

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45362 2 2

42563 2 I

23564 I 2

56234 I I

64235 I 2

32465 \* 2 2

46325 I I

23645 \* 2 2

34625 \* 2

43526 2 2

25346 I 2

34256 2 I

52436 2 2

23456 2

This peal has the 6th her extent at five course-ends each way in 5-6; and by the use of alternate calling at \* course, the changes are reduced to 5024.

6656.

23456 M W H

46532 I I 2

35642 2 2

52643 I 2

46253 2 2

42563 I 2

45623 I 2

53624 I 2

26354 2 2

23564 I 2

25634 I 2

Repeated.

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5038.

2345678 B W H

45436 - -

24536 - -

52436 - -

43526 - -

54326 - -

35426 - -

35264 - -

23564 - -

Twice repeated.

**STREATHAM.**—On Sunday, October 25th, at Immanuel church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. J. Swift, C. Ellis, Dr. W. Bigger, J. Daniels, C. Shuffell, C. Hull, G. Huggett conductor, W. Anscomb. The conductor is leaving the tower to go a new appointment at Kingswood, and previous to the ringing the band presented him with a tea-pot in recognition of his valuable services rendered them.

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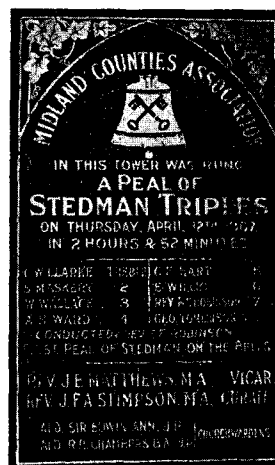
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## The Metropolis.

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On Thursday, October 29 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, SOUTHWARK, A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

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Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\*First peal in the method.

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

On Thursday, October 29, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul, HAMMERSMITH,

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

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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CHARLES F. W. HUNT .. 4.	GEORGE W. COOMBS .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK SKEVINGTON.

\*First peal. All are members of the local band.

### The Provinces.

#### PRESTEIGNE, RADNORSHIRE.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 28, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

W. SHORT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM EVANS .. .. 5.
L. S. GRIFFITHS .. .. 2.	W. H. LAWRENCE .. .. 6.
W. EVANS .. .. 3.	JOHN BRADNEY .. .. 7.
C. L. SADLER .. .. 4.	JOHN HAMMOND .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. SHORT.

Messrs. Lawrence and Bradney were elected members of the Guild previous to starting.

#### STOKESAY, SALOP.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 29, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

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

THOMAS STAINES .. .. Treble.	W. H. LAWRENCE .. .. 4.
L. S. GRIFFITHS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 5.
JOHN NEWMAN .. .. 3.	CHARLES L. SADLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal on the bells.

#### BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Being four 720s of Kent, and three of Bob Minor. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN P. PALRY .. .. Treble.	JOHN H. HAYNES .. .. 4.
REUBEN CLIFFORD .. .. 2.	JOHN CRAGG .. .. 5.
JOHN HOYES .. .. 3.	ARTHUR MACKBARS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. MACKBARS.

First peal on the bells. Arranged and rung to oblige R. Clifford, of Beeston, Notts.

#### BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 21, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

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

Being 720 each of St. Simon's, Ledbury Bob, Court Bob, London Single, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

H. E. GILLETT .. .. Treble.	H. GILLETT .. .. 4.
J. COLLETT .. .. 2.	W. STRATFORD .. .. 5.
H. PACKER .. .. 3.	T. BANNING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. STRATFORD.

First peal on the bells. First peal by any of the band.

#### KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

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

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. Treble.	JOHN BASS .. .. 4.
FRED BRACE .. .. 2.	CHARLES F. WHITE .. .. 5.
JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. 5.	HARRY JONES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

#### CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRED DUTTON* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS HUGHES .. .. 5.
ROBERT SPERRING .. .. 2.	JAMES MORGAN .. .. 6.
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. 3.	HENRY W. WILDE .. .. 7.
THOMAS NEWALL .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

\*First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

#### HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Monday, October 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs.

GEORGE A. SMITH .. .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.
ROBERT E. STAVERT .. .. 2.	EDGAR HANCOX .. .. 6.
JAMES MERRICK .. .. 3.	ALBERT W. COLES .. .. 7.
CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

#### SHIPLEY, YORKS.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Monday, October 26, 1908, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

EMANUEL WICKHAM* .. Treble.	WILLIAM JOYCE .. .. 5.
THOMAS B. KENDALL .. .. 2.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 6.
ARTHUR GILL .. .. 3.	FRANCIS BARKER .. .. 7.
BERNAL E. HOWE .. .. 4.	JOHN JOYCE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by T. B. KENDALL.

\*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the President of the above society (Mr. J. Broadley); also his 150th peal.

#### SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT .. Treble.	FRED J. LAMBERT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. .. 2.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. .. 6.
EDWIN LAMBERT .. .. 3.	JIM BEACH .. .. 7.
FREDERICK BUTCHERS .. 4.	THOMAS LAMBERT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

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## ROLVENDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Monday, October 26, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT .. Treble.	FRED BUTCHERS .. .. 5.
ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. .. 2.	JIM BEACH .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. .. 3.	FRED J. LAMBERT .. .. 7.
EDWIN LAMBERT .. .. 4.	THOMAS LAMBERT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by F. J. LAMBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Thomas Lambert. These are the first peals the brothers Lambert have taken part in together.

## BROMLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 27, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Treble.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. .. 3.	ISAAC EMBRY .. .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by F. BENNETT.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to H. P. Harman, which took place the same morning

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, October 27, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE .. .. Treble.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 7.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 2.	EDMUND J. HYLAND .. .. 8.
FREDERICK DICKENS .. .. 3.	A. PADDON SMITH .. .. 9.
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 4.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. .. 10.
JOHN NEAL .. .. 5.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 11.
JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. .. 6.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This peal is taken from John Carter's broadsheet of Stedman Cinques, and has all the 5-6-7-8s both in the tittums and handstroke home position, with the treble a 2nds bell.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, October 28, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. Treble.	*ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. .. 6.
JOHN FLINT .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM J. THYNG .. .. 8.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO* .. .. 3.	*GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. .. 6.
JESSE J. MOSS* .. .. 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 9.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. .. 5.	*CLEMENT GLENN .. .. Tenor.

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

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On Wednesday, October 28, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

SIDNEY T. JARRETT* .. Treble.	*VICTOR A. JARRETT .. .. 4.
CECIL C. BISHOP* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND .. .. 3.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN, R.M.

\*First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

## STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

## THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Thursday, October 29, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WILLIAM GORDON* .. .. Treble.	BENJAMIN GILL .. .. 6.
THOMAS JAKEMAN .. .. 2.	WALTER WOLSTENCROFT .. .. 7.
JAMES BOOTH .. .. 3.	ALBERT ADAMS .. .. 8.
JAMES WOOD .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN THORP .. .. 9.
SAMUEL WOODHEAD .. .. 5.	SAMUEL BOOTH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and Conducted by S. WOODHEAD.

\*First peal of Kent Royal, aged 71 years.

## BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 29, 1908, in Three Hours Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S 12-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

FRANK W. BUCKLAND .. Treble.	JAMES H. BATTING .. .. 5.
WALTER BAILEY .. .. 2.	ROBERT H. YOUNG .. .. 6.
LEONARD ROLFE .. .. 3.	RICHARD BUCKLAND .. .. 7.
LEONARD BATTING* .. .. 4.	SIDNEY CHILD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD BUCKLAND.

\*First peal. Rung by an entirely local band, all the ringers residing within a quarter of a mile of the tower. First peal on the bells by a local band.

## SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1908, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

ALBERT D. STONE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM C. HART .. .. 6.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. .. 2.	HENRY STALHAM .. .. 7.
CHARLES PALMER .. .. 3.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 8.
ERNEST GOWER .. .. 4.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 9.
JOHN T. RICKMAN .. .. 5.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by ROBERT J. DAWE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. T. Rickman, the band wishing him many happy returns.

## DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT FIDDIES .. .. Treble.	*SILVESTER WORTHINGTON .. .. 5.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. .. 2.	JAMES CALDERBANK .. .. 6.
WALTER GORTON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PENNINGTON .. .. 7.
JAMES H. HEATHCOTE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GRUNDY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT FIDDIES.

\*First peal.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.  
5924 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER ROBINSON .. .. Treble.	HARRY MOSS .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 2.	FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 6.
EDWARD ROBBINS .. .. 3.	GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. 7.
JESSE MOSS .. .. 4.	JOHN FLINT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN., and Conducted by JOHN FLINT  
Rung to celebrate the opening of the Church Bazaar by the Duchess of Portland.

## EASTWOOD, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

EDWARD MANNERS* .. .. Treble.	FRANK MAY .. .. 5.
REUBEN CLIFFORD .. .. 2.	FREDERIC ROWLEY .. .. 6.
GEORGE CLARK .. .. 3.	ALFRED PARKER .. .. 7.
THOMAS BETTISON* .. .. 4.	*FREDERICK CRICH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by REUBEN CLIFFORD.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman, the ringer of the treble kindly taking the vacant place. \*First peal of Grandsire Triples.

## SWINDON, WILTS.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

OWEN W. LAYNG .. .. Treble.	ERNEST BISHOP .. .. 5.
ALFRED LAWRENCE .. .. 2.	OLIVER NORMAN .. .. 6.
CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 3.	THOMAS ROBINSON .. .. 7.
SIDNEY PALMER .. .. 4.	ALFRED W. HARRINGTON Tenor.

Conducted by OLIVER NORMAN.

First peal as conductor.

## NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 31, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. Treble.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 5.
TOM O'HARA .. .. 2.	GEORGE LEWIS .. .. 6.
EDWIN JAMES .. .. 3.	GEORGE O. DIXON .. .. 7.
GEORGE HALKSWORTH .. 4.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Rung to commemorate Mr. E. James' 50th birthday, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

SIDNEY WYATT .. .. Treble.	*FRANK SADD .. .. 5.
EDWARD LLOYD* .. .. 2.	JOSEPH MADDOCKS .. .. 6.
JAMES ROUTELY* .. .. 3.	†PERCY MERSON .. .. 7.
EDGAR E. BURGESS .. .. 4.	FRANK MILLARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by P. MERSON.

\*First peal of Stedman Triples. †First peal as conductor.

## CRAWLEY SUSSEX—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 1, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

PETER TYLER .. .. Treble.	ALFRED D. MILLS .. .. 5.
OLIVER SIPPETTS .. .. 2.	JOHN RICE .. .. 6.
RICHARD SIPPETTS .. .. 3.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. 7.
ALBERT MITCHELL* .. .. 4.	ARTHUR THORNTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN RICE.

\*First 5040 with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Joseph Newnham.

## SAMPFORD BRETT, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 1, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty 6-scores of Plain Bob, and twenty-two of Grandsire.

A. H. JENKINS* .. .. Treble.	C. GREEDY .. .. 3.
A. BARKER .. .. 2.	W. BENNETT .. .. 4.
H. J. HOLE .. .. 1.	.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. BENNETT.

\*First peal, and was made a member the previous evening.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

BASIL HUGHES* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 5.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 2.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 6.
FRANCIS A. SMITH .. .. 3.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 7.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. 4.	JOSEPH J. ALLEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD.

\*First peal away from the tenor.

## SHREWSBURY.—THE SALOP GUILD.

On Monday, November 2, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
COX'S SIX-PART. Tenor 43 cwt.

GEORGE SCARRATT* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE BURROWS .. .. 5.
GEORGE J. TAYLOR .. .. 2.	HERBERT JONES .. .. 6.
ERNEST JONES† .. .. 3.	ALFRED FULLICK .. .. 7.
WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE .. 4.	*ALFRED TECKOE .. .. Tenor.
	*EDWARD GARRETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BURROWS.

\*First peal. †First peal away from the treble. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Sir Lovelace Stamer, formerly Bishop of Shrewsbury. The ringers of the treble, 5th and tenor were elected members of the Guild previous to starting for the peal. This is the first peal ever accomplished on the back eight.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Superlative Surprise rung at Pulham on October 24th was conducted by Arthur Roope, and not by F. Borrett.

## AN ENQUIRY.

What's become of "Joshua"—where has "Philip" gone?

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On Monday, October 19, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

In St. MATTHEW'S BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

WILLIAM O. TALBOT ..	1-2.	†PERCY J. JOHNSON..	5-6.
ALBERT S. MITCHELL*	3-4.	†JOSHUA WOODHEAD ..	7-8.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

\*First peal on handbells. †First peal on handbells as conductor. This peal was rung on a peal of handbells formerly the property of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and kindly lent for the occasion by his brother, Mr. William Snowdon, to whom the ringers tender their sincerest thanks for his kindness. This composition will be found in the C.C. Collection, peal No. 100.

**Date Touches.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

FLEET (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, October 29th, at the parish church, a date touch of Minor, being two 720s of Double Court, and 468 Plain Bob, in 1 hr. 10 mins. T. Copeland, Rev. C. J. Sturton, H. V. Fletcher, A. Campling, G. R. Truss, J. B. Hallifax conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. W. J. Ireland, organist of the parish church, who was interred the previous Tuesday at the Holbeach Cemetery.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

BECCLES (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, October 5th, for practice at St. Michael's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 16 mins. \*T. Holmes, A. J. Cornish, H. Hopson, C. E. Parnell, G. B. Baxter, \*W. Spalding, G. E. Symonds composer and conductor, R. Freestone. \*Longest length.

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

NETHERTON.—On Thursday, October 29th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 48 mins. W. Massey, H. Hill, W. Micklewright conductor, W. Prestidge, H. Hubble, H. Sheppard, A. Greenfield, B. Houghton. This is the first quarter-peal by all except the conductor, and the first quarter-peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Greenfield, Wednesday, October 28th, being the second anniversary of their marriage.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

WOOLTON.—On Sunday evening, October 11th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. E. J. Wilson, F. Thomas, C. Gittins, G. R. Newton conductor, R. Leather, G. Hislop, T. Kay, J. Roberts. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, and also in honour of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man. On Tuesday, October 18th, 608 Bob Major. G. Hislop, F. Thomas, A. Grace, G. R. Newton conductor, R. Leather, T. Kay, B. Trevitt, W. Davies. On Tuesday, October 27th, 420 Oxford Bob Triples. F. Thomas, A. Grace, C. Gittins, G. R. Newton conductor, R. Leather, T. Kay, G. Hislop, J. Roberts.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

LOUGHTON.—On Tuesday, October 27th, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. E. Wightman, W. H. Doran, G. F. Margetson, E. A. Bacon conductor, J. Rann, G. Carter, J. Moule, W. Clark. Rung to celebrate the re-opening of the bells for change-ringing. The tower will be open for practice on the first and third Tuesday in each month, at 7.45 p.m.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

KING'S NORTON.—On Sunday, September 13th, 576 London Surprise Major. F. Sumner, F. Withers, A. Pritchett, T. Prit-

chett, J. Withers, J. S. Pritchett, W. Palmer, H. Withers conductor. Also 507 Stedman Triples. H. Withers conductor, W. Palmer, A. Chambers. F. Withers, J. Withers, S. Grove, J. Dowler, A. Gardner. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

**THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

CARDIFF.—On Sunday, September 6th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 51 mins. S. Williams, H. Day, A. Rowley, W. B. Biss, S. Dawe, J. Clutterbuck, A. Rowley, F. Chamberlain, W. Coombes conductor, G. Vinnicombe.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

CHOBHAM (Kent).—On Wednesday, September 16th, 2520 Grandsire Doubles. W. Walker, A. Sherman, C. Waterman, conductor, G. Mungeam, J. Wood, W. Marsh.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

HEATHFIELD (Sussex).—On Monday, June 1st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 48 mins. J. Collins, O. Collins, G. Taylor, H. Brook, W. Booth conductor, H. Farrant. First quarter-peal on the bells by a local band, and first quarter-peal by the ringers of the 3rd and tenor. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Lilian Bean to Mr. F. F. Veness, of Eastbourne.

CLANDON (Surrey).—On Monday, September 7th, 720 York Surprise Minor. G. Monk, W. Savage, N. Blake, J. Goacher, W. Day, T. Bennett.

CIRENCESTER.—On Sunday morning, September 6th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. H. Lewis, F. J. Lewis conductor, \*W. C. Cuss, \*C. W. Martin, J. Jefferies, \*W. J. Finch. \*First quarter-peal. It was intended to ring Grandsire Triples, but the band met one short.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, September 13th, for Divine Service, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. J. W. Guttridge, J. Guttridge, R. Sippetts, O. Sippetts, A. D. Mills, J. Rice conductor, F. W. Rice, P. Tyler.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 8th, at St. Mary's (R.C.) church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. F. Hairs, J. Chapman, I. J. Attwater, R. Blanchard, E. F. Pike, E. R. Dunk, L. Attwater conductor, J. Lee. On Wednesday, September 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. A. Scowen, G. Barrington, J. Lee, L. Attwater, E. R. Dunk, F. Hairs, R. Blanchard, C. Curran.

NEW WALDRON (Sussex).—On a recent Sunday evening for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Reid, H. Rann, E. Jennings, W. Jenner, P. Burgess, E. Geall, A. Hobden conductor, R. Fentiman.

NUTFIELD.—On a recent Tuesday night for practice at the parish church, 720 College Exercise. C. Matthews, J. Tassell, W. Cheeseman, J. Page, E. Snelling.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday morning, August 30th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Jaye, E. Manners, A. J. Carter, G. Roughton, W. Woodgate, A. B. Wiffen, W. Watson, G. R. Pye. Composed by A. Hardy, and Conducted by A. J. Carter.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, August 20th, at St. Ann's church on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. T. Ringrose, J. Milner, F. Hull, H. Rumens, G. Freeman, H. T. Scarlett conductor. Also two 120's of Grandsire Doubles with H. Freeman on the tenor, conducted by G. Freeman.

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**THE PANGBOURNE SOCIETY.**—The members of this society, at the kind invitation of Mr. T. Smith, proprietor of The Duke of Edinburgh hotel, Clewer, paid a very pleasant visit on Thursday, September 3rd. They were met at the royal borough station by Messrs. Smith, Pether, and Meads. A brake was waiting to convey the ringers to the various churches, and a well-timed programme by the worthy captain, Mr. Smith, and a pleasant drive brought us to Uxbridge, where we were met by the Rev. —. Bird and Mr. Waite, who conducted us to the ideal belfry of St. Andrew. Here we rang two 360s of Grandsire Doubles on a handy ring of eight, with 4-6-8 covering, tenor about 14 cwt. Those taking part were the Rev. —. Bird, Messrs. Smith, Webb, Wedge, Pether, Ashley, Meads, Nicholas and

Brown. A move was then made to The Eight Bells inn, where lunch was provided by host Smith, and ample justice was done to the inner man. We were then soon on the road for St. Mary's church, Denham, where we had the pleasure of ringing on that grand peal of eight, tenor 25 cwt. Two 120s were rung here, and the bells lowered, and then back to the royal borough where we rang at the parish church of St. John. Here we had some excellent striking, the bells going splendid, and several touches were indulged in here. We then made a move to The Duke of Edinburgh hotel, Clewer, where host and hostess Smith had provided an excellent tea. Having done just to the good things provided, we then rang 360 Grandsire Doubles at St. Andrew's church, Clewer. Mr. Wedge then thanked Mr. and Mrs. Smith for their kind hospitality, and for making such a pleasant outing for them. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. —.

Bird and the Rev. Lathbury and others who helped to make the outing such a success. J. W.

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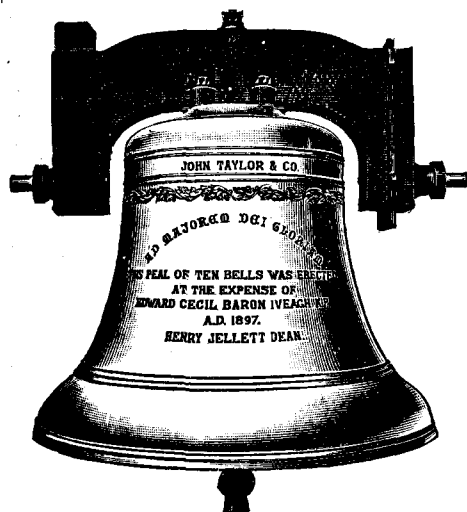
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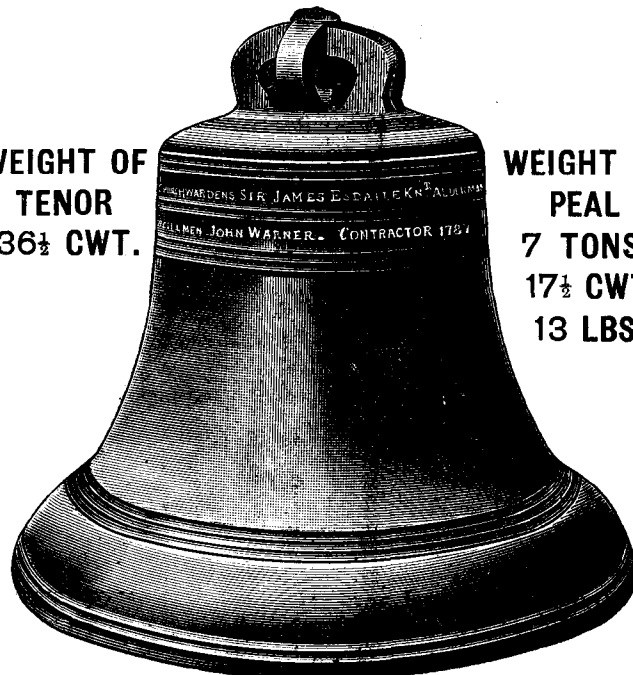
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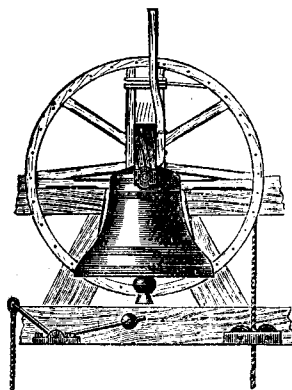
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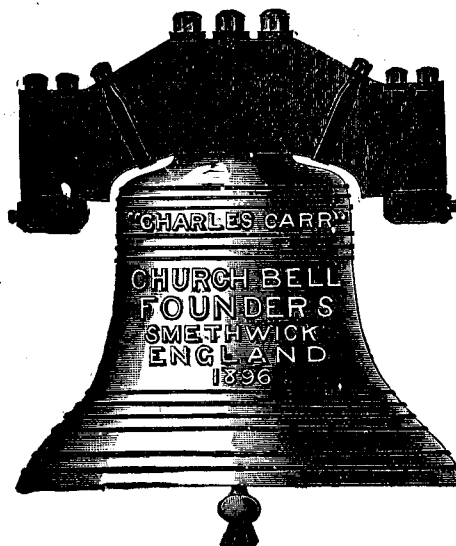
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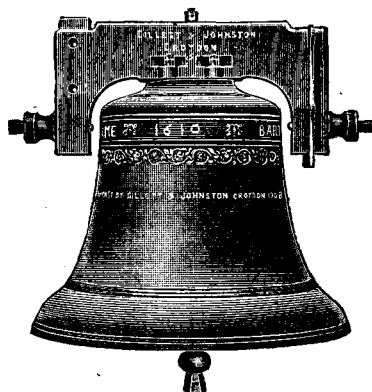
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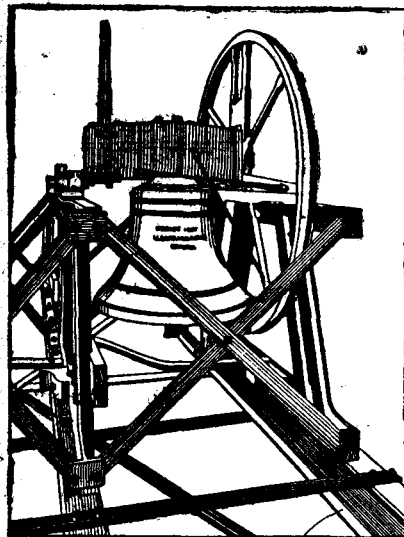
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## TAWSTOCK, DEVONSHIRE.

The Taw valley recently resounded with the music of Tawstock bells, which had, for some months, been silent during re-hanging operations. The whole of the bells have been re-tuned and re-hung, whilst one of them, the fourth, has been re-cast. The work was placed in the capable hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The bells have been placed in a brand new cage of iron, bolted on oak beams. All the fittings are new, while new ropes have been provided. The total cost has been £260, and it is gratifying to note that the dedication was performed with the bells free from debt. A sale of work and bazaar was held at Tawstock Court in the summer in aid of the funds, with gratifying results, and the appeal for subscriptions was generously responded to.

In the year of 1753 the bells of Tawstock Church were re-cast into a peal of six by the well-known bell-founder W. Evans, of Chepstow, there previously being only four bells. Following is a description of the peal:—1, "Come let us ring for Church and King, W. E., 1383"; diameter 32½ ins. 2, "Cast at Gloucester, by John Rudhall, 1794"; diameter 23½ in. 3, "Peace and good neighbourhood, W. E., 1753"; diameter 36½ ins. 4, "John Briant, Hertford, fecit 1803. Prosperity to the parish of Tawstock"; diameter 39 ins. 5, "Mr. Philip Hill and Mr. John Brome, churchwardens, W. E."; diameter 43 ins. 6, "The Reverend Mr. Chichester Wrey, Rector, Sir Bouchier Wrey, Bart., W. E., 1753, E."; diameter 47 ins.

The fourth bell now bears the inscription:—"Sir Bouchier Wrey, Bart., Albany S. Wrey, M.A., Rector. John Dullam and Joseph Gaydon (churchwardens); Re-cast A.D. 1908, by Mears and Stainbank, London. Prosperity to the Parish of Tawstock."

The dedication ceremony took place, when a service was held in the Church. There was a good congregation. The special preacher was the Rev. Maitland Kelly, M.A. (President of the Devon Guild). The other clergymen present were the Rector (Rev. A. B. S. Wrey), Revs. T. Daffen, and W. H. M. Bagley (Rural Dean of Barnstaple). The dedication ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. H. M. Bagley, who said: "Beloved in Christ, at the request of your Rector, Churchwardens, and the people of this parish, I have now in your presence reverently dedicated these bells, and have set them apart for ever to be hallowed to the service of Almighty God, and the use of His Church, in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and through the power of His Holy Spirit."

The Rev. Maitland Kelly preached a most appropriate sermon, taking as his text 1st Chronicles xxix., and the 9th verse. Before the sermon the Tawstock ringers gave

a short peal, whilst after the service ringers from Ilfracombe, Marwood, Goodleigh, Landkey, Barnstaple parish church, Bishopstawton and Pilton also tried the bells, all speaking in high terms of the easy working and tone.

The collection realised £4 6s. The Tawstock band of ringers was composed as follows:—Messrs. D. Martin, T. Copp, W. Harris, W. Tucker, T. Rodd, and W. Lake.

A public tea followed in the Holywell School, and was well attended. The tables were presided over by Lady Wrey, Mrs. A. B. S. Wrey, Mrs. J. Smallridge, Misses Copp, and Miss Gaydon.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the western division was held at Angmering, on Saturday, October 24th. The bells were started soon after 4 o'clock, and touches of Minor and Doubles were rung till 5.30. A move was then made to the large club room at The Red Lion inn, where tea was in readiness, provided by host Cheeseman. The Rector, the Rev. J. B. Orme, presided. Members were present from Arundel, Angmering, Bosham, Heene, Lyminster, and West Tarring, numbering about twenty. After tea the usual business meeting followed. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the divisional secretary and passed, and W. Butt was elected a member of the Steyning branch. It was proposed and carried that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Lyminster.

The Secretary proposed the usual vote of thanks to the chairman for his attendance, and alluded to the time when the rev. gentleman first taught him change-ringing with his own band some twenty-five years ago.

The chairman suitably responded, and thanked the Secretary for his kind remarks. The tower was again visited, and the bells were kept going till 8 o'clock.

## NEW RULES.

An elaborate code of rules for the regulation of a ringing company has just appeared in the Whitwick (Leicestershire) parish magazine. We are always willing to place before our readers any original literary effort which refers in any way to ringers and their concerns, and this set of rules we should think would take the first prize for originality among such effusions. Their compiler has been amply satisfied, we should hope, by their volume, no less than sixteen paragraphs being considered necessary for the regulation and control of a ringing company in a somewhat rural parish whose church has only a ring of eight bells. There is added to these rules a splendid homily for the edification of all concerned.

Ringling affairs at Whitwick would appear to have been unsatisfactory recently; these new regulations being probably the result. Many will think that the labour

involved in their production unnecessary; some may say useless; while others may look upon them with contempt. One ringer denominates the Rules and all which follow as "Mother Hubbard," a definition which our forgetfulness of the old nursery-rhyme does not seem to us very clear. The names of the present ringers (real or reputed) are given in the parish magazine, thus: The Vicar, Messrs. J. J. Sharp, J. Williamson, A. Henson, R. Sharp, E. Harriman, J. Sharp, J. W. W. Mackenzie. One of the former ringers—an half-pull man—expresses his opinions thus:—

"I should like to have the opinion of the Exercise on these rules. The old society reject those dealing with the appointment of officers and new members, and collecting subscriptions at Easter, pointing out that the churchwardens should guarantee the payment of a fixed sum, not exceeding £10, and the officials and new members be elected by members. Rule 13 requires amending. Permission to enter the belfry should be left with the captain, for reasons well known to all ringers. The new band formed by the Vicar consists of only three who can do any ringing, two others are beginners, and the others are put down—namely, the Vicar and J. J. Sharp, as a kind of draw to others, and to make the list a little larger. One who can just ring rounds is only in Whitwick during his holidays, so that the Vicar's band consists really of two ringers and two probationers, and this in face of the fact that there are about 17 men in the parish capable of ringing for service."

The following are the new rules:—

1.—The Society shall be called "The Whitwick Parish Church Bell Ringers' Society," and all connected with it shall be Members of the Church of England and in full communion with her, and consist of Ringers and Probationers.

2.—The Vicar of Whitwick shall be President, the Churchwardens, and such others as he elects, Vice-Presidents. The Vice-Presidents to hold office for one year.

3.—The Vicar will appoint a Captain, Vice-Captain, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be the representatives of the Society in all matters in which the Vicar and Ringers require consultation, and in regard to which he considers it unnecessary to summon a full meeting.

4.—New Members of the Society shall be appointed by the Vicar, who will consider names of any desirous to join submitted to him through the officers, and in consultation with them determine the term of probationship, which term will depend on the progress made in the Art of Ringing.

5.—A Class of Probationers shall be formed, and while Monday at 7.30 shall be regular Practice of the Members, Thursday at 7.30 the Practice night for Probationers.

6.—All connected with the Society shall conduct themselves with propriety and sobriety, and bear in mind the belfry is a part of the Church, the bells and their work dedicated to the Glory of God, and they themselves members of the Church of God.

7.—That there be no eating or drinking, smoking or quarrelling, or wearing of hats in the belfry on any occasion.

8.—That Members and Probationers attend practice regularly at least once a week, and that at least eight be

present to ring or chime for the morning and evening service on Sundays.

9.—That those who have rung before Divine Service shall, except for urgent reason to be given to the captain or other officer in charge, remain for the service to be held.

10.—That a peal be rung at Christmas 12-1, at New Year Day 12-1. At Easter and Whitsuntide at such time in the morning as the Vicar shall decide. At the Wake Sunday (or Feast of the Dedication of the Church) 7-8, and on the Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday 7-8.

11.—That Members or Probationers breaking Rules 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 shall be liable to dismissal, or at any time the Vicar considers necessary members may be suspended or dismissed.

12.—That there be no ringing allowed on other occasions over and above those indicated except with the permission of the Vicar.

13.—That no strange ringers be allowed to handle the bells, and no one permitted to enter the belfry without the written invitation or permission of the Vicar.

14.—That the Secretary keep a Register of the attendance of the Members and Probationers at practice, and on all occasions of the bells being rung or chimed.

15.—That the Captain and Secretary be allowed to collect subscriptions at Easter each year, and that the money received from this source, or for ringing at weddings, &c., be placed in a common fund to be held by the Treasurer, and fairly distributed according to attendances, by the Vicar at the Easter Meeting.

16.—That all Members and Probationers of the Society shall be given a printed copy of the Rules, and subscribe to the copy which shall be permanently hung up in the belfry.

All ringers prefer that the incumbent should take a deep and constant interest in his bells and ringers. A clergyman who is apathetic and careless with regard to either is not fulfilling the parochial duties required of him. In the case under consideration there is, however, too much of The Vicar; a great deal too much, in fact. He would have been well advised to take counsel with someone who understood such matters. In such case he would never have perpetrated the folly of publishing such an absurd mass of rules as the foregoing.

These rules by themselves would be looked upon as sufficient matter for one number of a small parish magazine. But they are followed by the following additional remarks:—

The above is a copy of the rules of 1891 now revised by the Vicar. The chief alterations consist (1) in the inclusion of clauses which deal with probationers and a practice-night for them; (2) in the appointment of officers and admission of members by the Vicar, not by members, thus putting this part of Church work on the same footing as Sunday Schools, choir, etc., where the Vicar appoints the responsible officers—Superintendent, Organist, Choir-master, and also teachers and members of the choir; (3) rule 8 is also a new one inserted, and in rule 10 the time of ringing at Easter and Whitsuntide is left for the Vicar to arrange according to the arrangement of the services, but it may be taken that except under special circumstances the ringing will be 7.30 to 8.

The above rules make it clear that (1) the belfry is part

of the church; (2) the bells instruments of sacred music; (3) the ringers Church-workers.

It is therefore all important that Church bell-ringing should be done to the glory of God, and that a reverent and earnest manner be seen in those who desire to serve God and His people in this way. The office of a bell-ringer is as sacred as the office of a Sunday School teacher or chorister, and if performed in a right spirit will bring a high reward. No one should take it up lightly or merely for the sake of practice, however musical they may be. It is a sacred work to call Christians together to worship God in the services of the Church; to proclaim the glad tidings of a Saviour born at Christmastide, of a risen Lord at Easter, the giving of the Spirit at Whitsuntide, the birthday of the Church; to ring out the story of a dying year, or so herald a new one in; as well as to speak out joyously or to toll mournfully in times of Christian happiness or sorrow.

It is a sacred office, a sacred work, and Church work, and as such it may be regarded by the ringers and by the Church. Those who expressed a wish that the new ringers should "hang themselves" and who nearly caused a serious accident in the belfry by turning out the gas at the meter in the church while the bells were in motion, risking the entanglement of the ringers, evidently do not so regard the office and the work. The spirit exhibited in some quarters is unfortunately that of Trade Unionism not Church Union. Those who desire to serve God and their Church by acting as bellringers, are treated as blacklegs, and some are debarred from such service on that account. They think of the praise of men more than the praise of God. They cannot endure hardness for the Church of God, fearful of what will be said if they elected to serve God rather than men.

It may occur to some that whereas much is made of bellringing as a branch of Church work, that the use of bells in this connection is not as clear as other branches of work mentioned. What is the Bible authority on which their use is founded is a question that has been asked. Now, of course, the earliest mention of bells occur in the description of the dress of the Jewish High Priest in Exodus and Ecclesiastes. But the use of bells was founded on the employment of the silver trumpets under the Law, according to Numbers x. 1-10. "Make thee two trumpets of silver, that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly—and when they shall blow all the assembly shall assemble themselves at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation." These silver trumpets served the same purpose as bells to summon people to worship.

The new band of ringers make good progress. Messrs. J. Williamson and A. Henson are old ringers who have rejoined, and are teaching the elements of the art to the beginners. Both are good and patient teachers, and where tutors and pupils alike are keen progress is assured. By arranging a couple of practice nights we hope to make still more rapid progress.

Here we take leave of this subject. In fear and trembling we suggest to the Vicar of Whitwick to again revise these specious belfry rules, and that the *real* ringers of the parish may be allowed to express their free opinions upon them.

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## "BELL-RINGING ON THE KING'S BIRTHDAY."

The following letter, headed as above, has appeared in the *Rugby Advertiser* :—

"DEAR SIR,—Perhaps you will allow me to say something about the parish church bells? I am often told by people who live at a distance that the bells are a great pleasure to them; but those of us who live quite close to them are conscious that they are bells of such weight—and one may even say of such harshness—as to be a severe trial to us when rung for any length of time. And this is no imagination on our part, but is really the result of their not being properly hung, nor, indeed, quite properly cast; and there is no question that it would be worth while for the town some time (when they have their hands a little less full) to have them re-modelled, so that they could be rung without being trying, even to those who live close under them. But in the meanwhile they exist, and they have to be rung on Sundays, and it is obviously of the greatest importance that they should be well rung. If they are trying from their weight and size now, they would be infinitely more trying if they were not beautifully rung; so that we may rejoice that we have the privilege of an admittedly admirable band of bell-ringers, who produce the best possible results out of the bells. Our ringers are, however, severely handicapped by the fact that because of the trial the bells are to those living close to them, they are hardly ever allowed the opportunities which the bell-ringers of other towns have of going in for really interesting peals, the ringing of which is the natural ambition of bell-ringers. I think it is four or five years since we allowed them to ring a peal. We think it only fair, therefore, to allow them to ring one on Monday for the King's birthday. They will not ring as they usually ring in the early morning, nor will they ring at mid-day, but they will ring a full peal, lasting three hours, beginning at about half-past five, and going on till about half-past eight. I feel that it is not too much to ask of those who, like myself, live near, to bear this once in four or five years, when in other towns such peals are allowed at least once a year, and sometimes oftener, and when we know how much the ringing of these peals means to a band of bell-ringers, and when we owe so much ourselves to the great skill of our own bell-ringers, and their constant readiness to give up ringing in all cases of illness.

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

## INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Can any of your readers help me with any information about "the Orders of the Company of Western Greencaps," which seem to be contained in a manuscript in the Bodleian Library? I understand them to relate to a Ringing Society existing in the latter part of the Seventeenth Century. Can anyone tell me if these Orders have been published anywhere, and if so, where? I shall be grateful for any information on this point.

R. A. DANIELL.

## THE ACTUAL COMPOSER.

SIR,—The peal of Superlative published in last week's "BELL NEWS" under the name of A. H. Moore is one of the oldest and best known compositions, and is the property of N. J. Pitstow. I should also like to say that the peal rang as Moore's twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples is really Parker's twelve-part with two singles in a part in place of two bobs, really turning a pair of bells over at one single and putting them in their original position with another single. No doubt dozens of ringers have noticed this.

J. HUNT.

Guildford.

H. J. Tucker writes to the same effect; and A. H. Moore has written to say he withdraws all claim to the peal.

## Obituary.

## WILLIAM GARDINER.

It is with sincere and deep regret we have to record the death of William Gardiner, aged 58 years, a member of The All Saints' Company, Sheffield. He had been a member of the society for upwards of 14 years, and rang various peals of Grandsire with them. He was formerly a member of the Doncaster parish church company. He died very suddenly through a severe attack of English cholera, which only took two days to accomplish its work of bereavement in the family circle. He was a life member of the Yorkshire Association, and rang twelve peals recorded by them, including one of Treble Bob. He conducted two peals of Grandsire, one at All Saints' Church, Sheffield, and the other at Saint Benedict's Church, Staffordshire, and is recorded as the second peal rung in that county under the auspices of the Yorkshire Association. He was carried to the grave by the members of his own company, and followed by other members of the society of Sheffield and district. The Vicar of All Saints, the Rev. C. F. Knight, M.A., read the funeral service, both in church and at the graveside, and in his address exhorted his hearers to be also ready at the Master's call. After the funeral the ringers assembled at the church and rang the whole pull and stand. Afterwards a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but had to be stopped on account of a serious case of illness close to the church. R. I. P. F. W.

## GEORGE HOYLE.

It is our painful duty to record the death of Mr. George Hoyle, of Busk Street, Oldham, which took place on Tuesday morning, October 27th, at the age of 53 years, after a few days' illness. Previous to removing to Oldham the deceased gentleman had for a long number of years been a regular ringer at St. Chad's parish church, Rochdale, and had taken part in upwards of forty peals in various methods, and only ten days before his death he took part in an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Treble Bob at St. Leonard's, Middleton. The interment, which took place at the Rochdale Cemetery, on Saturday, October 31st, was, despite the short notice, well attended by members of the Association, of which he was a life member, there being present about 60 members, practically every tower in the Rochdale branch being represented. At the graveside, where the burial service was conducted in impressive tones, a course of Grand-

sire Triples on handbells was rung by his brother ringers, and in the evening several touches were rung on the muffled bells of St. Chad's by the members in attendance. During the course of the evening a meeting was held in the tower, when a vote of condolence and sympathy with the widow and family was carried, with the members all standing, and duly forwarded to the bereaved family. Being of a quiet and genial disposition, he was well beloved by his brother ringers throughout the Rochdale branch, and his loss will be felt for a long time to come.

J. J.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Tuesday, November 3rd, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples. W. Leavey, Alice White, C. F. Hansford, W. Hunt, G. Arnold, J. Ward, H. White, A. Burgess. On Sunday, November 8th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. Alice White, J. E. Ballard, F. Wilson, C. F. Hansford, J. Ward, A. Burgess, H. White, H. Knight. Mr. G. Arnold, for whom the quarter-peal was arranged, hails from Lymington, and W. Hunt from Oakley.

FARNHAM ROYAL.—On October 21st a 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Clarke, W. Hendley, J. Edesfield, J. J. Parker conductor, G. Basden, R. Flaxman.

GILLINGHAM.—On Sunday, October 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. E. Friend, W. Haigh conductor, A. Hore, V. Jarrett, W. Easter, S. Taylor, A. Robson, J. Brimcomb.

LONDON.—Recently, at St. Botolph's church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Truss, A. J. Perkins, E. Hall, E. J. Webb, J. Scholes, J. E. Davis, T. Langdon, B. Langdon. And a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. T. Cranfield conductor, J. Scholes, R. Sanders, H. Torble, S. Bird, W. Theobald, A. A. Scambler, R. Green. On Sunday, September 27th, for morning service at All Hallows, Tower Hill, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. T. Cranfield conductor, W. Truss, R. Sanders, J. Warncken, R. Green, W. Theobald, A. A. Scambler, A. Joyce.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, September 20th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Armstrong, N. A. Tomlinson, G. Bester, F. G. Tegg, J. E. Miller conductor, W. Pickworth. On the occasion of the Harvest Festival, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. S. Wade, W. Pickworth, G. Bester, N. A. Tomlinson, J. Armstrong conductor, J. E. Miller, H. Miller, H. Armstrong.

SHEPESHED (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, August 30th, for morning service, 504 and 112 Grandsire Triples. S. Cooke, F. H. Dexter conductor, W. Johnson, W. Platts, B. Kirby, E. Elliott, T. Hill, A. Dexter.

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, September 27th, 360 Bob Minor. W. Palmer, A. Gardner, F. Withers, J. Withers, J. Dowler, H. Withers conductor.

STOKE POGES.—On November 2nd, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Clarke, \*R. Bolton, J. J. Parker, \*F. Bolton, R. Flaxman, \*J. Blackmore. \*First 720 in the method.

WORLINGWORTH (Suffolk).—On Friday, August 7th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Day, C. F. Ling, W. G. Crickmer, F. Day, W. Burgess, D. Collins conductor. First 720 after the dedication service by the Bishop of Ipswich. On September 19th 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. F. Ling, W. G. Crickmer conductor, W. Flory, J. Hall, W. Burgess, R. Ruth, jun. On handbells, 224 Bob Major. D. Collins, W. Crickmer conductor, W. Flory, R. Ruth.

WEST WYCOMBE.—On Saturday, October 24th, a 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Briden, R. Bolton, J. J. Parker, F. Bolton, R. Flaxman, J. Blackmore conductor. Also several courses of Treble Bob and 120's of Doubles.

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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 the 26th; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 16th and 30th; St. John's, Hackney, and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th; St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on the 19th; all at 8 p.m.

The 271st anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 14th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (4s. each), may be obtained of Messrs. Bayley, Burden, E. A. Davies, Fardou, Garrard, Golding, Harman, Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, A. Jones, H. Langdon, O'Meara, Newton, Peck, Pettit, Price, Prime, Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, Taffender, Winney, M. A. Wood, or to

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**Halifax and District Association.**—The next quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Mytholmroyd to-day, Sat., November 14th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton to-day, Sat., November 14th. Bells ready at 4. Unveiling of peal-board.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

35, Church Road, Garston.

**The Essex Association.**—North-Western Branch.—The annual meeting will be held to-day, Sat., November 14th, at Bishops Stortford. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. H. T. Lane), the bells will be available at two o'clock. Tea at The Chequers hotel at 5.30. JOHN F. PENNING, *Hon. Sec.*

Fairyville, Saffron Walden.

**The William Verry Commemoration.**—The annual commemoration dinner will take place to-day, Sat., November 14th, at The Red Lion hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, when it is hoped to meet old and new friends. Tickets 2s 6d. each, may be had from any of the ringers of the parish church. Dinner at 6.30 sharp. The bells of the parish church will be available from 2.30 to 6 o'clock. R. FAUX, *Hon. Sec.*

65, Bacchus Road, Soho, Birmingham.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the members of the above district will be held at Southampton to-day, Sat., November 14th. Holy Rood belfry will be opened at 2.30. Tea will be had at 5 o'clock in St. Michael's schoolroom, and will be followed by the business meeting. St. Michael's bells will be available after 6.30.

JAS. W. ELLINS, *Dis. Sec.*

3, Culver Villas, Winchester.

**St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on the evening of Tuesday, November 17th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Basingstoke District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, November 21st. Bells (8), available afternoon and evening. Short service at the parish church at 5.30. Tea at the Church Cottage at 6. Meeting after. Kindly communicate with me by November 17th.

F. G. HUME, *Dis. Sec.*

Oakley, Basingstoke.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bury, on Saturday, November 21st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. J. ROLLERSON, *Br. Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Derby Branch.—The monthly district meeting will be held at Etwall (6 bells), on Saturday, November 28th. Ringing from 2 p.m. The Vicar (Rev. G. L. Dickinson, M.A.) has generously offered to provide tea. All who intend being present must send word not later than the 26th inst. to Mr. J. C. Hunt, Etwall, as provision only will be made for those who comply with the above request. Members and friends from outside districts are cordially invited.

A. H. WARD, *Hon. Sec.*

**Central Northamptonshire Association.**—Quarterly meetings will be held at Harlestone on November 7th; Islip on the 14th; Isham on the 21st; and Irthlingborough on the 28th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Usual arrangements. F. WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting of this society will be held at Holbeck on Saturday, November 28th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting in Parochial Room (rear of church), at 7.30 p.m. GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. All ringing friends will be heartily welcomed. Will members kindly note change of Secretary, who will be pleased to receive any outstanding subscriptions. H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*

Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

**Notice.**—The tower of St. Luke's, Chelsea, is open for practice every Tuesday at 8 p.m. All visitors are welcome. J. PRYER, *Hon. Sec.*

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**CHANGES OF ADDRESS.**—The Rev. F. E. Robinson has removed from Drayton Vicarage, to Fair Home, Wokingham.—R. T. Hibbert has removed from Cromwell Road to 3, Gosbrook Street, Caversham, Oxon.—After this week the address of A. H. Ward will be 168, Normanton Road, Derby.

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52364 2 2

24365 I 2

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34625 I x 2

43526 2 2

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34256 I 1

52436 2 2

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35426 8th in three

43526 9th in three

54326 9th in three

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25346 8th in three

32546 9th in three

53246 9th in three

34256 8th in three

54236 2 4 5

43256 7th in three

24356 9th in three

32456 9th in three

25436 7th in three

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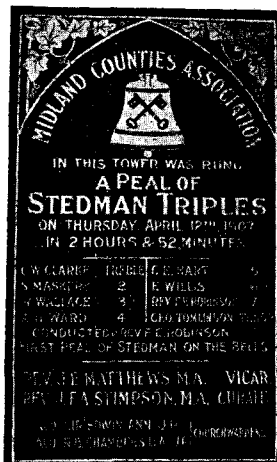
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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1908.

We find that the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON has found it desirable to resign the vicariate of Drayton parish, where he has been for so many years. It was announced in these columns some weeks ago that increasing age and other reasons compelled the rev. gentleman to cease ringing for a time. Every reader of this paper will hope that the rest-cure he is undergoing will be the means of restoring the worthy Master to health and strength. Whether he will again be heard of in a peal of his favourite method, or otherwise, we shall all hope that the remainder of his days will be cheerful, peaceful, and happy, at times reverting with delight and pleasure to his past connection "among the bells."

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5088 CHANGES.**

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

FRED CAUSBY .. .. Treble.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 5.
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Composed by N. J. PRISTOW, and Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Tyler.

**LITTLE HORSTED, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 31, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

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Conducted by JAMES A. HART.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. J. Fletcher, who is leaving the parish. \*First peal.

**WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 31, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,*

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

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Composed by the Rev. B. JEALOUS, and Conducted by S. T. WRIGHT.

\*First peal of Grandsire Caters. †First peal of Caters.

**PULHAM, NORFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, November 3, 1908, in Three Hours.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

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

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Composed by E. BARNETT, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

Rung as a compliment to Arthur Roope on his twentieth birthday.  
\*First peal in the method.**LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, November 4, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,*

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Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

**BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, November 4, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

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HENRY J. GRAVETT .. .. 4.	GEORGE F. GASTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. W. GRAVETT.

\*First peal of Triples.

**PULHAM, NORFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, November 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

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Composed by C. H. HATEERSLEY, and Conducted by A. ROOPE.

\*First peal in the method.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.****GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(CIRENCESTER BRANCH)

*On Thursday, November 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

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

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WILLIAM C. CUSS .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM J. FINCH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

\*First peal. W. J. Finch was proposed a member before starting.  
Rung to celebrate the Dedication Festival of the church.**SLEAFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, November 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM TOWNSEND .. Treble.	C. WILLIAM SMITH* .. .. 5.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. .. 2.	EDWIN ROWBOTTAM .. .. 6.
ARTHUR HOLMES .. .. 3.	JAMES R. MACKMAN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM DICKINSON .. .. 4.	*HENRY THORLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

\*First peal.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

HENRY PRING .. .. Treble.	CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 5.
HERBERT H. TUCKER .. 2.	CHARLES H. GORDON .. 6.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 3.	WALTER APPERLEY .. 7.
WILLIAM KNIGHT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM A. CAVE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

This peal was Johnson's variation of Middleton's peal. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to C. H. Tomkins, whose fiftieth anniversary it was, and to R. J. Wilkins, whose birthday was on the following day, both receiving the congratulations of the band.

## ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 6, 1908, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

WALTER ALCOCK .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 5.
FRANK MEDHURST .. .. 2.	WALTER FRANKS .. .. 6.
FRANCIS KENNETT .. .. 3.	GEORGE WATSON .. .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	HENRY DENMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung on the anniversary of the dedication of the church.

## HARLOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. .. Treble.	WALTER HOBBS .. .. 5.
GEORGE JORDAN .. .. 2.	FREDERICK PITSTOW .. 6.
FREDERICK PALMER .. .. 3.	FREDERICK J. PITSTOW .. 7.
WALTER PRIOR .. .. 4.	ALFRED E. PITSTOW .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

## RINGMER, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE .. .. Treble.	HENRY STALHAM .. .. 5.
ARTHUR GRAVETT .. .. 2.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 6.
CHARLES PALMER .. .. 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. 7.
ERNEST GOWER .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

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

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

On Saturday, November 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM COOK .. .. Treble.	OWEN PORTER .. .. 5.
ERNEST W. MENDAY .. 2.	GEORGE IRVINE .. .. 6.
LEWIS GREEN .. .. 3.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 7.
GEORGE CLEEVE .. .. 4.	ALBERT D. CULLUM .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

Rung on the 33rd birthday of G. Irvine, the band wishing him the usual compliments after the peal. The Vicar allowed them to ring through evensong, a privilege which was much appreciated by all.

## ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD .. .. Treble.	*BART MITCHELL .. .. 5.
HERBERT DAY .. .. 2.	HENRY GEORGE .. .. 6.
CHARLES CARR .. .. 3.	†FRED WATKINSON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM G. CHRISTIAN .. 4.	THOMAS STIMPSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

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

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

On Saturday, November 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

A. STRANGE .. .. Treble.	G. HIGGS .. .. 4.
R. FINCH .. .. 2.	G. CAUDWELL .. .. 5.
A. FINCH .. .. 3.	J. FORD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CAUDWELL.

First peal of Grandsire Doubles by all.

## BOLTON, BRADFORD, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN BODDY .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 5.
BERNAL E. HOWE .. .. 2.	FRANCIS BARKER .. .. 6.
ARTHUR GILL .. .. 3.	JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 7.
JONAS S. AMBLER .. .. 4.	*FRED SALMONS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. HOLT, and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

\*First peal in the method.

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, November 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. 5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 2.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 3.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 4.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE, and Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

## ORMESBY, YORKS.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

T. BECKWITH* .. .. Treble.	A. MACFARLANE .. .. 5.
J. G. HALL .. .. 2.	F. P. HOWCROFT .. .. 6.
W. NEWTON .. .. 3.	*T. STEPHENSON .. .. 7.
W. H. PORTER .. .. 4.	T. METCALFE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by T. METCALFE.

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

APPLES.—GOOD COOKING, DESSERT, hand-picked. 1d. and 1½d. per lb.: f.o.r.—Order early.—LONGREY, Stoke Lacy, Worcester.

## NETLEY ABBEY, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR,  
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5008 CHANGES.

JOHN W. WHITING.. ..Treble.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 5.
HENRY W. WILKES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 6.
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 3.	EDWIN J. HARDING .. .. 7.
A. F. MARTIN STEWART.. 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. ..Tenor.

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

## ASHTEAD, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S COMPOSITION. Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lbs. in F.

FRANCIS E. DAWE .. ..Treble.	CHARLES E. READ .. .. 5.
JOHN WYATT .. .. .. 2.	ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. CORBETT .. 3.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. .. 7.
JOHN HOYLE .. .. .. 4.	WILLIAM COOK .. .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

## CHATHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

VINCENT JABBETT† .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM EASTER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND† .. 2.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 6.
JAMES TULLETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HAIGH .. .. 7.
ALFRED HONE* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN.

\*First peal. †First peal on eight bells.

## HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 8, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. ..Treble.	GORDON CHECKETTS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PAGE .. .. .. 2.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 6.
JOHN BARR* .. .. .. 3.	JAMES H. SHEPPARD .. .. 7.
JAMES REYNOLDS .. .. 4.	CHARLES BEAMAN .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT MATTHEWS.

\*rooth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

## OLD WINDSOR, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 10, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

SYDNEY BOORE* .. ..Treble.	THOMAS GOSLING .. .. 5.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WELLING .. .. 6.
FREDERICK GUTTERIDGE† 3.	ARTHUR W. A. BLAKE .. 7.
JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM RALPH .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by W. WELLING.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal as conductor.  
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Frank Hope Lang, who was married that day at Old Windsor to Miss Ella C. Weir.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Treble Bob Royal rung at Stockport on October 29th, should be credited to the Lancashire Association.

The following five peals were rung by visiting ringers (assisted by Yorkshiremen), who were spending a holiday week in the county, and were duly elected members of the Association on their arrival:—

## SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 19, 1908, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE (R.C.)

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs. in D.

JOHN C. TRUSS .. ..Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 5.
SAMUEL WOOD .. .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. .. 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Permission to make the attempt was kindly given by the Rev. Dean Dolan. The total weight of this remarkable fine ring is 100 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

## ATTERCLIFFE, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 20, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

SAMUEL WOOD .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.
JOHN HOLMAN .. .. .. 2.	JOHN C. TRUSS .. .. .. 6.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. ..Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and  
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

## SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 20, 1908, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 41 cwt. in C.

CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. .. 2.	JOHN HOLMAN .. .. .. 8.
SAMUEL WOOD .. .. .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 9.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 10.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 11.
JOHN C. TRUSS* .. .. 6.	WILLIAM MIDGLEY .. ..Tenor.
	WILLIAM BURGAR .. ..

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.

The composition was specially devised the previous week, and is now rung for the first time. \*First peal of Stedman Cinques.

## ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5198 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt. 3 qrs. 11 lbs.

CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY Treble.	SAMUEL WOOD .. .. .. 6.
JOHN C. TRUSS .. .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 7.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 8.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 9.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 5.	SAM THOMAS .. .. ..Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and  
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

The figures of this composition were published in "THE BELL NEWS" of April 27th, 1907, and it is now thought to have been rung for the first time.

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

### DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 23, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES R. LILLEY..	..Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	.. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON	.. 2.	FRANCIS BARKER	.. 6.
JOHN HOLMAN	.. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	.. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE	.. 4.	HENRY SMITH	.. ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

### Handbell Peals.

#### BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, November 2, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5688 CHANGES.

HARRY MOSS ..	.. 1-2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE..	.. 5-6.
FRED R. KETTLEBOBO	.. 3-4.	JESSE J. MOSS	.. 7-8.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

Umpires—G. W. Moss and J. Flint.

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING.—On Sunday, August 30th, for morning service, 592 Bob Major. F. Warren, F. Radley, A. Shufflebotham, W. Moore, H. Ridgwell, C. Bearman, W. Grimwade, H. F. Cooper conductor.

WIDFORD.—On Sunday, September 27th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. Wade, F. Gill, A. Shuttleworth, W. Newman, H. R. Dawson, W. Wellington, H. F. Cooper conductor, G. Usher.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLEWBURY (Berks).—On Friday, September, 18th, 630 Grandsire Triples. A. F. Upstone, A. J. Gregory, G. F. James, P. E. Jones, C. Gregory conductor, W. Grace, R. G. Rice, E. Aldridge.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

TWYFORD (Hants).—On Thursday, September 10th, at the monthly practice at the parish church, 560 Double Norwich Major. J. W. Elkins, G. Smith, H. W. Wilkes, W. T. Tucker, G. Williams conductor, W. C. Lampard, W. H. George, C. Valentine. And 672 in the same method. W. Crute, H. W. Wilkes, C. A. Valentine, G. Smith, W. T. Tucker, W. C. Lampard, W. H. George, G. Williams conductor.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON.—On Monday, September 14th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. H. Brooker, F. W. Larbey, H. Brooker, sen. conductor, W. O. Gammon, G. Burt, C. Kitchen, F. Hermon, G. Calcutt. Rung as birthday compliment to F. Hermon.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HALESWORTH.—On Thursday, September 17th, 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major. H. Welham, C. Parnell, F. C. Lambert conductor, E. Chatten, G. Baxter, J. Howard, A. Lee, A. Bowell. 560 Bob Major. W. Kerrison, the rest as before.

CHEDISTON.—On a recent Sunday, for Divine Service, 720

Grandsire Doubles. Miss R. Stanford, T. Crane, F. C. Lambert conductor, W. Kerrison, L. Hammond.

WENHASTON.—On Monday, September 7th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. C. List, F. C. Lambert, E. Chatten, G. Easthaugh, J. Larter, F. Watling conductor.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NESTON.—On Sunday, August 9th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 and 216 Stedman Triples. T. Metcalfe, J. Edwards, J. Tilley, W. Briscoe, W. Williams, C. Coventry, J. Meador conductor, J. Roberts. On August 26th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples, standing as before. On Sunday, August 5th, 408 Stedman Triples. On Sunday, August 12th, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Metcalfe, W. Williams, J. Edwards, J. Tilley, W. Briscoe, C. Coventry, J. Meador conductor, J. Roberts.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—On September 4th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, Tue Brook, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Larkey, W. Booth conductor, J. Aspinwall, G. Woodhall, J. Martin, H. Fyles, S. W. Stewart, W. Mansell. On September 6th, 720 Bob Minor, with the treble leading and tenor covering. J. Twist, W. Larkey, T. C. Larkey, E. Counce, W. Twist, J. Martin conductor, S. W. Stewart, W. Mansell. For evening service 672 Stedman Triples. W. Larkey, T. Hammond, jun., J. Aspinwall, E. Counce, W. Twist, S. W. Stewart, J. Martin conductor, S. W. Mansell. On September 25th, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Larkey, W. Booth, J. Aspinwall, G. Woodhall, W. Twist, H. Fyles, J. Martin conductor, S. W. Stewart. For evening service 504 Stedman Triples. W. Larkey, J. R. Pritchard, J. Aspinwall, H. Fyles, W. Twist, S. W. Stewart, E. Counce conductor, W. Mansell.

OXTON.—On Sunday, September 13th, for evening service, 756 Stedman Triples. T. Hammond, jun., G. Woodhall, W. Booth, W. Battle, G. Fisher, R. Newton, E. Counce, T. Hammond.

BRAILES (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, September 27th, 240 Grandsire Doubles. A. Gardner, W. Palmer, F. Withers, J. Withers, J. Dowler, H. Withers conductor. Tenor 36½ cwt.

BADSEY (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, September 26th, 224 Double Norwich Major. W. Palmer, F. Withers, T. Pigott, J. Withers, W. Page, H. Middleton, J. Dowler, H. Withers.

BEDFORD.—On a recent Sunday evening, for Divine Service, 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Bates, P. J. Cooke, C. R. Lilley, C. Stapleton, W. Stapleton, C. A. Robinson conductor.

EARL SOHAM (Suffolk).—On September 23rd, 720 Oxford Bob. E. Beecroft, W. G. Crickmer conductor, B. Smith, G. Stannard, J. Hall, C. F. Ling.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On September 26th, 720 Bob Major. W. Ostler, R. H. Hayward, W. G. Crickmer conductor, J. Hall, W. Norman, W. Burgess, W. Flory, J. C. Self. And 216 Bob Minor. W. Ostler, J. C. Self, J. Hall, G. Stannard, W. Flory, W. G. Crickmer conductor.

GREAT TOTHAM (Essex).—On Sunday, September 20th, for the Harvest Festival service, 720 Bob Minor. E. Rushen, P. Sayer, H. Brown, A. Mansfield, C. Ballard, A. Gozzett conductor. After service 216 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Mansfield, P. Sayer, H. Brown, A. Gatland, C. Bolland, A. Gozzett.

HONNINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, September 27th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Palmer, A. Gardner, F. Withers, J. Withers, J. Dowler, H. Withers conductor. This is believed to be the first in the method on the bells.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, September 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 45 mins. W. Howlett, G. Ransom conductor, W. Lidbetter, C. Dell, T. Beadle, F. Goddard, G. Spencer, H. Seward. First quarter-peal in the method by a local company.

**CIDER.—GOOD SWEET HEREFORDSHIRE CIDER.**  
Eighteen gallons, 12s., nine gallons, 6s., f.o.r. in consumers' casks. **DESSERT and COOKING APPLES.**—LONGNEY, Stoke Lacy, Worcester.

### Ringers' Outings.

The fourth annual excursion of ringers in the Chelmsford district, organised by Mr. H. F. Cooper, took place on Saturday, September 19th. The trip was to Ipswich, and down the river to Harwich. Leaving Chelmsford at 7.35, handbells were soon brought into use. Ipswich was reached in quick time. A quiet stroll round the town to the Quay, where we took our seats on board the steamer *Essex*, and were soon gliding swiftly down the beautiful river Orwell, admiring the scenery en route, and delighting an eager crowd by a short touch on the handbells. Arriving at Harwich tracks were made for the church, the Rev. J. A. Telford having kindly given permission. The veteran, Mr. J. Brewster, with Messrs. Ellis and Ramplin, were in waiting with everything

ready. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were brought round. At 1.30 we adjourned to The Anchor hotel for dinner, excellently served by host Hills. On the removal of the cloth, the chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. J. A. Telford for the use of the bells, and to Messrs. Brewster and Ellis for local arrangements. During the afternoon we visited a few places of interest, escorted by the locals, and at 4.30 took our seats once more on board a G.E.R. steamer, this time for Ipswich. Here we were met by Mr. W. Motts. Tea was taken at Mr. Bell's, Queen Street. This being over, we were escorted to St. Mary-le-Tower, and with the help of our Ipswich friends. Grandsire and Stedman Caters were tapped off, after which a move was made to St. Margaret's, where we rung two short touches. Time for home was now

approaching, so with just a friendly glass, and a shake of hands all round, we were once more on the move. Having got all seated safely in the train, Chelmsford was reached at 10.18 p.m. The ringers taking part in the trip were Messrs. Carr, Cooper, Dawson, Edwards (2), Lincoln, Newman, Poole, Radley, Rowland, sen., Wade, and Whight. The conducting was shared by Messrs. Edwards, Lincoln, and Cooper. The ringers wish to tender their thanks to the clergy of the different churches for their kind permission to ring; also to Mr. W. Motts, of Ipswich, for making the arrangements there. H. F. C.

### Situations Vacant.

**BLACKSMITH.** Wanted an Improver or young man just served time to the shoeing and General Smithing. Apply—Wm. TAYLOR, Blacksmith, Town End, Bolsover, Derbyshire.

### Situations Wanted.

**D. PAULI** wishes to recommend his groom for a similar or better place. Four year's good character. Age 18. Abstainer, ringer—Middleham, S. O., Yorkshire.

**PAINTER, Paperhanger, and Decorator** would like constant situation. Age 24. Change-ringer, capable of conducting. Apply—C. COVENTRY, Cross Street, Neston, Cheshire.

**WANTED.** Situation as Plumber and Fitter. Used to hot and cold water fitting and sanitary work. Electric bells, etc. Ironmonger or estate preferred. Member of College Youths, etc. Age 32. Married. Apply—WILSON, High Street, Wootton Bassett, Wilts.

**LOOK HERE! A PEAL of TEN HAND-BELLS, second-hand, for Sale, or exchange for Poultry.**—J. C. BARBER, Little-town, Liversedge, Yorks.

### TO RINGERS AND OTHERS.

**JOHN W. STEDDY,**  
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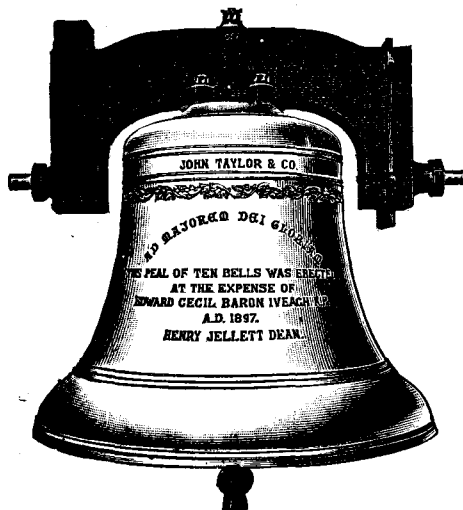
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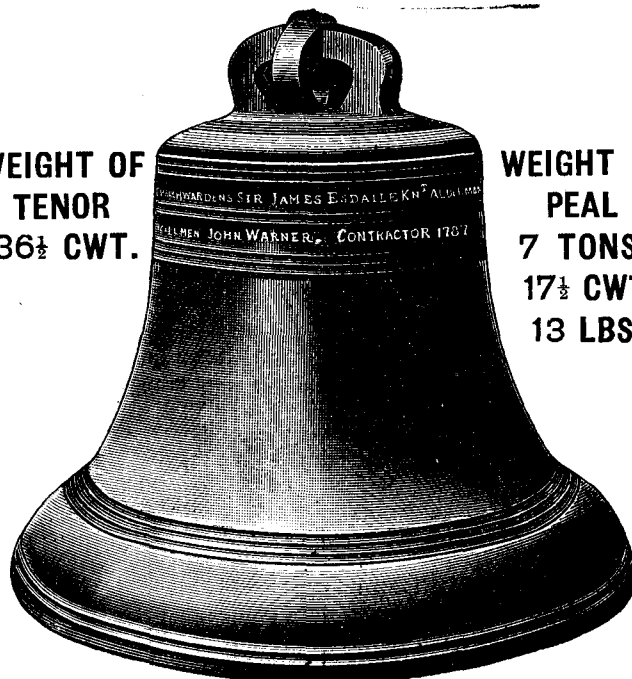
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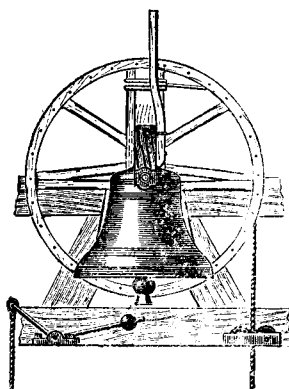
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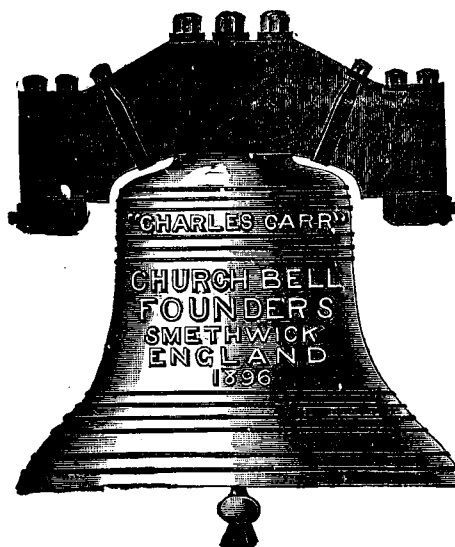
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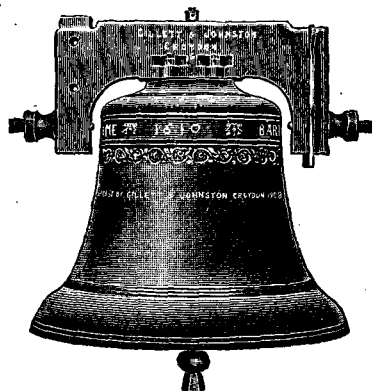
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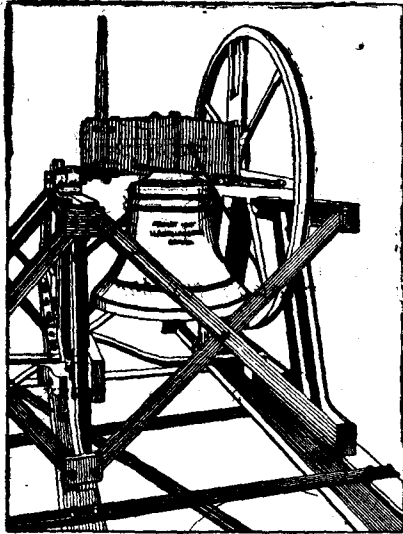
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## DOUGLAS, LANCASHIRE.

On Tuesday, November 3rd, a new ring of bells was dedicated for the above church by the Bishop of Manchester (Dr. Knox). The bells are hung in a new iron frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and gave the greatest satisfaction. Only six bells have at present been hung, but space is left for No. 1 and 2 in the bell-chamber. A reception took place in the schoolroom at 5.15, and service was held in the church at 6.30. The Vicar, the Rev. H. P. Owen-Smith, officiated, and an eloquent sermon was preached by the bishop to a crowded congregation. A touch was rung by the ringers of Wigan parish church after the service, and afterwards a local band took a turn at the ropes. Bells Nos. 3 and 4 were given by Miss E. A. R. Morris, No. 5 by Rev. H. P. and Mrs. Owen-Smith, No. 6 by the women of the parish, No. 7 by Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Chambers, of Derby, and the tenor by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Green, of Douglas parish. The weight of the tenor is 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lbs., and its note is F sharp.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

The annual autumn meeting of this branch was held at Kidlington on Saturday, October 31st. A peal of Stedman was attempted in the morning, but came to grief owing to a shift-course after about two hours' good ringing. The band was kindly entertained to lunch by the Vicar, Rev. H. E. R. Freeborn (branch president). Service was held at 4 p.m., members attending from the towers of Kidlington, Woodstock, Witney, Ducklington, Clanfield, Bampton, Burford, and Oxford. The sermon was preached by Rev. C. Jenkyn, branch secretary and deputy master of the guild. At the tea and business meeting which followed a most warm and touching reference was made by the president to the work and personality of the master, Rev. F. E. Robinson, whose absence was deplored by everyone. Thankfulness was expressed for his partial recovery, and many hopes that he would be able to ring again in time. The officers of the previous year were re-elected. Ringing was engaged in during the afternoon and evening in the methods of Grandsire, Bob Major and Stedman.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BEDFORDSHIRE ARCHDEACONRY.)

A meeting of the above was held at Potton on Saturday, November 7th. Members were present from Bedford, Clifton, Eaton Socon, Potton, St. Neots, and the local company, attending in good muster of about eleven. Previous to the meeting the quarterly peal was successfully brought round in 2 hrs. 36 mins., three of the locals scoring their first peal, an account of which will appear in the proper place. The ringers attended service in the church

at 5 p.m., and then adjourned to the schoolroom for tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Long, after which the meeting was held, Mr. E. C. Chasty taking the chair in the absence of the Vicar, who had an engagement at 6 p.m. The minutes of the last meeting at Sandy were read and passed. On the proposition of Mr. S. Stubbings, seconded by Mr. Inskip, it was resolved that the next quarterly meeting be held at Willington. The Vicar of Potton, the Rev. A. Long, was present at tea, but unfortunately had to leave early, and gave the ringers a very hearty welcome, and said it was a pleasure to hear the bells, and congratulated the locals on ringing their first peal. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar by Mr. Y. B. Compton for so kindly providing tea, seconded by Mr. Chasty. Then two touches on handbells by special request were rung by S. J. Pack, 1-2; C. R. Lilley, 3-4; S. G. Coleman, 5-6; E. C. Chasty, 7-8. After the tower was visited and the bells set going to Woodbine and Kent one of the locals ringing his first 720 of Treble Bob.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Rev. W. E. Colchester, Rector of St. Maurice, Winchester, has undertaken the duties of hon. sec. and treasurer to the above in the room of the Rev. H. L. Bashford, who has accepted a living outside the diocese. The above announcement was made at the annual meeting of the Winchester district, held at Southampton on Saturday, November 14th, by the master of the guild, who presided, and received with much applause. Mr. Colchester is a keen ringer, and an hon. member of the cathedral band.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The usual autumn meeting of the Central Committee was held in All Saints' vestry, Maidstone, on Saturday, November 14th. It was arranged to hold the annual general meeting next year on Whitsun Monday, May 31st, at Canterbury. Grants of £2 2s. each were made from the "Belfry Repairs Fund" to Edenbridge and Marden. It was ordered that 3d. should be charged for each copy of the annual report. A petition from Folkestone requesting a revision of the Ashford District boundary, was laid before the meeting. A sub-committee, consisting of the secretaries and representatives of the Ashford and Canterbury districts, together with the hon. secretary, was appointed to consider the question and to report to the next committee meeting. Messrs. H. Barton (Deal) and P. Hodgkin (Headcorn) were elected to serve on the Committee for three years.

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## THE HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

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At the close of the ringing the business meeting was held in the schoolroom, with the president (Mr. Drake, of Brighouse), in the chair, and supported by the Vicar (Rev. T. Metcalfe, M.A.), and the society officers. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, and duly passed as correct, and a motion giving the Tong branch permission to record a peal (for which a grant of £1 had already been passed), on a board not specially prepared for this particular peal, was voted upon, and it was passed that it be allowed.

No invitation being brought forward for the place of next meeting, it was decided to leave the same in the secretary's hands to approach Lightcliffe in the matter.

A vote of thanks to the local branch, and to the ladies was moved from the chair, and seconded by Mr. Ambler. This was heartily carried, and responded to by Mr. Wilcock.

The result of the contest was given by Mr. Broadley as follows:—

- No. 1 Company. Denholme, rung out.
- No. 2 Company. Aldmondbury, rung out.
- No. 3 Company. Brighouse, 197 faults.
- No. 4 Company. Stainland, rung out.
- No. 5 Company. Heptonstall, 165 faults.
- No. 6 Company. Kirkheaton, 162 faults.
- No. 7 Company. Halifax, rung out.

Kirkheaton were declared the winners.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Whiteaker, and seconded by Mr. Ryland, to the Vicar for the use of his bells and schools, and for his kind support.

The Vicar, in reply, said it was a great pleasure to have the ringers at Mytholmroyd, and he was so delighted that he thought it would be more in order if he thanked them for coming. He was pleased that all had enjoyed themselves, and had a good tea; he himself had found out that the ladies at Mytholmroyd knew how to butter toasted teacakes. He supposed those bands who had not won the cup would be disappointed, but he hoped they would persevere and try again. The art of ringing was a grand thing, and bells were an old institution. For instance, Whitby had bells about the year 600, and York in 740. He supposed he ought to be thankful to the ringers of to-day, because it used to be the priest's duty in the olden times. Change-ringing was a later institution, which only dated back about 300 years. He hoped that the young ringers, some of whom had that day competed for the first time, would go on and persevere, and he would pray God to bless them and help them in their work. It gave him much pleasure to hand the silver cup to Mr. Rangeley, who had conducted the winning band.

Mr. Rangeley then received the cup, and suitably thanked the Vicar for the gift.

A vote of thanks to the judges was passed, and respon-

ded to. The secretary also moved a vote of thanks to the chairman, which the Vicar seconded, remarking that he had learnt a wrinkle or two on how to get on with business, and keep it going.

Mr. Drake responded, and thanked the meeting for its support. As the Vicar had got a wrinkle or two, he could like to give him another in stating that their Vicar at Brighouse always visited his ringers in the tower once every Sunday, and offered a prayer amongst them.

Thus terminated a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Henry Lewis, the President of this Association, in accordance with his promise at the last annual meeting, has recently presented to the Association, a handsome volume, capable of holding 250 cabinet portraits. The book has been installed in the cupboard in St. Peter's belfry, St. Albans, which has recently been added to contain the small library of ringing books presented to the Association by Mrs. Wigram, in remembrance of the late Canon Wigram. The Committee trust that the members, as a mark of their appreciation of the President's kindness, will without undue delay forward their portraits (cabinets only), to the Hon. Secretary, "Duffield," Russell Avenue, St. Albans, marking on the back their full Christian and surname, and town.

Messrs. Cherry and Co., photographers, of St. Albans, have generously offered to make a special reduction to bands, and probably other companies could make arrangements locally.

At the next annual meeting the Committee intend to submit for adoption, a set of rules for the use of the library, so that the books may be issued to members upon application. Gifts of books on ringing will be gratefully welcomed by the Secretary.

## ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(ESTABLISHED 1637.)

The following officers were on the 17th inst., elected for the year 1908-9. Master—Mr. J. W. Rowbotham; Hon. Secretary—Mr. W. T. Cockerill; Treasurer—Mr. A. Hughes; Senior Steward—Mr. Alfred Jones; Junior Steward—Mr. A. B. Peck; Trustees—Mr. C. F. Winney and Mr. W. Prime; Auditors—Mr. H. R. Newton and Mr. H. Langdon.

NESTON.—On Sunday, August 9th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 and 216 Stedman Triples. T. Metcalfe, J. Edwards, J. Tilley, W. Briscoe, W. Williams, C. Coventry, J. Meador conductor, J. Roberts. On August 26th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples, standing as before. On Sunday, August 5th, 408 Stedman Triples. On Sunday, August 12th, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Metcalfe, W. Williams, J. Edwards, J. Tilley, W. Briscoe, C. Coventry, J. Meador conductor, J. Roberts.

R. THOMAS.—The publisher may have a very few copies left of the number containing the Beverley pictures. You had better apply through your local newsagent at once. They are well worth the small cost.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.



## 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 ROYAL."

SIR,—In your issue of November 7th, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies asked for the impressions of some of those who were present at the Central Council meeting at Cambridge with regard to the resolution concerning the above.

As one who was present on that occasion I have, privately, expressed my impressions and views rather freely, and have been requested to state them publicly, which I gladly do, as I consider we are making history, and it should be the aim of every ringer to hand down to posterity only that which is absolutely correct.

I can fully endorse the impressions of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies's correspondent when he says that Mr. Attree's resolution, seconded by Mr. Pritchett, "That the Council declines to recognise any method hitherto rung or published as being entitled to the designation of London Surprise Royal," was passed unanimously.

The Rev. H. L. James resolution "That true London Surprise Royal is an impossibility," was rather sceptically received by some members—the President included—and was eventually shelved by the passing of the previous resolution.

Now let us consider a moment what that resolution means which the Ancient Society of College Youths passed at their special meeting on October 6th last; what effect it is likely to produce in the minds of the rising generation of ringers, on all future rulings of the Council. What base ingratitude and what a very bad example have they shewn? that Society, which likes to boast as the "premier" of ringing societies, who, if they ever held that position, have now by their action fallen to the level of a fifth or sixth grade.

While we are grateful to them as an ancient society for handing down to us records, and for all they have done in the past, yet they exist to-day merely as an antiquity. They have fulfilled their mission, and their work has been taken up and carried on most successfully by the County Associations.

But after all, I don't think the Council need seriously consider that resolution, passed by only a section of immediately interested members. I am convinced that a more broad-minded policy exists among the members in general.

The Central Council—the Ringers' Parliament—to which all Societies elect and send their representatives, was, if I understand it rightly, formed chiefly for the promotion of change-ringing, for discussing and solving, if possible, the many different and difficult problems which from time to time are continually cropping up, for obtaining for ringers that recognition which they deserve among the clergy and laity generally, for impressing upon ringers their true obligations to the Church as church workers. And who will venture to say that the Council has failed in its mission? They have faithfully carried out all those objects I have named, and much more beside. What about that splendid work The Glossary, The Preservation of Bells, Collection of Peals, Rules and Decisions, etc., which they have given to us? Are we to discard all these valuable works as useless, or as so much labour wasted? No; I cannot but believe that a very large majority of ringers greatly value and appreciate their labours. Speaking of The Glossary calls to mind the memory of the late revered Rev. H. Earle Bulwer. I wonder what he would have thought of such treatment from those who profess to be lovers of our glorious Art. That particular section of the Ancient Society of College Youths which passed the resolution of October 6th last, have, I consider, shewn very bad form. They have insulted the Central Council as a body, but particularly the President, Sir Arthur Heywood, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. Snowdon, Rev. H. L. James, Messrs. John Carter, Carpenter, Trollope, etc., and many other gentlemen I could easily name, who have given the Exercise the benefit of their great ability and labours, and to whose efforts ringers and ringing owe in a great measure, their present proud position. If we cannot accept the opinions of these experts, then I say the Council's labours are useless and all their efforts a farce.

E. BARNETT.

## H. MOORE'S REPLY TO JAMES HUNT.

SIR,—I read in last week's issue that Mr. Hunt did not keep to Superlative only, but brings up about a peal of Grandsire published part of a century ago. Now I wish to draw Mr. Hunt's attention to the Collection of peals of Grandsire passed by the Central Council, where he will find two twelve-part peals—Nos. 59 and 61. These two peals contain fifteen bobs and five singles each. My peal contains ten bobs and five singles, and Parker's peal twelve bobs and three singles. All these peals have been before the public for years. Now, according to Mr. Hunt's statement there are only two individuals who can claim twelve-part peals. I suppose all other twelve-part peals must be disqualified. I also wish to inform you I did not publish the peal of Superlative under the name of A. H. Moore, but as Henry Moore.

H. MOORE.

## A NEW METHOD.

SIR,—We would like to have the enclosed Minor method named "Wragby Delight" if it has not already received a name. The only way I know of finding this out is by asking the readers of "THE BELL NEWS." Therefore I hope you can oblige by publishing the enclosed. If it has been rung and named we must select another. I would like to ask your readers if the Treble Bob Minor method below has any known appellation? It is copied from legitimate methods (No. 12), published some time ago without a name, and supposed not to have been rung. If it has not already been named I would like, with our company's permission, to call it "Wragby Delight," which we will ring and establish its name for the future. A reply through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" will oblige.

J. E.

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## STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

On Monday afternoon, November 9th, being mayor's election day at St. Mary's parish church, a touch of Grandsire Triples 2520 changes, in 1 hr 26 mins. Wm. Gordon, sen, 1; J. H. Mason, 2; J. A. Gordon, 3; Jas. Fernley, 4; Alfred Gordon, 5; Wm. Gordon, jun., 6; A. S. Gordon, 7; E. Edmunds, 8.

Also during the mayor's procession to church on Sunday morning, November 15th, the same ringers on the same bells rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples 1908 changes in 1 hr 8 mins. Both touches arranged and conducted by Wm. Gordon, sen.

OLNEY (Bucks).—On Sunday afternoon, October 4th, for children's service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. B. Fisher, T. Wright, F. Boswell, W. Robinson, S. Smith, W. Freeman, F. Hopper conductor, E. Boswell.

**Miscellaneous Touches.****THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

LUTON.—On October 4th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 49 mins. W. Payne, F. Bonner, J. Davies, B. Wilson, H. Shepherd, C. Wing, J. Rookwood, A. King conductor. After service 560 Grandsire Triples. A. King, C. Wing conductor, F. Bonner, W. Payne, B. Wilson, H. Shepherd, J. Rookwood, H. Shaw. Recently, for a wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. W. Payne, H. Sear conductor, W. West, A. King, B. Wilson, J. Rookwood, A. Brightman, T. Gutteridge.

DUNSTABLE.—On September 25th, for practice on the back six, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. E. Franklin, A. J. Simms, G. Healey, H. Shepherd, A. King, Rev. W. W. C. Baker conductor.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

MOUNT SORRELL (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, September 27th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Grandsire Doubles. C. V. Smith, T. F. Saunders, G. Bowler, T. Collins, J. Wainwright, L. Bowler.

**THE SALOP GUILD.**

SHREWSBURY.—On Friday, September 26th, for practice at St. Chad's church, 420 Stedman Triples. G. J. Taylor, W. J. Taylor, G. Burrows, F. W. Taylor, W. R. Stockdale, A. Fullick, G. Byolin conductor, H. Jones. On Thursday, October 1st, 560 Grandsire Caters. J. Wall, G. Scarratt, G. Tipton, A. Teckoe, W. R. Stockdale, F. W. Taylor, G. Byolin, G. J. Taylor, A. Fullick, E. Garbett. On Sunday, October 4th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. G. J. Taylor conductor, W. J. Taylor, W. R. Stockdale, E. Jones, F. W. Taylor, H. Jones. And 120 Stedman Doubles, conducted by H. Jones.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

CIRENCESTER.—On Sunday, September 6th, at Holy Trinity church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. H. Lewis, F. J. Lewis conductor, W. C. Cuss, C. W. Martin, J. J. Jeffries, W. J. Finch. On Sunday, September 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. G. Cook, H. Lewis, F. J. Lewis conductor, W. C. Cuss, J. J. Jeffries, C. W. Martin, S. W. Moore, W. J. Finch.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**

CHEDDLETON (Staffs).—On Sunday, October 18th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Gilbert, F. Walwyn, J. Rider, H. Birch conductor, E. A. Ridgway, E. Spooner.

NORTON (Staffs).—On Sunday, October 4th, 240 each of Violet, Woodbine, and Oxford. J. Ryles, W. C. Taylor, J. E. Wheeldon, W. C. Lawrence, B. Pegg, F. T. Dawson conductor. On Sunday, October 11th, 720 Killamarsh Surprise. W. C. Deane, W. C. Taylor, H. B. Harding, J. E. Wheeldon, B. Pegg, conductor, F. T. Dawson.

LEEK (Staffs).—On Sunday, October 18th, on the occasion of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Lichfield to St. Edward's church, 504 Grandsire Triples for morning service. J. Harlow, A. Rider, E. Sharratt, jun., J. Newall, J. Rider, F. Spilsbury, E. A. Ridgway conductor, A. Abbott. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Marlow, A. Rider, F. Walwyn, J. Rider, J. E. Wheeldon, who hails from Norton, E. Sharratt, jun., E. A. Ridgway conductor, A. Abbott.

COLCHESTER.—On Sunday, September 27th, at St. Peter's church, on the occasion of the first meeting for the winter months of the Church of England Men's Society, 864 Kent Treble Bob. H. J. Mallows, H. T. Pye, W. Button, W. Green, F. L. Bumpstead, E. W. Stannard, W. Burch, W. J. Schofield conductor. On Monday, September 28th, with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. Polley, wife of Mr. A. Polley, churchwarden, the usual whole pull and stand, 352 Bob Major. G. W. Dixon, H. T. Pye, E. W. Hammond,

W. Chalk, F. L. Bumpstead, A. Burch, A. Rivers, W. J. Schofield conductor. And 518 Grandsire Triples. G. W. Dixon, E. W. Hammond conductor, W. Button, W. Green, F. L. Bumpstead, W. Chalk, W. Burch, W. J. Schofield. On Sunday, October 4th, 1008 Double Norwich. A. Rivers, E. W. Stannard, W. Button, W. Chalk, F. L. Bumpstead, A. Burch, W. Burch, W. J. Schofield conductor.

CHIPPENHAM (Wilts).—On Sunday, September 19th, at St. Andrew's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. L. Ambrose, S. Wiltshire, A. Evans, A. F. M. Stewart, A. Knight, W. Hulbert, F. Merrett conductor, E. Perry, tenor.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Thursday, September 24th, at St. Nicholas's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. C. Johnson, W. Foreman, W. Weatherstone, E. E. Richards conductor, T. Taylor, E. J. Webb, F. W. Thornton, F. H. Gooch.

EXETER.—On Sunday evening, September 20th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1299 changes. E. Shepherd conductor, W. Richardson, W. Drake, C. Carter, W. Mogridge, T. Mudge, E. Sargent, F. Murphy, J. Moss, A. Monkley.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, September 26th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. E. Stringer, G. Garrison, G. Parsons, M. Murphy, W. J. Meers, T. Wells, G. Swann conductor, C. Storer. Rung on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the new mission church. On Sunday, September 27th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. Preston, W. Hartwell, T. Russam, J. Sanders, G. Garrison, T. Wells, W. J. Meers conductor, C. Storer. This was T. Russam's first touch since his return from Canada, the ringers welcoming him back as ringing master at Erdington.

KEWSTOKE (Somerset).—On Sunday, October 4th, for Divine Service, 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Weakley, J. Farley, J. H. Weakley, W. Thomas, A. Thomas conductor, C. Thomas. And 120 with E. B. Crowder ringing the 3rd.

DINTING (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, October 11th, for evening service at Holy Trinity church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Neal, S. Shaw, J. Maloney conductor, C. Brooks, R. Newton, A. Lawton.

RIPLEY (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, October 4th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob, 1280 changes, in 50 mins. J. Pagett conductor, A. Bowmer, G. A. Haslem, J. Bourne, F. Hill, Fred Hill, H. George, G. A. Goodwin. Rung as a farewell touch to G. A. Goodwin, who is leaving Ripley for Abergavenny, his brother-ringers wishing him every success.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, October 25th, at Christ Church, a plain course each of London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise by the following nine ringers: G. F. Margetson, G. Bester, F. G. Tegg, W. Pickworth, J. Armstrong, P. A. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, S. Wade. And 168 Stedman Triples, H. Armstrong ringing the tenor.

SHALFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 4th, for the Harvest Festival, 720 Oxford Bob. T. Thompson, G. Elston, T. Streeter, E. Lucas, T. Bond, W. G. Trewin conductor. For evening service 720 Bob Minor. T. Thompson, E. Lucas, T. Streeter, G. Elston, T. Bond, W. G. Trewin conductor.

SAMLESBURY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 11th, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor. E. R. Martin, A. Bailey, R. G. Armstrong, J. Bailey, E. Armstrong, R. Broughton.

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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 the 26th; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 30th; both at 8 p.m.

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

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Basingstoke District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke to-day, Saturday, November 21st. Bells (8), available afternoon and evening. Short service at the parish church at 5.30. Tea at the Church Cottage at 6. Meeting after. F. G. HUME, *Dis. Sec.*  
Oakley, Basingstoke.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bury, to-day, Saturday, November 21st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. J. ROLLERSON, *Br. Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Derby Branch.—The monthly district meeting will be held at Etwall (6 bells), on Saturday, November 28th. Ringing from 2 p.m. The Vicar (Rev. G. L. Dickinson, M.A.) has generously offered to provide tea. All who intend being present must send word not later than the 26th inst. to Mr. J. C. Hunt, Etwall, as provision only will be made for those who comply with the above request. Members and friends from outside districts are cordially invited. A. H. WARD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting of this society will be held at Holbeck on Saturday, November 28th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting in Parochial Room (rear of church), at 7.30 p.m. GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the church of St. Leonard-the-Less, Samesbury, on Saturday, November 28th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. Tea will be provided in the school at a charge of 1s. each to those who write to Mr. R. Armstrong, Potter Lane, Higher Walton.

R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Christchurch District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on Saturday, November 28th. Bells available from 3.30. Service at 5.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall at 6 p.m. Meeting after.

G. PRESTON, *Dis. Sec.*  
3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. All ringing friends will be heartily welcomed. Will members kindly note change of Secretary, who will be pleased to receive any outstanding subscriptions. H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*

Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

**The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sedgley on Saturday, December 5th. The tower will be open for ringing at 4. Service

in church at 5 o'clock. There will be a free tea provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, December 2nd.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*  
16, Wilmcote Place, Oxford Street, Dudley.

**The Essex Association.**—South-Western Division.—A bye-meeting will be held at Wanstead on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available, with those of Woodford and Leytonstone, at 3.30 p.m., followed by a service at Wanstead, and tea in the Mission Hall adjoining. The object primarily is to raise funds for a new peal in the place of the steel bells at present used, and the clergy will be invited to attend. Particulars as to service, etc., next week. Will those members who intend being present, kindly communicate with G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
South Woodford.

**The Essex Association.**—South-Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Saturday, December 5th. Tea at The Dolphin hotel at 5.30 p.m. By kind permission of the Rector (Rev. Canon Lake), the bells of St. Mary's will be open for ringing from 4 to 5.20, and from 7 to 9 p.m. I shall be much obliged if members who intend to be present at the tea, will kindly let me know by December 2nd.

HENRY F. COOPER, *Hon. Sec.*  
County Offices, Chelmsford.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) will be available from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.

J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—A meeting will be held at Chatham on Saturday, December 12th. The tower will be open from 3 until 7.30, and from 8 until 9. Will the Secretaries please send the times of Sunday ringing at their respective churches to me when forwarding annual subscriptions.

A. B. ROBSON, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
39, Windsor Road, Gillingham.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Glastonbury on Saturday, December 12th. Service at St. John's church at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Avalon dining-rooms, High Street, at 4.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. The following bells are available during the afternoon: Glastonbury (St. John's), 8 bells; St. Benedict (6 bells); Street (8 bells).

E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

**Notice.**—The tower of St. Luke's, Chelsea, is open for practice every Tuesday at 8 p.m. All visitors are welcome. J. PRYER, *Hon. Sec.*

**NOTES TO PEALS.**

**THE PEAL AT ST. NEOTS.**—These bells were cast at the Priory at St. Neots, by Robert Taylor, great grandfather of Mr. J. W. Taylor, of Loughborough, about the year 1753, and is the only peal in Hunts. cast by him. It is also the first peal rung on tower bells in St. Neots for 155 years. A company of change-ringers existed at St. Neots about 1753, and it is believed several 5000s were rung on St. Neots bells, although records of all performances were lost in the restoration of the church. It is hoped a stir will now be made to get the fine ring of eight at St. Neots rehung. The band wish to thank the Rector

(Rev. T. Hodgson), and churchwardens for the use of the bells. It was also rung in honour of the King's birthday.

**DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.**

By JAMES PAGETT, *Derby.*

5120.

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53246 - -

34256 - -

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53624 - -

32654 - -

56234 - -

26435 - -

63425 - -

32465 - -

Three times repeated; single in lieu of bob half-way and end.

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By J. MARTIN, *Liverpool.*

5152.

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35426 - -

42356 - -

65324 - - -

26354 - - -

35264 - - -

23564 - - -

50234 - - -

42635 - - -

63425 - - -

54326 - - -

25346 - - -

34256 - - -

Repeat the last ten courses.

**GRANDSIRE CATERS.**

By HENRY MOORE, *Minehead.*

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Repeat eleven times, adding a single at 6 in the second course of the twelfth part. Bells run round next course 5058. 6th home thirty-six times through the peal at the course-ends.

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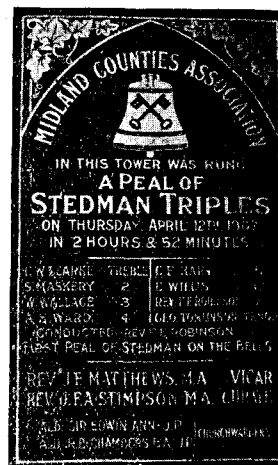
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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1908.

AMONG the notices of meetings in this number appears one worthy of remark. A branch of the Essex Association intends to hold a meeting at Wanstead, an eastern suburb of the metropolis, on the 5th of next month. Wanstead, be it understood, has a church possessing six bells, but they are made of steel! a metal though useful in its way, is a most improper material for church bells. The object of this meeting, primarily, is the raising of a fund to substitute real bells for these steel instruments. The idea is praiseworthy, and all our readers will be pleased to hear that the movement is successful. Those concerned in such a holy work must be prompt and energetic, and not allow their efforts to stagnate in the least. By skilful hands room could be found for a nice light ring of eight.

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**The Metropolis.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, November 9, 1908, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.**

Tenor 36 cwt.

JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. .. 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 9.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 10.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. .. 5.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 11.
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 6.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

First peal on the bells after being rehung in an iron frame by Messrs. Warner.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, November 12, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM SHIMMANS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM BERRY .. .. 5.
EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 9.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES .. .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	FREDERICK H. GOOCH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung on the fourth anniversary of the re-opening of the bells, also as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Berry and Thornton, who were unfortunately prevented from taking part in it.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, November 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS .. .. Treble.	JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 6.
CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 3.	*ALBERT W. COLES .. .. 7.
SAMUEL J. BIRD .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal in the method away from the treble.

**WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.***On Saturday, November 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

HUGH T. SCARLETT .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR R. JACOB .. .. 5.
ALBERT BRIGHTMAN .. .. 2.	ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	THOMAS CARD .. .. 7.
HENRY RUMENS .. .. 4.	FRANK H. HULL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

**The Provinces.****MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, October 31, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

W. DRAGON* .. .. Treble.	O. GILBEY .. .. 4.
C. FRANKUM .. .. 2.	E. G. FRANKUM .. .. 5.
E. NASH† .. .. 3.	A. NASH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. G. FRANKUM.

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

**WARNHAM, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF COURT BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

MICHAEL CHARMAN* .. .. Treble.	†WESLEY PETTIFER .. .. 5.
JOHN COOK .. .. 2.	GEORGE WOODMAN .. .. 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7.
EDWARD STANFORD† .. .. 4.	ALBERT CHARMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN COOK.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. This is the quarterly peal that was arranged.

**SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.****THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

THOMAS HODGSON .. .. Treble.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 5.
THOMAS HAIGH .. .. 2.	FREDERICK W. STOKES .. .. 6.
EDWARD RICKETT* .. .. 3.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. .. 7.
JAMES THOMPSON .. .. 4.	ABRAHAM HAIGH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal on the bells by the Association, and first peal in the method on the bells. \*First peal in the method. The ringers tender their best thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. — Glennie) and his wife for kindly entertaining them to tea after the peal.

**KIRDFORD, SUSSEX.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(THE DUNSFOLD SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, November 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

MOSES PULLEN* .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK PLEASANCE .. .. 4.
ERNEST W. SMITHERS .. .. 2.	ALBERT SMITHERS .. .. 5.
HARRY DAVY .. .. 3.	JESSE W. HARRISON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. HARRISON.

\*First peal.

**COBHAM, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

C. WATERMAN .. .. Treble.	*A. SHEARMAN .. .. 4.
W. WALKER* .. .. 2.	I. WOOD .. .. 5.
G. MUNGEAM* .. .. 3.	*W. MABSE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. WATERMAN.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells by the local band.

**MERSHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

WALTER T. EARL* .. .. Treble.	ALFRED E. GOWER .. .. 5.
CHARLES W. PLAYER .. .. 2.	ERNEST CHEESMAN .. .. 6.
SIDNEY PAINE .. .. 3.	EDWARD S. RUCK .. .. 7.
WILLIAM E. FITMAN .. .. 4.	GEORGE PAINE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

\*First peal.

**POTTON, BEDS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt.

WILLIAM H. COMPTON* .. Treble.	CHARLES A. PRATT .. 4.
GEORGE W. INSKIP* .. 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 5.
SAMUEL STUBBINGS* .. 3.	EDMUND C. CHASTY .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\*First peal. Rung as the quarterly peal of the Association

EMBERTON, BUCKS,  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, November 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty 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.

GEORGE H. F. WEST* .. Treble.	ERNEST G. MYNARD .. 4.
WILLIAM SHARP† .. 2.	WILLIAM FREEMAN .. 5.
JOHN LOVELL .. 3.	FREDERICK J. MYNARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. MYNARD.

\*First peal. †First peal away from the treble.

BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.  
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 8, 1908, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN FLOOD .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM CRANE, JUN. .. 5.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 2.	JAMES H. MIDWINTER .. 6.
RICHARD G. PRITCHARD .. 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 7.
THOMAS H. DYER .. 4.	WILLIAM CRANE, SEN. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. G. F. Hoad on the occasion of his marriage to Miss F. Messingham, which took place at the parish church, Bletchley, on October 31st. Unfortunately the attempt could not be made that day, owing to illness near the church. The band wish the happy couple every happiness.

**NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, November 9, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 43 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

GEORGE P. BURTON .. Treble.	ERNEST POPPY .. 6.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. 7.
CHARLES BAKER .. 3.	FREDERICK DAY .. 8.
CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 4.	WILLIAM STEELE .. 9.
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. 5.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PRISTOW, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

**STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.****THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, November 9, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, HEAVILEY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON .. Treble.	EDWIN H. LEWIS .. 6.
WILLIAM LOWERY .. 2.	JOHN W. BAYLEY .. 7.
HIBAM MEAKIN .. 3.	GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. 8.
ALFRED BARNES .. 4.	RICHARD NEWTON .. 9.
FRED HOLT .. 5.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES MORGAN, and Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

**LEISTON, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, November 9, 1908, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JAMES M. BAILEY .. Treble.	EDGAR H. BAILEY .. 5.
GEORGE BERRY .. 2.	ERNEST S. BAILEY .. 6.
NORMAN R. BAILEY .. 3.	CHARLES SAMSON .. 7.
FREDERICK J. SMITH .. 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method by all, who are all local members Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

**BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Monday, November 9, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, Reverse College Single, and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE .. Treble.	*FREDERICK BLOOD .. 4.
ALBERT E. LARKINSON* .. 2.	JAMES OSBORNE .. 5.
JOHN W. LAKE .. 3.	ARTHUR J. HOLMES .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

\*First peal in seven methods. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

**CHISLEHURST, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, November 9, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE FRENCH* .. Treble.	*THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5.
ISAAC EMERY .. 2.	ROBERT BRETT SMITH .. 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 3.	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL .. 7.
ARTHUR J. LEWIS* .. 4.	T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and  
Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

\*First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the King's birthday, also in honour of the installation of Sir George Wyatt Truscott, a resident of Chislehurst, as Lord Mayor of London.

**BEDFORD.**

(THE ST. PETER'S COMPANY.)

*On Monday, November 9, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE MERTON,

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

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

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

JOHN BATES .. Treble.	WILLIAM STAPLETON .. 4.
CHARLES A. PRATT .. 2.	CHARLES STAPLETON .. 5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 3.	CHARLES A. ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES A. ROBINSON.

Rung in honour of the King's birthday; also the election of Alderman Moulton to the office of Mayor.

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Eighteen gallons, 12s., nine gallons, 6s., f.o.r. in consumers' casks. **DESSERT and COOKING APPLES.**—LONGNEY, Stoke Lacy, Worcester.



## ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 9, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

SAMUEL JONES† .. .. Treble.	JAMES MORGAN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BIBBY† .. .. 2.	HENRY W. WILDE .. .. 6.
GEORGE JONES .. .. 3.	JAMES V. WRIGHT .. .. 7.
THOMAS NEWELL .. .. 4.	*JOHN THOMAS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

\*First peal. †First peal of Triples. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to commemorate the 67th birthday of His Majesty King Edward VII.

## SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 10, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

ARTHUR CAMPLING .. .. Treble.	HARRY V. FLETCHER .. .. 3.
REV. C. J. STURTON .. .. 2.	JOHN B. HALLIFAX .. .. 4.
GEORGE R. TRUSS .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by JOHN B. HALLIFAX.

First peal on the bells.

## SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Tuesday, November 10, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE .. .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.
ROBERT E. STAVERT .. .. 2.	*GEORGE SPENCER .. .. 6.
CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. .. 7.
JAMES MERRICK .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM WARNE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

\*First peal of Stedman. The band desire to thank Mr. and Mrs. Warne for their kindness in providing tea.

## BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 10, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

F. PEACOCK* .. .. Treble.	*R. CATLOW .. .. 5.
R. BALDERSTONE* .. .. 2.	J. WATSON .. .. 6.
A. DENTON* .. .. 3.	M. KEARNEY .. .. 7.
J. HARGREAVES .. .. 4.	*F. HINDLE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. WALEER, and Conducted by J. WATSON.

\*First peal.

## PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 10, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

ARTHUR TOFT* .. .. Treble.	FRANK JONES .. .. 5.
WILLIAM TOFT† .. .. 2.	†JAMES ORME .. .. 6.
ROBERT PEARL† .. .. 3.	†FRANK SMALL .. .. 7.
WILLIAM TAPRALL† .. .. 4.	EDWIN BREEZE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by E. BREEZE.

\*First peal. †First peal of Major. First peal with a bob bell by the ringers of the 2nd and 7th.

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

## EYNESBURY, ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ST. NEOTS AND EYNESBURY SOCIETIES AND THE HUNTS. ARCHDEACONRY.)

On Tuesday, November 10, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

EDMUND C. CHASTY .. .. Treble.	SIDNEY J. COLEMAN .. .. 4.
SIDNEY J. PECK .. .. 2.	HEBBERT FIELDS .. .. 5.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal on the bells. Further reference elsewhere.

## BISHOP AUCKLAND, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT ST. ANDREW'S, SOUTH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

SYDNEY RYDER* .. .. Treble.	JACKSON PALLISTER .. .. 5.
CECIL C. RYDER* .. .. 2.	*TIMOTHY BROWN .. .. 6.
GEORGE H. TAYLOR* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM KINGDON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. PEVERELL .. .. 4.	THOMAS J. BROWN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS J. BROWN.

\*First peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to G. H. TAYLOR, the ringer of the 3rd.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, November 12, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM LOADER* .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE W. BRION .. .. 6.
HENRY L. GARFATH .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM T. COX .. .. 7.
FRANK BLONDELL .. .. 3.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. .. 8.
MAURICE SMITHER† .. .. 4.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 9.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SBN. .. .. 5.	SYDNEY G. STEER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. NEWSON, and Conducted by SEPTIMUS RADFORD.

†First peal of Caters. \*First peal on ten bells. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

## CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

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

(THE CHRIST CHURCH (SOUTHGATE) SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 12, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. .. Treble.	HARRY MILLER .. .. 5.
FREDERICK G. TEGG .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. .. 6.
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IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

H. RUSHEY .. .. Treble.	C. TAYLOR .. .. 5.
P. C. LONG .. .. 2.	E. BROWN .. .. 6.
A. W. LONG .. .. 3.	J. E. KENNINGTON .. 7.
C. KENNINGTON† .. 4.	J. W. SEAMER .. .. Tenor.

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## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 12, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,**  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED F. HILLIER .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. ROBSON .. 5.
EDWARD A. HEEN .. .. 2.	R. ALDER GOFTON .. 6.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. 7.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. 4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Tenor.

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AT 19, OLD JEWRY, E.C.,

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THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 1-2.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 5-6.
BETRAM PREWETT .. 3-4.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. 7-8.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Umpires—A. T. King, C. T. Coles. and W. Lawrence.

## Date Touches.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HESSLE (Yorks).—On Saturday, October 3rd, at the parish church, a date touch of 1908 changes in 1 hr. 10 mins., being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 468 Bob Minor. C. Jackson conductor, T. Stockdale, J. Highfield, H. Rodmell, L. Rodmell, A. Naylor.

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## Miscellaneous.

## SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, October 18th, for Divine Service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 1167 Stedman Caters. A. N. Hardy, W. Matthews, A. R. Jacob, E. Barnett, jun., T. Card, F. Bennett conductor, F. Smith, W. Berry, F. A. Holden, W. Shimmans.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PAULTON (Somerset).—On Sunday, October 4th, at Holy Trinity Church, for Harvest Festival services, two quarter-peals of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles in 46 mins. each. Geo. Maggs, Geo. Hall, W. Maggs, J. Hunt, E. Godwin, C. Smith.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOKINGHAM (Berks).—On Sunday, October 4th, for morning service at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. E. Whittingham, F. Paice, A. Wiggins, F. Lush, A. Price, J. French, W. J. Paice conductor, A. Hill. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

## CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAUNDS.—On Sunday, October 4th, for morning service, 756 Stedman Triples and a course of Double Norwich. For evening service a course of Superlative, three courses of Bob Major, a touch of Double Norwich, and a course of Grandsire Triples. W. J. Gilbert, F. Gilbert, W. Gilbert, F. Kirk, A. Kirk, B. J. Saddington, H. Stubbs, F. Stubbs, H. Copperwheat, F. Barber, H. Sharman, and R. Pendered.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Mon).—At the church of All Saints, on September 24th, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving Service 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Butler, F. Charles, J. Bullen, F. Attwell conductor. A. Thomas, J. Pippin, J. W. Jones, J. Goddard, also 336 of Bob Major. J. Butler, F. Charles, J. Bullen, F. Attwell, A. Thomas, A. Morgan, J. Pippin, J. W. Jones conductor. On September 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by J. George. J. Bullen, F. Charles, M. Selby, J. Jones, A. Morgan conductor, C. Bowen, J. W. Jones, W. Crompton. On October 2nd, for practice, 224 of Bob Major. C. Bowen, F. Charles, J. Butler, S. Dawe, F. Attwell, A. Morgan, J. Pippin, J. W. Jones.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAZEL GROVE (Cheshire).—On September 9th, at St. Thomas's church, 720 Woodbine. On September 20th, 720 College Single containing 39 Bobs, 18 Singles, by T. Millington. On September 27th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, also 720 College Single. On October 1st 720 Merchants Return. On October 3rd an attempt for a 5040 in seven methods failed after ringing 720 Warnham Court, 720 Plain Bob, and 720 College Single. H. Hallworth, H. Williamson, H. Langley, J. W. Hartley, J. Bancroft, A. S. Gordon, Jas. Fernley, and S. Fernley.

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mously accorded to the Vicars of Ewell and St. Martin, Epsom, respectively, for their kind permission to ring that day: also to Mr. C. C. Cox for making the necessary arrangements for the outing. A little handbell ringing was then indulged in, and subsequently the members of the party strolled leisurely down to St. Martin's, where, with Mr. Snelling, the captain of St. Martin's band, and others of the local ringers, many good touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Bob Major were rung until the time came, all too soon, for departure. London was reached again about 10.30, and everybody dispersed with the feeling that the day had passed off in a thoroughly satisfactory manner.

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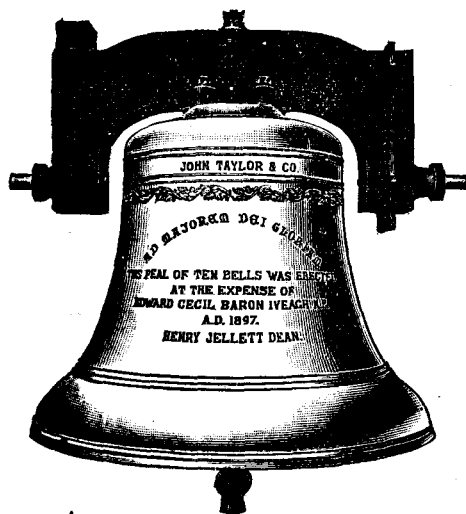
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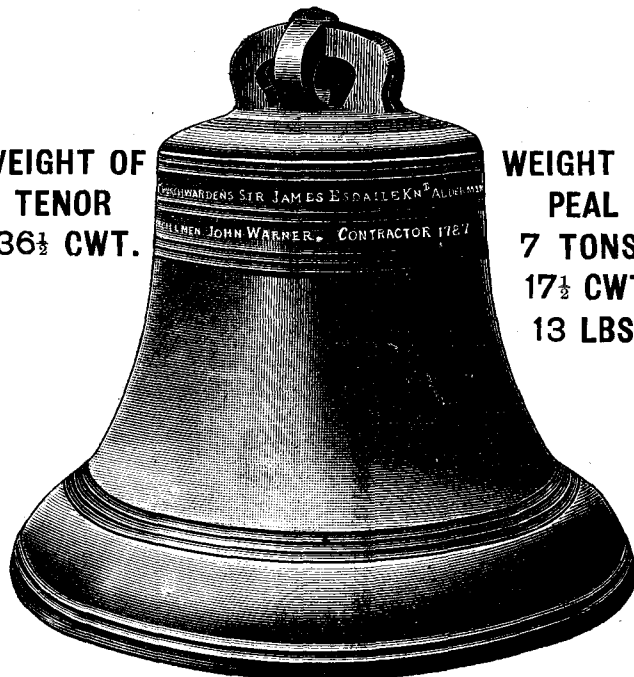
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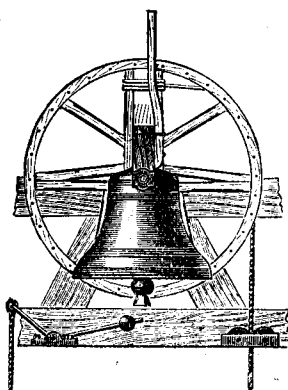
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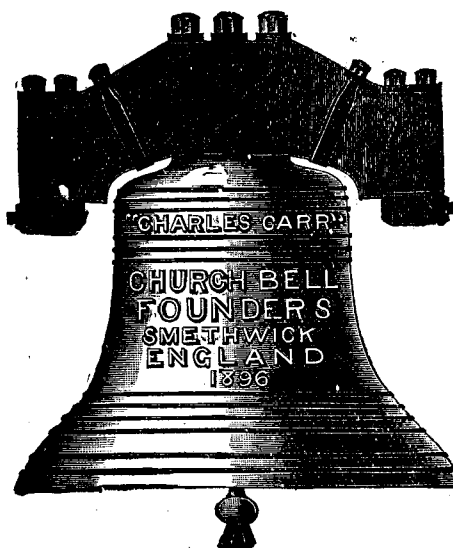
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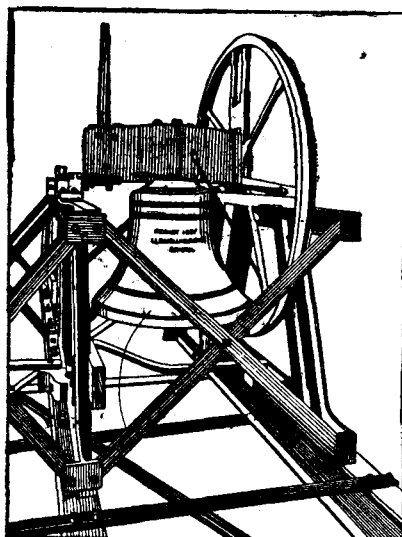
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## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the members of the Winchester district of the above association was held at Southampton on Saturday, November 14th.

Arrangements had been made to ring the bells of Holy Rood church during the afternoon, but owing to an accident to one of the bells this could not be done, and St. Michael's were rung both afternoon and evening. Tea, at which there were about sixty present, was held in St. Michael's schoolroom, the Master of the Guild (Rev. C. Matthews), presiding. At the business meeting which followed, the balance-sheet for the year, which showed a balance in favour of the district, was adopted. The district has now 143 performing members; last year there were 115.

The Rev. Canon Braithwaite was unanimously re-elected chairman for the ensuing year; Messrs. Wilfrid Andrews (Winchester), and George Williams (North Stoneham), were elected to represent the district on the Central Committee; Mr. George Smith was appointed auditor, and Mr. J. W. Elkins Hon. Secretary.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Romsey on the second Saturday in November, 1909, and to hold three quarterly meetings—one at Alton in February, another at Eling in May, and the third at Stockbridge in August. Special practices have been held during the year at Winchester, Romsey, Twyford, and Southampton, of which Mr. G. Williams gave a detailed account, showing that considerable progress had been made in the study of Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative methods. A remark made by Mr. W. C. Lampard (Winchester), on the subject of ringing church bells for the services of the church was very warmly supported by the Master, who said he hoped all ringers would do their utmost to be true and loyal churchmen, and look upon the privileges of ringing the bells to call worshippers to the church as one of the highest importance.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, churchwardens and ringers of St. Michael's for the use of the bells, and for their kind hospitality to the visitors.

During the proceedings the Master announced that the Rev. W. E. Colchester, Rector of St. Maurice, Winchester, had consented to take over the General Secretaryship of the Guild in the place of the Rev. C. W. Scott, who is going abroad.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the north-western division was held at Bishops Stortford, on Saturday, November 14th. Dinner was partaken of under the presidency of the Rev. J. B. Andrewes, Vicar of Harlow (the Master), who was unfortunately unable to stay for the business meeting. Mr. F. Pitstow was then chosen chairman. The hon. secretary, Mr. J. F. Penning, read the minutes of the last meeting (Newport) and gave his report, in the course of which it was stated that it had been intended to hold this meeting at Broxbourne, but the belfry was unavailable, so many parishioners disapproving of the bellringing. The

secretary also advocated the formation of a benevolent fund for old and disabled members, and alluded to the "while wait waits" paragraph which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" a short time ago, and hoped that Mr. W. Willson would favour them with his promised scheme.

The chairman (Mr. F. Pitstow) referring to the question of cheap tickets, announced that as the result of representations to Lord Claud Hamilton (chairman of the Great Eastern Railway), the concession of tickets at a fare and a quarter had been granted to parties of not less than eight ringers.

Mr. J. F. Wilkes (Elmdon), and the Rev. F. Berry (Wenden), were elected honorary members, and Mr. G. Clark (Harlow), a ringing member. Messrs. E. H. King, B. Patmore and G. F. Williams were elected life members.

The Chairman proposed the re-election of the Rev. J. B. Andrewes as Master, but as it was stated that Mr. Andrewes was not desirous of being re-elected, Mr. Watts proposed that Mr. F. Pitstow be Master for the ensuing year. Mr. N. J. Pitstow seconded, Mr. H. J. Tucker supported, and the proposition was carried nem. con.

Mr. F. Pitstow said he would do the best he could for them; if any instruction was wanted he would try his best to give it. Mr. J. F. Penning was re-elected hon. secretary. On the proposition of Mr. T. Jordan it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Harlow. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the retiring Master, the hon. secretary, and the Rev. T. W. Lane for the use of the bells.

The meeting was represented by ringers from Bishops Stortford, Harlow, Sawbridgeworth, Stansted, Saffron Walden, Ware, Roydon, Hoddesdon, Great and Little Munden, Bengoe, etc., and the methods rung included the lowest and highest standards of the Exercise.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of the Basingstoke District was held at Basingstoke on Saturday, November 21st, and proved to be a record meeting, forty members turning up from Andover, Basingstoke, Bramley, Oakley, Beckfield, Sherfield, Strathfieldsaye, and two from places outside the district. Most of these attended the evening service in the parish church at 5.30, and all sat down to an excellent meat tea, served by host Philpott, in the Church Cottage, by kind permission of the Vicar, who is also the President of the district. The business meeting was held in the chapter room, when the President took the chair. The accounts showed receipts £11 5s. 4d., expenditure £6 10s., balance to credit £4 15s. 4d. The Vicar, Dr. Boustead, was unanimously re-elected President, Miss White representative on the central committee, and the Rev. F. G. Hume secretary and treasurer. Three fresh towers were affiliated, and four members elected to existing bands, giving an addition of over twenty members. The bells were set going to Grandsire and Stedman from about four in the afternoon.

# THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The Two Hundred and Seventy-First Anniversary Dinner of this Society was held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 14th. The chair was occupied by Mr. Arthur Hughes, Master for the year, and Mr. E. P. O'Meara, Master for last year, occupied the vice-chair. There was an attendance of about 120 members of the Society, including Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Miss MacAlpine Leny, of Speldhurst; Miss Gillbanks, of Stourbridge; the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne; the Rev. J. W. Eisdell, Vicar of Barking; Mr. R. A. Daniell, of Chiswick; Mr. J. W. Taylor, of Loughborough; Mr. C. H. Hattersley, of Sheffield, and the following other great lights in the ringing world: Matthew Wood, Edwin Horrex, Challis Winney, James Pettit, Bob Newton, Wm. Garrard, Wm. T. Cockerill (the able and popular honorary secretary), etc. Letters and telegrams regretting inability to attend, and sending best wishes for the success of the evening and the future prosperity of the Society, were received from the Ven. the Archdeacon of London, Lieut.-General Sir Henry Mackinnon, R.C.B., C.V.O., Lieut. George Mackinnon, H.M.S. "Russell," Lieut. Lachlan Mackinnon, H.M.S. "Excellent," the Rector of Speldhurst, the Ven. Archdeacon of Southwark, the Rev. Canon Bell, D.D., Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill, Mr. W. Newell, of Reading, Mr. G. Bowen, of Ilfracombe, Mr. G. Potter, of Newcastle, Mr. Judd, of Southend, etc.

The Master, Mr. Arthur Hughes, submitted the first toast of the evening—"Church, King, and State," and said that it consisted of three things essential to the good of the country. May they ever remain as they appear on the programme, in good harmony and inseparable. The Church is on as firm a foundation as ever. He trusted that disestablishment would never be seriously entertained, as it would be a national calamity. There had been great meetings in London of the heads of the Church from all parts of the world, with excellent results. One of the colonial visitors had told him that one of the most pleasant memories to take back with him was the sound of the church bells. Bells were rarely heard across the water. The King was a ruler of whom they were proud. His Majesty spared himself in nothing for the good of the country. All trusted that he would be spared many years to continue his successful reign. At the head of State he trusted would be always men of good foresight, who would realize the importance of keeping up the dignity of the dear old country and the Church.

The toast was received with musical honours.

The Rev. J. W. Eisdell, Vicar of Barking, in responding, said: When I look on the programme and see the name of the Ven. Archdeacon of London, I am reminded of a story of a boy who kept bantams and was disappointed at the size of their eggs. His father had brought home an ostrich egg, and an idea struck the boy, who purloined the ostrich egg and hung it up in the bantam's cage with these words written on it: "Look at this and do your best." Well, I look at this great name and do my best. I feel somewhat unable to produce that kind of egg which the Archdeacon would have produced on this occasion. When the toast of the Church is proposed and responded to by a body of men such as the College Youths, we know that it is not by any outsiders but by men who are close in the embrace of the Church itself. At Barking I am proud to tell you that we have the best set of ringers in the country. All bellringers are amongst the most loyal of the Church's sons. They are the very best of church workers. Their fidelity, their earnestness, their keenness, is perfectly amazing to me. I do not know any branch of church work which is carried out with such lasting enthusiasm as the work in the belfries. When we went on our summer trip and had the honour of being entertained by Miss Leny and others, I should have thought the bellringers would want to sit under the trees and smoke their pipes and think about bells; but no, they flew up into the belfry, and they pulled away for dear life, and came down hot, simply because of their great enthusiasm in the service of the Church which they love, and the work which they have cultivated as a branch

of the work to which God has called them. I need say no more except to acknowledge with very much gratitude the hearty manner in which you have drunk the toast of the Church, the King, and the State.

Sir Arthur Heywood was heartily greeted on rising to propose the toast—"The Ancient Society of College Youths." Sir Arthur said: I must first thank the Master for the kindly terms of his reference to me. It is always a great pleasure to me to come here amongst you whenever I can, and I take it as a very great honour—I think for the second, if not for the third time, I am asked to propose to you what I suppose you consider to be the toast of the evening, that of the Ancient Society of College Youths. It is a Society I suppose that we have a right to number amongst the ancient Guilds of the Metropolis. It is perfectly true that we have not got a great hall to call our own, as some City Guilds have. In fact I can recall the time not much more than twenty years ago when, as a youthful member of this Society, I used in fear and trembling to pick my way along the lonesome Winchester Street to that dark little door which opened into a room that might have been the meeting place of some society of Nihilists. From time to time we have known that ringers have disappeared from this country. It is true occasionally they have turned up in Australia, the Antipodes or elsewhere, but it has often occurred to me that those of whom we have heard no more may have been done away with in the confines of that dark street. But at any rate all that is changed now, and if we have not got a great city hall, at all events we have a respectable meeting place. But I don't think that it is at all necessary that a Guild like ours, or any Guild, should be measured by the magnificence of its surroundings. We have, as a Guild, upheld the Art of change-ringing now for getting on for three centuries, and that one Society should, among all others, have made it its first business, for I am sure you will none of you who come from the country grumble if I call the Ancient Society of College Youths the premier ringing society. I am quite sure that we may very fairly claim that it is a great honour to have upheld the difficult and intricate Art of change-ringing through so many years. And there are perhaps many other things that might be quoted; most of them are to be found in the peal books of the Society, and others are well known to you, the great deeds of those who have passed away, that perhaps it were wiser this evening to refer to something which perhaps is not so much before your minds in regard to the value of this Society. I referred, I think, on a former occasion, and the Vicar of Barking has already referred, to the value of ringers as churchmen. I have advised you that if you value your churches and value your bells you should uphold in every way you can the old Church of England. I do not think that it will do that you should one whit less support that Church now than formerly. The Master has already mentioned Church disestablishment. You have heard that it is proposed during next year that the Church in Wales should be disestablished. Whether they will take away churches from us, whether they will take away the bells or melt them up and sell them I don't know. I don't know whether you saw in the paper a nursery maid with two little children in a perambulator, and she wheeled them off the end of Blackpool pier, the shore end. Now it seems to me that the disestablishment of the Church in Wales is very much such a scare as that. Don't be scared. They will not disestablish the Church in Wales if churchmen will stand up—they can't do it. The Church in Wales is a great deal stronger than it was the last time it was proposed to be disestablished, and they won't do it. Don't be scared. I should rather like to put the Society before you in another light. I consider the Ancient Society of College Youths is a national asset of great value at the present time. And I tell you why. It is a time of very considerable difficulty in labour, in finance, almost in everything that concerns our daily life there are difficulties. It is a critical time. There was on this London and Chatham line a man travelling down by one of the boat trains, and the train was going at a tremendous pace, and you know what the London and Chatham line is like when it goes at a slow pace. This gentleman was considerably frightened at the rocking of the carriage, and he said to a respectably dressed woman who was sitting opposite to him, "I am afraid this terrible pace is very dangerous." The woman

looked at him pleasantly, and she said "My Bill's adiving ov her, and he's the lad to make her fly when he's got a drop inside him." I think there is some Bill driving this country now a bit too fast for most of us. I am inclined to think that it is of exceeding value to every country to have such bodies of men as the Ancient Society of College Youths, and when I mention others in sympathy with them, will go the rest of the thirty or forty thousand ringers of England, and you have there got a body of men who are perhaps gifted with more brains than ordinary, or they would not be ringers. And the value of a steady body of men, whatever political complexion they may be of, at a time when the country is distinctly disturbed, I look upon as exceedingly valuable. It is very difficult to overrate the value to the country of bodies of persons who can keep a clear head during critical times. There was a case some years ago in Yorkshire of a collier who was murdered by a fellow collier. He was struck with his pick. The case created a considerable amount of excitement at the time, and when it came to trial there was very strong evidence against the accused. When the evidence for the prosecution was completed, apparently the man was bound to be found guilty, but the defence had one man, an old collier, a rough old chap who went up into the witness box, and they began to question him. He couldn't answer the questions, but if they wanted to know what happened he could tell them all about it, and they told him to tell it his own road. He said it was this: he had a pick and he had a pick, he up with his pick, and he up with his pick, and if he had hit he before he had hit he, he would have killed he and not he. The result of that was, as the counsel at once pointed out, this was a quarrel between two men, in which it was six to one and half a dozen to the other. It so happened, as the collier said, that one man struck first. There was one level-headed fellow in the whole of the court who saved that man being hung. And just in the same way I contend that level-headed men in the country at this time are of exceeding value to it. You know very well that it won't wash that the whole of the capital of the country should be divided up, because it only comes to from 19s. to 24s. Well, now I would like to ask gentlemen here how many of them would be content to have no more than 24s. a week, and the difficulty that you have to meet is that you have got such an enormous number of the substratum in this country who will, if they possibly can, although they don't deserve it—I am not saying that none of them deserve it—have the money out of the pockets of those who have been working for it, or at all events have got it. Now the result of that, as those of you who are interested in finance know very well, will disturb the relations of capital and labour, and the relations of capital and labour are as delicate as the love making of a young girl. You frighten capital out of the country, and if it is frightened away it is gone, and that is where the mischief comes in, and we are great losers. A few days ago I was talking to a large manufacturer in the Midlands, and he said that he was investing every penny out of the country because he could not afford to risk it in this country. Now it appears to me that he was wrong, but the fact remains that he like other people are doing that, and we are distinctly losing what we ought to have. Now if we are to do the thing fairly we must not have any of these wild cat schemes. I am not going to say a word against old age pensions. They are splendid things, but it seems to me that the old age pensions might be kept to those people who have deserved them. If you give an old age pension to a large number of persons who really have not in any way deserved them of the country, you will always be treated very much after the fashion of the good lady whose little boy on being requested to do something said to her "hang it." His mother said, "Bobby, I don't like that word, I will give you sixpence if you will never say it again." He said, "Mother, I know words worth half a crown." I am very much afraid that 5s. a week will not satisfy these people, and you will have to have a good bit more taken out of your pockets before they will be satisfied. I am quite sure that all of you feel that the sensible thing really would have been to make the scheme contributory, and let all those who have helped to save up for themselves and who have helped forward the fortunes of the country should reap the benefit. I only mention these things because they are very much in the hearts of us all just now. I am perfectly certain that to have steady, upright, thoughtful

men throughout this country is the one thing that is going to save us from financial embarrassment, and we are very near it. I would just in conclusion say one more thing to you. I would say that however black things look, however difficult they look, there is no doubt that we English people always have, and always have had, a very large reserve of sensible men and women among us who lie pretty low so long as there is no very serious mischief going on, but who, once they are roused, are quite sufficient in strength to quell any ideas which may make for the disorganisation or mischief of our dear old country. I would say that the position is like that in a country cricket match that I have heard of, where an enormously stout man came to the wicket, and obscured the wicket entirely. The bowler told the umpire that he could not see the stumps, and the umpire replied "Perhaps not; but you go on and bowl, if it hits him in front it will be leg afore, and if it hits him behind it will be a wide." Now that is the advice I will give to you. Never mind the stout man that has obscured things before you, but go on in your own calm and quiet way, and you will be quite sure that the country will owe you a great debt of gratitude, and that you will be no mean factor in carrying us through our present difficulties. I have been drawing your attention to one of the most valuable attributes of this Society of College Youths with its kindred ringers all over the country. I think a great deal of ringers. I think that ringers are a very steady, level-headed set of fellows, and I honestly believe that this country is the better for them, not only in regard to the Church, but also to the State, and it is on these grounds that I have the very greatest pleasure in proposing to you the toast that I told you I was asked to propose.

Sir Arthur resumed his seat amid loud and continued applause.

(To be continued.)

NEWPORT (Mon).—At the church of All Saints, on September 24th, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving Service 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Butler, F. Charles, J. Bullen, F. Attwell conductor. A. Thomas, J. Pippin, J. W. Jones, J. Goddard, also 336 of Bob Major. J. Butler, F. Charles, J. Bullen, F. Attwell, A. Thomas, A. Morgan, J. Pippin, J. W. Jones conductor. On September 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by J. George. J. Bullen, F. Charles, M. Selby, J. Jones, A. Morgan conductor, C. Bowen, J. W. Jones, W. Crompton. On October 2nd, for practice, 224 of Bob Major. C. Bowen, F. Charles, J. Butler, S. Dawe, F. Attwell, A. Morgan, J. Pippin, J. W. Jones.

WOKINGHAM (Berks).—On Sunday, October 4th, for morning service at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. E. Whittingham, F. Paice, A. Wiggins, F. Lush, A. Price, J. French, W. J. Paice conductor, A. Hill. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

RAUNDS.—On Sunday, October 4th, for morning service, 756 Stedman Triples and a course of Double Norwich. For evening service a course of Superlative, three courses of Bob Major, a touch of Double Norwich, and a course of Grandsire Triples. W. J. Gilbert, F. Gilbert, W. Gilbert, F. Kirk, A. Kirk, B. J. Saddington, H. Stubbs, F. Stubbs, H. Copperwheat, F. Barber, H. Sharman, and R. Pendered.

BROMHAM (Beds).—On Friday evening, October 9th, a date touch of 1908 changes in 1 hr 15 mins, in the following methods:—720 Oxford Treble Bob, 72 Oxford Bob, 468 Plain Bob. R. Prudden, C. Mortimer, L. Orpin, R. Gardner, F. Mortimer, P. Inskip. Conducted by P. Inskip. The bells were half muffled, as a token of respect for the late Mrs. Browning, mother of 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. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, and St. John's, Hackney, on December 1st.; St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on the 3rd, 17th, and 31st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 10th and 24th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, and St. John's, Hackney, on the 15th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 29th; all at 8 p.m.

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

**The London County Association,** late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A special general meeting, according to Rule xvii of the above, will be held on Monday, December 14th, at 8.30 p.m., in the Association's room at The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, W.C. It is hoped all members who can make it convenient, will endeavour to attend, as important business will be brought forward. T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Derby Branch.—The monthly district meeting will be held at Etwall (6 bells), to-day, Sat., November 28th. Ringing from 2 p.m. The Vicar (Rev. G. L. Dickinson, M.A.) has generously offered to provide tea. A. H. WARD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting of this society will be held at Holbeck to-day, Sat., November 28th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting in Parochial Room (rear of church), at 7.30 p.m. GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the church of St. Leonard-the-Less, Samlesbury, on Saturday, November 28th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. Tea will be provided in the school at a charge of 1s. each to those who write to Mr. R. Armstrong, Potter Lane, Higher Walton. R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Christchurch District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, to-day, Sat., November 28th. Bells available from 3.30. Service at 5.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall at 6 p.m. Meeting after. G. PRESTON, *Dis. Sec.*

3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. All ringing friends will be heartily welcomed. Will members kindly note change of Secretary, who will be pleased to receive any outstanding subscriptions. H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*  
Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

**The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sedgley on Saturday, December 5th. The tower will be open for ringing at 4. Service in church at 5 o'clock. There will be a free

tea provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, December 2nd.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*  
16, Wilmcote Place, Oxford Street, Dudley.

**The Essex Association.**—South-Western Division.—A bye-meeting will be held at Wanstead on Saturday, December 5th. The bells will be raised at 3.30 p.m., and those of Leytonstone and Woodford will be available from 3.30 p.m. to 5 o'clock. There will be a short service at 5.30, followed by a tea and meeting in the Mission Hall in Cowley Road. The primary object of this meeting is to endeavour to interest the parishioners of Wanstead in the bells, with a view of a fund being raised to provide a new peal in place of the present steel bells. The clergy, churchwardens, and others have been invited to attend, and it is earnestly hoped that we shall have a record meeting, and that as many ringers as possible will attend the service. A social evening will follow the meeting, and several friends have kindly promised songs, etc. G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
South Woodford.

**The Essex Association.**—South-Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Saturday, December 5th. Tea at The Dolphin hotel at 5.30 p.m. By kind permission of the Rector (Rev. Canon Lake), the bells of St. Mary's will be open for ringing from 4 to 5.20, and from 7 to 9 p.m. I shall be much obliged if members who intend to be present at the tea, will kindly let me know by December 2nd.

HENRY F. COOPER, *Hon. Sec.*  
County Offices, Chelmsford.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—North Bucks, Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchley, Bucks., on Saturday, December 5th. Bells open at 2 p.m. F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—North-Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ardleigh on Saturday, December 5th. Those intending to be present please give sufficient notice. As the Secretary intends retiring from office this year, it is hoped that a successor will be elected at this meeting.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
Coggeshall.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting will be held at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 5 p.m. Meeting after. C. H. PEARCE, *Dis. Sec.*

Vale Road, Yorktown.

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Stockport Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Stockport, on Saturday, December 5th. Tea 9d. to non-resident members and visitors. A. T. BRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held in the Rectory School, North Wingfield, on Saturday, December 5th, 5 minutes walk from Clay Cross Station. All ringers invited. Please advise me by December 1st how many are coming for tea. T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) will be available from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—A meeting will be held at Chatham on Saturday, December 12th. The tower will be open from 3 until 7.30, and from 8 until 9. Will the Secretaries please send the times of Sunday ringing at their respective churches to me when forwarding annual subscriptions.

A. B. ROBSON, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
39, Windsor Road, Gillingham.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Glastonbury on Saturday, December 12th. Service at St. John's church at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Avalon dining-rooms, High Street, at 4.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. The following bells are available during the afternoon: Glastonbury (St. John's), 8 bells; St. Benedict (6 bells); Street (8 bells).

E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Business after. W. H. SHUKER, *Br. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 12th. Bells ready at 4. WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, December 12th. Tower open at 3. Tea at 5.30 to those who let me know by Wednesday, December 9th.

ROBERT J. DAWK, *Hon. Div. Sec.*  
15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

### NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT LEATHERHEAD.**—A. Winch's 100 Peals.—Seven Minor methods 1; Treble Bob Minor methods 1; Grandsire Triples 19; Caters 9; †Bob Major 16; Royal 2; Stedman Triples 20; Cates 5; Treble Bob Major 9; Royal 3; Oxford Bob Triples 2; †Double Norwich Major 10; Superlative Major 3. Total—100. Also one false peal of Bob Royal, and one unfinished attempt for Bob Major—8080. †Includes one of 10,208. †Includes one of 7392. Rung in thirty-six different towers.

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### THE PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES AT CRIPPLEGATE.

(Reported last week)

We gladly insert the following note, which reached us too late for publication last week, in respect of the peal of Stedman Cinques rung at St. Giles Church, Cripplegate, on the 9th November last.

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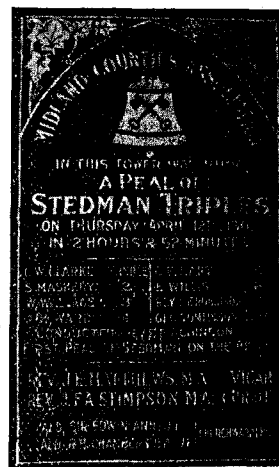
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1908.

## LATE NOTICE.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Eastern Division).—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, December 12th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. H. Arling Whelpton, M.A., and Mr. W. Ticehurst, Captain. The bells will be available from 4 o'clock, shortened evensong 5.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar, 6 o'clock. Meeting after tea. Members wishing to be present at tea must let me know not later than Wednesday, the 9th; otherwise they will not be provided for. Subscriptions for 1908 are overdue. Will bands, &c., please note.

G. H. Howse.

Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.

2, Carlton Road, Eastbourne.

Mr. J. Jaggard having resigned the leadership of the Oldbury parish church ringers, all communications respecting the bells and ringing must be addressed to the Rev. A. P. Roberts, Oldbury Vicarage.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

**The Metropolis.****THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY).***On Wednesday, November 18, 1908, in Three Hours and One Minute,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.**

FREDK. G. PERRIN .. .. Treble.	WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 5.
J. ARMIGEE TROLLOPE .. 2.	ERNEST BRETT .. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 7.
CHARLES J. NORTH .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. HOLDEN, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, November 19, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,***A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt.**

FRANK BENNETT .. .. Treble.	THOMAS GROOMERIDGE .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES .. 6.
WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. 3.	ISAAC EMERY .. .. 7.
HARRY WARNETT .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor, also on the bells.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.**

Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM H. DORAN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. 6.
AUGUSTUS SCAMBLER* .. 2.	REUBEN SANDERS .. .. 7.
HENRY TOBBLE .. .. 3.	†WILLIAM THEOBALD .. 8.
THOMAS CRANFIELD .. .. 4.	JOHN MOULE .. .. 9.
JAMES SCHOLES .. .. 5.	*GEORGE POTTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. Cox, and Conducted by WILLIAM DORAN.

\*First peal. †First peal on ten bells.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, November 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt.**

CHARLES T. COLES .. .. Treble.	ALBERT W. COLES .. .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.
JOHN E. BAKER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINPOFF, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

J. E. Baker hails from Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

**The Provinces.****LANGFORD, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)***On Tuesday, April 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being forty-two 6-scores

F. SIMPSON .. .. Treble.	T. LARDNER .. .. 3.
J. THORNE .. .. 2.	T. ADAMS .. .. 4.
E. THORNE .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by J. THORNE.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of the Rev. G. and Mrs. Wodehouse.

**SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)***On Tuesday, November 10, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALBERT BROOKS .. .. Treble.	JOHN RICHARDS .. .. 5.
THOMAS BULL .. .. 2.	JOHN MONK .. .. 6.
FREDERICK POUNDS .. .. 3.	JESSE BROOKS .. .. 7.
HARRY BROOKS .. .. 4.	GEORGE BROOKS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

**SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.****WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, November 12, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

JOHN WITHERS .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. .. 5.
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
FRANK WITHERS .. .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM DOWDING .. .. 4.	HORACE F. STREET .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES, and Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

**PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, November 12, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

ARTHUR LEEDER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM CHENERY .. .. 5.
THOMAS FORD .. .. 2.	CLEMENT MORE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM IRELAND .. .. 3.	GEORGE ARCHER .. .. 7.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 4.	JOHN SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

First peal on the bells since being augmented to a peal of eight.

**LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, November 13, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM COLLINS* .. .. Treble.	*LEONARD A. TIDY .. .. 4.
EDMUND E. TIDY† .. .. 2.	SAMUEL HEATH .. .. 5.
ALFRED A. JARRETT .. 3.	DAVID WRIGHT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID WRIGHT.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of E. Hoad, one of the local ringers, which took place on Tuesday, November 10th.

**MIDDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, (ROCHDALE BRANCH.)***On Saturday, November 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL HOLT .. .. 5.
JAMES ARROWSMITH .. 2.	JOHN HARRISON .. .. 6.
JAMES JACQUES .. .. 3.	†DANIEL RENSHAW .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SCHOFIELD* .. 4.	JAMES HY. BASTOW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. HARRISON.

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

## GREAT GRANSDEN, HUNTS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ST. NEOTS SOCIETY AND THE HUNTS. ARCHDEACONRY.)

On Saturday, November 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

SIDNEY J. PECK .. .. Treble.	SIDNEY J. COLEMAN .. .. 4.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. .. 2.	HERBERT FIELDS .. .. 5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 3.	EDMUND C. CHASTY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal on the bells, some being cast at St. Neots, and some by Bryant, of Hertford.

## CHIPPING HILL, WITHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM CHALK, SEN. .. Treble.	ALFRED GOZZETT .. .. 4.
ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. 2.	HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 5.
THOMAS C. GOZZETT .. .. 3.	FRED CHALK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

## WALTHAM, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Day's Six-Part.

H. G. THOMPSON .. .. Treble.	E. WALLAGE .. .. 5.
T. G. THURGOOD .. .. 2.	W. A. ALPS .. .. 6.
H. G. ROWE .. .. 3.	E. HALL .. .. 7.
G. THURGOOD .. .. 4.	T. ADAMS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. A. ALPS.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

ARTHUR GRAVETT .. .. Treble.	EDMUND LINDUP .. .. 5.
CHARLES PALMER .. .. 2.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 6.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 7.
ALBERT D. STONE .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, Bart., and Conducted by KEITH HART.

## STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

FRANCIS LANE* .. .. Treble.	JAEZ PREECE .. .. 4.
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2.	ARTHUR E. WALL .. .. 5.
JOHN HAMMOND .. .. 3.	*ALBERT ADAMS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HAMMOND.

\*First peal.

## WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 14, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT .. .. Treble.	*THOMAS RILEY .. .. 5.
JESSE MOSS* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 6.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 3.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 7.
HARRY MOSS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

First peal in the method in the county. \*First peal in the method. First peal in the method by an entirely Bolsover band.

## HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 14, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. Treble.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 5.
HERBERT DAY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FROST .. .. 6.
TOM A. BURNHAM .. .. 3.	EDWARD C. GOBEY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. PEABODY .. 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

## COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1908, in Three Hours and Seventeen 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.
ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 2.	WILLIAM ELLIOTT .. .. 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 3.	ALFRED G. RIVERS .. .. 7.
PERCY LANGSTON .. .. 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by D. ELLIOTT.

## LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 14, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM MESSAM .. .. Treble.	*HENRY BOXALL .. .. 6.
ARTHUR C. OTWAY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM MARES .. .. 7.
ALFRED H. WINCH* .. .. 3.	EDWARD HULL .. .. 8.
WILLIAM E. OTWAY .. .. 4.	ERNEST C. BONIFACE .. 9.
JOHN WHITE .. .. 5.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. MARKS, and Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

\*First peal of Caters. †rooth peal, and first peal of Caters as conductor. Quarterly peal for the district. Further reference elsewhere.

## LITTLE HORSTED, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ELI HAETFIELD* .. .. Treble.	*ALFRED HOBDEN .. .. 4.
EDWIN J. FUNNELL* .. .. 2.	JAMES A. HART .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. TUGWOOD* .. 3.	*ALBERT DIPLOCK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES A. HART.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Master Hugh H. Smiley, son of Captain J. R. Smiley, of Horsted Place, on his third birthday. \*First peal. First peal by the local band.

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## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE EXETER RINGERS' CYCLING CLUB BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 14, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED MONKLEY .. .. Treble.	FRANK J. DAVEY .. .. 5.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE .. .. 2.	JOHN R. HAYMAN .. .. 6.
JULIUS SNOW .. .. 3.	†ADOLPHUS SNOW .. .. 7.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. .. 4.	*JOHN SKINNER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ADOLPHUS SNOW.

†First as conductor. \*First peal.

## RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

(THE GROBY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 14, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR MEASEY* .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 4.
GEORGE H. GEARY .. .. 2.	T. HENRY HARDY .. .. 5.
EDWARD GEARY* .. .. 3.	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells.

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Thursday, November 19, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. Treble.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. 5.
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See Association Report 1905, No. 1596.

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FREDERICK POUNDS .. .. 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 7.
JOHN MONE .. .. 4.	GEORGE BROOKS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

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ARTHUR LAMBOURNE .. .. 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 8.
JAMES W. WILKINS .. .. 4.	RICHARD WHITE .. .. 9.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 5.	FREDERICK WHITE, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

## ALDENHAM, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 18, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY HODGETTS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 5.
CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY* 2.	FREDERICK WHITE .. .. 6.
ARTHUR W. DIX .. .. 3.	*WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 7.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. 4.	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. Tenor.

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

\*First peal in the method.

## WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 21, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

ROBERT PICKERING .. .. Treble.	DANIEL JONES .. .. 5.
ALFRED FALLON* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 6.
GEORGE HUGHES .. .. 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 7.
HENRY FARLOW* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM BAYLISS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

\*First peal in the method.

## Date Touches.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WOOLTON, (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, November 12th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1908 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. E. Wilson, G. Hislop, C. Gittins, G. R. Newton conductor, R. Leather, T. Kay, A. Grace, J. Roberts. Composed by John Howes. Rang as a farewell to the conductor who is leaving Woolton.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

HAZEL GROVE.—On Thursday, November 12th, at the church of St. Thomas, a date touch, 1908 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins., being 360 each of Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Oxford and Kent. H. Williamson, H. Langley, J. Hartley, J. Bancroft, A. S. Gordon, J. Fernley conductor.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOKINGHAM (Berks).—On Sunday morning, November 15th, for Divine Service at All Saints church, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Whittingham, F. Paice, F. Lush, S. Paice, A. Price, W. J. Paice conductor, J. F. Mattingley, A. Hill. Rang as a welcome to the Rev. F. E. Robinson on the first Sunday of his residence at Wokingham.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE (Exeter).—On Sunday evening, November 8th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. R. Hamilton, W. Lethbridge, W. Youlden, A. Richards, J. R. Sandover, E. Marsh, H. Richards conductor, A. Mitchell.

EYNESBURY (Hunts).—On Wednesday, November 18th, on handbells, 608 Bob Major. S. Peck, S. J. Coleman, G. Burton conductor, G. D. Coleman. Also 240 with H. Fields, 7-8.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, November 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. W. T. Elson, A. Jones, S. J. Collins, L. Attwater, W. Meaton, J. Herbert, C. Charge composer and conductor, B. Harvey.

LICHFIELD (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, October 5th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Cope, A. Bowler, E. Gallimore, J. Key, J. O'Brien, F. Cope, jnn., F. Cope, sen., conductor, E. Burton (first quarter-peal).

LONDON.—On Sunday, November 22nd, at St. John's, South Hackney, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Elliott, T. Page, A. A. Hughes, R. Green, H. May, H. Franks, H. C. Alford, E. Riley. Composed and Conducted by H. Franks. Recently for practice and Sunday ringing at Holloway, several touches of Grandsire Triples, including a 630. A. Cornford, H. Ranzetta, H. Franks, A. Hart, A. Turner, H. Copeland, R. F. Deal conductor, W. Pateman. And 504. J. Redman, H. Franks, H. Copeland, W. Pateman, H. Ranzetta, A. Hart, A. Turner, R. F. Deal conductor. And 356. A. Cornford, H. Brookes, H. Ranzetta, A. Hart, A. Turner, W. Pateman, R. F. Deal conductor, H. Copeland. Also three courses with — Burroughs. And several courses with J. Cornford and L. Perry. Tenor 20 cwt.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Monday, November 16th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. J. W. Pooley, H. A. Hoad, E. Dewey, A. Cotterell conductor, G. W. Walder, W. F. Smith, G. F. Hoad, H. Bennett.

WICKEN (Northants).—On Tuesday, November 17th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Green, J. Green, C. Tirrell, \*F. Casemore, J. Read, J. Read, jnn., conductor. \*First 700 of Minor.

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

## LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

SIR,—May I, as a member of the Central Council, say a few words on this matter?

At the Cambridge meeting Mr. Law James set out to demonstrate, with the assistance of diagrams, that none of the Royal methods (his own included), hitherto published as "London," could be accepted as London, because of the difference in the place-making in the Royal from that in the Major. In other words that these so-called London Royal methods are in reality a new method. Mr. James's demonstration appeared to me, and I suppose to others who hold that the nature of the place-making is the determining factor in the classification of methods, indisputable; and therefore I voted for the motion in accordance with Mr. James's contention, which was certainly put to the meeting and carried. When we were further asked to hold that London, as we know it in Major, is incapable of extension to Royal—a fact which could not be demonstrated in the same way—or, at all events, was not, I voted for the previous question, as I did not feel I was sufficiently qualified to vote at a moment's notice for such a negative proposition; and as to this the previous question was carried.

No one even suggested any disparagement, either of the method or of the execution, of the Stepney peal, and I have been told by at least one member of the Exercise who has devoted much attention to methods, that the method rung at Stepney is more ingenious than would be London Royal if it could be got by extension of London Major; and I cannot help thinking that the College Youths have missed a point in not applying a more interesting description to so excellent a new departure. But that, of course, is their affair. Still, you cannot affect the qualities of a thing by the name you see fit to give it; and the fact that they have called this peal "London," no more makes it so than, if you, Sir, should call Port by the name of Champagne, the quality of the former wine would be altered accordingly.

However, one moral of all this seems to me to be that those of us who took an interest in this question at the Council meeting ought to have been more careful to assist our Honorary Secretary. When the statement appeared in your columns that this peal was to be booked as "London," I at once turned to the report of the Council meeting and the official minutes, and found to my astonishment that there was nothing to show that the Council had expressed any opinion whatever on the subject. The duties of the hon. sec.'s and the reporter at these meetings are so arduous that they may easily make a slip. But had some of us who were present read the report of the meeting and official minutes with more attention, we should have been able to do something to help Mr. Davies to supplement them in reasonable time.

The object of the publication in "THE BELL NEWS" of the Reports and Minutes of the proceedings at meetings of the Central Council being to inform the Exercise precisely what took place thereat, they ought to be carefully perused by members attending, and any mistakes notified at once, which in this matter of "London Royal" we do not seem to have done.

R. A. DANIELL.

SIR,—One can only read with feelings of regret the letter on above subject appearing in your last issue. A letter of this kind, full as it is of invective against the College Youths, only tends to cause ill-feeling, and to lower our art in the eyes of any casual reader of "THE BELL NEWS." We have in these days stringent regulations as to the sale of poisonous drugs and explosives, so that they shall not fall into the hands of irresponsible parties, and one cannot help regretting that similar legislation does not exist in the case of *ink*, as quite as much mischief can be worked with the latter as with the former. The proper treatment of such effusions is simply to ignore them, and I hope this will be the action adopted by our Society in this particular case. It must be plain to everyone that the point which raises



your correspondent's ire is, not the name of the method, but the Society by which it was rung.

G. N. PRICE.

[Further letters on this and other subjects next week.]

#### PARKERS' TWELVE-PART.

SIR,—In your issue for November 14th, Mr. J. Hunt makes some remarks concerning my 12-part peal of Grandsire Triples, and Mr. Moore makes much the same childish reply as he did when I drew his attention to the matter at the time he published it. I am surprised to find that Mr. Moore still claims the peal as his. What Mr. Moore did was simply this: He substituted singles for bobs at the 12th and 16th leads, but it would have been too barefaced to let the peal stand at this, so he transposed it, making the 7th the observation, and then, just because the peal contained two more singles in each

part, he very coolly told us that he failed to see any resemblance. Well, Sir, to my mind, this is nothing more nor less than pure unadulterated cheek. I have pointed out before, and will take this opportunity to do so again, that I first composed this peal with the 7th as observation, but finding in this form it contained only 18 changes with 6-7 at back stroke, I then transposed it, making the 6th observation, which gave 102 changes with 6-7 at back stroke, and the 6th always dodging 6-7 up, with 2, 3 and 4, and 18 times with the 5. Thus it can be seen that from a musical point of view there can be no question as to the 6th being the observation. There is another feature of interest to the young conductors—viz., the 6-7 or 6-5 are kept together all through a part; also a pair of small bells. Now, all this does not happen if the 7th is the observation, and yet there are several gentlemen all attaching a little

of a claim to this particular arrangement.

J. J. PARKER.

#### TWO SINGLES FOR TWO BOBS.

SIR,—I am very well aware that Mr. Parker published his peal (part of a century ago), and I am also aware that Mr. Moore has also published it, and even now it is not too late to restore it to its rightful owner. Mr. Moore bears me out as regards the calls when he says his peal contains 10 bobs and 5 singles in a part, and Mr. Parker's 12 bobs and 3 singles. This is exactly what I said. How he can say it is two different compositions by substituting two singles for two bobs must be a new idea of composing, surely! Then he refers me to peals 59 and 61 in the Central Council collection. I have no desire to criticise their work. Anyone can see by glancing at these two peals that one has the third for a fixed bell, and the other 6th, and one is called at 1 and 2, the other 1 and 3. They are not call for call, lead for lead, like the peal under discussion. When Mr. Moore published Mr. Parker's peal under his name Mr. Parker claimed it the next week, and I wrote privately to Mr. Moore, pointing out it was Mr. Parker's peal, and up to now he has not shown the usual courtesy by restoring to Mr. Parker that which is his.

JAMES HUNT.

P.S.—Why didn't Mr. Moore include in his letter to you an apology to Mr. Pilstow?

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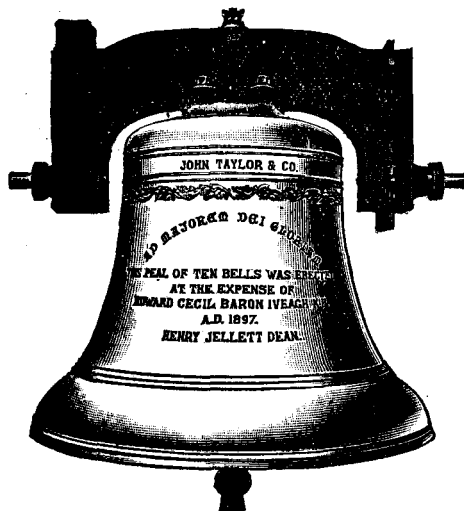
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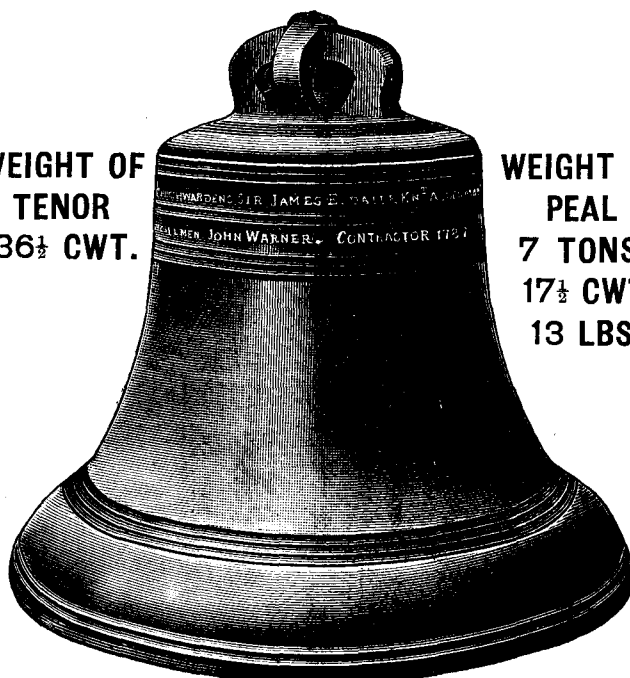
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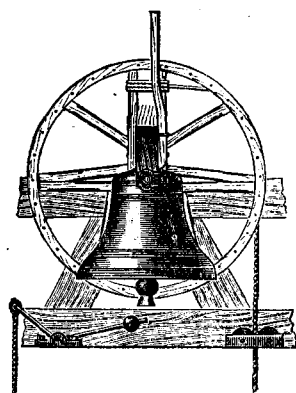
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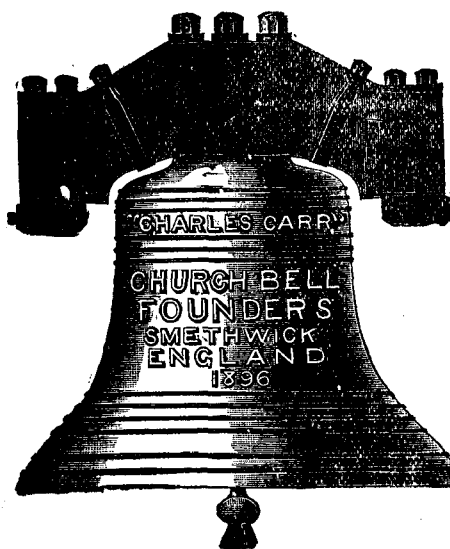
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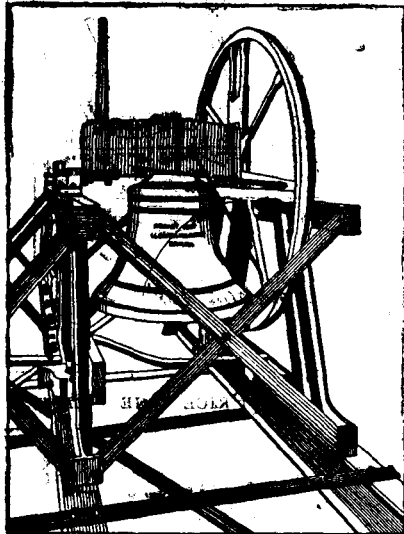
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## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Chipping Norton deanery branch was held at Chipping Norton on Saturday, November 7th. In the morning a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but failed near the end. Other ringing was done at intervals during the day.

The annual meeting of the local branch fell conveniently at Chipping Norton on this occasion, it being the anniversary of the new bells at St. Mary's church, and advantage was taken to unveil two tablets in the tower recording notable peals which had been rung by members of the guild. This ceremony was performed by Mr. T. H. Burbidge. The peals so accorded were both Grandsire Triples.

Having unveiled the tablets Mr. Burbidge asked the Vicar and churchwardens to accept a design of his own commemorating the rehanging of the bells. It had been a labour of love to himself to execute the work, and he begged formally to hand it to the Vicar. This was a very handsome illuminated record, suitably framed in fumed oak. The design in its main features is in the style of the 14th century period. In the upper portion of the work is an excellent portrait of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Guild, with his autograph underneath, and in other parts of the design are two photographs of the bells. The lettering is: "This design commemorates the recasting and rehanging of the bells of the parish church of St. Mary the Virgin." In the various panels are interesting records connected with the local branch of the guild. The colouring appropriately follows the sequence in use in the church—white, red, green, and violet, and the whole is richly gilded. Mr. Burbidge was highly congratulated on having executed a work of such undoubted excellence.

At the service held in the church there was a good attendance. The Vicar (Rev. G. A. Littledale) conducted the service, the first lesson being read by the deputy-Master of the Guild, and the second by the chairman of the Deanery Branch. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Houghton, from Romans x. 18. The service over, the company adjourned to the parish room, where an excellent tea was served by Mrs. Edwards, of the Unicorn hotel.

The business meeting which followed was presided over by the Rev. W. Collingwood Carter. The following towers were represented: Chipping Norton, Shipton, Spelsbury, Hook Norton, Ascott, Aston and Todenham. The Chairman read letters of apology for non-attendance from the Master of the Guild (the Rev. F. E. Robinson), Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, Mr. A. Reeve, Rev. J. D. Payne, Rev. E. J. F. Johnson, Rev. J. P. Malleson, and Rev. C. Walford. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the annual report was presented, which, on the proposition of the chairman, was agreed to.

The Rev. C. Walford was elected an hon. member, and Messrs. S. A. Baily and Harold Greenshields (Chipping Norton) probationary members of the branch. Miss Eva N. Belcher (Milton-under-Wychwood), expressed her wish to become a member of the Guild. Certificates were presented to Messrs. J. Cooper, H. Harris, E. Sturdy, A.

Sturdy, H. Benfield, C. Fowler, and O. Hitchcox. The hon. secretary explained that others had also qualified, but the notification had reached him too late to enable them to present the certificates that day.

The Rev. W. J. Palmer, in proposing the re-election of Mr. Barlow as hon. secretary, said he had had this similar pleasure on many occasions. It was rather like an old sermon—they knew it. He supposed there were such things; at least, people told them so sometimes. They certainly could not have a better secretary than the one they had. They would never be able to arrange the meetings without him. He was in the habit of telling everybody what they had to do, and saw that they did it. They were deeply indebted to him for the interest he took in the Guild, not only in Chipping Norton, but in every part of the deanery. They had to thank him in many towers for his kind instruction, often given at the sacrifice of a good deal of time and trouble to himself. The resolution was enthusiastically carried.

Mr. Barlow, in reply, thanked Mr. Palmer for his remarks, and those present for the manner in which they had received his name.

On the motion of Mr. Candy, seconded by Mr. H. Miles, Mr. T. H. Burbidge was re-elected honorary auditor. It was decided that the spring meeting of the branch should be held at Ascott-under-Wychwood, if convenient to the Vicar of that parish.

The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Chipping Norton for welcoming the members to his parish. They were always treated so well at Chipping Norton, which many of them felt to be the metropolis of the deanery, that they were quite at home, and the Rev. G. A. Littledale was always most hospitable and arranged everything for their comfort. The rev. gentleman replied.

## CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.

The two new bells added to the old ring of six in the tower of SS. Mary and Cuthbert, Chester-le-Street (to make a grand ring of eight, tenor 21 cwt.) were dedicated on Wednesday, November 25th, at 5.30 p.m. The work has cost something like £200, and towards this the local ringers have gathered together the major portion, besides subscribing a good round sum themselves. The members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association were invited to the opening tea, being kindly provided by the Countess of Scarborough, Lumley Castle, and other ladies of the congregation. The Rev. A. B. de Moleyns, Rector, assisted by the local clergy, read the dedication service, and the bells went off into a touch of 252 Stedman Triples. C. L. Routledge conductor, R. S. Story, G. T. Potter, Rev. B. Jealous, J. W. Parker, W. Story, J. Hern, A. M. C. Field. The new bells were so well spliced in one could have said they were cast in one peal of eight. The old six were installed in 1883 to commemorate the millenary of the church, and were cast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, who also took in hand the augmentation, and have done it well.

At 7 o'clock full choral evensong was held, with an

address by the Rev. A. Allwork, M.A., Rector of Whickham, after which the bells were kept going in various methods till half-past nine. It is felt by the members of the Association that the local ringers will do full justice to their ring of eight as they have done on the six in the past, and no doubt the first peal on the bells will be scored very shortly, and by themselves alone. C. L. R.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

By the kind invitation of J. F. Wilkes, esq., the Safron Walden ringers visited Elmdon on Saturday, November 28th. On arrival they at once proceeded to the church and rung a peal of 720 changes, being the same peal (composed by Mr. J. F. Penning), that was rung at the opening of the bells 33 years ago. F. Pitstow (conductor), R. Strong, A. F. James, J. F. Penning, N. J. Pitstow, E. A. Pitstow.

During the ringing the Vicar (Rev. Brabant Smith), accompanied by Mr. Wilkes, honoured the ringers by their presence, and many also of the Elmdon ringers attended and afterwards took part in the ringing, and in the opinion of the visitors the Elmdon company, with perseverance, has a successful future, several members showing a decided ringing ability.

Mr. Wilkes then invited the visitors to the schoolroom, where many friends of the ringers had assembled to hear change-ringing and tune-playing on the handbells, which was listened to with evident delight. Mr. Wilkes, in thanking the visitors for coming to Elmdon, expressed his pleasure and his hope that it would encourage his ringers, and infuse new interest in their desire to become proficient in the science of change-ringing.

Mr. N. J. Pitstow, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Wilkes, assured him that the pleasure was mutual.

In seconding the vote of thanks Mr. Penning stated that it was 33 years ago that he had the pleasure of taking part in the opening of the bells, and sincerely hoped that before very long two more bells would be added, as the present peal of six was deserving of an addition to their number, that the people would be delighted that the ringers would a wider scope for their aspirations; and he considered that the gift of bells to a church was one of the most suitable and most enduring methods of perpetuating the memory of the donors, besides conferring a lasting boon on the parish. He trusted that steps would be taken to effect this desirable result, so that in a short time the Walden Company might have the pleasure of opening a peal of eight bells at Elmdon.

Mr. Wilkes continued his invitations, this time to accompany him to his residence at Elmdon Bury, where an excellent repast was prepared, to which "ample justice" was accorded. This was followed by mutual receiving and proposing of thanks. The visitors returned home, having thoroughly enjoyed their reception at Elmdon.

**RICHMOND Middlesex.**—On Wednesday, November 18th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. R. J. Wilkins, G. Green, F. Goddard, T. Beadle, G. Spencer, A. Harding, H. T. Scarlett conductor, \*H. Williams. \*First quarter-peal. Composed by the Editor.

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### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

(Continued from p. 459.)

In responding, the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. Arthur Hughes, said:—On behalf of the Ancient Society of College Youths I thank Sir Arthur Heywood for the very kind way in which he has proposed the toast of this society. I should like also to thank him for the very able manner in which he has alluded to a subject that is very dear to the hearts of everybody here as ringers and as good churchmen. We have all been most interested in hearing Sir Arthur's remarks on the question of disestablishing our Church. He has referred to this society as the premier ringing society. We perhaps may safely say so, it certainly is the oldest, and we number among our members men who can go back to very distant dates, and talk about peals that were rung long years ago. This afternoon I was talking to Mr. Hattersley, who has come all the way from Sheffield to be present at this meeting to-night, and he was telling me about the peal that his grandfather rang in at Stepney parish church in the year 1816—that is going back nearly a century. I do not think that there are many gentlemen who can go back and speak with authority so far as that. Mr. Hattersley and Mr. Wood rang a peal together at Bethnal Green church in the year 1864. We have members who have come from very long distances to-night. Mr. Taylor has come all the way from Loughborough, and we are very pleased to see him here. Mr. Bowen (of Ilfracombe) telegraphed to me this morning that influenza prevented his attendance. We have had handed down to us wonderful performances by old members of this society, and our younger members are taking up matters in a way that is quite worthy of what has gone before. All honour to our younger members who rang the peal at Stepney parish church a little time ago—it was a wonderful performance. I feel sure that our younger members will carry forward the good work of this society in a way creditable to all.

Mr. E. P. O'Meara (vice-chairman), in proposing the toast, "London and Provincial Ringing Societies," said that they were always pleased to welcome friends from the country, and also friends in London. There were many other ringing societies in London. The St. James's society was very old-established, and had recently added to its name. It was supported by both the Royal Cumberland Youths and by the Ancient Society of College Youths. The Royal Cumberland Youths, which was represented by Mr. Daniell, always welcomed a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. The Rev. G. F. Coleridge represented the country ringers that night, and those present wished the country ringers every success. Years ago they heard but little of country ringers, but of recent years they had been hearing a great deal of them, especially of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and its worthy master, Mr. Robinson. He hoped that they would go on and prosper, as the Ancient Society had done for over 270 years. The condition of London bells throughout the metropolis was a disgrace to the authorities. Of 12-peal bells in London they had eight, and there were only two, or at most three, that were really in first-class going order. The bells were very valuable assets of the Church. The condition of the bells at St. Saviour's was well known. Something might be done if there was a little energy, and a call for funds.

Mr. R. A. Daniell, in replying to the toast, heartily thanked the company for the enthusiasm with which the toast had been drunk. He held very strongly the view that the London and provincial societies were doing a splendid work. Circumstances had prevented his appearance in the towers of late as often as in years past. He had had the pleasure of attending the dinner a number of times, and he was not tired of coming. After commenting jocosely on the objects of dinners and eating, and the various uses to which gatherings at dinners were put, Mr. Daniell said that everyone went home from the College Youths' dinner in a state of greater happiness than he would have been

had be not come. It was a great thing in these days for people who did not live on advertising to meet together as they were doing. He heartily reciprocated all that Mr. O'Meara had said, and he regretted that it was most difficult to get anything proper done to the bells. There were one or two exceptions that they were thankful for. The difficulty was always a question of money, and that was, unfortunately, of what ringers had not very much in their pockets. He hoped they would all go on and prosper, and that those of them who were alive next year may have the pleasure of meeting again, and of congratulating themselves thereon.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge also responded, and said:—The Society of College Youths has one of the best secretaries that any society ever had. I presume in private life he is an equally successful schoolmaster, and always visits with condign punishment those boys who make blots on their exercises. I want him to take that lesson to heart. He deserves punishment himself to-night because I find that year after year he makes the same blot on the programme, and he puts my name down to respond to 'provincial societies.' He wrote to me the other day and hoped that I would do as usual. I wrote back to him, I thought the members were absolutely sick of hearing me year after year, and I trust that he will in future remove it. In speaking of provincial societies I naturally think of those with which I am most closely associated, the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and my neighbours the Winchester Guild—what little ringing I do I do more with them than with anybody else—and the oldest of provincial societies, the Devonshire Guild, founded by the late Mr. Charles Troyte, who was known to most of you. The Oxford Guild is going pretty strong. We have about 1,700 members, and an excellent committee of 24. Modesty prevents me speaking of them, for I have been a member of that committee for the last quarter of a century. We have a most admirable secretary, well known to many of you, Mr. Hart Davis, and coming up from the committee to the secretary, we pass on to our beloved master, Mr. Robinson, and I think I can give you the latest news about him. You know he was taken ill at Cambridge at the Central Council Meeting. On the following day he took to his bed, and I am sorry to say he has not done a minute's duty since. I went down to see him on August Bank Holiday, and spent two or three very pleasant hours with him. I hope I cheered him up a little. He told me that as the doctor had only described him as being in the condition of an old cab horse, simply turned out to grass to have a rest, he hoped after a time he would take up ringing again as strong as ever. There was nothing radically wrong with him, but he was fearfully weak. When I wrote to him later on and asked how he was, he told me to his sorrow he had been obliged to resign his living, so he has given up the living of Drayton, and curiously enough the very last thing I heard of him was yesterday. I received a postcard from a ringer at Wokingham saying, "Will you come in on Monday at 6 o'clock to ring the welcome peal to Mr. Robinson, who is coming to-day to live at Wokingham?" I knew he was going to live there, because he told me that he had taken a little house, and he hoped after a year's idleness that he would recover in strength and be well enough to ring his thousandth peal of Stedman, which he has set his heart on. I am sure it will go from this meeting that every person in this room will wish him that renewed health and strength to enable him to take his active part once more amongst us. From the Master we go up to our Patron or President, and we in the Oxford Guild have had a very distinguished set of Bishops as our Patrons. Of course the Guild was not founded in the great days of Bishop Samuel Wilberforce. I could tell you many a story about him, and I must tell you one. Seeing this meeting before me, reminds me of a farmers' ordinary that he attended in the market-town of Banbury. A speech was expected from him, and he said, "I am very sorry gentlemen, but I am a bit off my feed." A young farmer at the end of the room hollowed out "Try Thorley's, food my lord." The Bishop at once with his ready wit answered him "Thank you, I am well aware that Thorley's food is excellent for horses, apparently it is equally good for asses, but I never knew it was good for 'Oxon.'" He was succeeded by a very good man, who was not a witty man, Bishop Mackarness. We are indebted to Bishop Mackarness for an alteration in our rules, which as far as I know stands unique in the history of County or Diocesan Associations. The

common thing I believe is to style a member who can ring 12 6 changes a performing member. The rules were submitted to the Bishop, and he put his pen through the words "performing member," saying "I don't like this, it savors of the monkey and the organ." So the words "performing member" were removed, and ever afterwards we use the term "change-ringing member." He passed away, and we had that great and most learned man Bishop Stubbs, the wittiest Bishop that ever was. Dear old man, he gave me my living and said "You are to go there and do the best you can." I am trying to do it. He never gave me any bells, he only gave me one—that doesn't matter. I can tell you many things about him. I have most witty postcards from him, which I treasure up. He never liked being bothered, and he was very short. I will give you one or two instances of what he said, very well-known to the Vicar of Barking, who will excuse my saying it. A certain clergyman wrote to him and said "My lord, I am going away for three months, I wish to visit the Holy Land." The Bishop wrote back—"Dear Mr. Jones, go to Jericho." Another clergyman troubled him about some curtains he was going to put up at the east end of his church. Of course the Bishop didn't want to be bothered about that. Back came the postcard. "Dear Mr. Smith—Hang your curtains." He has passed away, and we have a great and good Bishop who is alive, and I must not say anything about him. Going away from the Oxford Guild, my thoughts range about the west of England. I am glad to see west of England men here present. They do wonderful things down in the west. A Vicar wished to put in a beautiful window in his belfry, and he called the ringers together, and it was arranged to get a design from one of the best artists. He scraped together all the money he could get, and it was but sufficient to fill in the top lights. There were seven lights left at the bottom blank. The ringers asked him what he was going to do with the bottom part. He said "I can't raise another halfpenny, but I myself and my six ringers will fill them in. I will have my likeness taken, and fill in the middle light, and call it Saint Banff, and I expect each of you to give a light, and have your heads put on." There was a good deal of discussion. They were well-to-do ringers—yeomen. I suppose. One old fellow, a tenor-ringer, said "I can't, I be too stout for one thing." What I have heard of him is that his head or face was similar to the shape of a turnip, and the color was like a boiled beetroot. "You must not make excuses," said the parson, "there are plenty of fat saints as well as thin ones, and you will be there all right." Not a word was to be said to anybody. The Archdeacon came, and the window was unveiled, and there were the parson and the six ringers to be seen—a proper town talk. What was the result. These ringers' wives got so jealous that they went to the Vicar's wife and said, "we understand that there has been as good female saints as male saints; can't we fill in the east window?" Whether that was done or not I don't know. Ringers in the country are very long lived. I was looking at the ages of those men who rang the peal of Grandsire Caters at Painswick years ago, and I think it is worth remembering the tremendous ages of the ten men. One died quite a youth of the age of 50. The others died at these ages: 70, 71, 78, 78, 80, 85, 87, 89, and 91. Now, that is a very good record of men who rang this long peal. I hope those present will live to the same old age, though they cannot equal the age that I heard at North Devon not long ago. There was an old fellow who professed to be 70 years of age, sitting in the hedge, crying his eyes out, and rubbing himself all over. A tourist asked him what was the matter; had he got rheumatics? He answered "No Sir, aint got no rheumatics, Sir; Father has given me a proper thrashing for throwing stones at grandfather who is digging taddies." At a meeting like this of College Youths we see grey-headed ones amongst us. We do trust that as their years increase, they may also grow in the knowledge of God. I may be forgiven at a meeting like this, a meeting of churchmen, perhaps for making a reference to a verse of Holy Scripture. I think it comes in very appropriately at a meeting like this of College Youths. "Even the Youths shall be faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fail, but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." And if with all reverence I may add a little annotation to that, I would say, "they shall ring and not stand."

(To be continued.)

## Correspondence.

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

## LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

SIR,—I have carefully read the correspondence on this subject, and am even now at a loss to understand what possible objection there can be to the method rung at Stepney on the 11th of November, 1907, being called London Surprise Royal. The only argument against the use of this name is that the method, according to the ruling of the Central Council, is not London Surprise Royal. I ask, in all innocence, what is London Surprise Royal, and am informed that such a method is unobtainable. I do not think any of the band who took part in this peal wish to refute what the Central Council have decided in the matter, but as this is the first "Royal" method bearing any resemblance to London Surprise Major to be put before the Exercise, and moreover one which is freely admitted to be as good an adaptation from the Major as any yet published, is it unreasonable that the composer and all concerned should wish to convey the impression that this is the King of all methods on ten bells, by naming it after the premier method yet obtained on 8?

H. EDEN.

SIR,—Mr. Price is quite wrong when he says I referred to the Ancient Society of College Youths as a body. I did not do that, for there are very many among its members for whom I have the greatest admiration, and number among them some of my warmest friends. I particularly mentioned that "narrow-minded section," whose pharisaical ideas and dog-in-the-manger principles have been so prominent of late. I would again remind Mr. Price that he is the originator of all this correspondence by his sneering and insulting reference to the Central Council.

E. BARNETT.

[Other letters upon this subject have been received, one anonymous, which under the circumstances cannot appear unless the writer's name is added. Another letter is not written distinctly.]

## FALSE COMPOSITION.

SIR,—I regret to say that the peal of Superlative Surprise published under my name in your issue of Nov. 21 is hopelessly false. My only excuse is that I have overlooked the proof of the course ends. This will necessitate partial reconstruction, which I hope to do at an early date, apologising for occupying space that could be put to better use.

J. MARTIN.

P.S.—It follows also that the other peal, 5120, which is companion to the one published, will be false.

## LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

Oh! Albert Chevalier  
We seem to want you here.  
The Council is of brainy men  
The brainiest by far.  
Notwithstanding puckered brows  
The Secretary vows  
After all the Quack and Jaberwock  
"E' dunho where E' are!"

HA! HA!!

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Grandsire Triples has been sent from East Grinstead without any date being mentioned.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The peal of Treble Bob Royal rung at the parish church, Stockport, on October 29th, should be credited to the Lancashire Association.—The peal of Stedman Triples rung at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, was to the credit of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The peal rung at Heanor last week was the first in the method on the bells.

APPLES.—GOOD COOKING, DESSERT, hand-picked. 1d. and 1½d. per lb.: f.o.r.—Order early.—LONGNEY, Stoke Lacy, Worcester.

## Obituary.

## JOSEPH FAYERS.

His many friends will be sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Joseph Fayers, of Mitcham, Surrey, which took place quite suddenly on Saturday, November 14th. Deceased was born at Otley, in Suffolk, on April 14th, 1856, and was thus in his 53rd year. He commenced his ringing career in his native village, and as an East Anglian naturally acquired the art of correct striking, especially on even numbers, at an early age. He had been a member of the Mitcham Company since 1877. Mr. Fayers was a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, Ancient Society of College Youths, and also, since its inception, of the Surrey Association. He took part in some 188 peals, including that of 1076 of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung at Coddensham, in Suffolk, on April 2nd, 1888, the 6000 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung at Ashted on April 25th, 1891, and in 10080 Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Ashted on December 26th, 1894, and he had conducted 21. Mr. Fayers began to feel unwell about eighteen months ago, and in consequence he gave up peal ringing, although he took part in the Sunday ringing at Mitcham until the end. He paid a visit to his employers at Wimbledon on the above-named Saturday, and while there was suddenly seized with illness, and passed away before medical assistance could be obtained. A memorial service was held at Mitcham parish church after evensong on the following day, and the funeral took place at the same church on Wednesday, November 18th, at 4 o'clock. There were present, besides the immediate relatives, representatives from most of the towers in the district, there being altogether some 45 ringers at the graveside. After the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. F. Wilson, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by Mr. Edwin Horrex (representing Suffolk) 1-2, Mr. Charles J. North (Surrey) 3-4, Mr. James Driver (Fulham) 5-6, and Mr. Edward P. O'Meara (College Youths) 7-8, whilst on the tower bells the usual whole pull and stand was rung by Messrs. Chas. Dean, W. H. Joiner, Douglas W. Drewett, E. R. J. Dunk, Samuel Greenwood, Chas. Bance, Frank M. Butler, and James Currell. A peal of Stedman Triples was attempted by the local company in the evening with the bells half muffled, but without success. On the following Saturday a memorial peal of Stedman Triples, with the tenor half muffled, was rung at Mitcham, particulars of which appear in their proper place. The following is a summary of Mr. Fayers' peals:—Superlative Surprise Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 9; Kent Treble Bob Major, 26; Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Stedman Caters, 17; Stedman Triples, 55; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 14; Grandsire Caters, 22; Grandsire Triples, 32; Bob Major, 6; Bob Triples, 2; Oxford Bob Triples, 1. Total 188.

## JAMES PALSER.

In memory of James Palser, aged 58, a loyal son of the church and an enthusiastic ringer, who entered into rest on November 26th, 1908. He was a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, was secretary to the band of ringers attached to St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, and had been a member of the choir of that church for over 25 years. A man of retiring but most kindly disposition, who, although not a peal ringer to any extent, was the teacher in Bristol of youngsters, sparing no labours or pains in their interest, during a period of some 40 years. He had initiated over 80 lads into the mystery of handling a bell, an achievement which speaks volumes for his untiring tact and energy. On "Colston Day," November 13th, he had the pleasure of seeing one of his pupils, the Rev. H. A. Fleetwood, ring the treble to his first course of Grandsire Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe, and his delight was manifest. Mr. Palser was then suffering from a cold, which developed into pneumonia, and though taken to a nursing home, where everything that could be done for him was done, he passed away on the 26th, to the regret of a large circle of ringing friends. Deceased was buried in the family vault in St. Paul's Churchyard, Bristol, on Monday, November 30th, and in the evening the bells of St. Peter's, where he was steeple keeper, and those of St. James's, were rung muffled as a mark of respect.

## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on the 3rd, 17th, and 31st; St. Magous, Lower Thames Street, on the 10th and 24th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, and St. John's, Hackney, on the 15th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 29th; all at 8 p.m.

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

**The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.**—Established 1824.—A special general meeting, according to Rule xvii. of the above, will be held on Monday, December 14th, at 8.30 p.m., in the Association's room at The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, W.C. It is hoped all members who can make it convenient, will endeavour to attend, as important business will be brought forward.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill.

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, to-day, Sat., December 5th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. All ringing friends will be heartily welcomed. Will members kindly note change of Secretary, who will be pleased to receive any outstanding subscriptions.

H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*  
Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

**The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sedgley to-day, Saturday, December 5th. The tower will be open for ringing at 4. Service in church at 5 o'clock.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*  
16, Wilmcote Place, Oxford Street, Dudley.

**The Essex Association.**—South-Western Division.—A bye-meeting will be held at Wanstead to-day, Sat., December 5th. The bells will be raised at 3.30 p.m., and those of Leytonstone and Woodford will be available from 3.30 p.m. to 5 o'clock. There will be a short service at 5.30, followed by a tea and meeting in the Mission Hall in Cowley Road. The primary object of this meeting is to endeavour to interest the parishioners of Wanstead in the bells, with a view of a fund being raised to provide a new peal in place of the present steel bells. The clergy, churchwardens, and others have been invited to attend, and it is earnestly hoped that we shall have a record meeting, and that as many ringers as possible will attend the service. A social evening will follow the meeting, and several friends have kindly promised songs, etc.

G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
South Woodford.

**The Essex Association.**—South-Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford to-day, Sat., December 5th. Tea at The Dolphin hotel at 5.30 p.m. By kind permission of the Rector (Rev. Canon Lake), the bells of St. Mary's will be open for ringing from 4 to 5.20, and from 7 to 9 p.m. I shall be much obliged if members who intend to be present at the tea, will kindly let me know by December 2nd.

HENRY F. COOPER, *Hon. Sec.*  
County Offices, Chelmsford.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild** — North Bucks, Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchley, Bucks., to-day, Sat., December 5th. Bells open at 2 p.m.

F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—North-Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ardleigh, to-day, Saturday, December 5th.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
Coggeshall.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting will be held at Walton-on-Thames to-day, Saturday, December 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 5 p.m. Meeting after.

C. H. PEARCE, *Dis. Sec.*  
Vale Road, Yorktown.

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held in the Rectory School, North Wingfield, to-day, Sat., December 5th, 5 minutes walk from Clay Cross Station. All ringers invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) will be available from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.

J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—A meeting will be held at Chatham on Saturday, December 12th. The tower will be opened at 3 p.m. There will be a short service at St. Mary's church at 5.30 p.m. A tea will be provided at 6 o'clock for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, December 8th. Business after. Will Secretaries please send the times of Sunday ringing at their respective churches to me when forwarding annual subscriptions.

A. B. ROBSON, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
39, Windsor Road, Gillingham.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Glastonbury on Saturday, December 12th. Service at St. John's church at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Avalon dining-rooms, High Street, at 4.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. The following bells are available during the afternoon: Glastonbury (St. John's), 8 bells; St. Benedict (6 bells); Street (8 bells).

E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Business after.

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

**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, December 12th. Tower open at 3. Tea at 5.30 to those who let me know by Wednesday, December 9th.

ROBERT J. DAVE, *Hon. Div. Sec.*  
15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 12th. Bells ready at 4.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, December 12th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. H. Arling Whelpton, M.A., and Mr. W. Ticehurst (captain). The bells will be available from 4 o'clock; shortened

evensong at 5.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar at 6 o'clock. Meeting after tea. Members wishing to be present at tea must let me know not later than Wednesday, December 9th, otherwise they will not be provided for. Subscriptions for 1908 are overdue. Will bands, etc., please note.

G. H. HOWSE, *Hon. Sec.*  
2, Carlton Road, Eastbourne.

**The Salop Guild.**—The next meeting will be held at Market Drayton on Saturday, December 12th. Ringing will commence at 3 p.m. R. M. COLE-HAMILTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, December 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30.

GEORGE MARIES, *Branch Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Silverdale on Saturday, December 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Service at St. Luke's church at 6.30. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. George Taylor, Wheatsheaf inn, Silverdale, on or before the 9th inst.

REV. W. G. KEYWORTH, } *Hon. Secs.*  
J. JOHNSON,

**Gloucester and Bristol Association.**—The anniversary meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, December 26th. Service at St. John's church, Broad Street, at 12.30, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. S. E. Swann. Full particulars later.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*  
Bristol.

## NOTE TO PEAL.

**THE PEAL AT WEST CLANDON.**—An attempt was made for the same peal on Saturday, November 21st, but after ringing for two hours it had to be abandoned, owing to having failed in Wells. The methods of Worcester and Chichester the first ever rung in the Guildford district. Henry Blackman, who rang the 2nd, has been away from the district for some time, therefore not being able to practice but very little, his main chance being of studying the methods, which reflects great credit on his part.

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42356	-	-	-	-
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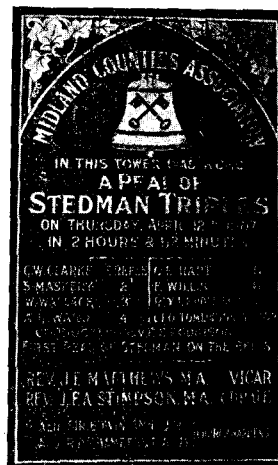
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## The Metropolis.

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Tenor 15 cwt.

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Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal in the method.

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\*First peal away from the treble.

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

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On Wednesday, November 18, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
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 Treble Bob, Tenor 20 cwt.

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Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

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Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

ALBERT MITCHELL* .. .. Treble.	ALFRED D. MILLS .. .. 5.
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Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by F. W. RICE.

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

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## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, November 19, 1908, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWARD UNITT .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HUGHES .. .. 5.
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Composed by SIR A. P. HRYWOOD, Bart., and  
 Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

†First peal in the method.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 19, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES.

HENRY T. HOWELL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM STOWELL .. .. 6.
PERCY WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	FRANK K. HOWELL .. .. 7.
ALBERT STOWELL .. .. 3.	FRED G. MAY .. .. 8.
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Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Rung muffled on the occasion of the anniversary service of the late Alderman Whitson.

## ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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Composed by D. WOODS, and Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

Rung to celebrate the birthdays of Messrs. J. H. Ridyard, Moss, Barratt, and Chapman. It is also the fiftieth peal in the method conducted by R. Ridyard.

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HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART (No. 2).

WM. ANDREWS, JUN.* .. .. Treble.	WM. CHAPMAN .. .. 5.
HENRY NORMAN .. .. 2.	ARCHIBALD J. ANDREWS .. .. 6.
ROBERT SCOTT .. .. 3.	FREDK. NORMAN .. .. 7.
EDWIN CHAPMAN† .. .. 4.	ROBERT CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. SCOTT.

\*First peal. †First peal away from the treble.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ASHTON-  
UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Thursday, November 19, 1908, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 27½ cwt.

CHARLES BOWER .. .. Treble.	JAMES BOOTH .. .. 7.
THOMAS JAKEMAN .. .. 2.	BENJAMIN GILL .. .. 8.
SAMUEL WOOD .. .. 3.	SAMUEL BOOTH .. .. 9.
JAMES SHAW .. .. 4.	ALBERT ADAMS .. .. 10.
JAMES WOOD .. .. 5.	BENJAMIN THORPE .. .. 11.
JOSEPH MELLOR .. .. 6.	MALCOLM OLDFIELD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

First peal of Stedman Cinques by all except the conductor. First peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor. First peal in the method by a local band of the Lancashire Association and the Ashton-under-Lyne Society.

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## SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

SYDNEY J. JESSOP .. .. Treble.	*ROLAND BRAGG .. .. 5.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. .. 2.	*SAMUEL BRAGG .. .. 6.
GEOFFREY A. MARTINEAU* .. 3.	JOHN BRAGG .. .. 7.
STANLEY BRAGG .. .. 4.	HARRY WITHERS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by HARRY WITHERS.

\*First peal of Major First peal of Major by the above Association, The previous peal of Major on these bells was rung in 1786, conducted by Samuel Lawrence.

## BROMHAM, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

PEARL INSKIP .. .. Treble.	REGINALD GARRINER .. 4.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 2.	FREDERICK MORTIMER .. 5.
WALTER FINEDON .. .. 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

## ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

ERNEST LINCOLN .. .. Treble.	JAMES BETTS .. .. 5.
FREDERICK BORRETT .. .. 2.	WALTER BARRETT .. .. 6.
OLIVER BROCK .. .. 3.	FREDERICK SMITH .. .. 7.
GEORGE SYMONDS .. .. 4.	JAMES SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

## NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HERBERT DAY .. .. Treble.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 5.
JOHN P. TARTLON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FROST .. .. 6.
JOSEPH BAILEY* .. .. 3.	SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 7.
REV. R. P. FARROW .. .. 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\*First peal in the method.

## TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

CHARLES POWELL* .. .. Treble.	LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS .. .. 4.
ALFRED EDWARDS .. .. 2.	†WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. 5.
ARTHUR J. GRIFFITHS .. .. 3.	PERCY JONES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS.

First peal. †First peal as conductor.

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

On Saturday, November 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYN HILL.

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS .. .. Treble.	CHARLES SMITH .. .. 5.
ARTHUR WALKER .. .. 2.	RICHARD BUCKLAND .. .. 6.
HERBERT COX .. .. 3.	THOMAS PRICE .. .. 7.
GEORGE MARTIN .. .. 4.	JOHN C. TRUSS .. .. Tenor.

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

## COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight 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.

THOMAS W. DAY* .. .. Treble.	*FRANK DOWNING .. .. 5.
JAMES YORKE* .. .. 2.	WILFRID OVERTON .. .. 6.
JOHN OVERTON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SAUNDERS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM JONES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\*First peal on eight bells. The Vicar kindly provided tea at the conclusion of the peal.

## LINCOLN.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being two 720s of Grandsire, three of Treble Bob, and two of Bob Minor, each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE COLLINS .. .. Treble.	CHARLES METCALFE .. .. 4.
GEORGE FLINTHAM .. .. 2.	JAMES BETTS .. .. 5.
HORACE HIBST .. .. 3.	WILLIAM CLARKE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES BETTS.

## ECCLESFIELD, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN .. .. Treble.	JOHN THORPE .. .. 5.
WALTER ALLWOOD .. .. 2.	GEORGE LEWIS .. .. 6.
JOHN HOLMAN .. .. 3.	GEORGE O. DIXON .. .. 7.
GEORGE HALKSWORTH .. .. 4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HARRY HAYTHORN* .. .. Treble.	*HAROLD HIBBERT .. .. 5.
ALFRED BARNES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM LOWERY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WILLIAMSON† .. 3.	GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. 7.
WILLIAM BUTLER† .. .. 4.	FRED HOLT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and Conducted by WILLIAM LOWERY.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

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## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWARD BARNETT, SEN. .. Treble.	*FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 2.	*ISAAC EMBRY .. .. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 3.	*JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HEWETT .. .. 4.	†THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

\*First peal of Double Oxford. †250th peal.

## KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. Treble.	T. HENRY HARDY .. .. 4.
ARTHUR BRIERST .. .. 2.	*FRED STANFORTH .. .. 5.
ALFRED ROBT .. .. 3.	*W. NEAL ADKINSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\*First peal. †First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rector (Rev. E. S. B. Fletcher), for kindly entertaining them to tea. F. Stanforth was elected a member before starting.

## WOODLESFORD, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, City Delight, London Scholars, Duke of York, and Oxford.

Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST McWILLIAMS .. Treble.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW .. .. 4.
GEORGE ABBISHAW .. .. 2.	GEORGE W. STEEL .. .. 5.
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW .. 3.	WALTER CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE W. STEEL.

## EASTWOOD, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM KEBBLE .. .. Treble.	THOMAS RILEY .. .. 5.
JESSE MOSS .. .. 2.	HARRY MOSS .. .. 6.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 7.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 4.	JOHN FLINT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by W. KEBBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY .. Treble.	JOAB A. ROSS .. .. 5.
HENRY ODDY .. .. 2.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 6.
THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 3.	GEORGE BOLLAND .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BOLLAND .. .. 4.	FRANK BIRKS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by WM. BOLLAND.

## GOUDHURST, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 27½ cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT .. Treble.	JIM BEACH .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 2.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 6.
FRED BUTCHERS .. .. 3.	FRED J. LAMBERT .. .. 7.
EDWIN LAMBERT .. .. 4.	THOMAS LAMBERT .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

## MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. Treble.	CHARLES DEAN .. .. 5.
JAMES D. DREWETT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. JOINER .. 6.
DOUGLAS W. DREWETT .. 3.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 7.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 4.	ALBERT CALVER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

Rung with the tenor half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late J. Fayers. Mr. Groves, who hails from Birmingham, was proposed a member before starting.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Monday, November 23, 1908, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt.

HARRY BROWNJOHN .. Treble.	CHARLES H. GORDON .. 6.
WALTER APPERLEY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM KNIGHT .. .. 7.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 3.	GEORGE JAYNE .. .. 8.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 4.	JOHN A. BURFORD .. .. 9.
RICHARD CLARK .. .. 5.	WILLIAM A. CAVE .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. H. Gordon, whose birthday was on the previous day.

## DISS, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 24, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM C. CHENERY .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2.	OLIVER BROCK .. .. 6.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 3.	ERNEST F. POPPY .. .. 7.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 4.	JOHN SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

## WEST CLANDON, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 24, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of Cambridge, London, Wells, Worcester, Chichester,  
Durham and York Surprise. Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE MONK .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH GOACHE .. .. 4.
HENRY BLACKMAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM DAY .. .. 5.
REGINALD BLAKE .. .. 3.	FREDERICK BENNETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK BENNETT.

\*First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal of Surprise Minor in the Guildford District by a local band. Further reference elsewhere.

## BROMLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 24, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 19½ cwt,

ALFRED JAMES* .. .. Treble.	ISAAC EMERY .. .. 5.
GEORGE FRENCH .. .. 2.	GEORGE HUXLEY .. .. 6.
ALBERT HUMPHREY .. .. 3.	GEORGE DURLING .. .. 7.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 4.	ARTHUR BYGRAVE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE DURLING.

\*First peal away from the treble. †First peal.

## EALING, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Wednesday, November 25, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HENRY C. CHANDLER .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.
EVERED J. WALSON .. .. 2.	ARTHUR HARDING .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 3.	HENRY BROWNING .. .. 7.
ALLEN H. TABER .. .. 4.	GEORGE GREEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung as a compliment to H. Stemp on his 75th birthday, he having been a ringer here for fifty-one years.

## FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES NEWMAN .. .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER .. .. 5.
DAVID ELLIOTT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM ELLIOTT .. .. 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 3.	ALFRED G. RIVERS .. .. 7.
PERCY LANGSTON .. .. 4.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. FITSTOW, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

## WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(WIGSTON MAGNA BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF CARTER'S 12-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS HUMBERSTONE .. Treble.	FREDK. H. DEXTER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. HUMBERSTONE 2.	*ALBERT E. STANYON .. .. 6.
WALTER BRUIN* .. .. 3.	PERCY CARTER .. .. 7.
ARTHUR BRIERS .. .. 4.	ALFRED WHITE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. H. DEXTER.

\*First peal. Rung on the anniversary of the dedication of the two trebles.

## Handbell Peals.

## GOSFORTH, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 17, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

IN ALL SAINTS' BELFRY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES.

JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. 1-2.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 5-6.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 3-4.	*CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 7-8.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. 9-10.	

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

\*First peal of Stedman on handbells.

## Date Touches.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATHFORD (Somersetshire).—On Sunday, November 8th, at the parish church, a date touch of Bob Minor in 1 hr. 8 mins. W. Hodder, T. Roberts, H. Pittman, T. Smith, F. Neate, F. W. Cannings conductor. Longest length of Bob Minor by a local band, add first date touch on the bells.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LODDON (Norfolk).—On Saturday, November 28th, at the church of The Holy Trinity, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1908 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. C. E. Parnell, A. J. Cornish, H. Reynolds, H. Hopson, G. Baxter, W. Spalding, G. E. Symonds conductor, E. Etheridge. Arranged from Holt's Original by W. Gordon, of Stockport.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Tuesday, November 17th, for practice at the church of St. Laurence, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. J. Burton, E. Bailey, F. Snook, A. Harding, H. Runham conductor, A. Halliday, A. W. Osborne, R. Dowsett. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, and 3rd.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, November 1st, Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. G. Johnson, W. Newman, G. V. Crush, W. Rowland, jun., G. Waskett, A. Whight, H. F. Cooper conductor, H. Rolfe.

GALLEYWOOD (Essex).—On Saturday, October 31st, after meeting late for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. G. Johnson, J. Tarbun, W. Rowland, jun., G. Crush, W. Wellington, W. Lilley, H. F. Cooper conductor, C. Waskett. Both quarter-peals were taken from Parker's twelve-part.

ASTON MANOR (Warwickshire).—On Sunday evening, October 4th, after Divine Service at the parish church, 1277 Grandsire Caters in 48 mins. W. Jones, B. Whiteside, J. Jones, W. Webb, J. Perry, J. Hopkin, J. Collett, W. G. Ellis composer and conductor, P. Laffin, G. Ellis.

BROMYARD (Herefordshire).—On Saturday, November 14th, some members of the Worcester Cathedral Guild visited this place, and rang 720 Bob Minor and other short touches. B. S. Hill, J. Morris, L. Longney conductor, W. C. Jones, T. Viles, W. H. Johnson. The conductor provided tea, it being his birthday, and about ten years since he rung his previous 720.

CRANFORD (Northants).—On Monday, November 9th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob. O. Judd, F. Lewin, J. Judd, B. J. Saddington, J. Lewin, J. Saddington conductor. Rung in honour of the King's birthday. First quarter-peal of Oxford Bob by all the band. First quarter-peal by O. Judd. The above are all local men.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Monday, October 5th, at Christ Church, two plain courses of London Surprise Major. G. Bester, F. G. Tegg, W. Pickworth, J. Armstrong, N. A. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, S. Wade. First course in this method ever rung by the local society. On November 26th, for practice, 576 London Surprise Major. A. R. Glasscock, W. Pickworth, C. T. Coles, J. Armstrong, N. A. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor.

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### Ringers' Outings.

**THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, STAINES.**—The members of this society selected Reading for their annual outing, which took place on Saturday, October 3rd. The Captain (Mr. A. J. Redman), and J. Preston, were unable to go. The party, numbering eight, left Staines at 10.40 in ideal weather. Arriving at St. Mary's church they were met by Mr. A. W. Osborne, who had kindly made arrangements for them to ring at the three towers, commencing at St. Mary's. Some good touches of Stedman and Bob Major was rung, conducted by F. Richardson. Leaving for dinner, to which good justice was done, they arrived at St. Giles', where touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Bob Major were rung, conducted by Messrs. Wicks, Osborne, and Richardson. After tea

they made their way to St. Laurence's, where they met Mr. W. Newell, who had kindly got permission. Courses of Grandsire Caters were rung, assisted by Mr. A. W. Osborne and another gentleman, this being the first by some of the band on ten bells. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Messrs. Osborne and Newell, and the respective Vicars for the use of the tower and bells, the ringers all expressing what an enjoyable outing it had been.

### RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday, November 21st, a very pretty wedding took place at St. Nicholas church, East Dereham, when Herbert R. Secker, a member of the local band, was joined in holy wedlock to Miss M. Day. The bride was given away by her cousin, Mr. Jim Townsend, Mr. Bert Whiteside acting as best man. After the ceremony

the local band rang 720 Bob Major, and course did not forget to fine. Among the numerous presents was a very fine tea-pot presented. The ringers wish them every happiness in their new venture.

### ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

On Monday, November 9th (the King's birthday), at the parish church, Rugby, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major was commenced at 5.50 p.m., and after ringing for 3 hrs. 2 mins. the attempt failed when within 20 mins. of completion. Arthur L. Coleman, Richard Watson, William Taylor, Sydney C. Small, Harry O. White, George W. Murray, Charles W. Wheeler, Joseph C. Fenton (conductor).

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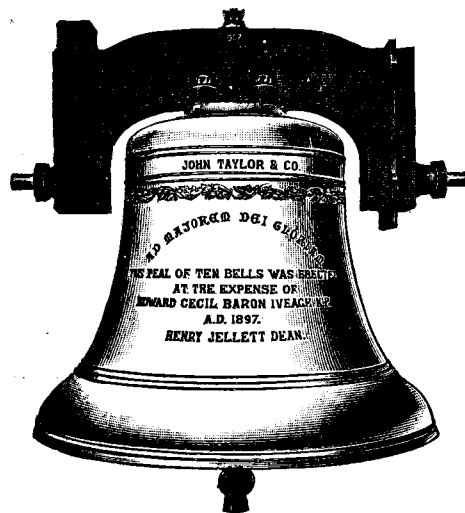
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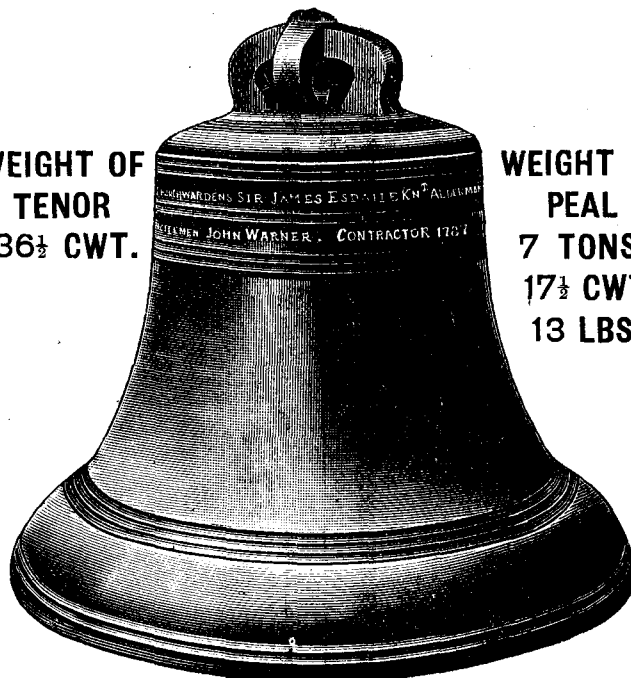
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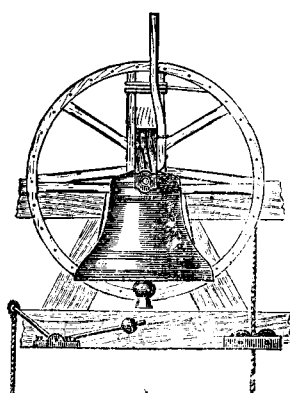
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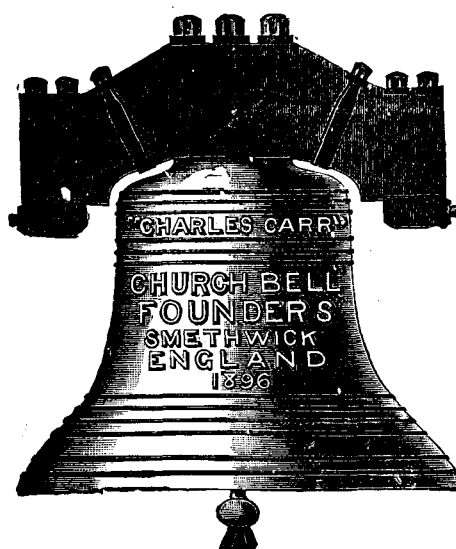
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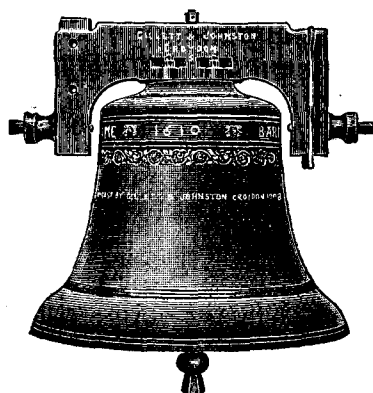
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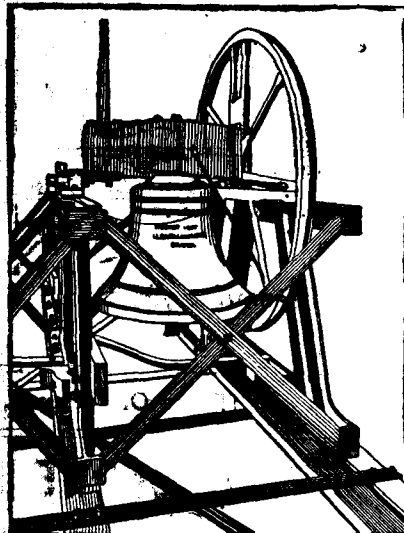
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## LEIGH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Wednesday, December 2nd, the Bishop of Gloucester visited this place for the purpose of dedicating a new treble bell. The tower hitherto has contained five bells, a space having been left for a sixth when the church was restored in 1888. The 4th and tenor date from 1619, and the 5th from 1628, whilst the 2nd and 3rd were recast in 1888 by Mears and Stainbank.

The service, which was preceded by some excellent ringing on the old five bells, commenced at 7.30 p.m., and consisted of evensong, with the dedication after the second lesson. At the conclusion of the second lesson, the Bishop, preceded by the Rev. A. S. Lister, Vicar, entered the belfry, and with the usual prayers dedicated the bell, after which she was raised by Mr. E. A. Lister, and a plain course was rung.

The Bishop, taking his text from Numbers x. 2-10, preached in his usual eloquent manner, bidding his congregation "take heed how they heard the bells." After the service half-a-dozen excellent 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung by the following, all of whom are residents in the parish: E. A. Lister, H. Finch, C. Coldrick, G. Watts, C. Dyson conductor, D. Merriman. Tenor about 20 cwt. Time prevented any further ringing that night.

The new bell was cast by Mears and Stainbank, and weighs 6 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lbs., and bears the following inscription: "Prepare to meet thy God. A. S. Lister, Vicar, A. C. Fraughton, S. Weston, churchwardens, A.D. 1908." Its note is C sharp, and is an excellent splice to the other five, which are B, A, G sharp, F sharp, and tenor E. The present efficiency of the local band is entirely due to the efforts of Mr. C. Dyson, who, bringing the ringers on from "twenty-fours," called the first two 6-scores on September 20th last, and since then has accomplished 11,160 changes of Grandsire Doubles whilst ringing for services and practices. E. A. LISTER.

## NEWINGTON, NEAR FOLKESTONE, KENT.

On Friday, November 27th, the Bishop of Croydon dedicated a new treble bell to make a ring of six. The five old bells have been tuned and the peal rehung in new fittings and iron frame by Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. The new bell is a perfect splice and makes a very musical ring of six. Great credit is due to the hangers, the "go" of the ring being everything that could be wished for. The tower being only a wooden structure perched on the roof, one might have expected some vibration. Messrs. Mears have overcome all this, with the result that the bells go like tops.

Touchees of Minor, Stedman and Grandsire were rung on the opening day by hands from Folkestone, Cheriton and Newington, one and all being satisfied with the bells.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Leatherhead district of the above Association was held at Dorking on Saturday, November 28th. Arrangements were made for the bells of St. Martin's church to be rung, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung during the afternoon and evening. Tea, at which there were about twenty present, was held in the church room, following a short service in church, at which the Vicar of Dorking, Rev. Canon E. Chichester, gave a very helpful address.

Canon Chichester presided at the tea and the business meeting which followed. The Rev. E. T. Gotto was re-elected hon. secretary for the ensuing year, and Mr. Dean, of Leatherhead, was appointed as representative on the Central Council. It was decided to hold meetings for combined practice at Leatherhead, Dorking and Ashstead in December, January and February. The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Saturday, February 26th, at Ashstead. The hon. secretary, in his annual report, mentioned that three most successful quarterly meetings had been held during the past year, and that a quarterly peal had been rung at Leatherhead on November 14th, this being Mr. Alfred Winch's 100th peal. The balance sheet, which showed a balance in favour of the district, was adopted. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding at the business meeting.

## CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting of this district was held at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on Saturday, November 28th, members attending from St. Peter's and St. John's, Bournemouth, Christchurch, Lymington, Ringwood and three outside member. Tea was partaken of in St. Peter's Hall, followed immediately by the business meeting, presided over by the Rev. W. G. Iremonger. The balance sheet showed receipts to the amount of £7 15s., and the expenses £3 18s. 11d., leaving a balance of £4 16s. 1d. The Rev. W. G. Iremonger was re-elected chairman of the district, Mr. C. W. Goodenough representative, Mr. G. Plummer, auditor, and Mr. G. Preston district secretary. It was decided to hold quarterly meetings at Ringwood on February 20th, Lymington on June 10th, Lyndhurst on September 4th, and the annual at Christchurch on November 27th.

## TITCHFIELD, HANTS.

A very pleasant gathering of ringers took place at the church of St. Peter on Saturday, November 21st, the occasion being the unveiling of a peal-board recording the first 5040 in seven methods rang on the bells on January 11th of this year. The board was supplied by Mr. J. Hunt, of Guildford, and the entire cost defrayed by the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. Matthews, Master of the Guild, who also entertained the company present to tea, which included Messrs. G. Williams, W. Rowe, jun., C. J. Fray, W. H. George, W. T. Tucker (North Stoneham),

G. Chappell (Wickham), J. W. Whiting (Fareham), F. S. Bayley, and E. J. Harding (Portsea), H. W. Wilkes, P. E. Morfee, W. Robson (Southampton), G. Aslett and F. Oxenbury (Twyford).

The unveiling ceremony was performed after evening service by the Vicar, who made some very encouraging remarks with regard to the excellent striking of this peal, and hoped it would be an incentive to his ringers to go and do likewise. He was very pleased to record this performance in the belfry, as it was the first incumbency he had held where his church contained a peal of bells, and he hoped in the near future to see them increased to a peal of eight.

Mr. G. Williams (the conductor of the peal), on behalf of himself and brother-ringers, thanked the Master for providing the peal-board, and also for entertaining them so well on each visit to Fitchfield.

Various methods were rung during the evening, including 720 College Single by J. W. Whiting, F. S. Bayley, C. J. Fray, W. H. George, W. T. Tucker, G. Williams conductor. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The social and ringing meeting was held in the Assembly Rooms, Heavitree, on Saturday, November 7th, being preceded by a tea at 4.30 p.m. The Rev. M. Kelly presided, the other clergy being the Revs. Prebendary Martin, Prebendary Bird, F. Molineux (Hon. Secretary), T. J. Ponting, H. L. Pigot, C. J. V. French, L. Mallett, and A. Braund; Messrs. A. Brighton, W. H. Marsh, E. Shepherd, and representatives from twenty-one bands, numbering 155 members. The bells of St. Sidwell's, St. David's, St. Edmund's, Alphington, Heavitree, St. Thomas, and St. Petrock's, were in constant requisition during the afternoon and evening. In consequence of the south tower of the Cathedral undergoing repairs, the bells were not available, to the disappointment of the members, who always regard the Guild meetings in Exeter as affording an opportunity of ringing on the fine peal of ten.

The President proposed that the congratulations of the members be tendered to Mr. C. Edmund Spender, a Vice-President of the Guild, on his election to the office of Mayor of Plymouth, this being the first occasion that such an honour had been conferred on a member of the Devonshire Guild. It was also significant and proper that Mr. Spender's name should be proposed in the Council Chamber by Mr. J. Y. Woolcombe, who is a member of the Guild.

The election of new members included the election of a new Huntsham band; the old band which attained celebrity in the day's of Colonel Troyte as a centre of peal-ringing in the county having gradually become extinct.

After the meeting a large number of members adjourned to the Cathedral belfry, to witness the dedication of a peal-board by Prebendary Martin, recording the first peal of Grandsire Triples rung on the Minor or Stafford eight by the members of the Exeter Ringers' Cycling Club on February 8th.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. T. J. Ponting for welcoming the Guild to Heavitree: to the ladies who catered for, and presided at the tea-tables, and to the clergy for the use of the bells at the various churches.

### DURRINGTON, NEAR SALISBURY.

A large clock has just been erected in the parish church here by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. It shows time on two large dials, and strikes the hours upon the largest bell of the peal. It has been made generally to the designs of the late Lord Grimthorpe, and the makers guarantee it to keep time with great accuracy.

### Correspondence.

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

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

### CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES.

SIR,—From the letters published in "THE BELL NEWS," and also from three or four kind letters received in private correspondence, it is quite evident that the minute published on page 377 in your issue of October 10th, with respect to the Council's action in the question of "London" Surprise Royal stands in need of amendment. In its present form it reads as follows: "Mr. G. F. Attree proposed, and Mr. J. S. Pritchett seconded, a resolution to the effect that the Council declines to recognise any method hitherto rung or published as being entitled to the designation of London Surprise Royal," but on the motion of the Rev. H. Drake, seconded by the Hon. Secretary, the previous question was carried by 24 to 21.

The amendment required to bring this into agreement with fact, consists in the insertion of an additional statement before the words "but on the motion of, etc." The following is the corrected form: "Designation of London Surprise Royal. This having been carried by a very large majority, the Rev. H. Law James proposed, and Mr. J. A. Trollope seconded, a resolution stating that 'the method of London Surprise Major is incapable of extension to ten or twelve bells,' but on the motion of the Rev. H. Drake" etc.

Allow me to thank very cordially all who have contributed to the elucidation of the matter. I am only too glad at all times for any help, being most anxious that the minutes should be absolutely accurate, and that the Council's business in general should be conducted as efficiently as possible. It is, moreover, much better that any little question of this sort should be settled before the meeting of the Council, so as to avoid any needless discussion and waste of time on the day itself.

Into other issues raised in course of the correspondence I have no wish to enter. But I am sure that we are all agreed that the performance at Stepney was a great and notable achievement, and it has occurred to me to suggest that, unless the name has already been appropriated for some other method, we should in honour of the peal in question, give to that method the name of "Stepney Surprise Royal." CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

### A WITHDRAWAL.

SIR,—Please allow me to withdraw my name from the peal of Superlative published under my name last week. Our old friend Mr. H. W. Wilde, points out that this and others were rung by members of the Midland Counties Association in 1886 as Sir Arthur Heywood's composition. I was rather doubtful that it was too good a peal not to have been previously discovered by someone. H. DAINS.

W. SAWYER.—If you write on both sides of the paper, it is likely to be disappointing.

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CIRCUITS OF STEDMAN  
CINQUES.

(Continued from p. 460.)

ARRANGED BY JOHN CARTER,  
Birmingham.

Circuits of 5007 from a 231 (continued).

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(To be continued.)

## ROMNEY MARSH &amp; DISTRICT.

The committee of members of the above guild held a special meeting in the belfry at Appledore on November 27th, at 7 p.m., to discuss and consider the future of the society, members being present from Appledore, Ashford, Stone, Tenterden, and Rye. Some heated discussion ensued with regard to the way in which the guild had recently been carried on, and it was eventually proposed and seconded that Mr. George Johnson should carry on the secretarial duties in place of Mr. Unwin (resigned) until the annual gathering, which takes place in January next.

The Master, Mr. Tribe, in an able speech, said that he thought all animosity should now be buried, and that he hoped by thus doing so the interests of the guild would be better served. This wish was echoed by the members present, and arrangements were then made for the monthly meeting and peal, after which ringing was again resumed, touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major rung.

It is hoped that all ringers in the district and members unable to be present at the meeting will do their utmost to support the guild in every way, that its original objects may be served - viz.: the advancement of change-ringing and methods in the vicinity of Romney Marsh.

## THE VERRY MEMORIAL DINNER.

The fourth annual dinner in commemoration of the late W. Verry was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Handsworth, Birmingham, at which thirty-nine ringers and friends sat down to a sumptuous feast under the presidency of the Rev. W. Chilwell, who was supported by the churchwarden, Mr. J. Lister. After dinner the usual toasts were given. The pianist for the evening was Mr. Banks, who started the musical programme. Mr. H. Withers gave a touch of Double Norwich on the dulcimer. Then a touch of Stedman Triples on handbells by Messrs. J. Groves, J. Cater, T. Miller, and J. George. At this point pressure of business caused the president and warden to leave. Mr. J. George, of Rugby, presided for the rest of the evening.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

(Continued from p. 471.)

Mr. Francis E. Dawe, in proposing the toast, "The Visitors," said:—In consequence of a telegram on the table here from a gentleman who is unable to be present, I feel that the points have been altered, and I am on a different pair of rails altogether. I should like to preface my remarks with regard to the visitors by saying how delighted we should have been in London for them to be able to ring and enjoy some of our best peals of bells. It is many years since I had the privilege of going up into St. Saviour's tower. There this evening, in company with one or two other ringers, I was pained to see the very ruinous state in which some of the bells are at present hanging. I do not propose to put the blame on anyone, much less on the powers that be, who have many things to think about, but I really do hope that some means may be devised in the near future of putting into proper ringing order one of the grandest musical instruments in the great city. It is very enjoyable to go about the country and to meet ringers at the various guilds and provincial gatherings. The progress that has been made in recent years, both in ability and in numbers, is astonishing. I can remember the time when it used to be just a handful of men who used to gather together, and now the number frequently runs into the same number that we see here to-night—three figures. This is very gratifying, and it is equally so to see the class of men who compose the ringers of England at the present time. There must be a key to all this, and I am perfectly certain that it is the beneficial influence of our parson ringers, coupled with the fact that Sir Arthur Heywood, since he came amongst us, founded the Central Council. It gets our wants and wishes known, and puts us before the public in the position that we ought to have occupied years ago. We have a man risen up amongst us who cannot only call and conduct a peal of Stedman Triples, but is able to do so blindfolded, and to complete a circle whilst doing so. It is, I suppose, the irony of fate that many of our best and most skilled clergy ringers are not elected to a church where there happens to be a ring of bells. We only hope and trust that the day will arrive when such a friend as Mr. Coleridge will be some dear old Dean in a grand old Cathedral with a fine ring of bells under his care. The toast of "The Visitors" is always honoured and respected in every class and community. We are very pleased indeed to see our good friend Miss Leny here amongst us, and ably supported by another lady ringer. Whenever Miss Leny can be present at a College Youths' gathering she has the satisfaction of being able to vote without resorting to hostilities. She is justly entitled to that vote which she has so willingly won amongst us. With this toast I have pleasure in coupling the name of Mr. Winkleigh, who is a churchwarden. It is very gratifying to find men who are put in the position of churchwardens, able to use their influence and their power in a way that will protect the bells. I remember that a lot of Early English work had been cut away in a very beautiful old north of England tower, to put an enormous clock face high up in position, where it became unsightly. A local butcher informed me that he was the churchwarden who was responsible for the improvement. I discussed the matter with him, and would you believe it, he told me that he had had the clock put up higher so that he could stand at his shop door and see what time it was. We want men who will spend public money in the proper manner.

Mr. Winkleigh, in responding, said he did not think bell ringers were appreciated at their worth. He instanced the varied uses of church bells. The public were very ignorant of bell-ringing, and could not distinguish chiming from ringing. The College Youths were always welcome to ring the bells of South Hackney.

In proposing "The Officers of the Society" Mr. W. D. Smith spoke highly of the work of the executive of the College Youths. They had been blessed with excellent officers during the past year. He paid tribute to the high qualities of the society's officials, and especially to those of Mr. Cockerill, the hon. secretary.

On being invited to speak, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, of Sheffield, said that he had always had a very great regard for the College

Youths. He had been connected with them for half a century, and he had done some decent ringing with the older hands. He often wondered what the College Youths were like 100 years ago. His grandfather had come to London from Yorkshire in 1816 specially to ring a peal. They must have been jolly good fellows then. He had been connected with ringing all his life. He regarded the College Youths' dinner as the top function of the ringing world, and he greatly appreciated coming among them.

Mr. William T. Cockerill received an ovation on rising to respond. He said:—This gives me just an opportunity of mentioning a few facts that have not already come out. In addition to the letters and telegrams that have been mentioned to-night, I have letters of regret from the Venerable the Archdeacon of Southwark, The Rev. Richard Peek, of St. Magnus, the Rev. Canon Bell, of St. Michael's, Mr. Newell, of Reading, Mr. Potter, Mr. Judd, of Southend, and others. We have with regret to record the death of Mr. Walter Jones, who was well known to London ringers, and to most country ringers who came to visit London. He died after a short illness at the end of August. Dr. Redpath, Rector of St. Dunstan's, has also passed away since the last dinner. I think it is two years since he was with us. As regards the making of new members, we are a little below the average this year, as also with the number of peals which have been rung. Although few in number, they are interesting. Our lady member—Miss Gilbanks—took part in a peal of Stedman Triples at St. John's, Waterloo Road. There have been two handbell peals rung of Stedman Triples, and one of Stedman Caters, conducted by Mr. Price—6591 changes—a very good performance. On the nearest possible occasion to the fortieth anniversary of the long peal at Bethnal Green, a peal of Treble Bob was rung at St. Matthew's on April 25th last. Messrs. Wood and Horrex took part in that peal, and they were also two of the members of the band who rang in 1868 that wonderful peal of 15,000 odd changes, which for a long time held the record. Then on April 27th, the very anniversary of the night, we had a small gathering at our headquarters in Warwick Lane at a leg of mutton supper. I am proud to say that we then had with us Mr. Wood, Mr. Pettitt, Mr. Horrex, and Mr. Cooter, four members who took part in that long peal of forty years ago. I may say that three of those members have been in the room to-night. Mr. Cooter, unfortunately has had to give up ringing. Just recently his eyesight failed him, and he can scarcely see across the tower, but he is blessed with wonderful hearing. It is marvellous how he can keep his bell in position when ringing Stedman Cinques. I am very sorry indeed that he could not be with us to-night. I am very grateful to Mr. Smith for the kind words he has said, and also to you all for the very kind way in which you have received the last toast. I am proud to do what I can to keep the Society going, and I am sure that I have been greatly helped by every officer.

At the conclusion "Auld Lang Syne" was enthusiastically sung.

## Obituary.

### JESSE KING.

It is with regret we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at his residence at Wanstead on Friday, October 16th, aged 66. He had been a great sufferer from rheumatism, and for the last eleven years he had not been able to ring, but was always interested in ringing, and took his "BELL NEWS" regular. He was a member of the Essex Association and the Royal Cumberland Youths, but was unfortunate to never ring a peal. As a last mark of respect several of his brother-ringers followed him to his last resting-place, which took place at Wanstead parish churchyard on October 19th. In the evening his brother-ringers rang with the bells deeply muffled, the usual whole pull and stand, and 240 of Bob Minor. May he rest in peace.

**APPLES.—GOOD COOKING, DESSERT,** hand-picked. 1d. and 1½d. per lb.: f.o.r.—Order early.—LONGNEY, Stoke Lacy, Worcester.

## Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on the 17th and 31st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 24th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, and St. John's, Hackney, on the 15th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 29th; all at 8 p.m.

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

**The London County Association,** late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A special general meeting, according to Rule xvii. of the above, will be held on Monday, December 14th, at 8.30 p.m. in the Association's room at The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, W.C. It is hoped all members who can make it convenient, will endeavour to attend, as important business will be brought forward.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Rishton to-day, Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) will be available from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.

J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—A meeting will be held at Chatham to-day, Sat., December 12th. The tower will be opened at 3 p.m. There will be a short service at St. Mary's church at 5.30 p.m. Business after. Will Secretaries please send the times of Sunday ringing at their respective churches to me when forwarding annual subscriptions. A. B. ROBSON, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
39, Windsor Road, Gillingham.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Glastonbury to-day, Sat., December 12th. Service at St. John's church at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Avalon dining-rooms, High Street, at 4.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. The following bells are available during the afternoon: Glastonbury (St. John's), 8 bells; St. Benedict (6 bells); Street (8 bells).

E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, to-day, Sat., December 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Business after. W. H. SHUKER, *Br. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at Hurstpierpoint to-day, Sat., December 12th. Tower open at 3.

ROBERT J. DAWK, *Hon. Div. Sec.*  
15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston to-day, Sat., December 12th. Bells ready at 4.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, to-day, Sat., December 12th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. H. Arling Whelpton, M.A., and Mr. W. Ticehurst (captain). The bells will be available from 4 o'clock; shortened

evensong at 5.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar at 6 o'clock. Meeting after tea. Subscriptions for 1908 are overdue. Will bands, etc., please note.

G. H. HOWSE, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Carlton Road, Eastbourne.

**The Salop Guild.**—The next meeting will be held at Market Drayton to-day, Sat., December 12th. Ringing will commence at 3 p.m. R. M. COLE-HAMILTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkham to-day, Sat., December 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30.

GEORGE MARIES, *Branch Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Silverdale to-day, Sat., December 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Service at St. Luke's church at 6.30.

REV. W. G. KEYWORTH, } *Hon. Secs.*  
J. JOHNSON,

**The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—East Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Poole, to-day, Saturday, December 12th. Bells of St. James's available from 2. Service at 5. Address by the Rector. Tea at 5.30, followed by General Meeting in St. George's Hall, St. James's Schools.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas church, Newchurch, on Saturday, December 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. T. ROLLERSON, *Br. Sec.*

**Gloucester and Bristol Association.**—The anniversary meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, December 26th. Service at St. John's church, Broad Street, at 12.30. with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. S. E. Swann. Full particulars later.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

Bristol.

**The Essex Association.**—A REQUEST.—Members of the above Association whose figures are incorrect in the list of peals rung by each member in Report 1907, are requested to send me their correct figures to December 31st, 1907, as early as possible, so that a correct list may appear in the new Report.

HENRY F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*

County Offices, Chelmsford.

**Invitation.**—Should any member of the Ringing Exercise visiting Derby on Boxing Day, desirous of a peal attempt, Duffield or Double Norwich, please communicate with 107, Abbey Street, Derby.

J. PAGETT.

## NOTE TO PEAL.

**THE PEAL AT EAST GRINSTEAD.**—This peal was arranged and rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of East Grinstead, the Rev. W. W. Youard, who was inducted on the Sunday morning following. It was the first peal by the ringer of the treble, and the first with a bob bell by the ringer of the 4th. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. C. W. Payne-Crawford for the excellent tea he had provided at the Institute, to which full justice was done, and a very happy hour was spent after the peal.

**COMPLETE Set of musical handbells.** Thirty-seven in all. Sound and in perfect order. Fitted up in metal frame with keyboard as a piano. Cost £50. Must be sold. What offers? 30, Erskine Road, Walthamstow.

## GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By C. H. HATTERSLEY, *Sheffield.*

5075.

23456

62354	7th in and out at 3 s
36254	9th in with 3
43652	9th in with 3 s
24356	9th in with 3 s
32456	9th in with 3
43256	9th in with 3
64352	9th in with 3 s
26453	9th in with 3 s
42653	9th in with 3
64253	9th in with 3
36452	9th in with 3 s
23654	9th in with 3 s

42356	9th in with 3 s
34256	9th in with 3
63452	9th in with 3 s
26354	9th in with 3 s
32654	9th in with 3
63254	9th in with 3
46352	9th in with 3 s
24653	9th in with 3 s
62453	9th in with 3
46253	9th in with 3
34652	9th in with 3 s
23456	9th in with 3 s

45326	8th in with 3 s
34526	9th in with 3
42536	8th in with 3
63245	8th in with 2
26345	9th in with 3
64325	8th in with 3

Repeat the first twenty-four courses, calling first course 8th in with 3, produces 23564. Round with 9th in and out at 2, and 8th in with 3. This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th. Composed 1874.

## DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR.

By E. BARNETT, SEN., *Crayford.*

5040.

23456	M	W	H
42356	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-
46253	-	-	-
24653	-	-	-
62453	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

First rung at Crayford, July 7th, 1900, conducted by the composer.

**WOODFORD (Essex).**—Recently for evening service at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Wood, E. Wightman, G. F. Margetson, R. Frow, C. Morse, R. Ward conductor.

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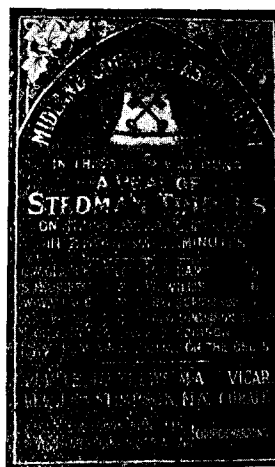
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1908.

## The Metropolis.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 28, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5008 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 36 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	CHARLES S. BURDEN .. 7.
EDWIN HORREX .. 2.	THOMAS LANGDON .. 8.
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOODFORD,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Worcester, Chichester, and Cambridge, Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE CARTER* .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL HAYES .. .. 4.
GEORGE A. BLACK .. .. 2.	WILLIAM MILLER .. .. 5.
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Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

\*First peal of Surprise Minor.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 23, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. Treble.	THOMAS CARD .. .. 5.
SIDNEY WADE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 6.
CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 3.	JOHN E. MILLER .. .. 7.
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON .. 4.	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES PARKER, and Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

## A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY* .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 3.	*FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 7.
HARRY WARNETT .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

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

On Saturday, December 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, SNOW HILL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. Treble.	REUBEN SANDERS .. .. 6.
ROBERT E. STAVERT .. .. 2.	ALBERT W. COLES .. .. 7.
SAMUEL J. BIRD .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 8.
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## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

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

Tenor 31 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. Treble.	CHARLES BURDEN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
EDWIN GIBBS .. .. 3.	EMANUEL HALL .. .. 8.
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Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by H. SPRINGALL.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. G. C. Wilton, M.A., who has recently been appointed Rector of the above-named church: also as a birthday compliment to E. Hall, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## The Provinces.

## BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 17, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

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

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

Conducted by WILLIAM SAWYER.

## MALINS LEE, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SALOP GUILD.

On Friday, November 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS W. DAY .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH DAY .. .. 4.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM JONES .. .. 5.
FRANK DOWNING .. .. 3.	*ALBERT WOODVINE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringers were entertained to tea at the vicarage after the peal.

## WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 4 lbs.

KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.	EDWARD MANKELOW .. .. 5.
JAMES MAYNARD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM LATTER .. .. 6.
GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 3.	CHARLES CAAPMAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE TURLEY .. .. 4.	GEORGE EDWARDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

First peal on the bells since being recast and augmented by Taylor.

## EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE TIZZARD .. .. Treble.	HENRY C. CASTLE .. .. 5.
JOHN SHERLOCK .. .. 2.	JOSEPH WREN .. .. 6.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. .. 3.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 7.
HUMPHREY BISH .. .. 4.	FRANK DAY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT J. DAWE.

## BAGBOROUGH, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being nine 6-scores each of Stedman, Stedman Slow Course, Plain Bob, Grandsire, and six 6-scores of St. Simon's. Tenor 22½ cwt.

CHARLES GREEDY .. .. Treble.	ALBERT BARKER .. .. 4.
SIDNEY PARSONS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM BENNETT .. .. 5.
HERBERT J. HOLE .. .. 3.	HENRY MOORE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WM. BENNETT.

First peal on the bells; first peal in five methods by all the band; and believed to be the first peal of Doubles in five methods by the Association.

## BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALFRED CLEMENTS .. .. Treble.	JAMES STARLING .. .. 4.
GEORGE COOPER† .. .. 2.	ROBERT SMY .. .. 5.
CHARLES E. FISHER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SAWYER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

†First peal with a bob bell.

## RYE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 24, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lbs.

HAROLD COBON* 1 .. .. Treble.	CHARLES PRICE .. .. 5.
JOSEPH B. BENNETT .. .. 2.	GILBERT J. YOUNGS .. .. 6.
ALFRED JOHNSON .. .. 3.	GEORGE BILLENNESS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BENNETT .. .. 4.	GEORGE PERRIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE, and  
Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

\*First peal. Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. N. D. Lawrence, late hon. secretary, who is leaving Rye for Brighton.

## STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 24, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

ALFRED F. COOK .. .. Treble.	GARRIE MILES .. .. 5.
THOMAS BALDWIN .. .. 2.	ALBERT WRIGHT .. .. 6.
AUSTIN GWINNETT .. .. 3.	GEORGE MILEHAM .. .. 7.
SAMUEL G. DICKENSON .. .. 4.	FRANK COLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

Rung after meeting short for Caters.

## BATTLE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 25, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

JAMES LIVERMORE, JUN. .. Treble.	FRANCIS A. KENNETT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. THOMAS .. .. 2.	GEORGE WATSON .. .. 6.
WALTER FRANKS .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
ERNEST GOWER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. ELDRIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung as the quarterly peal for the Eastern Division of the above Association.

## HARTLIP, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHESTER DISTRICT.)

On Friday, November 27, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, two 720s of Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM D. CORK* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM G. KITCHINGHAM 4.
WILLIAM A. MILES* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. .. 5.
GEORGE J. MABBS* .. .. 3.	FREDK. A. HOLDEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. A. HOLDEN.

\*First peal.

## LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT CARTER .. .. Treble.	BARNARD PATMORE .. .. 4.
ARTHUR WOODSTON* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 5.
FREDERICK WILLIAMS* .. 3.	ERNEST A. OVERALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST A. OVERALL.

\*First peal.

## MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, November 28, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM .. .. Treble.	SAM STOTT .. .. 5.
ABEL FIELDING .. .. 2.	HARRY HAMPSON .. .. 6.
JOE GODDARD .. .. 3.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD .. .. 7.
JOSEPH OGDEN .. .. 4.	CHARLES MARSLAND .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 28, 1908, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qrs. 21 lbs. in E flat.

CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY Treble.	GEORGE OLIVER DIXON .. 7.
WILLIAM BURGAR .. .. 2.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 8.
SAMUEL WOOD .. .. 3.	SAMUEL BOOTH .. .. 9.
GEORGE HOLMES .. .. 4.	SAM SEED .. .. 10.
JOHN HOLMAN .. .. 5.	SAM THOMAS .. .. 11.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 6.	BENJAMIN THORPE .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

## PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1908, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT CHARLES CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

REGINALD DOBSON* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM FORD .. .. 6.
WALTER H. MARSH .. .. 2.	EDWIN SHEPHERD .. .. 7.
FRANK HOCKADAY* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT .. 8.
GEORGE R. STROUD* .. .. 4.	ERNEST W. MARSH .. .. 9.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 5.	*JOSEPH WOODLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

\*First peal of Caters.

## SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND, YORKS.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

W. HOLMES† .. .. Treble.	A. MCFARLANE .. .. 5.
G. J. CLARKSON .. .. 2.	*A. SIMPSON .. .. 6.
J. G. HALL .. .. 3.	F. P. HOWCROFT .. .. 7.
T. BECKWITH .. .. 4.	T. METCALFE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by T. METCALFE.

†First peal. \*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Wharton, of Skelton Castle.



## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

HENRY C. CASTLE .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR HOLMAN .. .. 5.
OLIVER SIPPETTS .. .. 2.	HENRY F. EWINS .. .. 6.
ALBERT HARMAN .. .. 3.	PETER ETHERIDGE .. .. 7.
ARTHUR GRAVETT .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

CROPTHORNE, NEAR PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE  
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 720 each of Court Bob, Collage Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

HARRY COOK .. .. Treble.	JAMES HEMMING .. .. 4.
THOMAS EDWIN .. .. 2.	FRANK COOK .. .. 5.
HERBERT JORDAN .. .. 3.	FREDK. JORDAN .. .. Tenor.

First peal on the bells,

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

## SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN C. ADAMS* .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 5.
GEORGE HUGHES* .. .. 2.	†JOHN BASS .. .. 5.
HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 3.	JOSEPH FIGOTT .. .. 7.
GEORGE FIGOTT† .. .. 4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal in the method. †First in the method away from the treble. First peal in the method on the bells.

## NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1908, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5344 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD .. .. Treble.	*EDWARD C. GOBEY .. .. 5.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. .. 6.
JOHN P. TARTLTON .. .. 3.	*SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 7.
REV. R. P. FARROW .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal of Oxford.

## WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE BERTRAM .. .. Treble.	EDWARD NUNN .. .. 4.
ALBERT JAMES NAUNTON .. .. 2.	JOHN SPENCER .. .. 5.
FRANCIS WILLIAM NAUNTON .. .. 3.	JOHN LAETER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN LARTER.

First peal by the first four ringers.

## BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

RICHARD ASHWORTH .. .. Treble.	JAS. BROGDEN TAYLOR .. .. 5.
DAVID HEYS .. .. 2.	*SAMUEL PILKINGTON .. .. 6.
SAMUEL CORNISH .. .. 3.	THOMAS MOUNCEY .. .. 7.
HERBERT WORMWELL† .. .. 4.	RENNIE HARTLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by RENNIE HARTLEY.

\*First peal. †First peal away from the treble.

## SALISBURY, WILTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

LEONARD HARRIS* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
SIDNEY MACEY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. .. 6.
JOHN S. RUMMING .. .. 3.	ROBERT P. KNIGHT .. .. 7.
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY† .. .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

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

## HARRIETSHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 29, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
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F. J. JUDGE .. .. Treble.	C. TRIBE .. .. 5.
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F. G. BURDEN .. .. 3.	W. SPICE .. .. 7.
E. DOBBIE .. .. 4.	*A. RANDALL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. SPICE.

\*First peal.

## GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 30, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

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WILLIAM C. WADE .. .. Treble.	HENRY F. COOPER .. .. 5.
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HARRY BUSH .. .. 4.	ALFRED RICHELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

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

On Monday, November 30, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr.

ALBERT BROOKS .. .. Treble.	THOMAS BULL .. .. 5.
HARRY BROOKS .. .. 2.	JESSE BROOKS .. .. 6.
FREDERICK POUNDS .. .. 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. .. 7.
JOHN MONK .. .. 4.	JOHN RICHARDS .. .. Tenor.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. H. JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WALTER APPERLEY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM KNIGHT .. .. 5.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. .. 2.	JOHN THOMAS .. .. 6.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. .. 3.	JOHN A. BURFORD .. .. 7.
CHARLES H. GORDON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM A. CAVE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late James Falser.

## HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 30, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5008 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM GILBERT* .. .. Treble.	BENJAMIN BASSETT .. .. 5.
JOHN H. PAICE .. .. 2.	*GEORGE J. NORRIS .. .. 6.
HARRY EVANS† .. .. 3.	ALFRED W. GROVES .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HILLMAN .. .. 4.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

First peal in the method as conductor. \*First peal in the method. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells by an entirely local band.

## OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 1, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES.

FREDERICK WHITE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WARD .. .. 5.
THOMAS L. SIMMONS .. .. 2.	HUBERT EDEN .. .. 6.
ARTHUR W. DIX .. .. 3.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 4.	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW.

This is the conductor's 100th peal.

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(THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING.)

On Tuesday, December 1, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's. Tenor 22½ cwt.

ERNEST G. FENN .. .. Treble.	ROWLAND FENN .. .. 5.
FREDERICK C. RUSSELL* .. .. 2.	*JAMES J. NORRIS .. .. 6.
HENRY E. PARKER .. .. 3.	CALEB FENN .. .. 7.
GEORGE COTTIS .. .. 4.	D'OYLY S. SIMONS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. E. PARKER.

\*First peal. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

## ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTON'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN HOWES .. .. Treble.	JNO H. B. HESSE .. .. 5.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. .. 2.	EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. .. 6.
GEORGE R. FARDON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. .. 7.
THOMAS BEADLE .. .. 4.	SAMUEL HOW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Rung on the birthday of Mr. Hesse.

## Date Touches.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEW MILLS (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, November 28th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1908 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins., being 360 of Sandal Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Violet, Oxford, Kent, and 108 Plain Bob. H. Haythorn, Rev. A. T. Beeston, H. Hibbert, W. Lowery conductor, S. Ramsay, F. Holt. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Holt.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Saturday, November 28th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 13 mins. J. C. Adams, F. Rumens, W. B. Manning, A. J. Keit, G. F. Margetson, P. A. Coard, R. Maynard, jun., R. F. Deal, F. C. Maynard, T. Fordham. Composed by E. Morris, and conducted by R. Maynard, jun.

## Miscellaneous

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DAGENHAM.—On September 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. A. Lebbon, R. Miles, G. Cornell, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, F. Squires conductor. On September 20th, 720 Double Oxford. A. Playle, E. Hawkins, R. Miles, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor. And 720 Plain Bob. A. Chaplin, C. Rochester, J. Dear, R. Miles, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor. On September 24th, 720 Plain Bob. A. Playle, C. Rochester, J. Dale, A. Chaplin, G. Playle conductor, R. Miles. On September 26th, 720 Plain Bob. D. Chaplin, C. Rochester, I. Dear, A. Chaplin conductor, G. Playle, E. Hawkins. On September 27th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Playle, E. Hawkins, J. Dale, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, R. Miles conductor.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING.—On Monday, August 31st, for practice at St. Giles' church, 120 Grandsire Doubles. C. E. Baker, R. Rundham, G. Wheeler, A. W. Osborne, G. Goodship conductor, A. Durman. 168 Grandsire Triples. R. Runham, C. E. Baker, R. Bishop, G. Wheeler, J. Swain, E. Hughes conductor, A. W. Osborne, A. Durman. 180 Bob Major. A. Durman, C. E. Baker, G. Wheeler, R. Bishop, E. Hughes, J. Swain, G. Goodship, A. W. Osborne conductor. 504 Stedman Triples. C. E. Baker, E. Hughes, R. Bishop, G. Wheeler, G. Goodship, J. Swain, A. W. Osborne conductor, A. J. Harding. On Sunday, September 13, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. C. E. Baker, E. Hughes, G. Wheeler, R. Bishop, G. Goodship, A. Harding, A. W. Osborne conductor, A. Durman. On Monday, September 14th, two courses of Kent Treble Bob. R. Bishop, A. Watmore, G. Wheeler, E. Hughes, G. Goodship, J. Swain, A. Webb, A. W. Osborne. Another course, A. J. Harding taking part. On Sunday, September 20th, for Divine Service, being the anniversary of the dedication, 518 Grandsire Triples. Rev. W. S. Mahony, H. Neighbour, E. Haynes, A. H. Burgess, G. Goodship, A. Harding, A. W. Osborne conductor, W. Dormer. 220 Stedman Triples. H. Neighbour, E. Haynes, G. Wheeler, C. Higgs, G. Goodship, W. Dormer, A. W. Osborne conductor, A. Harding. After service 210 Grandsire Triples. F. Newman, G. Wheeler, A. Burgess, C. Higgs, G. Goodship, A. Harding, A. W. Osborne conductor, W. Dormer. On Wednesday, September 23rd, for a special service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. H. Burgess, L. Green, G. Wheeler, R. Bishop, A. W. Osborne conductor, A. Harding, G. Goodship, W. Dormer. 168 Grandsire Triples. A. H. Burgess, G. Wheeler, C. Higgs, R. Runham, R. Bishop, A. J. Harding, A. W. Osborne conductor, W. Dormer. 168 Stedman Triples. R. Bishop, A. Harding, G. Wheeler, C. Higgs, G. Goodship, W. Dormer, A. Burgess. On Sunday, September 28th, for Divine Service, 304 Grandsire Triples. C. E. Baker, R. Bishop, A. H. Burgess, C. Higgs, G. Goodship, A. Harding, A. W. Osborne conductor, A. Durman. After service 210 Grandsire Triples. C. E. Baker, R. Bishop, G. Goodship, A. H. Burgess, C. Higgs, A. Harding, A. W. Osborne conductor, A. Durman. On Monday, September 28th, an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich Major failed after ringing 3 hrs. 2 mins., all the calling being done. W. Horne, O. Gilbert, L. Green, G. Irvine, C. Stone, G.

Essex, A. W. Osborne. E. W. Menday conductor. On Sunday, October 4th, for evensong, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. Durman, C. Higgs, G. Wheeler, A. H. Burgess, G. Goodship (longest touch as conductor), A. Harding, A. W. Osborne, W. Dormer.

#### WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FRENTHAM (Surrey).—On November 26th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Russell, F. Elliott, J. Capp, E. Newell, W. Bashford, C. Edwards conductor. First in the method on the bells. E. Newell's first 720 of Treble Bob. On Tuesday, December 1st, in honor of the Queen's birthday, 720 each of Grandsire, College Single, and Oxford Bob. E. Garbett, W. Russell, J. Capp, E. Newell, W. Bashford, C. Edwards conductor.

BENTLY (Hants).—On Saturday, December 1st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W.

Russell, F. Elliott, W. Bashford, F. Hawkins, E. Newell, C. Edwards conductor. 720 Kent. F. Elliott, W. Bashford, C. Edwards, W. Russell, E. Newell, F. Hawkins conductor. These are the first 720s of Treble Bob on the bells, and were rung after an attempt for a peal was abandoned owing to the heavy go of the bells.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's church, on Sunday evening, November 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Hickman, H. R. Cobbin, V. Gosling, H. George, J. Clarke, F. Knibb, A. Coppock, C. Barnes.

#### SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

HIGHGATE.—On Thursday, October 1st, at St. Ann's church, a quarter-peal of

Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. E. Bonfield, F. Smith, A. Brightman, R. Bevan, E. Chapman, N. Alderman, W. J. Nudds, first quarter-peal in the method as conductor, H. Ellis.

REDHILL (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 11th, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Harman, W. Streeter, A. Bashford, W. Buckland, J. Cottrell, H. Card conductor, H. Edwards, E. Dennis.

RICKMANSWORTH.—On a recent Tuesday evening, at the parish church, 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. E. Jones conductor, H. Shire, E. Thackham, T. Reeves, J. Dollamore, J. Good. It is over twenty years ago since a similar 120 was rung by local ringers.

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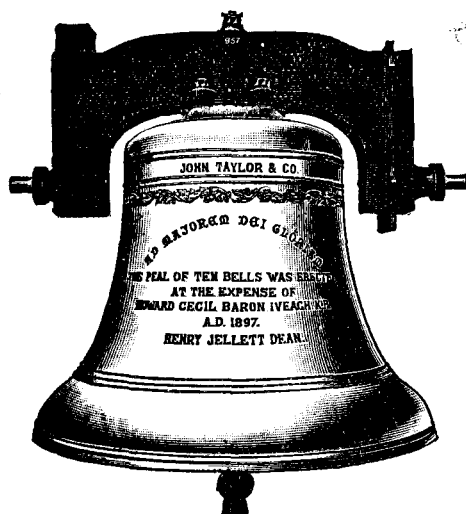
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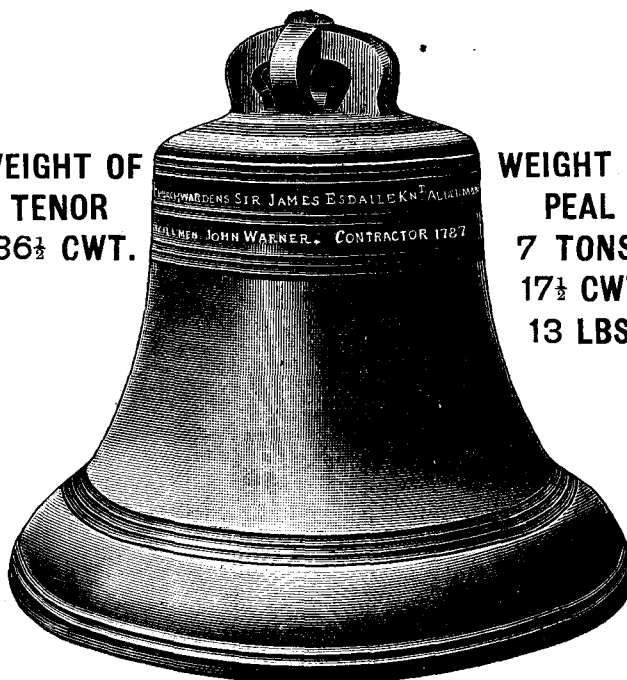
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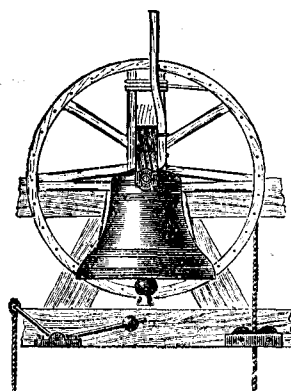
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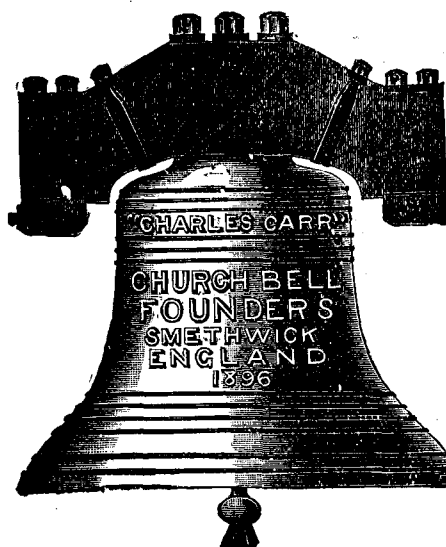
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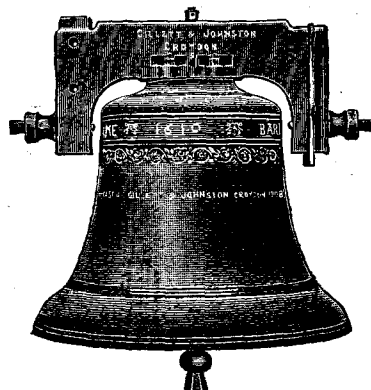
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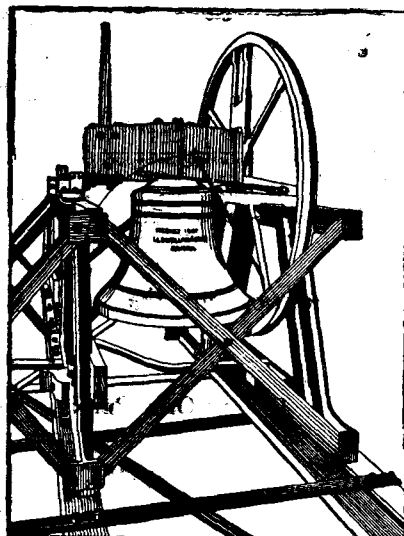
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## STONE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The work of re-hanging in an iron frame the five old bells of Stone church and adding a treble, which has been in progress for some time, was completed last week, and on Saturday last the new bell was dedicated, together with the new organ, by the Lord Bishop of Gloucester. The church was quite filled at 3 p.m., and chairs and forms had to be employed to provide sitting accommodation. Among the clergy present was the Rev. C. D. P. Davies (Rector of Fretherne). The service consisted of evensong. The processional hymn (No. 179 A. and M.) was sung to the accompaniment of the harmonium. The Bishop then dedicated the organ, using the form authorised for the Diocese, and the instrument was first used to lead the congregation in singing the Doxology. At the end of evensong, the choir, preceding the Vicar, the Bishop, and Canon Bartleet, proceeded to the tower, where the new bell was dedicated. Then came a short touch on the bells as the procession returned. The Bishop afterwards delivered a forcible address, based upon Heb. x. 25, upon the obligation and profit of common worship.

During the evening a party of change-ringers (under the leadership of Mr. F. K. Howell, of Thornbury) rang the bells, thus amply testing the workmanship of the new bell fittings, which elicited general approval and satisfaction. The new bell was pronounced a perfect "splice" with its older companions; and the parish was congratulated upon the possession of a singularly tuneful peal of bells.

Mr. Wm. Taylor kindly entertained the ringers who came to open the bells, and many of those who have been ringers in the past or are aspiring to become so, and Col. and Mrs. Monckton invited the clergy and other visitors to meet the Bishop at Stone Court after the service.

The only thing which threw a shadow over an otherwise joyous and notable day in the history of this village was the fact that the parish churchwarden, Mr. John Tayler Lea, of Middle Mill Farm, died on the previous Tuesday. He had initiated the movement for re-hanging the bells, and had taken the most lively interest in its progress and success, and everyone felt the sadness of his not having been permitted to hear the bells ring. The "Dead March" in Saul was played by the organist, Miss Stinchcombe, on the new organ on Sunday morning as a token of respect.

The work of re-hanging the bells, and casting of the new treble, was effectually carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Old Foundry, Whitechapel, and has given the greatest satisfaction to the ringers and all concerned.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A big meeting of the South-Western district, convened by parishioners and ringers interested in the bells of Wanstead, took place at the parish church on Saturday, December 5th. Early in the afternoon the bells of Leytonstone, Woodford, and Wanstead were sending forth their tones, breaking the dreariness of the damp and fog a cold December evening, and cheering the heart to hope of the brighter hours in the coming year.

Within the sacred edifice, at 5.30, there assembled a large congregation, among whom was the Rev. C. Ryan, of North Weald. The lessons were read by the Rev. Canon Scott, and the address delivered by the Rev. W. Manning, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Leytonstone, who pointed out that, from a utilitarian view, bells were no longer needed, but were a survival of the past put to modern use to inspire the Christian onwards. Though ignorant himself of the intricacies of change-ringing, he admired the music of the bells. There was something in our daily lives beyond the absolutely necessary—the inspiration to all that made for righteousness, or life worth the living. The sound of bells permeated the Christian life, and he regarded ringers as holding holy orders in a sacred cause.

At the close of the service tea was partaken at the Cowley Road Mission Hall, which presented quite a tasteful and inviting display to the 50 or 60 persons assembled. Pianos, organ, and harmonium were at the services of the musical, and the brightness within soon obscured all remembrance of the dreary night without.

Canon Scott, who was reluctantly compelled to attend other engagements, left the company so soon as he saw ample provision had been made for their comfort. He was delighted to see so many present, thanking the ringers for their services, and trusted before long to have bells more worthy of their enthusiasm in the place of the steel bells in present use at Wanstead.

At the conclusion of tea an entertainment followed, consisting of songs, duets, recitations, tune-playing and change-ringing on the handbells. Those who took part in the course of Stedman Triples were: E. Barnett, 1, 2, 3, 4; E. Bacon, 5, 6; A. Neale, 7, 8. Messrs. Morse, Kimberley, and Green, of the Woodford Guild, delighted the audience with the tune-playing. The vocalists were Messrs. Maughling, Coard, Black, Bodger, and Margetson. Several ladies, including Miss Black, ably presided at the piano. E. Wightman, the brothers Fenn and G. Faulkner, of Barking, considerably enhanced the interest of the audience by their skill in touches of Caters.

Great praise and thanks are due to the ladies for attending and administering to our enjoyment; Mr. G. Black for his untiring efforts in promoting the pleasure and success of the evening; Mr. F. Squires for his unremitting attention to the miscellanies; and last, yet the most important, to the Rev. Canon Scott, for the use of the bells and the mission hall, and for his liberality in defraying the expenses of tea to the large number who had participated in the good things of a very happy occasion.

G. F. M.

## GATHERING OF CHESHIRE RINGERS.

The quarterly meeting of the Stockport and Bowden branch of the above Guild was held at St. Mary's church, Stockport, on Saturday, December 5th.

The proceedings commenced with a short service in the church at 4.30, at which the Rector (Rev. Wm. Symonds, M.A.) preached, and he took for his subject the great antiquity of bells as first worn on the High Priest's official robes, and afterwards made of great size to be hung and rung in various towers specially built of great strength to withstand their severe straining. He mentioned many remarkable campaniles, and among them that of St. Mark's at Venice (now being rebuilt), until he came at length to our old tower of St. Mary's, the bells of which were rung so merrily for day's together in the last century when Nelson's victories occurred; and they were rung for the last time in Stockport at the Jubilee of King George III. in 1809. The great amount of ringing then done caused such a rocking of the tower that it was considered unsafe, and the bells had to hang silent during the last year of their occupancy. In 1810 the old tower was taken down with a deal of trouble, and the help of gunpowder, the structure not being found so fragile as the experts had predicted, and in the demolishing huge blocks of masonry were thrown down, smashing many grave-stones close at hand, among the rest that of John Wainwright, a former organist of the church, and the composer of the music to "Christians awake," of world-wide celebrity. He was buried in the foot of the church tower in January 1768.

An important piece of that important stone was found by the writer of this a few years ago in a garden about half-a-mile away from the church, and is now in the possession of the church authorities.

After the service, at which Mr. Swain and his choristers had efficiently performed their duties, a visit was paid to the schools in Spring Gardens, where an excellent tea awaited the fifty or more ringers, to which it is needless to say ample justice was done.

A business meeting was then held, the Rector in the chair, when several new members were enrolled, and place of next meeting selected. The usual routine and votes of thanks to all concerned, brought the meeting to a close.

A move was then made for the ringing room of the church for the performance of an interesting ceremony. In that room, which is very capacious, more than 60 persons found accommodation while the rector made a short speech concerning the great age of St. Mary's church, the several centuries that bells in the old tower had been heard in the adjacent market place. And then he proceeded to unveil a new tablet which had been beautifully lettered in best English gold by Mr. H. Garner, sign writer and artist.

The inscription on the tablet is here reproduced:—

"In the old tower of this church, which was taken down in 1810, there were four bells in 1584, five bells in 1683, and six bells in 1731. About 1815 the six bells were taken to Marple church, where they are now in use.

"In 1817 Mr. John Rudhall, bellfounder, of Gloucester, furnished this tower with eight new bells.

"In 1897 Messrs. Taylor, bellfounders, of Loughborough, recast the tenor bell, which was broken, and supplied two new small bells, the whole forming the present musical ring of ten.

"No. 1 new bell was at the expense of the Rector, Wm. Symonds, M.A., and his warden, Lieut.-Col. George Leab, and No. 2 new bell was the gift of the brothers Thomas Worthington and Joseph Blackshaw, at various times wardens of this church, while the re-casting of the tenor and the re-hanging of the whole ring were defrayed by public subscriptions. Weight of new tenor 24 cwt.

"On Thursday, January 27th, 1898, the 60th birthday of Mr.

William Gordon, senior, a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung in 3 hrs. 8 min. by the following:—Mr. William Gordon, senior, treble; Mr. Joseph Barlow, 2nd; Mr. William Gordon, junior, 3rd; Mr. Thomas Sale, 4th; Mr. Samuel Mitchell, 5th; Mr. J. Allan Gordon, 6th; Mr. Allan S. Gordon, 7th; Mr. Alfred Birch, aged 17 years, tenor. The peal was composed by John Reeves, and conducted by William Gordon, junior.

"On Wednesday, November 9th, 1898, there was rung a peal of Grandsire Caters in 3 hrs. 20 mins. by the undermentioned:—Mr. Cecil Darwin, aged 17 years, treble; Mr. William Gordon, senior, 2nd; Mr. Alfred Gordon, 3rd; Mr. Thomas Sale, 4th; Mr. Joseph Barlow, 5th; Mr. G. D. Warburton, 6th; Mr. J. Allan Gordon, 7th; Mr. Wm. Gordon, junior, 8th; Mr. Allan S. Gordon, 9th; Mr. Alfred Birch, aged 18, tenor. Composed and conducted by Wm. Gordon, senior. Rev. Wm. Symonds, M.A., Rector. Mr. J. J. Sidebotham, Mr. Jos. Blackshaw, Mr. Thos. Claye, and Mr. Ralph Morten, churchwardens."

## A VISIT TO GLASTONBURY.

On the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, advantage was taken of the opportunity to visit historical Glastonbury, and to make the acquaintance of members of the above Association.

Saturday, November 12th, turned out a fine day, and at 1 p.m. a start was made for a pleasant walk of three miles, where a friend was met with horse and trap to drive the remaining seven miles. Some lovely views are obtained on the road from Kingweston to Butleigh, after which the road lay "crass tha moor." Glastonbury was reached in good time for the service at the beautiful church of St. John, at which the Vicar (Rev. — Barnwell), gave an address, taking for his text Romans xii. 11., the lesson read being part of 1. Cor. xii. After the service a move was made to the Avalon dining-rooms, High Street, where tea was partaken of. The business meeting followed, the Master (Rev. C. C. Parker) being in the chair, being supported by the Vicar, the Mayor, ex-Mayor and others. It was pleasant to find a number of new members being elected, including the Mayor and ex-Mayor. The Master in his remarks alluded to the splendid achievement of the Bishop of the diocese in procuring the historic abbey for the church, for which they ought to feel grateful.

The Vicar mentioned the great improvement to be seen in the conduct of ringers in the belfry, in contrast to a few years ago, which he considered was due to the work of the Associations. He also mentioned that he should be pleased to grant the use of the bells on Saturday afternoons.

After the meeting a move was made to the tower of St. John's, where touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were brought round. They are a very fine peal of bells, tenor 26 cwt., and go very well.

At 8 o'clock members were found making tracks for home, including the writer, who after a somewhat cold drive, arrived home about 10 o'clock, after having spent a very pleasant time, and renewing his acquaintance with Stedman and Grandsire.

## SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

A quarterly meeting was held at Market Drayton on Saturday, December 12th. At a business meeting held during the afternoon, several new members were elected. The new peal-book was shewn by Mr. Bradney, containing all the peals rung by the Guild up to date, and the engrossing and illuminating of the records were much admired. Tea was provided by the generosity of the Vicar, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to him for his kind hospitality.

## Correspondence.

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

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

## CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

SIR,—With every word of Mr. Davies's letter I heartily agree, and I hope that his suggestion of naming the method which has a family likeness to London Surprise in future as Stepney Surprise will be adopted. As to its merits as a method there has never been any question, and no doubt it will be quite able to stand alone, without any borrowed glories from its older relative so long known as London.

I should also like to associate myself with the share of blame which Mr. Daniell has appropriated to us all in the matter, though I cannot say that the omission was not noticed by me at the time. Perhaps, however, I may be allowed to supplement the accounts which have already appeared.

After the first motion had been carried we adjourned for lunch, and it was doubtless in gathering up the notes already made that the record of the voting was lost. The curious coincidence is that it is missing from both the report and the first issue of the minutes. No doubt those responsible had each relied on the good offices of the other in this matter. In any case, the accident was quite excusable.

On resuming, Mr. Law James brought forward his rider that London Surprise Royal could not exist. He proved his point in a convincing manner on theoretical lines, and Mr. Trollope seconded with an equally convincing argument, more from a practical standpoint. Mr. Snowdon then said that in the course of future discoveries it might be possible to invent a principle of classification by which there might be such a thing as London Surprise Royal.

I then moved the previous question, pointing out that I agreed entirely with what Mr. Law James and Mr. Trollope had said, and that I thought the former resolution was quite a proper one for us to carry; but that to say whether a method could exist or not was rather a matter for experts to decide than for a representative council. The secretary seconded, and it was carried, though by only 24 to 21.

As I shall probably not have a seat on the council in future, I should like to take this opportunity of emphasising the point that there does seem a danger of the council forgetting that it is a council of representatives, and therefore that its primary duty is towards those whom it represents, so that matters such as organisation and the interests of ringers and ringing should have the first place. No doubt we do want a council of experts also; but this could be arranged by dividing the agenda into two parts, or by experts elected *ad hoc* holding a separate meeting, or in some other way as should seem best. Thus neither those interested in practical questions, or those concerned more with theory, would feel that their time was being wasted.

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H. DRAKE.

## STEEPLEKEEPERS' GRATUITIES.

SIR,—I should like to know the opinion of your readers, and, if possible, of yourself on a subject which may prove of some general interest. To put it shortly, is anything given to the steeplekeeper when a band of ringers not connected with the church come over to ring a peal, or is it considered that what the steeplekeeper gets, whether much or little, should pay for getting the bells in order as often as they are wanted? A promiscuous donation of a sixpence or so is nothing, and the experience of some steeplekeepers is that they have a lot of trouble and little for it, especially where many peals are rung by visiting bands. Would it not be well if the Rector or Vicar made a fixed charge, say, 1s. or 2s., whenever a band from outside, or part from outside the parish, paid a visit? I merely wish to ventilate the subject—the steeplekeeper is often a good sort, and doesn't like to say anything, but feels he has a lot to do. I am not a steeplekeeper.

INTERESTED.

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## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STONE IN OXNEY.—On Sunday, November 15th, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Doubles. F. Underdown, H. Smith, J. Neve, R. Dunster conductor, F. Burt, A. Day. On Wednesday, November 25th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Johnson, F. Burt, G. Billenness conductor, A. Youngs, G. Johnson, C. W. Player.

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DAGENHAM.—On September 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. A. Lebbon, R. Miles, G. Cornell, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, F. Squires conductor. On September 20th, 720 Double Oxford. A. Playle, E. Hawkins, R. Miles, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor. And 720 Plain Bob. A. Chaplin, C. Rochester, J. Dear, R. Miles, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor.

KENDAL.—On Tuesday, December 1st, at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. R. Dennison, J. Braithwaite, W. Atkinson, J. Haslam, J. P. Jackson conductor, B. Walker. R. Dennison, J. Braithwaite, W. Atkinson, J. Haslam, F. Martindale, B. Walker, J. P. Jackson, W. Salmon.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday evening, November 15th, at Charles Church, 1265 Stedman Caters, in 50 mins. W. A. Fowler, F. Hockaday, G. F. Williams composer and conductor, G. Stroud, W. Rundle, W. H. Marsh, A. F. Wellington, W. Hiscott, W. E. Marsh, J. Woedley.

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## Notices.

The charges for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on the 31st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 24th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 29th; all at 8 p.m.

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

**The London County Association late the St. James's Society.**—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, January 9th, at the church of St. Luke, Chelsea. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 till 9 p.m. A business meeting and social will afterwards take place. T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas church, Newchurch, to-day, Sat., December 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. T. ROLLERSON, *Br. Sec.*

**Gloucester and Bristol Association.**—The anniversary meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, December 26th. Service at St. John's church, Broad Street, at 12.30. with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. S. E. Swann. Full particulars later.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*  
Bristol.

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Cardiff, on Saturday, December 26th, at 4 o'clock. Bells (10) available. Important business.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*  
J. W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Bramley on Saturday, January 2nd. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Cardigan Arms. GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—A REQUEST.—Members of the above Association whose figures are incorrect in the list of peals rung by each member in Report 1907, are requested to send me their correct figures to December 31st, 1907, as early as possible, so that a correct list may appear in the new Report.

HENRY F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*  
County Offices, Chelmsford.

**Invitation.**—Should any member of the Ringing Exercise visiting Derby on Boxing Day, desirous of a peal attempt, Duffield or Double Norwich, please communicate with 107, Abbey Street, Derby. J. PAGETT.

**St. Luke's Chelsea.**—Practice will be discontinued until January 5th, 1909.  
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## RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Monday, November 9th,—a most auspicious day—the Tue Brook (Liverpool) ringers, assisted by a few friends, held an hot-pot supper. The supper served a two-fold purpose, viz., the union of ringers, and especially as a welcome to A. Lovell, who has just returned to his duties as steeplekeeper, after an absence of many weeks, owing to ill-health. The company and visitors met at 8 p.m. prompt, at The Railway hotel, Tithebarn Street, where a sumptuous repast was awaiting them. "Go" was called, and the courses marked off with surprising regularity till "stand" was called by the Secretary. After the tables had been cleared, pipes and liquid refreshment were brought out, and they settled down to enjoy themselves as only ringers can. The first item was to elect a chairman. Mr. W. Twist proposed, and Mr. Lovell seconded, that Mr. J. Martin be asked to fill that office, which was carried unanimously. Mr. W. Davies then proposed "The King," which was sung with great enthusiasm. The chairman proposed "The Tue Brook Ringers," and said that they were proud to be connected with Tue Brook ringers, who through their whole-heartedness had kept ringing in Liverpool up to a good standard, while the other towers in the city were lying dormant, they were doing their best to keep ringing up in Liverpool. Mr. W. Davies seconded, and said he could not do better than endorse all that the chairman had said, and hoped it would continue. The chairman proposed "The Steeplekeepers," there being four present, and touched on the kindness shown to ringers by A. Lovell (Tue Brook), and E. Breeze (Port Sunlight). A. Lovell responded, and said he was heartily glad to be with them that night, and that he would endeavour to continue the good work which was being carried on at Tue Brook.

Mr. E. Breeze spoke on behalf of the visitors, and said it always gave him great pleasure to come amongst Tue Brook ringers, because they were such good men in the true spirit of ringing, that even if they did not succeed in any attempt they were good company, and he always enjoyed himself, as he was sure other visitors did whenever they came to Tue Brook. Courses of Stedman, Grandsire Caters and Triples were rung on the handbells, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

## NOTE TO PEAL.

**THE PEAL AT LEINTWARDINE.**—This peal was rung on the eve of Her Majesty's birthday, and a telegram was sent to Sandringham, and a reply received on Wednesday morning thanking the ringers for their good wishes, and also for the peal.

**THE PEAL AT OXHEY (REPORTED LAST WEEK).**—F. Brinklow's 100 Peals.—Seven Minor methods 5; Grandsire Triples 5; Stedman Triples 28, conducted 1; Double Norwich Major 4; Superlative 14; Cambridge 3; New Cambridge 3; London 12, conducted 2; London Royal 1. On handbells—Grandsire Triples 3; Stedman Triples 14, conducted 2; \*Caters 8, conducted 1; Double Norwich 2. \*Including 6591. Total—100; conducted 6.

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By E. BARNETT, SEN., *Crayford.*

5056.

23456	M	B	H
43526	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
23546	-	-	8

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73425	-	-	-	-
47325	-	-	-	-
53724	-	-	-	-
75324	-	-	-	-
37524	-	-	-	-
52374	-	-	-	-
35274	-	-	-	-
23574	-	-	-	-
45237	-	-	-	-
24537	-	-	-	-
53247	-	-	-	-
25347	-	-	-	-
32547986	-	-	-	-
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42365789x	-	double 7ths	-	-
34265	-	-	-	-
23465	-	-	-	-

54326	8	-	-
35426	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-
32456	-	8	-
43256	-	-	-
24356	-	-	-
23456	-	-	8

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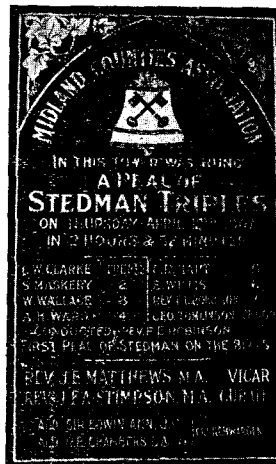
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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1908.

On another page a letter from a correspondent appears dealing with the subject of payments to steeplekeepers when peals are rung or attempted at the church where they are officials. The question is not so simple as may be imagined, if it is held that a regular payment should be made for what little services are rendered. If it is considered such perquisite ought to be paid in one case, it should be paid in all. The idea of a regular and unalterable sum imposed by either steeplekeeper or the church authorities will not commend itself to the Exercise. We have recently heard of churches where the clergy or churchwardens, or all of them combined, have fixed a tariff of prices which must be paid by visiting ringers before entrance to the tower is allowed, and if any scheme is introduced to reimburse the steeplekeeper for his trouble under the ægis of such authorities, the danger is

that the latter may be induced from financial stress to establish permanently such a tax.

It is better, especially in the light of recent events, to make our terms with the steeplekeeper alone. While it is his bounden duty to keep the bells and belfry in order, there may be occasions where extra work has to be done for the benefit of visiting companies. Very few of the latter would however be churlish enough to refuse something in the way of an honorarium.

Among those ringers who are in the habit of visiting, whether for peals or otherwise, there should be an inflexible understanding that steepleage should be collected from every visitor. One of the company should collect from each visitor a small sum, the amount regulated by custom, and hand it over to the steeplekeeper. Such a mode is in our experience, perfectly satisfactory.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT E. FORD .. .. Treble	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. .. 5.
GEORGE E. RAWLINGS* .. 2.	*THOMAS JAKEMAN .. .. 6.
JOSEPH LAW .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 7.
EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 4.	FRANK H. HOWELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

\*First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rang as a birthday compliment to the popular churchwarden—Mr. F. G. Skinner—and to Miss L. Miles, the fiancée of the tenor ringer, who on the same day reached her majority; also to celebrate the wedding eve of Julia, the youngest daughter of Mr. J. Law, the ringer of the 3rd.

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

On Thursday, December 10, 1908, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

#### A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM MILLER .. .. 3.	*SGT. MAJOR A. PYE .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal in the method.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1908, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt

HUBERT J. BLACKWELL .. Treble	WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. 5.
ISAAC EMERY .. .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 3.	HARRY WARNETT .. .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES.

Tenor 36½ cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE .. .. Treble.	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 8.
REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 3.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 9.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 10.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 11.
JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 6.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

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REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ALFRED MONELEY .. .. Treble.	EDMUND SARGENT .. .. 5.
HARRY B. KINDERSLEY .. 2.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 6.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE .. .. 3.	FRANK J. DAVEY .. .. 7.
THOMAS LAVER .. .. 4.	*JOHN FERRIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS LAVER.

\*First peal.

#### DARTFORD, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES GRAY* .. .. Treble.	RICHARD MORGAN .. .. 5.
GEORGE HAYES .. .. 2.	JOHN WHEADON .. .. 6.
FRED J. RING .. .. 3.	LEWIS SILVER .. .. 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 4.	FREDERICK BARKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

\*First peal in the method.

#### EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 29, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM CLARKE* .. .. Treble.	ERNEST RIDGWELL .. .. 5.
JAMES FLEUTY .. .. 2.	WALTER BURST .. .. 6.
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GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. 2.	NOBLE SPINDLOW .. 7.
HARRY HOLIFIELD .. 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. 8.
STEDMAN WHITE .. 4.	RICHARD WHITE .. 9.
ARTHUR LAMBOURNE .. 5.	CUTHBERT WHITE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

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## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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Tenor 16 cwt.

HENRY W. WILKES .. Treble.	WILLIAM C. ROBSON .. 5.
JOHN BUCKLE .. 2.	*C. RAINBIRD GLADISS .. 6.
CHARLES HALL .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 7.
PERCIVAL MORFE .. 4.	GEORGE NOICE .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. W. WILKES.

\*First peal with a bob bell. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

## RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 2, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR BOWMER .. Treble.	FRANK HILL .. 5.
WILLIAM ALLISON .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FROST .. 6.
HERBERT DAY .. 3.	HENRY GEORGE .. 7.
JOSEPH BOURNE .. 4.	*ALEXANDER HUTCHINSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT DAY.

\*First peal in the method.

## PLYMPTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 2, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAURICE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. Treble.	WILLIAM A. FOWLER .. 5.
ARTHUR E. TOMLINS .. 2.	ERNEST W. MARSH .. 6.
JOSEPH WOODLEY .. 3.	GEORGE H. MYERS .. 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 4.	WILLIAM HISCOTT .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

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

On Thursday, December 3, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, College Single, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and 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 in seven methods by all except the ringer of the 4th, and the first peal in seven methods on the bells by an entirely local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Watts, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

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## PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 3, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs. in A flat.

THOMAS FORD .. Treble.	JOHN SOUTER .. 5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 2.	JOHN E. BURTON .. 6.
CLEMENT J. MORE .. 3.	FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 7.
ERNEST F. POPPY .. 4.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by FREDK. R. BORRETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## DISS, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 3, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

CLEMENT MORE .. Treble.	WILLIAM IRELAND .. 5.
ARTHUR LEEDER .. 2.	WILLIAM CHENERY .. 6.
GEORGE ARCHER .. 3.	ABEL HART .. 7.
ELLIS HAYWARD .. 4.	JOHN SOUTER .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

This is G. Archer's 50th peal, and was rung in honour of his birthday.

## REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 3, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELISABETH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON .. Treble.	FRED HOLT .. 5.
ALFRED BARNES .. 2.	RICHARD NEWTON .. 6.
GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. 3.	*ALLAN SAMPSON GORDON .. 7.
HIRAM MEAKIN .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

\*First peal of Major. Rung on the occasion of the consecration of the daughter church of St. Agnes by the Bishop of Burnley.

## HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 4, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ALBERT G. WARNES .. Treble.	WILLIAM BLAKE .. 5.
GEORGE H. RINGER* .. 2.	ALFRED GOODRUM .. 6.
CHARLES SADLER .. 3.	GEORGE MOORE .. 7.
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. 4.	GEORGE MAYERS .. Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

\*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

E. P. DEBENHAM .. Treble.	R. A. KIRBY .. 5.
T. J. HULL .. 2.	E. A. HULL .. 6.
F. C. RICE .. 3.	H. G. LIGHTFOOT .. 7.
B. BREWER .. 4.	T. SEYMOUR .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. J. HULL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. A. Hull.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. Treble.	ALBERT E. SEERS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM A. CAVE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM KNIGHT .. .. 7.
CHARLES H. GORDON .. .. 3.	THOMAS F. KING .. .. 8.
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. .. 4.	JOHN A. BURFORD .. .. 9.
HENRY PRING .. .. 5.	WALTER APPERLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

Arranged for Messrs. Prescott, Sears and King who hail from Bath.

## WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

GEORGE HUGHES .. .. Treble.	*DANIEL JONES .. .. 6.
JOHN BASS* .. .. 2.	FREDERICK J. COPE .. .. 7.
ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 3.	*ALFRED ROWLEY .. .. 8.
HORACE BELCHER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 9.
WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 5.	FRANK HALLSWORTH .. Tenor.

Composed by G. R. FARDON, and Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters.

## STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by HENRY J. TUCKER.

## BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, December 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN CARTER .. .. Treble.	EDWARD I. STONE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. .. 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. 3.	HARRY WAKLEY .. .. 7.
JOHN BRADNEY .. .. 4.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

John Bradney was elected a life member of the Association before starting the peal.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK PARSONS .. .. 5.
JESSE MOSS .. .. 2.	WALTER ROBINSON .. .. 6.
EDWARD ROBBINS .. .. 3.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 4.	HARRY MOSS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and Conducted by W. LAMBERT.

Rung on the second anniversary of the Vicar's induction to the parish.

## NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MATTHEWS' TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES .. Treble.	WILLIAM G. MILLER .. .. 5.
HENRY DAY .. .. 2.	†GEORGE LARGE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM B. BISS .. .. 3.	ALLEN ROWLEY .. .. 7.
GEORGE ROBERTS* .. .. 4.	GEORGE VINNECOMBE .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. ROWLEY.

\*First peal. †Elected a member previous to starting. Rang as a birthday compliment to John W. Jones, steeplekeeper at this church, and Hon. Secretary to the above Association; also to Wm. B. Biss, both of whom celebrated their 43rd birthday on this date.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

ARTHUR GRAVETT .. .. Treble.	GEORGE ADES .. .. 6.
HERBERT RANN .. .. 2.	HENRY STALHAM .. .. 7.
EDWARD MERRITT .. .. 3.	JOHN JAY .. .. 8.
WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 4.	ALFRED TURNER .. .. 9.
CHARLIE PALMER .. .. 5.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by H. RANN.

## HADLOW, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

Cecil Groves* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS SMITHERS .. .. 5.
ARTHUR H. READER .. .. 2.	MICHAEL J. EXETER .. .. 6.
TOM SAUNDERS .. .. 3.	LEONARD S. PARIS .. .. 7.
HARRY GOODWIN .. .. 4.	GEORGE W. MANSEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR H. READER.

\*First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. S. H. Moneypenny as Vicar of Hadlow, and as a birthday compliment to Tom Saunders, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## EYNSFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

EDMUND BATES .. .. Treble.	ALBERT BATES .. .. 5.
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. .. 2.	*THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. .. 6.
THOMAS BOOKER .. .. 3.	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL .. .. 7.
REUBEN BALDWIN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WEST .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

\*First peal as conductor.

## FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 9, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Single Court, two of Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM FORSTER .. .. Treble.	*FRANK GLEAVE .. .. 4.
WILLIAM BIBBY .. .. 2.	ARTHUR UNSWORTH .. .. 5.
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. 3.	THOMAS H. LIGHTFOOT .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

\*First peal.

## HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 30, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PANT. Tenor 22½ cwt.

RICHARD G. RICE .. .. Treble.	ALFRED R. BOSLEY .. .. 5.
THOMAS EAST .. .. 2.	MORRIS E. CAUDWELL .. .. 6.
ERNEST A. BUTLER .. .. 3.	EDMUND BANNISTER .. .. 7.
JOSEPH NAPPER, JUN. .. .. 4.	HENRY WOODLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS EAST.

Rung on the dedication festival of the church, and as a birthday compliment to the Rev. W. R. Baker, Vicar of the parish for thirty-two years, on his sixty-fourth anniversary.

## LEINTWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 30, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob and Grandsire, and two each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS STAINES .. .. Treble.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 4.
JOHN NEWMAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 5.
LEONARD WILLIAMS .. .. 3.	CHARLES L. SADLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal in five methods by all except the conductor. Reference elsewhere.

## ROMFORD, ESSEX.

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

On Tuesday, December 8, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

WESLEY WATSON .. .. Treble.	ALFRED J. T. CARTER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM MILLER .. .. 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS .. .. 6.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 3.	SGT. H. MAJOR A. PYE .. .. 7.
SAMUEL J. BIRD* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal in the method.

## STANSTED, ESSEX—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 9, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR .. .. Treble.	JOHN LUCKEY .. .. 5.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY* .. .. 2.	THOMAS J. WATTS .. .. 6.
GEORGE JORDAN .. .. 3.	THOMAS JORDAN .. .. 7.
WALTER PRIOR .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WATTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

\*First peal in the method. Rang with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Bishop of Colchester.

## SLOUGH, BUCKS.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 8, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE Treble.	ROBERT E. STAVERT .. .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 6.
JAMES MERRICK .. .. 3.	EDGAR HANCOX .. .. 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 4.	*EDWIN T. HOOPER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

\*First peal of Stedman.

## CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE,

## THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Monday, December 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5292 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM SABANT .. .. Treble.	*WALTER YEEND .. .. 6.
WILLIAM T. PATES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM TOWNSEND .. .. 7.
GEORGE F. PEARCE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM DYER .. .. 8.
FREDERICK MUSTY .. .. 4.	THOMAS PENDRY .. .. 9.
JOHN F. BALLINGER .. .. 5.	REUBEN HEMMINGS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM T. PATES, and Conducted by WM. DYER.

\*First peal in any method. †First peal of Caters. Rung on the birthday of Miss Mabel Pates, youngest daughter of the composer, the ringers wishing her many happy returns. F. Musty is the only living member of the original band of Painswick Youths

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	JAMES RUMSEY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BALLS .. .. 2.	JOHN CREASY .. .. 6.
EDGAR HICKS .. .. 3.	PETER LAFLIN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. .. 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Wightman and P. Laflin the band wishing them many happy returns,

## OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

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

On Wednesday, December 9, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK RICHARDSON .. Treble.	JAMES MERRICK .. .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WELLING .. .. 6.
LEONARD STILWELL* .. .. 3.	EDGAR HANCOX .. .. 7.
ROBERT E. STAVERT .. .. 4.	*ARTHUR BLAKE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

\*First peal of Stedman.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, December 12, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. .. 4.	*FREDERICK WATLING .. .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\*First peal in the method.

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## SAWSTON, CAMBS.

On Wednesday, November 25th, the whole pull and stand was rung with the bells muffled in memory of the Rev. C. E. Crump, Rector of Cottenham, who until four years ago was Vicar of Sawston. The news of his sudden death came as a thunderbolt to his many friends on Sunday morning. At the close of the morning service the organist (Mr. W. H. Etchells), played the Dead March in Saul, and the "passing bell" tolled. The Vicar, in his sermon, both morning and evening, made touching reference to the sad occasion, and at the close of the evening service Chopin's Funeral March was played. During his seventeen years ministry here he made many memorials which will remind posterity of his sojourn, notably the church clock, the rebanging of the bells, the new organ, etc. Although only Rector of Cottenham for four years, he set him-

self to work to improve the church and its services, and only last July were the bells rebung and a clock erected. The interment took place in Cottenham churchyard on Wednesday, and was attended by a large number of people, including many Nonconformists. Many of his old parishioners from Sawston also attended to pay a last tribute of respect to him whom they all loved so well. The Sawston St. Mary's Society sent a floral wreath as also did the Sawston church choir, Sunday School and sidesmen. R.I.P.

The ringers were E. Freestone, W. Sykes, F. Hurry, F. Matthews, S. Nunn, M. Lyles, B. Freestone, R. Wilson.

## EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the above was held at North Wingfield on Saturday, December 5th. Members were present

from Ashover, Blackwell, Clay Cross, Pleasley, Selston, Swanwick, Tibshelf, Tevershal, and North Wingfield. A substantial tea was provided through the generosity of the Rev. and Mrs. Boden, to which ample justice was done. After tea the Rev. C. J. Boden was voted to the chair, who expressed the pleasure it gave him to once more meet the members at North Wingfield. He was also given a hearty vote of thanks for the tea, the ladies who waited not being forgotten. The minutes were duly read and confirmed. Messrs. J. T. Butler and F. Marshall were appointed to audit the accounts for the Easter meeting. The usual votes of thanks to the Rector for use of bells, presiding, etc., brought the meeting to a close. The bells were kept merrily going to various methods until 9 o'clock.

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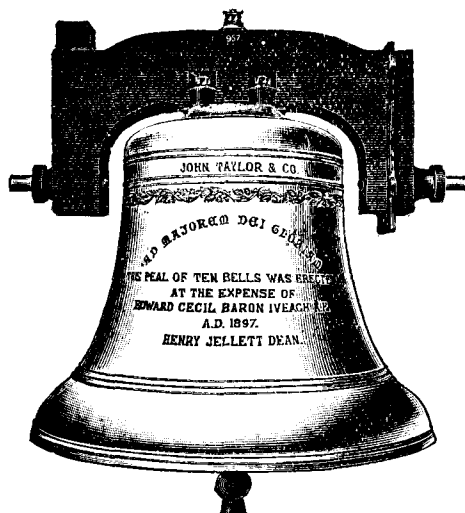
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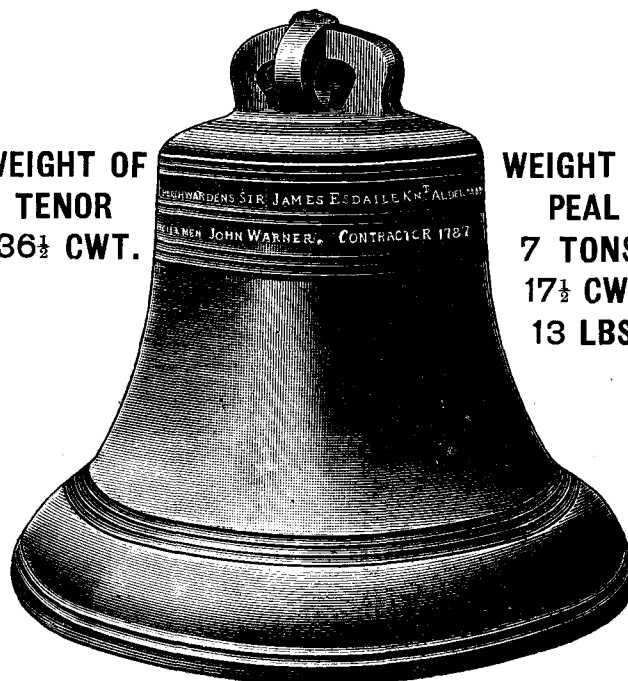
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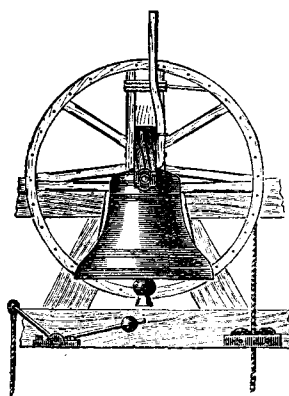
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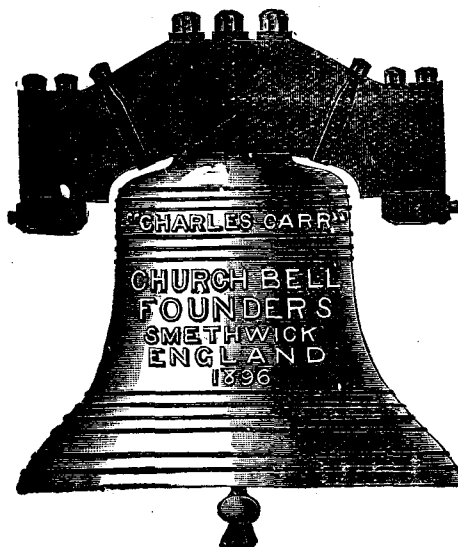
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## THE NEW PARISH CHURCH AT LLANHILLETH.

### PROPOSED PEAL OF BELLS.

Building operations in connection with the new Llanhilleth parish church (Christ Church) are progressing apace. Its fine tower is already nearing completion, and when finished will certainly be a notable feature in the district. A general desire is being expressed, by Nonconformists as well as by churchpeople, that a full peal of bells should be provided for the town, and hopes that the energetic Rector (the Rev. Daniel Felix) will be successful in his appeal for additional contributions for such. Several amounts have already been received from practically all creeds and parties in Llanhilleth and district. The following are extracts from an appeal recently issued by the Rector:—

Provision has been made in the tower for a peal of bells. My idea was to have the bells later on, say five years hence, when we trust the heavy debt on the church will be considerably reduced; but I find that there is a feeling in the district that an effort should be made to get the bells at once, and several of our Nonconformist brethren have already expressed a desire to contribute towards them. A peal of bells will cost about £700. One bell has already been promised, and one of our working people has most generously offered one shilling per week for three years towards the peal. With a view of ascertaining if this view is pretty general, I am writing to ask you to be good enough to give us a subscription towards this object. Though the church is built for the churchpeople, the bells will, I trust, cheer and elevate all the parishioners; and, if we pay for them jointly, we and our children will always be able to think of them as our own property, and something the parishioners did unitedly with a view of honouring God and uplifting the people in the neighbourhood. Then when we rejoice, as we do when our sons and daughters get married, or some other joyful event takes place in the parish, district, or country, the bells may be rung, and when death visits the neighbourhood they can be tolled. I therefore confidently ask you to kindly give us a liberal donation towards the bells. If it is the unanimous wish of the people to have them now, and if this wish is expressed in a practical way, the bells will be procured as soon as possible.

All will hope that the united efforts for such a worthy object will meet with the success it deserves.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the central division was held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, December 12th. The bells were raised soon after three, and touches of Grandsire rung till five, when a move was made to the Sussex Hotel to tea, where 33 members from the following towers sat down, presided over by the Rector of Hurstpierpoint, the Rev. R. A. C. Bevan:—Lindfield, Burgess Hill,

Bolney, Brighton (St. Nicholas), East Grinstead, Henfield, Little Horsted, Crawley, Cuckfield, Hurstpierpoint, and Southover. After tea the usual meeting followed, the hon. secretary reading the minutes of the last meeting, which were passed. Mr. Bevan then proposed, and Mr. Stenning seconded, that Mr. Percy Gladman become a member, and the hon. sec. proposed two new members from Henfield, Mr. G. Gander and Mr. G. Alliss. It was then decided to attempt the next quarterly peal, one of Grandsire, at Hurstpierpoint on Wednesday, January 6th. The hon. sec. then read a letter from our old friend Mr. George Williams, asking for contributions to a bell fund at North Stoneham, where through his efforts they are going to have a new treble and tenor added to a peal of six. The Rector then welcomed the Association to Hurstpierpoint, saying that he was glad to see so many present, and hoped that they would come again. The hon. sec. proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding and for the use of the bells, and then the tower was again visited. Touches of Grandsire, in which the Rector took part, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob were rung till about 8 o'clock.

## ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Saturday, December 5th, the quarterly meeting of this guild was held at Sedgley, when between thirty and forty members assembled. The bells were at the disposal of the members at 4 o'clock, and the go of them are like the proverbial fiddle, it reflects great credit on those who have the management of them. The guild service was said in church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. T. G. Swindell, and an address was given by the Curate, Rev. Silvester. Taking for his subject "The Chimes," from Charles Dickens, he drew many practical lessons, and his remarks were received with deep attention by those present. At the close of the service a substantial tea was awaiting them, provided by the local band, who, with their wives and sisters, assisted to the wants of all present.

At the business meeting, which was held in the school-room, the Vicar was in the chair. He gave the members a hearty welcome to Sedgley, and said he had a deep respect to the guild for the work it was doing. He could remember, he said, when he saw a bellringer (not as he is at present), well, he was a bellringer—but now he is regarded as a minister of Jesus Christ.

The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and confirmed, four performing members being enrolled. Dudley was the place selected for the next meeting, which is the annual, and several peals were arranged to be attempted during the quarter. Mr. H. Mason, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for conducting the service, presiding at the meeting, the use of the school-room and bells, also wished him to convey to the Curate the thanks of this meeting for his able address. This was seconded by Mr. W. R. Small in his own familiar way, and gave us a glimpse of his past experience with ringers and ringing. Several touches were rung on the tower bells.

## THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Pattishall on Saturday. By kind permission of the Vicar the ringing of the new peal of bells was indulged in by various companies, and subsequently an admirable tea, served in the schoolroom by the ladies of the parish, was thoroughly enjoyed, over thirty members and friends being present from Towcester. Easton Neston, Leckhamstead, Greensnorton, Bradden, Milton, Gayton, Northampton, Daventry, Leeds. and the local ringers. Tea over, a short address meeting was held, the Vicar of Pattishall presiding, and Mr. Groom (churchwarden) also being present. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mr. Slarke, and the place for the next meeting was fixed at Greensnorton in February. This being all the business, Mr. F. Wilford proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells; also to the ladies for the excellent tea they had provided for them. He wished to congratulate the Vicar and ringers of Pattishall on the splendid peal of bells they had now got, each bell being so distinct. Mr. Slarke seconded the vote of thanks, and said how much they were indebted to such ringers as Messrs. Wilford and Hopper, of Northampton, for coming amongst them that day. They certainly were removing some of the mist that had been before their eyes for a long time. Mr. Wilford put the vote to the meeting, and it was received with acclamation. The Vicar, in reply, said how pleased he was for them to come and ring their bells. He was looking forward to the time when their ringers would be able to achieve something worthy of a tablet in the belfry. He agreed that they had a fine peal of six bells, though to his mind there was nothing like a peal of eight bells. He thought it was a pity such a fine tower as Towcester had not a peal of eight bells. Speaking of their own peal, he was pleased with the tone of their bells. Hanging in a steel frame he thought added a brilliancy to the tone, and he certainly did not wish to go back to wooden frames. Mr. Groom, on behalf of the ladies, thanked them for the vote of thanks, also remarking how pleased he was to do all he could for the ringers. Several 120s were rung during the afternoon and evening, also a 720 Bob Minor by the following:—J. Smith (Blakesley treble, J. Slarke (Towcester) 2, A. Moore (Daventry) 3, F. Wilford (Northampton) 4, J. Turner (Leeds) 5, F. Hopper (conductor, Northampton) tenor. This was J. Slarke's first 720 with a working bell, and the ringers congratulated him on his success.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Glastonbury on Saturday, December 12th, when nearly 40 members were present. A short service was held in St. John's church, the Vicar, Rev. H. L. Barnwell, officiating, and giving a very appropriate address, being assisted by Rev. A. J. Hook. Tea was provided at the Avalon Dining Rooms, after which the business meeting was held. The Rev. C. C. Parker (Master of the Association) presided, being supported by R. Bath, esq., Mayor of Glastonbury, Dr. M. Doige, ex-Mayor, Revs. H. L. Barnwell and A. J. Hook, Glastonbury, and the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, Leigh-on-Mendip. About 20 new members were added to the Association. A proof of a new certificate was handed round to the members. A suggestion was also put before the meeting to add Yeovil and Minehead to the fixed places for annual meetings. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Barnwell for his address and use of bells, also the mayor and ex-mayor for consenting to become honorary members, and to Preb. Grant and Rev. Gordon Cumming for the use of their bells.

**DEFECTIVE REPORT.**—A peal of Grandsire Triples has been sent from Kidlington, Oxon., without any date being mentioned.

**STONE IN OXNEY.**—On Sunday, November 15th, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Doubles. F. Underdown, H. Smith, J. Neve, R. Dunster conductor, F. Burt, A. Day. On Wednesday, November 25th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Johnson, F. Burt, G. Billenness conductor, A. Youngs, G. Johnson, C. W. Player.

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## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the South-Eastern District was held on Saturday, December 15th, at the Dolphin Hotel, Chelmsford. At 5.30 p.m. 20 members from Baddow, Boreham, Chelmsford, Maldon, Springfield, Widford, and Writtle sat down to an excellent tea, served by Host Shillitoe. On the cloth being removed Mr. Rowland read an apology for the absence of the Rev. Canon Lake, Rector of Chelmsford, the serious illness of the late Bishop of Colchester, a vice-President of the Association, keeping that gentleman away. Mr. Lincoln, of Writtle, also apologised for the absence of the Rev. Canon Papillon, Master of the Association. Mr. Judd, District Master, now took the chair, and the minutes of the last meeting were passed as read. Owing to ill-health this gentleman did not wish to act as District Master during the coming year, and Mr. Edwards, of Boreham, was elected. The retiring secretary, Mr. Cooper, was unanimously re-elected. One new member was enrolled, and the election as a non-resident life member of Mr. J. E. Groves, of Handsworth, previous to starting for a peal, was carried. Brentwood was selected as the next meeting place. A little discussion on various matters closed the business, and the retiring Master proposed the meeting expressed sympathy with the late Bishop of Colchester in his illness, owing to which the bells of St. Mary's were not rung at all during the day. Mr. Rowland, for the meeting, thanked Mr. Judd for his past services, and expressed a hope he would soon enjoy good health again, and in thanking Mr. Cooper for his past services announced that the district had never had a better officer in this department, and hoped he would be able to hold the office for a long time to come. Both officers briefly responded, and the rest of the evening was devoted to handbell ringing, &c.

## NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the above district was held at Ardleigh on Saturday, December 5th, about 20 members being present, representing eight or nine different towers, and including Messrs. J. Motts and Bowell, of Ipswich, W. J. Nevard, Gt. Bentley, &c. Tea was provided by the Vicar, Rev. R. H. Grubbe, in the church room, his kindness in so doing being much appreciated. The rev. gentleman also occupied the chair at the meeting which followed. The election of officers for 1909 being the first business, it was proposed that the retiring Master, Mr. F. Rudkin, of Braintree, be re-elected. This was carried unanimously. Mr. W. J. Nevard then proposed the re-election of the secretary, and this was also agreed to. Both officers returned thanks, the secretary remarking that he wished someone else had fancied his office. The next business was more pleasing, this being the proposition and election of W. R. Newth, esq., as an honorary member, and the local company of eight ringing members. The Master then proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and also for the excellent tea he had provided, to which the Vicar replied by saying how very pleased he was to meet us all, and hoping we should go again. A band was then arranged for a peal of Double Norwich in a fortnight's time, Mr. Newth kindly offering to provide tea on that occasion. Some good ringing was brought round on the capital ring of eight, Mr. Bowell ringing the 2nd to a 720 of Bob Minor, although in his 80th year, it being 64 years since he rang his first 120 on these bells. Our worthy secretary, Rev. H. T. Eyre, was unfortunately unable to be present.

## LONDON MARVEL.

If "London" eight is not "Surprise"  
But really "Marvel"—thus  
We may of course surcly surmise  
Ten would be "Marvellous."  
If "Stepney" ten is "Marvellous,"  
Its eight should Marvel be!  
Why this surprising marvellous fuss  
Because they don't agree?

**SELLY OAK.**—On Thursday, November 26th, 720 Double Stedman Slow Course Minor. W. Palmer, A. Chambers, F. Withers, J. Withers, S. Grove, H. Withers conductor.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EASTERN DIVISION.)

St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, was the place selected for a divisional meeting on December 12th, when about 50 members from the following towers turned up:—St. Peter's, St. Paul's, and St. Nicholas, Brighton; All Saints', Christ Church, St. Mary's, and St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, Hellingby, Waldron, Lewes, Pevensey, Christ Church, St. Leonard's, Rotherfield, &c.

The bells were raised at 3.45, when some good practice was done in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich. These fine bells were heard to advantage in Double Norwich, Keith Hart ringing the tenor. Ringing was continued until 5.30, when the members attended evensong. Through the kindness of the Vicar and churchwardens the offertory, 10s., was devoted to the Brede Bell Fund. The tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, Rev. Urling H. Whelp-ton, M.A., was held in the church room near the church. The Vicar, who could not stay to tea, welcomed the Association to St. Saviour's, and said he should like his band to join the Association. If they would consent to do so it would give him a good deal pleasure. After doing justice to the good things provided, the St. Saviour's handbell ringers gave some delightful selections on their splendid peal of bells, of which the writer believes they have a set of 94. The general hon. sec., Mr. G. Watson, being voted to the chair, the business was proceeded with.

The minutes of the previous meeting (Brightling) having been read and passed, it was proposed, seconded, and carried that the next quarterly peal (Stedman Triples) should be rung, with the consent of the respective Vicars, at either St. Saviour's or St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Mr. Keith Hart conducting. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his kindness in allowing the use of his bells, and providing so bountiful a tea. The meeting then closed.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28th, a quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough District of the above was held at Irthlingborough. A good number of ringers were present from Higham Ferrers, Raunds, Findon, Wellingborough, Burton Latimer, Kettering, Cranford, Earl's Barton, Easton Mandit, and Northampton. Ringing commenced early, and some good touches of London, Superlative, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were brought round. Tea was served in the coffee tavern, and the meeting presided over by the President, Rev. E. C. Channer. After tea ringing went on until 7.30, the bells being lowered. An adjournment was made to the White Horse Inn, where a good room was lent by Mr. T. Parker, and the rest of the evening spent in harmony. Songs were given by Messrs. Chapman, Newman, Martin (Higham company), W. Perkins (Irthlingborough), Mr. Barber (Raunds), Mr. Eite (Wellingborough), Mr. A. Perkins accompanying. Also some good touches on handbells, which brought a successful and happy meeting to a close.

We have a few peals left over until next week. They will all appear in due course, and our friends will not have to wait long for their publication. We find it impossible to publish touches in the current number, on account of the great quantity received.

DAGENHAM.—On September 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. A. Lebbon, R. Miles, G. Cornell, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, F. Squires conductor. On September 20th, 720 Double Oxford. A. Playle, E. Hawkins, R. Miles, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor. And 720 Plain Bob. A. Chaplin, C. Rochester, J. Dear, R. Miles, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor.

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## Correspondence.

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

CENTRAL COUNCIL, RE LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

SIR,—Your correspondent in last week's issue seems to make me say that in my opinion London Royal is a possibility, and might yet be obtained!

This is entirely wrong. I did say that by the use of what may be termed *extra deflecting places* (introduced for the purpose of forcing the bells to produce a correct lead-end) I had produced a result, then before me, which I did not think worthy of further notice.

London Royal, pure and simple, with correct lead-ends, is an absolute impossibility, and in this Mr. Law James and Mr. Trollope are, of course, perfectly right. This is not an opinion, it is a fact, and one that with a little perseverance any one may prove for himself, with exactly the same certainty that two and three will not make an even number.

The Council's decision in this matter (the impossibility—like perpetual motion—was left open for the unbalanced mind) was perfectly correct, and will have far-reaching and good results.

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## BELFRY RHYMES.

Mr. Josephus Crumb, though a good-natured chum,  
In the belfry would boast like a rebel,  
Every method could ring, but a very strange thing,  
He usually made choice of

The treble.

The first peal he rang went off with a bang,  
He felt like Napoleon at Jena;  
When the smoke cleared away, he shouted "Hooray!"  
'Twas Stedman he rang on

The tenor.

When disputes would arise over London Surprise  
Crumb then cut a very grand caper;  
Each error explained and adroitly maintained  
'Twas as easy as winking

On paper.

He had rung at St. Paul's and Niagara Falls,  
Felt as strong as a Musselman's pony;  
But took care not to say how he then broke a stay,  
And on Lord Major's Day they

Ring Stoney.

One night, in the hunt, I gave Crumb affront  
I was telling him where to go;  
He advised me to go (I forget the place now)  
Much warmer climate than

Jericho.

Some thought Crumb a lord, others deemed him a fraud,  
So diverse the opinions of people;  
But all were agreed, should he ever succeed,  
Sure 'twould not be inside

The Steeple.

He invited me once, with my wife, to take lunch—  
In transport our hearts were uplifted;  
But when we got round, do you know what we found?  
Why! as usual, the bounder

Had shifted.

G. F. M.

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**Date Touches.****THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

ST. ALBANS.—On Tuesday evening, December 1st, eight members of the above Association rang at the Cathedral a date touch, 1908 changes, of Bob Major in 1 hr. 15 mins. Frank L. Whiteman, Thos. J. Hull (St. Peter's Society), Thos. Blow, Horace E. C. Goodenough, Richd. E. Hammond, John C. Dicken, L. A. Goodenough, Ed. Whitbread conductor. Composed by Joseph Barrow, of Long Eaton, Derbyshire. Tenor 30 cwt. This is the longest length rung in the method by all excepting the ringers of the sixth and tenor.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.**

BRATHAY (Lancashire).—On Monday November 30th, at the church of Holy Trinity, a date touch of Minor in 1 hr. 5 mins., being 108 Plain Bob, 720 Duke of York, 720 Violet, 360 Kent. J. Backhouse conductor. A. Newton, F. Woodend, W. Sharp, J. Holme, W. Robinson. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BOWNESS (Westmorland).—On Saturday, December 19th, a date touch of Bob Major, at the parish church, in 1 hr. 15 mins. R. Dennison, J. Braithwaite, W. Atkinson, J. Holme, W. Sharp, W. Robinson conductor, T. P. Jackson, R. Satterthwaite. Longest length of Major on the bells.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

SUTTON (Yorks).—On Thursday, October 15th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at St. James's church, a date touch of Minor, 1908 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins., being 720 each of Oxford and Kent, and 468 Bob Minor. C. Jackson conductor, R. Rodmell, J. S. Calvert, H. Rodmell, A. E. West, L. Rodmell.

GODSTONE (Surrey).—On Saturday, December 12th, a date touch of Bob Minor in 1 hr. 3 mins., 1908 changes. H. Home-wood, W. Oliver, S. Skinner, J. Humphrey, J. Smith, L. Page conductor. This is the longest length by any local band, and the first date touch on the bells.

MISTLEY (Essex).—On December 17th, a date touch of 1908 changes of Plain Bob Minor in 1 hr. 3 mins. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. C. Chisall. W. Harvey, J. Tippins, F. Souter, Rev. N. H. Johnson, J. Souter, W. Honeywood conductor. Longest length by the ringers of the 3rd and 4th.

**Miscellaneous.****THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

CHESTER.—On Sunday, November 21st, at the church of St. Mary's Within-the-Walls, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins. Fred Dutton, J. Eldridge, Charles Davies, Robert Sperring conductor, Fred Weston, Thomas E. Hughes, Frank Milton, John Davies.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

READING (Berks).—On Monday, December 7th, at the church of St. Giles, for practice, 336 Stedman Triples. H. Tucker, J. E. Hern, E. Halliday, C. Higgs, Rev. F. E. Robinson, J. Swain, A. W. Osborne conductor, A. Durman. Also 252 in same method. W. Dormer, C. E. Baker, J. E. Hern, C. Higgs, C. Cox, A. Harding, H. Tucker, A. W. Osborne conductor. 224 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Tucker, C. E. Baker, E. Halliday, J. E. Hern, C. Cox, J. Swain, A. Harding, A. W. Osborne. Also another course. C. Cox, G. Wheeler, E. Halliday, C. Higgs, J. E. Hern, J. Swain, A. Harding, A. W. Osborne.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Tuesday, October 6th, at St. Peter's, for practice, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 1328 changes, in 46 mins. J. Muggridge, G. Thompson, G. Smithers, W. Smith, W. Latter, H. Porter, E. Manke-low, S. Perkins conductor. Also a 224 of Kent Treble Bob

Major. G. Thompson, S. Hardy, S. Faithfull, S. Perkins, W. Smith, G. Smithers, H. Porter, W. Latter.

**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On October 8th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Carter, A. Woolston, F. Williams, A. Phillips, E. H. King conductor, W. H. Lawrence. On October 22nd, 720 Kent. W. H. Lawrence, A. Woolston, A. Carter, A. Phillips, F. Williams, E. A. Overall conductor. On October 27th, 720 New London Pleasure. On Dec. 20th, for morning service, 720 College Single. H. Carter, F. Williams, A. Carter, A. Phillips, G. N. Barker, W. H. Lawrence conductor.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, August 26th, at the parish church, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. A. Jordan, J. Luckey, G. Gray, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. Jordan, J. Luckey, G. Gray, W. Watts, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts conductor. On Sunday, September 6th, for morning service, 576 Cambridge Surprise Major. G. Gray, H. Little, G. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. On September 9th, for practice, 704 New Cambridge Surprise Major. G. Gray, W. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, H. J. Tucker, T. J. Watts, G. Jordan conductor. On Sunday, September 13th, for morning service, 416 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. A. Jordan, G. Jordan, J. Luckey, W. Prior, T. Jordan, W. T. Prior, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, September 20th, for morning service, 448 Cambridge Surprise Major. W. Prior, H. Little, J. Luckey, W. Watts, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, G. Jordan conductor. Tenor 13 cwt.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, November 14th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, 1024 Cambridge Surprise Major. F. Barrett, A. Smith, C. Baker, J. Allen, C. Roope, A. Roope, W. Roope, F. Roope. On Sunday, November 15th, for morning service 800, and for evening service 896.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, November 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins., composed by J. P. Bradley. E. Lucas, jun., C. Fenn, F. Russell, G. Cottis conductor, G. Faulkner, A. Hardy, D. Simons, R. Fenn. On Sunday, November 29th, for morning service, 1280 Double Norwich in 48 mins. H. Parker, G. Cottis, G. Faulkner, E. Fenn, C. Fenn composer, A. Hardy, R. Fenn, D. Simons conductor.

BLACKMOOR (Hants).—On Saturday, December 12th, a 720 of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. G. Upshall, J. W. Russell, F. W. Elliott, E. Newell, W. Bashford, C. Edwards conductor. First in the method on the bells.

EASTWOOD (Notts).—Recently at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 46 mins. G. Manners, John T. Pollard, A. Wyld, A. Parker, F. Rowley, J. P. Pollard, J. Stirland, G. Blanchard conductor.

LITTLE HORSTED (Sussex).—On Wednesday, October 7th, at the church of St. Michael and All Angels, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 45 mins. E. Hartfield, E. J. Funnell, W. Tugwood, A. Hobden, J. A. Hart conductor, A. Diplock.

TWYFORD (Hants).—In the early morning, commencing at six o'clock, at the parish church, October 7th, the day appointed by the late Mr. Davies under his will, dated 1754, that the bells should be rung, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. W. Carter, G. Smith conductor, P. Rooke, G. S. Astel, T. Spratt, C. E. Straham, L. Lampard, F. Oxenbury.

WEDNESBURY.—On Sunday evening, at St. Paul's church, Wood Green, October 11th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. T. Hughes, A. Wallater, M. Smith, H. Jones, A. Plant, E. Tyler, J. Malpass conductor, W. Hill.

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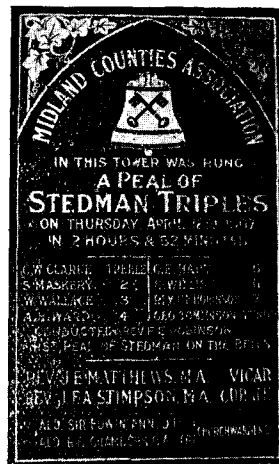
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AT 19, OLD JEWRY, E.C.,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES.**

BERTRAM PREWETT .. 1-2.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 5-6.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 3-4.	*JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. 7-8.
*JOSEPH HERBERT .. .. 9-10.	

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

Umpires—W. J. Nadds, C. T. Coles, and A. T. King. \*First peal in the method on handbells.

**The Provinces.****COLLINGHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 5, 1908, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt.

THOMAS F. EARNshaw .. Treble.	JAMES THOMPSON .. .. 5.
FREDERICK W. STOKES .. 2.	THOMAS HODGSON .. .. 6.
EDWARD RICKITTS .. .. 3.	ABRAHAM HAIGH .. .. 7.
THOMAS HAIGH .. .. 4.	ALBERT C. FRANKLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

First peal on the bells, a fine-toned ring by Taylor in 1907. The ringers tender their best thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. Medhurst, who kindly entertained the band to tea at the close.

**WOOTTON COURTENAY, SOMERSETSHIRE.****THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

J. REED* .. .. Treble.	C. GREEDY .. .. 4.
W. HOYLE .. .. 2.	W. BENNET .. .. 5.
C. SUMMERS .. .. 3.	H. MOORE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. MOORE.

\*First peal in the method.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.***On Tuesday, December 8, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.**

Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

CHARLES EALEST .. Treble.	WILLIAM FORD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM A. FOWLER* .. 2.	G. HARRY MYERS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR E. TOMLINS .. 3.	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT .. 8.
ERNEST W. MARSH .. .. 4.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 9.
WILLIAM RUNDLE .. .. 5.	*WILLIAM SHEARS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. Cox, and Conducted by G. HARRY MYERS.

†First\*peal. \*First peal in the method; also on the bells. This is the second peal on the bells which were hung in 1772.

**BRAMLEY, NEAR LEEDS. YORKS.****THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.***On Tuesday, December 8, 1908, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 720 each of Primrose, Tulip, Cambridge Surprise, Morning Exercise, College Treble, College Exercise, and London Scholars' Pleasure. Tenor 12 cwt.

SAM HELLIWELL .. Treble.	TOM LATIMER .. .. 4.
CHARLES LOCKWOOD* .. 2.	WALTER BROWN .. .. 5.
JOHN W. T. HOLGATE .. 3.	EDWARD REDSHAW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. T. HOLGATE.

\*First peal away from the treble.

**HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION***On Tuesday, December 8, 1908, 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.

FREDERICK G. BRETT .. Treble.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 5.
PEBCY P. PAINE .. .. 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 6.
WILLIAM W. WENBAN .. 3.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. .. 4.	*FRANK WILSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

\*First peal.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.***On Wednesday, December 9, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT EMANUEL CHURCH,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 12 lbs. in E flat.

JOHN GLUYAS† .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM RUNDLE .. .. 5.
ARTHUR E. TOMLINS .. 2.	ERNEST W. MARSH .. .. 6.
JOSEPH WOODLEY* .. .. 3.	†WILLIAM A. FOWLER .. 7.
G. H. MYERS .. .. 4.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

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

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, December 9, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES KEMP .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH ROWELL .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 2.	WILLIAM BASKILL .. .. 6.
ALFRED DALTON .. .. 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 7.
GEORGE HANDLEY .. .. 4.	JOHN MCKEAG .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by JOSEPH E. R. KEEN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Thos. Teasdale, of North Shields, who was a member of the above Association.

## KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(THE KING'S NORTON GUILD.)

On Wednesday, December 9, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES DOWLER .. .. Treble.	FRANK WITHERS .. .. 5.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
JOHN WITHERS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 7.
THEODORE PRITCHETT .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Palmer, who has been tower-keeper at the above church for nearly fifty years; also as a wedding peal to A. E. Pegler, of Bangor. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

## ANSTON, YORKS.—THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday December 10, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Being 720 each of City Delight, College Pleasure, Woodbine, Violet, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK STENTON .. .. Treble.	HUBERT TURNER .. .. 4.
WILLIAM PLATTS .. .. 2.	SAMUEL SMITH .. .. 5.
HUBERT HAIGH* .. .. 3.	HENRY STENTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY STENTON.

\*First peal on six bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Turner, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. in A flat

ROBERT SPERRING .. .. Treble.	EDWARD ROWLANDS .. .. 5.
GEORGE JONES .. .. 2.	THOMAS NEWELL .. .. 6.
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. 3.	RICHARD JONES .. .. 7.
HENRY W. WILDE .. .. 4.	JAMES MORGAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

Quickest peal on the bells. First peal of Oxford on the bells, and by all the band except the ringer of the 3rd. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Thomas, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 12, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, London New Bob, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Oxford Single.

Tenor 9 cwt

W. TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	A. ROBINSON .. .. 4.
J. W. FITCHIE* .. .. 2.	A. E. WOODHOUSE .. .. 5.
E. R. MARTIN .. .. 3.	E. ARMSTRONG .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

\*First peal away from the treble. †First peal. First peal as conductor.

**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.

## WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 12, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES PARKER .. .. Treble.	GEORGE H. BARKER .. .. 5.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. .. 2.	WILBY J. HAZELL .. .. 6.
JAMES SAXBY .. .. 3.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 7.
EDWARD F. COLE .. .. 4.	GEORGE PAICE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

## OLD ORMESBY, YORKS.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WM. HOLMES* .. .. Treble.	JOHN G. HALL .. .. 5.
R. ALCOCK .. .. 2.	A. SIMPSON .. .. 6.
T. BECKWITH* .. .. 3.	T. METCALFE .. .. 7.
JAS. BAXTER .. .. 4.	F. P. HOWCROFT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAS. BAXTER.

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

## BROMHAM, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HARRY PRUDDEN .. .. Treble.	PEARL INSKIP .. .. 4.
THOMAS MORTIMER .. .. 2.	FRED MORTIMER .. .. 5.
LEONARD OEPIN .. .. 3.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

First peal by the first three ringers. First peal with a bob bell by the ringer of the 4th.

## KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES M. BAILEY .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK J. SMITH .. .. 5.
ERNEST S. BAILEY .. .. 2.	EDGAR H. BAILEY .. .. 6.
GEORGE BERRY .. .. 3.	NORMAN R. BAILEY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM DREW .. .. 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by T. T. GOSTON, and Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

## OADBY, NEAR LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY CARTER* .. .. Treble.	W. NEAL ADKINSON .. .. 4.
T. HENRY HARDY .. .. 2.	FRED STANFORTH .. .. 5.
ARTHUR BRIEBS .. .. 3.	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

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

**HANDBELL MUSIC.**—Write to W. GORDON, of Stockport. The largest and best selection in the world.

**FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 12, 1908, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.**

PERCY LANGSTON .. .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER .. .. 5.
WALTER SADLER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM ELLIOTT .. .. 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 2.	DAVID ELLIOTT .. .. 7.
JAMES NEWMAN .. .. 4.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. Tenor.

Composed by J. S. WILDE, and Conducted by D. ELLIOTT.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Bishop of Colchester, who was for many years Vice-president of the above Association.

**BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.****THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, December 12, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.  
Tenor 20 cwt.**

JOHN OVERTON .. .. Treble.	BERTRAM HEAD .. .. 5.
ALBERT T. BAKER .. .. 2.	WILFRED OVERTON .. .. 6.
JOHN ELCOCK .. .. 3.	HORACE W. OVERTON .. 7.
ERNEST FOXALL .. .. 4.	HARRY JONES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Horace W. OVERTON.

**NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, December 12, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6048 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.**

ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE A. THOMSON .. 5.
WILLIAM H. PEABODY* .. 2.	EDWARD C. GOBEY .. .. 6.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 3.	JOHN P. TARTON .. .. 7.
REV. R. P. FARROW .. 4.	WALTER ALLWOOD .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\*First peal of Oxford.

**DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.****WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND  
THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.***On Saturday, December 12, 1908, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.  
Tenor 22 cwt.**

RALPH MEEK .. .. Treble.	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. 6.
HERBERT SHEPPARD .. .. 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 3.	JOSEPH FAULKNER .. .. 8.
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. .. 4.	HARRY GOODMAN .. .. 9.
HARRY PRICE .. .. 5.	CHARLES FAULKS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by Wm. MICKLEWRIGHT, and Conducted by S. SPITTLE.

\*First peal.

**PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 12, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
CARTER'S ODD-BOB-ONE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.**

WILLIAM PEARSON .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HALKSWOETH .. 5.
WILLIAM P. BROOK .. .. 2.	JOHN FRYER .. .. 6.
FREDERICK W. STOKES .. 3.	THOMAS M. BARKER .. 7.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 4.	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of B. Watkinson, a member of the local company.

**BIRMINGHAM.***On Saturday, December 12, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

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

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

EDWARD MULLINS .. .. Treble.	THOMAS J. BRATTON .. 5.
JOHN CORRIGAN* .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. TAYLOR .. 6.
WALTER BRYANT .. .. 3.	THOMAS MILLER .. .. 7.
JOSEPH PORTER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HUNT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MILLER.

\*First peal with a bob bell.

**HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.****THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, December 12, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Being 720 each of Warnham Court, College Single, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 9 cwt.

HERBERT WILLIAMSON .. Treble.	JOHN BANCROFT .. .. 4.
HARRY LANGLEY .. .. 2.	ALLAN S. GORDON .. .. 5.
JOHN W. HARTLEY .. .. 3.	JAMES FERNLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

First peal in seven methods by all except the conductor.

**IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 12, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.**

CHARLES J. BAYLES* .. Treble.	*SIDNEY A. BOAR .. .. 3.
ARTHUR S. BOAR .. .. 2.	*PERCY C. BOAR .. .. 4.
*WILLIAM LINDLEY .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by ARTHUR S. BOAR.

\*First peal. It is believed to be the first peal on the bells for the last sixty years.

**DRIFHLINGTON, YORKS.****THE YORKSHIRE AND HALIFAX AND DISTRICT  
ASSOCIATIONS.***On Saturday, December 12, 1908, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.**

JOHN WM. CUNDALL .. Treble.	SIDNEY C. CLARK .. .. 5.
JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 2.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 6.
THOMAS SIMPSON .. .. 3.	*JAMES W. EMMETT .. .. 7.
JONAS S. AMBLER .. .. 4.	FRANCIS BARKER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by JAS. W. EMMETT.

\*First peal as conductor, and rung in honour of his 50th birthday the company wishing him many happy returns.

**Handbell Peals.****BUSHEY, HERTS.****THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, December 13, 1908, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,*

AT 8, HIGHFIELD ROAD,

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

WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 1-2.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. 5-6.
HENRY HODGETTS .. 3-4.	*J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

\*First peal in the method on handbells. Umpires—Hubert Eden and Arthur W. Dix.

### Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on the 31st; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 29th; at 8 p.m.

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

**The London County Association late the St. James's Society.**—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, January 9th, at the church of St. Luke, Chelsea. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 till 9 p.m. A business meeting and social will afterwards take place. T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill.

**The Royal Cumberland Youths.**—The Annual General Meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 16th, 1909. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Meat tea in the Vestry Hall at 5.30 p.m., 9d. each to those who notify me by Thursday January 14th. A social will be held at The Bedford Head hotel at 9 o'clock. This being the first occasion of the annual meeting being held on a Saturday, it is particularly requested that all members will endeavour to attend.

F. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*  
3, Harts Lane, New Cross.

**Gloucester and Bristol Association.**—The anniversary meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, December 26th. Service at St. John's church, Broad Street, at 12.30, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. S. E. Swann. Full particulars later.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*  
Bristol.

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Cardiff, on Saturday, December 26th, at 4 o'clock. Bells (10) available. Important business.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*  
J. W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Bramley on Saturday, January 2nd. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Cardigan Arms. GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, January 2nd. A short service will be held in the parish church some time during the afternoon. REV. A. RUST, } *Hon. Secs.*  
I. HILLS,

**The Romney Marsh and District Guild.**—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Appledore on Saturday, January 9th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at The Swan hotel at 6 o'clock, followed by business meeting and smoking concert. All ringers will be heartily welcomed. The Rev. A. O. Scott has kindly consented to preside at the tea and meeting. All ringers intending to be present, please notify on or before Wednesday, January 6th, to G. JOHNSON, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*  
Veness House, Appledore.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Smethwick on Saturday, January 9th. Short service in the parish church at 5. Tea will be provided at 6 in the parish room for those only who notify me not later than January 6th.

H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*  
38, Leicester Street, Wolverhampton

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bolton, Bradford, on Saturday, January 23rd (the fourth Saturday). Service in St. James's church at 4 p.m. Circulars in due course.

CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*  
40, Percy Street, Rotherham.

**The Essex Association.**—A REQUEST.—Members of the above Association whose figures are incorrect in the list of peals rung by each member in Report 1907, are requested to send me their correct figures to December 31st, 1907, as early as possible, so that a correct list may appear in the new Report.

HENRY F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*  
County Offices, Chelmsford

**Invitation.**—Should any member of the Ringing Exercise visiting Derby on Boxing Day, desirous of a peal attempt, Duffield or Double Norwich, please communicate with 107, Abbey Street, Derby. J. PAGETT.

**St. Luke's Chelsea.**—Practice will be discontinued until January 5th, 1909.  
J. PRYER, *Hon. Sec.*

### SELBY ABBEY BELL FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged .. ..	13	9	6
Mr. F. Atkinson .. ..	0	1	0
Collected by Mr. E. Prewett (2nd instalment) .. ..	0	2	6
Mr. W. Wilson .. ..	0	1	0
St. Mary's, Barnsley .. ..	0	15	0
Eleven College Youths—Collected by Mr. W. T. Cockerill .. ..	1	10	0

**SITUATION** wanted as Gardener by experienced man. Excellent references. Aged 30. Single. Ringer on 6, 8, or 10 bells. Apply—W.S., 3, Christ Church Terrace, Cheltenham.

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**WANTED** a copy of Canon Wigram's "Change-Ringing Disentangled," State price to S. WRIGHT, 16, Carmelite Terrace, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

**WANTED** a set of handbells in the chromatic scale. State what key, number of bells, and price to C. R. POWER, Water Street, Brindle, near Chorley.

**COMPLETE** Set of musical handbells. Thirty-seven in all. Sound and in perfect order. Fitted up in metal frame with keyboard as a piano. Cost £50. Must be sold. What offers? 30, Erskine Road, Walthamstow.

### STEDMAN CATERS.

By CORNELIUS CHARGE, Fulham.

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164253

461352

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Repeated.

Call the first course of second part 2, 4, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16. Add an extra 16 at the end of second part produces—

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Round next change.

† Produced by bobs at 2, 3, 6, 10, 13, 16.

### TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By H. DAINS.

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Twice repeated.

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**THE PEAL AT KNEBWORTH** (reported last week).—There should have been the following note of this peal: "First peal on the treble by the treble-man; first of Triples and first as conductor by the ringer of the 2nd; first peal by the ringers of the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and tenor; and first of Triples by the ringer of the 7th."

**SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Herts.)**—On September 22nd, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. F. G. Saban, A. Brown, T. Saban conductor, Rev. H. W. Parker, W. Tarling, R. White, H. Saban, C. Saban. 6th and 8 covering. The ringer of the treble is only 14 years of age, and is the son of the conductor; also his first 720.

**Ringers' Outings.****THE ST. GILES'S SOCIETY, READING.**

On Monday, September 7th, this Society had their annual outing, Canterbury and Margate being the places visited. Arriving at the Cathedral the party were met by Mr. A. Andrews, who conducted us to the belfry, 220 Stedman Triples, 168 Grandsire Triples, 1 Course Caters, 1 Course Bob Major being rung. Time not permitting any more a move was made towards the station, Margate being reached soon after 1 o'clock. Dinner was the next on the programme. Then a visit to St. John's church. Here again Grandsire, Stedman, and Bob Major were rung, Mr. Saxby, the worthy steeplekeeper, obliging by acting as our guide. The party then dispersed, and went their own ways. Train time soon arrived, having to leave

for home at 6.35, Reading being reached at 11 o'clock, all having enjoyed the day's pleasure, especially the bells of the Cathedral. The ringers wish, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Mr. A. Andrews, Mr. A. Saxby, and others who helped to make their day so successful in granting the use of their respective peals. The only regret expressed was that more time could not be spent at Canterbury. Hoping to give Mr. Andrews a call another year.

A. W. O.

**A LADY RINGER'S WEDDING.**

The wedding took place at St. Mary's parish church, Cheltenham, on Saturday, December 12th, between Miss Faith Bowen Cooke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bowen Cooke, of West Bank, Crewe, and Mr. Dudley R. Harris, son of Dr. A. B.

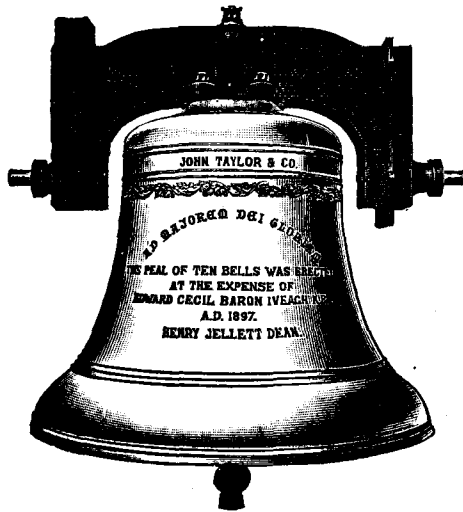
Harris, M.D., of Falmouth. The service was fully choral. The bride was given away by her father. The service was conducted by the grandfather of the bride, the Rev. C. J. Rashleigh Cooke, formerly Rector of Cranham, Essex, assisted by the Rev. F. L'Estrange Fawcett, Rector of Cheltenham, and the Rev. Edward Reed, M.A., late Rector of St. Stephen's, Exeter, uncle of the bridegroom, who gave an address. As the happy pair were leaving the church, the bells were raised in peal and set going to Grandsire Caters and Triples by Mestrs. Pates, Phillott, Saban, Yeend, Musty, Hooper, Ballinger, Wade, and Trigg. The happy pair afterwards left for London and Swanage, where the honeymoon is to be spent. Both the bride and her father are members of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and rang for service at St. Mary's two Sundays previous to her wedding.

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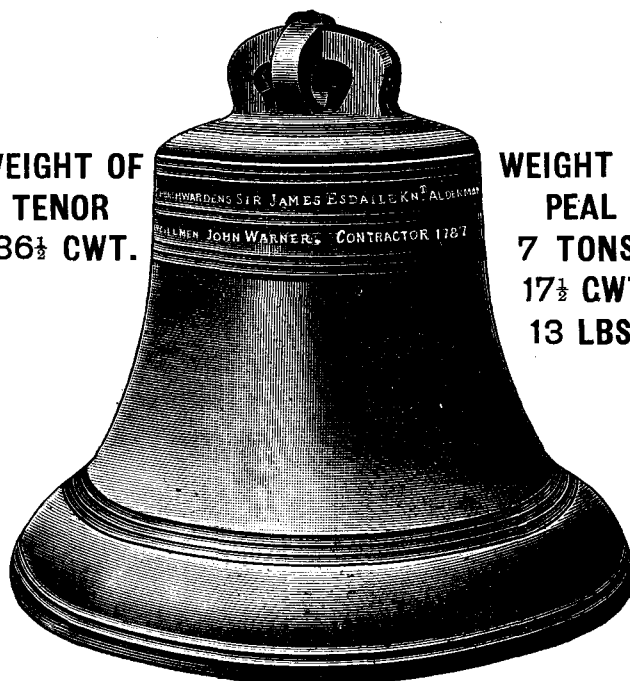
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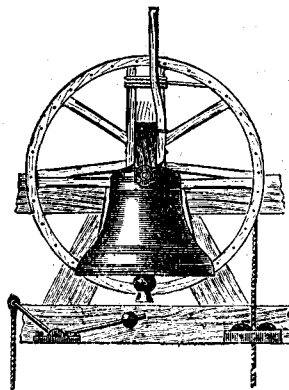
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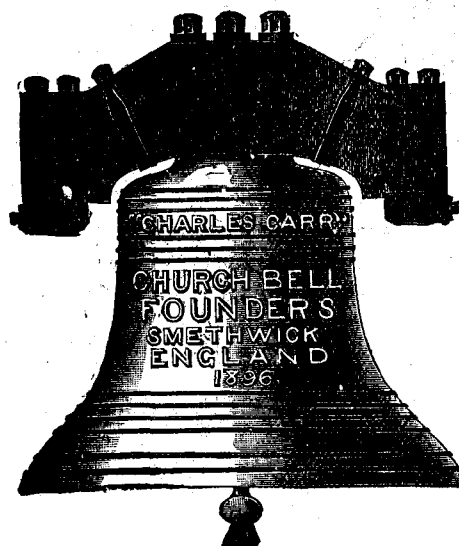
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