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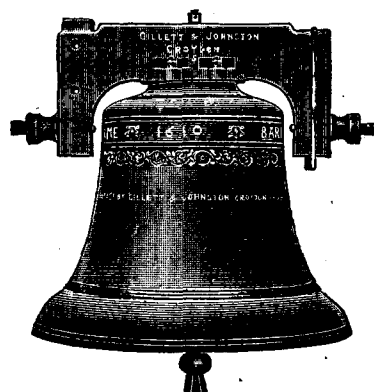
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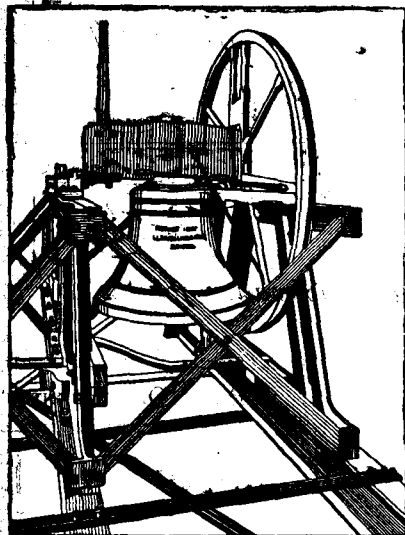
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BICKLEIGH, DEVON.

The Lord Bishop of Exeter visited Bickleigh parish church recently to dedicate two bells—one which had been recast (the third) and a new tenor. There is now a ring of six bells instead of five, as formerly. The weight of the new tenor bell is 8 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. The peal has been rehung in a new oak frame on new beams and floor, equipped throughout with new fittings. The clock has been made to strike on the tenor. The whole work, which cost about £200, was carried out by Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

The hymns at the dedication service were "All people that on earth do dwell," "We love the place, O God," and "Hark, hark, my soul." The Rev. R. M. Germon read the lessons.

The Bishop preached from the text "For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office; so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and everyone members one of another." Romans xii. 4-5. After showing the applicability of the text to parish and family life and to the ministries existing in the Church, he said he thought that particular occasion came under the main thoughts of the text. There was a time when the ringers were hardly regarded as workers for the Church at all. Their part was to come and ring the bells, and go away without worshipping in the church, and many things used to go on in the belfries which were hardly fitting. But we had learnt better, thank God, and had come to recognise that, just as the clergyman in his place, and the members of the choir and everybody else who had something to do in the House of God in their places, so the ringers had a ministry to discharge—a ministry which contributed something not only to the external order of the Church, but to its spiritual life. The bells of the parish church were, by their sound, a witness to God, and a reminder to all who heard them of things unseen. In their ordinary use they were most obviously and directly a summons to the hearers to worship God in His house—not only the worship of individuals, but collective worship. Sometimes people were prevented from going to the House of God, but on such occasions they should never hear the bells without making some answer in their hearts in the form of a prayer, with some expression of sorrow that they could not join in His worship. The sound of the bells was also bound up with many incidents of human life. And bellringing in these days had become an exercise of the greatest technical skill, and one in which there was a great deal of enthusiasm and interest. That was all quite right, and as it should be, because there was nothing that was worth doing at all if it was not worth doing as well as it possibly could be done. But the music of the bells was not an object and end in itself; it had a further and higher purpose. Therefore, let ringers' skill and delight, and interest be an offering on their part, laid at the feet of Almighty God, in all humbleness of heart, for His acceptance. And just as it behoved those who spoke from the pulpit or sung in the choir to look to it that their minds were in full harmony

with the words they uttered, so the ringers in their life should hold up an example worthy of those who exercised the ministry of the Spirit in summoning all, high and low, far and near, to join together in the worship and homage of Almighty God.

A procession was formed to the ringing chamber, where his lordship, having tolled a bell, recited dedicatory prayers. A short touch was rung, after which the form of evensong was conducted by the Bishop pronouncing the Benediction.

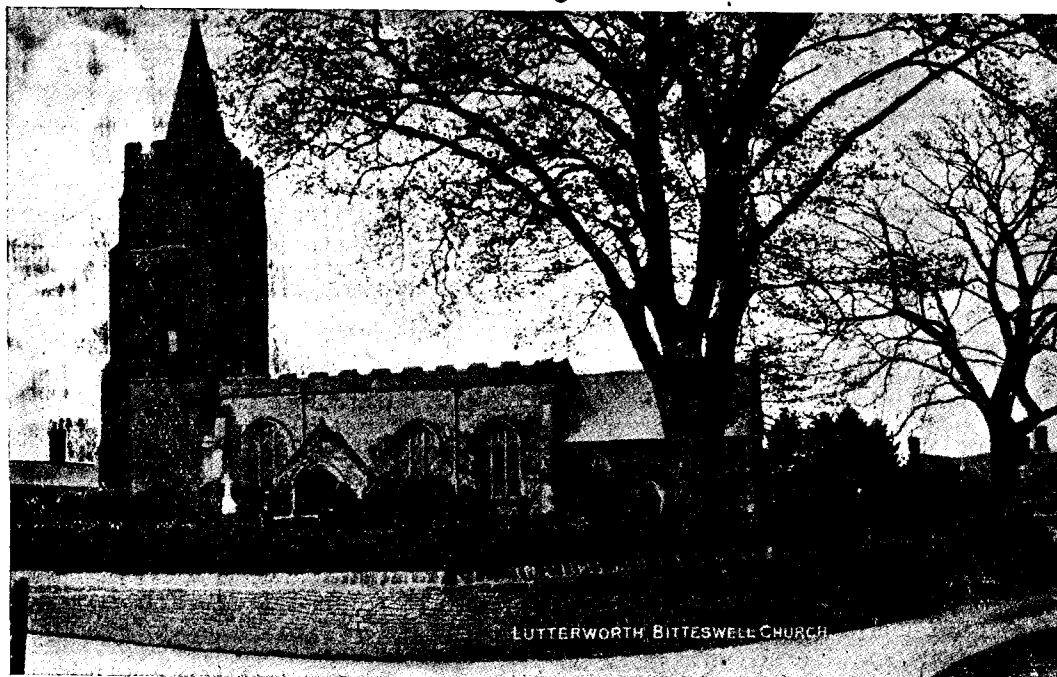
During the evening the bells were merrily rung, the ringers including some ladies. Tea was served in the schoolroom, those assisting being Mrs. Arthur Gold, Mrs. C. Gold, Mrs. Fouracres, and the Misses Fowler.

BITTESWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

Saturday, December 19th, will live long in the memory of the inhabitants of Bitteswell, for on that day they heard the sound of a local ring of bells for the first time. The church of St. Mary (like its sister of Lutterworth close by) marks the landscape in prominent profile. Its high tower and stumpy spire attracts attention of traveller by road, and is not omitted even when speeding along by the neighbouring railway Londonwards. Until recently there hung in the tower four peculiar bells. Peculiar, because they were in a minor key without a keynote! Obviously it was the original intention to complete the peal at a later stage, but 200 years have gone by, and the completion of the peal has only just been made. Henry Penn, of Peterborough, has not many bells of his casting in Leicestershire. The only merit of Bitteswell old bells lay in their antiquity, but from a musical point of view their tones were execrable. The fittings were rusted beyond repair, and therein lay a danger of falling and consequent destruction. It was therefore decided to rehang the four, and to augment them by a rootnote (tenor), also a treble bell, making a ring of six. It was ultimately found that the best course would be to recast the old four, reproducing in fac-simile the ancient inscriptions, and fit the peal with all modern improvements. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the well-known clock-makers and bellfounders, of Croydon, who have carried out their contract with entire satisfaction, having tuned the bells upon the Simpson principle.

The dedication was fixed for Saturday, when a company of ringers from Leicester and district assembled to open the bells. At three o'clock the choir, with the neighbouring clergy—the Vicars of Gilmorton, Bitteswell, and the Rev. Canon Walmsley, of Nottingham—entered the church in procession, and the service commenced with the grand old hymn, "O God, our help in ages past." After the lesson and proper psalms for the occasion, the choir and clergy proceeded down the aisle beneath the tower, when standing around the ropes the prayers and collects for dedication were said.

A short touch was then rung upon the bells, the con-



BITTESWELL CHURCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

gregation standing. As the initial ringing ceased Canon Walmsley ascended the pulpit and delivered a most interesting discourse. "Bells," he said, "are the call to prayer. In Eastern countries to-day, at the sound of the bell religious folk leave their work and turn to prayer. In our country the sounds of bells call up many memories—sweet or sorrowful—but all for our own good; who shall say how many have heard the call of the church bell, 'tis time to pray,' and have constrained to answer." Turning to the historical side, the rev. gentleman quoted how, at Armagh, in Ireland, reposes the bell used by St. Patrick, how Charles I. of France put bells into convents and cathedrals, and how before timepieces were invented bells were absolutely the clocks, being rung always at fixed hours of the day—the word "cloche" being still retained on the Continent.

After the sermon the offertory was taken, and the service concluded with the bell hymn, "Lift them gently to the steeple." The clergy, choir, churchworkers and ringers afterwards sat down to tea in the parish room, when a vote of thanks was passed by all concerned for their share in the work of restoration, tunes upon the Lutterworth handbells by Mr. W. Willson (1, 2, 3, 4), Miss Lilian Willson (5, 6, 7, 8), and Mr. G. Cleal (9, 10, 11, 12), bringing a very happy gathering to a close.

Returning to the tower the first 720 of Treble Bob Minor on the bells was rung by J. Harris, D. Richards, C. Johnson (Croydon), G. Cleal, A. Mason, W. Willson conductor; also 360 Bob Minor, Stedman Doubles, and a course of "London Surprise" by G. Cleal, D. Richards, E. Jackson, A. Mason, T. Bottrill, W. Willson. It should be mentioned that by moving the clock weights into another chamber the space hitherto occupied in the church by those unsightly objects now provides an excellent vestry or belfry on the ground floor.

It was the unanimous opinion of ringers and the congregation that the workmanship of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston left nothing to be desired, and exceeded what was

expected. Two steel girders carry the 3rd bell above the other five, and there is ample room to complete the octave if required.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.

This tower was visited by the Chalfont St. Giles ringers on December 19th, and by kind permission of the Rector the following ringing was accomplished on this heavy ring of six bells, tenor 23 cwt. Six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and several plain courses of Minor by Messrs. Reed, Emmett, Olney, Edwards, Chapman, Harding, Hearne, and J. W. Wilkins, from High Wycombe, who, during the evening expressed the hope that this visit would be conducive to the Amersham ringers rejoining the Oxford guild, and thus furthering the art of change-ringing in the district, and also that these neighbouring Chalfonts would be glad to receive them, and assist that object. The local captain and ringers thanked the visitors, and promised to consider the matter. A pleasant evening was thus ended, with thanks for the use of the bells.

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. We ask our friends to be patient, and to refrain from grumbling because *everything* may not be in accordance with their wishes.

CHARLWOOD (Surrey).—On Sunday, December 6th, for Divine Service in morning. 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Brett, F. Wickens conductor, J. Akehurst, G. Illman, F. T. Hoad, jun., A. Ellis.

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ELSTOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.

"Here also they had the city itself in view, and they thought they heard all the bells therein to ring, to welcome them thereto."

These words were written by the most famous bellringer that Bedfordshire has produced, and to all lovers of the works of that illustrious dreamer, John Bunyan, the following account of the dedication of a new treble and the rehanging and retuning of the five old bells of Elstow will be of special interest. Not long ago the Vicar, the Rev. C. F. B. Hawkins, distrusted the safety of the old oak frame, which apparently dated from 1602, and took steps which brought about an examination. The result was that the frame was absolutely condemned. Danger distinctly threatened the ringers, but they providentially escaped the fate which John Bunyan seemed to have dreaded, though not for the same reasons. Action was promptly taken, and the ringing was only suspended for a few weeks.

The old oak frame has been replaced by a wrought-iron frame. The cannons have been removed from the five old bells which have been quarter-turned and retuned, and a new treble has been added. All the bells are hung from iron headstocks. The work was carried out most satisfactorily by Messrs. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich. The bells are all dated, with the exception of "the Bunyan bell," which is now the fifth. This bell is also called the "alphabet bell," because it bears the following curious cryptogram:—A B C D E F G V B C D E F S I V M. One "Sherlock Holmes" of the neighbourhood believes that the letters A B C D E F G stand for the notes of the old notation; the W A T S R he believes is the name of an obscure bell founder "Watts." Another critic thinks it affords a clue to Bunyan's state of mind when he used to ring the bells. The bell weighs 7 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs. With regard to the other bells the treble weighs 3 cwt. 21 lb. and bears the inscription "Alfred Bowell made me 1908. Voco Benedicat. S. Whitbread, patron. C. F. B. Hawkins, Vicar, A.D. CMCVIII." The 2nd weighs 3 cwt. 1 qr., and is inscribed "Christopher Graie made me 1655." The 3rd weighs 4 cwt. 4 lbs., and is inscribed "Praise the Lord 1602." The 4th weighs 5 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs., and is inscribed "God Save the King 1631." The 5th is the bell attributed to John Bunyan, and has already been described. The tenor weighs 8 cwt. 2 qr., and is inscribed "Be yt known to all that doth me see that Newcombe of Leicester made me 1604."

The Rev. C. B. F. Hawkins has been Vicar of Elstow about three years, and is the first resident Vicar. There has been no vicarage in Elstow hitherto, but now the pleasant residence, for so many years occupied by Mr. Wigram, brother of the author of "Change-ringing Disentangled," may be so regarded, since the Vicar is living there.

The Dedication and Thanksgiving service took place on December 17th, the Vicar officiating. The church was well attended, and after a shortened form of evening service the Vicar dedicated the treble "to the Glory of Almighty God and to the sacred service of His people now and in years to come." A few rounds were then rung, and a succession of short prayers were offered for those who should hear the bells and those connected with the ringing.

During the address on "The Voices and Messages of the Bells" the Vicar alluded to the references in Exodus and in Greek literature, to the evidences of bronze bells in Babylonia, and of copper bells in Peru. After noting other indications of the early uses of bells, the Vicar said that for fully a 1000 years Christendom and England had heard the far-reaching tones of the church bells. In all that time scarcely an event of interest in the life of the nation or of the individual had passed in which the tones of the bells had not mingled with the emotions that were aroused thereby. Bells must have been rung to do honour to the crowning of twenty generations of kings. "Ring out ye bells; burn bonfires clear and bright," was Shakespeare's notion of the accompaniment of a coronation. The bells have ever been the voice of the people in joy and in triumph, even as they reflect in other tones their moods of sorrow. They are our

oldest, almost only, national music. Their voices reached across the centuries. When the poorer commons had little to stir their imagination they found in the voices of the bells something to appeal to their hearts, they wanted some form of music for their emotions, and they found it in the bells, which most of them could ring, and all would understand. Bell-ringers in the past bore everything but the best of reputations. John Bunyan, in his early days, was one of the ringers of Elstow church. But an employment which ought, from its sturdy exercise for the brain and body, to be a help was found to be an obstacle, and was abandoned by John Bunyan as he grew more thoughtful, together with profanity, Sunday tip-cat on the green, dancing, and evil company.

The Vicar then alluded to the old customs of spending fines in beer, and to the "ringers' jugs," giving several inscriptions that were on the latter. He then said that the present age of church restoration and the formation of ringing societies much had been done to improve matters in the belfry. Scenes of boisterous merry-making are almost unknown. Bell-ringing should be done to the Glory of God, and a reverent, earnest manner be seen in those men who gave up their time to serve God and His people in this way, and in this spirit he committed the new bell and newly-fitted belfry to the loving care of the Elstow ringers.

The choir rendered "The Bells of Elstow" in a highly creditable manner. Afterwards a peal was rung by the Bedfordshire Association.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above took place on Saturday, December 26th, at Cardiff, and proved to be a very successful one in every way. The Vicar of St. John's kindly let the members have the use of the ten bells the whole of the day, which was greatly appreciated, touches of Triples, Major, Caters and Royal being rung.

At 4 o'clock a service took place in St. John's church, and a very interesting and able address was given by the Rector of Caerphilly. There was a large attendance of members at the service, and the hymns sang were two of those chosen for Christmas, the concluding hymn being "O God our help in ages past."

Immediately following the service the meeting took place, presided over by the Master of the Association, Mr. T. Dawe, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar of the parish.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the election of officers for the ensuing year was taken, Mr. J. E. Morgan, of Newport, being unanimously elected Master. The Hon. Secretary, Assistant Hon. Secretary, and Auditor were re-elected.

It was decided that the next Annual Meeting be held at All Saints, Newport; the next Glamorganshire quarterly meeting at Llantwit Major; and the Monmouthshire quarterly meeting as already arranged, will be held at Monmouth.

Instructors' reports were next heard, and was followed by the taking of subscriptions, and the election of new members.

A discussion on the rules next took place, and after it was decided that a few alterations were necessary, new copies were ordered to be printed.

Mr. J. W. Jones next read an appeal which had recently appeared in the local paper and "THE BELL NEWS," in reference to a proposed new ring of bells for the new church at Llanhilleth, and it was unanimously carried that in the event the bells being obtained, that £5 be subscribed to the fund from the Association.

Mention was also made of a suggestion to increase the ring of six at Llantrisant to a ring of eight by adding two trebles, and it was decided that should this be carried out that £2 be subscribed from the Association funds towards defraying the cost.

This concluded the business. A move was then made to the adjoining room, where an excellent meat tea was awaiting, and to which full justice was done. Tea over, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and churchwardens for their generosity, and coupled with their names the best thanks was accorded Mr. Allen, the energetic sexton and steeplekeeper of St. John's church, who had spared no pains in making all the necessary arrangements.

HILTON, DORSET.

The old four (tenor 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., 1626), have been quarter-turned, rehung in steel frame, and two trebles added in memory of the late Rev. John Marsh, Vicar from 1875 to 1900. The total cost has been over £200, half of which has been given by the relatives of the late Vicar. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Lewellins and James. The go is pronounced excellent, and the two trebles fit in well and powerfully.

The new ring was dedicated on December 14th by the Archdeacon of Dorset, in the absence of the very Rev. the Dean of Salisbury, who was prevented by illness. The local band rang for the service, which was at 7 p.m. The Archdeacon proceeded at once to the tower, followed by the Vicar, Rev. E. H. H. Lee, Revs. R. McC. Lee (Yetminster), H. T. Tilney-Bassett (Whitchurch rural dean), J. H. Wilkinson (Metcombe Bingham), H. Penton (Milton Abbey), D. W. Lewis (Fifehead Neville), and C. A. Phillips (Okeford-Fitzpaine). After the dedication the bells were chimed, and the clergy proceeded to the chancel. The service was fully choral, the prayers being intoned by the Vicar. Ps. lxxxiv. was sung, and the lessons, Numbers x. to 11 and Rev. viii. to 7 were read by the Rev. R. McLee and the rural dean. After the third collect a fine stained-glass east window, which had been put in during the year in memory of Robert Woodhouse, esq., of the parish, was also dedicated. The Archdeacon took his text from Ps. cxxxiv. 1, and, putting side by side the double subject of the dedication service, the music of the bells, and the silent art of the window, spoke earnestly and strongly on the clear-toned witness of good words and acts, and the silent witness of a good life, in the service of God. The science of the bells, he went on to say, reminds us of the great fact of the individuality of man, of the power of combination and unity, and the tremendous value of each individual member in that combination and unity. The hymn after the sermon was "Our day of praise is done," and "Christ is our corner-stone" was sung as a recessional. After the service the Puddletown ringers W. Hewlett conductor, assisted by Mr. J. Hack, of Milton Abbey, and Hayes, Kent, rang some 6-scores in good style. The Vicar was able to announce after the service that the bells were swinging free of debt.

On the Sunday following a party was got together by Messrs. Hack and Martin Stewart for a peal. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung for service, and afterwards the peal of Plain Bob Minor, recorded among the peals, was duly brought round in a style worthy of its supposed place as the first peal of Minor rung in the diocese.

COTTESBROOKE, NORTHANTS.

A very enjoyable visit was made to Cottesbrooke on Saturday by some of the members of the Central Northamptonshire Association of Church Bellringers. The arrangements for the visit were admirably carried out by Mr. J. Slarke, of Towcester, who, as a native of Cottesbrooke, he having learnt to ring at his native church, his father and grandfather having been ringers there also. The church contains a fine peal of six bells, dated 1702, being thus over 200 years old. The following ringing was done during the afternoon:—720 Bob Minor: F. Rowledge, F. Rollings, F. Wilford, conductor, F. Hopper, T. Law, and W. Rogers. 120 Grandsire Doubles: J. Slarke, W. Rogers, T. Law, F. Wilford, F. Hopper conductor, S. Lawrence. 120 Stedman Doubles: F. Hopper, W. Rogers, T. Law, F. Wilford conductor, S. Lawrence, H. Key. An excellent dinner was provided at the rectory at five o'clock by the Rector and his wife, the Rev. C. E. and Mrs. Legard. After dinner handbell ringing was done by Messrs. Hopper, Key, Lawrence, and Wilford, after which Mr. F. Wilford, in a short speech, said how much they were indebted to the Rector and his wife for their kind invitation to ring, and also for their very kind hospitality. With regard to

the bells, they were a fine peal, but they needed some repairs and alterations to make them in good ringing order. In the first place, being a long draught of rope, some guides were wanted for the ropes. Also, all the bells wanted stays on them. The two large bells at present were the only ones stayed. With these few remarks he would like, on behalf of his fellow-ringers, to propose a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and his wife for their very kind hospitality, and to the local ringers for meeting them. Mr. J. Slarke said how pleased he was to second the vote of thanks, remarking at the same time that he thought it was a very unique event, inasmuch as never before had their bells been rung by experienced ringers, either in his father's or grandfather's life. Not only did he second the vote of thanks to the Rector and his wife, but he also felt indebted to his fellow-ringers for coming over and ringing their bells—he called them their bells because it was like coming home again. Mr. F. Hopper also supported the vote, which was given with acclamation. The Rector, in reply, said he thought how much they were indebted to Mr. Slarke and his friends for giving them such a treat in hearing their bells nicely rung, also to hear Mr. Slarke's fine peal of handbells. With regard to the remarks made by Mr. Wilford, he thought they might have some guides to the ropes. With regard to stays and other repairs, they would look into the matter and get done what was wanted. He hoped they would all come again, and he, with Mrs. Legard, would be pleased to entertain them.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY, LONDON.

Since the restoration of the peal of eight bells in the North London tower a few months since by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank (Mr. Daniel Gibbon being their skilful representative in charge), the local company has made considerable progress in the art of change-ringing. On Christmas day a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was brought round in 45 mins. by A. Brookes, A. Turner, H. Ranzetta, A. Hart, H. Franks, C. H. Copeland, R. F. Deal conductor, L. Perry. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble, 3, 4, 6, and tenor. And on Monday, December 28, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. W. Cornford (first quarter-peal), H. Ranzetta, H. Brookes, A. Hart, A. Turner, C. H. Copeland, R. F. Deal conductor, L. Perry. Both composed by H. Franks. Tenor 20 cwt.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

MITCHELL TOWER, CHICAGO, U.S.A.—On Saturday, November 21st, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins. Benjamin Read, Bertie Cowling, Norman C. Wakefield, Frederick R. Barraclough, Francis J. Rumens, George Barraclough conductor. First on the bells and first in the method by the ringer of the treble. Also a plain course of Kent Treble Bob.

FARNWORTH (Lancs).—On Monday evening, October 19th, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. J. Wilde jun., A. Dennett, J. Wilde sen., J. Witter, W. P. Johnson. Composed and conducted by R. Johnson.

HANDSWORTH (Staffs).—On Sunday, October 25th, at the parish church, before morning service, 1008 of Grandsire Triples in 35 mins. T. Russam, C. Starkey, T. Westwood, B. Starkey, R. Faux, W. G. Ellis conductor, T. Verry, S. Danby.

NORWOOD (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, October 14th, at the church of St. Mary, 720 Bob Minor. A. R. Macdonald, A. George conductor, H. Chandler, T. Barker, J. Edwards, G. Spencer.

SOUTH HACKNEY.—On Sunday, October 18th, for Divine service, quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. R. Sanders, S. Bird, A. Coles, H. Franks, H. May, R. Green, H. C. Alford, A. Riley. Composed and conducted by H. Franks.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on January 5th and 19th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 7th and 21st; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 11th and 25th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th and 26th; St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on the 14th and 28th; St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 19th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 28th; all at 8 p.m.

The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members who have not met twenty times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due, and should be paid before February 28th.

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, Hart's Lane, New Cross.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Bramley to-day, Sat., 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 to-day, Sat., 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. Soott 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 5th.

H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
38, Leicester Street, Wolverhampton.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Halesworth on Thursday, January 14th. Bells at Halesworth, Chediston, Wissett, and Wenhamston available. Dinner at The Swan hotel, Halesworth, at 1.0 p.m. Those attending kindly send notice by January 11th.

CHARLES E. BORETT, *Sec.*
10, Chester Street, Norwich.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, January 16th. Bells ready at 5. WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 16th, at the Cathedral. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUREP, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Preston, on Saturday, January 16th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting in the belfry at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

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.

St. Luke's Chelsea.—Practice will be discontinued until January 5th, 1909.

J. PRYER, *Hon. Sec.*

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NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT DARLSTON.—W. Fisher's 100 Peals.—Grandsire Triples 24, conducted 5; Caters 4; Darlston Bob Triples 1; Bob Triples 1, conducted 1; Major 14, conducted 2; Royal 2; Kent Major 4, conducted 1; Oxford 2; Double Norwich Major 9; Double Oxford 1; Canterbury Pleasure 1; Superlative 1; Stedman Triples 23, conducted 3; Caters 11, conducted 2; Cinques 2. Total—100; conducted 14. Rang in 30 different towers.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—After January 8th the address of C. T. Coles will be 228, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

BATTERSEA.—On November 8th, at St. Mary's church, 1260 Grandsire Triples, W. Essery, J. Pryer, G. Watkins, F. A. Smith, F. Davis, W. I. Barber, H. Mance, W. Jackson.

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CRANFORD (Northants).—On Monday, November 2nd, 720 Oxford Bob. O. Judd, B. J. Saddington, F. Lewin, J. Judd, T. Abbot, J. Houghton conductor. On Tuesday, November 3rd, for practice, touches of Woodbine, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, and Plain. O. Judd, J. Judd, J. Lewin, F. Lewin, B. Saddington, J. Saddington, B. J. Saddington.

DEEPIING ST. JAMES.—On Saturday, October 31st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. E. Sneath, W. Bennett, J. W. Lakin, J. C. Cunningham, G. Wells.

FOLKESTONE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, October 18th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Binfield, W. Seeley, H. G. Petts, A. G. Kedwell, S. Binfield, F. Jordan, W. H. Wood conductor, G. Miller. Composed by James George.

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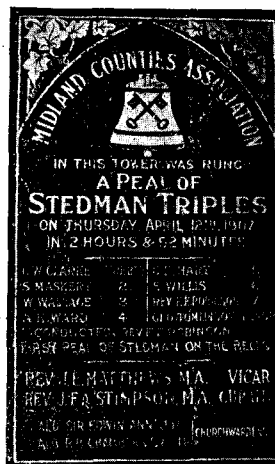
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1909.

"A HAPPY NEW YEAR" to all our readers. The old year closed with a disaster which has horrified humanity. Without the least warning the inhabitants of one or two places in the South of Italy have been engulfed by an earthquake of appalling immensity. We do not generally refer to matters outside the area of the Exercise, but occurrences of such a shocking character as the one in question seems to outweigh every other consideration. The calamity may in the realms of science be accounted for, though it is very improbable, as the study of seismic theories is at a very low grade at present. "God moves in a mysterious way," and no human being can fathom His divine intentions: inscrutable and past finding out.

Not Gabriel asks the reason why,
Nor God the reason gives;
Nor dares the fav'rite angel pry,
Beneath the folded leaves.

Our highly-favoured land has been happily free from such calamities as earthquakes. "He works His sovereign will" in accordance with His own bright designs, and up to the present we have been spared, in mercy. While we are expressing "the compliments of the season" to our friends and kindred, we shall have more than a thought towards the sufferers by this Italian disaster. Whatever intelligence reaches us about it, we shall not be able to fully comprehend the actual and terrible realities of the situation in which the dreadful circumstance is embedded.

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The Metropolis.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Monday, December 28, 1908, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE, E.C.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

JOHN N. OXBORROW Treble.	JOHN W. GOLDING 7.
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Composed by W. LOMAS, and Conducted by THOS. H. TAFFENDER.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY).*On Saturday, December 19, 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. Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE WATKINS Treble.	GEORGE SPENCER 5.
EDWARD CASSELL 2.	ALBERT E. GRAY 6.
ALBERT H. WHITTINGTON 3	HARRY MANCE 7.
JOHN B. HESSE 4.	WILLIAM COOK Tenor.

Conducted by H. MANCE.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY).*On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY (R.C.) CLAPHAM, S.W.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lbs.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	FRANK J. HAIRS 5.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2.	JAMES W. CHAPMAN .. 6.
HERBERT W. HIBBERT .. 3.	ALFRED B. PECK 7.
WILLIAM H. TAFFENDER 4.	*ALFRED C. FLUCK .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the conductor, which took place the previous Friday. *First peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, December 19, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.*

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

HERBERT ARMSTRONG† .. Treble.	JOHN E. MILLER 5.
JOHN A. DART 2.	JOHN ARMSTRONG 6.
HERBERT W. STRICKLAND* 3.	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON .. 7.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. 4.	HERBERT J. PALMER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. H. J. Palmer is on a visit from Toronto, Canada.

The Provinces.**WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES NUNN Treble.	GEORGE KEMP 4.
ALPHAUS BERRY 2.	WILLIAM ROSE 5.
THOMAS DAVY 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, December 10, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS J. BARKER* .. Treble.	CHARLES J. EDWARDS .. 5.
HENRY C. CHANDLER .. 2.	SYDNEY CARTER 6.
ERNEST R. GLADMAN .. 3.	*GEORGE A. GLADMAN .. 7.
FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 4.	†WILLIAM J. WATSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by SYDNEY CARTER.

*First peal of Triples. †First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. F. G. Goddard's 150th peal. First peal of Triples on the bells.

GLOUCESTER.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.***On Thursday, December 10, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

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

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung in honour of the marriage of A. E. Pegler, a respected member of the above society; it was also rung after meeting short for Caters.

BENENDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, December 12, 1908, in Three Hours.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT .. Treble.	FRED BUTCHERS 5.
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 2.	FRED J. LAMBERT 6.
EDWIN LAMBERT 3.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 7.
JIM BEACH 4.	THOMAS LAMBERT .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST C. LAMBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Lambert.

WISTANSTOW, SHROPSHIRE.**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sunday, December 13, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

JOHN HAMMOND Treble.	ALFRED DAVIES 5.
WALTER S. EVANS 2.	†JOHN EVANS 6.
HARRY HALL* 3.	CHARLES L. SADLER .. 7.
WILLIAM SHORT 4.	*THOMAS LEWIS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Monday, December 14, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

OSCAR GILBEY Tenor.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 5.
JOSEPH HANDS 2.	AMROSE W. OSBORNE .. 6.
LEWIS GREEN 3.	HENRY SIMMONDS 7.
GEORGE IRVINE 4.	ERNEST W. MENDAY .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by ERNEST W. MENDAY.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 14, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 25½ cwt.

JAMES MARSH Treble.	WILLIAM RIMMER 5.
WILLIAM BENTHAM 2.	CHARLES SHARPLES 6.
WILLIAM FAIRCLOUGH 3.	JOHN GARDNER 7.
JAMES R. PARR 4.	WILLIAM GIBBONS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MARSH.

First peal in the method ever rung by a local company.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST POPPY Treble.	GEORGE ARCHER 5.
CLEMENT MORE 2.	ELLIS HAYWARD 6.
WILLIAM IRELAND 3.	JOHN SOUTER 7.
WILLIAM SALTER 4.	ARTHUR LENDER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

Rung in honour of Ellis Hayward's birthday. This was John Souter's 100th Norwich Association peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, December 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

SYDNEY J. JESSOP* Treble.	*EDMUND J. HYLAND 6.
ALBERT WALKER 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 7.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 3.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 8.
CHARLES DICKENS 4.	ALF. PADDON SMITH 9.
THOMAS RUSSAM 5.	JOHN NEAL Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

*First peal of Royal. It was arranged to ring a peal of Stedman Cinques, but meeting short the above was rung instead.

RYE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 15, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lbs.

HAROLD COBON Treble.	CHARLES TREBE 5.
CHARLES PRICE 2.	GILBERT J. YOUNGS 6.
ALFRED JOHNSON 3.	GEORGE BILLENNESS 7.
CHARLES W. PLAYER 4.	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES, and
Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

W. H. Johnson was elected a member previous to starting. It was his first peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

GREETINGS.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all friends both far and near is the sincere wish of
BERTRAM PREWETT.

Park House, New Bushey, Herts.

Christmas, 1908.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, December 15, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

JOHN SIMKIN Treble.	WILLIAM SMITH 5.
GEORGE HUGHES 2.	WILLIAM FISHER 6.
TITUS LOWE 3.	HORACE BELCHER 7.
SIMON J. BUTLER† 4.	EDWARD UNITT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

†First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Belcher, Reeves, Fisher, and Hallsworth, sen. This is W. Fisher's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

BLEWBURY, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

ERNEST ALDRIDGE Treble.	ALFRED R. BOSLEY 5.
RICHARD G. RICE 2.	WILLIAM J. GRACE 6.
G. FREDERICK JAMES† 3.	EDMUND BANNISTER 7.
ERNEST A. BUTLER 4.	*CHARLES GREENOUGH Tenor.

Conducted by EDMUND BANNISTER.

*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Eli Caudwell, Esq., Vicar's warden for the last thirty-nine years, whose interment took place on the preceding Saturday.

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELISABETH,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HIRAM MEAKIN* Treble.	JAMES FERNLEY 5.
ALFRED BARNES 2.	*EDWIN H. LEWIS 6.
FRED HOLT 3.	REV. A. T. BEESTON 7.
GEORGE D. WARBURTON 4.	*HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by REV. A. T. BEESTON.

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

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 16, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

NORMAN FLECK† Treble.	ROBERT W. FALCONER 5.
THOMAS T. GOFTON 2.	*GEORGE WARDLE 6.
S. O. SAYER 3.	JOHN FOREMAN 7.
JOHN F. BIRD 4.	JOHN S. RICHARDSON Tenor.

Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

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

LINCOLN.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 16, 1908, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY W. KIRTON Treble.	GEORGE CHESTER 5.
GEORGE FLINTHAM 2.	*ERNEST VICKERS 6.
TOM PYLE 3.	JOHN W. WATSON 7.
JOHN A. FREEMAN 4.	STANLEY WOLFE Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by H. W. KIRTON.

*First peal. First in the method as conductor. The figures of this peal will be found in the Shipway Reprint, page 215.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Wednesday, December 16, 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. in E.

HARRY BROWNJOHN Treble.	CHARLES H. GORDON 6.
WALTER APPERLEY 2.	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7.
CHARLES N. TOMKINS 3.	HENRY PRING 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 C. CAVE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. A. Burford, the band wishing him the usual compliments.

WEST DIDSbury, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 16, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HARRY CHANTLER Treble.	THOMAS PEACOCK 5.
JOSEPH MELLOR 2.	FRANK BRICKELL 6.
WILLIAM HOLBROOK 3.	JOHN LEIGH 7.
HARRY BRICKELL 4.	ROBERT DAVIES Tenor.

Composed by PETER BRICKELL, and Conducted by ROBERT DAVIES.

First peal by all except the conductor. First peal on the bells by a local company.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 18, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR JORDAN* Treble.	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 5.
HENRY J. TUCKER 2.	GEORGE JORDAN 6.
JOHN LUCKEY 3.	THOMAS J. WATTS 7.
WALTER PRIOR 4.	WILLIAM WATTS Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by WM. WATTS.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

PENCOMBE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 18, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK JONES Treble.	CHARLES JONES 4.
WILLIAM CLEMENTS 2.	STEPHEN CLEMENTS 5.
HUBERT JONES 3.	WILLIAM SHORT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM CLEMENTS.

First peal by all except the tenor-man; also first peal on the bells.

PENDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A REAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lbs.

JOSEPH TURNER Treble.	ALFRED CROSS 5.
EDWIN H. LEWIS 2.	GEORGE E. TURNER 6.
HENRY W. WILDE 3.	JAMES MORGAN 7.
REV. A. T. BRISTON 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITTSOW, and Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 17, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 37½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. ROESON .. Treble.	THOMAS T. GOFTON 6.
EDWARD A. HERN 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 7.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 8.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 9.
WILLIAM STORY 5.	ROBERT RICHARDS Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. T. Potter, who was unfortunately unable to take part through indisposition.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 18, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

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

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Taylor, of Babbington House, Southwold, who is, and has been for many years past, a much-respected member of the St. Mary's Society, Leiston, the band wishing him the usual compliments. *50th peal.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY CARTER Treble.	GEORGE H. BARKER 4.
EDWARD H. KING 2.	BARNARD PATMORE 5.
FREDERICK WILLIAMS .. 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

PRIVETT, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 15 lbs. in F sharp.

WALTER C. TRIMMER .. Treble.	FRANCIS E. DAVE 5.
CHARLES EDWARDS 2.	*JOHN W. RUSSELL 6.
FREDERICK A. BARNETT .. 3.	THOMAS UPSHALL 7.
WILLIAM BASHFORD* .. 4.	EDWARD CLAPSHAW Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

*First peal of Triples.

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WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1908, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

WILLIAM SMITH Treble.	WILLIAM FISHER 5.
WILLIAM BAYLISS 2.	GEORGE HUGHES 6.
JOHN PERRY 3.	HORACE BELCHER 7.
DANIEL JONES 4.	HERBERT KNIGHT Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE BURROWS, and Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Belcher.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 30 cwt.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN Treble.	ALFRED H. MARTIN 5.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN 2.	CHARLES W. CLAVER 6.
THOMAS R. HENSHER 3.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7.
WALTER PERKINS 4.	FRED WILFORD Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by F. WILFORD.

First peal in the method on the bells.

DARTFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1908, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY WABNETT Treble.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 2.	WILLIAM HEWITT 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS 4.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is Sir A. P. Heywood's variation of Middleton's peal. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

WILLIAM H. JONES Treble.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 5.
CHARLES STARKEY 2.	WILLIAM F. WEBB 6.
GEORGE A. TAYLOR 3.	THOMAS VERRY 7.
JAMES HOPKIN 4.	STEPHEN DANBY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM G. ELLIS.

*First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Starkey, Verry, and Danby were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 19, 1908, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 24½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY* Treble.	*WILLIAM KEEBLE 6.
GEORGE HOLLIS 2.	DAVID BREARLEY* 7.
ALBERT H. WARD* 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 8.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 4.	JOHN FLINT 9.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE 5.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS Tenor.

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

*First peal of Double Norwich Royal. First in the method as conductor.

HILTON, DORSETSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 20, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 16½ cwt.

J. BINGER† Treble.	R. G. LEWIS 4.
A. F. MARTIN STEWART† 2.	†G. T. WHITE 5.
F. KERCH* 3.	T. THOMAS Tenor.

Conducted by T. THOMAS.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor in the diocese of Salisbury.

BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART No. 18. Tenor 24 cwt.

R. ROFFEY Treble.	*WALTER SOER 5.
S. J. BIRD 2.	ALBERT W. COLES 6.
T. CRANFIELD 3.	H. S. REEVES 7.
R. SANDERS 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by H. S. REEVES.

*First peal in the method.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Grandsire Triples has been sent from Kidlington, Oxon., without any date.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

YATELEY (Hants).—On September 3rd, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at St. Peter's church, 616 Grandsire Triples. G. Bunch, F. Hagley, H. Tice, W. Horne, S. Riddell conductor, J. R. Bunch, G. Bunch, B. Bunch. On Sunday morning, September 5th, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Butler, S. Riddell conductor, W. G. Bunch, H. Tice, F. Hagley, G. Bunch, W. Horne, B. Bunch. For evening service a quarter-peal in the same method. G. Butler, F. Hagley, H. Tice, W. Horne, S. Riddell conductor, J. R. Bunch, G. Bunch, A. Hearman. On Sunday, October 5th, for Men's Service, 616 Grandsire Triples. G. Butler, H. Tice, W. G. Bunch, S. Riddell, F. Hagley conductor, J. R. Bunch, W. Horne, W. Filmore. For evening service 518 in the same method. G. Butler, S. Riddell conductor, H. Tice, F. Hagley, G. Bunch, W. Horne, W. Filmore. For evening service 518 in the same method. G. Butler, S. Riddell conductor, H. Tice, F. Hagley, G. Bunch, W. Horne, J. R. Bunch, B. Bunch.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday evening, 333 Stedman Caters. G. F. Williams conductor, E. W. Marsh, F. Dunaway, G. Stroud, W. Rundle, F. Hockaday, A. F. Wellington, W. H. Marsh, W. H. Hiscott, J. Woodley. On Tuesday, October 20th, for practice, 305 Grandsire Caters. R. Dobson, J. Woodley, W. H. Hiscott, F. Hockaday, W. Rundle, S. Fowler, A. F. Wellington, E. W. Marsh conductor, G. F. Williams, G. Stroud. On Wednesday, October 21st, for practice at Emanuel church, 224 Bob Major, 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor, and 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Woodley, C. Eales, G. H. Myers, G. P. Williams, S. Fowler, W. Hobbs, F. Dunaway, A. F. Wellington.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHENLEY.—On August 30th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grand-sire Doubles. H. Cameron, L. Meager, J. Higgins, W. Daniels, G. F. Clarke, H. Sear conductor. On October 7th, 360 Grand-sire Doubles. H. Cameron, C. W. Burgess, S. Willett, W. Daniels, G. F. Clarke conductor, E. Willett. On October 14th,

720 Grandsire Doubles. S. Willett. C. W. Burgess, H. Cameron, W. Daniels, G. F. Clarke conductor, E. Willett.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EWELL (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 11th, for Divine Service at the parish church on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Beams, C. E. Read, H. Pederick, E. V. Harvey, S. Wilson, H. Greenhill, John Beams conductor, Jesse Beams. And 504 Grandsire Triples. E. V. Harvey, B. Channell, Jesse Beams, John Beams, H. G. Beams, H. Greenhill conductor, S. Wilson, W. Sherman. After service 672 Stedman Triples. J. Beams conductor, H. Beams, H. Pederick, E. Grove, S. Wilson, H. Greenhill, C. Read, W. Sherman. And 446 Grandsire Triples. Jesse Beams, John Beams, B. Channell, G. Grove conductor, C. Read, H. Greenhill, H. Beams, W. Sherman.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS (Herts.).—On Saturday, December 19th, in the belfry of St. Peter's church, on handbells, 2562 Grandsire Triples. R. A. Kirby, T. J. Hull, E. P. Debenham conductor, H. G. Lightfoot. Longest length on handbells by all double-handed except the conductor. On Sunday, December 20th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 1260 Bob Royal in 53 mins. T. Seymour, A. Hull, E. Hull, B. Brewer, E. D. Livermore, T. J. Hull, R. A. Kirby, H. G. Lightfoot, J. Porter, H. J. Fewell. Longest length in the method by all except A. and E. Hull.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HADLEY (Middlesex).—On Saturday, December 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Sanders, T. Cranfield, R. Roffey, H. S.

Reeves. S. J. Bird conductor, A. W. Coles.

OLD WINDSOR (Berks.).—On Wednesday, October 21st, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples came to grief in the last course owing to the clapper of the tenor breaking. F. Richardson, R. Prewett, L. Stillwell, E. Hancox, J. Merrick, W. Welling, G. H. Gutteridge, R. E. Stavert.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, December 6th, for Divine Service, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. W. Rice, O. Sippetts, J. Akehurst, J. Rice, A. D. Mills, G. Illman, P. Tyler, F. T. Hoad, jun. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to Mrs. John Goddard, of The Elms, Crawley.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Sunday, October 4th, for evening service, 1008 Grandsire Triples. J. Elcombe, C. Hayter, F. Paskins, F. Hand, J. Walker, T. Cole, W. G. Fowler conductor, W. Payne. And 672 Bob Major. F. Hand, C. Hayter, F. Paskins, J. Elcombe, R. White, T. Cole, J. Walker, W. G. Fowler conductor.

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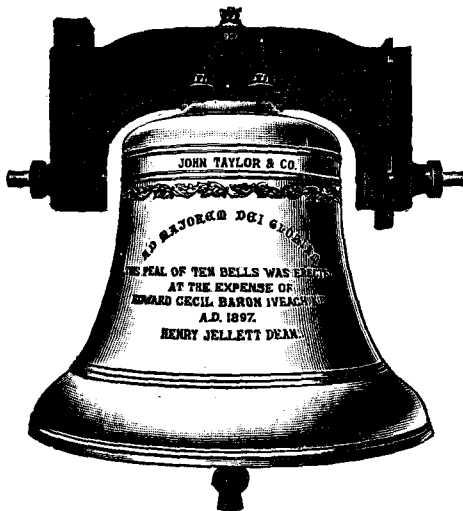
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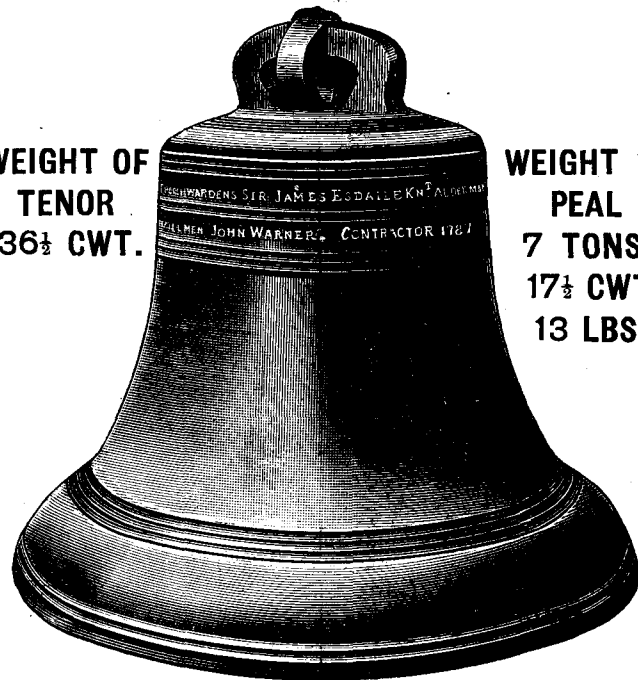
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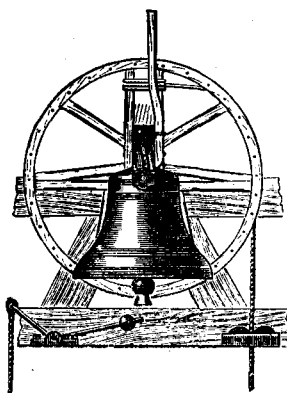
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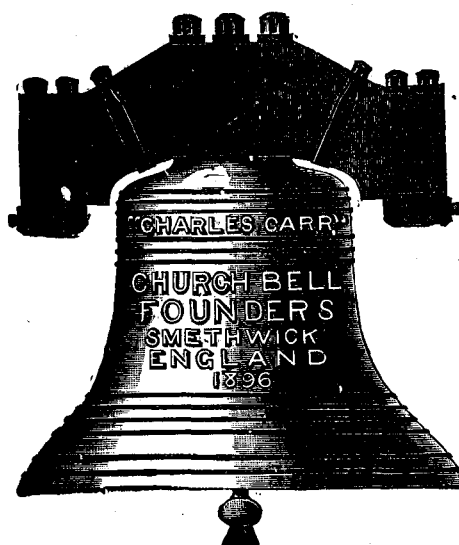
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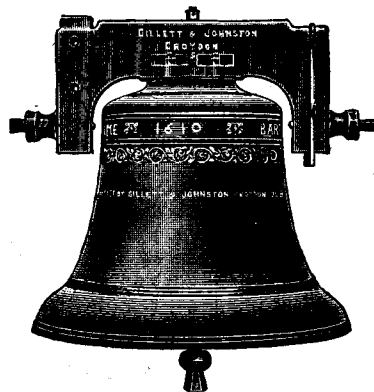
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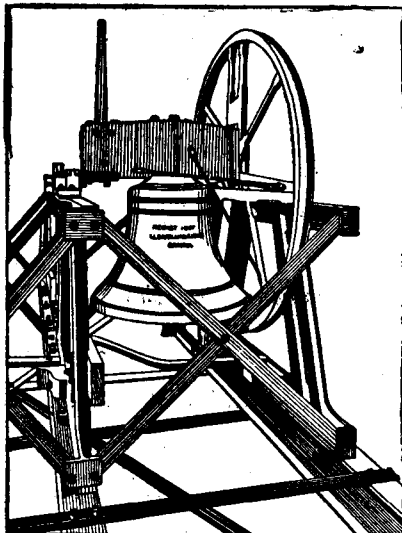
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CROPREDY, OXFORDSHIRE.

DEDICATION OF THE BELLS AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

Through the energy and devotion of the Rev. Maurice Maltby and Mrs. Maltby, the parish, with the aid of churchpeople and others in the neighbourhood, have succeeded in raising nearly the whole of the £200 required for the purpose of rehanging the bells. The sum already raised is about £181, which is very creditable for a country parish, and especially at a period of depression in trade. The contract was placed with the firm of J. Mawle and Sons, engineers, of Banbury, in conjunction with Messrs. Warner and Sons. The whole of the old wood framing has been removed and also the old floor, and iron and steel girders and framework replace these, to which the bells are hung. The bells have been turned, and new rope guides have been fixed, and in arranging the iron framework sufficient space has been left for the hanging of two extra bells at any future period. The present ring consists of six bells, and the remaining two, to complete the octave, will shortly be hung.

The dedication sermon was preached by the Ven. Archdeacon of Oxford, Dr. Houblon, and the other clergy present were the Rev. M. Maltby, Vicar, Rev. H. B. Mead, curate of Banbury, Rev. S. R. Standage, Vicar of Bourton, and the Rev. F. Symes Thompson, Vicar of Claydon. There was a processional, and evensong was proceeded with as far as the third collect, and then the clergy and choir walked to the belfry, where there was a service of dedication at which the Archdeacon officiated. After returning to the chancel the choir led the singing of a hymn of thanksgiving, "Now thank we all our God," during which the Archdeacon ascended the pulpit and preached an eloquent sermon from the words "Worship God." There was a large congregation, and a special invitation was given to all who could do so to attend the early Eucharist on the following morning. There were twenty present at this service, and the Archdeacon, wearing the vestments ordered by the Church, was the celebrant. The offertory on Thursday evening was £2 16s., and at the Eucharist 10s., and this money went to the bells fund.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Anniversary Meeting of this Association was held at Bristol on Saturday, December 26th. Proceedings commenced with a short service at the church of St. John the Baptist, at 12 o'clock, when the prayers were read by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, the lessons by the Rev. Canon V. Holt, and a good practical address was given by the Rector, the Rev. S. E. Swann, on the text "Whatever ye do, do all for the glory of God."

A hot dinner (to which forty-five sat down), was partaken of at St. Stephen's restaurant, Baldwin Street. The business meeting immediately followed, the Master, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, being in the chair. The election of 107 ordinary and ten honorary members were duly con-

firmed. Reports from the various branches were read, and on the proposition of Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Austin, were accepted and adopted. The branch secretaries elected were confirmed, viz.: Bristol—Mr. F. Leaker, Brighton Restaurant, Thomas' Street, Bristol; Cirencester—Mr. S. Moore, 69, Chester Street, Cirencester; Gloucester—Mr. J. W. Davies, 5, Great Western Terrace, Lydney. The Master, Treasurer, and Secretaries were re-elected, while the voting for representatives on the Central Council resulted in the Rev. H. A. Cockey and Messrs. J. Austin and W. A. Cave being elected. Mr. C. J. Gardiner was appointed Instructor to the Wroughton band. On the motion of the chairman a vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. S. E. Swann for his admirable address. The annual meeting will be held at Swindon on Whit-Monday next.

BANGOR, NORTH WALES.

On Monday, December 21, a presentation took place in the belfry of St. David's church to Mr. A. E. Pegler, on the occasion of his recent marriage to Miss A. Lewis, consisting of a handsome fourteen-day clock, which had been subscribed for by members of the local company.

The Vicar, the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, on behalf of the ringers, in a few well-chosen words made the presentation.

Mr. Pegler thanked all for their kindness on behalf of himself and wife. The band wish them every happiness.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

A large clock has just been erected in the tower at the public park here. It has four large dials, and strikes the hours. The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who made the large memorial chiming clock in Tunstall Market Place some years ago.

WAVENDON, OXON.

The *Parish Magazine* has the following:—

"The church bells have been overhauled by our local blacksmith and bolts and screws tightened, with the result that the early morning peel was rung as usual on St. Thomas's Day. It is hoped that this may enable us to put off, for a couple or three years, the very heavy expense of having the bells rehung and two bells recast."

Let us hope the "peel" was enjoyed by all concerned. Is this the village where the local blacksmith repairs the organ when necessary?

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RESIGNATION OF THE REV. CANON PAPILLON.

An Essex paper publishes the following:—

The Rev. Canon T. L. Papillon, who has been Vicar of Writtle for nearly a quarter of a century, announces in the January issue of the "Writtle Parish Magazine" his intention to resign.

The announcement will be received in the parish with great regret, as Canon Papillon is held in the highest respect by all classes. The reverend gentleman does not intend leaving Writtle until June, when he will go to reside at St. Albans.

In his annual letter to his parishioners Canon Papillon states:

In June next I shall have been Vicar for 25 years. I have already passed the age at which, in the public service, retirement is compulsory, and at which some think that parochial clergy, and even bishops, would do well to retire; and I feel that I am entitled, in the closing years of my life, to some rest and freedom from responsibility. I have therefore decided to ask the Warden and Fellows of New College to accept my resignation, and in June I shall leave Writtle to live at St. Albans, where, as you know, I have a position as Honorary Canon of the Cathedral.

You will, I hope, believe that this step is not taken from a mere wish to be idle, or under the mistaken idea that idleness brings happiness. It is rather because I feel that my work here is done, and that a parish of this size and importance needs a Vicar more active, both in mind and body—not one who must now become each year less equal to its duties. These thoughts are not new; they have been in my mind for two or three years past. But they have been brought to a head by the loss of her who has always been my right hand, the inspirer and encourager of any good that I have been able to do here, and I am sure that a change is now best for myself and for the parish.

As I look back over twenty-five busy, happy years, chastened by more than one great sorrow, and by sickness that at one time brought me down to the very gates of death, I see very clearly the shortcomings of my work here. I have had neither taste nor capacity for the multitude of parochial organisations that church authorities nowadays expect to find in what they consider "a well-worked parish." But I hope that foundations are laid upon which my successor may build. A new Vicar will probably wish to make some changes and start fresh work; there are, indeed, changes which ought to be made, and work that remains undone. I hope, however, that such changes as he may wish to make for the good of the church and parish will be judged on their merits, and will not be opposed from any unworthy suspicion of his own motives or from mere dislike of change.

After references to the deaths of the Bishop of Colchester and Mrs. Johnson, and the opening of the Attwood Village Hall, Canon Papillon proceeds:—

The "Waterhouse" district has been transferred to the Borough of Chelmsford, but nothing has been done to transfer the ecclesiastical responsibility which still rests on us, though that district, always more town than country, is now altogether a part of Chelmsford. A commission appointed by the Bishop of St. Albans to go into the matter met at Chelmsford, but did nothing, and did not seem as if it wished to do anything. Under these circumstances we have decided to give up the attempt to hold services and Sunday school there, and shall confine ourselves to parochial visiting. Those who want to come to church or send their children to school in Writtle are no further off than many of our own people are from our church and schools, and a mission room and services at the "Colony" itself are very little appreciated. The Bishop's commission, I think, ought to take the opportunity of a vacancy in the vicarage of Writtle to forward the wishes of the parishioners by making the ecclesiastical boundary of the parish correspond with its civil boundary; but if so they must not omit, as they did last time, to ask New College, the patrons of the benefice, to take part in the proceedings. That omission recalls the mistake in an old fairy tale of not inviting an influential fairy to the christening of a princess.

Canon Papillon closes his letter with an expression of "very good wishes and grateful thanks for all the kindness that has been shown to me during my ministry here."

Canon Papillon is one of the best known and most experienced educationists in the county. He represents the University of

Oxford on the Essex Education Committee, and is the chairman of the Joint Advisory Committee for Higher Education in Chelmsford and the district. His high position as an educational expert found recognition by his appointment in 1908 as a member of the Moseley Commission which went to America to inquire into and report upon American educational system. For over 20 years he has served as one of the diocesan examiners of pupil teachers in religious knowledge, and he has acted as a member of the Readers' Board, instituted by the Bishop of St. Albans. Another subject in which he is interested is campanology. For some years he was hon. secretary, and he is now Master of the Essex Association of Change Ringers.

RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR.

[From *The Manchester Guardian*.]

What the birth of a new year is like without a "touch" of bell music—there is no time for a full "peal" of so many thousand changes—in some cathedral, town, or village church I confess I can hardly remember. There is, to my mind, only one way of fully appreciating the last hour of the old year and the first hour of the new, and that is to proceed to the town or country steeple where the midnight theme of the bells is to be Grandsire Quatros, Grandsire Cinques, Oxford Court Bob, Norwich Court Bob, Ebor Major, or a bit of Stedman. Failing this one can, of course, attune oneself to rural "rounds," to call changes, chiming changes, silver changes, and golden changes. So, this New Year's Eve, carrying a dangling stable lantern in a kind of cage painted red, I follow old Towler, the sexton and steeplekeeper, up the worn steps of a spiral stone staircase in the west tower, our right hand being held up as high as possible and slid around the icy-cold newel-post, to which is attached a hand line. We pass through a low-browed doorway into the ringing-chamber, where Towler lights an oil-lamp with the reflector hung on the wall, and two or three candles in the window embrasures, whose wicks, being damp, sputter and go out at once. Not lingering here, we mount a second staircase, which is narrower, gloomier, and in worse repair than the former, and we come presently into the draughty, cold, ghostly bell-chamber, where the murmurs of bygone centuries seem to linger. Instead of windows there are four sound-holes, with louvres arranged obliquely to keep out jackdaws, owls, and bats. The steeplekeeper prates about the curious Latin inscriptions which some of the bells bear, and which can only be deciphered with difficulty in this false light; nor is it easy work to get rubbings of them. Old Towler picks up a grease-can; he vaults over a big horizontal beam or two and is lost amongst the bells, their stays, and rope-wheels, swinging the whole six in turn, and applying grease to every bearing he can find. Happily the bells have not been left "set" when last used, in readiness for beginning a riotous peal in a hurry without the labour of "raising" them gradually, else I might have occasion to fear a disaster in these dying moments of the year. Many instances might be given of a big tenor bell weighing up to 15 cwt. being disturbed when thus left balanced against a stay and swinging down to crush the steeplekeeper against a beam while he was engaged oiling its bearings for practice-night or for Divine Service.

I descend with old Towler to the ringing-chamber. It is square, the walls showing all the original masonry, which is about a yard thick, with small lozenge lights at the end of the embrasures. Set in ancient iron sconces, the candles gutter and splutter, showing their sensitiveness to draught, and apparently winking at one another as in rivalry they cast flickering shadows of the men, the bell ropes, and other objects upon the grey walls. Hanging thereon are two or three blackboards, on which bell-music scores are figured with chalk.

A sextet of leading ringers representing the local parish guild are always present, some of them seated on a form beside a stone jar of beer, others standing with their hands on the bell ropes. Besides old Towler I recognise the village schoolmaster, the son of a neighbouring farmer, the dusty-looking miller, the cobbler, a carter, and a farm labourer. With a wink from the venerable captain of the team—Towler himself—these men at once doff their jackets and hang them up on the pin-rail, revealing a strange variety of coloured shirts. Personally I like to hear the old year rung out slowly with a muffled peal, but Towler and his team are not "worth" a muffing apparatus, so they are

going to "raise" the bells, and ring a few rounds and "chiming" changes during the last twenty minutes of the expiring year. That is to say, they are going to persuade the unset bells to speak with increasing power as gentle pulls at the ropes become more energetic, finishing with a maximum of sound and a sudden stop by bringing the stays into requisition. Curiously enough, it is considered correct form amongst country bellringers to let the septuagenarian or octogenarian member of a band ring the heaviest—the tenor-bell; and that is just the position Mr. Towler holds to-night. It is the florid little fellow with the appetite, muscular arm, and bright brown eye who sounds tentatively and slowly the light treble bell. Before he has fairly started, he is joined by the second treble, and then the third joins in quite unconcernedly, and so on all around the circle till it comes to Towler's turn, the old gentleman having to stand upon a stool. There is a strange solemnity about the whole process, for never a man, be he giant or dwarf, deigns to look upward at his rope; he could only be a tyro if he looked anywhere else than straight down at some figure chalked on the trap-door in the centre of the floor. At about two or three yards off each rope-end there is a sallie, or hand-grip, of twisted cotton—red, white, and blue. Each sallie is pulled at in turn, and duly taken up to the ceiling by the wheel it runs over as the bell revolves, and with it goes the full length of rope which has just made a loop on the floor, the ringer merely holding it in his right hand by a coil or a knot, and with this he pulls the sallie back into his left hand, making the pulley and the bell swing back with the help of the momentum gained. It is only the novice who, grasping a bell-rope too tightly, is lifted to the ceiling before he has time to cry out, and who, after suffering a serious bump on the head, has to pay a fine to the captain for causing a hitch in the proceedings.

At five minutes before the midnight hour Mr. Towler suddenly calls out, "Set next round." A few more strokes are delivered, then you hear a "Whoa," such as a carthorse might understand; whereupon the bells stop dead in the stays just as they are about to revolve, although the dizzy cadences of sound are for some time melting away from wall and louver into thin air. The men mop their brows, breathe more freely, and take a sip from the large stone jar, which is under Towler's charge. Now whirrs off the parish clock without striking the hammer of the deep-toned tenor bell, which is set in readiness for the new year's peal. Towler therefore has to toll it by hand, his solid face brightening when he remembers that it is his peculiar privilege first to convey the customary congratulations: "A happy new year to you all." Whereupon these stalwart recorders of the new year take a swig from the pewter loving-cup, sending it round from lip to lip with an express wish that each other's fortunes may be benefitted thereby. Without further waste of time, the whole sextet expectorate on their hands, and grasp each tri-coloured sallie. The conductor shouts "Go." And the bells go with a great clanging crash overhead after five minutes' cessation, change after change being rung in a manner which shows that the most stalwart and stolid countrymen can count the beats of time and swing their bodies gracefully thereto. Tumultuous, triumphant, heart-stirring is the music of the new year's bells.

Half-an-hour is too brief for the enthusiasm one feels over a set of golden changes in a country steeple. The roar of the bells as they shake the walls, the frenzied leaping of the candles and the tri-coloured sallies, etc.

And much more of the sort. The writer of this article in the above-mentioned paper is not known by name, at any rate, among the Exercise. The foregoing may be intended for amusement, and the circumstances related only a bare figment, for certainly they can never all occur together in the present day, even in the most benighted village. The writer has failed this time; he had better try some other subject for his next essay.

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.

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR AND BRISTOL SURPRISE.

BY CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

(No 21.)

(No. 28.)

A.					B.				
5024.					5024.				
23456	M	B	W	H	23456	M	B	W	H
24536	1	—	2	2	52364	2	—	2	2
35426	—	—	2	2	24365	1	—	—	2
53624	2	—	—	2	42563	—	—	1	2
26354	—	—	2	2	65243	—	—	2	2
42563	2	—	1	2	56342	—	—	1	2
23564	1	—	—	2	53462	1	—	2	2
25634	1	—	2	2	25634	2	—	1	2

By fixing the calling of A under B would complete peal B, and by fixing the calling of B under A would also complete that peal, each having the 4th and 6th their extent in 5-6 in fourteen courses. In dealing with peals in this form, it may very correctly be observed that they are merely variations of each other, and that any genuine composition having a divisional course-end may be treated in a similar manner. The original of these two peals having the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6, was composed by the author in 1885, and published in "THE BELL NEWS," February, 1886, which admits of a large number of musical variations.

A DATE TOUCH OF STEDMAN CATERS.

BY FREDK. HY. DEXTER, Leicester.

1909.

1 2 3 4 5 6 4 5 16

5 6 2 3 1 4	—	—
2 6 1 3 5 4	—	—
5 6 4 3 2 1	—	—
4 6 2 3 5 1	—	—
5 6 2 3 4 1	s	—
2 6 1 4 5 3	—	—
2 6 3 1 5 4	—	—
2 6 4 3 5 1	—	—
5 6 4 1 2 3	—	—
5 6 3 4 2 1	—	—
5 6 1 3 2 4	—	—
1 6 4 2 5 3	—	—
1 6 3 4 5 2	—	—
1 6 2 3 5 4	—	—
5 6 2 4 1 3	—	—
5 6 3 2 1 4	—	—
5 6 4 3 1 2	—	—

2 1 4 3 6 5 2 1 15

First course produced by commencing with a quick six and bobs 1, 2, 12, 16, 18.

STOKE-ON-TRENT (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, November 8th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. J. Kynnersley conductor, H. Cardell, S. Chnrton, C. Page, T. Mountford, F. Page, H. Page, J. Limestone.

MUSIC specially arranged in mss. (if not in print) to suit almost any number of ringers and bells. Terms, etc., on application from WM. GORDON, 44, CELTIC STREET, WEBB LANE, STOCKPORT.

"A SHORT HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION OF BOW CHURCH, CHEAPSIDE." Compiled by ARTHUR WOLASTON HUTTON, M.A., Rector. London: Elliot Stock, 1908.

This is the sort of book for the preparation of which the parochial clergy, if they have the time and capacity, are peculiarly qualified by their necessarily special acquaintance with the churches with which they are connected, and the convenience with which they have access to parochial records. This book is a compilation for which many people will have cause to be grateful to Mr. Hutton. Apart from the interest this church presents to the Exercise, it is visited by crowds of more or less intelligent persons from both sides of the Atlantic, to whom such an account as he has given will be very welcome. Antiquaries can usefully consult old John Stow's Survey of London because, apart from the charm of his book, they are able to correct for themselves, from other sources, inaccuracies into which he was unavoidably betrayed. But the majority of visitors to Bow church are not much helped by a description of an older building which disappeared in consequence of the Great Fire of London in the year 1666, nor do they, as a rule, peruse either large volumes of history and description of London as a whole, or more special books dealing with its ecclesiastical buildings in general. Let us see what of interest to members of the Exercise we can extract from this useful little publication.

First as to the origin of the name. In full it is "St. Mary-le-Bow"; that is, the Dedication is to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the word "Bow" serves to distinguish this church from others in the City of London similarly dedicated, of which there are still some half dozen, and were formerly several more. The word "Bow" means arch, and the church is so described because the old one, built before the year 1090, was the first in the City built over stone arches, most of which still remain in a crypt under the northern portion of the present building, in which are to be seen some Roman bricks taken from a still earlier Roman building. An illustration is given of this crypt.

The book contains a view of Cheapside about the year 1640, showing us the old "Cheap" or Market Cross, as still standing between two rows of houses of very picturesque outline, and showing likewise the steeple of the old church. If the drawing is to scale, it must have been a very imposing edifice, apparently of the late 15th or early 16th century. Above the bell chamber louvres is shown an embattled parapet with corner pinnacles, and a central pinnacle borne on flying buttresses, on the same principle as we now see at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East. This old steeple, according to Peter Mundy, contained a ring of twelve bells in the 17th century.

The Great Fire of 1666 changed all this. All the central area of the City was laid waste, and Cheapside was subsequently rebuilt much on the lines we now see; but Bow steeple and an old house at the corner of Friday Street are the only buildings that have not been again rebuilt or refronted.

Of the present steeple it is not necessary to speak now. An illustration of it appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of April 18th, 1908, in connection with some remarks on steeples in Rome and London, and readers who wish for a detailed description can refer to Mr. Hutton's book. In the porch is a tablet (reproduced in the book) recording the 5088 Treble Twelve rung by the College Youths on January 19th, 1907. The rest of the church, except the crypt already mentioned, calls for little notice here. Mr. Hutton has fully described it. The exterior is plain, and of the interior (of which he gives an illustration) he says it is striking and handsome on account of its admirable proportions and decorations. For some reason, perhaps the great cost of the steeple, it lacks the rich wainscots and carvings of the late

seventeenth century to be found in some other less important City churches.

There is a great deal of interesting information and illustration to be found between the covers of this book. Needless to say, the stories of Bow Bells and of Whittington are dealt with, and on this subject we hope to speak anon. For to-day we will stop with the expression of a hearty wish that the bells have rung in a Happy New Year for us all, not forgetting Mr. Hutton.

SAWSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

RINGER'S WEDDING.—On Boxing Day, at the parish church, Waterbeach, the marriage took place between Mr. E. R. Free-stone (late captain of the local ringers) and Miss Agnes Wye, of Waterbeach. The already pretty church looked exquisite with its Christmas decorations of arums, white chrysanthemums, and evergreens. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar in the presence of a large congregation. The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of a large number of useful presents. On the arrival of the bride and bridegroom on Monday evening a merry peal was rung on the bells by his brother-ringers.

SUPPER.—On New Year's Eve the local ringers and friends, numbering 22, held their annual supper in the institute committee room, over which the Vicar, Rev. F. H. A. Williams, presided. After a hearty supper, provided by Host Fuller, the toasts of "the King," "the Captain and vice-Captain," "Our New Members," "the Visitors," and "the Chairman" were interspersed with gramophone and handbell selections, songs, &c., by Messrs. F. Hurry, F. Matthews, T. Leversham, J. Stubblings, A. Nunn, W. Sykes, T. A. Lyles, &c., until 11.45, when an adjournment was made to the belfry. There each one had three toils as the last minutes of the old year were fleeting. As soon as midnight had struck the bells were raised, and a merry peal ushered in 1909, concluding by the "firing" of the bells, after which a return was made to the institute to wish each other a Happy New Year and a little more music, "Auld lang syne" bringing to a close a most successful and enjoyable evening. Mr. F. Fuller presided at the piano.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

Eighty-six complete 720s have been rung by the St. John the Baptist Society, Leytonstone and friends during the year ending December 31st, 1908, in the following methods: Surprise Minor—London 14, Cambridge 13, York 12, Wells 8, Carlisle 7, Durham 72, Worcester 6, Chester 5, Chelsea 5, Norwich 3, Chichester 2, Plain Bob 2. Oxford Treble Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 1. The following have taken part in the above:—W. Miller 82, J. Moule 78, S. Hayes 72, H. Torble 56, S. Bird 55, G. Dawson 46, G. Hayden 26, W. Doran 25, G. A. Black 23, F. Squires 16, T. Cranfield 11, P. A. Coard, 7, G. F. Margetson 3, —Slater 3, H. J. Tucker 3, R. Saunders 2, A. E. Lebbon 1, Dvr. Peel, R.F.A. 1, Mr. Reeves 1, W. Truss 1, W. Smith 1, —Sykes 1, G. Cornell 1, G. F. Smith 1. Conducted by W. Miller 54, S. Hayes 22, G. Dawson 5, J. Moule 1, G. A. Black 1, S. Bird 1, F. Squires 1. Total number of changes 61,920.

SANDHURST, BERKS.

During 1908 the St. Michael's band rang 144 720s at the church in the following methods: Bob Minor 66, Kent Treble Bob 27, Grandsire Minor 16, Oxford Treble Bob 12, Oxford Bob 9, Canterbury Pleasure 7, College Single 7. Ninety-three of these were rung for services. The following members took part:—J. Moth 141, H. Watts 101, A. Payne 115, C. Doe 117, M. Goddard 99, J. Pitts 119, A. Wooderson 91, L. Goswell 60, A. Prior 12, W. Batt 3, W. Horne 2, W. Price 1. The last two were visitors. The conducting was shared by J. Moth 114, A. Payne 31, C. Doe 6, M. Goddard 3.

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. John's, Hackney, on January 19th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 21st; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 11th and 25th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th and 26th; St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on the 14th and 28th; St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 19th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 28th; all at 8 p.m.

The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members who have not met twenty times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due, and should be paid before February 28th.

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 to-day, Sat., 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.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild.—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Appledore to-day Saturday, Jan. 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. G. JOHNSON, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*
Veness House, Appledore.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Smethwick to-day, Sat., January 9th. Short service in the parish church at 5.

H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
38, Leicester Street, Wolverhampton.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Halesworth on Thursday, January 14th. Bells at Halesworth, Chediston, Wissett, and Wenhamston available. Dinner at The Swan hotel, Halesworth, at 1.0 p.m. Those attending kindly send notice by January 11th.

CHARLES E. BORRETT, *Sec.*
10, Chester Street, Norwich.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, January 16th. Bells ready at 5.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester

Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 16th, at the Cathedral. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Preston, on Saturday, January 16th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting in the belfry at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there is important business for transaction, it is hoped that every member will make an effort to attend.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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.—North-Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Harlow Common on Saturday, January 23rd. The bells of St. Mary Magdalene will be available all day. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, January 20th.

JOHN F. PENNING, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, January 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

J. WATSON, *Branch 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.

SELBY ABBEY BELL FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged ..	13	9	6
Mr. F. Atkinson ..	0	1	0
Collected by Mr. B. 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

RAYNE (Essex).—On Sunday morning, December 13th, for Divine Service, 840 Grandsire Doubles. H. Richardson, B. Ridgwell, J. Bloomfield, H. Ridgwell conductor, T. Newman. For evening service 480 Grandsire Doubles. J. Richardson, H. Richardson, B. Ridgwell, H. Ridgwell conductor, T. Newman. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the late Bishop of Colchester.

WORLINGWORTH (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, December 23rd, 1908 Bob Triples. D. Collins, C. F. Ling, W. G. Crickmer conductor, W. Flory, F. Day, G. Day, W. Burgess, J. Crowe. This touch was rung in the place of 1908 Oxford.

DOUBLE OXFORD BOB ROYAL.

By JOSEPH PIGOTT.

5040.

23456	M	W	H
45236	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
54632	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-

Three times repeated; single for bob mid-way and end.

THE LLLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MERTHYR TYDFIL.—On Sunday, October 25th, for morning service at the parish church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles on the back six. F. Chave, G. Seward, E. W. Thomas, H. Chamberlain, A. E. Slatter conductor, J. Smith. For evening service 168 Grandsire Triples. E. W. Thomas, W. D. Allen, T. A. Major, G. Seward, F. Chave, H. Chamberlain, A. E. Slatter conductor, J. Smith.

NEWPORT (Monmouthshire).—On Friday, December 25th, at the church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Bishop, C. Bowen, J. Bullen, J. Jones, J. W. Jones, J. Pippin, A. E. Morgan conductor, T. Baiss.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

RAINFORD.—On Thursday, October 29th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. R. Woods, J. Whalley, H. Hesketh, T. Ellard, S. Cadwallender, M. Harris, J. W. Hall conductor, A. Jones. First quarter-peal by all, and first on the bells by a local band.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Sunday, October 10th, for the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Minor, 720 Oxford Bob, 360 College Single, and 180 Double Oxford. G. Mabbs, G. Tumber, C. Bishop, S. Jarrett, V. A. Jarrett, W. T. Hyland conductor.

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.

WANTED a situation as Iron Turner. Married. Aged 34. Can ring Standard Methods on 8 and 10 bells. Apply—H. W. KIRTON, 6, Cromwell Street, Lincoln.

D. R. PAULI wishes to recommend his groom for a similar or better place. Four year's good character. Age 18. Abstinence, ringer—Middleham, S. O., Yorkshire.

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.

The Metropolis.**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.
(THE ST. PAUL'S GUILD.)**

On Thursday, December 31, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMEBSMITH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF PARKEE'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.**

WILLIAM COOK* Treble.	ALBERT WHITTINGTON .. 5.
E. RALPH MACKRILL .. 2.	GEORGE C. ILES .. 6.
WILLIAM H. STEVENS .. 3.	FRANK SKEVINGTON .. 7.
C. CAREW COX 4.	CHARLES F. W. HUNT .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK SKEVINGTON.

*First peal away from the tenor. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the watch-night service, to mark the close of the old year.

The Provinces.**KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, December 5, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 23½ cwt.**

V. BENNETT* Treble.	W. STONE 5.
G. W. BEESLEY* .. 2.	FRED WEBB 6.
H. E. BEESLEY* .. 3.	H. G. JUDGE 7.
W. C. HEDGES† .. 4.	W. JUDGE Tenor.

Conducted by H. G. JUDGE.

*First peal. †First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells since the restoration of the spire, the top, 45 feet, having been rebuilt. V. Bennett was elected a member before starting.

**TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)**

On Saturday, November 21, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four 720s of Oxford and three of Kent Treble Bob.**

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM ELKINGTON .. Treble.	ALBERT WEST 4.
FREDERICK CURTIS .. 2.	CHARLES F. WEST .. 5.
FRANCIS COBB 3.	GEORGE ELKINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE ELKINGTON.

**PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, December 17, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs. in A flat.**

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	GEORGE ARCHER 5.
ARTHUR LEEDEER .. 2.	ELLIS HAYWARD .. 6.
ERNEST F. POPPY .. 3.	CLEMENT MORE .. 7.
WILLIAM SALTER .. 4.	JOHN SOUTER Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1908, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

H. TUCKER Treble.	J. SWAIN 5.
F. SWERTZER 2.	H. GOODGER 6.
F. HAINES 3.	R. CHAPMAN 7.
C. GILES 4.	M. WAITE Tenor.

Conducted by C. GILES.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.)**

On Saturday, December 19, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

THOMAS BALDWIN Tenor.	ALBERT WRIGHT 6.
AUSTIN GWINNETT .. 2.	HUBERT SCRIVENS .. 7.
WILLIAM IRELAND* .. 3.	WILLIAM STAITE .. 8.
JOHN AUSTIN 4.	FRANK COLE 9.
GEORGE MILEHAM .. 5.	*SYDNEY COOK Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

*First peal.

**BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sunday, December 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM WATKINS Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 4.
HERBERT LAMBERT .. 2.	ALFRED TOMKINS .. 5.
JAMES COOK 3.	WILLIAM QUARTERLY .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

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

PONTEFRAC T.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

CLEMENT GLENN Tenor.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 5.
WILLIAM PEARSON .. 2.	JAMES JACKSON 6.
HARRY C. WALTERS† .. 3.	FREDERICK MOODY .. 7.
SAMUEL BROOK 4.	THOMAS HOLDER Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

†First peal in the method.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 21, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17½ cwt.**

W. WOOD* Treble.	F. HUNT 5.
H. BAKER 2.	E. TRENDELL 6.
C. H. DEAKE 3.	E. E. FOREMAN .. 7.
E. J. DOBBIE 4.	*T. BEST Tenor.

Conducted by E. TRENDELL.

Rung on the 17th anniversary of the dedication of the bells. *First peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, December 21, 1908, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.**

EDWARD MATTHEWS .. Treble.	EDWIN WHITING 5.
CHARLES BAKER 2.	*ERNEST WHITING .. 6.
ROBERT WHITING .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
FREDERICK ROOPE .. 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by F. PITSTOW, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method.

BARKSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720s of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720s of Bob Minor.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED CODD* Treble.	JOHN W. WOOD 4.
ARCHIE STOKES 2.	JOHN CRAGG 5.
JOHN WALDEN† 3.	ARTHUR MACKEARS Tenor.

Conducted by A. MACKEARS.

*First peal of Minor. †First peal.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 22, 1908, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. ILIFFE* Treble.	*CECIL J. BAKER 5.
REUBEN CLIFFORD 2.	SAMUEL WESLEY 6.
JOSEPH HALL* 3.	HENRY HARRISON 7.
RICHARD DRAGE* 4.	†EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

This peal is now rung for the first time by the Association. *First peal of Major. †First peal as conductor on eight bells. First peal of Major on the bells by a local band.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 23, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S COMPOSITION.

WILLIAM PALMER Treble.	GEORGE FIGOTT 5.
FRANK WITHERS 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 6.
JOHN WITHERS 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 4.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

Quickest peal on the bells.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 24, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

JAMES WARD* Treble.	ALPHAERUS PERKINS 5.
WALTER GERMAN* 2.	WALTER PERKINS 6.
CHARLIE KELLER† 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON 7.
HUBERT HORN 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor.

Composed by J. PAGETT, and Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER,

*First peal. †First peal in the method. Rung for the midnight service.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Thursday, December 24, 1908, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

THOMAS NEWMAN Treble.	GEORGE MILEHAM 5.
JESSE GILLET 2.	GEORGE CONDICK 6.
THOMAS BALDWIN 3.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 7.
JOHN AUSTIN 4.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER Tenor.

Comp. sed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN., and Conducted by J. AUSTIN.

CAPEL, SURREY.

On Thursday, December 24, 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. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN RUFF* Treble.	*HORACE EDWARDS 4.
CHARLES MITCHELL* 2.	ARTHUR LINTOTT 5.
FREDK. R. TULLETT, JUN. 3.	FREDK. R. TULLETT, SEN. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. R. TULLETT, SEN.

First peal by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, and 4th, to whom great credit is due, they having only began change-ringing about three months.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 25, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM D. CRICKMER .. Treble.	*JOHN HALL 5.
FREDERICK DAY 2.	PETER LAFLIN 6.
GEORGE MURTON 3.	WILLIAM BURGESS 7.
WILLIAM FLORY 4.	DAVID COLLINS Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by D. COLLINS.

*First peal of Major. First peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight, which took place on December 23rd. The trebles were cast at the Whitechapel Foundry.

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

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE FLINTHAM .. Treble.	COOK WELLS 5.
HENRY W. KIRTON 2.	JOHN W. WATSON 6.
GEORGE CHESTER 3.	ARTHUR CRAVEN 7.
RICHARD DAWSON 4.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

MAURICE ATKINS .. Treble.	GEORGE BLAXLEY 4.
FRANK TALBUTT 2.	WALTER T. WILSON 5.
THOMAS BUTLER* 3.	EDWARD CHAPMAN Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD CHAPMAN.

*First peal of Minor.

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

C. SUMMEBS .. Treble.	*E. PARKER 4.
W. HOYLE 2.	J. WATTS 5.
J. SULLY 3.	H. MOORE Tenor.

Conducted by H. MOORE.

*First peal in the method.

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

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON* Treble.	THOMAS BOTTRIL 5.
ALBERT MASON 2.	JAMES HARRIS 6.
EDWARD JACKSON 3.	JOHN TOMLINSON 7.
DANIEL RICHARDS 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

First peal in the method on the bells. *First peal. Miss Lilian Willson is the fifteen year old daughter of the conductor, and is the first lady to accomplish a peal in this Association. She was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE BERTRAM Treble.	*G. E. NAUNTON 4.
A. J. NAUNTON 2.	T. KING 5.
F. W. NAUNTON 3.	J. LARTER Tenor.

Conducted by J. LARTER.

*First peal.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s. Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANCES W. BOWTELL .. Treble.	†PERCY WEBB 4.
EUSTACE WEBB 2.	JOHN STALLEY 5.
PERCY TAYLOR 3.	JESSE WEBB Tenor.

Conducted by P. WEBB.

First peal of Minor by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, and tenor-man. First peal on the bells. †First peal of Minor as conductor.

TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6000 CHANGES;

Being four 720s of Oxford, four of Kent, and 240 of Oxford.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM ELKINGTON .. Treble.	ALBERT WEST 4.
FREDERICK CURTIS 2.	CHARLES F. WEST 5.
FRANCIS COBB 3.	GEORGE ELKINGTON Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE ELKINGTON.

First 6000 on the bells; and first by all the local band.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lbs.

WM. BROADLEY Treble.	JOHN G. HALL 5.
ROBERT B. ROBINSON .. 2.	JAMES BAXTER 6.
THOMAS CLARE 3.	THOMAS WICK 7.
JOHN SMITH 4.	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor.

Composed by J. PLATT, and Conducted by JAMES BAXTER.

GUILDFORD.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES WILLSHIRE, JUN. Treble.	MAURICE SMITHER 5.
HENRY HUTTON 2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 3.	FRANK BLONDELL 7.
HENRY L. GARFATH .. 4.	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. SHARMAN, and Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

First peal of Major by the treble man.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5076 CHANGES.

Tenor 43 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lbs.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. Treble.	HARRY J. BORRETT 6.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 2.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7.
JOHN E. BURTON 3.	FREDERICK DAY 8.
ALBERT G. WARNES 4.	ERNEST F. POPPY 9.
GEORGE P. BURTON 5.	CHARLES W. BULLEN Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

The figures of this peal are on page 87 of Snowdon's "Stedman," with corrected homing course.

CODICOTE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILBS,

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 10 cwt.

ARTHUR PHILLIPS Treble.	BARNARD PATMORE 4.
REV. ALFRED G. LANGDON 2.	HENRY WALLACE 5.
FREDERICK WILLIAMS .. 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

First peal on the bells; an extremely difficult place to ring a peal, owing to the noise. The Vicar kindly entertained the band to tea.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES MERRICK Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	JAMES GEORGE 6.
CHARLES T. COLES 3.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETRE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES MERRICK Treble.	JAMES GEORGE 5.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT 6.
CHARLES T. COLES 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*Fiftieth peal. The band desire to thank Mr. E. Harwood for his kind hospitality after the peal.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FREDK. G. GODDARD Treble.	*HARRY MANCE 5.
JOHN HOWES 2.	C. CAREW COX 6.
ALBERT WHITTINGTON .. 3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7.
FRANK SKEVINGTON 4.	*ALFRED SHEARD Treble.

Conducted by C. CAREW COX.

*First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to Frank Skevington.

PENTRE, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKEE'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt.

HENRY PAGE Treble.	THOMAS PAGE 5.
WILLIAM J. SEVIER 2.	GEORGE WINES 6.
WILLIAM PAGE 3.	THOMAS HAMLIN 7.
JAMES CROSS 4.	SAMUEL WEAVER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. SEVIER.

First peal by all except the conductor. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Weaver and Mr. Frost; also in honour of the above Guild's annual festival held that day in Cardiff.

TONG, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Morning Exercise, Royal Bob, Tulip, College Trebles, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt

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

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

The above are also members of the Halifax and District Association and the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE W. SORRELL .. Treble.	HENRY F. COOPER 5.
ROBERT WOOD 2.	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON .. 6.
GEORGE WATERMAN 3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7.
FREDERICK G. RADLEY .. 4.	THOMAS LINCOLN Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WM. LINCOLN.

For composition see E.A.C.R. No. 3.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT EMMANUEL CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 12 lbs. in E flat.

WILLIAM RICHARDS Treble.	WILLIAM RUNDLE 5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2.	FRANK HOCKADAY 6.
JOSEPH WOODLEY 3.	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT 7.
JOHN B. HESSEY* 4.	G. HARRY MYERS Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

REGINALD DOBSON Treble.	WILLIAM FORD 6.
WILLIAM G. HISCOTT 2.	ERNEST W. MARSH 7.
FRANK HOCKADAY 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 8.
ARTHUR E. TOMLINS 4.	G. HARRY MYERS 9.
WILLIAM RICHARDS 5.	JOSEPH WOODLEY Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

Handbell Peals.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY)

On Friday, December 18, 1908, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT 10, WELLGATE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5025 CHANGES.

SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN 5-6.
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 3-4.	WALTER COATES 7-8.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—G. Oakes

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 21, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

CHARLES J. HAMBLIN .. 1-2.	GEORGE EDSER, JUN. .. 5-6.
ARTHUR R. SHEPHERD .. 3-4.	GEORGE WOODISS 7-8.
JOHN EMERY 9-10.	

Composed by G. NEWSON, and Conducted by GEORGE WOODISS.

Umpire—W. Woodrow, jun. First peal of Caters double-handed by all, and by the Guild.

Date Touches.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BENWELL (Newcastle).—On Tuesday, December 29th, a date touch of Minor, 1908 changes, being 468 Plain Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 1 hr. 8 mins. M. Thirlaway, M. Smith, H. Guthrie, J. Wishart, C. Dixon conductor, W. Sinclair. Longest touch on the bells.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

FLEET (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, December 31st, at the parish church, a date touch of Bob Minor, 1908 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins. V. Fletcher, Rev. C. J. Sturton, A. Campling, W. H. Hilliam, G. R. Truss, J. B. Hallifax conductor. Longest length by the ringers of the treble and 4th.

HULL (Yorks).—On Wednesday, December 30th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 15 mins. J. Highfield, T. Stockdale, C. Jackson composer and conductor, G. T. Marshall, J. Hodds, H. Rodmell, A. Naylor, L. Rodmell.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Thursday, December 17th, at the Collegiate Church, a date touch of Grandsire Minor, 1908 changes, in 1 hr. 27 mins. A. Price, H. Dalton, A. Butler, J. H. Rowe, G. Tudor conductor, B. Dalton. Rung to commemorate the wedding of Miss Eleanor Gladys Langley, daughter of Mr. F. T. Langley and Mrs. Langley, of Claregate, Tottenhall, to Lieutenant Geoffrey Layton, R.N., of H.M. ship Forth.

Miscellaneous.

OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHOVER (Derbyshire).—On Monday, January 4th, for practice,

a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Hopkinson, H. Hopkinson, W. Buxton, Rev. J. B. Nodder (Rector), J. Hopkinson, T. Dent, Rev. R. P. Farrow (curate), conductor, G. Garner. First quarter-peal in the method, and all belong to the local band.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PLYMOUTH.—On Tuesday, October 27th, at St. Andrew's church, on the occasion of the Rev. Maitland Kelly's visit to the tower, 305 and 270 Grandsire Caters, 180 Bob Royal, and 108 Stedman Caters. Rev. Maitland Kelly, W. Hiscott, E. W. Marsh, G. F. Marsh, J. Woodley, A. F. Wellington, W. Parr, W. Rundle, W. A. Fowler, W. E. Pitman, G. H. Myers, C. Eales. On Wednesday, October 28th, at the church of The Emanuel, 240 Treble Bob Minor, and 240 Stedman Triples. W. A. Fowler, W. E. Pitman, G. H. Myers, E. W. Marsh, G. F. Williams, A. F. Wel-

lington, W. Rundle, L. Osborne, J. Woodley. Also 644 Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original), and 336 Bob Major were rung, conducted by W. E. Pitman, of Lyminge, Kent.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Saturday, October 10th, at St. Michael's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Double Norwich Major, but time not allowing for its completion, the conductor brought the bells round after ringing 2768 changes in 1 hr. 40 mins. J. W. Whiting, G. Smith, F. S. Bayley, H. W. Wilkes, W. T. Tucker, W. H. George, E. J. Harding, G. Williams conductor.

ALTON (Hants).—On October 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. F. E. Dawe conductor, E. Newell, T. Upshall, J. Capp, J. S. Goldsmith, H. White, C. Edwards, W. Bashford.

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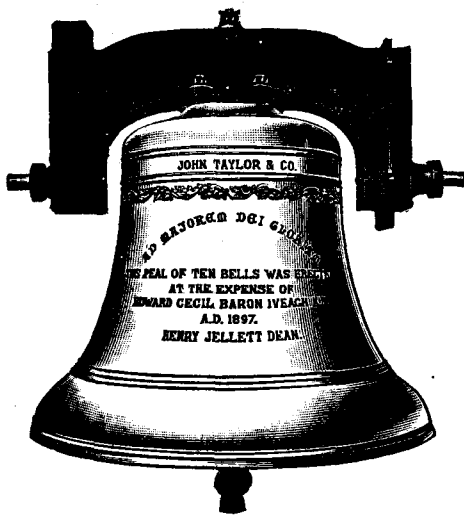
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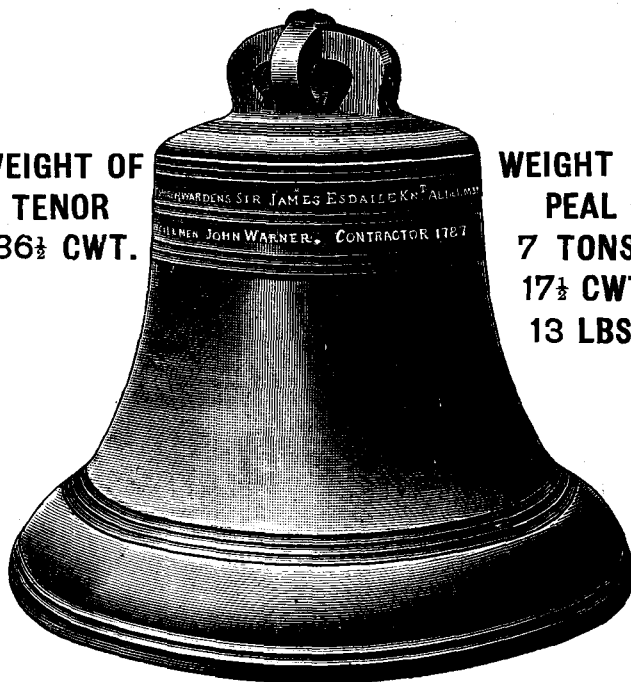
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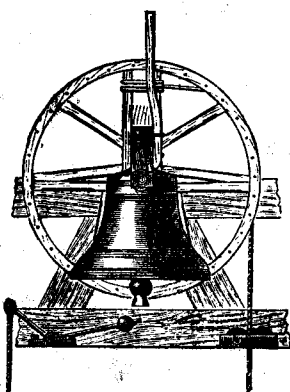
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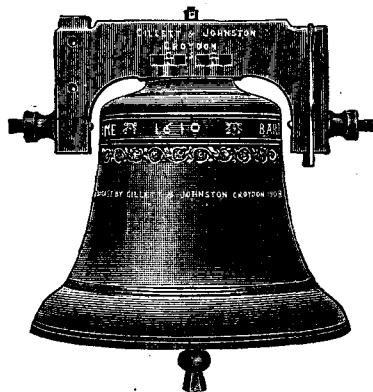
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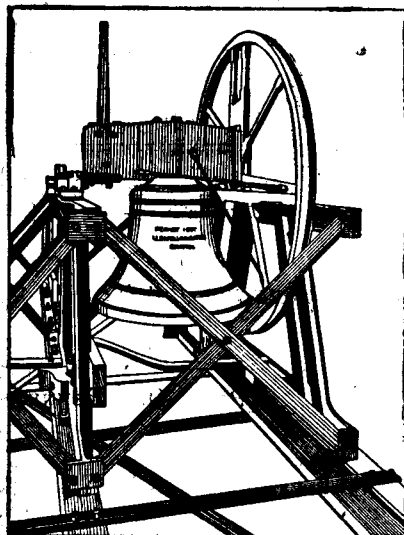
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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The first annual meeting of the Axbridge Deanery branch of the above Association was held on Saturday, January 9th, at Congresbury, the following towers being represented: Banwell, Burnham, Congresbury, Highbridge, Kewstoke, Weston-super-Mare, Winscombe, and Worle.

At four o'clock a service and address was kindly arranged by the Vicar, the Rev. Maunsell Eyre, assisted by the Rev. H. J. Ker Thompson, of Burnham.

The bells were available early in the afternoon, and were kept going until the usual time for service.

Tea was provided in the schoolroom, when about forty sat down. Following the tea the meeting was held, the Rev. H. J. Ker Thompson presiding. The first business was to elect officers for the ensuing year. The Rev. H. J. Ker Thompson was re-elected chairman, and Mr. A. H. Davies as secretary and treasurer; Mr. G. Chamberlain was elected to represent the branch on the general committee. Three honorary and twenty-three performing members were duly elected. It was impressed on the members present to do what they could to induce other towers in the deanery to join the Association.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Maunsell Eyre for granting the use of the bells, and for arranging the service. The rev. gentleman suitably acknowledged the vote, and said he would be pleased to welcome ringers there at any time.

Several capital touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung during the evening, the tone and go of the bells being very much admired.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this branch was held at Bletchley on Saturday, December 5th, when upwards of forty ringers were present from the following towers: Bletchley, Emberton, Linslade, Loughton, Milton Keynes, Newton Longville, Shenley, Stony Stratford, Sympson, Olney and Old Bradwell. At 3 o'clock service was held at the parish church, conducted by the Rev. F. W. Bennitt (Rector), a splendid sermon being preached by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Deputy Master of the Guild). Tea was partaken of in the schoolroom, and the business meeting followed. The Rev. F. W. Bennitt was elected to the chair in the absence of the Rev. J. R. Vincent, President of the branch, supported by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Col. C. B. Giles, Dr. Bradbrook and F. W. Booth (hon. sec.) The business was of the usual routine. After the meeting Dr. Bradbrook gave a very useful and instructive speech on bells, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

During the afternoon and evening several good touches of Treble Bob Major, Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were successfully brought round.

SONNING BRANCH.—This Branch, which includes eleven towers, thirty honorary and 116 ringing members, held its annual meeting at Wokingham on January 9th.

There were ninety-four present, most of whom attended Evensong at St. Paul's church, when they received some excellent advice from the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne, regarding their duty as ringers. Tea preceded the business meeting, which was held in St. Paul's parish room. At the election of officers the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, who has been chairman for the past eighteen years, resigned in favour of the Master of the Guild, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who is now residing at Wokingham. He will, however, retain still his connection with the branch, as its vice-chairman, much to the satisfaction of all the members. Considerable progress has been made with the ringing during the past year, and some good work accomplished; a seven-method peal, rung at Sandhurst by the local band in 2 hrs. 40 mins., on December 3rd, Mr. J. Moth conductor, being worthy of note.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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The past and present ringers of the above towers met on Saturday last to celebrate the 50 years ringing membership of one of their comrades, Mr. Zebulon Lord, until lately secretary of the Rossendall branch, and a member of the committee of the Lancashire Association of Change-Ringers.

A capital meeting commenced with a good feed at The Angel hotel, Bacup, and after full justice was done to the good things provided a meeting was held, presided over by that well-known ringer Mr. Shepherd, of St. Saviour's company. After a capital speech by that gentleman and a few old-time anecdotes from the old "strings" (one of whom rang to celebrate the British victory at Sebastopol) occasion was taken to present Mr. Lord with an auto-graph album and a purse of gold as a slight recognition of his services as ringer and conductor at Christ Church for forty years, and at St. Saviour's for ten years.

The present ringers hope he will be spared to continue his journey to his rope for many more years to come, and hope to be able to celebrate his diamond jubilee.

PULBOROUGH CHOIR AND RINGERS.

The members of the choir and ringers connected with the parish church were entertained to supper at the rectory, on Thursday evening, January 7th, by the kind invitation of the Rector, Canon Baggallay. Other guests present were the churchwardens, the Rev. G. H. Milner, Mr. Wilson Baggallay, Mr. F. C. Prescott, Mr. W. A. Greenfield, and Dr. Foot. After doing justice to the good things provided the company adjourned to the spacious hall, where the rest of the evening was spent in songs, recitations and handbell ringing. Those contributing songs were Messrs. W. Baggallay, L. N. Corden, C. S. Child, P. H. Doick, E. H. Holden, A. Oliver, H. Jennings and C. Smart. Some amusing yarns were told by Mr. F. C. Prescott, while recitations were given by Mr. A. C. Dewdney and Mr. A. Greenfield.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Our friend "J. F. P.," who is on all hands allowed to be the first poet of the "B.N."—at any rate, so far as seniority goes—recently put a rhythmical question in print. He asked what had become of several of the old stagers who some time ago, *i.e.*, in the ages that are past, used not only to amuse, but instruct and edify, the readers of our paper. Alas! that I should say it: they are all scattered! Let me be understood: they are not exactly defunct, not joined the great majority, as it is called, but they are scattered; and not one of them is left on the staff but your humble servant "P.S." I have no doubt the enquirer above alluded to would like to hear of that contributor who signed himself "Joshua," and would be glad to read more of his laughter-provoking statements. This writer shone only for a season, so to speak, but during that time it was said on very good authority that he made Yorkshiremen roar (with laughter, of course), and I dare say others. But we have plenty of talent still among us; versifiers of no mean order, and of whom we could almost wish that their talents were not hid under the "B.N." bushel. But they, like your humble servant, are content to write only for the behoof, and let me also say, the admiration, of their ringing brethren. Ahem. And now we'll turn to something else.

Another lady-ringer! and from a quarter where I should have expected one to appear. Miss Lilian Willson, the 15-year-old daughter of William Willson, of Leicester, has just rung her first peal. Bravo, Lilian! You will go along sharply now under the influence and tuition of your parent. I often reflect upon the quantity of lady-ringers that we have. Running the rule over their names lately I think that Mrs. George Williams is the only one among them who has rung a pair of working bells through a peal. Yet handbell ringing would appear to be especially fitted for them.

Since I last had a chow with my friends the readers of this paper, many things, interesting and non-interesting, pleasing and otherwise, have occurred. I have noticed that "correspondence" is still not *always* carried on with that courtesy which a newspaper discussion demands. We have heard sometimes of people who are said to possess a temper called "waspy;" individuals of a jump-down-your-throat or bite-your-nose-off disposition, whenever they are contradicted, or cannot have everything their own way. I am of opinion this disposition has been shown too frequently of late. The letters about London Surprise were not altogether so respectful, some of them, as they might have been. Writers who enter into newspaper correspondence should have this important fact always before their eyes: the more courteous and respectful they are in their language, the more strengthened will their case become.

One of the greatest incidents which has affected us, and which has been the cause of very kindly talk, is the retirement (partial, it is hoped) of the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON. He has been compelled, literally full of years and honours, to take rest. It must have struck every one, from the surrounding circumstances of the case, that such rest was imperative, for he had to give up the benefice of Drayton, which act must have caused a "pang" after so many years' residence. The Master and Drayton seemed to the readers of this paper to be inseparable; some thought, I

do believe, that the collapse, or separation, of either would be attended with the most alarming consequences. But the step of separation has no doubt been wisely taken, for none of us can stand against the decline of vigour which old age brings. We shall all be glad to hear how our dear old friend is getting on, and are looking forward to the hour when we shall see a line in our paper to the effect that he is improving in strength, with the probability of his officiating again in Thurstans's four-part.

We used to think that one of the greatest evils in existence was horse-racing, not the diversion of such racing in itself, but its concomitants. I am afraid this evil is being run very close by another sport, *i.e.*, "football." The vicious surroundings of this latter beats the former hollow. Certainly we were never in this country cursed with a horse-racing Sunday; the racing authorities seemingly had some feeling of propriety about them; but now Sunday is permeated with football. Proprietors or tenants of meadow-land find it very lucrative to open their ground for this purpose on a Sunday. The adjoining neighbourhoods thus become saturated with footballers and their slang, the latter of which is frequently not of the most refined description. This everlasting football talk is everywhere, no matter in what direction you may go on the Sabbath. The evil is spreading too rapidly.

Don't think I object to football as a game of skill or pluck. Not at all, if kept within bounds. But at the best it is pretty rough play, and decidedly unfit for those who are not in the rudest of health. How many among its votaries have been temporarily disabled by its roughness and violence? Sometimes we read, too, that scrimmages occur among the combatants and the motley crowd assembled, when all has not been to their liking. To sum up, football, I say, is getting low and unworthy of support. And yet it has been compared with change-ringing, to the disadvantage of the latter. But those who held such ridiculous views will hardly be encouraged to express them again in this paper, for they had a justly-merited castigation some time ago which they amply deserved. Exit football.

I see that Bill Sevier—the prophet, magician, and astrologer, whose predictions beats the ancient Chaldeans all to fits—has had some of his prognostications dealt with by a London paper—the *Daily News*. This paper did not appear to have a deal of faith in the well-known seer, but no doubt the writer was unable to rise to metaphysics, or any other medicine. Then we must allow something for scepticism on such mystic subjects as "the prophet" deals with. On perusing the list of his wonderful performances as a soothsayer, one wonders from where he gets his knowledge. Does he, like Balaam of old, set his face towards the wilderness and seek for enchantments? I should say there would be a good opening for him among the almanacks, in which we see prophecies not half so plain as those of Professor Bill Sevier, once of Gloucester.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

A NEW HYMN FOR RINGERS' FESTIVALS.—Words by Rev. H. C. WILDER. Music by Rev. J. H. MATTHEWS. EXTRACTS FROM RINGERS' LETTERS:—"Your most excellent hymn." "Very suitable for its purpose." Effectively sung at Beaconsfield, Feb. 2nd, 1907; and at All Saints, Boyne Hill, February 8th, 1908. Price—Words only 3s. per 100. With Music, 1d. each. Novello and Co., 160, Wardour St., London, W

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 correspondent s.

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

THE BELLS AT CATTERSTOCK.

SIR,—Would some brother-ringer or some kind gentleman give me some information about the bells at the above church. How many bells there are, the weights of tenor and treble?
Grove Street, Raunds, Wellingborough. FRED GILBERT.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Could you enquire in "THE BELL NEWS" for me the whereabouts of the tower and the name of the Master of the change-ringing society in Melbourne, Australia. I believe it is Mr. Bames, but I am not certain, nor do I know his address there.
WALTER APPERLEY.

BRISTOL COURT SURPRISE MAJOR.

SIR,—The following compositions are interesting in several ways, besides the pliability of construction and musical qualities, as each example has the 4th, 5th and 6th bells the full extent in 5-6 each at six course-ends in the latter position, the 2nd and 3rd never there:—

A				B			
5184.				5280.			
M	B	W	R	23456	M	B	R
	x	I	I	26354	2		I
I	x		I	36524	I	x	I
		2	2	25634	I	x	2
I	x			53624	I	x	
	x			32546		x	
	x	I	2	23645	2		2

Each twice repeated.

As will be noticed, peal A contains ten of the twelve 8-4s, 8-5s, and 8-6s, and that peal B has not a bob at w in its composition.

Now if the calling of the third course of peal B is used in the third course of peal A, changes will be reduced to 5088, the least possible in three equal parts for peals in this method. Also, if the calling of the third course in peal A is used to the third course of peal B the changes will augment to 5376, that is, of course, if used in each part.

The peals A and B are variations of each other by the use of alternate calling in first, third and last courses, and these alternate callings may be used almost at will, so that interesting musical compositions can be made of any number from 5088 to 5376 inclusive.
H. DAINS.

"RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR."

SIR,—I hope you will grant me the favour of inserting these few lines regarding the statements made in the paragraph at bottom of article under the above heading in last week's issue. In that paragraph the writer states that the article "may be intended for amusement, and the circumstances related only a bare figment." May I inform him that the above circumstances are almost identical with those which obtain on New Year's Eve at the parish church at Horncastle at the present time—the greasing of the bells by the steeplekeeper, the ringing of call-changes before twelve o'clock, the striking of the tenor at midnight (a duty I performed last New Year's Eve), more call-changes, the falling of the bells in peal, the little group of spectators who invariably find their way up the dark staircase on these occasions—all truly depicted in the article above mentioned. Horncastle is a somewhat isolated town of 4000 inhabitants, but certainly does not rank as a "benighted village." The only things that do not take place in our belfry are the drinking of beer and ringing from chalk marks on the floor. But I have seen changes written on slips of paper and placed on the floor at the foot of every bellrope in an eight-bell tower; and every ringer knows the practice of drinking in belfries was an all too-prevalent one not a great while ago, and probably exists in some few belfries to-day. May I respectfully suggest that the writer of the paragraph would have done better to have

visited a few old-world village steeples before making the assertion that the circumstances "can never all occur together in the present day." Personally, I quite think they could, though more's the pity, should drink be taken to a belfry. I have rung with various well-ordered companies of change-ringers, and in many village steeples; but I sometimes think it is a moot question whether the sentiment and romance which once pervaded the atmosphere of a village belfry has been well replaced by the embittered differences and rivalry which only too frequently exist among devotees of the fascinating Art of Ringing.
A. Howes.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

FLEET.—During 1908 seventy complete 720s were rung on the bells of the parish church, viz.: Double Court 32, Plain Bob 11, Kent Treble Bob 7, College Single 6, Double Oxford 5, Oxford Treble Bob 4, Oxford Bob 2, Single Court 2, Grandsire 1. The following ringers took part: J. B. Hallifax 70 (conducted 68), Rev. C. J. Sturton 70, G. R. Truss 69, A. E. Campling 63, H. V. Fletcher, sen. 56, T. Copeland 47, W. H. Hilliam 13, E. Adams 6, H. V. Fletcher, jun. 5, W. G. Cross 6, A. J. Farr 4, W. Brook 4, and also several visitors from Spalding and Bourne.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

During the year ending December 31st, 1908, eighty-eight complete 720s have been rung by the St. Mary's Guild, Woodford, and visiting friends in the following methods: Surprise—London, Wells, York, Durham, Chichester, one of each, Worcester 5, Cambridge 14; Treble Bob—Woodbine 12, Kent 26, Oxford 13; Plain methods—Canterbury Pleasure 4, Oxford Single 1, Bob Minor 8. The following have taken part: E. Wightman 82, C. Morse 68, G. F. Margetson 64, J. Kimberley 53, H. W. Wood 53, R. Trow 48, K. C. Fox 40, P. A. Coard 38, G. A. Black 30, G. Carter 14, S. Hayes 7, W. Miller 7, S. Bird 7, F. Squires 6, J. Rann 3, J. Lucas 3, S. H. Green 2, A. J. Neale 1, R. Ward 1, G. B. Lucas 1. Conducted by E. Wightman 59, G. A. Black 12, H. C. Fox 7, R. Trow 5, C. Morse 2, S. H. Green 1, F. Squires 1, R. Ward 1.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By JOSEPH W. PARKER, Sunderland.

5040.										
2314567	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	9	10	
2371645										
4072513	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3475126	s	-			s	-				-
2173654	-	-			-	-				-
4276531	s	-			s	-				-
3475162	-	-			-	s				-
6371245	-	-			-	s			s	
4276513	-	-			-	-			-	-
1475326	-	-			-	s			s	
2371654	-	-			-	-			-	-
5276431	-	-			-	s			s	
5271436	-	-			s	-		s	-	s

Six times repeated.

This is the first seven-part peal composed with never more than four consecutive calls.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST CLANDON.—For Divine Service at SS. Peter and Paul, a 720 Surprise Minor, being 240 each of Worcester, Chichester, and Cambridge. G. Monk, H. Blackman, R. Blake, J. Goacher, W. Day, F. Bennett conductor.

"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 LATE MR. HENRY W. HALEY.

We have been furnished with an analysis of the peals rung by the late Mr. Haley, extracted from his own peal book, and we publish it, not only as a matter of interest to the Exercise, but in memory of a man whose skill as a composer, as a conductor, and as a ringer is not likely soon to be forgotten.

Mr. Haley's peals on tower bells commence with a peal of Stedman Caters, rung at All Saints' Church, Fulham, on May 16th, 1842, for the St. James's Society, and closed with a peal of Stedman Cinques, rung at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on March 14th, 1885.

The following is the complete analysis:—

(i.) On Tower Bells.	No. of peals	Conducted
Kent Treble Bob Major	29	26
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	8	8
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	11	7
Grandsire Triples	33	29
Grandsire Major	3	3
Grandsire Caters	7	7
Double Norwich Court Bob Major... ..	1	1
Superlative Surprise Major... ..	1	1
Stedman Triples	25	20
Stedman Caters	34	32
Stedman Cinques	19	19
	173	154
(ii.) On Handbells.		
Grandsire Triples	3	3
Stedman Triples	2	—
Stedman Caters	3	3
Stedman Cinques	2	2
	183	162

In this analysis is included a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original), rung unconducted in the tower of St. Giles-in-the-Fields on October 23rd, 1884, in the presence of Mr. Geo. Marriott (Royal Cumberland Youths), and Mr. F. E. Dawe (Ancient Society of College Youths), and it is the only peal Mr. Haley ever rang in that tower. It also includes a silent peal of Stedman Triples on handbells, rung for the St. James's Society on March 11, 1854, by Messrs. Cox, Cooter, Haley, and Wood. Mr. Haley also took part in the first peal of Stedman Caters ever rung in hand, which was a peal for the Cumberland Youths, on December 19th, 1853, conducted by the late Mr. John Cox.

Mr. Haley rung several long peals, viz., Stedman Caters (6161 changes and 7025 changes), Stedman Cinques (8580 changes), Kent Treble Bob Major (8448 changes, on three occasions), and the well-known peal of 15,840 changes, Grandsire Caters (6282 changes.) Most of his peals were rung in London and the neighbourhood, though he travelled as far as Philadelphia, and conducted the first peal ever rung in the United States of America. It was Holt's 10-part peal of Grandsire Triples, and was rung at Christ Church, Philadelphia, on June 9th, 1850. It may, perhaps, be of interest to give the names of the band:

Thos. Le Sage ... Treble.	James Hewett	5.
Chas. Rahill	William Lobb	6.
Frederick Wade	E. W. Sawyer	7.
H. W. Haley	Richard Dodd } ...	Tenor.
	John Davey }	

On September 27th, 1877, Mr. Haley conducted at Inverness Cathedral the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major ever rung in Scotland. With these exceptions, however, his excursions from the Metropolis and neighbourhood were few and far between. He rang 35 peals at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green; 13 at St. Michael's, Cornhill; 13 at St. Dunstan's, Stepney; 9 at St.

Saviour's, Southwark; 8 at Poplar; 7 at St. Clement Danes; 6 at St. Giles, Cripplegate; and 6 at St. James, Bermondsey. Twice only did he ring peals at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, one for the St. James's Society and one for the College Youths. The number of different towers in which he rang peals was 58. It is, of course, well known that Mr. Haley began his ringing career as a Cumberland Youth, and ended as a College Youth. He was also a member of the St. James's Society, and between these societies he divided his favours thus:

	Peals on Tower bells	Peals on Handbells
St. James's Society... ..	18	3
Royal Cumberland Youths	21	1
Ancient Society of College Youths	132	6

To this must be added one peal rung at St. Clement Danes with Mr. Henry Johnson and some Birmingham friends, and the peal rung at Philadelphia, U.S.A.

It may not be generally known that Mr. Haley began his career as a conductor of "lapping" peals. These are separately recorded, and began in the year 1839, viz.:—

Grandsire Caters	2
Grandsire Cinques	2
Stedman Triples	1 (Tebbs's peal)
Stedman Cinques	9
Oxford Treble Bob Maximus	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus	2
Total	17

Obituary.

THOMAS A. TEASDALE.

We regret to have to record the death of Mr. Thomas A. Teasdale, of North Shields, Northumberland, which occurred after a short illness on December 4th, at the early age of thirty-two.

Our deceased friend was connected with the Christ Church company, North Shields, for some seventeen years, joining the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association in 1892. For this Association he had rung 29 peals, six of which he conducted. The last in which he took part was London Surprise a few months before his death. Mr. Teasdale was also a member of the London County Society, and rang in one peal of Royal, so that altogether he had 30 peals to his credit.

The first part of the burial service took place at Christ Church, and during the time the funeral cortege was on its way from Tynemouth a muffled touch was rung by members of the Durham and Newcastle Association. The final rites were performed at Preston Cemetery by the Rev. J. B. Fry, Vicar of Cullercoats and the Rev. J. M. Ballard.

A number of ringers attended the funeral from North Shields, Newcastle, Whitley Bay, Gosforth, &c.

Full military honours were rendered to deceased, he having been for sixteen years a member of the Tynemouth Artillery Volunteers, in which corps he rose to the rank of sergeant. After the conclusion of the burial service three volleys in the air were fired, after which the trumpeters sounded the "last post."

It was intended to start for a muffled peal at North Shields after the funeral, but owing to a service being held in the church in the evening it was found that sufficient time would not be available for a 5000. However, 1150 Kent Treble Bob Major were rung by representative ringers with the bells muffled at back stroke.

"Tommy" Teasdale was well known in the North, and the sincere sympathy of all his fellow ringers and colleagues is respectfully offered to his widow and child, and to his parents and other relatives.

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. John's, Hackney, on January 19th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 21st; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 25th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th; St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on the 28th; St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 19th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 28th; all at 8 p.m.

The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members who have not met twenty times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due, and should be paid before February 28th.

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

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The eighty-fifth Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 13th, at St. Margaret's, Westminster. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 to 5 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30 at The Princes Head, Princes Street, opposite the Abbey. Ringers attending to ring till 5 p.m. are requested to be there not later than 4 p.m. sharp, as the church doors will then be closed. 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 to-day, Sat., 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.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby to-day, Saturday, January 16th. Bells ready at 5. WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held to-day, Sat., January 16th, at the Cathedral. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SEUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Preston, to-day, Sat., January 16th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting in the belfry at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—The usual quarterly and annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there is important business for transaction, it is hoped that every member will make an effort to attend. Particular attention is directed to Rule No. 5 as to payment of subscriptions. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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. For full particulars see Association circular.

CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*

40, Percy Street, Rotherham.

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Harlow Common on Saturday, January 23rd. The bells of St. Mary Magdalene will be available all day. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, January 20th.

JOHN F. PENNING, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby Branch.—The next district meeting of this Association will be held at Alvaston, near Derby, on Saturday, January 23rd. Ringing from 2 till 5 p.m. The bells of St. Andrew's, Derby, will also be open to visitors in the evening from 7 till 9 p.m. The election of officers for the ensuing year will take place at this meeting, therefore it is hoped that all members will endeavour to attend.

A. H. WARD, *Dis. Sec.*

168, Normanton Road, Derby.

The Warwickshire Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, January 23rd. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 5.30 p.m.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*
1, Bilton Road, Rugby.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, January 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest will take place at Lightcliffe parish church on Saturday, January 30th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by January 23th.

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

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nether-ton on Saturday, January 30th. Service, with address by the Vicar (Rev. S. J. Marriott), will be held in the church at 4.15 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided free for those sending me their names before Wednesday, January 27th.

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

Bransford, Worcester.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Birmingham on Saturday, January 30th. The bells at the parish church, Aston, and at Bishop Ryder's church will be open from 2 p.m., and at St. Martin's from 3.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.45. Tea (1s. 3d. each), at 5.30, both in the Bull Street cafe. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. Godden, 61, Roland Road, Handsworth, not later than the previous Thursday. The Hon. Secretary has received notice that the following alteration of Rule 14 will be proposed, viz., to substitute "annual meeting" for "third quarterly meeting."

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

Cotgrave, Notts.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the North and West District of the above Asso-

ciation will be held at St. Saviour's, Waltham-stow, on Saturday, January 30th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Siddans. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m., and the Hon. Secretary will arrange for a plain tea in the Parish Room on the usual terms, if members will kindly notify their intention to be present. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1909 are now due.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The members of this society will hold their next quarterly meeting at the church of St. Thomas, Pendleton, on Saturday, January 30th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers invited. CHAS. BOWERS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Leeds and Districts Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, January 30th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Refreshments at The Royal hotel. Business meeting at 7.30.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bromley on Saturday, January 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. Donald Tait (Vicar), at 5.30 p.m. The Vicar has kindly promised to provide tea at the Parish Room for those who send me their names by Wednesday, January 27th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.

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

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, January 30th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5.30, followed by General Meeting in the Parish Room, North Street. All members intending to be present at tea must notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, January 27th. Subscriptions for the year are now due, and can be either paid at the meeting, or sent to the District Secretary.

W. LATTE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Rothwell on January 30th; Aldwinckle on February 6th; Broughton on the 13th; Higham Ferrers on the 20th; all at 3 o'clock.

F. WILFORD, *General Sec.*

SELBY ABBEY BELL FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged	13	9	6
Mr. F. Atkinson	0	1	0
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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
Bolsterstone	0	10	0
Tong	0	14	0
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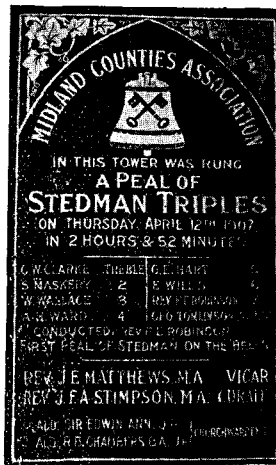
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1909.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Seventh Council will be held at the Church House, Westminster, on Whitsun-Tuesday, June 1st, 1909. Nominations for the Office of President and for that of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, as also Reports of Committees, Notices of Motion, and any other matter should reach me not later than Saturday, May 1st. Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations are earnestly requested to forward the names with full postal address of the elected representatives of their Associations as soon as possible, with a view to the early completion of the official list of the new Council; and in cases where no elections have yet taken place it is sincerely hoped that a meeting of the Association may be speedily summoned for the purpose, or that in any meeting shortly forthcoming this item may not be forgotten in drawing up the agenda. A remittance of 2/6 is due for each representative, the rights of representatives being in abeyance until their quota has been paid.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, Hon. Secretary.

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, January, 1909.
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DEFECTIVE REPORTS.—A peal of Minor rung by members of the Bedfordshire Association has been sent without the name of the place where it was rung at.—A peal of Bob Major rung at Beckington, Somersetshire, has been sent without any conductor being mentioned.

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 KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, December 30, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,***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.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS 2.	THOMAS LANGDON 6.
WILLIAM HEWETT 3.	FREDK. H. HOLDEN.. .. 7.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by F. BENNETT. and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung after meeting short for Cambridge Surprise.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, DEPTFORD.)

*On Thursday, December 31, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

BERT MILLER Treble.	FREDK. W. RICHARDSON .. 5.
VICTOR PAVIOR* 2.	ALBERT E. GODDARD .. 6.
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON.. 3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 7.
HERBERT E. WHITE.. .. 4.	JOSEPH LAW Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

*First peal. Second local peal by the society, but first by the present band, which was re-formed in November, 1903. Rung on the thirty-fourth anniversary of the opening of the bells.

The Provinces.**HUNSTON, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, June 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Being ten 6-scores each of The Fortune, Dream, St. Dunstan, and twelve 6-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

G. BAKER Treble.	G. KINSEY 3.
G. MORLEY 2.	H. MORLEY 4.
H. DAVEY Tenor.	

Conducted by G. BAKER.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, December 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

HENRY STALHAM Treble.	PHILIP ALLFREY 5.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 2.	GEORGE ADES 6.
WILLIAM PALMER 3.	KEITH HART 7.
CHARLES PALMER 4.	JAMES FREEMAN.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, December 10, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

SOLOMON MOULE Treble.	JAMES BENNETT 4.
WALTER BLOOMFIELD .. 2.	JAMES BASON 5.
THOMAS LAPEY 3.	ALAN GARNHAM Tenor.

Conducted by J. BASON.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, December 26, 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 13 cwt.**

WILLIAM LAMBERT Treble.	JOHN R. BREARLEY 5.
DAVID BREARLEY† 2.	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH 6.
EDWARD ROBBINS 3.	*HARRY MOSS 7.
JESSE MOSS.. .. 4.	JOHN FLINT.. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by W. LAMBERT.

*Fiftieth peal. †150th peal. Lists appear elsewhere.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

S. Wolfe belongs to Lincoln, for whom this peal was arranged.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. BACON Treble.	FRANCIS L. BUMPSTEAD .. 5.
WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD .. 2.	JOSEPH BOWELL.. .. 6.
EDGAR H. MERCHANT .. 3.	JOHN HARRINGTON 7.
HERBERT W. BACON.. .. 4.	ALFRED G. RIVERS Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by A. G. RIVERS.

First peal by the ringers of the treble and 4th. First peal on eight bells by the ringer of the 6th; and first peal of Bob Major by the ringer of the 2nd.

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.**STOW AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM BROWN* Treble.	*ROBERT H. BOWEN 4.
ALFRED BACON 2.	OLIVER STAINES 5.
ARTHUR E. PORTER 3.	EDWARD BARKER Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD BARKER.

First peal on the bells. *First peal. The 2nd, 3rd, 5th and tenor ringers are members of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

CAMBRIDGE.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW THE GREAT,****A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt.**

FREDERICK PITSTOW.. .. Treble.	ARTHUR F. JAMES 5.
REV. A. H. BOUGHEY .. 2.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW.. .. 6.
GEORGE JORDAN.. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 7.
WALTER PRIOR 4.	ERNEST PITSTOW Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FREDK. PITSTOW.

This is the first peal rung in the town and University of Cambridge, from which this parent Surprise method takes its name.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

W. J. BARROW Treble.	G. A. TAYLOR 4.
W. BOOTH 2.	A. R. MILES 5.
O. COLLINS 3.	J. LAVENDER Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR R. MILES.

First peal of Doubles by all except the conductor. First peal by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th, and tenor. All are local ringers except the conductor. First peal on the bells.

FYLLINGDALES, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE WELBURN* .. Treble.	*REV. A. J. DE DENNE .. 5.
GEORGE F. ALEXANDER .. 2.	*JOHN W. WILKINSON .. 6.
ARTHUR COATES* .. 3.	*RICHARD DUCK .. 7.
HENRY FERGUSON .. 4.	*JOHN W. LOWTHER .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by G. F. ALEXANDER.

*First peal. †First peal of Major.

EATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 6-scores of Plain Bob and thirty 6-scores of Grandsire.

R. BURTON† .. Treble.	H. SINGLETON .. 3.
G. PERRELL* .. 2.	*W. WALTHAM .. 4.
*T. E. PEARSON .. Tenor.	

Conducted by H. SINGLETON.

*First peal. †First peal on tower bells.

SAMLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG .. Treble.	EDWARD ARMSTRONG .. 5.
ARTHUR BAILEY .. 2.	JAMES ARMSTRONG .. 6.
ROGER MARTIN .. 3.	THOMAS ALMOND .. 7.
JOHN BAILEY .. 4.	RICHARD BROUGHTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. J. ARMSTRONG.

First peal of Triples by all the band, and first peal by all except the ringers of the 3rd, 5th and 6th. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band, all being ringers at the above church.

SLEAFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TEN-PART (No. 6.) Tenor 20 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Treble.	JOHN W. WOOD .. 5.
JOHN T. HOLMES .. 2.	JOHN R. GREEN .. 6.
ARTHUR MACKEARS* .. 3.	JOHN CRAGG .. 7.
FREDERICK W. STOKES .. 4.	WILLIAM TOWNSEND .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

*First peal of Stedman.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

A. WICKS .. Treble.	A. J. REDMOND .. 5.
W. WELLING* .. 2.	*J. PRESTON .. 6.
W. PARKER .. 3.	J. PHILLIPS .. 7.
E. CASSELL* .. 4.	F. RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Composed by F. HOLDEN, and Conducted by F. RICHARDSON.

*First peal of Major.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Treble.	JOHN P. TARTLTON .. 5.
WALTER ALLWOOD .. 2.	SAMUEL WESLEY .. 6.
GEORGE CLARK* .. 3.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 7.
REV. R. P. FARROW .. 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

*First peal of Oxford.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JAMES MOTTS .. Treble.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 5.
DANIEL PRENTICE .. 2.	CHARLES CATCHPOLE .. 6.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 3.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 7.
DAVID COLLINS .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE, and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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.	ARTHUR FREEMAN .. 4.
REUBEN CLIFFORD* .. 2.	EDWARD C. GOBEY .. 5.
JOSEPH HALL .. 3.	THOMAS D. THOMPSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

*First peal of Minor by this Association.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

ALFRED J. TURNER .. Treble.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 5.
WILLIAM C. HART .. 2.	RICHARD STREDWICK .. 6.
WILLIAM PALMER .. 3.	ALBERT D. STONE .. 7.
CHARLES PALMER .. 4.	KEITH HART .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

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SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob, each called differently.

REUBEN CLIFFORD† Treble.	ARTHUR FREEMAN 4.
CECIL J. BAKER* 2.	EDWARD C. GOBEY 5.
JOSEPH HALL 3.	THOMAS D. THOMPSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

*First peal in five methods with a bob bell. †First peal in five methods. Quickest peal on the bells.

WAKEFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY Treble.	GEORGE OLIVER DIXON .. 7.
WILLIAM BURGAR 2.	WILLIAM WOODHEAD .. 8.
WILLIAM LOMAS 3.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 9.
JOHN THORPE 4.	SAM SEED 10.
CLEMENT GLENN 5.	GEORGE HOLMES 11.
JOHN HOLMAN 6.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM LOMAS.

This composition has the 5th nineteen courses, and the 6th eighteen courses in 5ths place at the course-ends. It is the first peal rung on the twelve bells.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours Four and ½ Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ALBERT HOBDEN Treble.	ALBERT REED 5.
HERBERT RANN 2.	WILLIAM JENNER 6.
GEORGE ADES 3.	BENJAMIN HOBBS 7.
HARRY JENNER 4.	THOMAS DEADMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. B. JAMES, and Conducted by H. RANN.

First peal of Triples on the bells.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Treble.	A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 5.
GEORGE PRESTON 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 6.
JOHN S. RUMMING 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	*HARRY BENNETT Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal. First peal on the bells.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUFFOLK.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

RICHARD STREDWICK .. Treble.	CHARLES PALMER 6.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2.	HENRY STALHAM 7.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER 8.
GEORGE N. PRICE 4.	KEITH HART 9.
RICHARD HOATHER 5.	ROBERT J. DAWE Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TOLLOPE, and Conducted by J. S. GOLDSMITH.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 28, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD ROBBINS Treble.	THOMAS RILEY 5.
JOHN FLINT 2.	JESSE J. MOSS 6.
FREDK. R. KETTLEBORO .. 3.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 7.
HARRY MOSS 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

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

GEDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 28, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 6-scores each of Chase, New Doubles, St. Simon's, Stedman's Slow Course, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, and Grandsire.

Tenor about 14 cwt.

GEORGE BLACK* Treble.	WALTER ROBINSON 3.
ARTHUR ROBINSON 2.	MATTHIAS HOBBS 4.
FREDK. J. TITE Tenor.	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

*First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung as a compliment to W. Moore, one of the local band, who has rung at Geddington on Christmas Eve for this last fifty years, and never missed once.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 28, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WILLIAM KEYS* Treble.	*HARRY GROSVENOR 5.
SAMUEL GROVE 2.	GEORGE HITCHMAN 6.
JAMES DOWLER 3.	JOSEPH FIGOTT 7.
JOHN BASS 4.	GEORGE FIGOTT Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JOSEPH FIGOTT.

*First peal in the method. This is J. Dowler's rooth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Thursday, December 31, 1908, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

CHARLES H. CLARKE .. Treble.	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 7.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 2.	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE .. 8.
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Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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On Monday, December 28, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

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CHAS. W. GOODENOUGH .. Treble.	GEORGE PRESTON 5.
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FRANK BENNETT 3.	WALTER APPERLEY 7.
CHARLES FORFITT 4.	BERT KERLEY Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Stedman.

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On Tuesday, December 29, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

ALBERT V. INNES Treble.	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT .. 5.
EDWARD CHAPMAN 2.	HERBERT J. JULIAN 6.
CHARLES W. BIRD 3.	MORRIS A. TURNER 7.
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Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

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On Wednesday, December 30, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt.

HENRY STUBBS Treble.	WALTER GILBERT 5.
FREDERICK STUBBS 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE 6.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT 3.	*RICHARD DUNKLEY 7.
FRANK KIRK 4.	FRED GILBERT Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

*First peal in the method.

Handbell Peals.

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On Tuesday, December 29, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT 10, WELLGATE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN 5-6.
GEORGE LEWIS 3-4.	ALBERT C. FRANKLEY .. 7-8.
GEORGE O. DIXON 9-10.	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—Walter Coates.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PADIHAM (Lancashire).—On Thursday, December 38st, before the midnight service, a date touch of Bob Major in 1 hr. 17 mins. T. Duxbury conductor, E. Parkinson, G. Ainsworth, E. A. Pollard, F. W. Smith, E. G. Pollard, C. Parkinson, R. W. Hargreaves.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DAGENHAM (Essex).—On December 26th, a date touch 720 College Single and 1188 Plain Bob, A. Playle, C. Rochester, E. Hawkins, R. Miles, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor. During the past year 64 720s have been rung, 44 Plain Bob, 4 Kent Treble Bob, 3 Oxford Treble Bob, 4 Double Court, 5 Double Oxford, 4 College Single. Those taking part: J. Dale 38, conducted 30; G. Playle 64, conducted 16; R. Miles 39, conducted 7; A. Chaplin 53, conducted 4; E. Hawkins 49, D. Chaplin 25, A. Playle 22. C. Rochester 39, R. Ward 4, conducted 1, J. Hawkins 9, F. Free-stone 2, J. Dear 10.

LYNESBURY (Hunts).—On Thursday, December 24th, at the parish church, a date touch of Minor in 1 hr. 6 mins., being 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Bob, and 468 of Plain Bob. J. Irons, E. C. Chasty, S. J. Coleman, S. Peck, G. D. Coleman conductor. H. Fields. First date touch by all the band, and on the bells.

KENDAL.—On Tuesday, January 12th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins. R. Dennison, J. Salmon, W. Atkinson conductor, J. Braithwaite, F. Martindale, B. Walker, T. P. Jackson, J. Salmon.

Miscellaneous

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHITCHURCH (Hants).—On Thursday, December 17th, 1908, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. Wm. Leavey, Miss A. White, W. Hunt, O. Smart, J. E. Ballard, H. White conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Harry Leavey (brother of the ringer of the treble), of Basingstoke, and Miss Ellen Field, of Freefolk, which took place at the latter place on the same day. Also some 120s of Grandsire Doubles, with Mr. Bennett and two or three others of the local band taking part.

NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On Sunday, August 30th, 730 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Valentine. W. Rowe, C. Fray, W. H. George. W. Rowe, sen., W. Tucker conductor. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Tucker, W. Rowe, C. Fray, W. H. George, W. Rowe, sen., C. Valentine conductor. On Thursday, September 3rd, 720 Violet. W. Tucker, C. Valentine, C. Fray, A. Marks, W. Rowe, G. Williams conductor. On Sunday, September 27th, 720 Double Court. E. Mundy, G. Williams conductor, C. Fray, W. H. George, W. Rowe, W. Tucker. On Sunday, October 4th, 360 Oxford Bob. E. Mundy, W. Tucker, C. Fray, W. H. George, W. Rowe. C. Valentine conductor. On Thursday, October 22nd, 240 London London Scholars. E. Dumper, A. Marks. C. Fray, W. H. George, H. Wilkes, W. Tucker conductor. On Sunday, October 25th, 360 Double Court. E. Mundy, A. Marks, C. Fray, W. H. George, W. Rowe, W. Tucker.

YATELEY (Hants).—On Sunday, November 8th, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Butler, C. Hilton, H. Tice, W. Horne, S. Riddell, P. Hagley, G. Bunch conductor, A. Hearmon. On Thursday, November 19th, in honour of the birthday of A. Hearmon, 360 Grandsire Minor. G. Butler, G. Bunch, W. Horne, H. Tice, F. Hagley, S. Riddell conductor. On Sunday, December 20th, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Butler, S. Riddell, W. G. Bunch, H. Tice, G. Bunch, F. Hagley conductor, J. R. Bunch, B. Bunch. On Christmas Day 518 Grandsire Triples. B. Bunch, G. Butler, W. G. Bunch, S. Riddell conductor, H. Tice, F. Hagley, W. Horne, A. Hearmon.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DAONHAM (Essex).—On December 20th, 720 Plain Bob. D. Chaplin, A. Playle, E. Hawkins, A. Chaplin conductor, G. Playle, R. Miles,

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT BOLSTERSTONE.—D. Brearley's 150 Peals.—Seven Treble Bob Minor peals 12, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples 3; Caters 1; Stedman Triples 6; Caters 3; Bob Major 35, conducted 26; Royal 1; College Single Major 10, conducted 10; Kent Major 35, conducted 11; Royal 6; Maximus 3; Oxford Major 3; Royal 2; Double Norwich Major 11; Royal 3; Superlative 5; Yorkshire 7; Peterborough 2; London 2. Total—150; conducted 48. One of the Bob Major peals was on handbells; and one was 10,464. Kent Major peals included a 11,232; Double Norwich included a 7296.

THE PEAL AT HARBORNE.—J. Dowler's 100 Peals.—Grandsire Doubles, 1; Triples 11, conducted 2; Caters 2; Stedman Triples 24; Caters 1; Kent Major 16, conducted 3; Oxford 2; Double Norwich 12; Double Oxford 1; Forward 1; For-

ward Royal 1; Kent 1; Duffield Major 1; Bob Major 4; Superlative 8; Cambridge 5; London 9. Total—100; conducted 5.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRIDGEND.—On Sunday evening, November 8th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Evans, A. J. Stanley, T. J. Evans, R. Evans, R. James, J. Cox, G. Roberts conductor, D. Powell.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On November 11th, at the parish church, 420 Grandsire Triples. C. Mayo, A. Mann, H. Channell, J. Beams conductor, T. Self, A. Shrubbs, A. E. Bassett, F. Coldman. 336 Oxford Bob Triples. C. Mayo, J. Beams, T.

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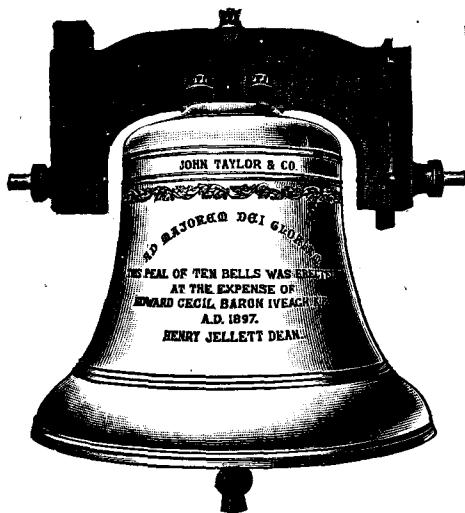
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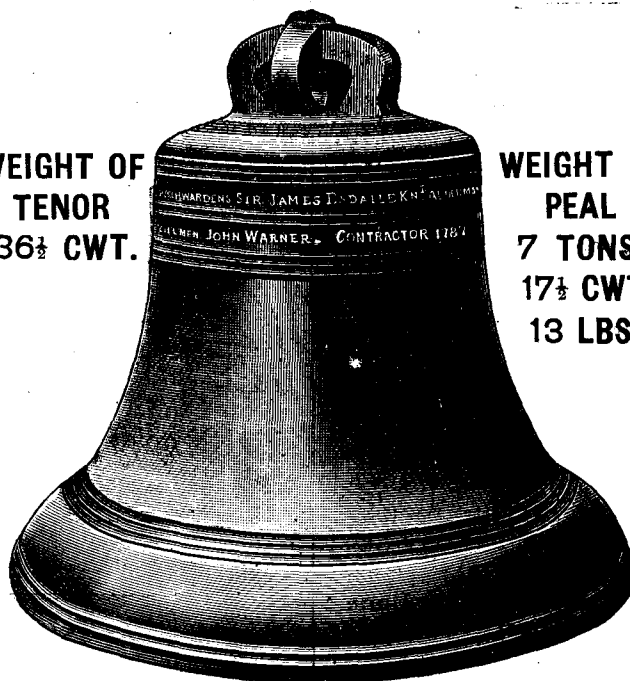
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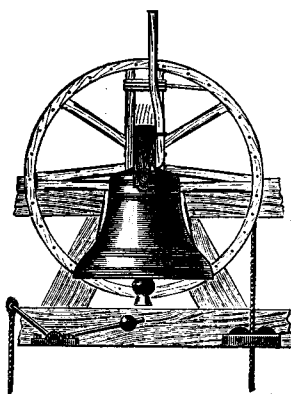
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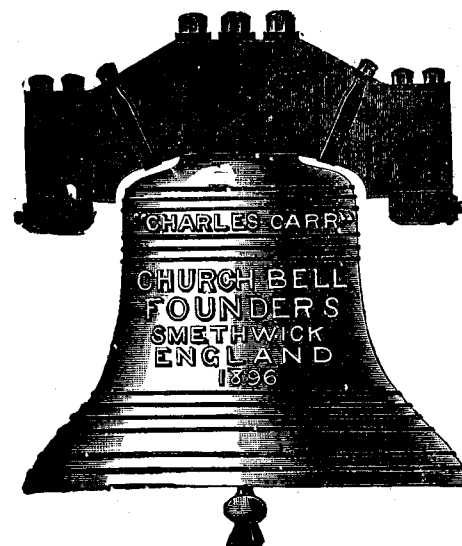
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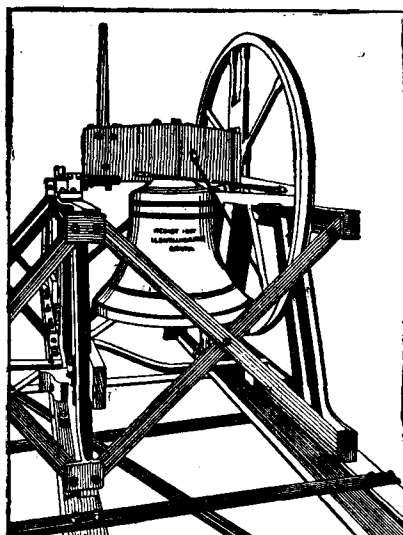
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AN EXTRA BELL FOR ST. PETER MANCROFT, NORWICH.

Norwich has for years past been very badly off as regards its bells. With the exception of the heavy ring of 12 at St. Peter Mancroft, and the light 8 at St. John-de-Sepulchre, every other ring is practically out of order, and there seems no probability of thorough restoration work being undertaken in the near future at any of these towers which comprise one ring of 10, three rings of 8, four of 6, &c.

For 8-bell practice at St. Peter's the only choice lies between the "back 8," tenor 43 cwt.—hardly a convenient weight for young ringers—or the unmusical "middle 8," whose sound is alike irritating to those performing on them, and to those who hear the bells outside. Complaints have actually been made in the local papers of their "false note."

A determined effort is, however, being made by the enterprising voluntary ringers of St. Peter Mancroft to add an extra bell to the existing 12, and thus to make a perfect octave of the "middle 8." Norwich will then be the better off by a really fine ring of 8, tenor 19 cwt., an advantage which ringing visitors should much appreciate.

Many friends of ringing have already given their support to the fund which has been started, and it is evident how many and how generous the friends of St. Peter Mancroft are. It is estimated that about £115 will be wanted to provide the new bell, frame and fittings. The following are the subscriptions which have already been paid or promised:

	£	s.	d.
The Mayor of Norwich (Mr. E. G. Buxton) ...	1	1	0
The Sheriff of Norwich (Mr. F. G. Chamberlin) ...	0	10	6
Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield ...	1	1	0
Mr. J. Sarcroft Holmes, Gaudy Hall, President Norwich Diocesan Association ...	2	2	0
Mr. William Snowdon, Leeds, President Yorkshire Association ...	0	10	6
Mr. John Dodson, Norwich ...	1	1	0
The Rev. F. J. Meyrick ...	1	1	0
Mr. Wallace H. King ...	2	2	0
Mr. B. Knyvet Wilson ...	0	10	6
The St. Peter Mancroft Ringers' Guild ...	10	10	0
Mr. George P. Burton ...	1	1	0
Mr. D. O. Holme ...	1	1	0
Mr. Charles E. Borrett ...	0	10	6
Mr. John E. Burton ...	1	1	0
Mr. H. J. Borrett ...	0	10	6
Mr. George Harvey ...	0	10	0
The Rev. E. J. Crosby ...	0	5	0
Mr. Fredk. Saunders, Eton ...	0	5	0
The Rev. E. C. Hopper, Starston ...	0	10	6
The Rev. Wm. C. Pearson, Henley ...	0	10	6
Mr. J. A. Trollope, Ealing ...	0	5	0
Mr. W. J. Nevard, Gt. Bentley ...	0	10	6
The Rev. C. F. Blyth, Rickingham ...	0	10	0
Mr. E. Poppy, Eye ...	0	2	6
The Rev. C. L. Kennaway, Garboldisham ...	1	1	0
Mr. A. G. Berry, Wembley ...	0	10	6

Mr. W. R. Rudd, Thorpe ...	0	5	0
The St. John-de-Sepulchre Church Council and Ringers ...	2	2	0
The Beccles Company of Ringers, per Mr. Hopson ...	0	10	0
The Thetford Company of Ringers, per Mr. FitzJohn ...	0	3	6
Mr. R. H. Hayward, Marlesford ...	0	10	6
Mr. James George, Rugby ...	0	2	0
Miss Pestell, Stalham ...	0	5	0
The Rev. E. C. J. Bowen, Stoke Ash ...	0	5	0
Mr. Arthur Hubbard, Fulham ...	1	1	0
Messrs. J. and J. Colman, Norwich ...	1	1	0
Messrs. Steward and Patteson, Norwich ...	1	1	0
Messrs. Youngs, Crawshay and Youngs, Norwich ...	0	10	6
Messrs. Johnson, Burton, and Theobald, Norwich ...	0	10	6
Messrs. D. Hurn and Sons, Norwich ...	0	10	6
Total to date £40 (approximately).			

A copy of the appeal which has been issued, and which gives details of the scheme and of the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, will be sent on application being made to any one of the honorary secretaries of the Extra Bell Fund:—Mr. Geo. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road, Norwich; Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich; Mr. Chas. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street, Norwich.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A quarterly meeting of the above society was held at the old church, Smethwick, on Saturday, January 9th, and a good representative meeting it proved to be.

Ringing in various methods proceeded during the afternoon, when a short service was held in the church. The Vicar, Rev. Canon G. Astbury, read the prayers, and the Rev. Litling gave a helpful address, part of which constituted advice to ringers generally (especially those present) becoming members of the Church of England Men's Society. The rev. gentleman pointed out what a valuable asset such a body of men would be to the Church if they could only be induced to join hands. He asked those present to do what they could in their several parishes to form branches of the same, and where such branches already existed to do what they could in helping to strengthen them.

An adjournment was made to the parish room, where a very acceptable tea was provided by the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Astbury. They, together with the assistance of their son and two daughters, and that of the Rev. — Litling, did what they could to satisfy the wants of the hungry, who numbered over fifty. Scarcely necessary to remark, great advantage was taken of their kind hospitality. Tea over, a vote of thanks was passed to the rev. Canon and his good lady, to which he genially replied. A vote of thanks to the Rev. — Litling for his address brought forth a reply, in which he gave amusement by relating his experiences in manipulating the rope.

Ringing was again in evidence, when touches were rung of the standard methods, Superlative and Double Norwich.

Peal-Boards made by JAMES HUNT, Change Ringer, of 19, Dapdune Road, Gillingham, sent with great favour.

BRIGHTWELL, BUCKS.

At the decease of the late Rector of the above parish, it was decided that as a memorial to him, the ring of six bells should be rehung in a new frame, and the tenor recast. Mears and Stainbank have recast the tenor, which is dedicated to the memory of the late Rector, and the entire ring have been well rehung by Webb and Bennett, of Kidlington, Oxon.

On Saturday, January 9th, six members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild visited the parish, and rang 720 Grandsire Doubles, 480 Bob Doubles, and 720 Bob Minor, the band for the last being—G. Higgs, J. Wedge, R. G. Rice, G. Parsons, J. Aberio, J. Bower conductor. The weight of the tenor is about 10 cwt., and the "go" is now excellent.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Halesworth on Thursday, January 14th, and proved a gathering of an exceedingly genial and encouraging character. By kind permission of the authorities, the bells of the parish church, and also those at Wenhamston, Wissett, and Chediston were available throughout the day, and were largely used by the visitors.

Fifty-eight members assembled at The Swan hotel at 1.30 p.m. for dinner, under the chairmanship (in the unavoidable absence of the Rector of Halesworth), of the Rev. W. N. Matthews, Vicar of Thorington. Amongst those present were the Rev. E. C. J. Bowen, the Misses Stanford and Leach, Mr. A. E. Smith (chairman of the District Council, Messrs. E. Hopson, D. Hayward, J. Motts, Fenton Thompson, and F. C. Lambert (District Secretaries), and C. E. Borrett (Secretary), and a very representative muster of members from twenty-four towers in union.

The toasts of "The King," and "Success to the Association," were proposed by the chairman, and cordially received, and the Secretary, in responding to the latter, gave a few particulars of the splendid peal performances of the year just closed. On all numbers of bells, from Doubles to Maximus, 128 peals had been rung, the most notable of course being the peals of Cambridge Royal and Maximus scored by the Ipswich band. It was difficult to express the admiration all must have for the brilliant achievements of that talented company. To score peals on 8, 10, or twelve bells in seven different methods—Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge—was a record indeed!

A word of appreciation was also given for the enthusiastic work by the Secretary for the Halesworth District—Mr. F. C. Lambert—who had done so much to foster the art of change-ringing in the neighbourhood.

Mr. Micklewright proposed "The Ladies," and the election of thirty-four new members brought the business meeting to a close.

BARNET (Herts).—On Sunday, November 8th, for morning service, at church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal Cambridge Surprise Major, 1344 changes, in 45 mins. A. R. Glasscock, F. G. Tegg, N. A. Tomlinson, J. Armstrong, H. Miller, W. Pickworth, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor. First quarter-peal in this method on the bells.

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

A united practice and business meeting of the above was held on Saturday, January 9th, at the parish church of St. Luke, Chelsea, S.W. Members attended from the parishes of Clapham, Chelsea, Deptford, Ealing, Fulham, Hammersmith, Holloway, Isleworth, Islington, Lee, Southwark, and Willesden. The bells were raised in the afternoon, and touches were rung in different methods till evensong, held at 6.30, which lasted half-an-hour. The bells were again set going in touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Double Norwich, etc., till 8.30 p.m., when the business took place in the tower, no other room being available.

The Master (Mr. W. G. Matthews) presided, supported by a fairly good number of members. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and signed, Messrs. John B. Hessey (Chertsey), and W. Cook (Barnes), were ratified as members, they having previously taken part in a peal. Several financial matters were disposed of, and questions were asked why it was not possible to hold more meetings of this kind. In reply, the officers said it was difficult to obtain the necessary permission, but it was hoped more would be held in the future.

It was announced that the Annual Meeting would take place on Saturday, February 13th, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, of which further particulars would be announced by notice, and in "THE BELL NEWS." This brought the proceedings to a close, after a most successful meeting.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 24th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, Penge, the Rev. W. Smyly, Vicar, on the re-opening of the bells after undergoing thorough repair, in his few encouraging remarks thanked the ringers for their past services in church work, and wishing them every success in their future ringing, hoping they would all have a very prosperous New Year. He closed with prayer, when a 720 of Bob Minor was rung.

The work of repairing and rehangng the bells were carried out by Messrs. Warner, whose efforts have been most satisfactory, the bells going well. The bells were first hung by Messrs. Warner in 1875.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT BARTHOMLEY (Cheshire).—This peal was rung to celebrate the Rector's (Rev. G. W. Skene, M.A.) 64th birthday, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. Before the peal was commenced, a marbette peal-board was unveiled by Miss Skene, to commemorate the opening of the peal of eight bells, and this ringing of the first peal on the bells, which took place on September 25th, 1908, which date also fell on a Friday. The tablet was kindly given by the Rector.

THE PEAL AT DORE.—J. Holman's 100 Peals.—Bob Major 5; Grandsire Triples 9; Major 1; Caters 1; Treble Bob Major 17; Royal 7; Maximus 5; Stedman Triples 14; Caters 11; Cinques 11; Forward Major 1; Double Norwich 7; Superlative 7; London 3. On handbells—Grandsire Triples 1. Total, 100. Rung in forty-two towers in twelve counties.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—F. G. Burleigh has removed to Dudley Road, Tivdale, Tipton, Staffordshire.

APPLES.—GOOD COOKING, DESSERT, hand-picked. 1d. and 1½d. per lb.; f.o.r.—Order early.—LONGNEY, Stoke Lacy, Worcester.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Seventh Council will be held at the Church House, Westminster, on Whitsun-Tuesday, June 1st, 1909. Nominations for the Office of President and for that of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, as also Reports of Committees, Notices of Motion, and any other matter should reach me not later than Saturday, May 1st. Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations are earnestly requested to forward the names with full postal address of the elected representatives of their Associations as soon as possible, with a view to the early completion of the official list of the new Council; and in cases where no elections have yet taken place it is sincerely hoped that a meeting of the Association may be speedily summoned for the purpose, or that in any meeting shortly forthcoming this item may not be forgotten in drawing up the agenda. A remittance of 2/6 is due for each representative, the rights of representatives being in abeyance until their quota has been paid.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Secretary.*
Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, January, 1909.
 (Money Order Office—Frampton-on-Severn.)

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."

CATINSTOCK BELLS.

SIR,—Your correspondent, Mr. Fred. Gilbert, will find all the information he wants in "The Church Bells of Dorset," by the late Canon Raven, pp. 49 and 159. The tower contains a set of 35 bells, eight of which form the peal, and the rest are carillons. They were cast by Severin van Aerschodt and Son, of Louvain. The tenor of the peal weighs 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 3 lbs., note E, the treble 2 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs., and the smallest carillon bell 23 lbs. It will be seen that the weight of the treble is out of all reasonable proportion, as is always the case with bells cast by continental carillon founders, who know nothing of the requirements of ringers.

I may add that the inscriptions on the peal, given on p. 49, are reversed; that assigned to the treble should be the tenor, and the rest in like manner. They should be taken backwards to be correct.

THANKS.

SIR,—I should like, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank very much, on behalf of my wife and myself, all my ringing friends, especially those whom I have not had the opportunity of thanking personally, who have so kindly subscribed to the two nice presents I have received from members of the Exercise on the occasion of my recent marriage.

St Mary Cray, Kent

ISAAC EMERY.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Thursday, January 14th, 1909, at the church of All Saints, Boyne Hill, the following was rung with the bells half muffled, out of respect to the late Hon. M. Eden, a member of the above guild, and a very liberal supporter of the above church, who was buried at All Saints church that day:—a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, 1280 changes in 48 mins. Albert Walker, Percy W. Witham, George Martin conductor, Herbert Cox, Charles Smith, Arthur Walker, Thomas Price, Jesse Eldridge. Afterwards the usual whole pull and stand, seventy-two times.

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THE ROYSTON (HERTS.) SOCIETY.

During the year 1908 the members of this society rang 5-score 720s in 23 methods. This is the greatest number of members rung by any minor band in the county in one year, and was composed as follows:—13 Surprise, 49 Treble Bob, and 38 in Plain methods. The following is the complete list:—Cambridge Surprise 9, Superlative Surprise 3, Primrose Surprise 1, City Delight 2, College Pleasure 1, College Exercise 1, London Scholars Pleasure 4, Violet 5, Duke of York 6, New London Pleasure 3, Woodbine 9, Oxford Delight 4, Kent 6, Oxford 8, Double Court 5, Double Oxford 3, Single Court 3, Canterbury Pleasure 2, College Single 10, Oxford Bob 7, Grandsire 2, Double Bob 2, Plain Bob 4—total 100. The above were rung by the following members and friends:—R. King 99 (conducted 43), A. Wilkerson 95 (conducted 42), R. Wilkerson 87, A. Gilbert 86, E. Bonnett 86 (conducted 4), W. Darlow 65 (conducted 11), H. Wilkerson 53, S. Roberts 24, Messrs. H. and W. J. Croft 3 each.

Obituary.

THE REV. H. T. SLODDEN.

The death of the Rev. H. T. Slodden, of Worksop, came as a painful surprise to the ringers of the North Notts. Association. The deceased gentleman, in the midst of his many duties, was a keen supporter and took a great interest in the art of change-ringing, and was one of the founders of this Association in the year 1886, holding the office of Secretary many years, and vice-president after his resignation in 1894. The quarterly and annual meetings were invariably honoured by his presence, and he always spoke kind and encouraging words to a band of strangers, and was ever ready to place at their disposal the bells of his own parish church. As late as Dec. 23rd, when it was known his illness was very grave, and the ringers had orders not to ring, his dying wish was to hear the sound of the bells he loved so dearly, and accordingly the ringers were got together and a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes) was rung by the following (and his wish gratified): C. Watkinson, H. Marshall, B. Ball, T. Bartholomew, H. Haigh conductor, G. Watkinson, W. Marshall, and T. Thorpe. I am told that to his last the Vicar liked to hear the bells of his church, nor is it to be wondered at, for he loved their sound at all times, and was wont to show that he liked their sound. Once I learned how pleased he was when one Christmas time some years ago children came to the dyor singing—

"And all the bells in Heaven shall ring
 On Christmas Day in the morning."

He told me that perhaps there would be bell-ringing in that place, and he seemed to imply, "If not, why not?"

The deceased gentleman passed peacefully away at 1.30 on January 2nd after hearing the bells usher in the New Year, and the muffled bells on Sunday, January 3rd, told out the sad tidings that the North Notts. Association had lost one of its most loyal and faithful supporters, and the following touches were rung for morning and evening service as a mark of condolence and tribute of respect to his memory:—640 Kent Treble Bob and 1376 of same by the following—C. Watkinson, H. Haigh conductor, B. Ball, T. Bartholomew, W. Marshall, G. Watkinson, C. Heeley, H. Marshall. The interment took place at Brookwood Cemetery, Woking, on Wednesday, 6th inst., when the committal portion of the service was said by Canon Massey. The Vicar was buried in the grave of his mother, Mrs. Charlotte Slodden, who died in the year 1886. Muffled peals were also rung on the Shireoaks and South Anston bells as a sorrowful tribute of respect and esteem for the deceased. H. H.

A NEW HYMN FOR RINGERS' FESTIVALS.—Words by Rev. H. C. WILDER. Music by Rev. J. H. MATTHEWS.

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A VETERAN'S RECORD.

On another page will be found a report of a peal just rung at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, London, in which Mr. MATTHEW A. WOOD, now in his eighty-third year, took part. The following account of the performances of this distinguished ringer will be of interest. His peal list is:

	Rung	Conducted
Grandsire Triples (1 non-conducted)	101	41
Grandsire Triples on Handbells ...	4	
Stedman Triples ...	83	11
Stedman Triples on handbells (one being non-conducted, the first ever rung ...)	2	
Grandsire Major ...	5	
Kent Treble Bob Major ...	55	6
Double Norwich Court Bob Major...	3	
Superlative Surprise Major...	2	
London Surprise Major ...	2	
Cambridge Surprise Major ...	1	
Grandsire Caters ...	10	1
Stedman Caters ...	47	
Stedman Caters on handbells (one being the first ever rung) ...	1	
Grandsire Royal ...	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Royal ...	1	
Kent Treble Bob Royal ...	19	2
Grandsire Cinques ...	1	
Stedman Cinques ...	25	
Stedman Cinques on handbells (one being the first ever rung) ...	2	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus ...	12	
	380	

These peals have been rung in eighty-five different towers, and with 355 different men. Mr. Wood rang his first peal on February 18th, 1846, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. This was Grandsire Triples, conducted by the late George Stockham. He has also rung a peal on every ring of twelve in London, and has rung every bell from the treble to the tenor in a ring of twelve, to a peal. He was the first man who rung the tenor to a peal of Maximus, at the same time calling it, this performance taking place at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on March 17th, 1866. He also took part in the long peals of Stedman Cinques (8050 changes) at St. Michael's, Cornhill 7524 changes at St. Giles's, Cripplegate, and the 15,840 of Treble Bob Major at Bethnal Green.

Mr. Wood's father was steeplekeeper at Bethnal Green for fourteen years, and his grandfather, who took part in the 10200 of Oxford Treble Bob Royal at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, in 1777, was steeplekeeper at Bethnal Green from 1752 to 1784.

Mr. Wood has rung 144 peals at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green. In the year 1851, at Christ Church, Spitalfields, a local builder offered £5 to the ringers if they would ring a peal of Grandsire Triples non-conducted at the first attempt. This was done, Mr. Wood ringing the 7th.

Our old friend is, we think, the oldest member of the Exercise who can still stand in a 5000. He still keeps up his attendance at the City meetings, and takes his place in Stedman Cinques as well as ever.

THE DOINGS OF THE "MAD BAND."

In accordance with recent custom, quite an interesting event took place in South Yorkshire on Tuesday, December 29th, where, at the invitation of "the captain," the available members of what is termed locally as the "mad band" and a few friends met for a supper and social evening, just by way of a change from the ordinary routine of peal ringing, and need it be said that all proved loyal and equal to this occasion as all others.

True to time all arrived at the usual rendezvous; but, lo and behold, our gallant captain gave the order for a peal of Caters

on hand, intimating he would not eat his supper without doing some deed of valour, and, rather than rouse his ire, four noble followers (real mad this time), with thoughts of the good things to follow, put on a brave front and assisted him to reel off "another," just to satisfy his—what would you call it, ambition, craving, or appetite. It was rather irksome work, forcing a march on an empty stomach, but our captain, with strenuous efforts and a noble example, kept us up to concert pitch until the goal was safely landed, and victory "number one" was ours.

Time, however, would not permit us to taste of the usual fruits (or juices) of victory, so we wended our way to "one house of refuge" to find savoury joints done to a turn, and hostess "Jackets," with her accustomed courtesy and welcome smile (one that won't wear off at that), anxiously waiting to reward us for this deed of valour done. Grace having been said, we set to with a will, and soon polished off that lovely chicken (it was not from Bermondsey, the writer can vouch for that) as well as knocking a hole in one or two other good things, washing the same down with a draught of the good old "bevy," which was followed up with the inevitable "dumpling and dip" to fill all vacant cracks up. Never was a heartier supper partaken of, nor with such jolly company, and every credit is due to our hostess and assistants for the admirable manner in which it was served. Thus we claimed victory "number two."

To enable a clearance to be made for the next encounter, a short visit was made to one "William, The Cleaver," to regale him with some Grandsire Triples and Caters, much to his delight, and to drink his health with all good wishes for the coming year. Returning with a firm resolve to do the "hat trick" we laid ourselves out to uphold our reputation and honour both in name and deed.

Commencing with the usual toast the fun waxed fast and furious, "the captain" showing the way. After the usual compliments to one another, special toasts were given to the "Mad Band," Fanatical Gluttons," and "—s Bijou Troupe," and all satirical remarks (good humoured though they be) were washed down with gusto.

The time had now arrived when we deemed it becoming to transform ourselves for the time being, and live up to the latter title bestowed upon us, and we set about it right merrily. Unfortunately, no accomplished musician was amongst the company (nor instrument either, as a matter of fact), but someone unearthed a small mouth-organ from the depths of his capacious pocket, and, not to be outdone, our versatile captain soon learned the scale and the "pom pom" notes, so that in a very short time he was able to play the orchestra to all and sundry; neither would he be content until he had given us the "Hallelujah chorus," and selections from the opera all on his own.

Carols, glees, and songs followed one another in quick succession, and so the time went rolling on, until some (only some) suggested home. Here again our worthy captain was in evidence, as he volunteered to see them safe home, and accompanied by (never mind whom, for herein hangs a tale) he shortly returned with, it is said, some knowledge of astronomy.

Again the harmony was renewed with vigour, until at last our noble captain, weary but not sad, fell asleep in the arms of Morpheus was it? to leave the remnants of this gallant band to devour the remaining spoils of the fray. Thus was victory "number three" duly accomplished, which ended one of those glorious deeds so beloved by Yorkshiremen during the festive season.

All have been heard of since, with the exception of one who travelled some distance, and it would be interesting to know if he met "that charming young widow in the train." One may conjecture from whence these good things cometh, but don't be too inquisitive is the tip of

BOB MAJOR.

LANGLEY (Bucks).—At the church of St. Mary, on Sunday, December 20th, and Monday, 21st, 1908, a half-muffled peal as a mark of respect to the late Rev. J. P. Jones. H. Joys, E. Essen, W. Essen, W. Keen, G. Essen conductor. Tenor 20 cwt.

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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 25th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th; St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on the 28th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 28th; all at 8 p.m.

The subscription of rs. 8d. which entitles members who have not met twenty times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due, and should be paid before February 28th.

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

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The eighty-fifth Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 13th, at St. Margaret's, Westminster. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 to 5 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30 at The Princes Head, Princes Street, opposite the Abbey. Ringers attending to ring till 5 p.m. are requested to be there not later than 4 p.m. sharp, as the church doors will then be closed. T. H. TAFFENDEB, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill.

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bolton, Bradford, to-day, Saturday, January 23rd. Service in St. James's church at 4 p.m. For full particulars see Association circular.

CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*
40, Percy Street, Rotherham.

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Harlow Common to-day Saturday, January 23rd. The bells of St. Mary Magdalene will be available all day.

JOHN F. PENNING, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby Branch.—The next district meeting of this Association will be held at Alvaston, near Derby, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Ringing from 2 till 5 p.m. The bells of St. Andrew's, Derby, will also be open to visitors in the evening from 7 till 9 p.m. The election of officers for the ensuing year will take place at this meeting, therefore it is hoped that all members will endeavour to attend.

A. H. WARD, *Dis. Sec.*
168, Normanton Road, Derby.

The Warwickshire Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth to-day, Saturday, January 23rd. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 5.30 p.m.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*
1, Bilton Road, Rugby.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, January 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest will take place at Lightcliffe parish church on Saturday, January 30th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at

6d. each for those who order from me by January 23th. J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*
302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nether-ton on Saturday, January 30th. Service, with address by the Vicar (Rev. S. J. Marriott), will be held in the church at 4.15 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided free for those sending me their names before Wednesday, January 27th.

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

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Birmingham on Saturday, January 30th. The bells at the parish church, Aston, and at Bishop Ryder's church will be open from 2 p.m., and at St. Martin's from 3.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.45. Tea (rs. 3d. each), at 5.30 both in the Bull Street cafe. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. Godden, 61, Roland Road, Handsworth, not later than the previous Thursday. The Hon. Secretary has received notice that the following alteration of Rule 14 will be proposed, viz. to substitute "annual meeting" for "third quarterly meeting".

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

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the North and West District of the above Association will be held at St. Saviour's, Waltham-stow, on Saturday, January 30th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Siddons. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m., and the Hon. Secretary will arrange for a plain tea in the Parish Room on the usual terms, if members will kindly notify their intention to be present. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1909 are now due.

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

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The members of this society will hold their next quarterly meeting at the church of St. Thomas, Pendleton, on Saturday, January 30th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers invited. CHAS BOWERS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Leeds and Districts Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, January 30th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Refreshments at The Royal hotel. Business meeting at 7.30.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bromley on Saturday, January 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. Donald Tait (Vicar), at 5.30 p.m. The Vicar has kindly promised to provide tea at the Parish Room for those who send me their names by Wednesday, January 27th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, January 30th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5.30, followed by General Meeting in the Parish Room, North Street. All members intending to be present at tea must notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday,

January 27th. Subscriptions for the year are now due, and can be either paid at the meeting, or sent to the District Secretary.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Staines on Saturday, January 30th. The bells of St. Mary's will be available for a short time from 4 o'clock, and those of St. Peter's from 6 o'clock. Will members please note that subscriptions for 1909 are now due? To facilitate the distribution of annual reports unattached members would greatly oblige by forwarding their addresses to

H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*
Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Titchfield on Saturday, January 30th. Bells available at 2.30. Tea at parish room at 5. Short service at 6. Members requiring tea kindly inform me by the 26th.

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

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Farnham Royal on Saturday, February 6th. Service in church 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Bells of Burnham, Slough, Stoke Poges, and Farnham Royal, open to members after 2 p.m. Motors leave Slough Station for Farnham Royal at 1.15, 3.25, and 5.35. Return 6.25 and 7.55. All coming should send names to

Farnham Royal, Slough J. J. PARKER.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Ware on February 6th. The bells will be ready at 3.30. Tea at 5.30, with a business meeting after. All members and friends will be heartily welcome.

W. H. LAWRENCE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
Little Munden.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Whittlesford on Saturday afternoon, February 6th. Tea at 5 o'clock.

P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Rothwell on January 30th; Aldwinckle on February 6th; Boughton on the 13th; Higham Ferrers on the 20th; all at 3 o'clock.

F. WILFORD, *General Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, February 6th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea at 5.30 at The White Lion. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. J. Cawdell, White Horse Street, Baldock, by Thursday, February 4th.

J. F. FOSTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
82, Grove Road, Hitchin.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherfield (eight bells) on Saturday, February 13th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector, Rev. F. W. Champneys, M.A. Members wishing to be present at tea must let me know by February 9th. Trains from Eastbourne 12.40, Polegate 12.51, Hastings 11.50, arrive Rotherfield 1.44.

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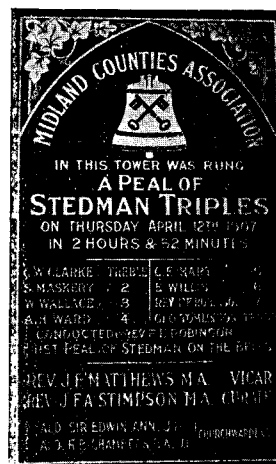
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It is a wonder that such an addition to the St. Peter's Mancroft bells has not been thought of before this. But now it is taken in hand, we think it imperative that it should be completed at the earliest possible moment. All bell-lovers, all good ringers anxious for bell-extension, especially those who fondly admire the celebrated Norwich peal, should help this movement with zeal and pleasure. It is a sacred work to be employed in. The three gentlemen named on another page will be glad to receive the smallest contribution towards it, and all sums so received will be acknowledged in this paper.

The Metropolis.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, January 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.****Tenor 25 cwt.**

ALBERT W. COLES Treble.	REUBEN SANDERS 6.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	SGT. MAJOR A. PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH 8.
JOHN J. LAMB 4.	JAMES GEORGE 9.
SAMUEL J. BIRD 5.	FRED WILFORD Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Sanders, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.*On Saturday, January 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****HOLT'S TEN-PART.****Tenor 14 cwt.**

G. DORRINGTON Treble.	MATTHEW A. WOOD 5.
A. HUGHES 2.	HUGH HILLS 6.
A. HUGHES, JUN. 3.	S. E. JOYCE 7.
D. F. GIBBONS 4.	C. KENNEDY Tenor.

Conducted by A. HUGHES, JUN.

Rung to celebrate M. A. Wood's eightieth year of residence in Church Row, and sixty-sixth year as steeplekeeper at the above church, Mr. Wood now being in his eighty-third year.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.*On Saturday, January 16, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.****Tenor 14 cwt.**

ARTHUR W. CUTMORE .. Treble.	ERNEST G. STIBBONS .. 5.
ALBERT V. SELBY 2.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 6.
HENRY S. ELLIS 3.	JAMES R. MACKMAN .. 7.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 4.	ALBERT B. PECK .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and

Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

For figures see "BELL NEWS" for June 4th. 1954.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, January 16, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, COLEMAN STREET,****A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,****5024 CHANGES.****Tenor 14 cwt.**

JAMES GEORGE Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	JOHN ARMSTRONG 7.
CHARLES T. COLES 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method.

J. MORGAN.—If you will send a stamped addressed envelope you can receive a reply.

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The Provinces.**ELSTOW, BEDS.****THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, December 17, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**Being 720 each of Woodbise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. **Tenor 8½ cwt.**

HARRY G. WELHAM .. Treble.	JOHN W. BARKER 4.
CHARLES CBASTY 2.	FRANK WEBB 5.
HERBERT L. HARLOW .. 3.	HARRY TYSOE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

Rung after the dedication and thanksgiving services held on that day.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.**THE CHESHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Friday, December 25, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****REEVES'S VARIATION.****Tenor 14 cwt. in E.**

JOHN BRASSINGTON* .. Treble.	WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT .. 5.
ARTHUR ALLMAN 2.	JAMES HENRY RIDING .. 6.
GEORGE KENNERLEY† .. 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. 7.
THOMAS CARTWRIGHT .. 4.	JOHN BAXTER Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD THOMAS HOLDING.

*First peal. †First peal away from the treble. Further reference elsewhere.

WORTLEY, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)***On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.****Tenor 12½ cwt.**

DAVID BREARLEY† .. Treble.	HARRY MOSS 5.
SAMUEL HARRISON* .. 2.	JOHN FLINT 6.
EDWARD ROBBINS 3.	*JOHN R. BREARLEY .. 7.
JESSE MOSS 4.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

*First peal of Double Norwich. †First peal of Double Norwich as conductor. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

OLD WOLVERTON, BUCKS.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)***On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;****Tenor 14½ cwt.**

E. PURSER* Treble.	W. E. BULL 4.
C. BEAL* 2.	*E. BECKETT 5.
W. BEAL 3.	*H. CLARK Tenor.

Conducted by W. BEAL.

*First peal. First peal as conductor; also on the bells by the local band.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.****(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)***On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob. **Tenor 13 cwt.**

GEORGE H. SENTENCE .. Treble.	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE .. 4.
HENRY CUNNINGTON .. 2.	ARTHUR J. HOLMES .. 5.
JOHN W. LAKE 3.	CHARLES NEAVEYSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WM. LAKE.

BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, December 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 10.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. Treble	THOMAS WALLWORK .. 5.
THOMAS PEERS .. 2.	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. 6.
ROBERT WALLWORK .. 3.	JAMES H. RIDYARD .. 7.
WALTER HENSHALL* .. 4.	WILLIAM PENNINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES H. RIDYARD.

*First peal in the method.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, December 30, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 6-scores each of April Day, Plain Bob, and Old Doubles; and twelve 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 10 cwt.

SAMUEL KERRISON .. Treble	LIONEL HAMMOND .. 3.
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT .. 2.	WALTER KERRISON .. 4.
JOHN PUNCHARD .. Tenor.	

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 31, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

Being seven 720s each called differently

JOHN HENRY HAYNES .. Treble	ARTHUR MACKBARS .. 4.
JOHN HOYES .. 2.	CHARLES NICHOLSON, JUN. 5.
HENRY SQUIRES .. 3.	SIDNEY WHALEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY WHALEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. First peal of Kent Minor by all the band, and first on the bells.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, December 31, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Treble	WILLIAM BARKER .. 5.
ISAAC C. FLATTERS .. 2.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 6.
HARRY BISHOP, SEN. .. 3.	WILLIAM HOLLINGSWORTH 7.
FREDK. W. SKELTON .. 4.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to Mr. A. Sellers, Hon. Secretary of the Eastern Branch of the Diocesan Guild.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Thursday, December 31, 1908, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores each called differently.

Tenor 18 cwt. ia E flat.

JAMES L. HUTTON* .. Treble	THOMAS RADDON .. 4.
REGINALD HASLEHURST .. 2.	FRANK GREEN .. 5.
SYDNEY HILLIER .. 3.	RICHARD PHILLIPS .. Tenor.

Conducted by SYDNEY HILLIER.

*First peal. Being New Year's Eve the peal was rung with the bells half-muffled. First peal on the bells.

BRISTOL.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, December 31, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

CHARLES DOWNING .. Treble	FRANK K. HOWELL .. 5.
FRED G. MAY .. 2.	HENRY T. HOWELL .. 6.
SAMUEL PHILLIPS .. 3.	ISAAC LONG .. 7.
ALBERT STOWELL .. 4.	URIAH BRAVEN .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

First peal of Stedman Triples by the ringers of the treble and 7th.

BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 31, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Duke of York, Violet, Oxford and Kent.

JOSEPH BACKHOUSE .. Treble	WILLIAM SHARP .. 4.
WOODBURN NEVINSON .. 2.	JOHN HOLME .. 5.
FURNESS WOODEND .. 3.	ROGER SATTERTHWAITTE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH BACKHOUSE.

Rung to celebrate the old year out and the new year in. The band wish to thank the conductor and his wife for their kind hospitality after the peal.

BRISTOL.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Thursday, December 31, 1908, in Three Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 52 cwt.

HARRY BROWNJOHN .. Treble	CHARLES H. GORDON .. 6.
WALTER APPERLEY .. 2.	WILLIAM KNIGHT .. 7.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 3.	JOHN THOMAS .. 8.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 4.	JOHN A. BURFORD .. 9.
HENRY PRING .. 5.	WILLIAM A. CAVE .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES, and

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

This is the heaviest Surprise peal yet rung.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, December 31, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN EVANS .. Treble	GEO. WHITE .. 5.
ARTHUR G. JAMES .. 2.	RALPH H. BIGGS .. 6.
HARRY STRATFORD .. 3.	FRANK BOREHAM .. 7.
FREDK. G. BIGGS .. 4.	WM. GOODCHILD .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BOREHAM.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 31, 1908, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

J. GLEW .. Treble	G. TOMLINSON .. 5.
J. DAVIES .. 2.	A. E. THOMPSON .. 6.
G. BASSON .. 3.	G. THOMPSON .. 7.
W. HOLBROOK .. 4.	H. ALLEN .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. E. THOMPSON.

Rung to commemorate the induction of the Rev. A. H. Gibson, M.A., Vicar of the above church.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Friday, January 1, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lbs. in G.

SAM THOMAS Treble.	*JOHN HOLMAN 5
CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY .. 2.	FRANCIS WARD 6.
REV. A. T. BRISTON .. 3.	DAVID BEARLEY 7.
LEONARD CHARLESWORTH .. 4.	JOHN FLINT Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

Rung immediately after the dedication of the bells (an entirely new peal by Taylor), by the Lord Bishop of Southwell. *100th peal. a list of which appears elsewhere.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 1, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lbs.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble.	GEORGE E. TURNER 5.
ARTHUR RIDYARD 2.	*SAMUEL CARDELL 6.
JOSEPH TURNER 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD 7.
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM .. 4.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

*First peal in the method.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 1, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

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

Conducted by JAMES H. RIDYARD.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 1, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6-scores. 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 in Wales with all the ringers being the same surname. After the peal the ringers were entertained to tea by the Rector and Mrs. Davies.

SOUTH SHIELDS, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 1, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOSEPH A. GOFTON Treble.	*R. ALDER GOFTON 5.
GEORGE HANDLEY 2.	THOMAS T. GOFTON 6.
GEORGE T. POTTER 3.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 7.
EDWARD A. HEEN 4.	*ALEXANDER G. LAWSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

HOLBECK, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 1, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT S. MITCHELL .. Treble.	JOSHUA WOODHEAD 5.
PERCY J. JOHNSON 2.	WILLIAM WOODHEAD 6.
GEORGE A. JOWETT* .. 3.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD 7.
WILLIAM E. H. ASH .. 4.	DAVID YORKE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Rung as a wedding peal on the occasion of the marriage of J. W. Boshell, formerly a member of the local band, to Miss M. Galloway, his brother-ringers wishing them much happiness; also as a birthday peal for the tenor-ringer. *First peal.

THELNETHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 1, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 6-scores each of The Fortune, Dream and St. Dunstan's, and twelve 6-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

G. BAKER Treble.	G. KINSEY 3.
G. MORLEY 2.	H. MORLEY 4.
	H. DAVEY Tenor.

Conducted by G. BAKER.

SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE (R.C.)

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S ODD-BOB ONE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE LEWIS Treble.	ROBERT HARRISON 5.
TOM O'HARA 2.	JOHN THORPE 6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3.	GEORGE O. DIXON 7.
WILLIAM BURGAR 4.	ERNEST CUTSFORTH .. Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. O. Dixon, the band wishing him many happy returns.

BRAMLEY, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 2, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE W. SLACK* .. Treble.	TOM LATIMER 4.
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW .. 2.	WALTER BROWN 5.
GEORGE W. STEEL .. 3.	WALTER CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.

*First peal.

BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720s of Kent Treble Bob and three 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN WALDEN Treble.	ARTHUR MACKEARS 4.
H. FREDERICK HUNT* .. 2.	JOHN CRAGG 5.
ARCHIE C. STOKES .. 3.	FREDERICK W. STOKES .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

*First peal.

ASTON MANOR, WARWICKSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM H. JONES Treble.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 5.
JAMES JONES 2.	JOHN T. PERRY 6.
WILLIAM F. WEBB 3.	FRANK BENNETT 7.
JAMES HOPKIN 3.	ARTHUR GARDNER Tenor.

Conducted by J. T. PERRY.

The ringer of the tenor was elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HERBERT JORDAN* Treble.	FRANK COOK 5.
JAMES HEMMING* 2.	GORDON CHECKETTS 6.
HARRY MIDDLETON 3.	*JAMES ADDIS 7.
JAMES PARDOE 4.	ALLEN KNIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

*First peal on eight bells. Rung as a quarterly peal of the Association.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

CHARLES J. ELLIS Treble.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 5.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2.	EDWIN R. TODD 6.
ARTHUR F. MORRIS 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

S. E. Taylor was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

CHESTER.—THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. Treble.	JOHN SCONCE 5.
CHARLES PRICE 2.	JOHN TOMLINSON 6.
WILLIAM SCONCE 3.	ERNEST CHANNELL 7.
HENRY DEW 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WM. T. PEGLER.

Rang as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the band wishing him the usual congratulations.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN C. ADAMS Treble.	HERBERT KNIGHT 6.
GEORGE HUGHES 2.	ROBERT PICKERING 7.
WILLIAM FISHER 3.	SAMUEL GROVE 8.
GEORGE PIGOTT 4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS 9.
JOHN BASS 5.	JOSEPH PIGOTT Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

This is the first peal of Royal ever rung in the method, and was rung without any previous practice.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, January 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

SYDNEY J. JESSOP Treble.	PERCY O. LAFLIN 5.
FREDERICK DICKENS 2.	CHARLES DICKENS 6.
FRANK FAY 3.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL 7.
JOHN NEAL 4.	THOMAS MILLER Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Date Touches.

CHALFONT ST. PETER (Bucks).—Rung on the King's birthday, November 9th, a date touch of Oxford Bob Minor, being 468 and two 720s in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. Briden, R. Bolton, J. Stone, F. Bolton, A. Swan, J. Blackmore conductor.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD (Surrey).—On September 13th, 1908, at St. Johns, for morning service, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Taylor's Bob and Single. F. Bacon, A. Bennington, J. Law, H. E. White, F. W. Richardson, R. V. Lamb (first with a bob bell), W. J. Jeffries, C. D. Letzer.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FRODSHAM.—On Wednesday, December 30th, on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. S. C. Barmby, formerly Curate of Frodsham, and Mrs. Bendelach-Hudson, 720 Bob Minor. W. Forster, A. Unsworth, W. Bibby, F. Gleave, E. H. Lewis conductor, H. Lightfoot.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On September 6th, for evening service at St. John's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 51 mins. S. Williams, H. Day, Alfred Rowley, W. B. Biss, S. Dawe, J. Clutterbuck, Allen Rowley, F. Chamberlain, W. Coombes conductor, G. Vennicoombe. On October 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. S. Dawe, H. Day, W. B. Biss conductor, T. F. King (Bath), F. Chamberlain, W. Miller, A. Rowley, G. Vennicoombe.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—On Sunday, November 1st, 1908, at the church of All Saints, being the dedication festival, for early morning service, 336 Stedman Triples. J. Grundy, E. Coulson, E. Abbott, H. Whittle, J. Hardy, H. Abbott, E. Reader, J. Powell, and for morning service 560 Kent Treble Bob Major, and two courses of Bob Major. E. Coulson, W. H. Inglesant, E. Abbott, W. Pervin, H. Whittle, J. Grundy, H. Abbott, E. Reader. For evening service 918 Stedman Caters. E. Coulson, B. Prewett, H. Whittle, W. H. Inglesant, E. Abbott, W. Pervin, J. Merrick, H. Abbott, E. Reader, J. Powell. All the above were conducted by E. Reader.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ISHAM.—On October 7th, 720 Bob Minor, containing 35 bobs and six singles (see *Rope-Sight*, p. 77). F. Andrew, W. T. Wilson, F. Talbutt, G. A. Blaxley, T. Butler, E. M. Atkins conductor. On October 25th, 720 Bob Minor, containing 42 singles (see p. 78 of *Rope-Sight*). D. Mallett, G. A. Blaxley, F. H. Talbutt, W. Lewis, T. Butler, E. M. Atkins conductor. On November 9th 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. E. Chapman conductor, G. Blaxley, F. Talbutt, W. C. Lewis, W. Wilson, D. Mallett. Rung in

honour of the King's birthday. First 720 in the method away from the treble by all except the conductor. On Nov. 29th, John Holt's peal of Minor (all bobs). G. Blaxley, F. Andrews, F. Talbutt, W. Lewis, D. Mallett, E. M. Atkins conductor. This is believed to be the first time the peal has been rung in county. On November 6th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. E. M. Atkins composer and conductor, G. Blaxley, W. Lewis, F. Talbutt, W. Wilson, D. Mallett.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ORMESBY.—On Wednesday, October 11, 1908, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at the parish church, three courses of Grandsire Triples were rung for service. J. Sample, J. G. Hall, H. Taylor, G. Windsor, H. Wood, F. Jackson, S. Metcalf, J. Ling. After service five courses Grandsire Triples. J. Sample, J. G. Hall,

H. Taylor, G. Windsor, H. Wood, F. Jackson, S. Metcalf, G. Jackson. On Sunday, October 25th, four courses of Grandsire Triples. S. Metcalf, G. Atkinson, H. Taylor, G. Windsor, H. Wood, F. Jackson, W. Jackson, J. Ling. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. R. Hall, R. Allcock, J. G. Hall, J. Waller, W. Newton, F. P. Howcroft, S. Metcalf conductor, A. Macfarlane. After service 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, ringers standing as above.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARWELL (Berks).—On Saturday, October 31st, 1908, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. Spokes, J. Bower, J. Abery, C. Giles, J. Wedge, G. Wilson conductor. First 720 of Treble Bob on the bells. 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Hitchman, A. Spokes, R. G. Rice, C. Giles, J. Wedge, G. Wilson conductor. 360 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Hitchman, J. Wedge, J.

Abery, C. Giles, J. Bower, G. Wilson conductor. First touch in the method on the bells. Tenor 192 cwt. Rung on the occasion of a visit by the ringers from Goring, Oxon.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CIRENCESTER.—On Sunday, October 4th, at the parish church, 575 Grandsire Caters. F. W. Bond, H. Lewis, W. Andrews, F. J. Lewis conductor, J. C. Eden, J. J. Jeffries, C. E. Bartlett, H. J. Gardner, H. C. Bond, H. Clutterbuck. On Sunday, November 1st, at Holy Trinity church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Lewis, A. C. Harmer, F. J. Lewis conductor, W. C. Cuss, J. J. Jeffries, S. Moore, W. Andrews, S. Andrews.

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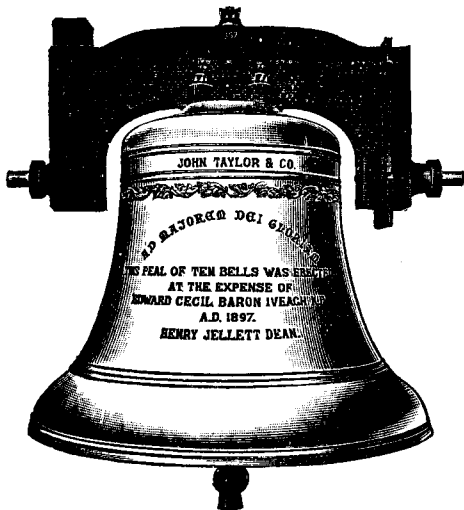
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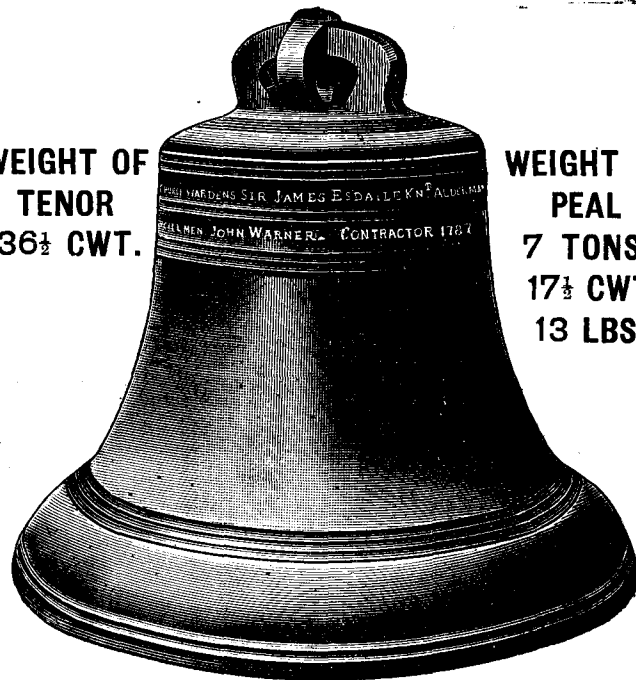
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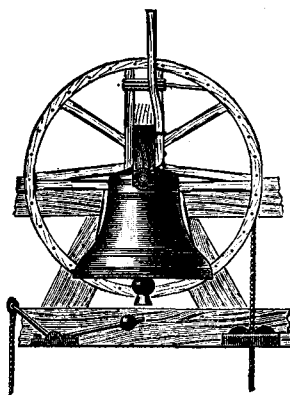
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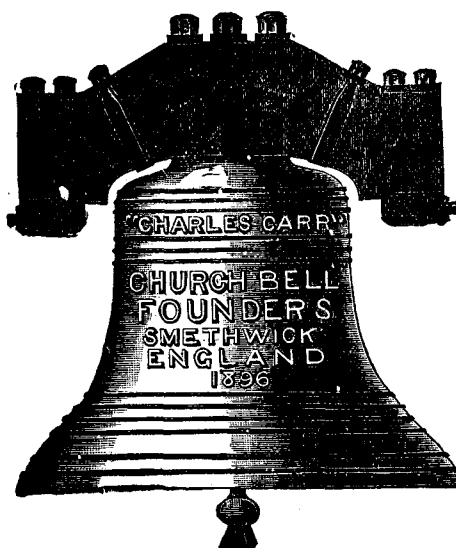
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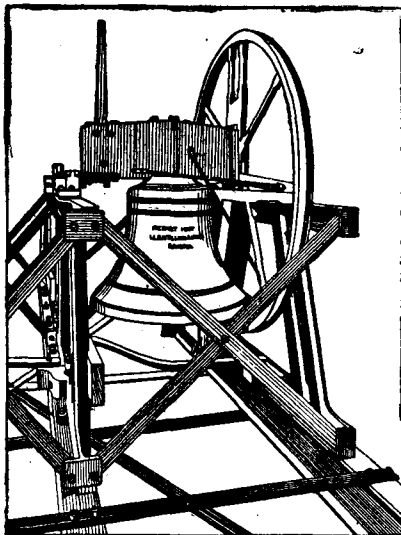
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CHRIST CHURCH, DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

Situate about five miles south of Sheffield parish church and within a mile of the stream which divides Yorkshire and Derbyshire, is the truly rural village of Dore. Anyone going along either of the two main roads which runs out of Sheffield into Derbyshire would indeed pass it without so much as thinking there could be a village only a mile off either road, so complete is its seclusion. Built about 1828, the church stands on a small plateau surrounded by heather-clad hills to the south and west, wooded slopes to the east, looking north the city of Sheffield is completely overlooked. Here then is an ideal place for a peal of bells. Here it was, in the King's Croft, that Egbert fought the deciding battle concerning the overlordship of the Heptarchy.

During the ministry of the present Vicar, extending over thirteen years, some £2000 has been spent on the church, including the building of the chancel (at a cost of £1100) to the memory of the late Vicar (the Rev. J. T. F. Aldred), whom, as I heard Mr. C. H. Hattersley say, rung with a Sheffield parish church company in the sixties. A handsome stained glass window was put in at the east end of the church to commemorate the King's coronation, at a cost of £500; a new heating apparatus; also a new clock. The church accounts show that the new chancel cost more to build than what the church cost in the first place, as a great deal of the labour and carting was then performed by the villagers gratis.

Twelve months ago the bell fund stood at £40, and it speaks well for the vigour of the Church in this village, when out of the total cost (including structural alterations to the tower, &c.) of the bells, £680, £650 is already in hand, helped, it is true, by a few generous donations: 100 guineas from Miss Newbold, no mean supporter of Dore Church; £100 from Mr. Locker; £50 from Mr. E. Hall. New Year's Day was the time appointed for the formal dedication of the new bells, the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of Southwell, the Right Rev. Edwyn Hoskyns, D.D., who, on receiving the ropes from the wardens, Messrs. D. H. Porrett and Thomas Marshall, read the impressive little service used in the Diocese of York, and committed the bells to the custody of the Vicar, the Rev. William R. Gibson. As the procession proceeded up the central aisle a few rounds were struck on the bells. Within the crowded church a short but hearty service followed. The Bishop of Southwell preached. Immediately after the service a mixed band rung a peal of Double Norwich to the delight of the inhabitants, the tone of the bells being greatly admired. The bells are a handy little peal, with the tenor 11 cwts. 24 lbs. in G, the total weight being 46 cwts. 3 qrs. 11 lbs. The hanging of the

bells on one level with only a space inside the walls of 11 ft. 4 ins. is a work of art, and, needless to say, the frame is of the latest type, and everything up to date, including the tuning of the bells, and are altogether a credit to Messrs. Taylor, who are to be congratulated on having set up another example of modern craft, the going of the bells being perfect.

There are a good number of villagers who are putting in a lot of work trying to get the upper hand of the bells, and no doubt in a few months there will be an established company of ringers at Dore, and it won't be from want of encouragement if they don't get on, as the authorities are most kindly disposed.

S. T.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The annual general meeting was held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 16th, the attendance of some fifty members fully justifying the selection of a Saturday for the holding of the annual meeting. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, and some good twelve-bell practice obtained.

A knife-and-fork tea was laid in the vestry hall at 5.30, which had been kindly lent by the Vicar, the Rev. Prebendary Shelford. During the tea the rev. gentleman came in and gave an interesting speech, extending an hearty invitation to St. Martin's, and concluding by asking those present to consider themselves as his guests, which offer was received with loud applause.

The Master (Mr. A. Jacob) opened the business by asking the Secretary to read the minutes of last meeting, and the balance-sheet for the past year, which were read and passed.

For the position of Master Mr. A. Jacob, Mr. F. Smith, and Mr. W. Doran were nominated, and on a show of hands resulted in favour of Mr. F. Smith being elected by a majority of three. The treasurer (Mr. H. Dains), the secretary (Mr. F. Bennett), and the senior steward (Mr. A. Hardy) were all unanimously re-elected; Mr. W. Matthews consented to serve as junior steward. Mr. R. A. Daniell, Mr. H. Dains, Mr. J. Parker, and Mr. F. Bennett were elected to represent the society on the Central Council for the next session.

A proposition by W. Shimmans that the fifteen peals rung during the year be entered in the grand peal-book was carried. The secretary pointed out that the booking-fees at present collected in six and eight-bell peals was insufficient to cover the cost of booking. Mr. B. Foskett proposed that fourpence each should be paid by members on completing a peal. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to let the matter stand over for a twelvemonth, in the meantime to ask conductors to try and collect the deficiency among the band.

Christ Church Southgate, Highgate, and St. Alfege Greenwich, were proposed for the next quarterly meeting, to be held at the end of April, it being decided to go to Southgate providing the necessary permission could be

obtained. Miss Edith Parker, of Edmonton, Mr. W. Billenness, of Stroud Green, and Mr. Theobald, of West Ham, were elected as members of the society.

A vote of thanks to the officers for their services during the past year was proposed by Mr. Parker, and carried. Mr. E. F. Cole proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality that afternoon in granting the use of the bells and the hall, and that the Secretary be instructed to convey the same. This was carried with enthusiasm. The Secretary proposed that Mrs. Zoller, the caretaker, be thanked for her catering of the tea, as it was mainly through her endeavours that the tea had been held there that day.

At 9 o'clock a good assembly of members and friends took place at The Bedford Head hotel, when songs were contributed by Messrs. Margetson, Winch, Shimmans, Weatherstone, and Matthews; a recitation by H. S. Reeves; Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters were also rung on the handbells. At 11.30 the National Anthem was sung, thus bringing to a close the first annual meeting of the society held on a Saturday, which everyone acknowledged to have been a complete success.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

As one wanders through the streets of this ancient royal borough, pictures of romance pass through the mind. Almost at every turn we see buildings that remind us of Dunstable when in its glory. Yet, as we cast our eyes about, we see the signs of modernism, and the glories of bygone days seem to contrast strangely with the commercial activity that is just awakening in the town. As we draw near the church, we cannot help being struck by its unique and grand west front. As we enter, I would that I were Dickens and Ruskin combined, that I could describe my thoughts as I pictured Cardinal Wolsey pronouncing the divorce decree between Henry VIII. and Catherine of Arragon. But why should we lay bare our thoughts in this manner?

On Saturday, January 2nd, at the invitation of the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, the Bedfordshire Association held its third quarterly meeting at Dunstable. About 3.30 p.m., the bells, a magnificent peal, was raised, and the inhabitants were treated to Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich. The Rev. W. W. C. Baker arranged a splendid tea, which was followed by a short business meeting. The members then attended a special service at the church. A form of the C.E.M.S. service was used, and the Rev. — Bullard, of Flamstead, gave an address. On entering the pulpit he stated that he would take no text, but would speak as a ringer to ringers, and take change-ringing as his subject. This he did, and brought in some weighty arguments with regard to the Individualist and Collectivist theories. He pointed out in a most able manner, that neither in itself was good for man, and clearly showed how both should and could be used for the good of all. The address was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Afterwards the bells were kept going to various methods, a number of the members receiving their first insight into the higher methods.

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The members of the Chew Deanery Branch of this Association held their annual meeting at Wraxall on Saturday, January 16th. There was a large attendance, nearly fifty members sitting down to a substantial tea generously provided by the Rev. Prebendary Vaughan, who subsequently presided at the business meeting.

Mr. G. Yeo was the recipient of a handsome marble clock, in recognition of the admirable services he had rendered the Association in his position as Secretary.

The Rev. Prebendary Vaughan in making the presentation, alluded to the excellent work Mr. Yeo had accomplished, and testified to the promptitude and thoroughness he had shown in the transaction of all business appertaining to his position as Secretary.

Mr. G. Yeo, in responding, gratefully acknowledged the gift, and said the work instead of being arduous, had always been a source of pleasure and satisfaction.

Mr. T. Wyatt, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rev. Prebendary Vaughan for presiding, said the members of the Association were grateful to him for his presence there that evening, a remark which elicited loud applause.

Mr. T. Wyatt and Mr. G. Yeo were respectively elected chairman and secretary for the ensuing year, and five new members were added to the roll. At the conclusion of the meeting, the members adjourned to the tower of the parish church.

NOTICE OF LONG PEAL.

Ten members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild will attempt a long peal of Grandsire Caters, 17,297 changes, on Friday, February 5th, at Appleton, Berks, starting at 9 o'clock a.m.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Seventh Council will be held at the Church House, Westminster, on Whitsun-Tuesday, June 1st, 1909. Nominations for the Office of President and for that of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, as also Reports of Committees, Notices of Motion, and any other matter should reach me not later than Saturday, May 1st. Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations are earnestly requested to forward the names with full postal address of the elected representatives of their Associations as soon as possible, with a view to the early completion of the official list of the new Council; and in cases where no elections have yet taken place it is sincerely hoped that a meeting of the Association may be speedily summoned for the purpose, or that in any meeting shortly forthcoming this item may not be forgotten in drawing up the agenda. A remittance of 2/6 is due for each representative, the rights of representatives being in abeyance until their quota has been paid.

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SEVENTY PEALS OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

AN INTERESTING RECORD AT BIRMINGHAM.

The peal rung at Birmingham on Tuesday, January 12th last, and duly recorded in its proper place, was Thomas Reynolds's 70th peal of Stedman Cinques. This is supposed to be the greatest number of peals of its particular class ever rung by one man.

Of this astounding total, all, with the exception of one or two, have been rung on his favourite peal, St. Martin's, Birmingham, where Mr. Reynolds has been a regular and enthusiastic ringer for upwards of thirty years. He can proudly boast that he is the only man who took part in the 9238 of Stedman Cinques on February 28th, 1881, and the present record, 11,111, rang on December 26th, 1901, to beat it.

He also took a rope in the only two short-course peals of Stedman Cinques ever accomplished, these being rung at St. Martin's, on February 5th, 1895, and November 25th, 1902, respectively. Although Mr. Reynolds is only now in his prime, it is interesting to note that he rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques some years before the ringers of the 7th, 10th, and tenor in this last peal were even born.

The aggregate number of peals of Stedman Cinques rung by the whole band no doubt constitutes another record in its way. Below we give the names of the ringers in the order in which they stood for this peal, together with the number of peals of Stedman Cinques rung by each man.

Thomas Russam	...	...	17
Charles Dickens	...	...	36
Albert Walker	...	...	40
Bernard W. Wittchell	...	...	24
Thomas Reynolds	...	...	70
Samuel Reeves	...	...	33
Edmund J. Hyland	...	...	19
John Neal	...	...	25
Thomas Miller	...	...	37
Alfred Paddon Smith	...	...	30
James E. Groves	...	...	22
Sydney J. Jessop	...	...	17

Total 370

The band have thus an average of nearly 31 peals per man.

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 EXTRA BELL AT ST. PETER MANCROFT.

SIR,—It may interest your readers to know that the intended extra bell to be added to St. Peter Mancroft is not the first peal of twelve where the innovation has occurred. At Cirencester there is a peal of twelve bells which has been in existence since 1722. The whole peal were rehung in the early part of 1895, and it was then decided to have the ninth bell recast. This bell had been used as a fire-alarm bell, and was badly cracked, no doubt by rough handling. The question then arose as to the advisability of having an extra bell to be used as a fire bell, so as not to interfere with the peal of twelve, and eventually the cost of the extra bell was guaranteed by the Cirencester Society in London. Having obtained the wherewithal to pay for the bell, it was considered a good opportunity to have the tone of it so arranged as to work in with the other bells, so as to have a light peal of eight. This was successfully carried out by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and the tower now possesses the peal of twelve in D, tenor 28 cwt., and including the extra bell a light peal of eight in G, tenor 12 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs., and also a peal of eight in E, tenor 21 cwt. This last peal is the one now used for ringing when the bells are muffled, and is considered to be much more effective for that purpose than the back eight of the peal of twelve.

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THOMAS ALSOPP.

We regret to record the death of Thomas Alsopp, of Thornbury, Gloucestershire, which occurred December 13th, after a lingering and painful illness with cancer in mouth and neck. Our deceased friend was connected with the Thornbury parish ringers for about twenty years. During his career as a ringer he took part in three peals; he was also a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association for a number of years. His brother ringers attended the funeral, and presented a beautiful wreath composed of choice flowers made in the shape of a bell. The first part of the burial service took place at the parish church, and was fully choral, conducted by the Rev. A. W. Cornwall (Vicar), and assisted by Rev. A. N. Crossman (curate), deceased being also organ-blower for a number of years. The final rites were performed in the cemetery by the Vicar, at the conclusion of which four of his oldest brother-ringers rang the handbells over his grave. F. K. Howell 1-2, C. Eddington 3-4, J. W. Poole 5-6, J. Phillips 7-8. The ringers then visited the tower, and rang a muffled peal on the bells he loved so well.—R.I.P.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE CLANDON SOCIETY.

The following have been rung during 1908 at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, West Clanton: Seventy-six complete 720's have been rung in the following methods:—Surprise methods—London 9, Wells 3, York 9, Durham 6, Superlative 4, Cambridge 6, Worcester 3, Carlisle 3, Chichester 3, Chester 3, Canterbury 1. Treble Bob—Woodbine 3, Oxford 2, Kent 3. Plain methods—Grandsire 2, College Single 3, Oxford Bob 6, Plain Bob 5, being rung by the following members:—Joseph Goacher 76, Frederick Bennett 75, William Day 75, Reginald Blake 71, George Monk 45, Henry Blackman 45, Charles Willshire 21, Alfred H. Pulling 21, Frederick Day 14, William Savage 4, Henry Stovell 3, James Palmer 2, Thomas Streeter 1, the conducting being done by Frederick Bennett 42, Alfred H. Pulling 21, William Day 11, Joseph Goacher 2—total 76.

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SIMPSON (Bucks).—On Saturday, November 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. W. Coles, T. Maycock, F. Higgins conductor, W. Pether, J. Meadows. First quarter-peal by the ringers of treble, 2 and tenor.

THE PROPOSED EXTRA BELL FOR ST. PETER MANCROFT, NORWICH.

We repeat the list of subscriptions towards this laudable undertaking in the hope that many other members of the Exercise may be induced to assist, by forwarding, with the least possible delay, any sums they may be desirous of giving. We hope that in our next number we shall be able to publish the names of many additional subscribers.

It is estimated that about £115 will be wanted to provide the new bell, frame and fittings. The following subscriptions have already been paid or promised:—

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Mr. William Snowdon, <i>Leeds, President Yorkshire Association</i> ...	0	10	6
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Mr. Wallace H. King ...	2	2	0
Mr. B. Knyvet Wilson ...	0	10	6
The St. Peter Mancroft Ringers' Guild ...	10	10	0
Mr. George P. Burton ...	1	1	0
Mr. D. O. Holme ...	1	1	0
Mr. Charles E. Borrett ...	0	10	6
Mr. John E. Burton ...	1	1	0
Mr. H. J. Borrett ...	0	10	6
Mr. George Harvey ...	0	10	0
The Rev. E. J. Crosby ...	0	5	0
Mr. Fredk. Saunders, <i>Eton</i> ...	0	5	0
The Rev. E. C. Hopper, <i>Starston</i> ...	0	10	6
The Rev. Wm. C. Pearson, <i>Henley</i> ...	0	10	6
Mr. J. A. Trollope, <i>Ealing</i> ...	0	5	0
Mr. W. J. Nevard, <i>Gt. Bentley</i> ...	0	10	6
The Rev. C. F. Blyth, <i>Richingham</i> ...	0	10	0
Mr. E. Poppy, <i>Eye</i> ...	0	2	6
The Rev. C. L. Kennaway, <i>Garboldisham</i> ...	1	1	0
Mr. A. G. Berry, <i>Wembley</i> ...	0	10	6
Mr. W. R. Rudd, <i>Thorpe</i> ...	0	5	0
The St. John-de-Sepulchre Church Council and Ringers ...	2	2	0
The Beccles Company of Ringers, per Mr. Hopson ...	0	10	0
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Mr. R. H. Hayward, <i>Marlesford</i> ...	0	10	6
Mr. James George, <i>Rugby</i> ...	0	2	0
Miss Pestell, <i>Stalham</i> ...	0	5	0
The Rev. E. C. J. Bowen, <i>Stoke Ash</i> ...	0	5	0
Mr. Arthur Hubbard, <i>Fulham</i> ...	1	1	0
Messrs. J. and J. Colman, <i>Norwich</i> ...	1	1	0
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Total to date £40 (approximately).

A copy of the appeal which has been issued, and which gives details of the scheme and of the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, will be sent on application being made to any one of the honorary secretaries of the Extra Bell Fund:—Mr. Geo. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road, Norwich; Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich; Mr. Chas. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street, Norwich.

THE WHITWICK SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER.

THE LOCKED-OUT RINGERS AND THE VICAR.

The annual dinner of the Whitwick Parish Church Society was held at The Waggon and Horses inn, Whitwick, on Wednesday evening, when about 30 of the members and friends partook of a capital meal admirably served by host Horton.

After dinner Mr. George West was voted to the chair, and first

gave the usual loyal toast of the King, Queen and Royal Family, referring to His Majesty's deserved popularity, and the National Anthem was played on the handbells.

The next toast was "The Church and State." Mr. H. G. W. Howe proposed "The Midland Counties Association" and the local members. He was not going to enter into a discussion as to how the difference between them and the Vicar had occurred, except to say how much he regretted it. They could not have neglected their duty, or they would not have attained such proficiency, for the Whitwick ringers had a good name, and were welcomed in any tower. He hoped the differences would soon be smoothed over, and that they would soon be back again ringing where they ought to be—in their own parish church tower. They took up the work for the love of it, and tried to make themselves efficient church workers. They had shown their loyalty by the way they had stuck together in the peculiar circumstances in which they found themselves (cheers). He repeated that he hoped the breach would soon be smoothed over, and that before the new year had very far advanced they would be back again in their rightful places. The difference never ought to have arisen. The toast, coupled with the names of Messrs. J. A. Moulton, W. Fern, B. West, and S. W. West, was enthusiastically drunk.

Mr. Storer West, in reply, said that what Mr. Howe had said was perfectly true. The Midland Counties Association had done a great amount of work, much of it not known to the general public. The local members had devoted themselves to the work of ringing. It took a lot of learning, and what they heard on the Whitwick bells at the present time resembled learning their A.B.C. As Mr. Howe said, at the dinner twelve months ago, there did not appear to be a single ruffie, and nobody was more surprised than the members when this did occur. But the band, though dismissed, had not dispersed, and with one exception, they had remained loyal. He believed the future promised to be quite as interesting to them as the past, notwithstanding what had taken place. Until there was a tower fitted with bells open to them in their own parish they must go abroad when they wished to ring changes on tower bells, which was the aim and object of the campanologists, and, being affiliated members of many years' standing of the Midland Counties Association, there would be every opportunity to ring in other towers when they could conveniently attend. It was noteworthy that every Sunday from January up to and including Easter, 1908, change-ringing was carried out by members of their society for both morning and evening service in their own parish church. Shortly after Easter the belfry was closed to them, and in due course the whole band were dismissed from the service of the church and parish. In support of this, a rule was mentioned which said, "The bells shall be rung or chimed for morning and evening service on Sundays," and seeing that the rule had only been omitted once in 17 years the reasons advanced in support of such an extreme measure may be said to be not worth the paper they were written upon. In spite of adverse circumstances, they were able to report that four quarter-peals had been rung in the past year, in addition to a large number of shorter compositions, ranging between 400 and 1000 changes in three different towers, the secretary having also assisted in chiming the ten bells at St. Martin's, Leicester, for Sunday morning service. The handbells presented to the society by the late Vicar, the Rev. A. F. Tollemache, had been most useful.

Mr. J. A. Moulton, the captain of the ringers, also responded, remarking that he endorsed all Mr. West had said. They meant to stick together. He had been captain for eleven years, and it had always been his aim, as it had been the aim of his colleagues, to encourage young members and promote good ringing in the district. Mr. S. W. West proposed "The Visitors and the Press." He extended a cordial welcome to all who were not members of the Association.

The funeral of the late Charles Billard, of Great Totham, where he had been a regular and skilled ringer for thirty years, took place on Wednesday last in the churchyard. He died very suddenly, much respected by all. The choir and ringers attended to pay their last respects to his memory. The customary muffled peal, whole pull and stand, was rung before the service. At the conclusion of the ceremony his age, 58, was fired on the bells.

The chairman (Pennyline). Ringers come to his

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Notices.

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The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The eighty-fifth Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 13th, at St. Margaret's, Westminster. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 to 5 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30 at The Princes Head, Princes Street, opposite the Abbey. Ringers attending to ring till 5 p.m. are requested to be there not later than 4 p.m. sharp, as the church doors will then be closed. **T. H. TAYLOR, Hon. Sec.**
10, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Colne to-day Saturday, January 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. **J. WATSON, Branch Sec.**

Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest will take place at Lightcliffe parish church to-day, Saturday, January 30th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m.

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

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nether-ton to-day, Saturday, January 30th. Service, with address by the Vicar (Rev. S. J. Marriott), will be held in the church at 4.15 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. **J. R. NEWMAN, Hon. Sec.**
Bransford, Worcester.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Birmingham to-day Saturday, January 30th. The bells at the parish church, Aston, and at Bishop Ryder's church will be open from 2 p.m., and at St. Martin's from 3.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.45. Tea (1s. 3d. each), at 5.30, both in the Bull Street cafe. The Hon. Secretary has received notice that the following alteration of Rule 14 will be proposed, viz. to substitute "annual meeting" for "third quarterly meeting."

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.
Colgrave, Notts.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the North and West District of the above Association will be held at St. Saviour's, Waltham-stow, to-day, Saturday, January 30th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Siddans. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1909 are now due.

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

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The members of this society will hold their next quarterly meeting at the church of St. Thomas, Pendleton, to-day, Saturday, January 30th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWERS, Hon. Sec.

The Leeds and Districts Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey to-day, Saturday, January 30th. Peal

attempt at 2.30. Refreshments at The Royal hotel. Business meeting at 7.30.

GEO. W. SLACK, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bromley to-day, Saturday, January 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. Donald Tait (Vicar), at 5.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.
34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, to-day, Saturday, January 30th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5.30, followed by General Meeting in the Parish Room, North Street. Subscriptions for the year are now due, and can either be paid at the meeting, or sent to the District Secretary.

W. LATTE, Hon. Dis. Sec.
26, Duker Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Staines to-day Saturday, January 30th. The bells of St. Mary's will be available for a short time from 4 o'clock, and those of St. Peter's from 6 o'clock. Will members please note that subscriptions for 1909 are now due? To facilitate the distribution of annual reports unattached members would greatly oblige by forwarding their addresses to

H. C. CHANDLER, Hon. Sec.
Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Titchfield to-day, Saturday, January 30th. Bells available at 2.30. Tea at parish room at 5. Short service at 6. Members requiring tea kindly inform me by the 26th.

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

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Farnham Royal on Saturday, February 6th. Service in church 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Bells of Burnham, Slough, Stoke Poges, and Farnham Royal, open to members after 2 p.m. Motors leave Slough Station for Farnham Royal at 1.15, 3.25, and 5.35. Return 6.25 and 7.55. All coming should send names to

Farnham Royal, Slough **J. J. PARKER.**

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—In order not to clash with a meeting of the Northern District, the meeting at Ware will be held on February 13th. The bells will be ready from 3.30. Tea at 5.30, with a business meeting after. All members and friends will be made welcome.

W. H. LAWRENCE, Hon. Dis. Sec.
Little Mundon.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Whittlesford on Saturday afternoon, February 6th. Tea at 5 o'clock.

P. WEBB, Dis. Sec.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, February 6th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea at 5.30 at The White Lion. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. J. Cawdell, White Horse Street, Baldock, by Thursday, February 4th.

J. F. FOSTER, Hon. Dis. Sec.
82, Grove Road, Hitchin

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, February 6th, 1909. Tea at 5.45 free, in the National Schools Service at 7.0. Those intending to be present notify Mr. J. Whitfield, 2, Back Brampton, Newcastle-under-Lyme, not later than Feb. 3.

Rev. W. G. KEYWORTH, Hon. Sec.
J. JOHNSON.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherfield (eight bells) on Saturday, February 13th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector, Rev. F. W. Champneys, M.A. Members wishing to be present at tea must let me know by February 9th. Trains from Eastbourne 12.40, Polegate 12.51, Hastings 11.50, arrive Rotherfield 1.44.

GEO. H. HOUSE, Hon. Sec.
2, Carlton Road, Eastbourne.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas church, Newchurch, on Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready at 3. Tea at 5. Meeting at 7, when a presentation will be made to Mr. Zeb Lord, in commemoration of his services to the Association and his fifty years' standing as a bell-ringer. All ringing friends are cordially invited, and special tea (hot joints) will be provided at 1s. 3d. each for all sending in their names to Sam Lord, 1, Church Lane, Newchurch, on or before Monday, February 8th. Waterfoot bells (six) will also be at liberty from 3 to 4.30.

JAMES ROLLERSON.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual anniversary, "Henry Johnson" commemoration, will be held on Saturday, February 20th next, at Ye Olde Royal hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, dinner being served at 6.30 sharp. Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., will preside. Ringing at St. Martin's (twelve bells) from 3.30 to 5.30. Dinner tickets free to full subscribing members, and to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained by application on or before Wednesday, February 17th, from any of the guild's officers, or from

W. H. GODDIN, Hon. Sec.
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

APPLEDORE (Kent).—On Monday evening, January 11th, as a last token of respect to the late Jane Eliza, dearly loved wife of Mr. F. Brown, a member of the local band of change-ringers, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with bells deeply muffled, by the local band, assisted by C. W. Player, from Stone-in-Oxey, as under: Wm. Law, Alfred Johnson, Clifton L. Noakes, Sydney W. Hills, Charles W. Player, George Johnson, Ewart G. Johnson conductor, Wm. Sharp.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—S. M. Dodington's new home address is Syles, Henstridge, Somerset. Letters addressed here will be forwarded.—W. F. Hartshorne has removed from 189, Walthall Street to 25, Lunt Avenue, Crewe.

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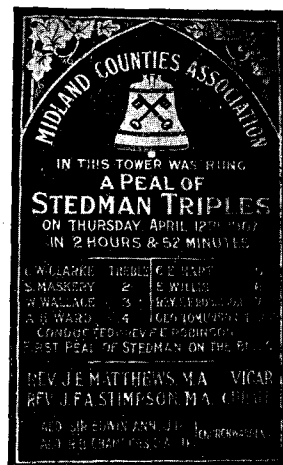
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1909.

We report below the ringing of a peal of 6048 Twelve-In at the church of St. Mary-le-Bow, London. It is not so very long ago since a peal of any kind on these bells was considered an impossibility, by reason of their defective condition. When, therefore, we read of such a performance as this—a 6000, too—it must be held that the recent rehanging by Mears and Stainbank is of the very best order. Accounts are to hand from those who heard the peal that the ringing throughout was excellent. When we are also told that one young ringer raised this tenor of 53 cwt. single-handed in three minutes, the marvel is that these bells in their existing old-fashioned and ungainly frame, could by any means be got into such a good condition. The Whitechapel firm are to be congratulated on the result of their work.

The twelve bells of St. Giles, Cripplegate, have recently been rehanged by Messrs. Warner and Sons. And this firm, like their neighbours, are also to be congratulated on the excellence of their work, for the bells now go splendidly, several good peals having been rung upon them since restoration.

The great quantity of peals now being rung, necessitates the records being somewhat in arrear, but they are published as they come to hand, and we hope to get abreast of them again before long. We beg our brethren to be patient.

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.

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The Metropolis.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, January 23, 1909, in Four Hours and Forty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 6048 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 53 cwt.**

CHALLIS F. WINNEY.. ..Treble.	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 7.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 8.
HENRY R. PASMORE.. .. 3.	HERBERT LANGDON 9.
WILLIAM F. GARRARD .. 4.	ALFRED B. PECK 10.
WILLIAM TRUSS.. .. 5.	HENRY R. NEWTON 11.
HENRY SPRINGALL 6.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ..Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.

Rung in honour of the eighth anniversary of the Accession of His Majesty King Edward VII.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.*On Saturday, January 23, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, CHISWICK,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.**

RICHARD D. HAYLOCK* ..Treble.	HERBERT W. LIDBETTER .. 5.
HAROLD S. BURTON.. .. 2.	JOHN W. KELLEY 6.
ALFRED L. SAMSON*.. .. 3.	GEORGE J. WHITE 7.
FRANK SKEVINGTON 4.	*JOHN H. ROBERTS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by HAROLD S. BURTON.

*First peal.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, January 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes'***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES.**

Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 6.
ARTHUR J. NEALE 2.	FRANK C. NEWMAN 7.
WILLIAM MILLER 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 8.
JOHN J. LAME 4.	JAMES GEORGE 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE.. .. 5.	BERTHAM PREWETT .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, January 9, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, NORWOOD,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6-scores each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.**

HENRY PARSLOW* .. ..Treble.	*JAMES STEARN 4.
JAMES MERRICK 2.	EDGAR HANCOX 5.
ALAN R. MACDONALD* .. 3.	*THOMAS BRISTOW .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

First peal of Doubles by all the band. *First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

The Provinces.**SOUTHWELL, NOTTS. MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)***On Saturday, January 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.**

JESSE J. MOSS .. ..Treble.	HARRY MOSS 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 7.
EDWIN H. LEWIS 4.	JOHN FLINT.. .. ..Tenor.

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

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.**

REV. DE DEN DENNE ..Treble.	H. FERGUSON 5.
T. H. HAIGH 2.	H. GIBSON 6.
J. R. BARTON 3.	J. DIXIE 7.
G. F. ALEXANDER 4.	T. COLE .. .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by T. H. HAIGH.

First peal of Grandsire by the ringer of the treble, and first peal in any method by the ringer of the tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Lilian Barton, daughter of the ringer of the 3rd

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,***AT CHRIST CHURCH,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.
Tenor 19 cwt.**

JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. ..Treble.	*JOSEPH ROWELL 6.
THOMAS T. GOFTON 2.	R. ALDER GOFTON 7.
EDWARD A. HERN 3.	ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. 8.
GEORGE HANDLEY* 4.	ROBERT RICHARDS 9.
GEORGE T. POTTER 5.	ALEXANDER G. LAWSON ..Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

*First peal of Caters.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 2, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.**

FREDERICK G. BRETT ..Treble.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 5.
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 2.	CHARLES E. LUERY 6.
WILLIAM W. WENBAN .. 3.	CHARLES W. BRETT.. .. 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 4.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE..Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 2, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,****A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three 6-scores each of Stedman. Stedman Slow Course, New Doubles, Barton, St. Simon's, St. Botolph, Canterbury, Chase, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, London, St. Dunstan's, Antelope, and Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER ROBINSON .. ..Treble.	ARTHUR ROBINSON 3.
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2.	VICTOR CLARK 4.
FREDERICK J. TITE .. .. ..Tenor.	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

First peal in fourteen methods by all. Rung as a birthday compliment to Fredk. J. Tite, the band wishing him many happy returns.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Thursday, January 7, 1909, in Three Hours,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM DELLAR .. ..Treble.	FREDERICK PALMER 5.
BEN COPPEN 2.	GEORGE DENT 6.
HARRY BOTTRIL 3.	JOHN CORDELL 7.
WILLIAM WHEELER 4.	JOHN SMITH .. .. ..Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by F. PALMER.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1909 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.	FREDERICK WILLIAMS .. 4.
HENRY WALLACE 2.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 5.
EDWARD H. KING 3.	BARNARD PATMORE Tenor.

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

TALGARH, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM PRITCHARD Treble.	ALFRED EDWARDS 4.
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 2.	WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. 5.
ARTHUR J. GRIFFITHS .. 3.	PERCY JONES Tenor.

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells. It is believed to be the first peal of Doubles rung in Wales, and first in the method by the above Guild. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Addie Lewis, of Talgarth, to Captain Reginald Bruce.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 9, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS ATIWELL Treble.	MAURICE SMITHER 5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, JUN.† 2.	CHARLES HAZFELDEN 6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE 3.	SEPTIMUS KADFORD 7.
HENRY L. GARFATH 4.	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor.

Composed by W. WILLSON, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

†First peal of Double Norwich First on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1909 in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

RICHARD POTTER Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
WALTER SADLER 2.	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
PERCY LANGSTON 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM W. WENBAN .. Treble.	JOSEPH E. GRENFED .. 5.
FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 2.	WILLIAM SPIGE 6.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. 3.	*STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. 7.
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 4.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lbs.

FRANK LAWTON Treble.	JOSEPH OGDEN 5.
ALBERT CLEGG 2.	SAMUEL STOTT 6.
GEORGE H. BEEVER 3.	GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE .. 7.
JAMES PRIESTLEY 4.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD Tenor.

Composed by J. PLATT, and Conducted by I. SCHOFIELD.

First peal in the method as conductor.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

GEORGE O. DIXON Treble.	PTE. WILLIAM G. ROSE .. 5.
JOSEPH ATKIN 2.	ROBERT HARRISON 6.
EDWIN JAMES 3.	JAMES DIXON 7.
CLEMENT GLENN 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BIGGIN.

This peal was arranged for the 5th ringer, who belongs to the Coldstream Guards, and who used to belong to the local band here.

DEVONPORT, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT H.M. DOCKYARD CHAPEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES EALES Treble.	JOSEPH WOODLEY 5.
WILLIAM RUNDLE† 2.	FRANK HOCKADAY 6.
WILLIAM FORD 3.	ERNEST W. MARSH 7.
ARTHUR E. TOMLINS 4.	THOMAS LINNELL Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM RUNDLE.

†First peal as conductor. Rung as a farewell peal to Chief Petty Officer J. Woodley, who is leaving for Malta.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

WALTER SMITH Treble.	GEORGE WHITEAKER .. 6.
JAMES COTTERELL 2.	JOSEPH HY. BRAZEY .. 7.
THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 3.	JOHN MCKELL 8.
JONAS S. AMBLEE 4.	FRANCIS BARKER 9.
JOSEPH BROADLEY 5.	FRED SALMONS Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

Rung in honour of John Jenkinson's (Little Jack) 69th birthday.

LLANGARREN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 11 cwt.

HARLEY RUDGE* Treble.	WILLIAM PARTRIDGE .. 4.
HENRY WEALE 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
FRANK VOYCE 3.	ERNEST TUMMEY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 8, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES.

ROBERT SPERRING* Treble.	bTHOMAS NEWALL 6.
HARRY MOORE, JUN.† 2.	HENRY W. WILDE 7.
HARRY MOORE, SEN.† 3.	*JAMES MORGAN 8.
GEORGE JONES* 4.	†SAMUEL MEADOWS 9.
EDWARD ROWLANDS 5.	*WILLIAM WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

†First peal. *First peal of Caters. †First peal of Stedman Caters.
bFirst peal of Stedman aFirst peal in the method with a bob bell.
First peal in the method by the Association. Reference elsewhere.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

WILLIAM CLARK Treble.	WILLIAM ROOT 5.
JAMES FLEUTY 2.	DAVID LEGGETT 6.
WILLIAM SILLITOE 3.	JAMES FRENCH 7.
FRANK CLAYDON 4.	ERNEST RIDGWELL Tenor.

Composed by D. PRENTICE, and Conducted by ERNEST RIDGWELL.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

JAMES HOUGHTON Treble.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 5.
WALTER GERMAN 2.	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 6.
CHARLIE KELLER 3.	JAMES GARRATT 7.
HUBERT HORN 4.	WALTER PEWKINS Tenor.

Composed by REV. H. EABLE BULWER, and
Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of W. German.

HAVANT, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

ANDREW COLLINS Treble.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 5.
JOHN W. WHITING 2.	WILLIAM LEBBON 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3.	EDWIN J. HARDING 7.
HENRY W. WILKES 4.	FREDK. S. BAYLEY Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich, as a farewell peal to the Rev. C. W. Scott, late Hon. Sec. to the above Guild, and who sails on the 19th inst. to take up missionary work in China.

LLANGARREN, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	FRANK VOYCE 4.
WILLIAM PARTRIDGE 2.	CHARLES L. SADLER 5.
HENRY WEALE 3.	*THOMAS AMOS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal.

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

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, DURHAM.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 27½ cwt.

J. W. NEWTON* Treble.	W. NEWTON 5.
W. H. STEPHENSON* 2.	F. P. HOWCROFT 6.
J. HALL 3.	T. METCALFE 7.
A. MCFARLANE 4.	T. STEPHENSON Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. J. Clarkson.

DEAN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 14 cwt.

FRED ABBOTT Treble.	THOMAS PEERS 5.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH 2.	JOSEPH RIDYARD 6.
WILLIAM TEBAY 3.	WILLIAM PENNINGTON 7.
GEORGE PINCOTT 4.	TITUS BARLOW Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

CRANBROOK, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 11, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICARS'. Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES TRIBE* Treble.	FRED BUTCHERS 5.
FRED J. LAMBERT 2.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 6.
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 3.	EDWIN LAMBERT 7.
JIM BEACH 4.	THOMAS LAMBERT Tenor.

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

*Fiftieth peal of Grandsire.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

FRANK WITHERS Treble.	FREDERICK NEVITT 5.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 2.	JAMES DOWLER 6.
JOHN WITHERS 3.	SAMUEL GROVE 7.
WILLIAM PALMER 4.	JOSEPH FIGOTT Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. L. B. Sladen, Vicar, who is leaving to take the Vicarage of St. Mary's, Kidderminster.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)
On Monday, January 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

THOMAS BETTISON Treble.	CHARLES CARR 5.
WILLIAM GOSLING, SEN. 2.	HERBERT ALLSOP 6.
GEORGE CLARK 3.	FRANK MAY 7.
WILLIAM G. CHRISTIAN 4.	WILLIAM GOSLING Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM GOSLING.

Rung on the occasion of the home-coming of the Vicar (Canon Prior) after a long and serious illness. The ringer of the 2nd is in his 82nd year.

FOYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	HENRY BOOTH 4.
JOHN CLARK 2.	KEVE EVANS 5.
CHARLES L. SADLER 3.	THOMAS ROBBINS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

MUCH MARCLE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED JAMES Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 4.
CHARLES L. SADLER 2.	HENRY BOOTH 5.
ARTHUR JAMES 3.	THOMAS LEWIS Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES L. SADLER.

First peal on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, January 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

THOMAS RUSSAM Treble.	EDMUND J. HYLAND 7.
CHARLES DICKENS 2.	JOHN NEAL 8.
ALBERT WALKER 3.	THOMAS MILLER 9.
BERNARD W. WITCHELL 4.	ALF PADDON SMITH 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.	JAMES E. GROVES 11.
SAMUEL REEVES 6.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This composition is taken from John Carter's broadsheet of Stedman Cinques, 5019, No. 1. It is T. Reynolds's 70th peal of Stedman Cinques, and A. Walker's 20th of the same as conductor.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 12, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

DAVID BREARLEY Treble.	*JAMES T. SHAW 5.
JOHN REDFERN BREARLEY 2.	*JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH 6.
SAMUEL HARRISON 3.	*LEONARD JACKSON 7.
ARCHIE BREARLEY 4.	*WILLIAM HARRISON Tenor.

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

*First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method on the bells.

FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford Bob and Double Court, and 720 each of Single Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM G. CROSS Treble.	ARTHUR CAMPING 4.
REV. C. J. STURTON 2.	GEORGE R. TRUSS 5.
HARRY V. FLETCHER 3.	JOHN B. HALLIFAX Tenor.

Rung to celebrate the 81st birthday of the Rev. Canon James, Rector of the parish, which took place on the above date.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 9, 1909 in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of Woodbine, Kent, Oxford Delight, College Trebles, Primrose, Tulip, London Scholars' Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE BOLLAND Treble.	WILLIAM BOLLAND 4.
SAMUEL ODDY 2.	THOMAS HEPWORTH 5.
EDWARD ODDY 3.	HENRY ODDY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

This is the conductor's 100th peal, of which he has conducted 50. He has rung and conducted a peal from every bell in Tong tower.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble.	WILLIAM WOODGATE 5.
ARTHUR B. WIFFIN 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS 6.
GEORGE JAYE 3.	WESLEY WATSON 7.
ALFRED J. I. CARTER 4.	SGT.-MAJOR A. PYE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Date Touches.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

BOURNE (Lincolnshire).—On Wednesday, January 13th, at the abbey, a date touch of Minor, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins., being 240 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Reversed College Single: 120 each of Single Court, Double Oxford Bob, and 469 Plain Bob. J. Neal, J. Osborne, J. W. Lake conductor, A. S. Allen, F. Blood, A. E. Lacksonson. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. C. Barker, son of the Vicar's warden of the above church who was married on that day.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RAINHAM (Kent).—On January 17th, for evening service, a date touch of Oxford Bob Minor, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins. E. Bishop, A. Vaughan, S. Marshall, H. Macey, F. H. Champion, C. Belsey conductor. Tenor 24 cwt.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RENDCOMB.—On Sunday, October 25th, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, 1908 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. S. Saunders, H. R. Saunders, A. Hayward, F. J. Lewis conductor, B. Gegg, B. Haywood. On Thursday, October 29th, 1060 Grandsire Doubles. S. Saunders, F. J. Lewis, H. R. Saunders, C. Andrews, B. Gegg, B. Haywood.

LEIGH (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, December 21st, 1908 (St. Thomas's Day), a date touch, 1908 changes, of Grandsire Doubles. St. Dunstan's method in 1 hr. 12 mins. T. V. Lister, H. Finch, C. Coldrick, G. Watts, C. Dyson conductor, W. Hughes. Rung at the parish church of St. Catharine.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, October 11th, 1260 Stedman Triples in 46 mins. W. Shimmans, W. A. Fowler, J. J.

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Lamb, F. A. Holden conductor, F. Bennett, I. G. Shade, T. Jakeman, H. Hoskins. On handbells a course of Stedman Caters. H. Hoskins, F. A. Holden, F. Bennett, W. Shimmans, W. A. Fowler. This ringing was arranged specially for W. A. Fowler, who hails from Taunton, Somerset. On Sunday morning, October 18th, 576 London Surprise Major. W. Foreman, H. Hoskins, J. J. Lamb, L. G. Shade, F. Bennett conductor, W. Berry, F. A. Holden, W. Shimmans.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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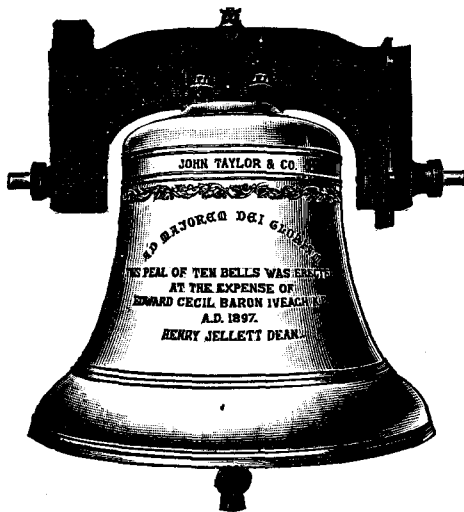
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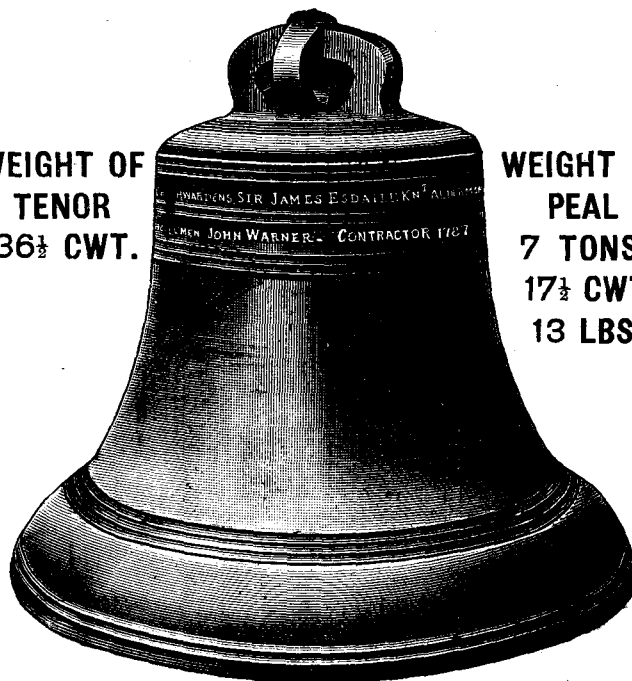
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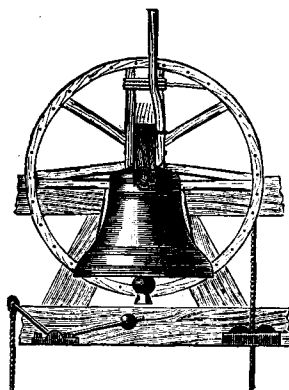
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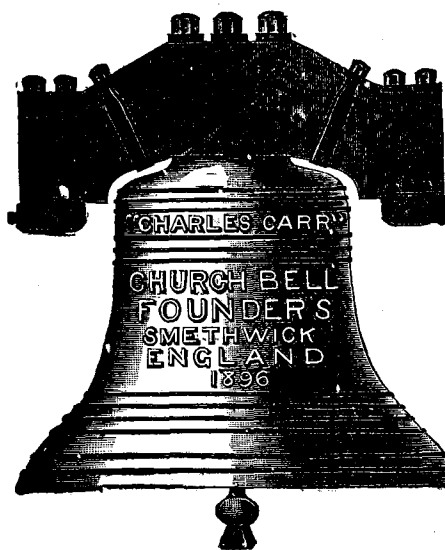
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ST. ANDREW'S, SANDON, ESSEX.

The fine old tower at this church, with its grand old ring of five bells, have just undergone thorough repair. The bells have been rehung in a new frame of English oak, with new wheels, stocks, and all the most modern fittings. The tenor, which had been cracked for many years, has also been recast.

The work was carried out by Messrs. Barwell, church bell founders, of Great Hampton street, Birmingham. The go of the bells is excellent, and the new tenor is of splendid tone. The local ringers are highly-delighted with the work, and live in the fond hope that the above-named firm will shortly receive the order to add a new treble to make a ring of six, though there is enough room in the tower for eight. The writer is of opinion that there is not so fine-toned a ring of five in the county.

The bells were opened by the local company.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the north-western division was held at Harlow Common on Saturday, January 23rd. A goodly number of members assembled, and ringing was kept up with spirit during the afternoon and evening. Tea was enjoyed at The White Horse hotel, the Rev. C. J. Ward, Rector of Nettswell, presiding.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. Letters of regret at being unable to attend were read, and also, from the Rev. T. L. Papillon, Master of the Association, to the effect that that gentleman proposes at the next annual meeting to resign his office, as he would be leaving the county, and that the Association would then be prepared to appoint some one in his stead, adding that he was glad to think that, as he is a life member of the Association, he should not altogether sever a connection which had given him so much pleasure and brought him so many friends.

The Rev. W. A. Herrington, Vicar of Hunsdon, was elected a life member; the Rev. C. J. Ward and Messrs. H. Francis (Harlow), and E. Rixon, F. Clark and A. Smith (Matching) ringing members.

Votes of thanks included the Rev. C. J. Ward for presiding, the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Dent for making arrangements.

The members wished the next meeting to be held at Waltham Abbey, if arrangements could be made.

THE BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The above society was formed last December, as a result of a meeting of ringers round about Barnsley, which was called for that object. There are several six-bell towers in the district, whose members cannot get to either Yorkshire Association or Sheffield District Society's meetings owing to their remoteness and bad service of

trains. It was decided, therefore, to form a society for Barnsley and district, in order that these towers, or rather the ringers, should have regularly-organised meetings for practices one with another.

Representatives were present from the following towers: Barnsley, Penistone, Darfield, Wath, Hoylandswaine, Ackworth, Monk Bretton, Darton, Silkstone, Roystone, and Wragby. After having decided that the society be formed, a president was elected in the person of Mr. C. D. Potter, of Barnsley; vice-president, Mr. W. Woodcock, jun., of Darfield; secretary, Mr. A. Nash, of Wath. A working committee was also elected, and a series of meetings for 1909 drawn up and passed.

This practically concluded all the business, the remainder of the evening being spent in talking over the projected society and its general desirability, something of the kind having evidently been wanted for some time.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at Bedworth on Saturday, January 23rd. By the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Evans, Rector, the bells were placed at the disposal of the ringers in the afternoon and evening. The meeting of the Guild was held in the schoolroom, the Rev. Canon Evans, vice-president, presiding, supported by the following officers: Messrs. G. A. Martineau, Adams, White, Murray, and the hon. secretary. Twenty-two members and friends were present. Mr. Coleman read the minutes of the last quarterly meeting, which were confirmed. It was then proposed by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Murray, that that the next quarterly meeting be held at Stratford-on-Avon on Saturday, April 24th, and this was carried unanimously. The next business was the election of new members, and twelve persons were nominated for membership.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Canon Evans for his kind permission for the use of the bells, and for presiding over the meeting. This was carried with acclamation.

Following the meeting the guild was entertained to an excellent tea by the kindness and hospitality of the Bedworth company, which was much appreciated by all present, and justice was done to the good things placed before the members to ring the changes on the kind arrangements made, and the hearty reception the guild received from Mr. T. Randle and the Bedworth ringers made the quarterly meeting a most successful one. Mr. Coleman moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Randle and the Bedworth ringers for their kind hospitality in entertaining the guild, and this being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

In the evening touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung by the members. The total attendance, 36, was above all previous quarterly meetings.

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ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

The fourteenth annual general meeting was held on a recent Monday evening, under the chairmanship of the Rev. Canon A. V. Baillie (president of the society). There were also present the Rev. C. E. M. Wilson (chaplain), Messrs. S. F. Spencer (churchwarden), W. Brooke (ex-churchwarden), A. L. Coleman, R. Watson, J. B. Fenton, and F. Sear (the retiring officers), and a good attendance of members. The balance-sheet was adopted, and officers for the ensuing year were then elected as follows:—Mr. A. L. Coleman (Ringing-Master); Mr. S. C. Small (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer); Mr. J. B. Fenton (deputy Ringing-Master); Messrs. Watson, Dubber, and Watson (Committee); and Mr. A. J. Hessian (Hon. Auditor).

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. A. J. Hessian and Mr. A. White for their past services; and also of sympathy with the former in his illness. Owing to another engagement, the Rector had to leave before the close of the meeting, but before going congratulated the society on another year's very good work, and its smooth running.

Mr. Coleman moved a vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding, and to the clergy for the interest they took in the society's work.

Mr. S. F. Spencer then took the chair. Two new members in Mr. W. Malins and Mr. J. W. Chandler were elected.

The Ringing-Master, in a short discourse, remarked on the good attendance of the band, and also that eight quarter-peals had been rung during the year, viz.: Grand-sire Triples, Stedman Triples (?), Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich (3). He further remarked on the harmonious way in which all the members worked together, and said that their success was mainly due to that unity amongst the ringers. They had achieved another success that evening in accomplishing the first plain course of Superlative Surprise Major ever rung on the bells, and he did not suppose there was another local band in the county of Warwickshire who could ring a course of that method except by outside help. The band stood for this as follows: R. Watson, 1; S. Small, 2; H. O. White, 3; A. Dubber, 4; C. Wheeler, 5; G. Murray, 6; J. B. Fenton, 7; F. Sear, 8.

Mr. W. Brooke proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ringers for their services during the past year, and to Mr. Coleman, as Ringing-Master, for the able way in which the bells were rung.

Mr. S. F. Spencer endorsed Mr. Brooke's remarks, and said that the churchwardens fully appreciated the service of Mr. Coleman and the ringers.

Mr. Coleman, in reply, said that the band had now seven different methods at their disposal for Sunday ringing, and that the attendance shewed the interest taken in the work.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 30th, a quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Titchfield, and proved to be a great success, owing no doubt to its being the home of the Master of the Guild—Rev. C. E. Matthews—who gave the ringers a hearty welcome, and done everything to make the visit enjoyable. Members attended from Wickham, Shedfield, Swanmore, Bishops Waltham, Fareham, North Stoneham, Portsea, Curdrige, Portsmouth, and Titchfield. A capital tea was served in the parish room at 5 o'clock, after which a short service was held in the church, at which all the ringers attended. An appro-

priate address was given by the Vicar, who reminded the ringers that they were workers of the Church. The Vicar welcomed them all to Titchfield, it being the first occasion he had in having a meeting of this description since he had been Vicar.

After the service the business meeting was held, the Master of the Guild presiding. Mr. J. W. Whiting (Hon. Secretary), Mr. G. E. Chappell (Assistant-Secretary), Mr. E. J. Harding (representative), Mr. G. Williams (West End), and Mr. W. T. Tucker (Eastleigh), were present. Two performing and eight probationary members were elected from Titchfield, and one from Fareham. The balance-sheet for the year was read and adopted, it being a favourable one. Receipts showed £14 6s. 4d.; expenses £2 17s. 11d., leaving a balance in favour of the district of £11 8s. 5d.

Votes of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his kindness in meeting the ringers, and for the use of the bells; also to Mr. J. W. Whiting for the very able manner he had carried out his secretarial duties. The bells were kept going in touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single, Plain Bob, and Grandsire.

MAGDALEN COLLEGE, OXFORD.

A new large clock has just been erected in the college tower, which strikes the hours upon the largest bell of the peal of ten, and plays the Oxford quarters upon the other bells. There is no external dial to the clock, and in some respects it is a copy of the old one. The new clock has been made generally to the designs of the late Lord Grimthorpe, and is guaranteed by the makers to keep very accurate time. The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who are also at the present time making a large chiming clock for Selby Abbey, Yorkshire.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Seventh Council will be held at the Church House, Westminster, on Whitsun-Tuesday, June 1st, 1909. Nominations for the Office of President and for that of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, as also Reports of Committees, Notices of Motion, and any other matter should reach me not later than Saturday, May 1st. Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations are earnestly requested to forward the names with full postal address of the elected representatives of their Associations as soon as possible, with a view to the early completion of the official list of the new Council; and in cases where no elections have yet taken place it is sincerely hoped that a meeting of the Association may be speedily summoned for the purpose, or that in any meeting shortly forthcoming this item may not be forgotten in drawing up the agenda. A remittance of 2/6 is due for each representative, the rights of representatives being in abeyance until their quota has been paid.

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On Saturday, January 23rd, the All Saints company held their fifth annual supper at the Rectory, Poplar, E. Punctually at 8.30 p.m. ringers, past and present, to the number of 21, sat down to a splendid spread provided by the Rector. Good old roast beef, &c., followed by Christmas pudding, disappeared in record time.

Supper over, we adjourned to the Rector's study, where the remainder of the evening was given over to songs and music, almost every member contributing an item. Short touches of Grandsire were rung upon handbells, and the time to "go" came all too soon. At 12 p.m. we joined hands to the singing of Auld Lang Syne, and everyone was convinced that this year's dinner was the most successful ever held by the company.

RINGERS' SUPPER.

The annual supper of the Horley parish church ringers was held on Thursday evening, January 1st, at the Six Bells inn. There was a good muster of members and friends, who spent a thoroughly convivial and enjoyable time under the genial chairmanship of the Rev. R. P. E. Cheeseman. On the removal of the cloth, an interesting programme of music, with a few necessary toasts, the first being that of "The King," which was given with musical honours.

Mr. Martin proposed "Church and State." The chairman in responding, said it was rightly called "Church and State." Many erroneously thought that the State founded the Church, but it was the other way about. As members of the Church they looked upon the Church and State as being bound together in one great whole. In Horley he was thankful to say that they had a large body of lay-helpers who were always ready to come forward.

The chairman submitted the toast of the evening—"The Horley Bellringers," remarking that he always looked upon the annual supper as one of the most enjoyable functions of the parish. He apologised for the absence of the Vicar, who greatly to his disappointment was unable to attend.

Mr. Songhurst (Hon. Secretary), suitably replied. He congratulated the members upon their regular attendance for practice, and more especially on their Sunday ringing for services.

The host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. Huey), were very heartily thanked for the excellent supper they provided.

During the evening the Horley handbell ringers gave some selections, and songs were rendered by several of the local band, while Mr. Streeter's comic songs were much enjoyed.

SUTTON COLDFIELD (Warwickshire).—On Monday, November 9th, on the occasion of the election of Councillor Norris as Mayor, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. C. Waithman, E. Matthews, B. Claydon, W. Allsop, G. Roberts, G. Claydon conductor, B. Leedham, J. Reynolds.

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7 5 2 3 4	6th in three.
5 2 7 3 4	8, 6.
7 2 4 3 5	6, 9.
2 4 7 3 5	8, 6.
4 7 2 3 5	8, 6.
7 3 2 4 5	6th in three.
3 2 7 4 5	8, 6.
7 2 5 4 3	6, 9.
2 5 7 4 3	8, 6.
5 7 2 4 3	8, 6.
7 4 2 5 3	6th in three.
4 2 7 5 3	8, 6.
5 2 3 4 7	6th in two and 8, 6.
2 3 5 4 7	8, 6.
3 5 2 4 7	8, 6.
5 4 2 3 7	6th in three.
4 2 5 3 7	8, 6.

Repeat above twenty courses, calling first course 6, 9s, which produces 4 2 3 5 7. Then call—

4 2 3 5 7

5 4 3 6 2	9th in and out at three and 7, 9.
3 4 5 6 2	7, 9s.
5 3 4 6 2	8th in three.
4 3 2 6 5	9, 8.
2 4 3 6 5	8th in three.
3 2 4 6 5	8th in three.
6 2 4 3 5	s at 1.
2 3 4 6 5	9th in three.
4 2 3 6 5	8th in three.
3 4 2 6 5	8th in three.

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

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THE PROPOSED EXTRA BELL FOR ST. PETER MANCROFT, NORWICH.

We again repeat the list of subscriptions towards this movement.

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The Rev. E. J. Crosby ...	0	5	0
Mr. Fredk. Saunders, <i>Eton</i> ...	0	5	0
The Rev. E. C. Hopper, <i>Starston</i> ...	0	10	6
The Rev. Wm. C. Pearson, <i>Henley</i> ...	0	10	6
Mr. J. A. Trollope, <i>Ealing</i> ...	0	5	0
Mr. W. J. Nevard, <i>Gt. Bentley</i> ...	0	10	6
The Rev. C. F. Blyth, <i>Richingham</i> ...	0	10	0
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An interesting letter from one of the Hon. Secretaries will be found in the next column.

LIVERPOOL.—On Thursday, January 14th, at St. Mary's, Hale, in honour of the birthday of Gilbert Ireland-Blackburne, esq., six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, 720 changes, each called differently, in 26 mins. W. Young, J. Allen, Rev. C. A. Clements conductor, J. Houghton, sen., J. Houghton, jun., W. Woodward.

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

THE EXTRA BELL FOR ST. PETER MANCROFT, NORWICH.

SIR,—The letter in your last week's issue from Mr. S. Moore, giving the very full details of the twelve-bell peal at Cirencester, was naturally exceedingly interesting to me, and no doubt interested many others of your readers also.

It seems that the extra bell to form a light peal of eight in connection with a ring of twelve is not so uncommon as might be supposed. I should be very glad to hear what other peals of twelve there are in this country so fitted up.

A peal of twelve bells is counted a fine thing, and can no doubt be very useful on occasions when a talented and experienced band of ringers is at hand. But how few and far between such bands are, and how seldom is it that the full peal of twelve is used for Sunday ringing. One wonders how the regular Sunday ringing (if any) is managed in the case of heavy peals of twelve. Any information on this point would be welcome.

Now I am writing I should like to say that any contributions to our St. Peter Mancroft Extra Bell Fund would be gladly received, no matter how small. There may be many who would like to help us, but who would only be disposed to give comparatively small amounts. Such subscriptions, if sent in stamps, would be thankfully acknowledged by post, but need not be published individually unless the donor desired it.

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GEORGE P. BURTON.

PEALS OF DOUBLES.

SIR,—In reading reports of peals of Doubles in this week's "BELL NEWS," rang by the Hereford Diocesan Guild, it has occurred to me to query whether this is as correct as it should be. Now, I do not in any way wish to cast reflections upon this struggling society, but when you see the report of a 5040 of Bob Doubles being rung I think it is time to query it, as it is quite obvious that this is unattainable, eight 120s being the extent. And again, if a 5040 of Doubles be rung, I take it that it should be forty-two 120s, each one called differently, not ten 120s upwards of three times repeated. Some year or two ago I remember a 5040 of Stedman Doubles being rung by this same society. Surely this is unobtainable, as ten 120s are the extent in Stedman.

My object for drawing attention to this rapidly-growing evil is not to hurt anyone's feelings, but to put *wrong right*, as I do not see why anyone or any society should be credited with a performance which they have not performed.

HEREFORDIAN.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January 21, at St. Ann's, Highgate, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich. W. Nudds, E. Bonfield, W. G. Matthews, J. A. Trollope, E. F. Cole, A. E. Brightman, M. Woodcock, F. Smith conductor.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Christmas afternoon, for the afternoon service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. P. Garwood, S. Slater, A. F. Clarke, B. Maxim, G. Smith, Theodore E. Slater conductor. After the service a 720 of Woodbine, conducted by T. E. Slater.

TUNSTALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, January 10, for Divine Service, 1232 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Darlington, G. A. Smith, F. Smith, H. Smith, J. Johnson, J. Godber, A. A. Clay, W. Thompson conductor. Recently for practice 642 Stedman Triples, conducted by G. A. Smith; 400 Double Norwich, conducted by W. Thompson; 1008 Stedman Triples, conducted by J. Godber, the following ringers taking part:—G. A. Smith, F. Smith, H. Smith, J. Johnson, A. A. Clay, W. Thompson, J. Godber, J. Darlington, T. Shone.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.
Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on the 16th; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 8th and 22nd; at St. Matthew, Upper Clapton on the 11th and 25th; at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 9th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 18th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 25th; all at 8 p.m.

The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members who have not met twenty times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due, and should be paid before February 28th.

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

The London County Association (late the St. James's Society)—Established 1824.—The eighty-fifth Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 13th, at St. Margaret's, Westminster. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 to 5 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30 at the Princes Head, Princes Street, opposite the Abbey. Ringers attending to ring till 5 p.m. are requested to be there not later than 4 p.m., sharp, as the church doors will then be closed.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Farnham Royal to-day Saturday, February 6th. Service in church 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Bells of Burnham, Slough, Stoke Poges, and Farnham Royal open to members after 2 p.m. Motors leave Slough Station for Farnham Royal at 1.15, 3.25, and 5.35. Return 6.25 and 7.55. All coming should send names to Farnham Royal, Slough.

J. J. PARKER.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—In order not to clash with a meeting of the Northern District, the meeting at Ware will be held on February 13th. The bells will be ready from 3.30. Tea at 5.30, with a business meeting after. All members and friends will be made welcome.

W. H. LAWRENCE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
Little Munden.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Whittlesford this Saturday afternoon, February 6th. Tea at 5 o'clock.

P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Baldock to-day, Saturday, February 6th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea at 5.30 at The White Lion.

J. F. FOSTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
82, Grove Road, Hitchin.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Newcastle to-day, Saturday, February 6th. Tea at 5.45 free, in the National Schools. Service at 7 p.m.

Rev. W. G. KEYWORTH, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON, }

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be

held at Rotherfield (eight bells) on Saturday, February 13th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector, Rev. F. W. Champneys, M.A. Trains from Eastbourne 12.40, Polegate 12.51, Hastings 1.50, arrive Rotherfield 1.44.

GEO. H. HOUSE, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Carlton Road, Eastbourne.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas church, Newchurch, on Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready at 3. Tea at 5. Meeting at 7, when a presentation will be made to Mr. Zeb. Lord, in commemoration of his services to the Association and his fifty years' standing as a bell-ringer. All ringing friends are cordially invited, and special tea (hot joints) will be provided at 1s. 3d. each for all sending in their names to Sam Lord, 1, Church Lane, Newchurch, on or before Monday, February 8th. Waterfoot bells (six) will also be at liberty from 3.0 to 4.30.

JAMES ROLLERSON.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Alton on Saturday, February 13th. Alton (eight) Chawton (six) bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at parish hall at 5.0.

JAS. W. ELKINS, *Hon. Sec.*

3, Culver Villas, Winchester.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, on Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready at 5.0. Meeting at 6.30.

WALTER HUGHES.

35, Church Road, Garston.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Spilsby on Saturday, February 13th. Service at 3.15. Tea at The Shades hotel at 4 o'clock. Members intending to be present send their names to me on or before February 9th.

E. SELLERS, *Hon. Sec.*

Gedney House, Kirtom, Boston.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, February 13th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business to follow. All members intending to be present please inform me by Thursday February 11th.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The North Notts Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ordsall on Saturday, February 13th. Tea at 5 p.m. Members should inform Mr. J. White, Ordsall, Retford, by February 10th.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

Harthill, Sheffield.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual anniversary, "Henry Johnson" commemoration, will be held on Saturday, February 20th next, at Ye Olde Royal hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, dinner being served at 6.30 sharp. Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., will preside. Ringing at St. Martin's (twelve bells) from 3.30 to 5.30. Dinner tickets free to full subscribing members, and to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained by application on or before Wednesday, February 17th, from any of the guild's officers, or from

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The meeting will be held at St. John,

Deansgate, on Saturday, February 20th. Bells ready at 5.0. Meeting at 7.0.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

106, Bank Street, Clayton.

The Essex Association.—North Eastern District.—The next meeting of the above district will be held at Earls Colne on Saturday, February 20th. Tea will be provided at The George hotel at 5 o'clock, 6d. each. Those intending to be present please give notice.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Coggeshall.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Catherine's, Feltham, on Saturday, February 20th, by kind permission of the Rev. J. F. Jemmett. Bells will be ready at 4.0. Tea will be provided at 5.30 at 6d. each. The Rev. H. T. C. Steenbuck will preside. Members and friends are cordially invited.

H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*

Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A meeting (without allowances) will be held at Boughton, on Saturday, February 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m.

G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

The Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham Branch.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham on Saturday, February 27th, from 3 till 9 p.m. The election of officers will take place at this meeting for the ensuing year.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Dis. Sec.*

Bramcote Road, Beeston.

All Saints, Edmonton.—On and after Monday, February 1st, the practice will be on Mondays instead of Thursdays at 8 p.m. Visitors always welcome. All communications respecting the above tower to be sent to

G. PAICE.

42, Cecil Terrace, Croyland Road, Lower Edmonton.

MEMORIAL WINDOW.

In Hammersmith parish church on Saturday, January 30th, there was unveiled a stained glass east window to the memory of the late Prebendary John Hampden Snowden, Vicar of Hammersmith from 1879 to 1901, during which period he did much to further the work of the church in Hammersmith, and to gain the love of all his people. The handsome church that to-day stands out so prominently in the Broadway and the present school buildings are monuments to his untiring energy. A large congregation assembled for the service, the mayor and councillors attending in state, and the window was dedicated by the Bishop of Kensington, who gave an address on Heb. xiii. 7, recalling the life of the late Prebendary Snowden as an incentive to new effort in the present.

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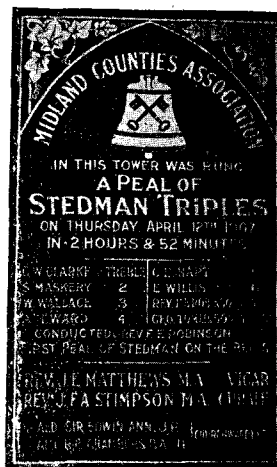
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ARTHUR N. HARDY Treble.	HERBERT W. HIBBERT .. 5.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2.	JAMES W. CHAPMAN .. 6.
ALBERT TURNER 3.	ALFRED B. PECK 7.
HENRY S. ELLIS 4.	ERNEST BRETT Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

First peal on the bells since being rehung by Mears and Stainbank, the "go" being everything that can be desired.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 30 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble.	SAMUEL J. BIRD 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	ALBERT W. COLES 6.
CHARLES T. COLES 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
JOHN J. LAMB 4.	JAMES GEORGE Tenor.

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

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 Provinces.**SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, January 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****HOLT'S ORIGINAL.****Tenor 21 cwt.**

WM. KITCHINGHAM* Treble.	JOSEPH E. GRNSTED .. 5.
FRED A. HOLDEN 2.	STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. 6.
HERBERT E. SIMPSON .. 3.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 7.
WILLIAM SPICE 4.	LEONARD B. GRANT .. Tenor.

Conducted by **FREDERICK A. HOLDEN.**

*First peal on eight bells.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, January 14, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.**

JOHN RAY† Treble.	THOMAS WATTON .. 5.
FRED EVANS 2.	*HARRY JEAVONS .. 6.
WILLIAM MILLS 3.	WILLIAM FISHER .. 7.
DANIEL JONES 4.	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD .. Tenor.

Conducted by **WILLIAM FISHER.**

*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. D. Jones was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

CANTERBURY.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Thursday, January 14, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes.***AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES.****Tenor 30 cwt.**

JACK WILLIS* Treble.	REV. F. J. O. HELMOKE .. 6.
FREDERICK G. BRET .. 2.	CHARLES LUERY .. 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. 3.	ARTHUR A. ANDREWS .. 8.
PERCY P. PAINE 4.	GEORGE G. JENKINS .. 9.
WILLIAM WENBAN* .. 5.	HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. Tenor.

Composed by **J. CARTER.** and Conducted by **EDWIN G. BUESDEN.**

*First peal of Caters.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.****(THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.)***On Thursday, January 14, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,****A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.****Tenor 14½ cwt.**

JOHN BASS Treble.	WALTER J. BRETHERTON .. 5.
JOSEPH SMITH 2.	CHARLES E. PERKINS .. 6.
WILLIAM POTTER 3.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 7.
ARTHUR WHATMORE .. 4.	CHARLES F. WHITE .. Tenor.

Composed by **J. CARTER,** and Conducted by **R. MATTHEWS.**

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the conductor, and his first peal of Major in the method.

CHEAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, January 16, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN.****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.****Tenor 11 cwt. in G.**

CHRISTOPHER G. GOMMO .. Treble.	EDWARD T. GROVE .. 4.
JOHN BEAMS 2.	CHARLES E. READ .. 5.
BERT W. CHANNEL 3.	WALTER SHERMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by **JOHN BEAMS.**

First 5040 on the bells.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, January 14, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.****Tenor 21 cwt.**

GORDON CAUDWELL* .. Treble.	RICHARD G. RICE .. 5.
JOHN BOWER† 2.	WILLIAM HUTTON .. 6.
ALFRED R. BOSLEY .. 3.	EDMUND BANNISTER .. 7.
JAMES ABBY 4.	FREDK. W. WOODWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by **EDMUND BANNISTER.**

*First peal on eight bells. †First peal on eight bells away from the tenor.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, January 15, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.***AT CHRIST CHURCH,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.****Tenor 8½ cwt.**

GEORGE H. HOWSE .. Treble.	ARTHUR MILES .. 5.
ERNEST GOWER 2.	EDWARD W. BRAY .. 6.
ARTHUR K. GOWER .. 3.	JOSEPH SHARY .. 7.
GEORGE PENFOLD .. 4.	CHARLES H. GATLAND .. Tenor.

Conducted by **JOSEPH SHARP.**

First peal as conductor in the method. First peal in the method by a local band, and was rung on the 21st anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Friday, January 15, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-ON-THE-HILL,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR.****5184 CHANGES.****Tenor 14 cwt.**

FRANK MILTON .. Treble.	JAMET MORGAN .. 5.
GEORGE JONES 2.	EDWIN H. LEWIS .. 6.
ROBERT SPERRING .. 3.	HENRY W. WILDE .. 7.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 4.	JAMES V. WRIGHT .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by **HENRY W. WILDE.**

First peal of Double Oxford Major by all the band except the conductor, also first in the method by the Guild, and first in the county.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, January 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,****5040 CHANGES.****Tenor 27 cwt. in D.**

JAMES V. WRIGHT* .. Treble.	GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 5.
GEORGE JONES 2.	EDWIN H. LEWIS .. 6.
REV. ARTHUR T. BEESTON .. 3.	JAMES MORGAN .. 7.
ROBERT SPERRING .. 4.	HENRY W. WILDE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by **HENRY W. WILDE.**

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

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, January 16, 1909, 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. 13.**

WILLIAM HENLEY .. Treble.	REUBEN FLAXMAN .. 5.
FREDERICK REID 2.	JAMES ELDERFIELD .. 6.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. 3.	CHARLES CLARKE .. 7.
GEORGE BASDEN .. 4.	JOHN BOVINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by **J. J. PARKER.**

Rung on the occasion of the Institution of the Rev. Frederick Meredith Hargreaves to the rectory of Farnham Royal.

DRIGHLINGTON.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD CRABTREE*.. ..Treble.	SYDNEY BARRON 5.
JOSEPH BROADLEY 2.	EDWIN WHEATER 6.
SMITH COLLINSON 3.	FRANCIS BARKER 7.
GEORGE BARRON.. .. 4.	*WALTER TOTHAM .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS BARKER

*First peal.

GODALMING, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS ATTWELL .. ..Treble.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE.. .. 5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, JUN. 2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 6.
HENRY L. GARFATH.. .. 3.	FRANK BLONDELL 7.
MAURICE SMITHER 4.	ALFRED H. PULLING ..Tenor.

Composed by G. WILLIAMS, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER.. ..Treble.	BERTRAM HEAD.. .. 5.
GEORGE CASE 2.	WILFRED OVERTON 6.
JOHN OVERTON 3.	HORACE W. OVERTON .. 7.
ERNEST FOXALL.. .. 4.	HARRY JONES .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

Arranged for C. L. Sadler, of Leintwardine, it being his first peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and his sister, Miss A. Overton.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD)

On Saturday, January 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WALTER APPERLEY .. ..Treble.	CHARLES H. GORDON 6.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 2.	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7.
HARRY BROWNJOHN .. 3.	HENRY PRING 8.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 4.	JOHN A. BURFORD 9.
RICHARD CLARK 5.	WILLIAM A. CAVE .. ..Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and
Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Richard Clark, the band wishing him many happy returns.

BRATHAY.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 16, 1909, in Five Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 10,080 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Duke of York, Violet, Oxford and Kent—repeated.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOSEPH BACKHOUSE .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM SHARP.. .. 4.
ROGER SATTERTHWAITE .. 2.	JOHN HOLME 5.
FURNESS WOODEND 3.	WILLIAM ROBINSON .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH BACKHOUSE.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Dr. Hough, of White Craggs, Brathay.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR MORTIMER .. ..Treble.	WALTER FINEDON 4.
CHARLES CHASTY 2.	FRED MORTIMER 5.
CHARLES MORTIMER 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE ..Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

First peal in seven Treble Bob methods on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. C. F. B. Hawkins, Vicar, for the use of the bells.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.. ..Treble.	*CYRIL F. JOHNSTON 5.
WILLIAM H. JOINER .. 2.	LEONARD F. TAYLOR .. 6.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7.
DR. A. B. CAEPENTR .. 4.	*ROBERT H. ETHERINGTON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

*First peal in the method.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

F. SMITH .. ..Treble.	A. A. CLAY 5.
G. A. SMITH 2.	S. CHURTON 6.
J. WOODWARD* 3.	W. J. CARTER 7.
T. MOUNTFORD† 4.	J. JOHNSON .. ..Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by J. JOHNSON.

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

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 17, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

C. GITTINS .. ..Treble.	G. LAMBE 4.
R. HAMER 2.	J. P. HYETT 5.
W. H. YOUNG 3.	H. WINDERS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. YOUNG.

First peal by all except the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 5th.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE CLIFTON SOCIETY.)

On Monday, January 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES; HENRY JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

A. FREDERICK ALLEN* ..Treble.	WILLIAM H. THOMAS .. 5.
RICHARD CLARK 2.	WALTER E. APPERLEY .. 6.
HENRY BROWNJOHN .. 3.	RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 7.
CHARLES H. GORDON .. 4.	JOHN THOMAS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

*First peal. First peal of Major on the bells.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 19, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

SIDNEY BOARE Treble.	ARTHUR BLAKE 5.
THOMAS GOSLING 2.	WILLIAM WELLING 6.
FREDERICK J. GUTTRIDGE .. 3.	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4.	WILLIAM RALPH Tenor.

Conducted by W. WELLING.

OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 19, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt 1 qr. 15 lbs.

WILLIAM E. J. COMPTON Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON* 2.	FREDERICK WHITE 6.
ARTHUR W. DIX 3.	HUBERT EDEN 7.
HENRY HODGETTS 4.	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHEROOK, and

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

*First peal in the method.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Friday, January 22, 1909 in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Bob Minor, and three 720s of Double Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. HUGH RICHARDSON ..Treble.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 4.
REV. H. LAW JAMES 2.	WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH 5.
C. WILLIAM SMITH 3.	ROBERT RICHARDSON ..Tenor.

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. A. J. Farr and Miss Rachel Richardson, sister of the ringers of the treble, 4th, and tenor, who was married the day before at the above church.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON Treble.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 5.
ALBERT FLEMING* 2.	†ALBERT WRIGHT 6.
HAWKINS ENGLISH 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
STANLEY W. HULL* 4.	CHARLES W. PARKER ..Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM HUDSON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal in the method. †First peal.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ..Treble.	AUSTIN GREGORY 5.
HAROLD WRIGHT* 2.	JAMES V. WRIGHT 6.
ROBERT SPERRING 3.	WALTER THOMAS 7.
THOMAS NEWELL 4.	JOHN ROBERTS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES V. WRIGHT.

*First peal with a bob bell.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY .. ..Treble.	ARTHUR R. JACOB 5.
ALBERT EDWARD BRIGHTMAN 2.	FRANK SMITH 6.
EDWARD F. COLE 3.	WILLIAM BERRY 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. ..Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN, and

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

The band wish to tender their sincere thanks to the Rev. W. W. C. Baker for entertaining them on their previous visit, and for granting the bells for this attempt.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE EXETER RINGERS' CYCLING CLUB BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. in G.

THOMAS LAVER .. ..Treble.	EDMUND SARGENT 5.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE 2.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 6.
ALFRED MONKLEY* 3.	JAMES MOSS 7.
FRANK J. DAVEY 4.	JOHN RICHARDS Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR W. SEARLE.

*First peal with a bob bell. Rung to commemorate the Club's first peal on the same bells on January 21st, 1905, by the same band. The above is the Club's 21st peal.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

RICHARD MOUNT .. ..Treble.	ERNEST MORRIS 5.
PHILIP HARDY* 2.	WALTER JAMES 6.
T. HENRY HARDY 3.	RICHARD HY. BARTRAM .. 7.
CHARLES DALBY 4.	RICHARD W. BAKER .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD HENRY BARTRAM.

*First peal on eight, and was elected a member before starting.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 26, 1909, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES.
Tenor 27½ cwt.

HERBERT STANSFIELD* ..Treble.	HARRY CHAPMAN 7.
CHARLES BOWER* 2.	*BEN GILL 8.
JAMES WOOD 3.	SAMUEL BOOTH 9.
JOSEPH TURNER 4.	ALBERT ADAMS 10.
SAMUEL WOOD 5.	†BEN THORPE 11.
ALBERT E. WREAKE* 6.	*MALCOLM OLDFIELD .. ..Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and Conducted by BEN THORPE.

*First peal of Grandsire Cinques. †First peal of Grandsire Cinques as conductor.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Minor reported in our last issue as having been rung at Little Munden, Herts., should read as having been rung at Standon, Herts.

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

CHATHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, January 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.**

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM EASTER Treble.	ALFRED ROBSON 5.
STANLEY B. DOBBIE* .. 2.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 6.
WILLIAM HAIGH 3.	FRED A. HOLDEN 7.
WILLIAM BATE 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal in the method.

Handbell Peals.**SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

*On Wednesday, January 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes.***AT 33, HOLLY STREET,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN .. 5-6.
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 3-4.	GEORGE O. DIXON .. 7-8.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—Walter Coates.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

*On Friday, January 15, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes.***AT 10, WELLGATE,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.**

SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 1-2.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. 3-4.	WALTER COATES .. 7-8.

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—George Oakes.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, January 16, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes.***AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. E. JAMES, 34, MARSHALL ROAD, WOODSEATS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.**

SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN .. 5-6.
GEORGE LEWIS .. 3-4.	WALTER COATES .. 7-8.
GEORGE O. DIXON 9-10.	

Composed and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpires—Wm. Biggin and E. James. First handbell peal in the parish; also G. O. Dixon's fiftieth peal. The band tender their hearty thanks to Mr. and Mrs. James for entertaining them to tea after the peal.

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

NORWOOD GREEN.—On Saturday, December 12th, 1908, at St. Mary's, a date touch of 1908 changes, being 720 of Grandsire Minor and 1188 of Plain Bob in 1 hr. 5 mins. A. R. Macdonald, A. George conductor, T. Barker, F. Goddard, H. Chandler, C. Edwards.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RYE (Sussex).—On Thursday evening, December 31st, 1908 (New Year's Eve), at the parish church, a date touch, 1908 changes, of Bob Minor was rung half muffled in 70 mins. H. F. Cobon, C. Price, W. Bennett, J. B. Bennett, G. J. Youngs, Geo.

Billinness. It was rung on the back six bells, and conducted by Geo. Billinness. It is the first date touch, and believed to be the longest touch of Minor on the bells.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, Boxing Day, a date touch, 1908, in 1 hr 14 mins., composed as follows:—Plain Bob 108, Woodbine 36c, Kent Treble Bob 720, and Oxford Treble Bob 720. A. J. Clarke conductor, S. Slater, P. Garwood, B. Maxim, George Smith, Theodore E. Slater.

Miscellaneous.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

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COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Monday, November 16th, 1908, at the church of St. Peter, 1120 Superlative Surprise, for practice. P. Langston, W. Howell, A. Shuffebotham, W. Elliott, J. Sadler, G. Norfolk, E. Beckwith, D. Elliott conductor.

LONDON.—On November 21st, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. T. Cranfield conductor, J. Scholes, F. C. Newman, A. J. Neale, R. Sanders, D. D. Scambler, K. Theobald, A. Joyce.

BOTTESFORD (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, November 14th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. T. Rawdin, C. Lamb, D. Gilden, W. Turner, M. Bend, R. Bend, S. Baker conductor, H. Thorlby.

CUBITT TOWN, E.—On Sunday, November 8th, 1908, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 50 mins. Thomas H. Hawkins, Arthur J. Neale, Thomas Cranfield, Frank C. Newman, Reuben Sanders, Samuel J. Bird, Frederick W. Thornton conductor, Dalby Hodgson.

HERNHILL (Kent).—On Friday, October 30th, 1908, for practice, 1050 Grandsire Triples. F. Hadlow, H. Gilbert, E. Kendell, C. Hadlow, W. Wenban conductor, A. Gilbert, E. E. Foreman, F. Elsey.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Sunday, November 13th, 1908, at the church of All Saints, for evening service, 857 Stedman Caters. H. Chapman, A. E. Gasson, W. Moore, H. Barton conductor, H. Moore, E. Spiller, T. Mannering, A. Tawney, F. Wellard, A. F. Ashman.

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EXETER.—Previous to Divine Service at St. David's church, on November 15th, 1908, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 48 mins. A. Monkley, C. Carter, F. J. Davey, F. Gardner, James Moss, H. B. Kindersley, W. Richardson conductor, W. H. Webber. First quarter-peal on an inside bell by F. Gardner.

ASTON MANOR (Birmingham).—On Sunday, November 15th, 1908, at the parish church, after morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1277 changes, in 50 mins. T. Verry, W. G. Ellis, J. Scran, W. F. Webb, T. Westwood, T. Wutton, R. Hackley, J. T. Perry composer and conductor. P. Lapiu. R. Speakman.

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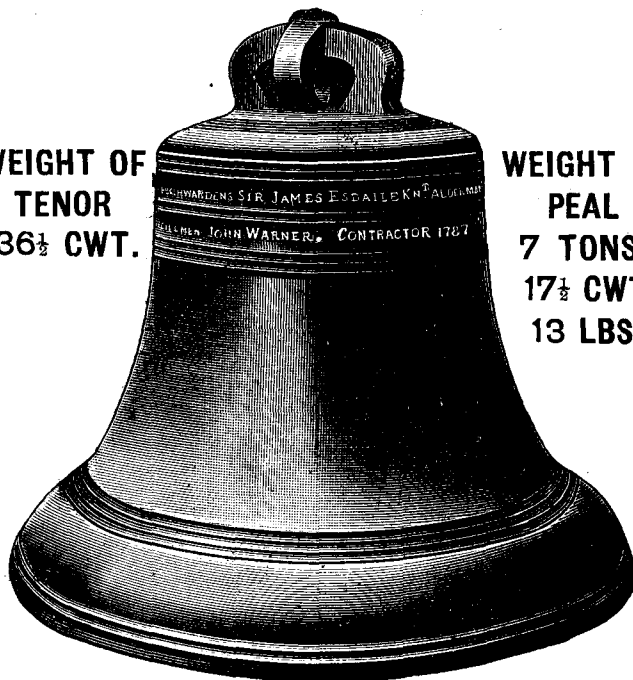
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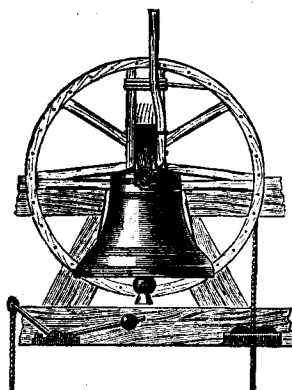
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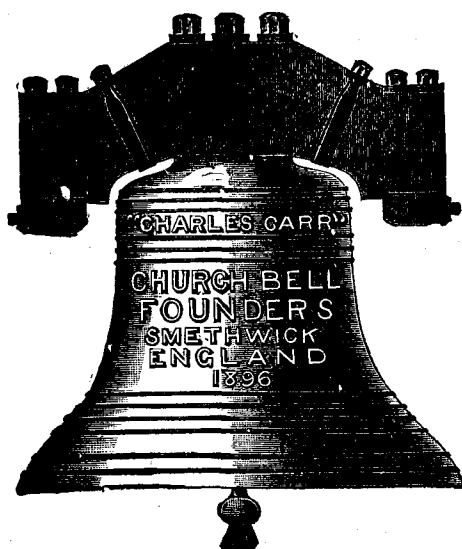
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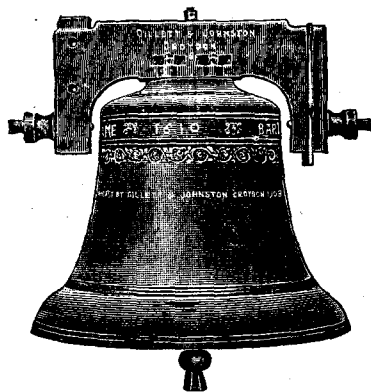
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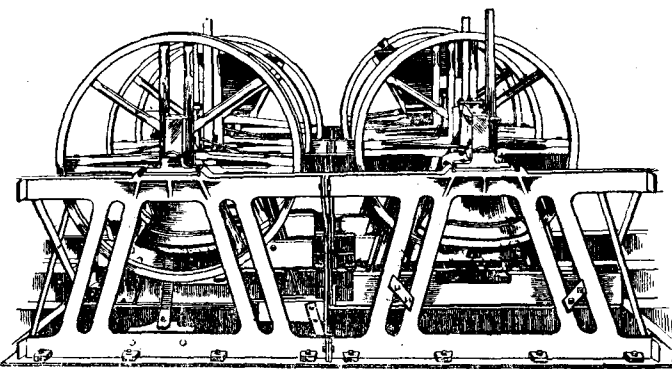
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ROLLESTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

These bells, a ring of five, have recently been rehung with all new fittings, the treble and 2nd recast, and a new treble added, whilst the other three have been retuned by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. On Saturday evening, December 12th, a Dedication Service was held, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. the Hon. L. Tyrwhitt, Chaplain-in-Ordinary to the King. The bells were afterwards raised in peal and a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles rang by the Burton-on-Trent parish church company, viz.: W. J. Smith conductor, J. H. Swinfield, F. Shepherd, T. Dicken, G. Robson, L. Bullock. This was followed by a 720 of Bob Minor, conducted by L. Bullock, in which Mr. J. W. Taylor took part. A few rounds were then rung by the local company. The whole of the ringers were afterwards entertained to refreshments by Sir Oswald Mosley, Bart., after which Mr. Sudale (captain of the local band), proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Sir Oswald for his kindness. This was seconded by Mr. G. Robinson, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

The new treble was presented by Mr. Arthur Benwell, of Rolleston, while Sir Oswald Mosley has very kindly paid all other expenses. The bells are now considered one of the most musical rings of six in the neighbourhood, the "go" being excellent, and the work has given every satisfaction. The local band have commenced to learn change-ringing.

MILBORNE PORT, SOMERSET.

The restoration of the ring of eight bells at St. John's church has given general satisfaction. The bells have been rehung in a new massive oak frame, with new fittings. The tenor bell (28½ cwt.) has been recast, and the Ellacombe chiming apparatus fixed. The work has been carried out by Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, Devon.

KINGSBRIDGE, DEVON.

The ring of eight bells at the parish church has been put in thorough order and the frame strengthened by Mr. Harry Stokes, church bell hanger, of Woodbury. The bells are now in capital order.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of the above was held at Birmingham on Saturday, January 30th, members being present from Barwell, Burton, Cotgrave, Derby, Leicester, Loughborough, Nuneaton, West Bromwich, Wolverhampton and Birmingham and district. The bells of St.

Martin's, Aston parish church and Bishop Ryder's were open to the visitors from 2 p.m., and some good touches of Stedman Cinques, Caters and Triples, Superlative, Grandsire Caters and Triples, Double Norwich, etc., were brought round during the day. The committee meeting was held in the Bull Street Cafe at 4.45, and afterwards upwards of sixty members sat down to tea at the same establishment. This was followed by the general meeting, the vice-president being in the chair. He was supported by Messrs. W. E. White (hon. sec.), A. W. Brighton, E. D. Taylor, H. Wilde, amongst others present being Messrs. John Carter, W. H. Godden, J. Jaggar, J. E. Groves and S. Reeves. The Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting held at Duffield, which were passed and signed. Mr. J. W. Taylor announced the forthcoming resignation of the hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Wakley, through ill-health. He said the resignation would be regretted by all, and hoped Mr. Wakley's health would speedily be restored.

The chairman proceeded to review the peals rung during the last quarter, which amounted to forty-four, making the total for the year up to 150, a great increase on all previous records for the Association, and almost a national record. He also referred to the ringing of a peal by a lady member, Miss Lilian Willson, of Leicester, whose name was greeted with applause. This was the first lady member to ring a peal in the Midland Counties Association.

On the proposition of Mr. W. C. Wakley, seconded by Mr. Griffin, rule 14 was altered, and now reads as follows: "That no alteration or addition to these rules be made except at the annual meeting of the Association. Notice in writing of any proposed alteration to be given to the hon. secretary previous to the third quarterly meeting." It was felt that alterations to rules would be more fittingly made at the more representative meeting. The names of four life members and thirty ringing members were read out, and their election passed *nem. con.*

Mr. White proposed, and Mr. Brighton seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Birmingham men for their kindness in arranging for the meeting, and also for a social evening after eight o'clock, Birmingham being actually outside the bounds of the Association. The names of Messrs. Carter and Godden were coupled with the vote, and it was carried with applause. Mr. Godden suitably replied. A vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells was passed, on the proposition of Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. T. W. Chapman, Mr. Griffin remarking on the treat it was to the members to get a ring on twelve bells.

Mr. Willis proposed, and Mr. Draper seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. Taylor for presiding, which that gentleman acknowledged, apologising for not having been able to be present at the last meeting.

Later in the evening the members adjourned to The Crown hotel, a smoking concert having been kindly arranged by the local men. Mr. Harry Withers delighted the company with a course of Double Norwich on the piano, and the members of St. Martin's Guild, with a few M.C.A. ringers, rang various methods on the hand.

bells, interspersed with tunes and songs. Among other performances courses of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, four in hand, by Messrs. Carter and Groves, and a course of Grandsire Cinques by T. Russam, J. Carter, A. R. Aldham, T. Miller, J. E. Groves and A. P. Smith were worthy of note, the Grandsire Cinques in particular sounding very pleasing to the unaccustomed ears of the visitors. The meeting was kept up till a late hour, everyone returning home well satisfied with the day's performances.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

It had been decided to hold the first meeting of this year of this Association at Oldbury, but as, when the time came, it was found that the Vicar of that parish desired the visit postponed, it was found necessary to arrange it elsewhere, and by the number of those who attended it, it was evident that a most suitable selection had been made in arranging it at Netherton, near Dudley, for on Saturday, January 30th, about eighty members visited this parish to attend the meeting.

The usual service was held in the church at 4.15, when those present had the pleasure of listening to an address by the Vicar, the Rev. S. J. Marriott. At the conclusion a move was made to the new schools, the plans of which, by-the-bye, were drawn up by the Vicar himself, and of which he has every reason to be proud. Here a most enjoyable tea had been provided by the churchwardens, to which full justice was done; and then an adjournment was made to an adjoining room to hold the business meeting. It was again decided to hold the annual meeting at Worcester, and the Secretary was instructed to request the Very Rev. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean of Worcester, to accept the office of President. Mr. W. Micklewright was appointed conductor of the quarterly peal to be attempted at Netherton. The annual report and balance-sheet, which showed a balance on the right side of over £9, and a deposit in the Post Office Savings Bank during the past year of £5, making a total reserve fund of over £16, were read and passed; after which four honorary and seventeen performing members, including a daughter of one of the churchwardens at one of the churches affiliated with this Association, were elected. Notice was then given of a proposal to be brought forward at the annual meeting in regard to the division of the Association into three branches. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens brought the meeting to a close.

These bells are one of the few complete peals produced in Birmingham, the front six being by Elews, 1870, and the two trebles being added by Barwell in 1897, the tenor being 12½ cwt. in G. Touches were also rung during the afternoon and evening.

HARPENDEN (Herts.)—On Wednesday, November 25th, on the occasion of the choir festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. B. Coburn, R. Coburn, E. Bolton, L. Pearce, G. Newson, B. Jarman conductor, H. Burgess, S. Barns.

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Obituary.

HENRY S. THOMAS.

It is with great regret that we announce the death of Mr. Henry S. Thomas, late of Battersea, which took place on the 28th ult., from collapse after an operation. He was in the 58th year of his age, having been born at Battersea in 1851. Although he had not within the last few years mixed much with the ringing world, there was a time when he was a familiar figure at all large gatherings of the Exercise. He was a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths for about twenty years, and was Master of that society in the Jubilee year. He was also a member of the St. James's and Waterloo Societies. In the year 1872 the Rev. Canon Erskine Clarke, the Vicar of Battersea, asked Mr. Thomas to take charge of the belfry and the ringing there, which he did, and all those who have since rung in that much-frequented tower will bear witness how good was the result of his superintendence, the bells always being in good order, and the belfry one of the neatest and most comfortable in London. Owing probably to the pressure of business resulting from the responsible position held by him with Messrs. Ward, Lock, and Co., Mr. Thomas satisfied himself so far as ringing was concerned with the Grandsire method, scoring in all about twenty peals of Triples and Caters. His first peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Battersea on the 19th February, 1884, conducted by the late W. Baron, and his first peal of Caters at Quex Park on August 4th, 1884. Among other peals in which he took part was one rung half muffled on the day of the funeral of the late Henry Haley, by eight Henrys—viz., Bright, Hopkins, Langdon, Davis, Swain, Thomas, Tucker conductor, and Dains.

Mr. Thomas was also known outside London, having on one occasion taken the chair at the Johnson commemoration dinners at Birmingham. He was a most genial and open-handed man, and his purse was always at the service of any good object. The Cumberland Society possesses mementoes of his generosity in their last peal book and other properties, and they have also a portrait of him presented by a number of his friends. He was great as an organiser of entertainments and subscriptions for charitable purposes, apart from those connected with ringers, and all who were well acquainted with him will know how hard he worked in this way for the Farnham Boys' Homes. He himself was the recipient of a massive marble clock and an illuminated address presented to him by Canon Erskine Clarke on behalf of ringers and friends of Battersea. The first part of the funeral service was held at Old Battersea on Wednesday last, when the church was well filled. Later in the day the usual whole pull and stand was rung on the bells half muffled. On Saturday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Cumberland Society attempted a peal of Double Norwich at Battersea, with the bells half muffled to his memory, but unfortunately this was lost after about an hour's ringing.

PARISH CHURCH, BOLSOVER.

On Sunday, January 31st, after the usual evening service, a tablet was dedicated by the Vicar, Rev. B. S. Batty. The tablet, which is white marble, is the gift of His Grace the Duke of Portland, and bears the inscription of a peal of Superlative rang by the local ringers on the fifth anniversary of the opening of the two trebles, and to celebrate the 50th birthday of His Grace the Duke of Portland, K.G.

Will Mr. G. Baker, conductor of a peal of Doubles at Hunston on January 1st, kindly send his address to J. E. Hobbs, Lynn Croft, Eastwood, Notts.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The interesting article which appeared on page 546 concerning the late Mr. Haley and his various performances was no doubt well received by readers of the "B.N." The writer stated that Mr. Haley began his career as a conductor of "lapping" peals. That is so. And however the statement may be received, Mr. Haley was heard to say more than once that the experiences of his "lapping" days gave him a very good insight into the art of change-ringing and composing. It is not generally known, perhaps, that Mr. Haley was originally a Spitalfields weaver. The neighbourhoods of Spitalfields and Bethnal Green show still, here and there, significations of the days when the weaving of various textile fabrics was the staple occupation of the people. Houses were built for the weavers with a large apartment at the top to contain the looms, and wherein the whole of the household who dwelt beneath could be employed. Some such buildings are still to be found, though the looms are gone, the denizens of many of these top apartments now being flocks of pigeons. These eastern neighbourhoods have their picturesque side, however, and to ringers they afford a pleasing historical retrospect.

Spitalfields church was once a noted centre of ringing. Not the present edifice, but its predecessor, which was burned down. This church had a ring of twelve, with a 44 cwt. tenor. Those who are fortunate enough to possess a *Shipway* may learn a few interesting particulars about these bells, and some of the peals rung upon them. The old masters of the Exercise congregated there—Geo. Gross and his contemporaries of metropolitan fame. The destruction of the church was a great disaster, and by it the Cumberlands lost a favourite headquarters. The present church—Christ Church—is a prominent feature amidst its surroundings. The architect was named Hawkswood, and the churches and other buildings he erected are characterised by massive, heavy entablature, of which the present church is a good example. There is a couplet referring to him, which is said was, or ought to have been, placed upon his tomb. It is something like this:—

Lie on him heavy, earth, for in his lifetime he,
Laid many a very heavy load on thee.

The bell-chamber at Spitalfields is a dark apartment, and some years ago a sexton named Wright, while among the bells, some of which were set, in attempting to get clear of the frame got on the wrong side of the wheel, and the bell going off, he received injuries which caused his death.

After this modicum of historical research we will turn to something else. And firstly, a reference may be made to the attempt now in progress for placing an additional bell in St. Peter's tower, Norwich. The fullest particulars have been given concerning this, and there is no necessity for me to recapitulate them. More than once it has been said that the ringing community require a deal of time to understand what is required at their hands (and pockets) when any movement slightly out of the common is brought before them. Are there not grounds for the reproach? Any ordinary person outside the Exercise would have thought that the small sum required for the new bell for St. Peter's would have been got together within a week. Yet we have seen only one subscription-list up to the present!

It is incumbent on *all* ringers to so affiliate themselves with objects of this kind, that they should regard it as a point of honour that such matters should be dealt with rapidly. The invitations to assist objects in which we all have an interest

should be responded to *immediately*, and without any delay whatever. It should be our pride to give a *practical* response to such matters the moment they are broached. Will all who read these lines so exert themselves that the sum required for the extra bell at St. Peter Mancroft may be in the hands of the secretaries to the fund by the end of the present month at farthest? A little energy, a little thought, and a very limited call on one's means, and the job is done. My readers, old and young, will you neglect lending your aid to this?

The bells of St. Mary-le-Bow, like St. Paul's and Cripplegate, are pealable. Years ago I listened to a conversation among ringers respecting the raising of heavy bells single-handed. It was said up to that time no one had raised St. Saviour's tenor, and then one or two of those present "guaranteed" that they could do it. But they did not succeed, either of them. We have just been informed that Bow tenor has recently been pulled up in the short space of three minutes by a youth who is likely to become a very prominent member of the Exercise in the near future. When we consider that Bow has for many years past been referred to with a shrug, on account of their unpealable—almost unringable—condition, we must confess that bell-hanging has now become a science. The time was, when referring to various rings of bells, we should have run the rule over them and pointed out their several defects, and such remarks as these would be made: "tenor can't be rung;" "an awful false lot;" "— is a fair slaughter-house;" "they drop on you like houses;" and so forth. But now all this is in the way of being changed, large bells are made to go well, *vide* the heavy tenors of St. Paul's and Bow, rung easily in peals of Maximus. It is worthy of remark, too, that these last-named are hung in wood frames.

"The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths is looking up. More life appears to be thrown into its management. With some pleasure I read about the annual meeting, held the other day. There were some nominations for the office of Master, among them being the name of our old friend, William H. Doran. I am old enough to recollect a cartoon in *Punch*, wherein the grandfather of the present Earl of Derby is seen to welcome Lord John Russell on his admission into the House of Lords, thusly: "What! you here, Johnny? Oh! what fun we shall have now, Johnny." And if my friend W. H. D. had been elected Master of the Cumberlands, I should have addressed him in a similar manner: "Why, Billy, got to be Master? O dear, what fun we shall have."

That the church of St. Andrew, Rugby, has a ring of eight bells may be taken as a fact. It may then be assumed that the ringing company there are in number about twelve, or say, sixteen. After reading the published report of the annual meeting of this august body one is tempted to ask how many of them are *not* in office. There is a President, a chaplain, a Ringing Master, deputy-ringing Master (what mouthfuls), an hon. auditor, and several committee-men; I suppose all "hon." Too many officials of this sort appear ridiculous. A small local society like this only needs a good business man as Secretary, who should be a good ringer, though. Ringing-masters, deputy-ringing masters, assistant deputy-ringing-masters, hon. auditors, and all the rest of it, sound fulsome, and should be avoided. The man at the head of affairs in the tower should by tacit consent be he whose ringing attainments are immeasurably above the rest of the company. These, my last observations this week, only apply to such small local affairs as the one alluded to.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

A TONG CENTURY.

MR. GEORGE BOLLAND'S RECORD.

Under the above heading the *Pudsey and Stanningley News* has the following:—

A company of bell-ringers visited Tong on Saturday to do honour to Mr. George Bolland, the veteran ringer of that village, who that day rang his hundredth peal. This took place in the afternoon in the parish church tower, when a peal of 5040 changes was rung in fourteen different methods. The ringers were:—Geo. Bolland, treble, conductor; Sam Oddy, 2; Edward Oddy, 3; William Bolland, 4; Thomas Hepworth, 5; J. H. Oddy, tenor. A party of nearly forty ringers, hailing from Armley, Birstall, Calverley, Pudsey, Cleethorpes, Shipley, Earls-heaton, Dewsbury, and other places afterwards foregathered in The Greyhound inn at Tong, where Mr. and Mrs. Ashton admirably served a capital rabbit pie supper. Mr. Charles Salloway afterwards presided, and stated that the peals in which Mr. Bolland had taken part had been 44 on six bells (of which he had conducted 40). Forty-nine Kent Treble Bob Major (conducted 10), three Cambridge Surprise Major, one Oxford Treble Bob Major, one Bob Major (tower) and one ditto (hand-bells), and one Kent Treble Bob Royal—total 100. Included in these were 6000 in 25 different methods, which he conducted, 10,440 in different methods, which he conducted, and he also took part in a silent peal at Dewsbury on April 7th, 1888, which was not included in the list. This was not, he said, a bad share of ringing for a man who had had to work hard. Mr. H. Oddy proposed "The Health of Mr. George Bolland," and in doing so said that every man present that evening knew his worth. He was known for miles around as a good and careful ringer, and as a reliable conductor. He (Mr. Oddy) had never known him miss a call, and ringers everywhere had always been glad to meet Mr. Bolland; he was always so agreeable, and so ready to undertake any duty. The toast was heartily honoured. Mr. Bolland, on rising to respond, had a very heart reception. He said it was a great pleasure to see so many old friends. He had thought at one time that he would never reach one hundred peals, and it had taken him thirty-one years to do it. Many changes had taken place in that time. Four out of the six who took part in his first peal in 1877 had gone, and the other, in addition to himself, Mr. J. H. Dixon, of Dewsbury, was with them that evening. Not one of the old Pudsey company was left. It was the same at Birstall, and only one or two were left at Calverley. He (Mr. Bolland) was not particularly old, but he was an old ringer. Before his day ringing 5000 was an extraordinary thing at Tong. Pudsey, Birstall and Batley had to come and help them. But they persevered, and Tong held the record of the first 5040 on six bells, the first record of 6000 in different methods, and the record for 10,440 in fifteen methods. They all knew his position. He could not get off at dinner time, but their record would take a lot of beating. Mr. Bolland proposed the health of the visitors, coupling with it the names of Mr. Holgate (Bramley), Mr. Pratt Cordingley (Pudsey), and others. Mr. Holgate, in responding, said he was deeply grateful for the opportunity of taking part in the gathering. Young ringers had always found a sturdy friend in Mr. Bolland, and he was very pleased to share in the congratulations to one who was known as "the king of bell-ringers." He hoped that he would live long to ring with them. Mr. P. Cordingley said that the Pudsey company were perhaps more than any other company indebted to Mr. Bolland. He well remembered the time when as a probationer he came to Tong. The Pudsey company was not then in a flourishing condition, and they came to Tong for help and instruction, and received a hearty welcome from Mr. Bolland and the Tong company as a whole. He had spent many happy hours at Tong. It was eleven years since he rang his first bell, and he was largely indebted to Mr. Bolland and the Tong ringers for any success he might have obtained. Ringers were always willing to help the young. There was a brotherliness about bell-ringers which was not found everywhere. Mr. Bolland had ever held the highest ideal of the bell-ringers, and that was to do church work. That, he always submitted, was the primary object of their existence, and he had ever tried to help the Tong and other companies to realise the value of the work they were doing. Mr. F. Redmayne, churchwarden at Tong, said he should like to see the spirit which animated bell-ringers in every department of church work. They stuck

together, and there was a brotherliness amongst them which was often lacking in the congregations of the Church of England. Mr. J. H. Dixon and others also spoke. Selections on the hand-bells were given during the evening by several members of the party, and altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.

It is often said that the busiest man has most time. When there are public duties to discharge it is the active business man rather than retired gentlemen who take the positions, when a committee needs a secretary, they rarely rely on the man who has no evening engagements. The man that has most to do can generally find most time for other work. And here we have Mr. George Bolland, of Tong, described as "the king of bell-ringers," as one more illustration of the truthfulness of the old saying. George has been nearly all his life a milkman, a retail milkman, and a farmer, and when a man has only one of these occupations he has very little spare time. But George had them both, and yet he has found time to establish a hundred peal record for the district. It has taken him thirty-one years to do it, but he has attended the church tower as a duty, as an act of service as well as of pleasure.

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."

PEALS OF DOUBLES.

SIR,—The protest raised by your correspondent is a mistaken one. There is no reason why our friends who are restricted to five bells should not ring 5000's of Doubles in one method, although many six-scores are called alike. The Central Council did require for some time that every 720 in the same method in a peal of Minor should be called differently, but later on this was rescinded, and the question left open.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

THE EXTRA BELL FOR ST. PETER MANCROFT, NORWICH.

SIR,—It was with surprise that I noticed in your last issue a letter from Mr. Geo. D. Burton, relative to the Sunday ringing of heavy peals of twelve, who wonders how it is managed, if even done at all, and as he is asking for information on this point, I have pleasure in supplying the following facts from the records of the Sheffield parish church company.

Out of a possible attendance of ninety-eight (being twice for each Sunday, less six for three Sundays in August, during which the church was closed for cleaning) for the official year ending November, 1908, I find the full peal of twelve bells (tenor 41 cwt.) were rung on sixty-two occasions, and from thence to the present date on nineteen occasions, whilst at all other times not less than ten have been rung.

I may say the company consists of fourteen members, of whom more than half reside upwards of two miles from the church, and even this record might possibly have been better, but for the fact that one member, through serious illness, has only put in eleven attendances during the times stated, therefore when Mr. Burton remarks "how seldom is it that the full peal of twelve is used for Sunday ringing," I feel I cannot let it pass without acquainting him of what at least is done here.

Doubtless there are others who could show that full peals of twelve are regularly used, although there are but few such peals in the country.

In conclusion, I may add that in addition to the extra bell at Cirencester, I know of one at the parish churches of Leeds and Halifax.

SIDNEY F. PALMER.

87, Bradley Street, Sheffield.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In your issue of January 23rd you publish a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, as the heaviest Surprise peal yet rung.

I beg to inform you that a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 5056 changes, was accomplished at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on February 27th, 1904, and published in your next issue as the heaviest peal of Major ever rung.

J. W. GOLDING.

23A, Oxenford Street, East Dulwich.

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 price. 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 the 16th; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 22nd; at St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on the 25th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 18th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 25th; all at 8 p.m.

The subscription of rs. 8d. which entitles members who have not met twenty times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due, and should be paid before February 28th.

WILLIAM T. COCKBAILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association (late the St. James's Society)—Established 1824.—The eighty-fifth Annual General Meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, February 13th, at St. Margaret's, Westminster. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 to 5 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30 at The Princes Head, Princes Street, opposite the Abbey. Ringers attending to ring till 5 p.m. are requested to be there not later than 4 p.m. sharp, as the church doors will then be closed. T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—The meeting at Ware will be held to-day, Saturday, February 13th. The bells will be ready from 3.30. Tea at 5.30, with a business meeting after. All members and friends will be made welcome.

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

Little Munden.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherfield (eight bells), to-day, Sat., February 13th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector, Rev. F. W. Champneys, M.A. Trains from Eastbourne 12.40, Polegate 12.51, Hastings 11.50, arrive Rotherfield 1.44.

GEO. H. HOUSE, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Carlton Road, Eastbourne.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas church, Newchurch, to-day, Sat., February 13th. Bells ready at 3. Tea at 5. Meeting at 7, when a presentation will be made to Mr. Zeb. Lord, in commemoration of his services to the Association and his fifty years' standing as a bell-ringer. All ringing friends are cordially invited. Waterfoot bells (six), will be at liberty from 3.0 to 4.30.

JAMES ROLLERSON.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Alton to-day, Sat., February 13th. Alton (eight) Chawton (six) bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at parish hall at 5.0.

JAS. W. ELKINS, *Hon. Sec.*

3, Culver Villas, Winchester.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, to-day, Sat., February 13th. Bells ready at 5.0. Meeting at 6.30.

WALTER HUGHES.

35, Church Road, Garston.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Spilsby to-day, Sat., February 13th. Service at 3.15. Tea at The Shades hotel at 4 o'clock.

E. SELLERS, *Hon. Sec.*

Gedney House, Kirton, Boston.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Billingshurst to-day, Sat., February 13th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business to follow. H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The North Notts Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ordsall to-day, Saturday, February 13th. Tea at 5 p.m. Members should inform Mr. J. White, Ordsall, Retford, by February 10th.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

Harthill, Sheffield.

The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—The annual meeting will be held on Friday, February 19th, at 7.45

JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual anniversary, "Henry Johnson" commemoration, will be held on Saturday, February 20th next, at Ye Olde Royal hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, dinner being served at 6.30 sharp. Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., will preside. Ringing at St. Martin's (twelve bells) from 3.30 to 5.30. Dinner tickets free to full subscribing members, and to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained by application on or before Wednesday, February 17th, from any of the guild's officers, or from W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The meeting will be held at St. John, Deansgate, on Saturday, February 20th. Bells ready at 5.0. Meeting at 7.0.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

106, Bank Street, Clayton.

The Essex Association.—North Eastern District.—The next meeting of the above district will be held at Earls Colne on Saturday, February 20th. Tea will be provided at The George hotel at 5 o'clock, 6d. each. Those intending to be present please give notice.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Coggeshall.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Catherine's, Feltham, on Saturday, February 20th, by kind permission of the Rev. J. F. Jemmett. Bells will be ready at 4.0. Tea will be provided at 5.30 at 6d. each. The Rev. H. T. C. Steenbuck will preside. Members and friends are cordially invited.

H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*

Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A meeting (without allowances) will be held at Boughton, on Saturday, February 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m.

G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

The Salop Guild.—The next meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, February 20th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m.

R. M. COLE-HAMILTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, February 20th. Members will meet at the Bell Foundry, Whitehorse Road, Croydon,

at 3 o'clock. Tea will be served at 4.45 only to those informing me by Wednesday the 17th inst., and the usual business meeting will follow Ringing at St. John's and St. Peter's after meeting. CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

59, Wellsley Road, Croydon.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, February 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock in the parish room. G. EDSEY, *Dis. Sec.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch, Eastern Division.—Next meeting at Denton on Saturday, February 20th.

A. T. BEESTON, *Hon. Br. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Ringwood on Saturday, February 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. GEO. PRESTON, *Dis. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Cranleigh on Saturday, February 20th. 2.30.—Bells (8) available till 9 p.m. 5.0.—Service at St. Nicolas church. Address by the Rev. P. Cunningham, M.D., Rector of Cranleigh 5.30.—Tea at the schoolroom, followed by business meeting. Tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s. All subscriptions should be paid on or before the above date. Probationers 1s.; Ordinary Members 2s.; Honorary Members 5s. J. J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham Branch.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham on Saturday, February 27th, from 3 till 9 p.m. The election of officers will take place at this meeting for the ensuing year.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Dis. Sec.*

Bramcote Road, Beeston.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Newington on Saturday, March 13th. Tower open at 2.30. Half railway fares up to 2s. allowed. Subscriptions are now due.

A. B. ROBSON, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PRAL AT BRISTOL.—W. Apperley's 50 Peals.—London Surprise Major 1; Cambridge Royal 4; Major 5; Stedman Cinques 1; Caers 11; Triples 12; Bob Major 2; Minor 1; Grandsire Triples 9; Doubles 2. On handbells.—Grandsire Triples 2 Total—50. Rung in twenty-two towers.

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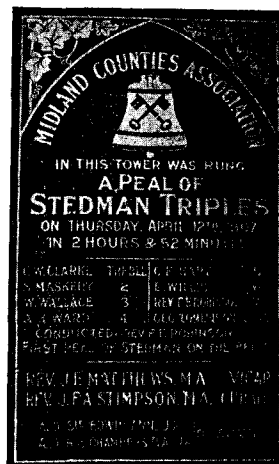
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SAURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1909.

A DISCUSSION has commenced on the genuineness of 5040 changes of Doubles; whether such essays should be dignified by the term "peal," and other debatable points. Up to a certain period our rule of publication was to place such records among the touches, and taking the phrase "a PEAL of Changes" as our standard, we think it was the correct thing to do. The same idea would apply to Minor also. But the Council thought otherwise, and to its dictum we yielded. As a performance seven methods of Minor can hardly be too highly commended; but to ring forty-two 6-scores of Doubles we should say that great courage was needed, and in cases where all of them are called alike, the terrific strain upon the faculties, combined with the awful monopoly, must develop a tendency to brain-softening. Hence we would have our five and six-bell brethren beware. We may have to ask the Central Council to issue a commission of scientists to inquire into the mental effects arising from forty-two 6-scores of Doubles.

A REQUEST.—Wanted by the Hon. Secretary of the Midland Counties Association, the composition of the peals rung by William Pye's band on August 1st and 3rd at Loughborough; and the eleven peals rung between the 12th and 19th of September last.

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 KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, February 3, 1909 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

ARTHUR N. HARDY Treble.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 5.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE* .. 2.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS .. 6.
WILLIAM HEWETT 3.	†EDWARD J. WOLLEY.. .. 7.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by N. J. FISTOW and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First Surprise peal. †First peal of Major. This was E. Barnett, jun's. rootb peal. a list of which appears elsewhere.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Thursday, February 4, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.*

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

THOMAS H. HAWKINS .. Treble.	REUBEN SANDERS 5.
ALBERT W. COLES 2.	SAMUEL J. BIRD 6.
THOMAS CRANFIELD 3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 7.
FRANK C. NEWMAN 4.	DALBY HODGSON Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

Rung in commemoration of the Mission, and on the fifty-second anniversary of the church; also a birthday compliment to Dalby Hodgson.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.*On Saturday, February 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, SOUTH HACKNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR HUGHES Treble.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE 5.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 2.	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 6.
ALBERT A. HUGHES.. .. 3.	ALFRED B. PECK 7.
DANIEL GIBBONS 4.	GEORGE DORRINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED B. PECK.

This is the first peal on the bells since the restoration by Mears and Stainbank, after being silent for over twenty years.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.*On Saturday, February 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILBY J. HAZELL Treble.	ERNEST S. POLL.. .. 5.
JAMES SAXBY 2.	JOSEPH E. SYKES 6.
GEORGE RADLEY 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
GEORGE A. CARD 4.	GEORGE PAICE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

The Provinces.**BIDDULPH, STAFFORDSHIRE.****STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 26, 1908 in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

B. HOLLAND Treble.	J. COTTRELL 4.
J. WHITEHURST 2.	H. WHITEHURST 5.
E. TIGWELL 3.	W. J. CARTER Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. CARTER.

First peal by the first three ringers.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.*On Saturday, December 26, 1908 (no time mentioned).*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Consisting of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER J. COURT* .. Treble.	*NORRIS WAY 4.
THOS. WYATT 2.	HERBERT KNIGHT 5.
FREDK. DERRICK 3.	*GILBERT G. COURT .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOS. WYATT.

*First peal.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, December 28, 1908, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5144 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SEERS .. Treble.	CHARLES DENSLEY 5.
RICHARD J. COUSINS .. 2.	ERNEST BISHOP.. .. 6.
CHARLES GOODENOUGH .. 3.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 7.
ALBERT E. SEERS 4.	THOMAS T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

Longest length, and first of Major on the bells. Longest length by all the band, and of Major by the Association. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. Seers and Goodenough.

REIGATE, SURREY.—THE REIGATE SOCIETY.*On Monday, January 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

J. WILLIAM POOLEY .. Treble.	ALBERT COTTRELL 6.
CHARLES S. HOAD 2.	HENRY A. HOAD 7.
ARTHUR HOLMAN 3.	WILLIAM H. BUCKLAND .. 8.
HUGH R. THORPE 4.	GEORGE F. HOAD 9.
GEORGE W. WALDER .. 5.	WILLIAM SMITH.. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. W. Pooley.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, January 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM WELHAM .. Treble.	WILLIAM SOUTER 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2.	EDWARD E. DIAPER.. .. 6.
WILLIAM E. TYDEMAN .. 3.	CHARLES W. PARKER .. 7.
STANLEY W. HULL 4.	JAMES MOTTS Tenor.

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

The ringer of the 4th is only sixteen years of age, and this is his first peal.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5220 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK ROBSON* .. Treble.	ARTHUR BARRETT 6.
JOHN CHILTON† 2.	OSWALD ARKLESS 7.
WILLIAM PILLAR 3.	SAMPSON T. WRIGHT .. 8.
JOHN G. HALL 4.	†ALBERT SIMPSON 9.
WILLIAM NEAL 5.	THOMAS METCALFE .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by S. T. WRIGHT.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the fifth dedication festival of the church.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 17, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST OWENS Treble	ALBERT OWENS 4
FREDERICK JAINE 2	WILLIAM SHORT 5
CHARLES JAINE 3	JOSEPH HARPER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

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

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 19, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BUCK Treble	JOHN WEBB 5
FRANK HOLDER 2	JAMES WIGNELL 6
ALFRED BOXALL 3	ALFRED CLAYTON 7
ARTHUR BUNDLE 4	FREDERICK BOULTER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK HOLDER.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 19, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM WATKINS Treble	CHARLES JONES 4
WILLIAM CLEMENTS 2	ALFRED TOMKINS 5
JAMES COOK 3	WILLIAM SHORT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CLEMENTS.

First peal on the bells.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Treble	GEORGE P. BURTON .. 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2	FREDK. R. BORRETT .. 6
JOHN WILSON 3	WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD .. 7
JOHN E. BURTON 4	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CHAS. E. BORRETT.

First peal on the bells since their augmentation from six to eight, which was carried out at the sole cost of the Rector, the Rev. R. W. Pitt.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

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	JOHN MILLETT 5
BENJAMIN SOUTER 2	WILLIAM FOX 6
HENRY GEORGE 3	BENJAMIN GREATOREX .. 7
FREDERICK JOHNSON .. 4	BRIAN HILDITCH Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATOREX.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Katharine Auriol Meade-Waldo, youngest daughter of Mrs. Meade-Waldo, of the Gables, Wirksworth, to the Rev. Henry John Freke Van, Rector of Radbourne, Derbyshire.

HAMPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE HEBBING* .. Treble	WILLIAM SHORT 4
GEORGE GRIFFITHS 2	*FREDERICK FOSTER 5
WALTER TAYLOR 3	*ROBERT TAYSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal.

SAWSTON, CAMBS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

W. B. KEMPTON Treble	PERCY WEBB 5
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHBY .. 2	FRANK E. KEMPTON .. 6
GEORGE TAYLOR 3	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 7
JOHN TAYLOR 4	PERCY TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

FENTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 25, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

JAMES WHITFIELD* .. Treble	CHARLES MORLEY 5
WILLIAM FITCHFORD 2	CHARLES PAGE 6
GEORGE WOODS 3	FREDERICK PAGE 7
ARTHUR PAINTER 4	JOSEPH SINISTER Tenor

Conducted by W. FITCHFORD.

*First peal away from the tenor.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 25, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

WALTER APPERLEY* .. Treble	HENRY PORCH 6
HUBERT J. CAVELL 2	FREDERICK J. PORCH .. 7
CHARLES H. GORDON 3	FRANCIS T. JEWELL .. 8
HARRY BROWNJOHN 4	HENRY T. HOWELL 9
WILLIAM KNIGHT 5	RICHARD CHAMMINGS .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by HENRY PORCH.

Arranged and rang as a birthday compliment to F. J. Porch, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. *Fiftieth peal.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 26, 1909, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK J. DIBBEN* .. Treble	WILLIAM C. ROBSON .. 5
JOHN BUCKLE 2	C. RAINBIRD G. ADDISS .. 6
PERCIVAL E. MORFE 3	HENRY W. WILKES 7
CHARLES E. HALL 4	*FRANK HUNT Tenor

Conducted by H. W. WILKES.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. R. Gladdiss, First peal by an entirely local band in the borough of Southampton.

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

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 26, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

J. H. R. FREEBORN Treble.	JOHN MONK 5.
WILLIAM JUDGE 2.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN 6.
WILLIAM STONE 3.	HARRY G. JUDGE 7.
MAURICE SMITH 4.	JOHN RICHARDS Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by H. G. JUDGE.

For figures of peal see Guild report for 1905.

EXETER.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 26, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED MONKLEY Treble.	EDMUND SARGENT 5.
CHARLES CARTER 2.	FRANK MURPHY 6.
WILLIAM MOGRIDGE 3.	EDWIN SHEPHERD 7.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON 4.	JAMES MOSS Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

First peal of Stedman rung in the City of Exeter by an entirely local band.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 28, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE OATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

FRANCIS W. BOND Treble.	H. CHARLES BOND 6.
HARRY LEWIS 2.	CHARLES E. BARTLETT 7.
JESSE B. TYLER 3.	H. TOM GARDNER 8.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 4.	JOHN THOMAS 9.
J. CHARLES EDEN 5.	FREDK. PROTHEROUGH .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

*First peal of Cateches. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Miss D. Cripps.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 28, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON .. Treble.	WILFRID J. MOSS 6.
ALFRED BARNES 2.	FRED HOLT 7.
WILLIAM LOWERY 3.	GEO. D. WARBURTON .. 8.
JAMES FERNLEY 4.	*ALLAN S. GORDON 9.
HIRAM MEAKIN 5.	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

*First peal of Royal.

EASTBOURNE.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S 12-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALBERT J. E. HARFFY .. Treble.	CHARLES J. E. HARFFY .. 5.
GEORGE H. HOWSE 2.	GEORGE PENFOLD 6.
ERNEST GOWER 3.	EDWARD W. BRAY 7.
JOSEPH SHARP 4.	CHARLES H. GATLAND .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE PENFOLD.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 28, 1909 in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM LEAVEY Treble.	HENRY WHITE 5.
MISS ALICE WHITE 2.	ALFRED BURGESS 6.
FRANK HANSFORD 3.	JOHN E. BALLARD 7.
WILLIAM HUNT 4.	FREDERICK KIMBER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN E. BALLARD.

*First peal. Rung on the anniversary of the birthday of the ringers of the treble and 5th.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN H. PAICE Treble.	WILLIAM HILLMAN 5.
BENJAMIN BASSETT 2.	ALFRED W. GROVES 6.
HARRY EVANS 3.	EDMUND H. LINDUP 7.
GEORGE J. NORRIS 4.	FREDERICK LINDUP Tenor.

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

Rung to commemorate fifty years' ringing of H. Evans, who has also rung on forty-nine Christmas Days; also to commemorate twenty-five years' ringing of B. Bassett.

BROMHAM, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30 1909, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR MORTIMER Treble.	CHARLES MORTIMER 4.
PEARL INSKIP 2.	FRED MORTIMER 5.
WALTER FINEDON 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF FORWARD ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS Treble.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6.
GEORGE W. MOSS 2.	HARRY MOSS 7.
FRANK JACOBS 3.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 8.
JESSE J. MOSS 4.	JOHN FLINT 9.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 5.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

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

First peal of Forward Royal by all, and first in the method on the bells.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 1, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE H. HOWSE Treble.	GEORGE PENFOLD 5.
ARTHUR GOWER 2.	EDWARD W. BRAY 6.
ARTHUR MILES 3.	KEITH HART 7.
ERNEST GOWER 4.	THOMAS WILLOUGHBY .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

Quarterly peal for the Eastern Division. The band wish to thank the Vicar—Rev. Canon Goodwin, M.A., R.D.—for the use of this splendid peal of bells, and also to the St. Mary's Guild for giving up their usual practice-night for the peal.

We insert the following peal somewhat out of its turn, because our readers will be pleased to hear, at the very first opportunity, of the restoration to health of the Rev. F. E. Robinson:—

CLANFIELD, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 9, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

SAMUEL BELES Treble.	THOMAS BULL 5.
JOHN MONK 2.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN 6.
FREDERICK POUNDS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
JOHN RICHARDS 4.	†FREDERICK MESSENGER .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

†First peal. This is the first peal rung by the Rev. F. E. Robinson since May, 1908. At the conclusion of what was a first-class peal Mr. Robinson received the hearty congratulations of the band on the recovery of health and strength once more.

Date Couches.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNE.—On Thursday evening, November 19, 1908, at the Abbey church, a date touch of Minor in 1 hr. 9 mins., in the following methods:—240 Cambridge Surprise, 240 Double Court, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, 240 Kent Treble Bob, 240 Reverse College Single, 120 Single Court, 120 Double Oxford, and 468 Plain Bob. J. Neal, F. Blood, J. W. Lake conductor, A. S. Allen, A. E. Larkinson, J. Osborne.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—on Monday, February 1st, at All Saints' church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 11 mins, T. Harrison, A. Naylor, T. Whitfield, L. Rodmell, T. Stockdale, H. Rodmell, C. Jackson composer and conductor, A. B. Cooke. Has the twenty-four 6-7s.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE.—On Tuesday, December 29th, 1908, 1344 Kent Treble Bob Major, with bells half muffled, as a token of respect and esteem for Rev. T. E. Cartwright, Vicar of Braintree 1865 to 1879, and was interred at Great Barfield on that date. F. Webb, W. Sadler, C. N. Kirwan conductor, N. E. Hammond, P. Holmes. S. R. Roper, H. Coote, H. Collins. On Monday, January 18th, 1909, 518 Grandsire Triples. H. Coote, W. Sadler, H. E. Hammond, C. H. Howard conductor, P. Holmes, F. Ely, S. R. Roper, W. H. Hammond.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LUTON.—At the parish church on January 24th, 1909, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1386 changes, in 48 mins. C. Wing, W. Payne, F. Bonner, J. W. New, B. Wilson, J. Rookwood, A. King conductor, H. Shaw.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CONGRESBURY.—On Sunday evening, November 29th, 1908, for Dedication Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 50 mins. F. W. Nipper conductor, S. T. Chalk, E. Andow, W. G. Perry, G. H. Collins, T. Gill.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HERSHAM (Surrey).—The following quarter-peals have been rung by the local company since September:—October 4th, for morning service, 1312 of Double Norwich Major. E. Hamblin, A. Shepherd, G. Woodiss conductor, F. G. Woodiss, I. Emery, G. Edser, jun., C. J. Hamblin, J. Emery.—Handbell Ringing.—October 3rd, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 34 mins. F. G. Woodiss, A. Shepherd, G. Edser, jun. conductor, S. C. Hamblin. Also on

October 12th, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 38 mins, taken from Holt's Original. C. J. Hamblin, G. Edser, jun. conductor, G. Woodiss, F. G. Woodiss. On October 19th, 1349 Grandsire Caters in 50 mins. C. J. Hamblin, A. Shepherd, G. Edser, jun., G. Woodiss conductor, J. Emery. October 20th, 1260 Grandsire Triples. F. G. Woodiss, G. Edser, jun. conductor, A. Shepherd, W. Woodrow, jun. First quarter-peal. November 9th, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 34 mins. C. J. Hamblin, G. Edser, jun. conductor, A. Shepherd, W. Woodrow, jun.

THE DEVON GUILD.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday, November 15th, 1908, at Charles church, for evening service, 1265 Stedman Caters in 50 mins. W. A. Fowler, F. Hockaday, G. F. Williams, G. Stroud, W. Rundle, W. H. Marsh, A. F. Wellington, W. Hiscott, E. W. Marsh, J. Woodley. Composed and conducted by F. Williams. First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in Plymouth by local ringers, and first quarter-peal in the method by all except ringers of 1st and 3rd.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RYE (Sussex).—On Sunday, November 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, as follows:—H. Cobon, G. Billiness, J. Bennett, C. Price, W. Bennett, G. J. Youngs, W. Billiness conductor, G. Perrin. First quarter-peal of Bob Triples by the band. On Sunday, November 15th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Cobon, V. Lawrence, J. Bennett, W. Bennett, G. J. Youngs, G. Billiness conductor, G. Ferrin. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major. H. Cobon, L. Seers, J. Bennett, C. Price, W. Bennett, G. J. Youngs, G. Billiness, W. Billiness conductor. First quarter-peal Bob Major by the band. On Sunday, November 22nd, for morning service, two 720s of Minor (one Grandsire and one Plain Bob) in 55 mins. H. Cobon, J. Bennett, V. Lawrence, W. Bennett, G. J. Youngs, G. Billiness conductor, G. Perrin. On Thursday evening, November 19th, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Cobon, C. Price, V. Lawrence, W. Bennett, G. J. Youngs, G. Billiness conductor, G. Perrin.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KELSALE.—At the church of St. Peter, 1056 Plain Bob Major. W. Fleming, J. W. Avis, E. Thompson, W. Drew conductor, H. Phillips, H. Thompson, F. Thompson, G. Hardy. Longest touch by E. Thompson.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On November 7th 350 Grandsire Triples. A. Crane, R. Nichols, L. Meager, F. Hedges conductor, J. Hughes, E. Marks, F. Whithead, F. Goodman.

BUCKHORN WESTON (Dorsetshire).—On Saturday, January 9th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. C. Hughes D'Aeth, W. Henslow, Rev. F. L. Edwards, W. Hughes D'Aeth, H. J. Montor conductor, L. Hughes D'Aeth. Also 240 Plain Bob Doubles. C. Hughes D'Aeth, W. Henslow, H. J. Montor, W. Hughes D'Aeth conductor, Rev. F. L. Edwards, F. Compton.

EALING.—On Sunday, January 31st, at the parish church, for evening service, the first part (518 changes) of Holt's Ten-Part Grandsire Triples. Wm. Lawrence conductor, E. J. Walsom, F. Harris, A. Tabor, F. G. Winter first 500, H. Browning, A. Harding, H. Stemp.

MILVERTON (Somerset).—On Sunday morning, January 31st, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 41 mins. Wm. Chapman, Wm. Andrews, jun., R. Scott conductor, C. Chapman, H. Norman, S. Bateman, A. J. Andrews, R. Chapman. Wm. Andrews, jun.'s, first quarter away from the treble. S. Bateman hails from Keighley, Yorkshire.

WEST LULWORTH (Dorset).—On Christmas Day, 1908, at Holy Trinity church, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles. George Dorey, Edward Charles, Henry Williams, James Orchard, William Williams, Walter Chaffey. Tenor 11 cwt.

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3; J. B. Hallifax 3; G. Hollis 7; W. Bellamy 1; W. Wadsley 2; B. Reed 2; —. Andrews 5. The conductors were—J. W. Lake 97; J. Osborne 16; F. Blood 7; C. Neaverson 3; A. E. Larkinson 3; T. L. Bainbridge 6; A. S. Allen 2; W. Wadsley 1; G. Hollis 1; A. J. Holmes 2. On November 19th, 1908, a date touch was rung in the eight following methods: 240 Cambridge Surprise, 240 Double Court, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, 240 Reversed College Single, 120 Single Court, 120 Double Oxford Bob, and 468 Plain Bob. J. Neal, F. Blood, J. W. Lake conductor, A. S. Allen, A. E. Larkinson, J. Osborne. The time taken in ringing this date touch was 1 hr. 9 mins. There are also eight 720s rung on handbells by J. W. Lake 8; J. Osborne 8; F. Blood 5; A. E. Larkinson 4; J. T. Woolley 2; A. S. Allen 2; C. Neaverson and T. L. Bainbridge 1 each conducted; J. W. Lake 7; J. Osborne 1.

LATE NOTICE.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting will be held at Armley on Saturday, February 27th. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Important business meeting at The White Horse hotel at 7.30 p.m.

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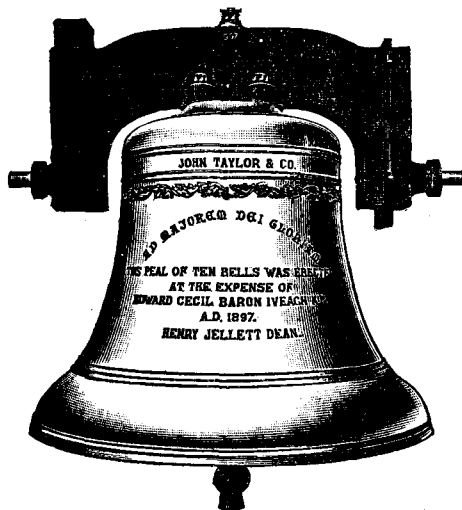
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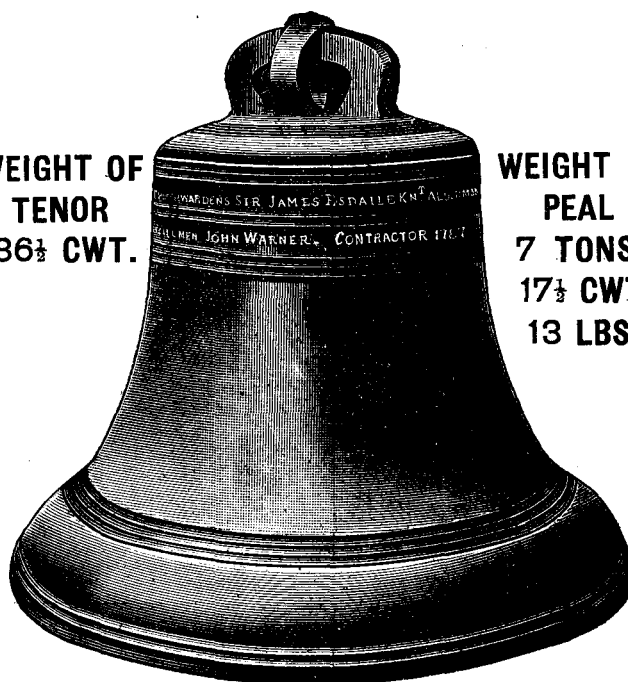
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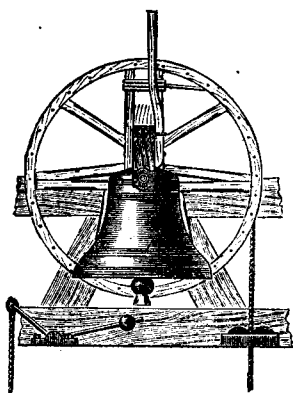
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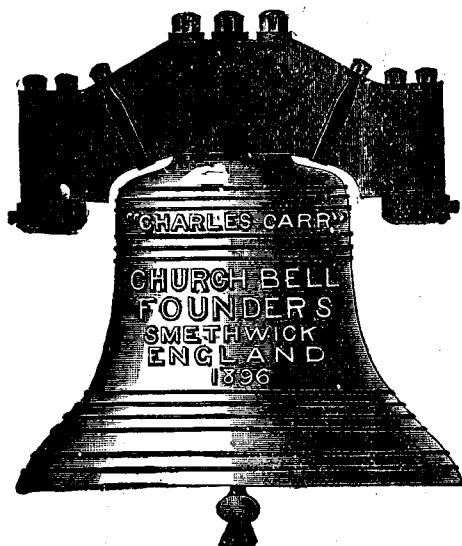
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