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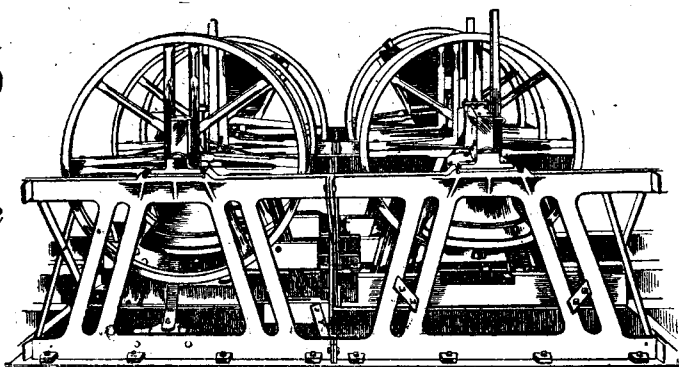
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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Lewisham district of this Association was held at Bromley, on Saturday, January 30th. The bells were at the disposal of the members at 3 p.m., and they were kept going to various methods. At 5.30 p.m. a service was held, at which nearly sixty members attended and listened to an excellent address by the Rev. Donald Tait (Vicar), who based his remarks on Numbers x. 10. After the service the company adjourned to the parish room, where a splendid meat tea, provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, was awaiting them, and to this sixty-four sat down, including the Vicar, two curates, two churchwardens, parish clerk and vergers.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and signed. Churchwardens Simpson and Dunn and F. Cook, esq., were elected honorary members, and also eight practising members. Penge and Greenwich were proposed as places for the next quarterly meeting, and on being put to the vote Penge was selected.

The Vicar gave the members a hearty welcome to Bromley, and said he was pleased to see such a good muster. He also spoke of the origination of the Bromley Youths and their accomplishments at various places.

Mr. R. Lowndes (Hayes), proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the hearty way they had received the members, for the use of the bells and parish room, and for the excellent address. The organist and choir were also thanked for their services.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries (St. John's), seconded, and said it would undoubtedly have done some of the old Bromley Youths a deal of good to see such a meeting as that, as ringers were not thought so much of at that time.

Mr. Churchwarden Simpson replied, and said it had given them the greatest pleasure to meet them, and spoke in glowing terms of the Camden handbell ringers, who had given a few selections. One tune, he said, was very familiar to him, viz., "The Blue Bells of Scotland."

The members again returned to the tower, and ringing was kept up with vigour till 9 p.m., the following methods being rung: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise. The following towers were represented: Beckenham, Bromley, Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford, Deptford, St. John's and St. Nicholas, Farningham, Hayes, Lewisham, Penge and Woolwich, also a goodly number of unattached members.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

Fleet was the place selected by the Eastern Counties Branch of the Guild for its quarterly meeting, and on Saturday, February 13th, was visited by a good number of its members, both clergy and laity. The entire arrangements were carried out by the Rev. C. J. Sturton and Mr. J. B. Halifax, and the occasion proved most successful, and at the same time most enjoyable.

Divine Service was held at 12.15 in the parish church,

and the choral part was well rendered, the Rev. H. Law James, Vicar of Surfleet, reading the appointed lesson, and the Rev. C. J. Sturton giving a most helpful address to all the ringers. The singing of the well-known hymns was of a very hearty nature, as also the proper psalms.

At 1.15 a bountiful repast was provided in the village hall, kindly lent for the occasion; and in the name of Canon James (the Rector), the Rev. C. J. Sturton bid all a hearty welcome. Full justice having been done to the good things provided, the Vice-president (Rev. F. Dixon-Spain, Vicar of Long Sutton, being in the chair), the only toast that of "Church and King" was enthusiastically honoured. Then followed the business meeting, the minutes being read by the Hon. Secretary and duly signed. Several hon. members were elected, and also ringing members. Two towers were also added, viz., Moulton and Deeping St. Nicholas, the latter possessing a new peal recently cast by Taylor.

Business over, an adjournment was made to the campanile, which is quite apart from the church, where the ringing-master (Rev. H. Law James), kept the bells going to the various tunes of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Plain Bob, etc., every member taking a rope in the various methods rung. Here the captain of the Spalding band (Mr. J. S. Wright, aged 82, and who has been a ringer for seventy years), was introduced to several young members. He is a pattern to all, and one whom this branch is proud of, having rung in nearly every tower in South Lincolnshire.

Between the intervals of the ringing, a new peal-board, beautifully written with red capitals, was unveiled by the Rev. C. J. Sturton, recording a peal rung in five methods by the Fleet band and the Hon. Secretary a short time ago. Tea was provided by the kind hostess at the village hall during the afternoon. Before leaving the village, a hearty vote of thanks was proposed to all the ladies who had so kindly helped to make the proceedings a success; also to the Rev. C. J. Sturton for his excellent address, and to the lady organist.

The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Deeping St. Nicholas, a notice of which will appear later.

THE EDINBURGH CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

This Society held its annual general meeting in the Library of the Cathedral on the 3rd inst. A good representative number of members were present, with the president in the chair. The minutes of the last general meeting were read and approved along with the Secretary's report, which shewed that the ten bells, which are in splendid order, have not been rung so often on Sundays throughout the year as they might have been through members leaving the town, six and eight bells being rung more often. However, at present, they have a good band of young men coming on, and greater things are expected for the present year. Messrs. Miller and Collinson were elected members at this meeting. A vote of thanks was accorded the Chairman, which concluded the business.

"THE ARTS OF THE CHURCH."

"CHURCH BELLS."—By H. B. WALTERS, M.A., F.S.A.—
With thirty-nine illustrations.—A.R. Mowbray and Co.,
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This is a book [for] which many interested members of the Exercise may well be grateful to Mr. Walters. To understand something of the history of Church Bells in England is well worth our while, and till lately the effort to do so has had to be pursued with difficulty by most of us, in consequence of the costliness and comparative scarcity of books of real value on the subject. Then, more than two years ago, appeared the late lamented Dr. Raven's excellent book on the Bells of England, at the price of six shillings; and now we have, for the sum of eighteenpence, this delightful little volume, well printed, well illustrated, and, above all, written by a man who is a scholar and an antiquary in the best sense of the words, and who, in Shropshire and elsewhere, has carried out personal investigation of bells hanging in church towers. The judicious reader, therefore, feels that he may rely on what he is here told; which, in the case of popular books about bells he is not always justified in allowing himself to do.

From the opening chapter on early history and methods of casting we learn that the two earliest dated bells in England are at Cloughton in Lancashire (1296) and Cold Ashby, Northants (1317), though there are others undated which are as old or older. The process of casting is described, and illustrated, from the celebrated fourteenth century Bell Founders' Window in York Minster.

Chapter ii. concerns itself with the English bellfounders, tracing founders and foundries from the tenth century to our own day, and showing the Whitechapel foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank to be in the fourth century of its existence, and deducing Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough from Thomas Eyre of Kettering in 1731. This is a very useful chapter, bringing within a few pages names ranging through much space and time, and connected with bells all over the country. On page 29 Mr. Walters says: "Thomas Bullisdon is remarkable as having cast a ring of five bells for the Priory of St. Bartholomew, in Smithfield, about 1510, all of which still exist there." So they do, but there seems no doubt that these bells did not belong to the Priory, but to the parish, and it is apparently owing to that circumstance that they survived the dissolution of the religious house, the bells of which were sold away to St. Sepulchre's. Chapter iii. contains information about big bells, carillons and chimes, and campaniles; and in chapter iv. Mr. Walters describes change-ringing and matters connected therewith.

He explains ringing with reference to a good diagram of a bell as hung with its fittings, which ought to be of great assistance to the general reader. I am not sure that I quite grasp what he means to convey about the early use of bells, beyond chiming. He considers, no doubt rightly, that the whole wheel was introduced by the fifteenth century, and he says (page 69): "Single bells were 'rung' in the sixteenth, Peal-ringing, as we know

it, cannot be traced before the seventeenth." To be sure, change-ringing dates from the seventeenth century, but round-ringing must be older; indeed unless it is older than the Reformation I am at a loss to understand the meaning in Stow's account of the steeple of St. Michael's, Cornhill, where he describes the consequences of the ringers being terrified at a thunderstorm. What Stow says can, as it seems to me, indicate nothing else than what we should now call a touch of rounds. Of course the word "peal" is much older than change-ringing, and seems to have originally meant anything *rung* whether on one bell or more. Doubtless the curfew would have been a "peal" in Stow's time, and so would round-ringing. Mr. Walters's account of the origin of changes is right as far as it goes, but as he stops his demonstration at plain changes on four, it seems a pity he did not indicate to the general reader where further information on the development of the Science may be found. In mentioning the rise of Ringing Societies, he says that the College Youths were probably a revival of the Schollers of Chepesyde, and for this I fancy he is relying on something said by Ellacombe. Be that as it may, the probability is not very apparent, as there is not one name in the College Youths list of members which can be identified with any in the Chepesyde list. Mr. Walters adds some remarks on the progress of what is known as Belfry Reform. In connection with this it is a surprising instance of the hardihood of fiction about a remarkable man, that even Mr. Walters should tell us that Bunyan "was constrained to abandon" ringing "as not tending to edification." This is the second occasion within the last few weeks in which I have seen Bunyan yet again misrepresented to the public in this connection, and, with Mr. Editor's leave, I hope shortly to submit a brief account of Bunyan to the readers of "THE BELL NEWS." Tendencies to edification or the reverse had nothing to do with Bunyan's leaving ringing. He simply had what may be approximately described as a religious stage-fright. He tells us all about it himself in the "Grace-Abounding."

Of the three remaining chapters it is not necessary to speak, in detail. That on the Uses and Customs of Bells contains a collection of miscellaneous matter. That on the decoration of bells and their inscriptions is full of interest and instruction. The last chapter deals with the important subject of the care of bells, which one cannot but wish that all slack incumbents and churchwardens would read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest. In short, Mr. Walters (who, by-the-bye, as befits a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, writes "Campanalogy") has given the world far and away the best *short* book on English bells that has hitherto appeared, and I earnestly commend it to the Exercise.

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AN EVENING WITH THE CUMBERLANDS.

If anyone should ever doubt their own insignificance and unimportance in this ever-changing world, let them, as I have done, sink into oblivion for the space of thirty years, and once more appear on the scene of active life, whether it be in the political, social, or change-ringing circles matters but little. They will find how well the world has been getting on without their assistance, and that, to all intents and purposes, their absence was soon forgotten, and their services unmissed, and that they might as well have been buried in the grave.

On the stage of life, and especially in the ringing-world, I have been but little known, for when I was young and lusty, I felt too lazy for peal-ringing: it seemed such a long time from the start to the finish, that I never felt compensated for all the sufferings I endured in the way of blistered hands and tired and stiffened limbs. But now that I am resurrected and begin to find everybody younger and fitter than myself, I have felt more eager to display my prowess in the change-ringing field. Alas! too late, for youth disdains age, and old fossils must take a back seat if they would retire with any grace or dignity.

On Saturday, January 16th, the spirit moved me in the direction of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, where an assembly of Cumberlands was to take place. On my way I thought of old John Cox, who used to take a hand of cards with me when I resided near the Strand. I could see him sipping his grog between the shuffling of the cards, every now and then looking wistfully at the old clock to see how the arch-enemy Time was reckoning the hours against us, then adjusting his head-gear—a turban of no mean order—whenever he felt the slightest draught. I knew I should not meet him again, and I remembered that Baron, Newson, Harvey, Hopkins, Stackwood, Nelms, Mansfield, and many others, had gone to that bourne from whence no traveller returns. Who should I meet at St. Martin's? Another thing, I was no twelve-bell ringer. There always appeared too many ropes in a peal of twelve to suit my ambition.

With these pre-monitions, the reader will easily see that I was not astonished when the steeplekeeper asked me my name.

"Oh, lor!" said he, "how do you spell it?" It was with difficulty that I made him understand, though I gave him letter and syllables.

I felt some consolation, however, in seeing one or two ringers with grey locks and the wrinkles of age. I had the pleasure of shaking hands with three potent and grave seniors, honoured veterans among the Cumberlands—Messrs. Davis, Doran, and Waghorn. They had, since I first knew them, gone on changing so much in every seven years that out of the belfry I should not have recognised them. As I looked into their eyes I wondered if they realised the truth of Dryden's conclusions, that life is altogether a cheat, and whether they felt, like myself,

"Tired of waiting for the chymic gold,
That fools us when we're young,
And beggars us when old."

When the Master, Mr. Jacobs, proposed Stedman Cinques I crawled out of shell and took a rope. The striking certainly was not grand at any time during the evening, and I am sure I never improved it. Once or twice I fairly lost myself to all hopes of recovery from the maze into which we had fallen. The Rector, however, at tea, took occasion to tell us how much he had enjoyed the ringing, evidently being sensible of the musical qualities of his noble peal of bells, and not of our performances. He

amused the company for half an hour telling of his experiences as a young beginner in the art of ringing with his brothers, who found him too incapable of grasping the science. His brothers, he said, were so fond of ringing that they erected a miniature bell-chamber in the stable-loft, manipulating from below small ordinary bells by means of coils attached to rude wheels.

I am afraid the Associations are absorbing the old London companies, and that before many years they will become incorporated in one, if they are to remain with any distinction or progress. Most of the members who now support this ancient society reside in suburbs, where most of the peals are rung. I noticed among the company two well-known luminaries—Parker and Wightman. Though they are both young men, they have accomplished marvellous performances. Thirty years ago I never heard of Surprise methods, and to an old stager these methods seem enough to dislocate the strongest cerebrum. The Cumberlands seem devoted to their old Associations, and have an excellent Secretary in Mr. Bennett. There was a very sweet little Cumberland in our midst, who fairy-like, handed round the refreshments with the most becoming grace. Other ladies were present, contributing to the comfort and enjoyment of the evening. Tommy Atkins was there, and proved no "absent-minded beggar," for he conducted in the tower, and with handbells at the social which followed. Altogether it was a very enjoyable part of the day, showing that though the years are swiftly flying, fresh forms and faces appear to take the places of the old enthusiasts and veterans whose pealings shall again be no longer heard among the Cumberlands.

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

PEALS OF DOUBLES.

SIR,—I quite agree with the remarks in your leading article of the 13th inst. as to the monotony of forty-two 6-scores of Doubles rung as a peal. But where there are only five bells it is all that can be done, and may be regarded as a feat of pluck and endurance. What is much more to be condemned is a "peal" made up in this way (where there are six bells), rung with the tenor covering. Although odd-bell methods sound well enough with a cover on seven, nine, or eleven bells, Doubles rung with six bells is more monotonous than anything I know of. With only five it is quite bearable if not continued for too long a time at a spell. Perhaps the greatest feat on five bells is the 10,080 rung at Whaplode, Lincolnshire, in 1775. I give the record on the tablet in the belfry herewith. "Feb. 27th, 1775, was rung 10,080 changes, or 84 peals, by Wm. Jackson, Richd. Harwood, Wm. Money, Stepn. Davis and Richd. Pottenger. Raised and settled the bells in 7 hours and 25 minutes." No method, or methods, is named; and presumably the time mentioned included raising and settling the bells together with any rounds before and after the peal. Whaplode bells are a ring of five cast by Henry Penn, of Peterborough, in 1718; tenor 13 cwt. in F, diameter 42 inches. J. R. JERRAM.

STEDMAN DOUBLES.

SIR,—In your issue for February 6th your correspondent Herefordian appears to be under the impression that ten 120s is the extent in Stedman Doubles. I beg to state that five more are to be had with four singles, the rule for which is: singles five sixes apart.

J. J. PARKER.

The long peal attempt of Grandsire Caters at Appleton, Berks., by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on February 5th was unsuccessful, for after five hours and three minutes of excellent striking the conductor called stand, when 8406 changes had been rung. It was at this stage the ringing seemed all at once to lose the proper beat, and a slight mistake occurring at the same time the attempt was given up for this occasion, much to the regret of those who heard the same from the outside, among whom was that genial and capable ringer Mr. H. Roberts, of Cheltenham, who attended on behalf of that particular band, who hold the record on ten bells, and who ticked off the peal as it was rung. Owing to illness Mr. H. Holifield, of Abingdon, and Mr. S. White, of Appleton, could not ring, and as an earlier attempt was made on January 22nd, when 2 hrs. and 45 mins. brought a change-course, Messrs. Lock, of Sutton, and J. Tubb, of Appleton, were deputed at short notice to fill the gap, and this no doubt somewhat damped the feelings of those engaged on this and the preceeding try. However, apart from their being short of practice, every one from the talented composer and conductor rang exceedingly well. The following took part in the attempt: F. White, jun., Appleton, W. B. Lock, Sutton, J. Lambourn, Appleton, J. W. Wilkins, High Wycombe, G. Holifield, jun., Appleton, J. Tubb, Appleton, N. Spindlow, Ducklington, G. Holifield, sen. (composer and conductor), Appleton, F. White, Appleton, Fk. White, Appleton. Nothing daunted another attempt will be made at an early date, when success is looked forward to by all.

The Editor of this paper is personally acquainted with a gentleman who has suffered a reverse of fortune through no fault of his own. He is a well-known and distinguished member of the Exercise, an expert ringer and conductor, and one whose progress and pertinacity in peal-ringing some few years ago elicited universal admiration. Being in the prime of life he is anxious to obtain employment where trustworthiness and integrity are required—the post of private secretary, collector, traveller, or similar kind of work would suit his wishes and attainments. He has the most unexceptionable testimonials from persons of great standing in the country. He is highly respected by the large circle who know him in the ringing world, and is deservedly popular with all. Communications may be made to the Editor of this paper.

Obituary.

GEORGE CONYARD.

It is with feelings of the deepest regret we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, which occurred on Saturday, February 13th, at the age of 64. Most Kentish ringers and many others will remember his ever ready willingness to assist, as far as his abilities would allow, in all ringing matters whenever possible. He has often walked many miles and put himself to great inconvenience to oblige others in an attempt for a peal, and was always delighted when it was a young ringer's first peal. He was verger, and was entrusted with the charge of the belfry at St. Paulinus' church, Crayford, for nearly thirty years, and it can be truly said that he always carried out his duties in a thoroughly conscientious manner. His genial and kindly face will be greatly missed by those ringers who knew him, and by the inhabitants of Crayford, among whom he had spent so many years of his life. He had rung about 230 peals in various methods, and had conducted six. He was a member of the Kent County Association since its formation, and was for many years on the central committee of that body. He was also a member of the Cumberland Youths and the Middlesex Association.

TOM RICHARDS.

The St. Leonard's Society at Hythe, Kent, have sustained a great loss in the death of their Secretary, Mr. Tom Richards, which occurred on January 28th, his age being 55 years. Mr. Richards enjoyed a wide circle of friends in the ringing world, for who that came to Hythe did not know "Tom"? He was never much for peal-ringing, but could always, until ill-health intervened, be relied upon for service or other ringing. He rang two peals of Grandsire Triples, one at Folkestone and one at Hythe, both peals being conducted by W. H. Fussell, of Slough. For the past three years his health prevented him from taking an active part in the belfry, but he still carried out the duties of Secretary to the band, and the last part of his lifetime, when unable to rise from his bed, one of his greatest delights was to listen to the bells and criticise the ringing. The funeral took place on February 1st, and in the evening the local band assisted by S. Binfield, of Folkestone, rang several touches of Grandsire Triples with the bells deeply-muffled and half-muffled. Those taking part in the ringing were Messrs. Crunden, Gower, Manning, Prebble, B. Baker, M. Price, W. Bidnell, W. Richards, R. Paine. The funeral was attended by Messrs. B. Baker, P. W. Crunden and A. R. Manning, who represented the band.

EXETER.—On Sunday, January 17th, previous to evening service, the following members of the St. David's Society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. W. H. Webber, C. Carter, A. Monkley, J. Vanstone, J. Moss*, H. B. Kindersley conductor, T. J. Davey, — Hoskins. *First quarter-peal as conductor. †First quarter-peal with a bob bell.

MAPLEDURHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, November 22nd, at the house of Mr. E. Hopgood, 360 Grandsire Doubles on handbells, retained in hand. F. W. Hopgood 1-2, J. Hopgood conductor 3-4, E. Hopgood 5-6.

SOUTHOVER (Lewes).—On Tuesday, January 19th, 1909, for practice, 120 Stedman Doubles. G. H. Sturt, E. J. Pannett, J. T. Rickman, A. J. Turner, R. J. Dawe conductor, F. Gregory. Another 120. G. H. Sturt, J. T. Rickman, A. S. Langridge, A. J. Turner, R. J. Dawe conductor, G. Richardson. 336 Bob Minor. F. Gregory, E. J. Pannett, J. T. Rickman, A. S. Langridge, R. J. Dawe conductor, A. J. Turner. 378 Grandsire Triples. F. Gregory, E. J. Pannett, G. H. Sturt, J. T. Rickman, A. S. Langridge, A. J. Turner, R. J. Dawe conductor, A. Hobden. 120 Grandsire Doubles. G. Richardson, E. J. Pannett, W. Tugwood, A. Hobden, R. J. Dawe conductor, C. Errey.

WHITFIELD (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, for Divine Service, at St. James's, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1762 changes, in 1 hr. 2 mins. James Buckley conductor, Thomas Jackson, William Marsden, Frank Garside, Arthur Lawton, John Lawton, Joe Maloney, Eli Garside.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices on 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, South Hackney, on the 22nd; at St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on the 25th; 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. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual anniversary, "Henry Johnson" commemoration, will be held to-day, Sat., February 20th, 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.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The meeting will be held at St. John, Deansgate, to-day, Sat., 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 to-day, Sat., February 20th. Tea will be provided at The George hotel at 5 o'clock, 6d. each.

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, to-day, Sat., 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, to-day, Sat., February 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m.

G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

51, Blenheim Road, Deal.

The Salop Guild.—The next meeting will be held at Whitchurch to-day, Sat., 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 to-day, Sat., February 20th. Members will meet at the Bell Foundry, Whitehorse Road, Croydon, at 3 o'clock. Tea will be served at 4.45, and the usual business meeting will follow. Ringing at St. John's and St. Peter's after meeting.

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be

held at Chertsey to-day, Sat., February 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock in the parish room. G. EDGER, *Dis. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Ringwood to-day, Sat., February 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. GRO. PRESTON, *Dis. 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 Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's church, Leyland, on Saturday, February 27th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at 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.

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

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5 o'clock. There will be a free tea provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, March 3rd.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

16, Wilmcote Place, Oxford Street, Dudley.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, March 6th. Meeting in schoolroom at 3.15 p.m. Service in parish church at 4. Meat tea in schoolroom after service. Bells available all the afternoon and evening.

E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

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.*

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT HILLINGDON WEST.—It was intended to ring Bob Major, owing to meeting one short, Grandsire had to be substituted. This is the first peal of Triples by the treble man, and the first in the method by the ringer of the 2nd; also first peal of Grandsire as conductor. The peal was rang as a birthday compliment to J. Peddle, a member of the local company, who kindly entertained the ringers and friends to dinner afterwards. After justice had been done, the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, songs being given by Messrs. Lawrence, Hancox, Merrick, Spenter, and Miss Peddle. After a vote of thanks had been accorded to Mr. Peddle for his kindness, the company then dispersed, fully satisfied with their evening's entertainment.

SHIPLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, November 29th, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. A. Woolven, R. Holder, J. Parsons, M. Roberts, J. Wadey, J. P. Paley conductor. First 720 by the band. R. Holder also rang his first touch of Kent Treble Bob with a bob bell.

SILK WRAPS, HANDKERCHIEFS, and other Goods of original design for suitable Presents W. Matthews, Change Ringer, Macclesfield.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

BY CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

5184.

23456	1	4	5	6
53624	-	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-	-
42536	-	-	-	-
35246	-	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-	-
24356	-	-	-	-
45326	-	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-	-

Repeated.

This peal has the 4th and 5th each twelve times in 6ths place, and the 6th twenty-four times without the 2nd or 3rd being there. The fixing of the 6th its extent in this peal is on the same plan as first applied by the author to Stedman Caters, published November 16th, 1907, and January 25th, 1908, respectively. By calling the ninth course 1 and 5 in either part would produce the tenth course-end, and reduce the peal to 5040 changes.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY H. W. WILDE, Belgrave, Cheshire.

5088.

23456	B	M	W	H
45236	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-
65432	-	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

This is believed to be the first 5088 published in three equal parts, having the full extent of the combinations of 4, 5, and 6 in 5-6.

FALSE COMPOSITION.—Mr. Clement Glenn writes: "The peal of Grandsire Caters by W. H. Inglesant, published in 'THE BELL NEWS' of February 6th, is false. The handstroke of the first lead in the peal repeats with the backstroke of the fourth lead after the course-end 54362 (879). In Grandsire Caters this course-end should never be followed by a long course."

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 ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 13, 1909, in Four Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 63 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble.	CHAS. S. BURDEN 7.
ALFRED JONES 2.	RICHARD F. DEAL 8.
HARRY R. PASMORE 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 9.
HERBERT LANGDON 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON 10.
WILLIAM TRUSS 5.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 11.
JOHN W. GOLDING 6.	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Rung to commemorate the 90th birthday of the Very Rev. Robert Gregory, D.D., Dean.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLÉMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN J. LAMB Treble.	SAMUEL J. BIRD 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	REUBEN SANDERS 7.
CHARLES T. COLES 3.	WILLIAM PYE 8.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 4.	JAMES GEORGE 9.
HARRY FLANDERS 5.	ALBERT W. COLES Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The Provinces.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs. in A flat.

WILLIAM IRELAND Treble.	CLEMENT MORE 5.
ERNEST F. POPPY 2.	GEORGE ARCHER 6.
ARTHUR LEEDER 3.	JOHN SOUTER 7.
WILLIAM SALTER 4.	JOHN SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS WHITE* Treble.	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE .. 5.
PHILIP B. WRIGHT 2.	HUGH GREGORY 6.
HENRY GREGORY 3.	WILLIAM TAYLOR 7.
FREDERICK TRAVIS 4.	HUGH W. GREGORY Tenor.

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

*First peal.

CLAPHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt.

HERBERT J. HARLOW .. Treble.	HENRY GAYTON 4.
JOHN W. BARBER 2.	HARRY TYSON 5.
HERBERT L. HARLOW .. 3.	FRANK WEBB Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK WEBB.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 21, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER RYDER* Treble.	†SYDNEY RYDER 5.
HARRY IDLE 2.	†JOHN IDLE 6.
GEORGE HARRIS 3.	ROBERT DAVIES 7.
WILLIAM HOLBROOK .. 4.	*FRANK SLOMAN Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY IDLE.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the wedding of S. Ryder.

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 22, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

W. COLLINS Treble.	L. A. TIDY 4.
A. A. JARRETT 2.	S. G. HEATH 5.
E. E. TIDY 3.	*E. J. HOAD Tenor.

Conducted by E. J. HOAD.

*First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the accession of King Edward VII.

HOLBECK, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 22, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM HUDSON Treble.	JOSHUA WOODHEAD 5.
WILLIAM E. H. ASH .. 2.	ALBERT S. MITCHELL .. 6.
GEORGE JOWETT 3.	PERCY J. JOHNSON 7.
R. H. HOWLAND 4.	DAVID YORKE Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

First peal by the treble ringer, who was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

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

On Saturday, January 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HERBERT EDWARDS* .. Treble.	ALBERT SHILLINGFORD .. 4.
WILLIAM EDWARDS .. 2.	†FREDERICK G. TOMKINS .. 5.
GEORGE W. TOMKINS .. 3.	*HOWARD TOMKINS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE W. TOMKINS.

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

SHENLEY, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HUGH CAMERON Treble.	WILLIAM DANIELS 4.
Cecil W. BURGESS 2.	GEORGE F. CLARK 5.
HARRY SEAR 3.	ERNEST WILLETT Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Joseph Bailey, esq., of Shenley Park. First peal on the bells.

BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

FRANK A. HOBB Treble.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 5.
ALBERT J. HUGHES 2.	THOMAS H. DYER 6.
RICHARD G. PRITCHARD .. 3.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER 7.
WILLIAM CRANE, JUN. .. 4.	WILLIAM CRANE, SEN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

Rang with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. Daniel Jones, who was churchwarden of the above church, the interment taking place the previous Thursday at Glanadda Cemetery.

SAMPFORD BRETT, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being ten 6-scores each of St. Simon's, Stedman Slow Course, Grand-sire, and twelve 6-scores of Plain Bob.

A. H. JENKINS Treble.	HERBERT J. HOLE 3.
SIDNEY PARSONS 2.	ALBERT BARKER 4.
WILLIAM BENNETT .. Tenor.	

Conducted by WM. BENNETT.

Rung as a welcome peal to the Rev. A. M. and Mrs. Forster.

WHITFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM HAIGH* Treble.	WILLIAM MARSDEN 5.
JAMES BUCKLEY† 2.	JOHN LAWTON 6.
HERBERT BRADLEY* 3.	JOE MALONEY 7.
THOMAS JACKSON 4.	ARTHUR LAWTON Tenor.

Composed by S. WOOD, and Conducted by JOE MALONEY.

*First peal. †First peal away from the treble.

HILLINGDON WEST.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs.

ALAN R. MACDONALD .. Treble.	JAMES MERRICK 5.
ROBERT E. STAVERT .. 2.	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 6.
WILLIAM LAWRENCE .. 3.	GEORGE SPENCER 7.
EDGAR HANCOX 4.	WILLIAM FOSTER Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

Reference elsewhere.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHILVOCK Treble.	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5.
JOHN BASS 2.	JAMES DOWLER 6.
JOHN BARBER 3.	*CHARLES F. WHITE 7.
SAMUEL GROVE 4.	WALTER J. BRETHELTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal of Stedman. Quickest peal on the bells.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. in D flat.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON .. 5.
HARRY SMITH 2.	WILLIAM DENT 6.
FREDERICK PARKER 3.	THOMAS PRYKE 7.
WILLIAM FAYERS 4.	ARTHUR SYMONDS Tenor.

Conducted by STEDMAN H. SYMONDS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur Symonds, who attained the age of 51 on the above date. First peal by the 4th and 5th ringers, and first peal in the method by the 6th and 7th ringers. First peal in the method as conductor.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble.	GEORGE W. MOSS 5.
JOHN FLINT 2.	HARRY MOSS 6.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 3.	GEORGE CLARK 7.
JESSE J. MOSS 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band.

THORPE MALSOR, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qrs. 19 lbs.

ALBERT JAMES* Treble.	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT .. 4.
MORRIS A. TURNER 2.	HERBERT J. JULIAN 5.
FEED TITB* 3.	EDWARD CHAPMAN Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD CHAPMAN.

*First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells, which are the lightest ring in the county.

GOOLE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 25, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES CLARK* Treble.	*THOMAS SMITH 5.
FREDERICK TATE 2.	JOHN SWINGLER 6.
CHARLES WM. KING 3.	*HERBERT LUDKIN 7.
MARK TATE* 4.	*JOHN THOMAS SMITH .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT LUDKIN.

*First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local company.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES ROSE Treble.	ALPHAUS BERRY 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	GEORGE CATTELMOLE .. 5.
CHARLES NUNN 3.	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

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

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt.

NORMAN FLECK* Treble.	EDWARD A. HERN 5.
THOMAS T. GOFTON 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 6.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3.	WILLIAM STORY 7.
WILLIAM H. BARBER 4.	†ERNEST E. FERREY Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by ERNEST E. FERREY.

*First peal of Major. †First peal in the method as conductor.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. THOMAS'S SOCIETY.

On Friday, January 29, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

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

JACOB SEABORN Treble.	MARTIN MURPHY 5.
WILLIAM STRINGER 2.	GEORGE PARSONS 6.
EDWIN STRINGER 3.	BERNARD WITCHELL 7.
FRANK FAY 4.	*PANCRAZ PICKARD Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

*First peal. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to Mrs. Hanley, who was interred at this church on the 27th.

BRECON, SOUTH WALES.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

ALBERT MATTHEWS* .. Treble.	SAMUEL BROOKS 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	FREDERICK STEDMAN 6.
GEORGE GIBLIN 3.	WILLIAM HARGEST 7.
WILLIAM EVANS 4.	LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lbs.

FREDK. G. GODDARD .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
JAMES MERRICK 2.	THOMAS BEADLE 6.
ROBERT E. STAVERT 3.	GEORGE SPENCER 7.
EDGAR HANCOX 4.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM Treble.	WILLIAM ROOT 5.
WALTER BURST 2.	ERNEST RIDGWELL 6.
JAMES FLEURY 3.	JAMES FRENCH 7.
FRANK CLAYDON 4.	WILLIAM SCILLITOE Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

HELMESHORE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

JOSEPH BANKS Treble.	THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD .. 5.
THOMAS FOSTER* 2.	JAMES H. BANKS 6.
JOHN MOWILTON† 3.	THOMAS WALLWORK 7.
JOSEPH WOODS† 4.	HENRY J. STEFF Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS WALLWORK.

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

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt.

JACK WILLIS† Treble.	CHARLES W. BRETT 5.
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS 2.	*EDWARD E. FOREMAN 6.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 3.	PHILIP H. PIERCE 7.
FREDERICK G. BRETT† .. 4.	EDWIN G. BUESDEN Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLEFN, and Conducted by E. G. BUESDEN.

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

EARLSHEATON, YORKS.

On Saturday, January 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM NORGATE* .. Treble.	A. GOODALL 5.
JOHN W. DEWS 2.	G. H. HARDY 6.
STANHOPE RIGG† 3.	W. BYRAM 7.
H. DRANSFIELD 4.	J. HEWETT Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. H. HARDY.

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

PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

SAMUEL WHEATLEY .. Treble.	PERCY JOHNSON 5.
ERNEST HOYLE 2.	FRED WALLER 6.
WALTER POPPLEWELL .. 3.	JOE ROSS 7.
J. W. T. HOLGATE 4.	PRATT CORDINGLEY Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WALTER POPPLEWELL.

*First peal.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE HEAVITREE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

RICHARD HAMILTON .. Treble.	WILLIAM S. LETHBRIDGE .. 5.
HERBERT RICHARDS 2.	†THOMAS LAVER 6.
FREDK. W. RICHARDS* .. 3.	JOHN R. SANDOVER 7.
WILLIAM YOULDEN 4.	*WILLIAM BOUNDY Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS LAVER.

First peal in the method by the society. *First peal of Stedman. †First peal in the method as conductor. All the above are College Youths.

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On Saturday, January 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

ALFRED MONKLEY Treble.	*JOHN SKINNER 5.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE 2.	IULIUS SNOW 6.
HARRY B. KINDERSLEY 3.	FRANK J. DAVEY 7.
JOHN R. HAYMAN 4.	EDMUND SARGENT Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK J. DAVEY.

*First peal away from the tenor.

ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Monday, February 1, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Tnlip, College Exercise, City Delight, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Oxford.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRNEST MCWILLIAMS .. Treble.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW 4.
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW 2.	GEORGE W. STEEL 5.
GEORGE H. ABBISHAW 3.	WALTER CHAPMAN Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.

Rang on the seventy-second anniversary of the bells.

ADDERBURY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. approximate.

HARRY JUDGE Treble.	FREDERICK POUNDS 5.
MAURICE SMITH 2.	JOHN MONK 6.
WILLIAM STONE 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN 7.
FREDERICK WEBB 4.	JOHN RICHARDS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

This is the first peal on the bells.

FRENTHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE UPSHALL* .. Treble.	†ERNEST NEWELL 4.
JOHN W. RUSSELL† 2.	WILLIAM BASHFORD 5.
FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT .. 3.	†CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

*First peal of Minor. †First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells, and first in Farnham district. Ring as a birthday compliment to Miss Mabel Edwards, daughter of the conductor.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt.

GEORGE HADAWAY* .. Treble.	CHARLES H. SONE 5.
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 2.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 6.
GRAHAM LINDRIDGE 3.	PHILIP HODGKIN 7.
ARCHIBALD K. KAY 4.	ALFRED BLACKMAN Tenor.

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

*First peal of Triples away from the tenor.

Handbell Peals.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR KEEBLE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

WALTER ALLWOOD 1-2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 3-4.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 7-8.

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

Umpire—Edward Robbins.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 26, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF T. T. GOFTON, 11, WINDSOR ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5328 CHANGES.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 1-2.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. 5-6.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 3-4.	R. ALDER GOFTON .. 7-8.
JOSEPH E. R. KREN 9-10.	

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by WM. H. BARBER.

This composition of 72 courses, contains the full extent of 7-6-8-9 and 6-7-8-9, and is now rung for the first time.

Date Touches.

BARKING.—On Sunday, January 17th, for morning service, a date touch of Stedman Triples, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. E. G. Fenn, H. E. Parker, R. Fenn, G. Cotter, G. W. Faulkner, J. Norris, C. Fenn conductor, E. A. Davies. Composed by J. P. Bradley.

Miscellaneous.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

MALVERN LINK.—On Sunday evening, February 14th, for Divine Service at St. Matthias's, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. A. W. Brighton (London), F. Francis, E. E. Barber, J. Brown, F. Bryan, R. McCann, H. T. Knowles conductor, A. Richings.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BARMING.—On January 14th, at St. Margaret's church, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles in 25 mins. H. Chapman, J. Mannering conductor, W. Moore, G. Hopkins, W. Manser, R. Noakes.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

YATELEY (Hants).—On New Year's Eve, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples half muffled. G. Butler, W. Horne, W. G. Bunch, H. Tice, G. Bunch, F. Hagley, S. Riddell conductor, B. Bunch. On January 24th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Hilton, G. Butler, W. G. Bunch, H. Tice, G. Bunch, F. Hagley, S. Riddell conductor, A. Hearmon. On January 31st, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Doubles. G. Butler, S. Riddell conductor, C. Hilton, H. Tice, G. Bunch, F. Hagley, F. E. Dawe, W. Horne.

BEDFORD.—Recently, at St. Peter's church, 720 of Violet. J. Bates, J. Cooke, C. R. Lilley, M. Stapleton, C. Stapleton, G. A. Robinson conductor. On November 1st, 360 of New London. J. Bates, J. Cooke, C. R. Lilley, M. Stapleton, C. Stapleton, C. A. Robinson conductor. Also 720 of Oxford Bob. A. Bates, M. Stapleton, J. Cooke, C. A. Robinson, J. Bates, C. R. Lilley conductor.

STONE (Staffs).—On Wednesday, January 20th, for practice, a 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Chell sen., S. Churton conductor, T. Chell, E. Cope*, W. Woolley, J. Goodall, T. Preston, J. Abberley. *First 504.

BOLNEY (Sussex).—On Thursday, November 26th, 1908, for

practice, 1372 changes, of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. J. King, G. Walderjun, conductor, W. Vincent, W. Wheeler, W. H. Packman, G. A. Lewry (longest length), W. Walder, G. Packman. Also 447 in the same method, with W. Walder conductor.

EARLS COLNE (Essex).—On Saturday, November 14th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes. W. Clark, J. Fleuty, W. Scillitoe, F. Claydon, S. Fleuty, H. Claydon, J. French, E. Ridgwell conductor.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Sunday, November 22nd, 1908, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins. E. Cassell, A. Mackrill, J. A. Trollope, G. C. Iles, J. P. Kent, A. Whittington, F. Skevington conductor, G. W. Coombes. First quarter-peal in the method by the guild.

PINCHBECK (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday evening, November 22nd, at St. Mary's parish church, for service, 720 Kent Treble

Bob Minor in 29 mins. W. Taylor, J. Weston, T. Taylor, C. W. Smith, W. Pickworth, G. Ladd conductor. Tenor 20 cwt.

WROTHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, November 15th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles, with six different calls. L. Stanley, G. Barham, W. Taylor, F. Terry, R. Goodbourn conductor, F. Baufield. This is L. Stanley's first 720, aged fourteen years. On Sunday, the 22nd, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. L. Stanley, G. Barham, W. Taylor, F. Terry, W. Goodbourn conductor. J. Acott. First peal of Minor by L. Stanley (treble) and F. Terry.

BRIDGEND (Wales).—On Sunday, November 8th, for evening service, at St. Illtud's church, Newcastle, 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. First quarter-peal by A. J. Stanley. First for G. Roberts as conductor.

BEESTON (Notts).—On Sunday, December 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Clifford jun., F. S. Price, W. Clifford sen., A. Roberts, E. J. Boot, A. Lowe, A. Coppock conductor, J. Paling.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, December 6th, for morning service at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1259 changes, in 47 mins. J. W. Driver, Arthur Jones, W. Meaton, E. V. Harvey, F. G. Symonds. L. Attwater, J. Herbert, W. T. Elson, C. Charge conductor, T. Daynes.

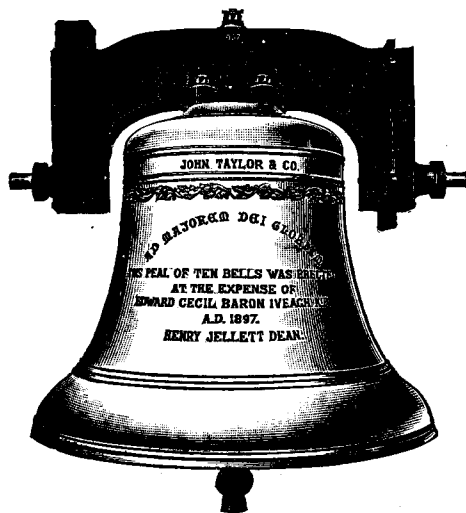
CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, December 20th, for Divine Service, 1264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 49 mins. T. Gore, A. Knights, G. Davies, W. J. Thyng, W. H. Peabody, G. Hollis, G. A. Thompson, B. A. Knights conductor. First in the method by the 1st, 2nd, 5th, and 7th.

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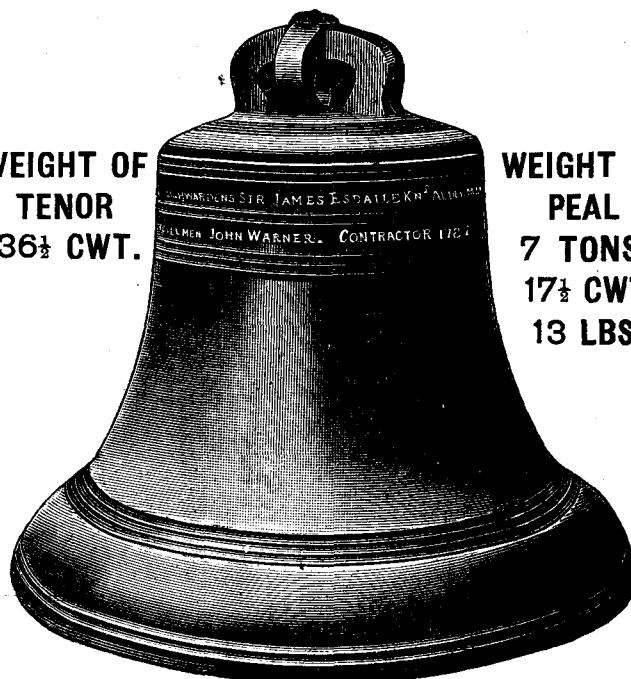
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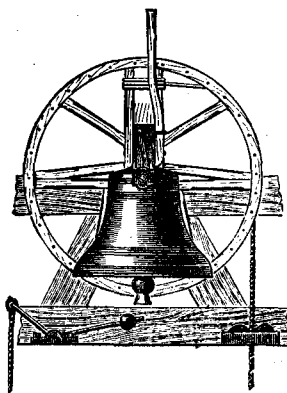
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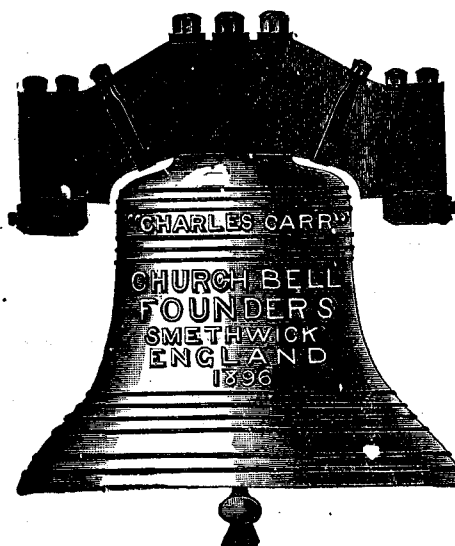
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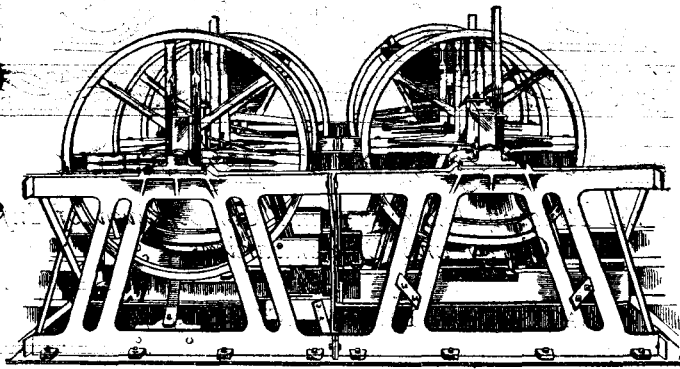
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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the above Guild held their annual meeting at Farnham Royal on Saturday, February 6th. The Master of the Guild (the Rev. F. E. Robinson) and the hon. secretary of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davies) were present, as well as the Rev. Canon Drummond, and the other officers of the branch. The Rector (Rev. F. M. Hargreaves) extended a hearty welcome. A service was held at the parish church when the sermon was preached by the Vicar of Medmenham (Rev. S. Winter). The business meeting was held after tea, at which 112 were present. The report of the peals rung during the last year showed that the branch was maintaining its reputation for good work. A most helpful address was given by Canon Drummond, who has been chairman of the branch for thirty-two years. And the Master and the Secretary contributed some interesting particulars of the history and present achievements of the Guild. The towers of Burnham, Slough, and Stoke Poges were also open to the ringers, who made good use of the privilege.

READING BRANCH.

On Saturday, February 13th, the members of this branch held their annual meeting at Reading. The proceedings opened with some good touches of Stedman and Superlative at St. Mary's church, and Stedman and Bob Major at St. Giles's, where a short service was held, the Rev. H. P. Bowen giving a brief but impressive address.

At 7.15 about forty-four members sat down to a capital supper in St. Giles's hall, after which the business meeting was held, the Rev. F. E. Robinson in the chair. The minutes and balance sheet for the year 1908 were read and confirmed. The election of officers was as follows:—J. M. Rou h, esq., again elected as chairman; Mr. A. W. Osborne as hon. secretary and treasurer. The report for the year was a very satisfactory one, fourteen peals having been rung by members of this branch, thanks being due to the members of Caversham, ten of them being rung by them. In numbers the branch had increased considerably, by the members of Caversham tower and Shiplake joining. Mr. O. Porter and Mr. H. Tucker were elected to serve on the guild committee. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the clergy and choir for the bright service.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis gave some very interesting details of the work of the guild in general. The absence of Mr. W. Newell (father of change-ringing in Reading) was regretted by all, he having met with an accident to his leg, and was confined to his room. This was the first meeting he had missed for a number of years. All joined in wishing him a speedy recovery.

A hearty welcome was also given the Rev. F. E. Robinson, he having gained his health and strength once again, being able to conduct a peal in his favourite method. Long may he live to be amongst us. The rev. gentleman suitably replied to the remarks.

Mr. A. E. Reeves said that with regard to the fund which was so generously responded to by the members of the guild in aid of the widow of the late Mr. Charles

Chapman, about £28 was placed in the bank for her use. A discussion took place about the combined practices which in the past had not been so successful so far as the young members of the towers were concerned. It was agreed to continue them during 1909, going to the country towers on every first Saturday in the month in rotation. The town towers as before.

The rest of the evening was taken up with harmony, songs being sung by Messrs. Higgs, Reeves, Halfacre, Webb, Parsons, Dormer, Essex, Bishop, Goodenough, C. Cox, and the Rev. H. P. Bowen, the singing of "Auld lang syne" bringing to a close a most enjoyable evening.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of this Association, which was originally fixed to be held at Worksop, was held at All Hallows church, Ordsall, on Saturday 13th, by the kind permission of the Rev. A. F. Foster, Rector.

The meeting was well attended by members from Anston, Harthill, Shireoaks, East Markham, Blyth, East and West Retford, and the local company. Three good 720s were rung prior to the interval at 5 o'clock, at which time twenty-four members adjourned to The Plough inn, and sat down to a good substantial tea. The Rev. A. F. Foster presided, supported by the Rev. C. Leeper, of East Retford, and the Honorary Secretary—the Rev. B. Darley, of Harthill.

The minutes of last quarterly meeting were read and confirmed, one new member enrolled, and votes of thanks passed to the Rev. A. F. Foster for presiding and the use of the bells, and to the Rev. C. Leeper for his presence during the proceedings.

The Secretary then explained under what circumstances the meeting was held at Ordsall instead of Worksop, and in a very sympathetic speech spoke of the late Vicar of Worksop (Rev. H. T. Slodden) as one of the principal founders of the Association, who held the office of Secretary a number of years, and was also a vice-president up to the time of his decease. He was always genial, he was always kindly, always willing to see anyone, to answer any question asked of him with graceful courtesy, and in his younger days, when in the best of health, invariably attended the quarterly and annual meetings of the Association. He, the Secretary, moved that a vote of sympathy be passed to the deceased's relatives and friends, the same be recorded on the minutes, and also sent to his sister, Miss Slodden. This was seconded by Mr. H. Stenton, of Anston, and unanimously carried.

After the meeting recourse was again had to the tower, where the bells were kept in motion until 8.30 p.m. to the tune of Plain Bob, Treble Bob, and Surprise methods, and it was regarded as one of the most enjoyable quarterly meetings held in the history of the Association, no less than five 720's being brought to completion. H. H.

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The first quarterly meeting this year of the members of the Winchester district was held at Alton on Saturday, February 13th. The towers of both Alton and Chawton were open during the afternoon and evening. Tea was held in Alton parish hall, the curate, the Rev. R. Pitter, presiding. The Rev. W. E. Colchester, the new hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild, was also present, and Mr. W. Andrews (Winchester), Mr. F. E. Dawe (Woking), Mr. C. Edwards (Farnham), and representatives from Twyford, Blackmoor, Binstead, etc. After reading the quarterly report the district secretary announced that Wonston tower had been affiliated to the Guild, with a band of eleven probationers, anxious to learn change-ringing, and had applied to the Guild for an instructor, the rector having also become an honorary member. He also regretted that owing to the grouting of the walls of the Cathedral tower, which would probably take six months, there would be no practice ringing on the bells during the progress of that work. Attention was called to the fact that several towers in the diocese having bells did not appear in the annual report of the Guild, and Mr. Colchester said if someone would send him the necessary particulars he would see they were inserted in the report.

Mr. Edwards said a great effort was being made by the parishioners of Binstead to put their bells in ringing order, and asked the support of ringers towards that object.

Thanks were accorded the Vicars of Alton and Chawton for the use of the bells, and to the local band for the arrangements made for the visitors. All the ringers present attended evensong in the parish church, special hymns being sung. At the combined practice Stedman, and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob were rung. At a central committee meeting held since the district quarterly meeting, a grant of two guineas from the Guild funds was made to each of the following towers: North Stoneham, Binstead and Wonston. North Stoneham wish to increase their ring to eight bells. At present they have only six, and Wonston have five bells, but hope the 6th may be hung in the tower by the time the restored church is re-consecrated, which it is hoped may take place in April next.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of this district was held at Cranleigh on Saturday, February 20th, and was attended by between forty and fifty members. Service was held in St. Nicholas' church, a short practical address being given by the Rev. P. Cunningham, R.D., rector of Cranleigh, who, prior to the service, had unveiled a tablet in the tower recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung by the local band. In the course of his address the rector referred to the Binstead bells—a peal of five—towards the re-hanging of which the villagers had given nearly £17, and announced that the collection would be for the same object, the result being a sum of 18s.

Tea took place in the schoolroom, and the meeting was presided over by C. E. H. Chadwyck Healey, esq., who gave a most interesting summary of the ancient bells of England. Before reading the minutes of the last meeting the Secretary (Mr. Jones) said he was sure the members present would like him to congratulate the Cranleigh band not only upon the excellent splice of the two new trebles, but also upon their peal, which so far as he knew was a record for a local band. Twenty-eight new members were then elected. The special meeting for six-bell towers

in the Farnham neighbourhood was decided to be held at Bentley on the 17th or 24th of April. A very interesting summary of the doings of the representatives at Winchester committee meeting was read by Mr. Whittington. The ringing master made his usual report. The next quarterly peal was decided to be attempted at Shere, the method to be Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by Mr. F. Blondell. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. Hunt, and carried by acclamation, to the Worplesdon band for their hospitality to the members on the occasion of the district meeting there. The members then adjourned to the tower, where the bells were kept going in various methods till 9 p.m.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Whittlesford on Saturday, February 6th. A tea was provided at the Wagon and Horses, to which the number of thirty-eight sat down, a record for a district meeting. The Vicar, the Rev. R. Letts, presided. There were also present the Rev. R. L. Twells, general secretary, also members from Cambridge, Cottenham, Fulbourn, Ickleton, Sawston, Gt. Shelford, Stapleford, Sudbury, Gt. Chesterford, and the local men. Ten new ringing members were elected and two honorary members. Ickleton was the place carried by vote for the next district meeting, to be held on Whit Monday. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, the Rev. R. Letts, for the use of the bells, also for presiding. The latter, on rising, said how pleased he was to see them all present, and he should only be too pleased for them to come again. His ringers were getting on very well with ringing. They always rung for two services on a Sunday, and some mornings they woke them all up extremely early; but it didn't matter how early he was always pleased to hear them, and the bells would be very much missed on a Sunday if they were not rung for service.

These bells are a nice ring of six, tenor 14 cwt. in F, and are in good going order. Ringing was kept up nine o'clock. A smoking concert was held in the evening, where, besides songs, tunes and changes were given on the Ickleton handbells.

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An interesting event took place in the ringing-chamber of this church on Wednesday, February 17th. A handsome peal-board, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on Saturday, October 26th, 1907, to commemorate the seventh anniversary of the induction of the Rector (the Rev. E. Louis Clapton, M.A.) has been placed in the tower, and was unveiled by the Rector's wife.

The Rector, in a few brief remarks, thanked the ringers for the honor done him by ringing a peal on this occasion, and thought the most permanent way to commemorate the event would be for him and the churchwardens to place the peal-board on the walls of the tower with other such records.

The conductor, of the peal, Mr. W. J. Jeffries, on behalf of the ringers, thanked Mrs. Clapton for attending to perform the unveiling. He also thanked the Rector and churchwardens for their kindness in presenting the peal-board.

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On Saturday, February 13th, the bellringers of Rossendale met together at Newchurch to show the esteem they felt for their friend Mr. Zebulun Lord, of Bacup, who has now been engaged as a ringer for the long period of fifty years. During the afternoon and evening the bells at Waterfoot and Newchurch were rung in honour of the occasion, and the tea, with hot joint, which was excellently served by Mr. Sam Kershaw at the Boar's Head hotel, was partaken of by fifty-seven ringers, all the towers of the Rossendale branch being represented. There were also present ringing friends from Heptonstall and Todmorden. Mr. John Shepherd, of Bacup, whose return to active ringing will be heartily welcomed by his many friends, was chairman of the meeting. After the toast, "The King," ably proposed by the chairman, had been duly honoured, Mr. G. H. Hargreaves opened with a pianoforte solo; "The song that reached my heart" was well rendered by Mr. Thos. Haworth; Mr. J. H. Hoyle, of Waterfoot, next gave his reminiscences of the past, recalling many episodes of the struggles in change-ringing over thirty years ago. Song, "The Diver," was well given by Councillor Fielding, of Haslingden; then Mr. J. Armstrong, a Heptonstall comic, received an encore for the song, "When he's settled at home, sweet home." After a recitation, which was well received, entitled "Th' owd Umbrell," by Mr. W. Ormerod, the chairman, in a few well-chosen words, called upon Councillor H. Fielding, to make the presentation for which the meeting had been arranged. Councillor Fielding, in his remarks, spoke of the past he had in starting the "Rossendale Branch of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers, along with a few more of the old veterans, such as Messrs. J. Pickup (Haslingden), Pollard (Burnley), J. T. Stott, Geo. Lord, J. Pickup (best known as "Owd Clogger," of Newchurch), and others, many of whom have now passed away.

The presents, which were handed over to Mr. Lord with most appropriate words, consisted of a purse of gold, pipe and tobacco pouch, and a black ebony silver-mounted walking-stick, inscribed as follows; "Presented to Mr. Zebulun Lord by the Bell Ringers of Rossendale, in appreciation of his fifty years' service, Feb. 13th, 1909." Mr. Lord feelingly responded, and said he did not think he deserved all the good things said of him, for he had never been a brilliant peal ringer, for the simple reason he had never had the chance, because of always being amongst learners. The company at once interrupted, and said that was the very reason he deserved the praise bestowed upon him, for instead of going in for peal-ringing and gaining honour that way, he had preferred to stay and do the "spade work" by helping the learners, and thus making peal ringers. After the singing of "He's a jolly good fellow" by the whole company, Mr. J. Armstrong again brought down the house with his rendering of "Little Willie." Songs, "Only a Violet," by Mr. L. Taylor, "When Other Lips," by Mr. Lord Haworth, "The Chiming of the Bells," by Mr. J. Armstrong. Some humorous reminiscences from Mr. R. Robertshaw, of Heptonstall, followed. Votes of thanks were accorded to Councillor Fielding; the chairman, host and hostess, waiters, and singers; also to the church authorities for the use of the bells, &c. A most successful meeting was brought to a close by the singing of "God Save the King."

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Although they were unsuccessful in the ringing, it did not spoil their appetites or enjoyment of the good things provided by Mr. Newton in the kitchen of the town hall, and, at any rate, this part of the performance was quite successful in every detail. The chair was taken by Mr. C. H. Hattersley, and the evening spent in a right jovial manner, several other ringers joining the above band, until parting time came all too soon, and the party broke up, wishing our respected brother-singer many happy returns.

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Mr. Percy Evershed (Norwich)	0	10	0
"H. Tea"	0	10	0

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Correspondence.

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

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

SPITALFIELDS CHURCH, ETC.

SIR,—The best memory will at times deceive its possessor, and it is little wonder that Mr. Plain Speaker, having to comment on so many and various matters, should occasionally trip, and in his reference to Christ Church, Spitalfields, in your issue of the 13th inst. he has done so. The fire to which he refers took place in 1836; but it only affected the contents of the tower, including the bells; and the existing church is the original and only one ever existing on the site, built from the designs of Nicholas Hawksmoor, a pupil of Sir Christopher Wren, and consecrated in 1729. It was restored and internally altered in 1866. Hawksmoor's style was massive, as may be seen from his several productions, but it was not to him, but to his contemporary Sir John Vanbrugh, who designed, amongst other things, Blenheim Palace, that the lines—

"Lie heavy on him earth, for he
Laid many a heavy load on thee."

were applied.

Turning to another subject I was interested to read in your last number Mr. Jerram's condemnation of covering Doubles. It has always seemed to me that covering anything short of Triples, so as to obtain an octave at least, is musically barbarous.

R. A. DANIELL.

ST. PETER MANCROFT EXTRA BELL.

SIR,—I have to thank your correspondent, Mr. Sidney F. Palmer, for his letter in your last number. May I congratulate the Sheffield company on the splendid attendance record they have to show. If, as I assume, their ringing is voluntary, such a record would be very hard to beat indeed, in all respects. From enquiries I have since made, I find there are some thirty rings of twelve in this country. Sheffield affords an example of what is done at only one of this number; and at the present moment I know of only two other 12-bell towers where 12-bell Sunday ringing is the rule—St. Paul's Cathedral and St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. And our Ipswich friends are here to the fore-front again, for their Sunday ringing is entirely voluntary. There are thus twenty-eight rings of twelve for which account has to be given before it could be asserted that 12-bell Sunday ringing is the rule in such towers.

GEORGE P. BURTON.

137, Newmarket Road, Norwich.

PEALS OF DOUBLES.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to thank your correspondents Messrs. Trollope, Jerram and Parker for their kindly replies. But I am now quite as much in the gloom as ever, for this reason, viz.: What I want to know is this: What constitutes a peal of Doubles with or without a covering bell? Is it that you may ring one 120 of Doubles and repeat it forty-one times and say you have rang a complete peal, or should you ring ten 120s and repeat upwards of three times and say this is a peal, or should you ring forty-two 120s, each called differently, and admit this as a true peal? Now my views are this: that the two first instances are bogeys, and should never be allowed in the peal columns at all; as by allowing this to be done (as the peals now appear) I do not think it can enhance the ambition of six-bell ringers. As I maintain that if you have only five bells, and wish to ring a peal, ring it with as much variation as possible. As Mr. Short is conductor of a number of these so-called peals, perhaps he will give us his reason for encouraging these bogus peals.

HEREFORDIAN.

BOOK WANTED.

SIR,—Can any of your readers sell or lend me a pamphlet published by Masters in 1846, and now out of print, entitled "Church Bells, their Use and Abuse"? I shall be much obliged, if anyone possessing a copy of this work will communicate with me.

F. LL. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

A MISTAKE.

SIR,—It has not apparently been reported to your valuable

paper that the well-known ringer Mr. Wm. Pye was supposed to have been killed in a railway accident about a fortnight since. A muffled peal to his memory was attempted at a tower not ten miles from Newcastle, but it did not reach a successful finish. We are thankful that the same is the case with the well-known and much respected ringer.

TANNER.

RINGER'S WEDDING AT DOVER.

On Sunday afternoon, February 14th, at St. Mary's church, the wedding took place of Mr. C. R. Millway (Master of the St. Mary's company), and Miss L. M. Lawrence, Canon Bartram officiating. There was a large gathering at the church, including the St. Mary's and St. James's ringers, and as the happy couple left the church, the "Wedding March" was played on the organ by the borough organist, Mr. H. R. Taylor, and a merry peal rang out from the tower bells, while confetti flew in all directions. Mr. Millway was presented on the previous Friday evening at St. Mary's belfry, with a very pretty time-piece, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to C. R. Millway by the St. Mary's ringers, on the occasion of his marriage, February 1909." Mr. Millway has been a valuable member of the Kent County Association, and has taken part in upwards of thirty peals, and on Wednesday, the members of that Association brought home Holt's Original peal of Grand-sire Triples to celebrate the occasion, that being reported in its proper place.

BEDFORD (Middlesex).—On Sunday, December 13th, for evening service, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. E. Ridgley, A. Denford conductor, W. Beaumont, W. Garratt, J. Lock, J. Merrick, J. Edwards, M. Macdonald.

CHERTSEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, December 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. A. E. Gray, H. Stevens, G. Warinton, J. B. Hesse conductor, A. Lowe, E. Cassell, G. Spencer, P. J. Percy. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

ILKLEY (Yorks).—Recently, at All Saints church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. South, J. R. Feather, T. Wardman, C. Stephenson, F. Myers, W. Cook, J. W. Birkin conductor, H. Verity.

ENFIELD.—On December 8th, at St. Mary's church, a plain course each of London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major. A. R. Glasscock, W. Pickworth, C. T. Coles, J. Armstrong, N. Tomlinson, T. Card, J. E. Miller, S. Wade. And 336 Stedman Triples. S. Wade, T. Miles, T. Card, N. Tomlinson, J. E. Miller, J. Armstrong, W. Pickworth, H. Armstrong.

The Editor of this paper is personally acquainted with a gentleman who has suffered a reverse of fortune through no fault of his own. He is a well-known and distinguished member of the Exercise, an expert ringer and conductor, and one whose progress and pertinacity in peal-ringing some few years ago elicited universal admiration. Being in the prime of life he is anxious to obtain employment where trustworthiness and integrity are required—the post of private secretary, collector, traveller, or similar kind of work would suit his wishes and attainments. He has the most unexceptionable testimonials from persons of great standing in the country. He is highly respected by the large circle who know him in the ringing world, and is deservedly popular with all. Communications may be made to the Editor of this paper.

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

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Notices.

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 Society of Royal Cumberland Youths—There will be no practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields during Lent. Due notice will be given of the next meeting.

F. BENNETT, Hon. Sec.

The Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham Branch.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham to-day, Sat., 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, Bepton.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's church, Leyland, to-day, Saturday, February 27th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, Branch Sec.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Armley to-day, Sat., February 27th. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Important business meeting at The White Horse hotel at 7.30 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, Hon. Sec.

The Appleton Society.—The annual meeting and dinner will be held at The Plough, Appleton, on Thursday, March 4th.

F. WHITE.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5 o'clock. There will be a free tea provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, March 3rd.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

16, Wilmore Place, Oxford Street, Dudley.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, March 6th. Meeting in schoolroom at 3.15 p.m. Service in parish church at 4. Meat tea in schoolroom after service. Bells available all the afternoon and evening.

E. E. BURGESS, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, March 6th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

T. ROLLERSON, Branch Sec.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Milton Keynes, Bucks, on Saturday, March 6th.

F. W. BOOTE, Hon. Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Longton on Saturday, March 6th. Bells ready at 4. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. Wm. Wade, 90, Ashwood, Longton, not later than March 3rd.

REV. W. G. KEYWORTH, Hon. Secs.
J. JOHNSON,

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. ROXSON, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, March 13th. Bells ready at 4.30. Tea at 6. Members intending being present please send word on or before Wednesday, March 10th to

WALTER HUGHES, Sec.

1, Railway Street, Garston.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT EXETER.—G. W. Challice's 50 Peals.—Grandsire Doubles 3; Triples 7; Caters 2; Stedman Triples 11; Caters 7; Bob Major 6; Royal 2; Kent Major 2; Double Norwich Major 7; Superlative Major 3. Total—50. Rung in 27 towers and 6 counties.

ALDERMASTON (Berks).—On Wednesday, February 3rd, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was lost nine courses from home after ringing 2 hr. 28 mins., the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who was conducting, feeling fatigue overtaking him, having to abandon it. A. Harding, L. Green, R. Bishop, A. W. Osborne, G. Goodship, A. H. Burgess, Rev. F. E. Robinson, F. Snook. This was longest length by A. Harding and A. H. Burgess away from the tenor; also first attempt by F. Snook.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, January 31st, for evening service, 1260 of Stedman Caters in 47 mins. Arthur Jones, J. Howes, S. J. Collins, V. Harvey, G. H. Daynes, J. Herbert, W. T. Elson, J. H. B. Hesse, C. Charge conductor, R. H. Burgess.

CRANFORD (Northants).—On Sunday, November 15th, 720 Bob Minor. B. Saddington's first 720. J. Saddington, J. Lewin, F. Lewin, B. J. Saddington, I. Judd conductor. On Tuesday, November 17th, 720 Bob Minor. O. Judd, B. Saddington, F. Lewin, B. J. Saddington, I. Judd, John Lewin conductor. On Sunday, October 6th, for evening service, 720 of Minor, being 120 of Woodbine, 72 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 48 of Double Court, 120 Double Oxford, 180 of Oxford Bob, and 108 of Plain Bob. J. Saddington, F. Lewin, J. Lewin, I. Judd, B. Saddington, A. Smeathers conductor.

WEST CLANDON (Surrey).—On Thursday, December 17th, for practice, 720 York Surprise, F. Day, H. Stovell, R. Blake, J. Goanher, W. Day conductor, F. Bennett. First 720 of York Surprise by H. Stovell.

PENTRE (Glamorganshire).—On Monday, December 14th, 700 Grandsire Triples. H. Page, W. J. Sevier conductor, W. Page, J. Cross, T. Page, G. Wines, T. Hamlin, H. Crabb.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Corporal F. A. Holden, R.M.L.I., to H.M.S. Endymion, Sheerness-on-Sea.—G. Lindoff has removed to, 19, Rialto Terrace, S.C.R., Kilmaisham, Dublin.—Albert Walker, of Birmingham, has removed to 135, Amity Road, West Ham.

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THE FALSE PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

The composer of this peal, W. H. Ingle-sant, writes:—

"Will you please make the following correction in the peal of Grandsire Caters published in your issue of February 6th?

"I regret that an error has occurred in my copying out of the calling which causes the peal to run false, but the following simple alteration will rectify this: The turning course should be 9th in and out at 3 and 7, 9, s (single), followed by two 8 in 3's, producing 53462879, thus:—

42357986

45362879 9 in and out 3 and 7, 9, s
34562 8 in 3
53462 8 in 3

The number should be 5057 instead of 5075.

Thanks to Mr. Clement Glenn for writing and pointing out the error, and for which I apologise. Thanking you, Sir, in anticipation of this letter being inserted in your next issue."

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By H. MOORE, Minehead.

5088.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 1 4 5

4 6 3 5 2 - 8 -

3 4 2 6 5 - - -

4 2 5 3 6 s s -

2 5 4 3 6 - - -

5 4 2 3 6 - - -

4 2 3 5 6 - s*

* Bob instead of a single in the sixth and twelfth parts. Call the first two courses once, and repeat the four last courses ten times.

LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

(By the same author.)

5184.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 1 3 6 7

5 2 4 3 6 - - -

3 5 4 2 6* - - -

4 2 3 5 6 - - -

3 2 5 4 6 - - -

Five times repeated.

* Bob at one in the second course in the second part and the fourth and sixth parts.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

(By the same author.)

5184.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 1 3 4 5

5 2 4 3 6 - - -

3 5 4 2 6* - - -

6 4 2 3 5 - - -

3 2 5 4 6 - - -

Five times repeated.

* Bob at three in the second course, and the fourth and sixth.

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

On Wednesday, February 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL, E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

AUGUSTUS A. SCAMBLER* .. Treble.	EDWARD WALLACE 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	WILLIAM TRUSS 6.
THOS. H. TAFFENDER .. 3.	ALFRED B. PECK 7.
HERBERT W. HIBBEET .. 4.	ARTHUR HARDING Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

*First peal in the method.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, CLAPTON.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Day's Six-Part. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM J. KEMP* Treble.	†HARRY RUMENS.. .. 5.
HUGH T. SCARLETT 2.	R. ELLIOTT.. .. 6.
HARRY MAY, JUN. 3.	HERBERT F. HULL 7.
H. A. ALFORD 4.	*A. RILEY Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT F. HULL.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire Triples. Messrs. Kemp and Alford were elected members previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. D. Lillywhite and William Kemp.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, February 22, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX Treble.	WILLIAM TRUSS.. .. 6.
HERBERT LANGDON 2.	HENRY SPRINGALL 7.
EDWIN GIBBS 3.	EMANUEL HALL.. .. 8.
CHARLES S. BURDEN 4.	ALFRED B. PECK 9.
JAMES SCHOLES 5.	GEORGE BARRELL Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON, and Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung on the occasion of the 21st birthday of Miss Ethel Hall, daughter of the ringer of the 8th, the band sending their congratulations.

The Provinces.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

On Thursday, January 21, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

J. STOPFORD Treble.	TOM WILDE 5.
J. COOKE 2.	SAM BOWKER 6.
A. HAUGHTON 3.	ALBERT HOUGH.. .. 7.
HARRY NOEGROVE 4.	BEN THORPE Tenor.

Composed by J. S. WILDE, and Conducted by ALBERT HOUGH.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 3, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

JOHN SWAIN Treble.	CHARLES COX 5.
HENRY TUCKER 2.	CHARLES GILES.. .. 6.
ALFRED W. REEVES.. .. 3.	ALFRED WATMORE 7.
WALTER A. WEBB 4.	JOHN GOODENOUGH Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 3, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Grandsire Minor and four of Bob Minor.

Tenor 11 cwt.

DAVID L. COTTON Treble.	*JAMES F. GODFREY 4.
HERBERT SHARPE* 2.	FRANK SHEPHERD 5.
HERBERT HURDMAN 3.	JOHN HOUGH Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HOUGH.

*First peal. First peal as conductor.

BLACKBURN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 4, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

FRED HINDLE* Treble.	†EMMANUEL DUTESON 5.
WILLIAM BRIGGS† 2.	JOHN WATSON 6.
HARRY WALKER† 3.	WILLIAM E. WILSON 7.
JOHN EDWARDS† 4.	†ARTHUR TOMLINSON Tenor.

Composed by J. ASPINWALL, and Conducted by WILLIAM E. WILSON.

†First peal. *First peal away from the tenor. First peal as conductor.

HERNHILL, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 5, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK HADLOW† .. Treble.	EDWARD TREDELL 5.
WILLIAM WENBAN 2.	†ALFRED GILBERT 6.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 3.	†HORACE GILBERT 7.
CLARENCE E. HADLOW† .. 4.	†FRANK ELSBY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WENBAN.

†First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. First peal as conductor, and first in the method. The ringers of the 6th and tenor were elected members before starting.

SELLING, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

HARRY BARTON Treble.	WILLIAM WENBAN 5.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 2.	FREDERICK G. BRETT 6.
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 3.	STANLEY B. DOBBIE.. .. 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 4.	WILLIAM J. WALKER Tenor.

Composed by FRED. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

First peal of Major on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time.

EXETER, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD Treble.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 6.
THOMAS LAVER 2.	EDMUND SARGENT 7.
GEORGE W. CHALLICE* .. 3.	FRANK MURPHY.. .. 8.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE.. .. 4.	JAMES MOSS 9.
WILLIAM MOGRIDGE.. .. 5.	ALFRED MONKLEY Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

*Fiftieth peal. First peal of Stedman Caters by residents of the county.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

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

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. M. Bailey, the band wishing him many happy returns. *Fiftieth peal.

ORMESBY, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lbs. in E.

A. SIMPSON* Treble.	T. STEPHENSON 5.
J. G. HALL 2.	F. P. HOWCROFT 6.
J. W. NEWTON 3.	T. METCALFE 7.
W. NEWTON 4.	W. WALAND Tenor.

Conducted by T. METCALFE.

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

SUNDERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WM. SMALLWOOD* Treble.	JOS. W. PARKER 5.
ROBT. WM. LOVIE 2.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON 6.
RALPH A. LOVIE* 3.	FRANK NAYSBY 7.
THOS. W. DITCHBURN* 4.	WM. T. ROBSON Tenor.

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, and Conducted by W. T. ROBSON.

*First peal in the method. First peal rung at Sunderland in the method by an entirely local band.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble.	WILLIAM HUMBERSTONE 5.
ALFRED ROE 2.	T. HENRY HARDY 6.
THOMAS HUMBERSTONE 3.	PERCY CARTER 7.
ARTHUR BRIERS 4.	ALFRED WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD Treble.	†THOMAS PRICE 6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN. 2.	GEORGE F. HOAD 7.
ALFRED H. WING 3.	HENRY L. GARFATH 8.
FREDERICK BENNETT 4.	ALFRED H. PULLING 9.
MAURICE SMITHER† 5.	FRANK BLONDELL Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHANGE, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

†First peal of Treble Ten.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS JAKEMAN* Treble.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS 5.
THOMAS H. COLBURN 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
ARTHUR N. HARDY 3.	WILLIAM BERRY 7.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS 4.	ARTHUR R. JACOB Tenor.

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Major.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL,
5040 CHANGES.

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

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES, and
Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal by T. Baldwin.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 7, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being fourteen 6-scores each of Canterbury-Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM PRITCHARD* Treble.	†WILLIAM SHORT 4.
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS† 2.	*WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS 5.
ARTHUR J. GRIFFITHS* 3.	*PERCY JONES 6.

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

*First peal in three methods. †First peal of Doubles in three methods. First peal in three methods on the bells and by the above Guild in three methods of Doubles. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS Treble.	HARRY MOSS 5.
JESSE J. MOSS 2.	JOHN FLINT 6.
GEORGE CLARK* 3.	GEORGE W. MOSS 7.
THOMAS RILEY 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

*First peal in the method.

TEWIN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 8, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being thirty 6-scores of Grandsire and twelve of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

E. WILLSHIRE Treble.	*A. F. PERRY 3.
H. GEEVES 2.	J. W. NEW 4.
A. LYLES Tenor.	

Conducted by J. W. NEW.

*First peal, and was elected a member before starting.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 8, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

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

MISS ISABELLA FRANKUM..Treble.	GEORGE IRVINE 5.
RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 2.	GEORGE ESSEX 6.
JOSEPH HANDS 3.	HENRY SIMMONDS 7.
LEWIS GREEN 4.	OSCAR GILBEY Tenor.

Conducted by G. IRVINE.

This peal should have been attempted on February 3rd, on which date Miss Frankum attained her majority, but owing to failure to get a band had to be postponed.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 10, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM HUTTON .. ..Treble.	FRANK BARRETT 5.
JOHN BOWER 2.	EDGAR HUMFREY 6.
ALFRED R. BOSLEY 3.	EDMUND BANNISTER 7.
ALBERT E. LOCK 4.	FREDK. W. WOODWARDS..Tenor.

Conducted by EDMUND BANNISTER.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 10, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

HARRY TIDY .. ..Treble.	THOMAS WORSFOLD 5.
WILLIAM STREETER 2.	ROBERT WHITTINGTON .. 6.
JOHN KNIGHT 3.	WILLIAM CHARMAN 7.
ALWYN CHARMAN 4.	THOMAS STREETER Tenor.

Conducted by W. CHARMAN.

First peal on the bells which were augmented to eight last October. First peal by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and tenor. First peal of Triples by all the ringers, who all belong to the local band. T. Worsfold was elected a member of the Guild before starting.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.*On Thursday, February 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

REGINALD G. STONE ..Treble.	EDWARD I. STONE 5.
ALBERT P. WAKLEY.. .. 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN.. .. . 6.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. 3.	GEORGE ROBINSON 7.
JOHN H. SWINFIELD.. .. 4.	GEORGE BULL Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT P. WAKLEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Lord Burton, patron of the living, who was interred at Rangemore the previous Friday.

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lbs.

FREDERICK BURT ..Treble.	CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 5.
RAYMOND DUNSTER .. 2.	GILBERT J. YOUNGS.. .. 6.
GEORGE BILLENNESS .. 3.	GEORGE JOHNSON 7.
ALFRED JOHNSON 4.	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. ‡First peal with a 5 bell.

WOOTTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1909 in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES FREEMAN ..Treble.	HENRY W. GAYTON 4.
HERBERT J. HARLOW* .. 2.	HERBERT L. HARLOW .. 5.
JOHN W. BARKER 3.	FRANK WEBB Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER

*First peal in seven methods with a bob bell. First peal on the bells

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

JAMES WARD .. ..Treble.	FRED CAUSBY 5.
WALTER GERMAN 2.	WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 6.
CHARLIE KELLER 3.	LEWIS CHAPMAN 7.
HUBERT HORN 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ..Tenor.

Composed by J. W. BARKER, and Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

ALFRED LEADER ..Treble.	WILLIAM WELLING 5.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 2.	EDWIN F. HOOPER 6.
ALFRED C. FUSSELL .. 3.	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE 7.
REUBEN FLAXMAN 4.	ALFRED PERRYMAN Tenor.

Conducted by E. F. HOOPER.

First peal as conductor.

CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 7½ cwt.

CLAUDE L. DAVIES* ..Treble.	ARTHUR E. MORGAN.. .. 5.
JOHN BUTLER 2.	JOHN W. JONES 6.
JOHN BULLEN 3.	FREDERICK ATWELL 7.
FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES 4.	EVAN DAVIES Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

*First peal. Rung in honour of the 62nd birthday of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, February 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILLIAM JUDGE.. ..Treble.	JOHN H. R. FREEBORN .. 5.
GEORGE W. BRESLEY* .. 2.	FREDRICK WEBB 6.
HARRY MILES 3.	HARRY G. JUDGE 7.
WILLIAM STONE.. .. . 4.	WILLIAM FRANKLIN Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by H. G. JUDGE.

*First peal of Stedman. Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the late Mrs. Freeborn, of Oxford, mother of the Vicar of Kidlington, and grandmother of the ringer of the 5th, who died on February 7th at the age of eighty-six.

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

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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

On Saturday, February 13, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. O. LANCASHIRE'S VARIATION OF WASHBROOK'S FOUR-PART.

GEORGE CLEAL Treble.	WILLIAM WILLSON 5.
REUBEN CLIFFORD 2.	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 6.
THOMAS L. ALLEN* 3.	ALFRED MARTIN 7.
SAMUEL COTTON 4.	THOMAS TAYLOR.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

*First peal of Triples in the method. First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 14, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	SGT. MAJOR A. PYE.. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	*FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4.	WILLIAM A. PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE

*First peal in the method.

PONTEFRACT.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PONTEFRACT BRANCH)

On Monday, February 15, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S TEN-PART.

BERNARD MOODY Treble.	ALBERT T. STEANGWARD .. 5.
ARTHUR WALKER 2.	JAMES JACKSON 6.
HARRY C. WALTERS.. .. 3.	WILLIAM PEARSON 7.
FREDERICK E. MOODY .. 4.	THOMAS M. BARKER Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR WALKER.

Handbell Peals.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes.

AT 10, WELLGATE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

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

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Quickest handbell peal of Bob Major by all.

Date Touches.

LEIGH (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, December 21st, at St. Catherine's church, a date touch, 1908 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins., consisting of Grandsire Doubles and St. Dunstan's. T. Lister, H. Finch, C. Coldrick, G. Watts, C. Dyson conductor, W. Hughes.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks.).—On Thursday, December 24th, for practice

at the church of St. Giles, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, J. E. Hern, R. Bishop, C. Higgs, A. W. Osborne, H. Neighbour, Rev. F. E. Robinson conductor, A. Durman. On Sunday, January 23rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Miss M. Chillingworth, C. E. Baker, G. Withers, A. H. Burgess, G. Godship, A. Harding, A. W. Osborne conductor, W. Dotner. On Wednesday, January 27th, for practice, 2520 Stedman Triples in 1 hr. 33 mins. A. H. Burgess, C. E. Baker, R. Bishop, G. Wheeler, E. Hughes, A. W. Osborne, Rev. F. E. Robinson conductor, A. Harding. Longest length by the ringer of the treble and 2nd: also by the Rev. F. E. Robinson since his having to take his rest cure. Hoping soon to be strong enough to take up his favourite hobby by conducting a 5000 at a near future date,

HAGBOURNE (Berks.).—On Tuesday, November 10th, 2520 Grandsire Triples, being the first half of Holt's ten-part peal in 1 hr. 34 mins. G. F. James, T. East conductor, J. Bowen, J. Napper, jun., R. G. Rice, M. E. Caudwell, E. Bannister, W. Warwick. On Wednesday, November 25th, 1078 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's ten-part. E. A. Butler, T. East conductor, R. G. Rice, J. Napper, jun., E. Bannister, M. E. Caudwell, A. R. Bosley, W. Warwick.

BLEWBURY (Berks.).—On Monday, November 16th, 2562 Grandsire Triples, last half of Holt's ten-part peal, in 1 hr. 33 mins. G. F. James, T. East conductor, J. Bower, R. G. Rice, C. Gregory, W. Grace, A. R. Bosley, T. Aldworth. Longest touch by ringers of 5th and tenor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, November 9th, in honour of His Majesty's birthday, several touches were rung, including 420 Stedman Triples, being the longest in the method by the local band. J. Rumsey, N. Rumsey, W. Groom, R. Woods, G. Rowe, jun., P. Laffin, W. Grimes conductor, G. Rowe, sen. On Wednesday, November 11th, 400 Double Norwich. G. Rumsey, G. Rowe, jun., J. Brady, W. Groom conductor, W. Grimes, P. Laffin, J. Rumsey, A. N. Grimes. Also 420 Stedman Triples. A. N. Grimes, P. Woods, P. Laffin, G. Rowe, jun., J. Rumsey, W. Groom, W. Grimes conductor, G. Rumsey. These touches were rung to oblige A. W. Grimes who hails from London. On Monday, November 30th, for practice, a course of Cambridge Surprise Major, the first by the local band. G. Rumsey, W. Rumsey, J. Brady, W. Groom, P. Laffin, G. Rowe, jun., W. Grimes, J. Rumsey.

BURTON LATIMER (Northants).—On Sunday, November 1st, 1948, 720 Double Court. A. Pettit, J. Pettit, F. Sturman, H. Meadows, J. Neal, W. Meadows conductor. On Sunday, November 1st, 1908, 720 Woodbine. J. Neal, J. Pettit, A. Pettit, H. Meadows, J. Houghton, W. Meadows conductor. On Tuesday, December 1st (Queen's birthday), 720 Oxford Bob. E. Hodson, J. Neal, F. Sturman, A. Pettit, H. Meadows, W. Meadows conductor. This is the first 720 by E. Hodson, who is 74 years of age, and who has been a ringer for about 60 years, he being the only member of the old band to keep on ringing after a new treble was added in 1903. He has made a good many attempts before for a 720, but has had to give up on account of having the cramp in his hands. He was heartily congratulated by the band after the bells came round.

GAYWOOD (Norfolk).—On Thursday, November 12th, at the church of St. Faith, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. W. Cobb, C. Sedgley, B. Bunfield, G. Etchells, G. Greenacre, A. Markwell conductor. On Thursday, December 10th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob in 25 mins. W. Cobb, P. Johnson, B. Bunfield, C. Etchells, G. Greenacre, G. Hawes. On Sunday morning, December 13th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob, standing as before.

WEST TOFTS (Norfolk).—On Sunday, December 13th, five members of the Thetford company were met by two of the local ringers, and rang three 720s of Bob Minor as follows: W. Eagle, W. Radley, L. A. Dickerson, W. A. Seeley, G. Flatt, F. Fitzjohn conductor, F. Lake. Also—W. Eagle, T. Fitzjohn, L. A. Dickerson, W. Radley conductor, G. Flatt, W. A. Seeley, F. Lake. Also—W. Eagle, W. Radley, L. A. Dickerson, W. A. Seeley, T. Fitzjohn, G. Flatt conductor, F. Lake. The Thetford

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his kindness in providing lunch. The
Rector's daughter also rang for evening
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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSO- CIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOUNSLOW.—On Saturday, November
18th, at St. Paul's church, a quarter-peal
Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. A. R.
Macdonald, J. Howes, A. Denford, E.
Edgeley, G. Spencer, J. Merrick, J.
Edwards conductor, D. Archer.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

SPELDHURST (Kent).—On Wednesday,
November 18th, at the parish church,
20 Grandsire Triples with the bells
half-muffled as a last mark of respect to
Mr. Obed Baker, formerly a member of

the band, who died after a long lingering
illness, and was interred in the church-
yard on that day. A. Maynard, G. Thomp-
son, P. Turley, G. Turley conductor, S.
Perkins, J. Maynard, C. Chapman, F.
Towner.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANGIBBY (Monmouthshire).—Eight
members of the above paid a visit to this
place on Saturday, December 12th, and
attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples
which came to grief owing to a change-
course. Afterwards 336 Bob Major was
rung. C. Davies, J. Butler, E. Davies, F.
Charles, G. Large, A. Morgau, T. Dawe,
J. W. Jones conductor. First touch of
Major on the bells. At the conclusion,
the leader of the local band (Mr. Albert
Williams), kindly provided a meat tea, and
the members take this opportunity of
thanking him very much for his kindness.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHESTER.—On Sunday evening, Decem-
ber 6th, for Divine Service at the church
of St. Mary-Within-the-Walls, a quarter-
peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. S.
Jones, *A. Dutton, R. Sperring, *F. Dut-
ton, F. Weston, F. Milton, W. Thomas, J.
Davies. Conducted by R. Sperring. *First
quarter-peal with a bob bell. Arranged
for W. Thomas and S. Jones.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRECON.—On Saturday, January 30th,
at St. Mary's church, 1260 Grandsire
Triples. A. Matthews, S. Brookes, G.
Giblin, L. S. Griffiths, W. Short con-
ductor, F. Stedman, W. Hargest, H. D.
Wood. On Thursday, February 4th, 1260
Stedman Triples. L. S. Griffiths, S.
Brooks, G. Giblin, W. Hargest, W. Short,
S. Watkins, W. Evans conductor, F. Sted-
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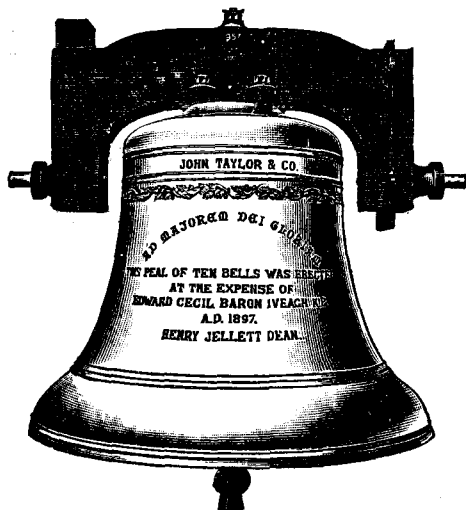
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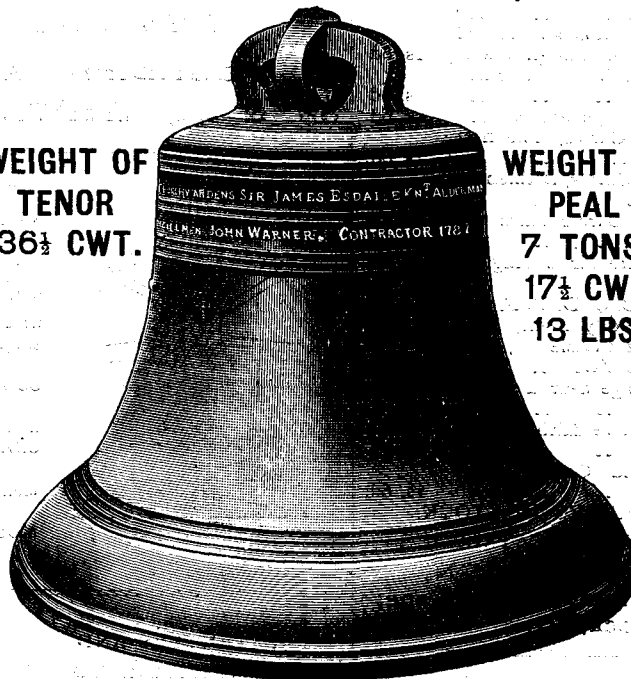
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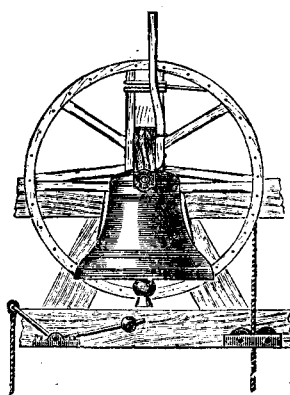
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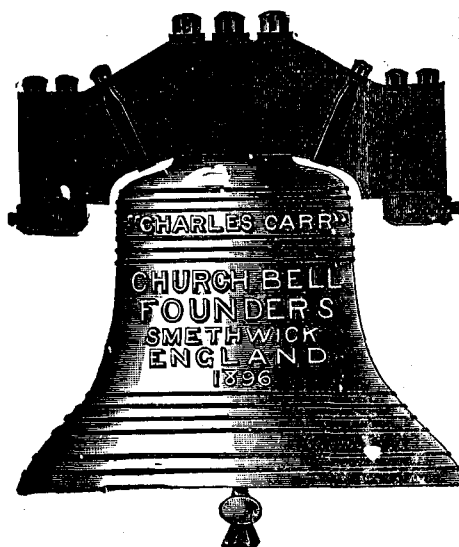
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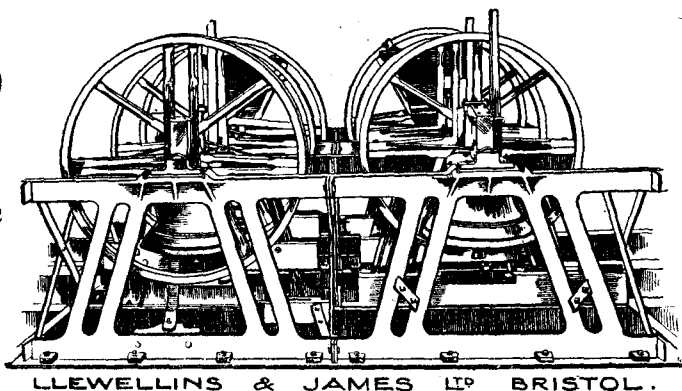
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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Beautiful cold weather attended the pre-Lent meeting held at Winlaton, county Durham, and induced a record attendance from all parts of the two dioceses. The ringing during the afternoon was interrupted by a funeral, but after tea the bells were kept going both at Blaydon and Winlaton until a late hour. The bells at the parish church have recently been rehung, the result being a well-going peal of six that could be easily turned into the most intricate methods.

Some fifty members sat down to tea at The Highlander inn, Winlaton, the president (Mr. C. L. Routledge) in the chair, with Mr. vice-president Joseph Parker in the vice-chair. There were also present the Rector (Rev. A. Jones), Mr. A. M. C. Field (hon. secretary), the Revs. H. S. T. Richardson and B. Jealous, and Messrs. J. B. Dobson, E. Ferry, G. T. Potter, W. T. Robson, W. Story, J. Stuart, G. Lungley, R. Moncaster, and members from the following towers: Benfieldside, Bishop Auckland, Chester-le-Street, Darlington, Gateshead, Gosforth, Newcastle, Newton Hall, Shildon, Sunderland, Tanfield, and Winlaton.

The president proposed a vote of thanks to the Rectors of Winlaton and Blaydon and their churchwardens for the use of their bells, and said in the course of his remarks that a warm welcome had always been extended to them from Winlaton, which had always been a pillar of the Association from its commencement thirty-one years ago. He congratulated the members on ringing seventeen peals of good quality during the last four months, and urged them to further effort, and to make a record peal year. The plan adopted by some of the other associations of each district attempting a peal each quarter, was one they themselves might emulate now they had divided their territory up into four parts. It would help to bring many a youngster to the fore by getting him through his first peal, and would raise the standard of peal-ringing. He would bring a properly prepared plan before them at the Whit-Monday meeting.

The vote of thanks was carried with acclamation, and the Rector of Winlaton in reply welcomed the Association most heartily. He was doubly glad to see them, because he knew when fifty or sixty ringers came together like that it was the gathering of so many staunch and true churchmen and church workers. He was glad to say his bells had been put into good order for their visit. Winlaton ringers had always been amongst the warmest supporters of the Association, and he had made a compact to become a member of the Association himself as soon as they got him through a 5040 (later reduced to a 120 at the suggestion of the chairman). He also pointed out that they had in Mr. Zach. Scott one of the oldest ringers in the diocese, and still one of their most steadfast members. He trusted they would have an enjoyable and profitable evening in the tower.

Mr. Bird, of Gosforth, proposed a vote of condolence with the widow and family of the late Mr. Tom Teasdale, of North Shields, and also with the widow and family of

the late Councillor Wm. Atkinson, of Winlaton, an original member of the Association. This was seconded by Mr. Robinson (Chester-le-Street), and carried in silence standing.

A good number of new members were enrolled at the close of the meeting.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting having been arranged to take place at Queen Camel on Saturday, February 20th, advantage was taken of the opportunity to visit the village, and to try the grand ring of six bells for which Camel is noted. Locally it is reputed to be the heaviest ring of six in England; the tenor weighs 34 cwt., but the writer could not obtain the weight of the six collectively. It would be interesting to know the weight of the heavy rings of this number so that the matter could be decided definitely. In any case these bells are simply grand, and go like tops. The weather was excellent, which tended to make the drive across country in the company of enthusiastic ringers very enjoyable. By the way, some of the company journeyed for some miles from a town holding another record, and we cannot doubt that the good understandings which helped them along were not made abroad, for it was found that tariff reform was an interest almost as strong as ringing, but the free traders were not far behind, especially in the ringing. However after this diversion, on reaching our destination, the bells were going to Bob Doubles, and before the service some Grandsire was tapped off.

The service was very bright, the organist and choir making it doubly so. The Rector gave an impressive address on the text, "Fellow-workers with God," appealing to his hearers to aim at a high ideal in their calling as ringers. He appealed to us to be true, to be straight, to be holy.

After the service a movement was made for the schools, where a tea had been bountifully provided by the Rector. It was a great pity that more were not present to enjoy his hospitality. The business meeting followed, which included election of officers, Mr. Vincent (of Ditchett) presiding.

A move was again made to the tower, and more Grandsire and Bob Doubles, also a few courses of Bob Minor, of which those who took part were very gratified, it being the first with the tenor turned in by most of those taking part. After letting the bells down in peal, an adjournment was made to a local hostelry, where a pleasant hour was spent with friends until the time for making tracks for home arrived. It was generally agreed that it had been a very pleasant meeting. It was getting late at night when one at least of the party retired to rest, as Bob Minor had so taken hold of him.

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Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., presided, and supporting him were Mr. J. S. Pritchett (presiding ringing master of the Guild), Canon Barnard (Vicar of King's Norton), Rev. W. V. Chilwell (Handsworth), the churchwardens of St. Martin's, Messrs. C. H. Hattersley, C. E. D. Boutflower, and others.

The Chairman made a very outspoken speech in proposing "The King, Church, and State." At the present time, he said they all felt there was something distinctly critical in the air, and they ought to bring themselves to look very closely as to their personal responsibility in the enormous Imperial possessions to which they were parties. They had been told that in many quarters, and those quarters well informed, there was today very grave anxiety as to whether England could now really resist an attack in force if made upon her by some other country with a view to wresting part of her possessions from her. It might be that good had been done by King Edward the Peacemaker's visit to Germany, that the friendship which existed between him and his relatives there had been further cemented. But when two nations fell out, they did not so by any preconcerted arrangement. They fell out on account of some inextricable tension, the balance of which was suddenly upset. Our highest military authorities—the chairman said—recognise that in the nature of things, sooner or later Germany and England will fight. It seems to be recognised that Germany has not in its rapidly-rising commercial fame and instincts sufficient latitude for the expansion which its increasing demands both of population and employment require. They would remember that Germany was now going through a phase which England went through a few generations ago, and that England had annexed a very considerable part of the land territory of the world that was capable of being annexed. Did they not think it was perfectly natural that it should be considered by other countries that England had taken an undue share of the territory of the world? They did think so. He had travelled in Germany, and there was no question whatever that the feeling, there was not one so much of dislike to the English as Englishmen as to the feeling that England had more than she ought to have. "Are we capable of defending this great nation of ours adequately as we must needs defend it if attacked?" the chairman went on. That led him on to other matters, which he said were germane to the point. One reason why their thoughts were diverted from the safety of the nation—the chairman said—was because they had been "doing themselves a bit too well." Difficulty arose because some people were too rich, and a great many were too poor. The distribution of wealth had caused extreme suffering at one end of the scale, whilst at the other, alas! there had been an undue amount of luxury and self-indulgence (hear, hear). They must not get the idea that because a man had large responsibilities and even large wealth, he ought to be deprived of the same. He would like to see some sort of redistribution of wealth, if only it could be taken from those who were misusing it and given to the poor—he meant to poor who would not waste it. The idea of Socialism was of course, that the Government should hold all the funds and distribute them. Many of those present were engaged in business, and it was well in a well-managed business to look into every little detail. There were few of them who had not considerable knowledge of what a vast amount of public business was most villainously conducted. If they thought any Government in the world could distribute the millions of income that came to various persons in this country satisfactorily, they must be thinking they were all angels before their time (laughter). The speaker next applied himself to "that large number of the population who won't work," and said the injustice was that respectable people who did their best for themselves and their families, were obliged to pay in old-age pensions, poor rates,

and what not for "these dregs." They should try to produce a stronger, abler, and manlier community than the country had been doing for a good many years past. In concluding, Sir Arthur Heywood referred to the proposal for the Disestablishment of the Church in Wales, and denied that there was any claim for it on honourable grounds. A Disestablishment Bill meant a Disendowment Bill, which implied taking somebody else's money. The bellringers of the country would be as antagonistic to the Welsh Bill as to any measure that threatened to interfere with the Church in England (applause).

Coupled with this toast he gave the name of Canon Barnard, who is leaving King's Norton for Sutton Coldfield, where he will be able to make himself as well known and respected as he has to the ringers of King's Norton.

Canon Barnard, in responding, said he was sure that the remarks of the chairman would be taken to heart. If King and Country are to prosper we must all be good churchmen. It was the ringer's office to call people to church, and their privilege to obey the call themselves and seek God's blessing in the service. The ringers are an integral part of the organisation of the Church, and he was glad to think that the noble art of change-ringing is prospering in this country. He was sure that all would benefit from the way in which Sir Arthur had addressed them, and hoped that we should all remain true to our Mother Church and to our country.

Hereabouts the Secretary referred to the many apologies he had received from various gentlemen who were unable to attend, notably: the Rector of St. Martin's, the ringing master at St. Martin's (Mr. A. Walker), and Mr. R. A. Daniell, who wrote—"I hope you will have a most successful and enjoyable evening, and wish to associate myself as best I can at a distance with the toast of 'Prosperity to your Guild.'" A telegram, sent by Mr. Cockerill, the Secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, was also read, conveying kindly greetings to the company from the members of that Society.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett submitted "The memory of the late Henry Johnson," and in doing so remarked that although Mr. Johnson had been dead more than twenty years, he is still the living spirit of this meeting. Time rolls its silent and irresistible course, and one by one those who knew him and had the singular privilege of being acquainted with him are leaving us to join the vast majority. He was the great constructor of the science of change-ringing, and that is how he gained his fame. Although he has been dead so long, his spirit and influence still remain with us. His memory and example would always stimulate them to maintain change-ringing on that high level, which it was his life's work to place it. The speaker's remarks were received with the greatest possible attention, and the toast was honoured in silence.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley proposed "Continued prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild." In doing so he said that it was now forty-two years since he first had the pleasure of going into St. Martin's tower, and one of the first persons he then met was Henry Johnson. Mr. Johnson was always very particular about good striking, and I have here a letter that he wrote to me in 1873, in which he says—"If I were you, whenever there is any indifferent ringing, I should make it a practice of setting my bell. We in Birmingham have entirely set our faces against it." Henry Johnson did not go in for ringing a lot of peals, for he was 67 when he rang his hundredth peal. In parentheses the speaker remarked that one of the members present, Mr. James George, had rung forty-nine peals since the last Henry Johnson dinner. He supposed it was an attempt to catch up our dear old friend, the Rev. F. E. Robinson. While on that subject he was pleased to observe from the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" that Mr. Robinson was again well enough to ring more peals of Stedman Triples (applause). He hoped that his audience would always set their faces against bad ringing, because the St. Martin's Guild had had success in the past, and he wished it continued success in the future. With this toast he coupled "The Health of the Secretary, Mr. Godden."

In replying, the Secretary suitably thanked the last speaker for coupling his name with the toast, and his audience for the way in which they had responded. It was to him always a labour of love to do what little he could for the St. Martin's Guild. He then gave the toast of "Kindred Ringing Societies," and referred to an article he had read in that week's "BELL

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News," wherein the writer, describing himself as an old fossil, lamented the possibility of such ancient societies as the Cumberland Youths being absorbed and superseded by the more modern ringing Associations. We members of the St. Martin's Guild did not take such a view of the situation. If ever our time came for such absorption we could look back with satisfaction to the success we had secured in the past; while for the present we were content to wish kindred ringing societies every success, and endeavour to emulate their successes in every way we can. He concluded by coupling with that toast the name of Mr. Pates, of the Cheltenham and Gloucester and Bristol Societies.

Mr. Pates having suitably replied, stated that he should always be pleased to welcome any of the St. Martin's men at Cheltenham whenever they care to go. He then made a presentation to Mr. T. Reynolds of a framed picture of the record long peal of Grandsire Caters at Cheltenham as a souvenir of that occasion.

Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower in proposing "Our Chairman," eulogised Sir Arthur as to his mind the true type of the genuine Englishman, of whom the more there were the better for the English nation as well as for ringers. Sir Arthur, as all were aware, had done much for the Exercise, his grand idea apparently being that of binding ringers together, so as to make them a band of true ringing brothers. Every one knew that he was the originator of the Central Council, which had done such good work during the many years of its existence; besides which he was an enthusiastic change-ringer, a composer, and a conductor. He is the composer of that beautiful method—"Duffield," which you heard Mr. Withers tap upon the dulcimer just now, and has conducted a peal of Maximus in it. Then, not only has he done good work for us ringers, but for our Church, and for a large number of benevolent institutions.

It is hardly necessary to state that this toast was most enthusiastically received, and accorded musical honours.

In responding, Sir Arthur said—I am afraid I do not deserve all the nice things which Mr. Boutflower has said about me. Many years ago there was a meeting going on in Dublin under the presidency of the Archbishop. There had been some little differences of opinion between the Dean of the Chapel Royal and a certain Mr. Brush. Now Mr. Brush was not a very kindly-hearted gentleman, and took the Dean very severely to task over several things. When he sat down the Dean got up and made a speech, which, after the long one I have already made, would suit me very well in the matter of length. His speech was this: "Your Grace! Mr. Brush has no handle for his sweeping assertions about me." And then he sat down. I am afraid I cannot sit down quite so quietly. I feel compelled to tell you how extremely grateful I am to the St. Martin's Guild for asking me to preside at this meeting. Not that I have not been asked before, for I have, but have been unable to accept, and it has been a very great satisfaction to me that I could accept the invitation this year. It is a very sincere pleasure to me to see, as Mr. Pritchett so well pointed out, the way in which Mr. Johnson's memory still lives in Birmingham, and through Birmingham in a very much wider degree. Let me commend to you with all the seriousness of which I am capable, the living spirit which has made that good man's spirit live. It is summed up in the one word—"Truth"! the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and if there is one thing desirable in ringing it is—"Truth." In conclusion let me congratulate you upon the gathering this evening—let me wish you all good luck in the future, and many repetitions of such an enjoyable evening (cheers).

As usual the proceedings were enlivened by intervals devoted to music—Mr. H. Withers doing yeoman's service with his dulcimer. His tapping of courses of Double Norwich and Duffield delighted his audience by their lovely tone and extreme accuracy. Remarkable as were these instances of his talent in that direction, a talent which may very aptly be called genius, we know that if time had permitted he could have supplemented them with such tricky work as Superlative and London.

Capital courses of Stedman Caters and Cinques were given on the handbells retained in band by Messrs. Lafin, Russam, Fay, Witchell, J. E. Groves, and A. P. Smith, and the meeting closing in seasonable time for the many visitors to catch their trains for north, south, east, and west (and the black country),

the opinion was very generally expressed that this had by no means been the least successful of such gatherings.

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,—Your correspondent, "Herefordian," asks a somewhat difficult question. Of course nothing less than a 5040 of Triples can really be considered a peal. But it has been customary to look upon seven 720s or forty-two 6-scores as a peal, whether all called differently or not. No doubt if they were all in different methods it would enhance the performance. A great variety of methods, even in Doubles, might be used, if one studied the old editions of the "Campanologia," where in addition to standard methods we find Crambo, Checker, Gogmagog, and a host of other variations. The N.C.C. seems to be the only body qualified to make any rule as to what should be considered a peal in Minor or Doubles, and perhaps even their ruling might not please everyone. I am glad to see that some of your correspondents agree with me as to impropriety of ringing Doubles on six bells with a cover. I see in the same issue of "THE BELL NEWS" another so-called peal rung in this way, and on a very light ring of six too, where the tenor might easily have been turned in. If this sort of thing is allowable, why not ring 210 peals of singles on the front four or five with the tenor covering, and call it a peal?

J. R. JERRAM.

SUNDAY RINGING AT TWELVE-BELL TOWERS.

SIR,—I beg to inform your correspondent, Mr. G. P. Burton, that the twelve bells at St. Martin's, Birmingham, are rung every Sunday morning throughout the year, and occasionally on Sunday evenings. It is very seldom indeed (excepting in July and August, when members are away on their holidays) that less than twelve bells are rung. On special occasions, such as Harvest Festival, Hospital Sunday, etc., the twelve are rung before and after both morning and evening services. The morning ringing is not voluntary, and in the evening the bells are usually chimed, this being one of the tower-keeper's duties. It may interest Mr. Burton to know that with one exception the members live more than two—most of them more than three—miles from the church, which is in the centre of the city.

A. PADDON SMITH.

AN IMPOSTOR.

SIR,—Some few weeks ago you made mention in your notes in "THE BELL NEWS" about brother-strings perusing the advertisement columns with a view to helping those unfortunate brothers out of work. Now, Sir, on Christmas Day last we had a man landed in Bolsover, name Cowley or Cooley, from Halesowen, Worcestershire, who was out of work and on the road practically penniless. This man was entertained to dinner by one of our locals, and given an invitation to the tower to ring for evening service. Before the time for ringing commenced I introduced him to our company as an unfortunate brother-string out of work, and the hat was handed round and eight shillings collected and handed to him. Not being able to find work for him I recommend him to a ringer's friend a few miles distant from Bolsover, who found him work, and he was to commence on the Tuesday morning. That man has not been seen since. The same man received help from the Chesterfield company. I think, Sir, a man like this ought to be shown up in your paper, as I think he must be a dead fraud if he can enter God's house and receive help like this, and at the same time have a face as long as an eight-day clock because he can get no work, and then when it is given won't have it, and a permanent job at that. We always assist any ringer at Bolsover, no matter who they are, but I think we shall be careful in the future. No wonder that managers of works and other tradespeople not assisting the out of work. I apologise for taking up so much space in your valuable paper, and thank you to insert the same.

JNO. FLINT.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

It will be interesting to many readers to know that the Rector (the Rev. G. W. Skene, M.A.) has had the clappers of the old bells hung in the porch of this historic old church, and a brass plate inscribed as follows: "The clappers of the old bells, hung 1743. Rehung 1908." And also has had a splendid case made of the old oak frame, and this has been placed immediately under the clappers, and hold the chained bibles that were formerly used in the church, dated 1672. On this case a brass plate has been inscribed thus: "1908. This case is made out of the old oak frame from the belfry, 1743."

ARTHUR ALLMAN.

N.B.—I may mention that the bells have recently been rehung and two trebles added by Taylors, of which a full account appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" recently.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at Whitchurch on Saturday, February 20th. This was new ground for the Guild, and it is to be hoped that ringers in that part of the Archdeaconry may be induced to join. There were a good number present, and the meeting was thoroughly enjoyable. We were pleased to welcome members from the Crewe Guild. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire were rung during the day.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Croydon on Saturday, February 20th, and in view of the completion of alterations and enlargement of their clock factory and bell foundry, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston extended an invitation to the members to their works. The members were met by the firm's representatives at 3 o'clock, and were shown the machinery in use in connection with clock making, machines for drilling the bells to enable the iron stocks to be affixed to the bells, the iron foundry, etc., while a visit was also paid to the tower on the works, where there is a capital ring of bells, tenor 2½ cwt., on which tunes were chimed. The visitors also heard at exceptionally close quarters the Cambridge chimes on a heavy set of bells which are to be placed in the new town hall at Lancaster. At four o'clock a bell was cast specially for the edification of the members, to whom Mr. A. A. Johnston explained the process leading up to the casting. Mr. Cyril F. Johnston then took the members in hand, and in lucid language gave them some idea of what was required in a bell which was in perfect tune and its relation to the other bells in a given peal. He also showed by means of a peal of six bells, which are to be hung at Kirby Malzeard, near Ripon, the latest manner of hanging the bells in an iron frame, and judging from those shown in the foundry, which were rung up by their wheels, the ringers at Kirby Malzeard are to be envied the hanging of the ring which is to be fitted in their church tower shortly. The company, which included Sir Frederick T. Edridge, J.P., the Rev. L. H. Burrows, Vicar of Croydon, the Rev. Arthur Reeve, Vicar of St. Peter's, Croydon, the Rev. D. F. Wilson, Vicar of Mitcham, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne, Mr. Percy Sylvester, churchwarden of St. Peter's, Croydon, Mr. Charles Reading, churchwarden of Mitcham, Mr. W. E. Clare, churchwarden at Benbilton, and Mr. Brough Maltby, churchwarden of Beddington, then adjourned to a meat tea, provided by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. In a capital speech the Vicar of Croydon welcomed the members of the Association to Croydon, and on their behalf offered their hosts thanks for the very kind invitations which had been extended to them. Mr. A. A. Johnston suitably replied.

The usual business meeting followed, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge occupying the chair. The committee, with the addition

of Mr. A. A. Johnston, was reappointed; Mr. C. Dean was elected Secretary, Mr. C. F. Johnston, assistant secretary, the Rev. A. S. W. Young, treasurer, and Messrs. Brooker and Gower, auditors, while Dr. Carpenter and the hon. secretary were appointed delegates to the Central Council. The committee's report for 1908 was adopted, and a recommendation that the meetings for Easter Monday, July, October, and for next annual meeting be held respectively at Kingston, Bletchingley, Ewell and Beddington, and that a new peal book be purchased for £2 10s. was agreed to. Several new performing members were elected, while Mr. Walter Hooker, churchwarden at St. John's, Croydon, and the Rev. Donald Macdonald, Vicar of Christ Church, Mitcham, were elected hon. members. Mr. James Strutt gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that a subscription of 3d. be charged to each person taking part in a peal to pay for booking same.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge, in replying to a vote of thanks, referred to a remark made earlier in the evening by the Vicar of St. Peter's, Croydon, as to complaints received from parishioners on bellringing, one letter asking that the bells might be rung on Christmas morning and New Year's Eve, but begging that the Monday evening ringing might be stopped. He offered the suggestion for a reply to such a letter that the bells would be rung on the Christmas morning and New Year's Eve, but that in order to have them properly rung on those occasions it was necessary that practice on them by the ringers should take place not only on Mondays, but on Wednesdays and Fridays also.

The ringers afterwards adjourned to the belfries of St. John's and St. Peter's, having spent a most enjoyable and instructive afternoon at the foundry.

A VISIT TO MESSRS. GILLETT AND JOHNSTON'S BELL
FOUNDRY AT CROYDON.

On entering the works one comes into a large and well-appointed shop with every convenience for modern bell-hanging. I need not go into details about plant and tools, but it was evident that they were of the best. There were six bells hung in a cast-iron H frame with a 16 cwt. tenor in F flat. These bells were tuned on the Simpson principle, and in my opinion they were remarkably fine, each bell being perfectly in tune with herself as well as her sisters, as far as my ear could tell me. These bells were fitted with hollow cast-iron stocks, with solid bosses cast on the ends to receive the gudgeons. Then stock and all is swung between centres of a lathe, and the gudgeons turned up to the required diameter, so a gudgeon cannot get out of truth or loose.

These bells were all cast with flat tops bolted through the crown with five bolts, the centre one carrying the clapper as well. The sliders were of a very simple design, running on a parallel guide of steel between two stops which leaves the bottom of the bell perfectly clear, and the ordinary type stay. The H castings were all well on the strong side, the section of the metal being very deep where the load is carried, and the foundation of the frame was built of steel girders of ample strength and very well cross-braced. The bearings were all of the usual gun metal type in cast-iron housings, and gudgeons of ample size to allow for a good bearing surfaces. The wheels were of the ordinary type built in halves and stayed. The rollers were a little out of the ordinary, and were fitted with means of very easy lubricating, which should be a decided advantage if the steeplekeeper will take advantage of it. The whole frame and hangings were a thorough engineering job.

There were also in the foundry four quarter-bells, and a large 56 cwt. bell in A. The four quarter-bells were tuned the same as the others, and were very fine, especially the largest, a bell of about 17 cwt. The large 56 cwt. bell was only clear of the ground by means of tackle. The third quarter-bell was an octave to this large bell, and, I think, a very true one. Wonderful strides have been made at these works, which fact is certain in the future to tell its own tale.

JOHN H. B. HESSE.

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Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words) may be reckoned to a line. Repetitions at half that 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, South Hackney, on the 8th and 22nd; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 9th and 23rd; St. John's, Hackney, on the 16th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 18th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 25th; all at 8 p.m.

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

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths—There will be no practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields during Lent. Due notice will be given of the next meeting.

F. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley to-day Saturday, March 6th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5 o'clock.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
16, Wilmore Place, Oxford Street, Dudley.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton to-day, Sat., March 6th. Meeting in schoolroom at 3.15 p.m. Service in parish church at 4. Meat tea in schoolroom after service. Bells available all the afternoon and evening.

E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, to-day, Sat., March 6th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

T. ROLLERSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Milton Keynes, Bucks, to-day, Sat., March 6th.

F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Longton on Saturday, March 6th. Bells ready at 4. REV. W. G. KEYWORTH, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON, }

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. ROSSON, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, March 13th. Bells ready at 4.30. Tea at 6. Members intending being present please send word on or before Wednesday, March 10th to

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

1, Railway Street, Garston.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch.—Special practice meeting at New Mills on Saturday, March 13th, at 5 o'clock. Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob barred. Ringing friends welcomed. A. T. BASTON.

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, March 13th, by kind permission of the Rev. A. C. Newton. Bells ready at 4 o'clock.

Tea at 5.30 in the Coffee Tavern, 5, High Street, 6d. each. Cheap fares for eight or more on G.E.R. Those intending to be present at tea kindly give me notice not later than the 17th inst. H. F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*
County Offices, Chelmsford.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Meeting at Withyham on March 20th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 at The Dorset Arms, 6d. each to those who let me know by Tuesday, March 16th. ROBERT J. DAWES, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Tong on Saturday, April 10th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by April 12th.

J. COTTEBELL, *Hon. Sec.*

302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

The Yorkshire Association.—Preliminary Notice.—The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, May 15th. Circulars in due course

CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*

40, Percy Street, Rotherham.

The Yorkshire Handbell Ringers' Association.—Sixth Annual Tune-ringing Contest on Saturday, April 10th, 1909, at Sunnyvale Gardens, Hipperholme, near Halifax.

The entries include the following bands: Birstal, Clifton, Crosland Moor United, Dewsbury, Horbury, Higher Walton, Holmfirth, Royston, Sheffield, Thurlstone, Ossett (St. Aidan's), Crosland Moor Public, Clifton Juniors, Thurlstone Juniors, and Ecclesfield. For full particulars apply to

Ashville, Ossett. W. H. GIGGLE, *Sec.*

NOTES TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT CHANFORD.—The ages of the ringers in this peal, counting from treble to tenor, are 14, 14, 17, 19, 18, 18. The average (16) is more than a year less than any previous record. All except the ringers of the 3rd and 5th are members of the local company, and great credit is due to the ringers of the treble and 2nd, especially the latter, who being less than 4 ft. 9½ in. in height, rang off a box. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

THE PEAL AT LUDLOW.—This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late William Nach, father of the ringer of the tenor. The deceased was born in 1831, and passed away on the 17th inst. He was appointed sexton of the parish church in 1863, which office he held for thirty-nine years. It is worthy of note that during his long and honourable career as sexton, he was never once absent from his post of duty in the belfry, and only once was he known to be too late to ring the early morning workmen's bell, which was accustomed to be rung at 5.45 a.m. during the summer, and 6.45 a.m. during the winter. Sincere sympathy is felt for those who mourn his loss. R.I.P.

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CARPENTER (25) wants situation, Bench building and jobbing. Abstainer. Nine years' experience. Wages moderate. Change-ringer. A. B., 65, Lucas Street, St. John's, Deptford.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By GEORGE H. NAYLOR, *Lightcliffe.*

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Mr. W. H. Inglesant writes:—

"The compositions of London and Superlative by Mr. H. Moore are false. Mr. Moore should know that the proof of these methods (*interior*) requires great care, as there is much liability to false-ness.

P.S.—I have not examined the Double Norwich."

LLANGIBBY (Monmouthshire).—Eight members of the above paid a visit to this place on Saturday, December 12th, and attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples which came to grief owing to a change-course. Afterwards 336 Bob Major was rung. C. Davies, J. Butler, E. Davies, F. Charles, G. Large, A. Morgan, T. Dawe, J. W. Jones conductor. First touch of Major on the bells. At the conclusion, the leader of the local band (Mr. Albert Williams), kindly provided a meat tea, and the members take this opportunity of thanking him very much for his kindness.

We have said that the prohibition given in the notice referred to is unusual. Some few years ago, at a tower in the north of London, it was said that an embargo was laid upon everything below Surprise. Such an unhealthy ukase cuts both ways. We may have retaliatory special practices where those in authority may intimate that other methods are "barred." Should such a spirit be fanned into flame, the effect will be calamitous.

The Metropolis.**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, February 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE'S, HIGHGATE,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.****Tenor 14½ cwt.**

WILLIAM H. PRYOR* .. Treble.	EDWARD F. COLE 5.
ERNEST BONFIELD 2.	ERNEST YOUNG 6.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS* .. 3.	EDWARD CHAPMAN 7.
RICHARD BEVAN 4.	FRANK SMITH Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Newland Alderman, for nearly forty years a ringer at this church, and who was unable to take part through illness.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, February 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.****Tenor 53 cwt.**

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	JOHN ARMSTRONG 7.
JOHN H. CHESMAN 2.	HARRY FLANDERS 8.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 3.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 9.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 10.
ISAAC G. SHADE 5.	JAMES GEORGE 11.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 6.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, February 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD.****A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.****Tenor 20 cwt.**

ARTHUR N. HARDY Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 2.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 6.
ISAAC EMERY 3.	WILLIAM HEWITT 7.
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

The Provincers.**SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.)***On Tuesday, February 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.***

CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY Treble.	ROBERT HARRISON 5.
JOSEPH ATKIN 2.	GEORGE O. DIXON 6.
GEORGE HOLMES 3.	JAMES DIXON 7.
WILLIAM BURGAR 4.	RICHARD W. COLLIER .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by RICHARD WILFRED COLLIER.

*Tenor of the light eight. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Richard Collier, of Rammoor (father of the conductor), who attained his 70th birthday the Saturday previous, and who is the oldest ringer in the county; his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

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.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)*On Friday, February 5, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.**

CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY Treble.	EDWIN F. RIPPON 5.
GEORGE O. DIXON 2.	R. WILFRED COLLIER .. 6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3.	FRANK WILLEY 7.
ALBERT W. GLEDSTONE .. 4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by FRANK WILLEY.

Rung on the 40th anniversary of the opening of this church by the late Archbishop Thomson. The church and bells are the sole gift of the late Sir John Brown, J.P., D.L., of Endcliffe Hall, Sheffield. The ringers were afterwards entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Willey, to whom they offer their best thanks.

GARGRAVE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, February 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.**

WALTER BRADLEY Treble.	*WILLIAM L. MASON 5.
WILLIAM TOWNSON 2.	CHRISTOPHER LANGSTROTH 6.
JOSHUA LOPTHOUSE 3.	JOHN MCKELL 7.
HENRY BIRTWHISTLE .. 4.	*WILLIAM D. HILARY .. Tenor.

Composed by WM. L. MASON, and Conducted by JOHN MCKELL.

†First peal. *First peal in the method.

LEIGH.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, February 6, 1909, in Three Hours,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; ASPINWALL'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.**

JOHN SMITH Treble.	ALBERT HOLDING 5.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH 2.	TITUS BARLOW 6.
ROBERT FIDDIES 3.	THOMAS PEERS 7.
HENRY SMITH 4.	*THOMAS JUST Tenor.

Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

*First peal. First peal by the Association on the bells.

CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, February 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**Being 720 each of Woodbine, Superlative Surprise, Duke of York, Cambridge Surprise, Violet, Oxford and Kent. **Tenor 13 cwt.**

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

Conducted by F. SMITH.

First peal in seven Treble Bob Minor methods on the bells, by all the band, and in the county, and by the above Guild.

HERTFORD.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, February 8, 1909, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.**

GEORGE RADLEY* Treble.	*ROBERT E. STAVERT 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	*REUBEN SAUNDERS 7.
WALTER HOBBS 3.	WILLIAM PYE 8.
GEORGE H. BARKER 4.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 9.
BERTRAM PREWETT 5.	*WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by WM. PYE.

*First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal on the bells. First peal of Treble Bob Royal by the Association.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, February 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK BYWATER .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMALL .. 5.
HARRY S. SMITH .. 2.	ALFRED ROWLEY .. 6.
WILLIAM HINTON .. 3.	ERNEST GIBBS .. 7.
WILLIAM FISHER .. 4.	JOHN SMITH .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT, and Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

*First peal with a bob bell. This peal was arranged for E. Gibbs, who was proposed a member of the above Guild previous to starting for the peal.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 10, 1909, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt.

JAMES STRETT .. Treble.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 5.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 2.	FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 6.
JOHN HOWES .. 3.	JAMES W. DRIVER .. 7.
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. 4.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by JOHN HOWES.
First peal of Major on the bells.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ROBERT E. STAVERT .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. 5.
HENRY C. CHANDLER .. 2.	GEORGE K. FARDON .. 6.
WILLIAM LAWRENCE .. 3.	GEORGE SPENCER .. 7.
ARTHUR HARDING .. 4.	*FREDERICK G. WINTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 10, 1909, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 21½ cwt.

RUFUS T. LADE .. Treble.	FREDERICK EADE .. 4.
TOM LADE .. 2.	WILLIAM BAGLEY .. 5.
WILLIAM G. PAINE .. 3.	ARTHUR R. MILES .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR R. MILES.

First peal of Minor by all the band. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. William Charles Nosworthy, of South Hill, Mayfield, who died at Mentone, on January 30th, 1909.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARPENTER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BUCK .. Treble.	JOHN WEBB .. 5.
ALFRED CLAYTON .. 2.	JAMES WIGNELL .. 6.
ALFRED BOXALL .. 3.	FRANK HOLDER .. 7.
ARTHUR BUNDLE .. 4.	FREDERICK BOULTEE .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOLDER.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH)

On Wednesday, February 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. HUGH RICHARDSON .. Treble.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 4.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 2.	WILLIAM HOLLINGSWORTH .. 5.
C. WILLIAM SMITH .. 3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

First peal in seven methods by all the band except the conductor.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, February 12, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD ROBBINS .. Treble.	THOMAS RILEY .. 5.
JESSE MOSS .. 2.	GEORGE W. MOSS .. 6.
JOHN FLINT .. 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. 7.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 4.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. Tenor.

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

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

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

JAMES MOTTS .. Treble.	ALFRED G. RIVERS .. 5.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 2.	GEORGE A. ANDREWS .. 6.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 3.	*WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD .. 7.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method. Before starting for the peal, Mr. R. W. Newth kindly entertained the company to a good tea.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL 5040 CHANGES.

SIDNEY F. PALMER .. Treble.	GEORGE HALKSWORD .. 6.
JOE HARDCASTLE .. 2.	*JAMES COTTERELL .. 7.
THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 3.	*JOSEPH BROADLEY .. 8.
WILLIAM BUEGAR .. 4.	*FRANCIS BARKER .. 9.
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 5.	CLEMENT GLENN .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

*First peal of Bob Royal. Believed to be the first peal of Bob Royal on the bells.

KENDAL, WESTMORELAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

J. BRAITHWAITE .. Treble.	W. SHARP .. 5.
A. NEWTON .. 2.	J. HOLME .. 6.
W. ATKINSON .. 3.	T. P. JACKSON .. 7.
T. HASLAM .. 4.	W. ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by W. ROBINSON.

First peal in the method by all the band and by the above branch.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Treble.	WALTER WALLACE 6.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2.	HARRY MOSS 7.
ALBERT H. WARD 3.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 8.
REV A. T. BEESTON .. 4.	WALTER ALLWOOD 9.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 5.	JOHN FLINT Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.

OSCAR JUDD† Treble.	*FRANK LEWIN 4.
BEN SADDINGTON† 2.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 5.
THOMAS NICHOLLS* .. 3.	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON.. Tenor.

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

†First peal. *First peal away from the treble. This is the youngest band that has ever rung a peal. The treble ringer was elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal. Further reference elsewhere.

BOLTON, BRADFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY Treble.	SYDNEY KEIGHLEY 5.
WALTER POPPLEWELL .. 2.	FRED WALKER 6.
SAMUEL WHEATLEY 3.	CHARLES PRATT 7.
SAMUEL WARD 4.	FRED PAGE Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CHARLES PRATT.

WITHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, February 14, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

A. J. HOLMES Treble.	A. E. LARKINSON 4.
J. W. LAKE 2.	F. BLOOD 5.
C. NEAVEYSON 3.	J. OSBORNE Tenor.

Conducted by J. OSBORNE.

First peal in seven methods on the bells. First peal in seven methods as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the band wishing him many happy returns.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First peal in the method.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, February 15, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE PABISH CHURCH,

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

LEWIS GREEN Treble.	GEORGE IRVINE 5.
HENRY SIMMONDS 2.	ERNEST W. MENDAY .. 6.
GEORGE ESSEX 3.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 7.
JOSEPH HANDS 4.	ALBERT D. CULLUM .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

The conductor attained the age of forty years on the above date and received the usual congratulations and good wishes from the rest of the band.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 15, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PAREER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

ALFRED BUTLER* Treble.	JOHN PRESTON 5.
ALFRED WICKS 2.	ALFRED J. REDMAN .. 6.
WILLIAM C. PARKER .. 3.	FREDE. RICHARDSON .. 7.
WM. E. BUTLER 4.	*WM. E. PRANGLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED J. REDMAN.

*First peal. Rung to celebrate the birthday of the Right Hon. Sir Edward Clarke, K.C., the donor of the bells, and it is the first peal in the town of Staines by an entirely local band.

SHILDON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON Treble.	GEORGE W. PEVERELL .. 5.
THOMAS J. BROWN* 2.	JOHN SMITH 6.
JACKSON PALLISTER 3.	ROBERT B. ROBINSON .. 7.
EDWARD HIND 4.	EDWIN J. TITT Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and

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

*First peal of Treble Bob. For figures see No. 807 Kent County Report.

BRAMFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 16, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 840 each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Morning Star, St. Simon's, April Day, and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

F. MILLS* Treble.	†J. WALKER 3.
A. LEACH 2.	*W. WHATLING 4.
J. PUNCHARD Tenor.	

Conducted by J. WALKER.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. First peal by a local company.

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DOVER, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM J. SHEAFF* .. Treble.	HERBERT C. SAYWELL .. 5.
CHARLES TURNER 2.	ERNEST J. W. VERRIER .. 6.
HARRY BARTON 3.	WILLIAM SEBLEY 7.
JAMES DOONE 4.	CHARLES SHEAFF Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

*First peal. This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of C. R. Millway, Master of the Dover St. Mary's company, his brother-strings wishing him every happiness.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	WILLIAM WELLING 5.
ROBERT E. STAVERT 2.	GEORGE SPENCER 6.
LEONARD STILLWELL 3.	*JOSEPH GUTTERIDGE 7.
JAMES MERRICK 4.	ARTHUR BLAKE Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal of Stedman.

LUDLOW, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

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

Tenor about 25 cwt.

FRANCIS L. WILSON Treble.	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS .. 5.
JOHN EVANS 2.	CHARLES L. SADLER .. 6.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	ALFRED CHESTER 7.
HARRY PRICE 4.	WILLIAM K. NASH Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Reference elsewhere.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Rye, Sussex, on February 13th, was inserted for the Sussex County Association: it should also have been credited to the Romney Marsh and District Guild.—The peal of Bob Major rung at Hyde, which appeared in our last issue, was rung under the auspices of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Saturday, January 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 48 mins. T. Cranfield conductor, A. Scamble, W. Doran, A. Neale, J. Scholes, F. Newman, R. Sanders, W. Theobald, G. Hayden, G. Potter. On Sunday, February 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 49 mins. W. Doran conductor, A. Scambler, H. Torble, T. Cranfield, A. Neale, R. Sanders, W. Theobald, J. Moule, G. Potter. Composed by J. Bradley.

HARRIETSHAM (Kent).—Recently for Divine Service 504 Stedman Triples. A. Palmer, R. Stains, E. Lambert, E. Dobbie, S. Dobbie, W. J. Walker, W. Spice conductor, E. Randall.

TUNSTALL (Kent).—Recently at the parish church 720 Plain Bob. G. Spice, P. Spice, C. Dobbie, S. Dobbie, E. Dobbie, W. Spice conductor. Also a 720. G. Spice, P. Spice, E. Dobbie, S. Dobbie, T. Jull, W. Spice conductor.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—Recently a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. H. Simpson, C. Dobbie, F. Stains, S. Dobbie, E. Dobbie, E. Foreman, W. Spice conductor, W. Walker.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH (Kent).—Recently at the parish church 504 Stedman Triples. D. Barnes, W. Lowry, D. Barnes, sen., W. Axtell, P. Smith, J. Lowry, sen., C. Wilkins conductor, J. Lowry, jun. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. G. Conyard, of Crayford.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WEST BROMWICH.—On Sunday evening, January 17th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, on the occasion of the Dedication Festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques in 57 mins. G. Hughes, J. E. Groves, T. H. Reeves, W. Fisher, P. O. Laffin, H. Belcher, W. R. Small, A. F. Wellington, R. Hall, J. H. Shepherd, H. Knight conductor, J. Hares.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CONGRESBURY (Somersetshire).—On Monday, February 15th, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss K. Poultney, youngest daughter of Mr. O. Poultney (churchwarden), to Mr. J. Burdge, of Churchill, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 51 mins. T. Francis conductor, G. Standen, G. Gilling, G. Fisher, E. Fisher, G. Jones. Tenor 38 cwt.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Thursday, February 4th, for practice, a plain course each of London, Cambridge, and Superlative Surprise, and a course of Double Norwich. G. Bester, W. E. Pitman, C. T. Coles, J. Armstrong, N. A. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, S. Wade. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob, with A. Howell in lieu of H. Miller. W. E. Pitman hails from Lyminge, Kent, and the above were his first courses of London and Cambridge Surprise.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

OLDSWINFORD.—On Sunday, November 21st, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Whitehouse, J. Bass, R. Matthews, R. Moors, H. Skelding, T. Heathcote, C. F. White, J. G. Orford. Conducted by R. Matthews. First quarter-peal in the method by C. White.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Monday, November 23rd, at the church of St. Thomas, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. A. Pugh, J. Bass, W. Whitehouse, H. Jones, T. Heathcote, G. H. Pagett, R. Matthews, C. F. White. Also 192 Grandsire Triples, 168 Stedman Triples, and a plain course of Bob Major; all conducted by R. Matthews.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Saturday, December 26th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 51 mins. E. P. Debenham, B. Brewer, F. Rice, T. J. Hull, R. A. Kirby conductor, E. A. Hull, H. Lightfoot, T. Seymour.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

CRANLEIGH (Surrey).—On Wednesday, December 23rd, for practice at the church of St. Nicolas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. H. Tidy, W. Streeter, J. Knight, A. Charman, T. Worsfold, R. Whittington, W. Charman conductor, T. Streeter. First quarter-peal of Triples by all, and the first on the bells, which were augmented to eight in October last.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

SOWTON (Devon).—On Sunday evening, November 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. A. Monkley, W. Richardson, H. Payne, F. Gardner, F. Murphy, C. Carter, F. Davey conductor, W. H. Webber.

THE RINGERS' ONLY TRUE BADGE.—In Gold, Silver or Bronze.—Clocks, Watches, and all kinds of Jewellery.—COLDWELL (Ringer), Mirfield, Yorks.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The usual quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Billingshurst on Saturday, February 13th, but only a small number of ringers were present. The bells were in motion sooner than 4 o'clock, but the only method attempted was Grandsire. Tea was held at the King's Arms hotel, and in the presence of the Vicar (Rev. J. Stanley), Mr. Tompkins (Treasurer), was voted to be chair. Members were present from Tunbridge Wells, Pulborough, Slinfold, and Warnham, numbering thirteen. After the tea the usual business followed, the minutes of the last meeting being read and passed. Mr. R. Whittington (Cranleigh), was elected a Life Independent Member and Mr. A. Feist (Billingshurst), an Independent Member. The Secretary proposed that at the next quarterly peal be attempted at Pulborough, the method to be Bob Major. The chairman proposed that a

vote of thanks be conveyed to the Vicar granting the use of the bells. This concluded the business, and the tower was again visited, and ringing continued till 8 o'clock.

THE ST. PAUL'S GUILD, HAMMERSMITH.

The members of the above Guild were very kindly entertained to supper by the Vicar and Mrs. Walsh on Thursday, January 28th, at the vicarage. Seventeen members succeeded in fighting their way accurately through the dense fog which prevailed, and arrived in more or less good time to do ample justice to the good things provided. After supper the Vicar made it the occasion to express in the name of the ringers of St. Paul's, their appreciation of the work done by Mr. C. Cox for the promotion of change-ringing during his connection with the Guild, and asked him

to accept a small token in the shape of a gold pendant, beautifully cut in the correct outline of a bell, and inscribed: "To C. Carew Cox, from St. Paul's Guild of change-ringers, Hammersmith, January 28th, 1909."

Mr. Cox, to whom the presentation came as a complete surprise, thanked them all for their very kind gift. He would treasure it all his life, and would always remember the goodwill and fellowship which had invariably been extended to him in St. Paul's belfry.

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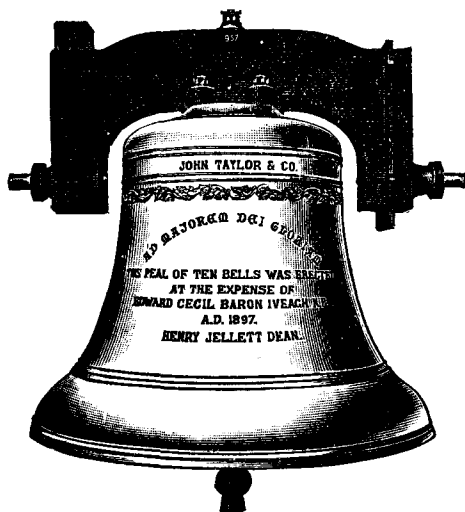
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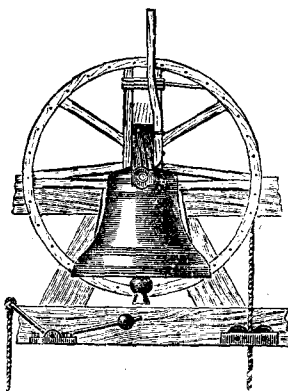
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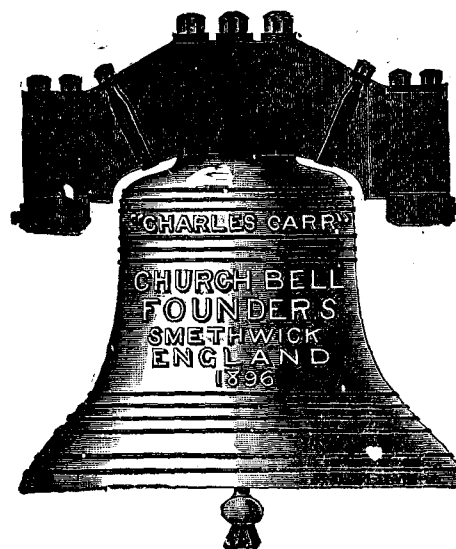
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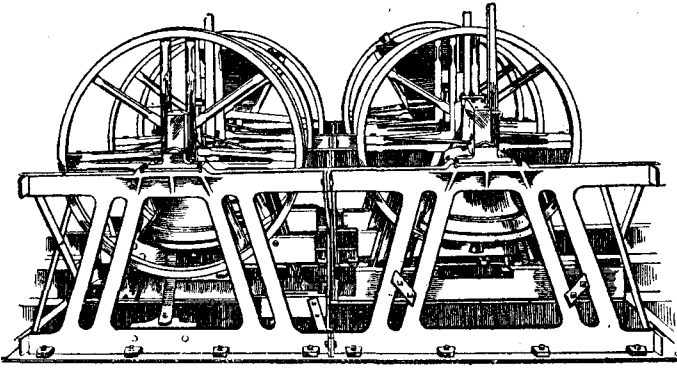
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WONSTON, HAMPSHIRE.

It was a very great pleasure to the Rector of the above-named village (the Rev. R. F. Bigg-Wither) and to the parishioners to hear, as they did on a recent Monday evening, the sweet tone of the five bells of the parish church. There are not many living who had heard them, for until Monday they had not been rung for over twenty years. The dilapidated condition of the frame made it dangerous to ring them. After the fire which nearly destroyed the church on Aug. 14th, the Rector, having long known that a desire existed among the parishioners that the bells should be rehung, determined to take the opportunity afforded by the general restoration of the church to try and get this done. He took upon himself, we understand, without coming upon the General Restoration Fund, to raise the sum needed—£142. It speaks highly for the pluck of the little village that—withstanding the great drain upon its resources owing to the restoration of the parish church—this amount should have been raised, and mainly in small sums.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the well-known church bell founders, of Whitechapel, were the contractors, and they have supplied and fixed an iron bell frame with entirely new fittings for the five bells, which have been quarter-turned. Provision has been made in the new frame for a new sixth bell, which is much needed for charge-ringing, and which with fittings will cost an extra £36. The work was completed on Friday, February 19, and on Monday, the 22nd, Mr. A. Hughes and his son (representing the Whitechapel firm), Mr. J. W. Elkins, Mr. Andrews, and Mr. Lampard (representing the Winchester Cathedral ringers), and the Rev. W. E. Colchester (Rector of St. Maurice), rung 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles from 7 to 8 o'clock in the presence of the local ringers.

The Wonston tower has now been affiliated to the Winchester Diocesan Guild, who have granted an instructor, and given a donation of £2 2s. towards the sixth bell.

INDUCTION OF A NEW RECTOR AT SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

Saturday, February 27th, was quite a red-letter day in the ecclesiastical history of Sutton Coldfield, it being the date fixed for the institution of Canon C. W. Barnard to the living of Holy Trinity parish church. The vacancy was occasioned by the retirement of the Rev. W. C. R. Bedford, in whose family the living has been for upwards of two centuries.

The service, which was of a solemn and impressive character, was conducted by Dr. Charles Gore, D.D., Lord Bishop of Birmingham, assisted by the Archdeacon. The Bishop preached a sermon which was particularly appropriate to the occasion. Sutton Coldfield, he said,

was one of the most important parishes in the diocese of Birmingham, and they required for Rector a man of broad mind and sound character. It was with great confidence, said his lordship, that he commended Canon Barnard to their prayers and their help.

The Bishop also paid a high tribute to the conscientiousness, trustworthiness, and piety of the late Rector, and wished him God-speed in his new sphere of action.

The service closed with the hymn "Through all the changing scenes of life"; other hymns were "Come, Holy Ghost," and "Praise to the Holiest in the height."

At the conclusion of the service the bells, which are a very fine peal of eight (tenor 24 cwt. in E flat), burst forth in merry peal, and from the organ came the triumphant strains of Mendelssohn's "March of the Priests" from *Athalie*. During the evening the ringers rang a peal of Stedman Triples, this being the first peal by five of the band, including the conductor. It is also the first peal on the bells by a band all belonging to the church.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EASTERN DIVISION.)

The last of the quarterly meetings for the year was held at Rotherfield on Saturday, February 13th. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., good practice being done in the standard methods—Minor, Triples, and Major. Regret was expressed at the absence of the general hon. secretary, Mr. Geo. Watson. Touching reference was made to the loss the Association had sustained in the death of Canon Hodges, one of the vice-presidents, and a keen supporter of bells and bell-ringers.

"THE BELL NEWS" of February 13th contained a peal conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and it delighted the company present to know the Master of the Oxford Guild was well again and able to add yet another to his already long list. Sussex sends him greetings.

Shortened evensong at 5 o'clock was much enjoyed. The Rector gave a short but practical address on the duties and privileges of bell-ringers. One noticed during the singing that those present were choir men as well as ringers, for the singing is quite a feature of these division meetings. Service over, the members partook of tea, by kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. F. W. Champneys, M.A., in the church institute, about 70 sitting down to a bountiful repast, the Rector presiding.

At the business meeting, which followed the minutes being read, it was decided to ring the next quarterly peal (Bob Major), at Waldron, Mr. E. Gower, of Eastbourne, conducting. The following branches and members were elected:—Warbleton and Waldron bands. The Rev. W. R. Buchanan-Dunlop, M.A., life member of Eastbourne; Mr. W. Henley and Mr. R. Dunster, both of Rye. Independent members, Mr. C. W. Player and Mr. F. Batt, of Stone-in-Oxney, Kent; non-resident life members, Mr. W. Latter, of Tunbridge Wells, was elected August 26th, 1908. Mr. G. Penfold proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness that day. This was carried with acclamation.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough District of the above Association was held at Higham Ferrers with every success on a recent Saturday. By the kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Davidson), the ringing of the Higham Ferrers bells was indulged in by various companies, and subsequently an admirable tea, served at the Church Room by the Higham ringers and their wives, was thoroughly enjoyed, about thirty-eight members being present from Northampton, Earls Barton, Wellingborough, Rushden, Irthlingborough, Easton Maudit, Kettering, Raunds, Irchester, Chelveston, and Higham Ferrers. Tea over, a short business meeting was held, the Vicar presiding, supported by the General Secretary (Mr. F. Wilford, of Northampton).

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mr. W. Newman (District Secretary). The Vicar of Higham, who is also Vicar of Chelveston-cum-Caldicote, said how much he would like the Association to hold a meeting at the latter place. The bells there (a ring of five), needed some repairs, and he thought it would stimulate enthusiasm, and also assist him in gaining some knowledge of the extent and cost of the repairs required. It was decided to hold a special meeting there. Two new members were elected from Finedon and Chelveston. Heartly thanks were accorded the Rev. W. J. Davidson for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting; also to the ringers for providing the tea.

The Vicar of Higham Ferrers, in the course of his remarks, said how pleased he was to once more welcome them to Higham Ferrers. He would like to say how proud they were of their ringers at Higham Ferrers, not only of their ringing capabilities, but of their general character. He thought it was the general feeling amongst ringers that their work for the Church was not appreciated. He was very pleased to say that was not the case at Higham.

Mr. G. Randall, in responding for the ringers, said they were always pleased to do what they could to make the meeting at Higham a success. He thought some of these meetings were made too much of a ringing meeting, whereas the other side of the meeting was forgotten—that of brotherhood and social welfare.

The General Secretary, in a few remarks, said he would like to endorse what Mr. Randall had said, although he was very fond of ringing upon a peal of eight bells, yet he thought it was their duty to visit belfries where there was only five or six bells. Many of these belfries had been members of the Association a great number of years.

Ringling in various methods were indulged in until 7.30, after which a social gathering was held at The Griffin hotel. Singing and handbell ringing closed an enjoyable and profitable day's proceedings.

THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

The annual meeting of this Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday, March 16th. Although snow was falling thick all the day, between forty and fifty were present, including members from Tipton, Sedgley, West Bromwich, Smethwick, Rowley Regis, Brierley Hill, Wordsley, Wollaston, Netherton, and Dudley. The bells were started ringing at 4 o'clock, and continued until 5 o'clock, when a service was conducted in the church, and an interesting address given by the President of the Guild, the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley. At the

close of the service a move was made to the schoolroom, where a bountiful tea was provided, the only fault being that through the inclement weather the number present was not sufficient to dispose of it all. At the business meeting, the President in the chair, the minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and confirmed. The officers were all re-elected, several new members being added to the roll. The prize (a book), was awarded to the Brierley Hill company for ringing the most peals and gaining the largest number of points for the Guild during the year. West Bromwich (Christ Church) was selected as the place to hold the next quarterly meeting. It was arranged to attempt during the quarter, the following peals at the various towers, viz., Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples at Tipton; Treble Bob Royal and Grandsire Triples at Dudley; Bob Major at Rowley Regis; Duffield Major and Stedman Triples at Brierley Hill. Other routine business being transacted, votes of thanks to the Vicar, the other officers, the donors and the ladies who assisted in preparing and serving the tea, brought a very pleasant meeting to a close. The bells were kept going until 9 o'clock.

UNVEILING OF A PEAL TABLET AT ST. CHAD'S, BIRMINGHAM.

Saturday, January 16th, was a day that will be remembered for some time to come by the ringers and their friends of St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral. The peal tablet was erected to record two peals rung during 1908, and were such remarkably good performances that the congregation generously paid the cost of the same. The Rev. A. Watt, previous to unveiling the tablet, complimented the ringers on the skill they had displayed, and said that anyone might be proud of this memorial. How one with music in his soul could fail to be enraptured at St. Chad's chimes he was at a loss to say. A gentleman like Othello who could say—"Silence that dreadful bell," was not fit to associate with christians. But Othello unfortunately never visited England, and had not heard the Cathedral ringers at work. The tablet was then solemnly unveiled. After a vote of thanks had been proposed to his reverence by Mr. E. Mullins, and seconded by Mr. T. Miller, which was carried unanimously, the proceedings were brought to a close by ringing five courses of Bob Major. J. Corrigan, A. Gardner, W. Bryant, W. Webb, T. Collinson, E. Mullins, G. Taylor, T. Miller conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

For a town of its size, and considering the large number of churches that are to be found within its boundaries, Tunbridge Wells is somewhat unfortunate in the possession of one peal of bells. Several of the sacred edifices of the borough have towers of sufficient size and strength to carry them, but—with the exception of a fixed carillon of six gongs at St. Augustine's—St. Peter's is the only church equipped with a full peal of those clarion-throated messengers that have through the course of centuries not only been utilised for their legitimate purpose of calling the faithful to worship, but have been regarded as a means of demonstrating our national and parochial joys and sorrows, ringing out merrily to celebrate victories, coronations, marriages, and other occasions of rejoicing, or sounding in mournful muffled cadences

times of sorrow and death. The bells at St. Peter's when first hung were only five in number, and were cast by Messrs. Warner. A sixth bell was added shortly afterwards, and these remained until 1886, when through the generosity of two lady parishioners the two trebles were added to complete the octave. The tenor bell weighs 14½ cwt., the key-note being F. Amongst the ringers the fascinating and essentially English pastime of scientific change-ringing is enthusiastically pursued, Mr. W. Latter, the captain of the band, being the District Secretary of the Kent County Association, to which the other members are all affiliated.

On Saturday, January 30th, the annual meeting of the district was held, Tunbridge Wells being selected for the gathering for the first time for ten years. Over sixty members attended from various parts of the county, including Tonbridge, Westerham, Shipbourne, Speldhurst, Hadlow, Seal Chart, Chiddingstone, Hever, etc. The bells were kept going merrily until 5.30, when the whole party adjourned to the parish room for the business meeting. This was preceded by an excellent meat tea, the catering being done by members of the Secretary's family. The Vicar of St. Peter's (Rev. Chas. Courtenay, M.A.), occupied the chair, and was supported by Miss Macalpine Leny (sister-in-law of the Rector of Speldhurst, and a lady well-known to ringers all over the country), and the Rev. F. L. Schreiber, Vicar of Shipbourne. Mr. Latter having introduced the chairman, grace was said, and heavy inroads were speedily made into the good things provided.

Tea over, Mr. Courtenay addressed a few words of welcome to those present, and the more formal business of the meeting was proceeded with. Letters of sincere regret for inability to be present were read from the Ven. A. T. Scott, M.A., Archdeacon of Tonbridge, and Vicar of St. James', Tunbridge Wells, and the Rev. Donald D. Mackinnon, Rector of Speldhurst. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the District Secretary presented his annual report.

Mr. G. Stonestreet (Tonbridge), with a few complimentary remarks, proposed the re-election of Mr. W. Latter as District Hon. Secretary. This was seconded by Mr. E. Hoad, and carried with acclamation, Mr. Latter briefly returning thanks.

Mr. G. Edwards proposed, and Mr. Wolfe seconded, the re-election of Mr. Wright as district representative on the Central Council, this being also unanimously agreed to.

The next business on the agenda was the selection of meeting places for the ensuing twelve months, and after some discussion, the following arrangements were agreed to:—Spring meeting—Marden, or in case re-hanging operations are not completed, Chiddingstone. For the summer meeting the Secretary announced that Miss Leny had again kindly invited them to Speldhurst. Miss Leny said she wished to make a little correction, and explained, amid much laughter, that Mr. Latter had invited himself. She however, assured them of a hearty welcome, and hoped everyone there would make a point of being present. For the autumn meeting it was decided to visit Lamberhurst and Horsmonden; and for the next annual meeting Staplehurst was selected.

Other business included arrangements for ringing a peal each quarter under the direct auspices of the district officials. It was decided to attempt the first of these at

Tonbridge, Stedman Triples being the method selected, with Mr. Wright, of Westerham, as conductor.

Mr. Steed proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies who had so kindly assisted at the tea. This was seconded by Mr. Stonestreet, and enthusiastically carried.

Votes of thanks to the chairman for presiding; to Miss Leny for her presence and kind invitation; and to the Rev. F. L. Schreiber for his hearty co-operation, each of which were acknowledged by short breezy little speeches, brought a pleasant gathering to a close. Most of those present again adjourned to the belfry, where they indulged in touches of Grandsire and Stedman, Treele Bob and Double Norwich, and many other curious things intelligible only to those duly initiated into the arts and mysteries of change-ringing.

RANGEMORE, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

A large chiming clock with three dials is to be erected on Rangemore church tower as a memorial to the late Lord Burton, by the inhabitants of Rangemore and neighbourhood. The work has been placed in the hands of Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who made the Burton-on-Trent Town Hall Clock for the late Lord Burton twenty-eight years ago.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET.

Having read the remarks by "G. H. H." in last week's "BELL NEWS," the following will probably interest some of your readers:

	cwt.	qr.	lbs.
Treble	8	2	27
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3	15	3	9
4	20	—	11
5	26	3	9
Tenor	36	3	7

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The tenor of this beautiful ring was cast by Roger Purdue, of Bristol. It is inscribed—

HEARE I AM YOV MAY SEE
WILLIAM PIRRI AND HIS WYFE GAVE ME
TO THIS CHVRCH FREE TO BE
MAINTAINED FOR EVER 1633. R (BELL) P.

From a MS. by John Alfred Parnell, 10th February, 1815, Sheffield:—

"At Queen's Camel, in Somersetshire, at the church, a peal of six bells, and the tenor is 48 or 50 cwt. in key of C flat, and here they have sixteen men in the band to raise them. Changes here are out of the question, never any can be rung on them, nor have they any tufting in their bell ropes (salleys). They do not make use of salleying their bells when ringing, says the 'Gothic Traveller.'"

This most interesting MS. was kindly shown me by Mr. C. H. Hattersley.
Salisbury. W. W. GIFFORD.

BATTERSEA.—On Sunday, January 10th, at St. Mary's, for men's service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. W. J. Barber, A. Whittington, H. Mance, E. J. Webb, W. J. Dean, E. Cassell, F. Skevington conductor, F. Davis.

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.

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

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."

TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH.

SIR,—In the footnote to a peal of Treble Bob rung at Sheffield parish church, and recorded in this week's "BELL NEWS," your correspondent makes the assertion that Mr. Richard Collier is the oldest ringer in the county, which statement I venture to contradict, as Mr. Francis Allen, also of Ranmoor, has reached the age of 74 years, and rang a 720 of Plain Bob as far back as 1853 at Witham-on-the-Hill, Lincolnshire, and as recently as the 17th of February this year rang the 3rd in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at Ranmoor, conducted by Francis Ward. So these veterans keep in touch with their younger brethren, and long may they both be spared to come among us.

SAM THOMAS.

P.S.—Yorkshire is a big county, and it is a large order to state that a ringer of 70 is the oldest out of about 2000 ringers.

PEALS OF DOUBLES.

SIR,—I wish to thank Mr. Jerram for his courtesy in replying to my queries, and endorse his views that the C.C. should deal with this question at their next meeting, when I would suggest the following: A peal of Doubles (without a covering bell), forty-two 6-scores, each called differently, in one or more methods, a peal of Minor, seven 720s, each called differently, in one or more methods, to be allowed as a true peal; and until the decision of the C.C. is given I would suggest to Mr. Editor that no bogus peals be allowed to appear in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS," as it is quite apparent that at the present time we have to wait a long time before we get genuine peals recorded. Perhaps this restriction would keep us a little more up to date.

HEREFORDIAN.

[Our esteemed correspondent will hear all particulars within a few days.]

Re THE MEETING AT NEW MILLS.

SIR,—I beg to say that if the Rev. A. T. Beeston wants to hold special meetings for the express purpose of practising intricate methods, why trouble to send the notice to "THE BELL NEWS" as a special meeting for the Chester Diocesan Guild? When such notices appear I take it that the meetings are for combined practice of all its members, and not only for a selected few. Might I ask if it is a rule in the Chester Diocesan Guild for a member before he can be counted as efficient, must, before attending the meetings be able to ring Surprise methods?

FRED A. HOLDEN.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—I should like to inform G. H. H. that a peal has been rung on Queen Camel bells. Forty-two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles was rung by a band hailing from Shepton Mallet, Somerset, under my conductorship on Saturday, May 16th, 1908, in 2 hrs. 58 mins., and was recorded in "THE BELL NEWS" of May 23rd, 1908.

H. C. MOUNTED.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—I want to ask through "THE BELL NEWS" if any kind readers could give me a little information of some of our Cathedral bells. I would like to know the weights of the following tenor bells: Southwark Cathedral, Oxford, Worcester, and Gloucester; also of the number of bells and weights of tenors at Carlisle Cathedral, Bath Abbey, Peterborough, St. David's, St. Asaph, and Bangor. I am a constant reader of "THE BELL NEWS," and sign myself

CONSTANT READER.

RINGERS' WEDDINGS.

Two very pretty and interesting weddings have taken place here just lately. The first, on January 20th, Mr. J. W. Unwin (Tenterden), to Miss L. A. Spice, organist of Tunstall church, and eldest daughter of Mr. W. Spice. The little church was full of congratulating friends, and very appropriate music was

rendered by the choir, and Mrs. Greensted played the Wedding March as the bridal party left the church. The wedding presents numbered about eighty, including a very nice silver cake basket to the bride from the Rector, churchwardens and choir; silver cruet and salt cellars to the bridegroom from Tenterden postal staff, also a clock from the Tenterden band. A reception was afterwards held at the house of the bride's father. A seven method peal of Minor was attempted by old friends of the Kent County Association, but after ringing four 720s it came to grief. An adjournment was made to join the bridal party, where a much easier method was attempted, and needless to say was successfully brought round to the satisfaction of all. This peal was conducted by the newly-married couple. The ringers were C. Tribe, E. C. Lambert (Tenterden), J. E. Greensted, W. H. B. Wilkins, T. Jull, and A. J. Day (Tunstall). A very happy time was spent in singing and handbell ringing until the early hours of the 21st.

Also on February 20th a very pretty wedding between Joseph E. Greensted (of the Tunstall band), and Miss E. E. French. The church was filled with friends, amongst them being many of the bridegroom's old ringing chums and brother choirmen, he being a very good and energetic man in both capacities, having rang nearly 100 peals on six, eight and ten bells. The new organist, Mr. L. Sellen, and the choir attended and officiated. A peal was successfully brought round in 2 hrs. 36 mins., particulars of which appear in its proper place. The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of many useful presents, among them being a very nice silver cruet and pair of flower vases, subscribed for by a number of his old ringing friends, and a biscuit barrel from the Tunstall ringers. W. Spice wishes to thank all those who responded to the call. After the peal the ringers joined the party at 27, Park Road, Sittingbourne, where "go" was called for a peal of knife and fork surprise. This was greatly appreciated, as was also a musical evening which followed. The happy pair will shortly leave the old country for Brantford, Canada, and they have the hearty wishes of all brother-strings.

We shall meet, but we shall miss him,
There will be his rope to spare;
We shall hope again to meet him,
In the old familiar tower.

A RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

On Saturday, February 20th, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. O. Nettleton celebrated their silver wedding, having been married at Bradford parish church on February 23rd, 1884. Mr. Nettleton is a ringer of over thirty years' standing, and during the whole of that time he has been a member of the Shipley company. During the afternoon his brother-ringers rang a peal of Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs., composed by A. Knights and conducted by J. A. Ross. After the peal, which was rung in his honour, he entertained the ringers along with numerous other friends to a whist drive and social evening. Supper was partaken of, and the rest of the evening was spent in handbell ringing.

At an interval Mr. Exel proposed, and Mr. Ross supported the toast of the evening, which was received with musical honours. Mr. Nettleton suitably responded. The presents were numerous, notable among which was one from his brother-ringers, consisting of a very handsome silver-mounted walking stick for himself, and a silver-backed hair brush for Mrs. Nettleton.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Saturday, February 6th, a capital muster turned up at St. Michael's for the monthly practice, when some touches of Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and also 448 Supernative Surprise Major (first in the method on the bells), was rung by G. Smith, H. W. Wilkes, J. W. Taylor (Loughborough), A. M. Stewart, F. S. Bayley, W. T. Tucker, W. H. George, G. Williams conductor. Others who took part in this ringing were—J. W. Whiting, G. Noice, C. Fray, J. E. Buckle, and L. Page. Next practice at Romsey Abbey on April 21st, and at St. Michael's on May 1st. No practice at either tower during Lent.

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 22nd; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 23rd; St. John's, Hackney, on the 16th; St. Maguns, Lower Thames Street, on the 18th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 25th; all at 8 p.m.

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

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths—There will be no practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields during Lent. Due notice will be given of the next meeting.

F. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association, Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Newington to-day, Sat., March 13th. Tower open at 2.30. Half railway fares up to 25s. allowed. Subscriptions are now due.

A. B. ROBSON, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association, Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassen' dale to-day, Sat., March 13th. Bells ready at 4.30. Tea at 6. WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*
1, Railway Street, Garston.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch.—Special practice meeting at New Mills to-day, Sat., March 13th, at 5 o'clock. Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob barred. Ringing friends welcomed. A. T. BEESTON.

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, March 13th, by kind permission of the Rev. A. C. Newton. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 in the Coffee Tavern, 5, High Street, 6d. each. Cheap fares for eight or more on G.E.R. Those intending to be present at tea kindly give me notice not later than the 17th inst. H. F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*
County Offices, Chelmsford.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Meeting at Withyham on March 20th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 at The Dorset Arms, 6d. each to those who let me know by Tuesday, March 16th. ROBERT J. DAWE, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, March 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. JOHN WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield church, Gorton, on Saturday, March 20th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7. W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—A supplementary meeting will be held at Drighlington on Saturday, March 27th. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in the schoolroom at 7.30 p.m.

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

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held

at Willesborough, near Ashford, on Saturday, March 27. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Every member and all other ringing friends cordially invited to attend, and no methods "barred."

C. TRIBE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 27th. By kind permission of the Rev. A. E. Bull, the bells of St. Paul's, Bath Road, Hounslow, will be available from 3.30 to 5.30. Ringing will afterwards be continued at Heston, at which place tea (free) will be provided at 6 o'clock. Both towers contain rings of 8 bells. All ringing friends heartily welcome.

H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*

Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Tong on Saturday, April 10th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by April 12th.

J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

The Yorkshire Handbell Ringers' Association.—Sixth Annual Tune-ringing Contest on Saturday, April 10th, 1909, at Sunnyvale Gardens, Hipperholme, near Halifax.

The entries include the following bands: Birstal, Clifton, Crosland Moor United, Dewsbury, Horbury, Higher Walton, Holmfirth, Royston, Sheffield, Thurlstone, Ossett (St. Aidan's), Crosland Moor Public, Clifton Juniors, Thurlstone Juniors, and Ecclesfield. For full particulars apply to

Ashville, Ossett. W. H. GIGGLE, *Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—Preliminary Notice.—The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, May 15th. Circulars in due course.

CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*

40, Percy Street, Rotherham.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT DONCASTER.—G. H. Bemrose's 100 Peals.—Grandsire Triples 2; Caters 2; Stedman Triples 3; Caters 4; Minor (Plain Bob) 3; Major 7; Royal 1; Forward Major 1; Kent 22; on handbells 3; Oxford 2; Oxford Royal 1; Kent 11; Double Norwich Major 15; on handbells 1; Royal 3; Yorkshire Major 1; Superlative 14; Cambridge 4. Total—100. Rang in 21 different towers.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES (Sussex).—On Sunday, January 31st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. R. J. Wirks, E. J. Pannett, W. Burrell, G. H. Sturt, J. T. Rickman, A. J. Turner, R. J. Dawe conductor, A. S. Langridge. Rang as a birthday compliment to G. H. Sturt.

ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Sunday, February 7th, at St. Margaret's church, 1260 Stedman Triples. W. Kidd, J. Tullett, W. Paine, W. Baker, O. J. Sullivan, F. A. Holden conductor, E. Rayner, J. Rayner.

RAWTENSTALL (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, January 5th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. with the bells deeply muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. R. H. Hardman, formerly of Cliffe Tower, Rawtenstall. T. Collinge, Rev. H. Drake, E. Taylor, G. H. Hargreaves, R. Rideough, T. Rollerson, J. Rollerson conductor, A. Rideough. The Rev. H. Drake hails from Braisworth, Suffolk.

DEBARRED.

Gone are my joys, to Fate I bow,
Since that the truth claims my regard;
My talents small, from ringing now
I'm barred.

Closed are the doors, wide-opened once,
Inviting all with me poor bard!
But now it seems that every dunce
Is barred.

What happy hours I once enjoyed,
When Treble Bob no cloud had marred
Fraternal pleasures, unalloyed
Are barred.

London Surprise I can't aspire;
My sluggish brains will not be stirred
Beyond the scope of old Grandsire—
That's barred.

Should zeal entice my steps to stray
Where the proud eagles' notes be heard,
What anguish then to find the way
Is barred.

Remote, unfriendly, sad, I pass
Those belfries I must now discard;
For truth informs me I'm no class—
So barred!
G. F. M.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.

The bells of this church after being silent for six months, rang out again on Sunday, November 8th. Mr. Justice Phillimore, who is one of the churchwardens, brought about a better understanding between the ringers and the Vicar. The memory of reconciliation will linger long with Shiplake ringers; the hearty shake of hands, words of welcome, and letters of encouragement will never be forgotten. O. W. PORTER.

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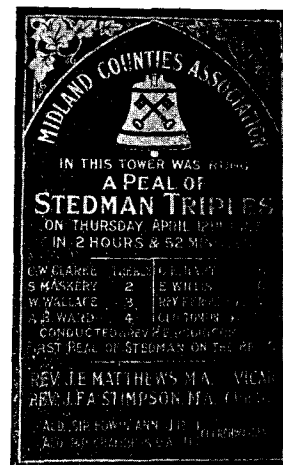
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1909.

SOME of our readers have been amused recently by accounts in various weekly papers of the "oldest ringer in England," accompanied by an illustration of the old man dealt with. A case of this sort appeared in *Lloyd's* last week of an old man at Hurstpierpoint, in Sussex, and the account comprised the above quotation. There has been a lot of this sort of stuff published lately. We do not know how such papers as *Lloyd's* obtain their information, but it is generally incorrect. Most of us know that the celebrated MATTHEW WOOD is 83, and J. R. HAWORTH is still older. Both these are "change-ringers" who have done wonderful work in their time in long lengths. Yet the individual portrayed last week is under their ages, and has never rung anything beyond a 5000 of Grandsire Doubles. Some of the men who have received the benefit (?) of illustration have never been ringers at all. The weekly papers snatch at these accounts with avidity the reverse of praiseworthy; perhaps after this they will be more careful.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, March 8, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL Treble.	THOMAS TAFFENDER 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	WILLIAM TRUSS 7.
EDWIN GIBBS 3.	EMANUEL HALL 8.
ALFRED PECK 4.	HERBERT LANGDON 9.
JAMES SCHOLES 5.	GEORGE BARRELL Tenor.

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY, and
Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

Rung on the conductor's birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

The Provinces.**SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.****STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.**

GEORGE A. SMITH Treble.	CHARLES MORLEY 5.
JOHN WOODWARD 2.	WM. CARTER 6.
WM. WOODHEAD 3.	SIDNEY CHURTON 7.
FRED PAGE 4.	JOHN JOHNSON Tenor.

Composed by WM. HARRISON, and Conducted by J. JOHNSON.

HARTLIP, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, January 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM G. KETCHINGHAM Treble.	JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 4.
CECIL E. BISHOP 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 5.
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

First peal in seven methods on the bells

BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.**THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, February 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.**

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM CRANE, SEN. .. Treble.	WILLIAM CRANE, JUN. .. 5.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER 2.	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6.
JAMES H. MIDWINTER .. 3.	ALBERT J. HUGHES 7.
THOMAS H. DYER 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by M. J. MORRIS, and Conducted by A. E. PEGLER.

*First peal of Major. This composition, which is now rung for the first time, was rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Vicar of St. David's, and also the conductor, the band wishing them the usual congratulations.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)***On Sunday, February 14, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Violet, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHARP Treble.	ERNEST G. MYNARD .. 4.
FREDERICK W. BOOTH .. 2.	FREDERICK J. MYNARD .. 5.
JOHN LOVELL 3.	EDWIN S. MYNARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. MYNARD.

Rung to commemorate the coming of age of Lady Wiseman, daughter of the Rev. G. F. Sams, R.D., Rector of Emberton.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, February 17, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Oxford Bob.

JOSEPH B. MILLER Treble.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 4.
FREDERICK WILLIAMS .. 2.	HENRY WALLACE 5.
EDWARD SAGGERS 3.	BARNARD PATMORE .. Tenor.

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, February 17 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S Tenor 13½ cwt.**

ARTHUR B. CORDEN .. Treble.	HUGH W. HERRINGTON .. 5.
STEPHEN STONE 2.	ALFRED GREENFIELD .. 6.
PERCY H. DOICK 3.	JOHN NETLEY 7.
ALBERT FEIST 4.	*PETER KNIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

*First peal.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, February 17, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

H. STANFORD Treble.	*S. F. HAFENDEN 4.
C. STREET 2.	C. GOLDRING 5.
G. SKINNER 3.	*H. J. SCOTT Tenor.

Conducted by C. GOLDRING.

*First peal. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of F. Chipper, his brother-ringers wishing him every happiness.

LINCOLN.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**(NORTHERN BRANCH.)***On Wednesday, February 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARBER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.**

WILLIAM BEE* Treble.	†ERNEST VICKERS 5.
REV. REGINALD BOND .. 2.	HENRY W. KIRTON 6.
JOHN A. FREEMAN† .. 3.	JOHN W. WATSON 7.
CHARLES H. CHESTER .. 4.	JAMES MUSSON Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY W. KIRTON.

*First peal. †First peal in the method.

DUNSTER, SOMERSETSHIRE.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, February 18, 1909, in Three Hours,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 21 cwt.

HERBERT SIEVENS* .. Treble.	GEORGE STACEY 5.
WILLIAM HOYLE 2.	CHARLES GREEDY 6.
CHARLES THRUSH 3.	HENRY MOORE 7.
ALBERT J. CHILCOTT .. 4.	*HERBERT J. HOLE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HENRY MOORE.

*First peal on eight bells.

WESTON, NEAR BATH.**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, February 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

JOSEPH MOORE* Treble.	*FRANK W. NEATE 4.
HERBERT BECKETT† .. 2.	†JOHN TAYLOR 5.
FRANK W. CANNINGS .. 3.	CHARLES W. BELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. BELL

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

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 19, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM HOUSLEY* .. Treble.	†WALTER E. PAULSON .. 5.
GEORGE H. PAULSON* .. 2.	WILLIAM FOX .. 6.
FREDERICK KNOWLES† .. 3.	BENJAMIN GREATOREX .. 7.
JOHN H. PAULSON .. 4.	JOHN TOPLIS .. Tenor.

Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATOREX.

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

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING Treble.	DANIEL JONES 4.
WILLIAM FISHER 2.	*GEORGE H. TUDOR 5.
GEORGE HUGHES 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

*First peal. First peal on the bells. First peal of Minor by all the band, and by the Society. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. H. J. Powell, who was interred on this date.

DONCASTER, YORKS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

GEORGE CLARKE Treble.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 5.
THOMAS RILEY 2.	HARRY MOSS 6.
JESSE J. MOSS 3.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 7.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4.	JOHN FLINT Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

This is the first Surprise peal on the bells, and G. W. Bemrose's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

ILKLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES RALPH Treble.	WILLIAM B. SMITH 5.
THOMAS M. THOMPSON .. 2.	JOHN NELSON 6.
GEORGE THORNTON 3.	JAMES HONNER 7.
JOHN B. JACKSON 4.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FREDK. W. DIXON.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5260 CHANGES.

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, and 360 College Single, 400 Oxford and 180 Oxford Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT CARTER Treble.	EDWARD H. KING 4.
HENRY WALLACE 2.	BARNARD PATMORE 5.
REV. ALFRED G. LANGDON 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. G. H. Barker, of Ware, an esteemed ringing friend, which took place that day.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. Treble.	CHARLES MORLEY 5.
WILLIAM WOODHEAD .. 2.	CHARLES PAGE 6.
FREDERICK PAGE 3.	HENRY PAGE 7.
SIDNEY CHURTON 4.	JOSEPH SIMESTER Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY PAGE.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARCHIE C. STOKES Treble.	JOHN A. FREEMAN 5.
JOHN P. PALEY, SRN. .. 2.	GEORGE FLINTHAM 6.
STANLEY WOLFE 3.	JOHN CRAGG 7.
GEORGE CHESTER 4.	JOHN W. WOOD Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by JOHN W. WOOD.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART NO. 2. Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES CORAM† Treble.	WALTER WORGAN 5.
ALFRED ROUTLEY 2.	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN .. 6.
JOHN HARRIS 3.	GEORGE H. PRUEN 7.
FREDERICK ILEY 4.	*WILLIAM CRANDON Tenor.

Conducted by GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN.

†First peal away from the tenor. *First peal. First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and College Single. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ONSLow J. FOREMAN .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. HYLAND .. 4.
CECIL C. BISHOP 2.	THOMAS JULL 5.
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 3.	ALBERT J. DAY Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

Rung in honour of the wedding of J. E. Grensted, of the Tunstall band, to Miss E. E. French, also of Tunstall, who were married that day at the above church, the band wishing them every happiness and prosperity.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 20, 1909 in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN OVERTON Treble.	BERTRAM HEAD 5.
ALBERT T. BAKER 2.	WILFRED OVERTON 6.
JOHN ELCOCK 3.	HORACE W. OVERTON 7.
ERNEST FOXALL 4.	HARRY JONES Tenor.

Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. from the information of the clerk, Mr. T. Harper. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Overton.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM GATES* Treble.	*ARTHUR MARTIN 5.
ROBERT TALL* 2.	FRANK BELSEY 6.
AMOS CONSTANT* 3.	†RICHARD CONSTANT 7.
JOSEPH CONSTANT* 4.	†EDWARD HADLOW Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BELSEY.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire. First peal as conductor.

BRAMLEY, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 20, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, City Delight, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*SAMUEL HELLIWELL Treble.	JAMES PEACOCK 4.
TOM LATIMER 2.	WALTER BROWN 5.
J. W. T. HOLGATE 3.	JAMES GUY Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER BROWN.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Charles Lockwood, a member of the local company to Miss Cooper, of Armley, which took place at Armley on February 17th, his brother-ringers wishing them every happiness.

OADBY, NEAR LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR BRIERS Treble.	FRED STAINFORTH 4.
W. NEAL ADKINSON 2.	T. HENRY HARDY 5.
ALFRED ROE 3.	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

BRIGHTWELL, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 20, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

W. KIMBER Treble.	G. HIGGS 4.
A. STRANGE 2.	G. CAUDWELL 5.
A. FINCH 3.	T. FORD Tenor.

Conducted by G. CAUDWELL.

First peal on the bells, and first peal by all the band

BALDOCK, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble.	ALBERT W. COLES 5.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH 6.
SAMUEL J. BIRD 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells. The band wish to thank Canon Nairne for his kind hospitality after the peal, and also the local ringers for having everything in readiness for them.

TURVEY, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

THOMAS WRIGHT* Treble.	SIDNEY SMITH 5.
BERNARD FISHER† 2.	WILLIAM ROBINSON 6.
FREDERICK MYNARD 3.	WILLIAM FREEMAN 7.
FREDERICK BOOTH 4.	*ROLAND PERKINS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN W. BARKER, and Conducted by W. FREEMAN.

*First peal of Treble Bob. †First peal with a bob bell. B. Fisher was proposed a member before starting.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 22, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	EDWARD WHITEBREAD 5.
THOMAS L. SIMMONDS 2.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 6.
FRANCIS A. SMITH 3.	ROBERT E. STAVERT 7.
JAMES MERRICK 4.	FREDERICK EDWARDS Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung as a compliment to T. L. Simmonds on his 20th birthday.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

WERLEY WATSON Treble.	ALFRED J. T. CARTER 5.
WILLIAM MILLER 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS 6.
GEORGE GAY 3.	SGT.-MAJOR A. PYE 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

Handbell Peals.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.)

On Friday, February 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT 10, WELLGATE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

SIDNEY F. PALMER 1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN 5-6.
ALBERT NASH 3-4.	WALTER COATES 7-8.
*JOHN THORPE 9-10.	

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

Umpire—George Oakes. *First handbell peal of Caters,

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(SAXMUNDHAM DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, February 17, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes.,

AT 11, KITCHENER ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

ERNEST S. BAILEY .. 1-2.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. 5-6.
NORMAN R. BAILEY .. 3-4.	JAMES M. BAILEY.. .. 7-8.

Composed by A. T. KING, and Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Umpires—E. H. Bailey and F. J. Smith. First peal on handbells by all, first in the district, and first handbell peal in the Association by four brothers.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT AND THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, February 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF C. WILLSHIRE,

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

ALFRED H. PULLING .. 1-2.	MAURICE SMITHER .. 5-6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 3-4.	HENRY L. GARFATH .. 7-8.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire—G. Gunner. This is the first peal of Stedman on handbells by all, and also the first by the above Guild.

Date Touches.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Monday, October 12th, a date touch of Bob Minor, 1908 changes. H. Hansell, C. A. Valentine conductor, A. Clark, T. Tompkins, H. J. Tucker, J. A. Giles. This is the longest length in any method by H. Hansell and T. Tompkins.

SELSTON (Nottinghamshire).—On Saturday evening, February 20th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1909 changes, comprising two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and 469 of Plain Bob in 1 hr. 15 mins. J. Dobbs, H. C. Harrison, J. E. Anness, A. Elliott, W. Dobbs, W. Wharmby conductor. Longest touch on the bells.

Miscellaneous.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

ABBOTS LEIGH (Bristol).—On January 2nd, for practice, 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. G. Bennett, L. Moore, W. Frampton, G. Chamberlain, E. Frampton, J. Thomas conductor. Both rang at first attempt. First touch of Oxford by all the band except J. Thomas. Also on January 3rd, 360 College Single standing as above, except G. Gale taking 5th.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LYMINGTON (Hants).—On Tuesday, November 17th, 1908, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. E. W. Keeley, E. C. Elliott, T. Waldoek, T. Figgures, G. W. Arnold, C. A. Hughes conductor, H. F. Elliott, A. Ayles. First quarter-peal as conductor, and first quarter-peal by T. Figgures.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Sunday evening, November 29th, at St. Saviour's church, for confirmation, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. G. W. Ayres, W. J. E. Jones, E. D. Lillywhite, H. Rumens, F. W. Butler, J. Milner, H. F. Hull conductor, O. L. Twist. On Sunday morning, December 13th, 504 Grandsire Triples, rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Lord Bishop of Colchester. G. W. Ayres, H. T. Scarlett conductor, C. J. Bartlett, W. J. E. Jones, E. D. Lillywhite, H. Rumens, H. F. Hull, O. L. Twist. For evening service 447 Grandsire Triples. S. E. Townsend, H. T.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Monday, October 19th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1152 changes. A. Jordan, G. Gray, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, G. Jordan, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. On Thursday, November 12th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Annie Gold, of The Limes, Birchanger, to Mr. L. R. Carr, of Ingatestone, 504 and 864 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, W. Prior, G. Jordan, W. T. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, T. Jordan. On Wednesday, November 18th, for practice, 704 New Cambridge Surprise. W. Prior, W. Watts, J. Luckey, W. T. Prior, H. J. Tucker, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, G. Jordan conductor. Also 408 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, J. Luckey, W. Prior, H. J. Tucker conductor, W. Watts, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, A. Jordan. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Sunday, October 11th, at the church of St. Giles, for evening service, 720 of Bob Minor. H. Hansell, H. J. Tucker, E. Yates, W. W. Bonham, C. A. Valentine conductor, J. A. Giles. On Sunday, November 1st, 720 Bob Minor. G. Horwood, C. Hopkins, A. Clark, W. W. Bonham, H. J. Tucker, C. A. Valentine conductor. On Sunday, November 8th, 540 Bob Minor. A. Clark, C. Hopkins, T. Tompkins, W. W. Bonham, H. J. Tucker conductor, C. A. Valentine. On November 9th, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Clark, C. Hopkins, E. Yates, W. W. Bonham, H. J. Tucker, C. A. Valentine conductor. On Sunday, November 29th, 720 Oxford Single Bob. A. Clark, C. Hopkins, H. J. Tucker, E. Yates, T. Tompkins, C. A. Valentine conductor. On Monday, December 14th, 720 College Single. A. Clark, H. J. Tucker, F. Yates, W. W. Bonham, T. Tompkins, C. A. Valentine conductor. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor. On Wednesday, December 16th, for service, 720 of Minor, being 240 each of Oxford Single College Single, and Plain Bob. A. Clark, H. J. Tucker, E. Yates, W. W. Bonham, T. Tompkins, C. A. Valentine conductor.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIGAN (Lancashire).—On Thursday, February 18th, at the parish church, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 38 mins. R. Fisher, W. Major, J. E. Gummerson, Alex. Shaw, Jno. F. Hall, H. Meadow, J. Barker, G. Roberts. Tenor 28 cwt. The above was non-conducted, and witnessed by G. C. Hall and H. Meadows, jun., as correct.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRADING (Isle of Wight).—On Sunday, January 19th, 573 Grandsire Triples. A. White, M. Squibb, E. Simmonds, P. Dowden, W. Pain, G. Wilkins, H. Jennings conductor, W. Attrill. On Sunday, January 26th, 518 in the same method. A. White, M. Squibb, G. Wilkins, E. Simmonds, W. Pain, P. Dowden, H. Jennings conductor, W. Attrill. On Sunday, February 2nd, 504 Grandsire Triples, standing as above. On Sunday evening, February 23rd, 546 Grandsire Triples. A. White, M. Squibb, E. Simmonds, G. Wilkins, W. Pain, Rev. R. J. P. Burbury, H. Jennings, W. Attrill. On Thursday, February 20th, a peal of Grandsire Triples was lost after ringing 2856 changes in 1 hr. 43 mins. A. White, M. Squibb, E. Simmonds, G. Wilkins, J. W. Pain, P. Dowden, H. Jennings conductor, W. Attrill.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

APPLEDORE (Kent).—On Friday, February 19th, with bells deeply muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. Wm. Law, Geo. Johnson, Clifton S. Noakes, Alfred Johnson, Ernest G. Johnson, Frank S. Brown, Charles W. Payer conductor, Wm. Sharp. This quarter was rung as a last token of respect to the late Archie Boon, he being one of the local ringers, and much respected by all, who was called to his rest at the early age of 18 years.

Obituary.**W. F. MEADS.**

It is with deep regret that we report a further loss to the Exercise in the death of Mr. W. F. Meads, member of the Croydon parish church band, which sad event took place on February 25th, 1909. He was buried on March 2nd, at Streatham Cemetery, being carried to the grave by four of his brother ringers, Messrs. W. Hill, A. Jones, E. Goss, and W. Martin.

The late Mr. W. F. Meads was well known in and about London. He took part in 53 peals, and was a member of the Ancient Society of Croydon parish church bellringers, which he joined in April, 1904. Also member of Royal Cumberland and College Youths Societies and Oxford Diocesan Guild. First peal Christ Church, Southgate, Royal Cumberland Society, February 12, 1887. Last peal St. Mary's,

Baddington (Surrey Association), June 1st, 1907. With the Royal Cumberland Society he rang in 29 peals, the last on December 26th, 1894, at St. Stephen's, Hampstead. Also 12 peals with Waterloo Society, the first on February 27th, 1894. St. Peter's, Walworth, the last in conjunction with Waterloo and St. Margaret's Society on March 9th, 1895, at St. Margaret's, Westminster. R.I.P.

HORACE SMITH.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association have recently been thrown into mourning by the loss of one of their members, Horace Smith, a constant ringer in the tower of Christ Church, Tunstall, who died suddenly from heart failure in the early hours of Sunday morning, February 28th, 1909. He was 37 years of age, and leaves a widow and son to mourn his loss. For many years he had been employed by the

N. S. R. Co. Reference was made to the sad event by the Vicar from the pulpit on the same day. He pointed out that undoubtedly God meant this unexpected call as a warning to those who were left behind, reminding his hearers of the well-known words of the burial service, "In the midst of life we are in death." Though not amongst the most brilliant or successful of ringers, he was always painstaking and assiduous in his duties. Not seldom did his method book accompany him with his horse and dray.

The members of Christ Church band will surely miss one who for a decade has been so well known amongst them. The funeral took place at Tunstall Cemetery on Wednesday, March 3rd.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, March 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. A. Whittington, J. H. B. Hesse, J. Howes, T. Cutforth, A. Harding, T. Beadle, F. Skevington conductor, G. Spencer.

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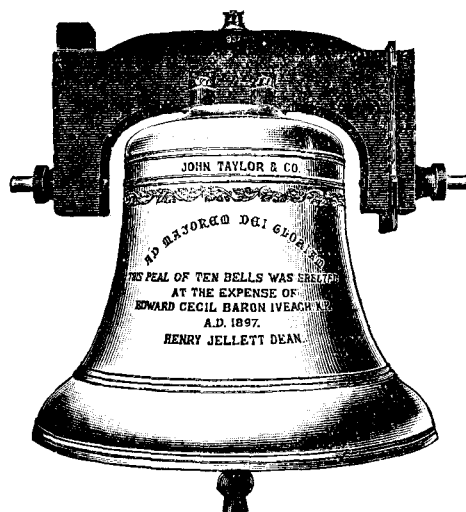
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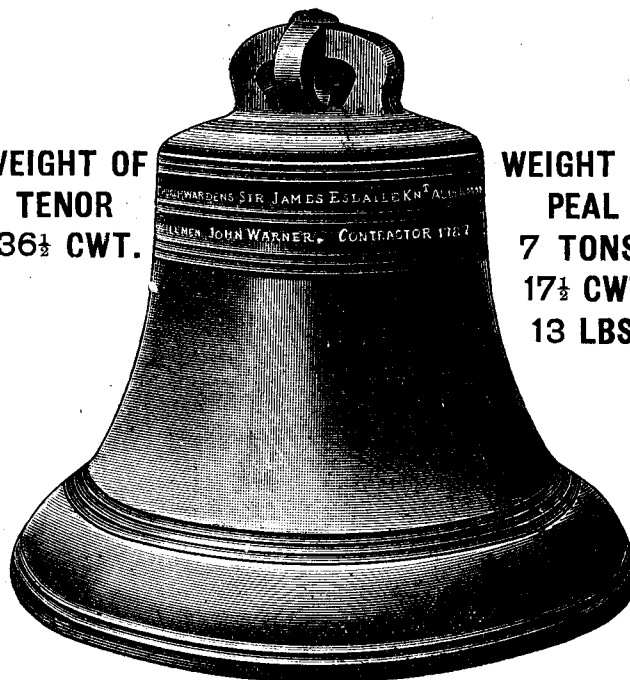
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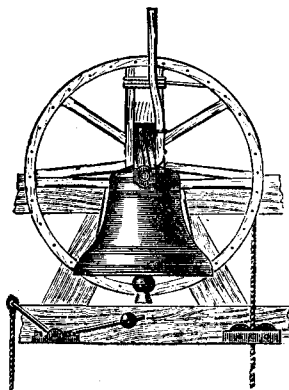
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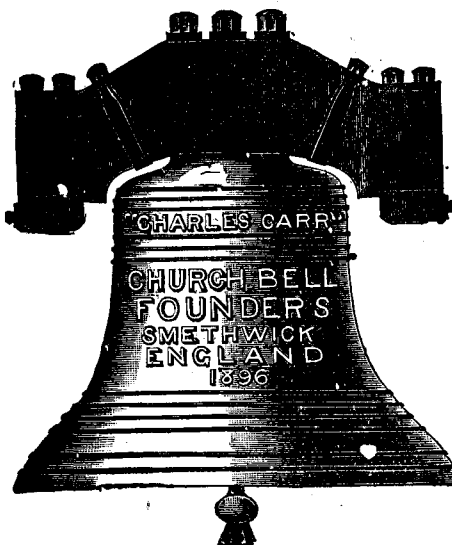
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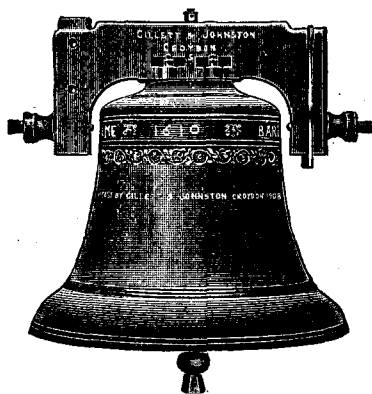
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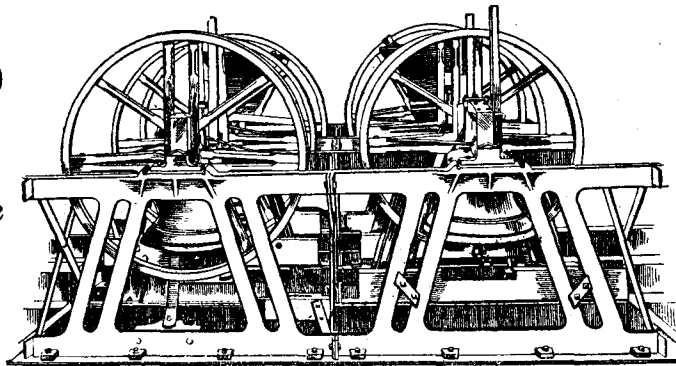
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THE LAST OF THE ESTCOURTS.

To many of our readers the name of Estcourt may be practically unknown. In the last century, however, the bare mention of such a name created a glow in the feelings and imaginations of ringers. At the period under review, the village of Painswick, in Gloucestershire, situate about nine miles from the town of Stroud (or Stroudwater, as it was once frequently called), was an important ringing centre, and the ringers of the village, among whom were men bearing such names as Estcourt, Savary (a good bell-hanger), Morris, Mansfield, and others, entered deeply into the ringing tournaments of the day, and made a good show. The foremost member of this company was the celebrated William Estcourt, who among other big things composed and called what was at the time a record peal of Stedman Cinques. He was in business as a stonemason, and taught several of his apprentices the rudiments of the art of ringing while at the "banker," enforcing his teachings, it has been said, by the application of that implement known to masons as the "straight-edge." When it is remembered that Painswick colts had always to commence with Stedman, it is not surprising, perhaps, that the use of this persuader was not infrequent during the hours of instruction. William Estcourt, like his friend and contemporary, Henry Johnson, stands out as one of the great lights of the Exercise during the period of his ringing career.

Several members of his family became ringers, one of them being known in London about forty years ago. One of his sons—Albert Estcourt—was also a ringer, and he it is who is denominated by the headline to this notice. Though not the last, actually, of the family, he was the last ringing member of it. He has just died at a good old age at Gloucester, of which city he was three times Mayor. We cannot do better than print the following account of him which has recently appeared in the *Gloucester Journal*, a copy of which paper has been sent us by our friend John Austin for this purpose.

"We regret to announce the death of Mr. Albert Estcourt, J.P., which took place at his residence, Falkland House, Denmark Road, Gloucester, on Thursday evening, after an illness of just over a week's duration. The deceased gentleman, who suffered from bronchitis and pneumonia, had been confined to his room since the 9th inst., and the illness rapidly became of a serious character. For the last few days his condition was regarded as most critical, and on Thursday the members of the family assembled at Falkland House prepared for the worst, the morning's bulletin stating that the patient was weaker. During the afternoon Mr. Estcourt, whose mind was perfectly clear almost to the last, became rapidly worse, and he passed peacefully away at 7.30 p.m.

"By the death of Mr. Albert Estcourt one of the best

known and most highly respected citizens of Gloucester has been removed. Although not a native of the city, he had been actively associated with it ever since he was quite a young man, and for over half a century his name has, locally, been quite a household word. He was the third son of the late Mr. William Estcourt, of Painswick, where he was born on May 4th, 1832, and he was thus in his 77th year. Leaving Painswick almost as soon as he arrived at man's estate, Mr. Estcourt came to Gloucester and went into business as a builder and contractor with his elder brother, Mr. Oliver Estcourt. Mr. Oliver Estcourt died in 1871, after which time Mr. Albert Estcourt continued the business himself until, in later years, he took into partnership his sons, Mr. George Oliver Estcourt (the present City High Sheriff) and Mr. Harry Estcourt, the firm being carried on in Lower Barton Street under the style of Messrs. Estcourt and Sons. Throughout his long and honourable business career the late Mr. Estcourt was widely known and very highly respected in building circles all over the country. His reputation as a reliable builder of the very first rank brought him contracts from various parts of England—he had even gone even as far afield as Ireland—and he had been entrusted with most important and extensive undertakings under the direction of some of the leading British architects. He retired from active commercial pursuits in 1903, relinquishing the business to his two sons, and leaving behind him a record for industry, sterling integrity, and conspicuous ability in the career which he had marked out for himself, of which any man might well be proud. Thrice called to the high and honourable office of Mayor of Gloucester, Mr. Estcourt was first placed in the civic chair in March, 1895, when he was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. John Ward. Having served the office of Mayor for the broken period of about seven months, he was again elected in November 1895, when he was also made an alderman. So highly appreciated were his services as Mayor that he was once more prevailed upon to give the city the benefit of his work in that office, his third Mayoralty being for the municipal year 1897-8. He held office as an alderman until November, 1900, being one of those petitioned against and declared not elected as a result of the proceedings which followed the municipal general election of that year.

"The late Mr. Estcourt was identified with many important municipal enterprises in the course of his official career, but, perhaps, the undertaking by which he will be remembered most of all is the public library, which he worked so energetically and successfully to make an accomplished fact. This long-needed and most useful public institution in Brunswick Road will, we should say, be Mr. Estcourt's best and greatest memorial, and those who enjoyed the pleasure of his intimate acquaintance will agree that personally he would not have desired a better. It was, we know, a source of great gratification to Mr. Estcourt that he was able as Mayor to lay the foundation stone of the Library, in the selection of the site for which he played an especially prominent part. The ceremony took place on September 16th, 1898, when

Mr. E. Sydney Hartland paid a well-merited public tribute to the zeal, sincerity, and earnestness with which Mr. Estcourt had taken up the movement, and stated that but for the Mayor of that time the foundation stone would probably never have been laid that day. The then city member (Mr. C. J. Monk) also tendered thanks to Mr. Estcourt for all he had done in furtherance of the movement. The library was opened on May 31st, 1900, by Lord Avebury. Prior to the inaugural ceremony, Alderman Estcourt (then chairman of the Library Committee), entertained the members of the Committee and friends to luncheon at the Guildhall, Lord Avebury being amongst the guests. Advantage was taken of the opportunity to make a presentation to Alderman Estcourt in recognition of his invaluable work in furtherance of the establishment of the library. The gift took the form of a set of three rose bowls, elegantly chased in solid silver, the insides being silver gilt. The large bowl contained on the one side the arms of the city, and on the reverse the following inscription: 'Presented to Alderman Albert Estcourt, J.P., at the opening of the Gloucester Public Library, on the 31st May, 1900, by the members of the Library Committee, in recognition of his valuable services as Mayor, and afterwards as chairman of the Committee establishing the Library.'

"The deceased had been on the Commission of the Peace for the city for nearly twenty years—he was appointed on July 2nd, 1889—and in the discharge of his magisterial duties he was eminently just and fair. It may be recalled that on October 14th, 1898, he was entertained to a banquet at the Guildhall by his colleagues on the City bench, who unanimously desired thus to mark their appreciation of the valuable and devoted services which he had rendered to the city during his mayoralty. During the last few years of his life Mr. Estcourt had not taken an active part in municipal affairs. He appreciated the compliment which was paid to his eldest son by his unanimous election as City High Sheriff, and old friends on the Council were pleased to welcome him at the Guildhall just after the new Sheriff had been installed, when a little ceremony took place to inaugurate Mr. G. O. Estcourt's year of office.

"Throughout his life Mr. Albert Estcourt took a keen interest in campanalogy, and as a young man attained some distinction in the art at Painswick, which has always been famous for its band of ringers. At his residence are preserved the records of many celebrated peals in which he took part, and some of which he composed. His father, also, was an enthusiastic campanalogist. It has been said that the late Mr. Albert Estcourt owed much of his upright bearing to the bellringing of his younger days. When he was Mayor, Mr. Estcourt presented a bell to St. Michael's church, Gloucester, and was instrumental in inducing the Corporation to allow the old market bell, which for years had been at the Tolsey, and afterwards at the Guildhall, to be hung in the belfry of the Cross Church, thus increasing the ring of bells there from eight to ten.

"Mr. Estcourt leaves a family of six sons and four daughters. As already stated, the eldest son is this year's City High Sheriff; and the youngest son, who has been living in India, sailed for England on a recent Thursday with the object of being at home when his father and mother celebrated—as they hoped to do—their golden wedding next October."

The funeral took place in Gloucester cemetery, and as a last respect to the deceased, the St. Michael's society

attempted a muffled peal of Stedman Caters, conducted by John Austin, but it was lost after ringing into the eighteenth course.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the North Bucks. branch was held at Milton Keynes on Saturday, March 6th. There was not so large an attendance as usual, and this was accounted for by the fact that such wretched weather prevailed, snow and rain falling almost continuously throughout the day. The towers represented were Emberton, Bletchley, Loughton, Milton Keynes, Newport Pagnell, North Crawley, and Old Bradwell. Several good touches of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung on the bells, and at 3.30 a bright and hearty service was held in the parish church, conducted by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, deputy-master of the Guild, and an excellent and practical sermon was preached by the Hon. and Rev. W. T. Fiennes, Rector of the parish. Following the service, the Rector entertained the whole of the visitors to a splendidly prepared tea, and needless to say Mr. Fiennes' kindness was greatly appreciated.

Subsequently the business meeting was held, when the Hon. and Rev. W. T. Fiennes presided in the unavoidable absence of the Rev. J. R. Vincent, of Shenley (chairman of the branch), supported by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Mr. F. W. Booth (Hon. Secretary). The business was of a routine character, and at its close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Fiennes for the welcome he had given the ringers, and for the hospitality he had displayed.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the North-Eastern district was held at Earls Colne on Saturday, February 20th. Being favoured with nice weather members were able to cycle as well as ride in other ways, so that when tea-time arrived it was at once seen that one or two members (at the least) couldn't have given notice long beforehand. Several ringers visited Colne Engaine during the afternoon, and rung on the six bells there, and the eight at Earls Colne were only silent during tea-time. At 5 o'clock twenty-five members assembled for tea at The George hotel, and the meeting afterwards was presided over by the Master, thirteen new members being elected. The Secretary mentioned the fact of the Rev. Canon Papillon's retirement from the Mastership on Whit-Monday, and the necessity of having someone to take his place. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative were rung during the evening. The tower at Earls Colne is a very fine one, its fine proportions and rich detail no doubt being due to the generosity of the Earl of Oxford, who lived at the priory, and who gave the distinctive name to the parish some thirty or more years ago. The old bells were recast into a peal of six, tenor 14 cwt., and remained so till the latter end of last year, when, through the kindness of Mr. Harry Hunt, two trebles were added to complete the octave. The dedication was to have been performed by the Bishop of Colchester, but his wife dying at that time, the Vicar of Earls Colne was asked to do it in his place. The address on that occasion was given by the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, hon. sec. of the Association, a good number of ringers being present. A few days before the meeting of February 20 was held the kind donor of the two trebles was operated on in a nursing home in London, and was going on

well for about ten days, when, to everyone's sorrow who had the pleasure of knowing him, he had a relapse, which resulted in his death at the early age of 42.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The members of the Northampton branch of the above Association held their third quarterly meeting at Boughton on a recent Saturday, and were given a very cordial welcome by the Rector (Rev. Johnstone Walker) and the Boughton ringers. The belfries represented were St. Peter's, St. Giles', and St. Sepulchre's (Northampton), Harlestone, Kingsthorpe, Weston Favel, Moulton, Irthlingborough, Duston, and the local ringers. Various companies rang touches on the tuneful bells of the village church during the afternoon and evening. Tea was provided at The Griffin inn at 4.30, to which twenty-six sat down. After tea a short business meeting was held. The Rev. Johnstone Walker presided, supported by the Rev. E. L. Tuson (Vicar of Kingsthorpe), hon. member of the Association.

The Rector of Boughton said before they proceeded with the next business, he would like to say how pleased they were to welcome the Association to Boughton. They were very pleased with their peal of bells at Boughton; as he was entering the village that afternoon from Moulton, he thought how nice they sounded. He also thought it was nice to have a peal of bells upon which the Association thought it worth their while to come to ring. He was very sorry to hear their President (Rev. E. C. Channel) was unwell, and not able to be with them that day; also his near neighbour, the Rev. John White, of Pitsford, who was to have been there, but was unwell.

It was decided to hold a special ringing meeting at Yardley Hastings between Easter and Whitsuntide; the annual meeting to be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, and a quarterly meeting at Guilsborough in July. Two new members were elected from Boughton, and the Rev. John White, of Pitsford, an hon. member. This concluded the business.

Mr. A. Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the local ringers for their kindly welcome, and to the ladies for the excellent tea. This was seconded by Mr. W. Ashby, and carried with acclamation. The Rector suitably replied, bringing a successful meeting to a close.

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A correspondent from this colony writes:—

"I herewith send you an account of 720 Grandsire Minor rung here on the 7th inst. We are sensible that the method is not considered quite orthodox, but think that as it is the first time that change-ringing of any length has been accomplished in British Columbia, it would be of interest to your readers. The peal in the Roman Catholic Cathedral here is the only one in British Columbia. There is a ring of tubes in the Anglican Cathedral in Victoria, and until ten years ago there was a peal of eight at New Westminster (the gift of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts). It was, however, destroyed in the great fire of 1898. The writer has for the last two years been endeavouring to interest the ringers of the Roman Catholic Cathedral in change-ringing; but I regret to say that none of the members of the congregation will take the trouble to learn. We are dependent for the ringing on

any English change-ringers who happen to be in the city. All the ringers are members of the Anglican Church. We have been hoping to see a peal installed in some of the Anglican churches, but they seem not to be able to raise the money. We are always glad to see any visitors in the tower.—Yours truly,

J. BRISCOE CHERRY."

VANCOUVER (British Columbia).—On the bells of the Roman Catholic Cathedral here on February 7th was rung 720 Grandsire Minor. Alfred C. Limpus, George W. Foster conductor, Ernest H. Coppen, John H. Maskell, Frank M. Bressy, J. Briscoe Cherry.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By JOSEPH W. PARKER, *Sunderland.*

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Six times repeated.

This is the first seven-part peal composed with only twenty-one four-call sets.

CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.

On Thursday evening, February 18th, the bellringers and choir were entertained to supper by the kind generosity of the Vicar, the Rev. E. H. Hartley. The courses of roast beef and roast mutton were brought round in good old style, not forgetting the Christmas pudding and apple pie. After we had all had our fill of the good things provided, some adjourned to another room which was laid out with small tables and easy chairs, and played whist and draughts, and smoked the clergy tobacco and cigarettes. Others entertained us with music, songs were rendered by Messrs. Peckham, Lubbock, Banks, and Halsey; also several recitations were given by Mr. Westwood, not forgetting Mr. G. Newman, who presided at the piano. The Vicar spoke a few words during the evening, saying how glad he was to have the men workers round him, and what a united brotherly band they were. Messrs. Griggs, Lamerton, and Newman also had a few words to say. Twelve o'clock came all too soon, and the party broke up after an enjoyable evening, all joining in "Auld lang syne."

THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY.—The Sixtieth Annual General Meeting of this company has just been held, and the annual report, published on another page, amply shows continued progress in every possible way. There is no necessity to specify any particular feature of the company's operations, the report and balance-sheet gives all the information required by anyone. The stupendous financial resources of the Prudential are positively amazing, and the advantages it offers to the assured are without a parallel.

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Correspondence.

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

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

INFORMATION.

SIR,—In answer to "Constant Reader" I herewith enclose the following particulars concerning bells he enquires about.

Southwark Cathedral, 12 bells, tenor 52 cwt., all by S. Knight, 1735, 10th and 11th recast by Mears 1844 and 1820.

Oxford Cathedral, 12 bells, tenor 32 cwt.; 1 and 2, Mears, 1897; 3 and 4, Rudhall, 1698; 5 and 6, Rudhall, 1747; 7, 1640; 8, Yare, 1611; 9 and 10, Mediæval; 11, Rudhall, 1740; 12, 1589, 8th recast by Mears 1897.

Worcester Cathedral, 12 bells, tenor 63in., diam. 49½ cwt. All by Taylor 1868. (Several half-note bells for chimes in addition to the peal.)

Gloucester Cathedral, 8 bells, tenor 51½ in diam. about 25 cwt.; 1, Newcombe, 1598; 2, Mediæval; 3 and 4, J. Rudhall, 1810; 5, 6 and 7, Mediæval; 8, B. A. Rudhall, 1736.

Carlisle Cathedral, 6, tenor about 14 cwt., note F. In bad condition, never rang; 1 and 6, J. and W. Langshaw, 1659 and 1657; 2, E. Seller (York), 1728; 3, G. Lees and E. Wright, 1608; 4, T. Mears, 1845; 5, 1. B. Mediæval.

Peterborough Cathedral, originally a peal of 10 bells, tenor 56½ in diam., 36 cwt. All by Henry Penn. The front five were sold to Dobson in 1831, who also recast the 9th (now the 4th). Now only 5 bells.

Bath Abbey, 10 bells, tenor 34½ cwt.; 1 and 2, 1774. The other 8 by A. Rudhall, 1700. Tenor recast by Warner 1870.

I can give no information about the Welsh Cathedrals.

Salisbury.

J. R. JERRAM.

PEALS OF DOUBLES AND MINOR.

SIR,—Your correspondent, "Herefordian," I take it, would use his utmost power to stamp out peals of Doubles and anything approaching less than seven 720's of Minor called differently. I have no doubt there are many ringers in this country that would much like to have 8 bells in their local tower that they might ring a 5000 of Triples, instead of having to content themselves with only 5 or 6 bells, and thus Doubles, &c., which I should think requires more ringing than a peal of Triples or Major. At all events, it must be far more monotonous, although I cannot myself speak from experience, being content with a few 6-scores. But why, may I ask, should "Herefordian" be allowed to dictate so much to our rising generation of ringers? He even suggests that your valuable paper, "THE BELL NEWS," should refuse to publish less than certain performances.

I say that one man's penny a week towards "THE BELL NEWS" is as good as another's, and until there is less jealousy among ringers over peals change-ringing will be at a standstill, for the great majority of our top boys don't try to teach those in the infants how to be proficient in change-ringing. Once in a while they will get a younger man through a better class peal (if they happen to meet with one short), and only then.

In conclusion, may I ask all ringers who are capable, and have the opportunity, to work more in unity, and help the young beginners, instead of crowding them out whenever possible, that we may thereby advance our beloved pastime, increase our rings of bells and readers of "THE BELL NEWS"?

I would suggest that "Herefordian" should come out in his true colours rather than under a bogus name or *nom de plume*.

E. W. PLAYER.

SIR,—Re your correspondent, "Herefordian's" suggestion, that no peal of Doubles rung with a covering bell be allowed to appear in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS," I beg to say such would be rather discouraging to the bands of ringers in the small country villages, who, with perhaps no instructor, have to plod on as best they can. No one would think of comparing them, in magnitude, with peals of Triples and Major, especially in Surprise methods, but would rather look on them as an incentive to higher things, as a peal of Minor in seven methods to those who are only accustomed to six-bell ringing is rather a big undertaking.

And may I suggest that when anyone is desirous of holding a

special practice meeting for Surprise methods, such as was advertised to take place on Saturday last at New Mills, it would be much better form to state in the notice that a meeting will be held for the practice of such and such a method, rather than certain ones "to be barred," especially when it comes from a clerical member of the Exercise.

G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

SIR,—I, for one, earnestly hope you will not discourage five bell ringers by adopting the suggestion made by "Herefordian." How many of the extreme advanced members of the Exercise have commenced to practice the art upon a peal of five? We know some have had both ability and facilities for rapid advancement, but this is not the lot of everyone. Many of those who have not found themselves with the same ability, or the good fortune to have the same facilities as others are just as proud to see their names in the peal column as having rung sufficient 120's to make a 5040—call it what you like—as are some of the more advanced ringers who figure almost weekly as having accomplished a peal of Major, or even upon a higher number of bells, in some intricate method.

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

SIR,—Having read the correspondence on peals of Doubles I should like to give an instance of the way some ringers whom I know set about ringing a peal. After going off into changes, Bobs and Singles were called, so that the bells should not come round until 5040 changes had been completed, and though they failed in the effort, yet I suppose this would have been published as forty-two 6-scores, each called differently.

Taking into consideration the certain amount of opposition to peal ringing by people living near a church, there ought to be some restriction to the way peals can be rung. For instance, Doubles on six bells, with the 5th bell, as is often the case, doing "observation" work throughout, also peals on "Minor eights," &c. Seven bell peals, and peals when the tenor has been set for part of the time are, I believe, now disallowed.

CAMPANOLOGIST.

THE WHOLE TRUTH.

SIR,—In the foot-note to the peal of Treble Bob, rung at the parish church, Sheffield, and conducted by me, I unwittingly stated my father as being the oldest ringer in the city and not county, as appeared in "THE BELL NEWS."

At the time I had entirely forgotten Mr. Allen, or otherwise I should certainly not have put it. I am sorry if I have hurt Mr. Allen's feelings, and trust he will accept this explanation.

Respecting your correspondent's heading to his letter in this week's "BELL NEWS," I should like to inform him I am quite capable of speaking or writing the truth as he is.

R. H. COLLIER.

ENQUIRY.

SIR,—With reference to Mr. W. H. Inglesant's letter in "THE BELL NEWS" of the 6th inst., I should be much obliged if Mr. Inglesant would point out where the compositions of London and Superlative are false. I have carefully examined them, and according to my calculations, they are true peals.

H. MOORE.

P.S.—Has Mr. Inglesant found time to examine the Double Norwich yet?

AN EXPLANATION.

SIR,—When writing the other day on the subject of Stedman Doubles I omitted to mention that when four singles are used in one 120 that the singles should be made in the middle of the sixes, otherwise the 120 will not be true.

J. J. PARKER.

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

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 22nd; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 23rd; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 25th; all at 8 p.m.

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

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—There will be no practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields during Lent. Due notice will be given of the next meeting.

F. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Brentwood to-day, Sat., March 20th, by kind permission of the Rev. A. C. Newton. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 in the Coffee Tavern, 5, High Street, 6d. each. Cheap fares for eight or more on G.E.R. H. F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*
County Offices, Chelmsford.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Meeting at Withyham to-day, Sat., March 20th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. ROBERT J. DAVE, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle to-day, Sat., March 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.
JOHN WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield church, Gorton, to-day, Sat., March 20th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.
W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—A supplementary meeting will be held at Drighlington on Saturday, March 27th. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in the schoolroom at 7.30 p.m.
GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Willborough, near Ashford, on Saturday, March 27. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Every member and all other ringing friends cordially invited to attend, and no methods "barred."

C. TRIBE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 27th. By kind permission of the Rev. A. E. Bull, the bells of St. Paul's, Bath Road, Hounslow, will be available from 3.30 to 5.30. Ringing will afterwards be continued at Heston, at which place tea (free) will be provided at 6 o'clock. Both towers contain rings of 8 bells. All ringing friends heartily welcome.

H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch.—A second special practice meeting, under same conditions as last, at Reddish, March 27th, at 6 o'clock. A. T. BERTON.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. George-in-the-East on Saturday, April 3rd, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. F. J. St. John Corbett). The bells which have been recently overhauled by Messrs. Warner, will be raised at 3 p.m. There will be a short service at 4.30 p.m. All ringers and friends of the Association will be heartily welcomed.

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

Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Tong on Saturday, April 10th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m.

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

The Yorkshire Handbell Ringers' Association.—Sixth Annual Tune-ringing Contest on Saturday, April 10th, 1909, at Sunnyvale Gardens, Hipperholme, near Halifax.

The entries include the following bands: Birstal, Clifton, Crosland Moor United, Dewsbury, Horbury, Higher Walton, Holmfirth, Roystone, Sheffield, Thurlstone, Ossett (St. Aidan's), Crosland Moor Public, Clifton Juniors, Thurlstone Juniors, Ecclesfield, and Mirfield. For full particulars apply to Ashville, Ossett. W. H. GIGGLE, *Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The annual meeting will be held at Leeds on Easter Monday, April 12th. Peal attempt at 10 a.m. Business at The Royal Oak at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

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

The Yorkshire Association.—Preliminary Notice.—The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, May 15th. Circulars in due course.

CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*
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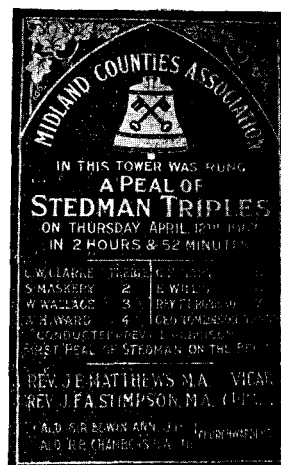
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On Wednesday, March 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	HENRY S. ELLIS	5.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 2.	ALBERT TURNER	6.
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SHIPLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES, IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

EMANUEL WICKHAM.. Treble.	WILLIAM JOYCE	5.
ERNEST R. SIMPSON .. 2.	THOMAS B. KENDALL	6.
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SPELDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 14 cwt.
JAMES BAKER Treble. | EDWARD MANRELOW 5.
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On Saturday, February 20, 1909, 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, College Exercise. London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.
CHARLES ROSE Treble. | GEORGE KEMP 4.
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THOMAS DAVY 3. | GEORGE CATTERMOLLE Tenor.
Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, February 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.
Being 720 each of Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
PERCY J. COOKE Treble. | PEARL INSKIP 4.
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CHARLES W. CLARKE 3. | WILLIAM STAPLETON Tenor.
Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.
First peal in seven methods on the bells. Rung after meeting short for Major.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
On Monday, February 22, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 15 cwt.
FRED BRUTNELL Treble. | GEORGE L. COOPER 5.
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JOHN B. HALLIFAX* 4. | *WILLIAM HILLIAM Tenor.
Conducted by ROBERT JARVIS.
*First peal of Triples.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, February 22, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.
JAMES BETTERTON Treble. | FRANK WITHERS 5.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 2. | JAMES DOWLER 6.
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Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by HARRY WITHERS.
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On Monday, February 22, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.
ROBERT MATTHEWS Treble. | FREDERICK BRACE 5.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON 2. | JOHN BASS 6.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK 3. | CHARLES F. WHITE 7.
THOMAS HEATHCOCK* 4. | WALTER J. BRETHERTON Tenor.
Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.
*First peal of Stedman.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(HEAVITREE BRANCH)
On Monday, February 22, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.
HERBERT V. RICHARDS Treble. | JOHN R. SANDOVER 5.
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WILLIAM S. LETHBRIDGE 3. | WILLIAM BOUNDY 7.
FREDERICK W. RICHARDS 4. | *ARTHUR MITCHELL Tenor.
Conducted by JOHN R. SANDOVER.
*First peal.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, February 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs.
JAMES MORGAN Treble. | JAMES MARTIN 5.
ROBERT SPERRING 2. | HENRY W. WILDE 6.
RICHARD JONES 3. | *EDWARD ALLEN 7.
EDWIN H. LEWIS 4. | GEORGE JONES Tenor.
Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.
*First peal. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung after meeting short for Duffield Major.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)
On Tuesday, February 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Consisting of Plain Bob, Canterbury, April Day, Old Doubles, and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.
GEORGE JACKSON Treble. | JOHN O'NEILL 3.
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT 2. | WILLIAM PIERCE 4.
WALTER KERRISON Tenor.
Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, February 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES.
Tenor 19½ cwt.
ALFRED JAMES* Treble. | GEORGE DURLING 5.
JOHN W. WELLS* 2. | HUBERT J. BLACKWELL 6.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 3. | ROBERT BRETT SMITH 7.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 4. | ISAAC EMERY Tenor.
Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.
*First peal of Major. For calling see Kent County Association Report 1905, page 68.

YATTON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WALTER J. COURT Treble.	*FREDERICK THATCHER .. 4.
JAMES FARTHING* 2.	*JAMES H. BLACKMORE .. 5.
GILBERT G. COURT 3.	*THOMAS HILLMAN Tenor.

Conducted by J. H. BLACKMORE.

*First peal. First peal on the bells by a local band.

BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES:
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. Treble.	ALBERT J. HUGHES 5.
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Composed by J. S. WILDE, and Conducted by W. T. PEGLER.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, February 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

*First peal of College Single.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, New London Pleasure, Violet, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, College Single, and Plain Bob.

JAMES WARDLEY Treble.	JAMES STABLING 4.
HENRY PUTTOCK 2.	ROBERT SMY 5.
ALDERMAN LING 3.	WILLIAM SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SAWYER.

First peal in fourteen methods on the bells and by all the band.

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

On Tuesday, February 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

EDMUND J. HYLAND .. Treble.	*PERCY O. LAFLIN 7.
CHARLES DICKENS 2.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 8.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 3.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 9.
FREDERICK DICKINS 4.	JOHN NEAL 10.
ALF PADDON SMITH 5.	JAMES E. GROVES 11.
THOMAS RUSSAM 6.	SIDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal on twelve bells.

NEWHEY, NEAR ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

On Thursday, February 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN MEADOWCROFT .. Treble.	EDWIN SMITH 5.
JAMES RHODES* 2.	CHARLES DEARDEN 6.
JOSEPH WOOD* 3.	*TOM SMITH 7.
GEORGE WOOD 4.	SAMUEL S. FITTON Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MEADOWCROFT.

*First peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Llewellyns and James, of Bristol.

LONGBOROUGH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHIPPING NORTON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

A. WILLIAMS* Treble.	T. WILLIAMS 4.
F. A. CASE 2.	W. LARGE 5.
S. GREEN 3.	A. PARDINGTON Tenor.

Conducted by W. LARGE.

*First peal.

FENTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 26, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

WILLIAM HILL* Treble.	BEN SNOW 5.
JOHN BEECH 2.	WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. 6.
ARTHUR L. SMITH* 3.	ERNEST A. SHERRATT .. 7.
ABRAHAM NICKLIN† 4.	*JOHN T. NICKLIN Tenor.

Conducted by W. FITCHFORD.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. W. Edwards, a ringer at this tower, and Miss Adams.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1909, in Two Hours Forty-nine and a ½ Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. Treble.	GEORGE HARDING 5.
JAMES HENRY RIDING .. 2.	JOHN DENTITH 6.
JOSEPH KETTLE 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. 7.
RICHARD LANGFORD 4.	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN.

Rung as a farewell peal to Joseph Kettle, who is leaving Crewe for Rugby. Also in commemoration of one of the members of the Guild being appointed to the office of chief mechanical engineer to the London and North Western Railway.

HALIFAX, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE AND THE HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, February 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

JONAS S. AMBLER .. Treble.	ALBERT JAGGER 5.
JAMES COTTERELL 2.	LEWIS MIDGLEY 6.
JOHN LAWSON 3.	CHARLES E. STEWART .. 7.
GEORGE NAYLOR 4.	FRED SALMONS Tenor.

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

Rung on the 24th birthday of G. Naylor, the company wishing him many happy returns.

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ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, February 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.
WALTER ROBINSON Treble. | WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-
THOMAS RILEY 2. | JOHN FLINT 6-
JESSE MOSS 3. | *WALTER ALLWOOD 7-
HARRY MOSS 4. | WILLIAM LAMBERT Tenor.
Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by Wm. KEEBLE.
*First peal in the method.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.
On Saturday, February 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.
GEORGE H. CLAYDON* .. Treble. | WILLIAM ALLSOP 5-
ERNEST MATTHEWS* .. 2. | GEORGE ROBERTS 6-
CHARLES WATTHMAN* .. 3. | BERTRAM LEEDHAM 7-
BERNARD CLAYDON* .. 4. | *WILLIAM PARR Tenor.
Conducted by GEORGE H. CLAYDON.
*First peal.

LUTON, BEDS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 19 1/2 cwt.
ARTHUR W. DIX Treble. | HUBERT EDEN 5-
THOMAS L. SIMMONS .. 2. | FREDERICK WHITE 6-
HENRY HODGETTS .. 3. | FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7-
GEORGE N. PRICE .. 4. | ALFRED B. PECK Tenor.
Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.
First peal in the method in the county.

LENTON, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, February 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 8 1/2 cwt.
THOMAS W. GORE* Treble. | ARTHUR KNIGHTS 5-
GEORGE CLARK 2. | SAMUEL WESLEY 6-
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 3. | *ALBERT R. COPPOCK .. 7-
WILLIAM H. PEABODY .. 4. | GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. Tenor.
Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.
*First peal of Major. First in the Oxford variation on the bells.

GORLESTON, NORFOLK.
On Saturday, February 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.
CHARLES PIDGEON Treble. | JOHN BALLS 4-
JOHN DENTON* 2. | GEORGE ORFORD 5-
DENISON HAYWARD .. 3. | ARTHUR CROWE Tenor.
Conducted by G. ORFORD.
*First peal.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S ONE-PART No. 12. Tenor 11 1/2 cwt.
ALFRED TARBUN Treble. | THOMAS LINCOLN 5-
WILLIAM LINCOLN 2. | HENRY HEAD 6-
ARTHUR EDWARDS 3. | *GEORGE WATERMAN .. 7-
HENRY F. COOPER .. 4. | HENRY ROLFE Tenor.
Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.
*First peal of Stedman. Rung to celebrate the birthday of Henry Head, the band wishing him many happy returns.

BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Oxford, Kent, Violet, Duke of York, and two 720s of Woodbine.
JOSEPH BACKHOUSE Treble. | WILLIAM SHARP 4-
ROGER SATTERTHWAITE .. 2. | JOHN HOLME 5-
FURNESS WOODEND .. 3. | WILLIAM ROBINSON .. Tenor.
Conducted by JOSEPH BACKHOUSE.

FARNHAM, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 27, 1909, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.
JOHN W. RUSSELL Treble. | EDWARD CLAPSHAW .. 5-
CHARLES EDWARDS 2. | ALFRED BAIGENT .. 6-
FREDERICK A. BARNETT .. 3. | THOMAS UPSHALL .. 7-
WILLIAM H. LOWMAN .. 4. | WALTER SHERFIELD .. Tenor.
Conducted by THOMAS UPSHALL.
First peal as conductor. First peal by the tenor-man.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)
On Monday, March 1, 1909, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, JUN. Treble. | HENRY L. GARFATH .. 5-
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 2. | RALPH WOOD 6-
MAURICE SMITHEE .. 3. | FRANK BLONDELL .. 7-
SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 4. | ALFRED H. PULLING .. Tenor.
Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

PENDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.
On Monday, March 1, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lbs. in E.
FRANCIS SMITH Treble. | WILLIAM H. SHUKER .. 5-
ALFRED CROSS 2. | A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 6-
JOSEPH TURNER 3. | SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. 7-
GEORGE E. TURNER .. 4. | HARRY CHAPMAN .. Tenor.
Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.
Rung to celebrate the birthday of Joseph Turner. First peal in the method by the above society.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Tuesday, March 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

CHARLES H. HORTON* .. Treble.	*WILLIAM KNIGHT 5.
RICHARD CLARK 2.	*CHARLES H. GORDON 6.
HENRY BROWNJOHN 3.	JOHN THOMAS 7.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS 4.	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

*First peal in the method. [Rung after meeting short for Cambridge Royal.

HOLBECK, LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 2, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE W. SLACK* .. Treble.	PERCY J. JOHNSON 5.
WILLIAM O. TALBOT 2.	HENRY LINDSAY 6.
WALTER WOOD 3.	WILLIAM E. H. ASH 7.
BENJAMIN SHAW 4.	HARRY WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by H. WILLIAMS.

Rung after meeting short for London Surprise, W. Ash taking the vacant rope, and this is his first peal in the method. *First peal on eight bells.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor about 10 cwt.

ALBERT G. WARNES .. Treble.	*CHARLES L. JENKINSON .. 5.
CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 2.	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN .. 6.
FREDERICK W. CURTIS* .. 3.	GEORGE MAYERS .. 7.
FREDERICK J. CROSS* .. 4.	GEORGE HOWCHIN .. Tenor.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 4, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

RICHARD BENNETT .. Treble.	WALTER J. TUBB 6.
ARTHUR LAMBOURNE .. 2.	FREDERICK STEDMAN WHITE 7.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 8.
REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 4.	RICHARD WHITE 9.
CUTHBERT G. WHITE .. 5.	FREDERICK WHITE, JUN. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

Rung on the 91st anniversary of the opening of the bells.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 4, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. Treble.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 5.
THOMAS R. SCOTT* .. 2.	FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 6.
ROBERT E. STAVERT .. 3.	JOSEPH J. ALLEN 7.
FRANCIS A. SMITH .. 4.	FREDERICK WHITE .. Tenor.

*Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal in the method.

Miscellaneous.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—On Tuesday, February 16th, at the weekly practice, 288 Stedman Triples on handbells. F. Fay 1-2, J. Carter 3-4, J. E. Groves 5-6, J. George conductor 7-8. Twenty years ago on the above date Mr. J. George rang his first peal, and received the hearty congratulations of St. Martin's ringers. Also a touch of Stedman Caters. F. Fay 1-2, T. Russam 3-4, J. Carter 5-6, J. E. Groves conductor 7-8, A. P. Smith 9-10. On Sunday, February 21st, for morning service, 637 Stedman Cinques. T. Russam, J. Neal, A. P. Smith, T. Reynolds, J. Smallwood, E. J. Hyland, W. Greenleaf, A. Wellington, E. Mancell, J. W. Wells, J. E. Groves conductor, W. Painter.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHESTER.—On Friday, February 5th, at the church of St. Mary-on-the-Hill, a quarter-peal of Duffield Major, 1391 changes, in 50 mins. Frank Milton, E. H. Lewis, G. R. Newton, Rev. A. T. Beeston. J. Morgan, R. Sperring conductor, J. V. Wright, H. W. Wilde. First quarter-peal in the method by the band except the ringer of the tenor, and is the first quarter-peal of Duffield Major in the county of Chester.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Tuesday evening, March 9th, at the tower of St. Laurence, for practice, a touch of 504 Grandsire Caters and two courses of Stedman Caters. E. Bailey, F. Hopgood conductor, J. Hern, W. Runham, F. Snook, C. Higgs, H. Runham, W. Newell, A. Osborn, R. Sawyer.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WIDNES (Lancashire).—On January 19th, at St. Paul's church, 720 Bob Minor. R. Dagnall, R. A. Cartwright, J. A. Calland, F. Hancock, G. Sant, E. H. Lewis conductor. On Sunday, March 7th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering. F. Hayes, J. A. Calland, R. A. Cartwright, G. Clewes, F. Hancock conductor, R. Dagnall, R. Leather, W. Murray. These are the first 720s by the company. On March 12th, 518 Grandsire Triples. F. Hayes, E. H. Lewis conductor, K. A. Cartwright, J. A. Calland, F. Hancock, G. Clewes, G. Sant, W. Morrey.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Tuesday, November 24th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Burrows, T. Metcalfe, W. H. Dennison, T. Stuart conductor, J. Huddleston, W. S. Forshaw. First in the method by all except the conductor, and first in the method on the bells by a local company. On November 29th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. R. Jackson, T. Metcalfe, W. H. Dennison, J. Huddleston, W. S. Forshaw, J. Burrows conductor. On December 6th, for evening service, 720 College Single, 22 Singles and 12 Bobs. T. Bell, J. Huddleston, T. Metcalfe, T. Stuart conductor, T. E. Shuttleworth, J. Burrows. On December 13th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor, 30 bobs and 30 Singles. T. R. Jackson conductor, T. Metcalfe, J. Huddleston, T. Stuart, W. S. Forshaw, J. Burrows.

BEESTON (Notts).—On Saturday, January 9th, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. F. Clulow, C. H. Chamberlain, A. Copnock, W. Clifford, sen., F. S. Price, P. Price, R. Clifford conductor, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson. On Sunday, January 10th, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. P. Price, G. Oldham, W. Clifford, jun., F. S. Price, A. Lowe, W. Clifford, sen., A. Coppock conductor, J. Paling.

PORTRSEA (Hants).—On Sunday, September 6th, 1908, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Harris, J. Symonds, J. Turner, C. Grover, J. Matthews, M. Ellsmore, E. J. Harding conductor, S. Thomas. On same date 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Wheeler (first 504), J. Harris, C. Groves, J. Symonds, J. Matthews, E. J. Harding conductor, M. Ellsmore, J. Turner. On Wednesday, September 12th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Smith, W. Wheeler, J. Turner, C. Groves, J. Symonds, M. Ellsmore, E. J. Harding conductor, S. Thomas. On Wednesday,

October 7th, on the church Dedication Festival, 630 Grandsire Triples. H. Wheeler, J. Symonds, J. Turner, C. Groves, J. Matthews, A. Collins, E. J. Harding conductor, S. Thomas.

THORINGTON (Essex).—On a recent Tuesday evening, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Burgess, W. Lancaster, A. Andrews, G. Lancaster, G. A. Andrews, W. J. Nevard. First 720 by the ringers of the 1, 2, 3. On Sunday, for afternoon service, 720 Cambridge, standing as before.

RIPON (Yorks).—On Tuesday, January 12th, at the Cathedral, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Blackburn, J. Strodder, F. Tingle, W. Dixon, W. Gibson, G. Langshaw, W. Thorpe conductor, J. Rumbold. Longest by treble and 4th.

GRAVESEND (Kent).—On Sunday even-

ing, January 3rd, for Divine Service, at the parish church, $\frac{1}{2}$ -peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. G. Jones, W. Gates, A. Constant, M. Tall, F. Belsey conductor, A. Martin, R. Constant, A. Lott. First quarter by W. Gates with a bob bell.

REIGATE (Surrey).—Recently, for practice, at the parish church, 900 of Bob Royal. J. W. Pooley, F. T. Hoad, H. F. Ewins, C. S. Hoad, A. Holman, A. Cotterall, W. Smith, W. H. Buckland, H. A. Hoad, G. F. Hoad conductor. And 352 of Bob Major. E. Dewey, C. S. Hoad, G. W. Walder, A. Cotterall, H. F. Ewins, W. Smith, H. A. Hoad, G. H. Hoad conductor.

TETTENHALL (Wolverhampton).—On Sunday, January 3rd, at the Collegiate church, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. 1260 changes in 52 mins. A. Price, H. Dalton, A. Butler, B. Dalton, G. Tudor conductor, J. Evans.

This quarter-peal was rung with the bells half muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Alfred Miller, of Stockwell End.

SHENLEY (Bucks).—On December 24th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 1260 changes in 59 mins. S. Willett, C. W. Burgess, H. Cameron, W. Daniels, G. F. Clarke conductor, E. Willett. First quarter-peal by treble, 2nd, and tenor. First quarter-peal on the bells. All praise is due to ringer of 2nd, who is only 15 years of age.

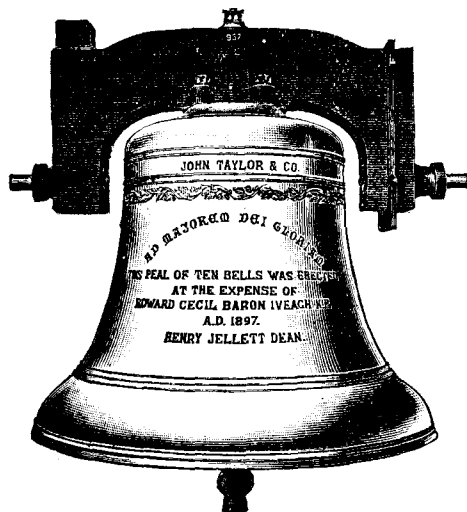
SOUTHGATE.—On January 9th, for practice, 672 London Surprise Major. On Sunday, January 10th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major, 1344 changes, in 52 mins. G. Bester, F. G. Tegg, W. Pickworth, J. Armstrong, N. A. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor. First quarter-peal in this method rang by the local society.

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Summary of the Report presented at the Sixtieth Annual Meeting, held on 4th March, 1909.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of policies issued during the year was 80,379, assuring the sum of £7,614,898, and producing a new annual premium income of £440,376. The premiums received during the year were £4,616,337, being an increase of £135,960 over the year 1907. The claims of the year amounted to £2,812,962. The number of deaths was 8,389, and 15,322 endowment assurances matured.

The number of policies in force at the end of the year was 866,797.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The premiums received during the year were £6,925,755, being an increase of £264,124. The claims of the year amounted to £2,670,345, including £72,696, the proportion of bonus paid since the date of the last Annual Meeting. The number of claims and surrenders, including 4,355 endowment assurances matured, was 310,722. The number of free policies granted during the year to those policyholders of five years' standing and upwards who desired to discontinue their payments, was 145,261, the number in force being 1,395,929. The number of free policies which became claims during the year was 40,094.

The total number of policies in force at the end of the year was

17,963,127: their average duration exceeds eleven and a quarter years.

The assets of the company, in both branches, as shown in the balance sheet, are £71,958,859, being an increase of £3,952,575 over those of 1907.

In the Ordinary Branch a reversionary bonus at the rate of £1 12s. per cent., on the original sums assured has again been added to all classes of participating policies issued since the year 1876.

The Directors are pleased to announce an increase in the Industrial Branch bonus. All policies of over five years' duration which become claims either by death or maturity of endowment from the 5th of March, 1909, to the 3rd of March, 1910, both dates inclusive, will participate. This bonus will be paid by way of addition to the sums assured of:—

£5 per cent. on all policies becoming claims upon which at least five but less than ten years' premiums have been paid,

£10 per cent. on all policies becoming claims upon which at least ten but less than twenty years' premiums have been paid, and

£12 10s. per cent. on all policies becoming claims upon which at least twenty years' premiums have been paid.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Ltd., being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1908.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Shareholders' capital		1,000,000	0 0	British Government securities		3,416,799	17 6
Reserve funds		2,850,000	0 0	Indian and Colonial Government securities		6,282,786	12 11
Life assurance funds		67,894,765	0 4	Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks, and gold and sterling bonds		10,119,247	2 1
Claims under life policies admitted		146,790	18 10	Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates		15,036,040	5 5
Bonus under life policies reserved for distribution		67,303	4 11	Freehold ground rents, and Scotch feu duties		4,880,107	8 7
				Freehold and leasehold property		3,729,237	18 11
				Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom		8,997,567	2 6
				Railway, Gas, and Water stocks		7,603,002	16 2
				Suez Canal shares		161,192	13 3
				Telegraph and other shares		96,984	18 0
				Leasehold ground rents		8,207	13 6
				Metropolitan and London County Consolidated stocks, and City of London bonds		248,406	8 8
				Metropolitan Water Board stocks		435,263	10 8
				Bank of England stock		202,754	7 10
				Indian, Colonial and foreign corporation stocks		2,268,696	4 2
				Foreign government securities		2,438,547	8 4
				Reversions and Life Interests		1,339,794	19 0
				Loans on the company's policies		2,806,987	16 2
				Rent charges		249,736	11 8
				Outstanding premiums and agents' balances		563,622	3 0
				Outstanding interest and rents		587,149	17 8
				Cash—In hands of superintendents		34,951	2 0
				Do. On deposit, on current accounts, and in hand		451,774	6 0
						£71,958,859	4 1

FREDK. SCHOOLING, } Joint Managers.
A. C. THOMPSON, }

D. W. STABLE, } Joint Secretaries.
J. SMART, }

H. A. HARBEN, Chairman.
THOS. C. DEWEY, } Directors.
W. J. LANCASTER, }

We report that with the assistance of the Chartered Accountants as stated below we have examined the foregoing accounts and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required and in our opinion such accounts are correct and the foregoing Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company.

We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1908, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, etc., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1908.

15th February, 1909.

DELOITTE, PLENDER, GRIFFITHS and CO., Chartered Accountants.

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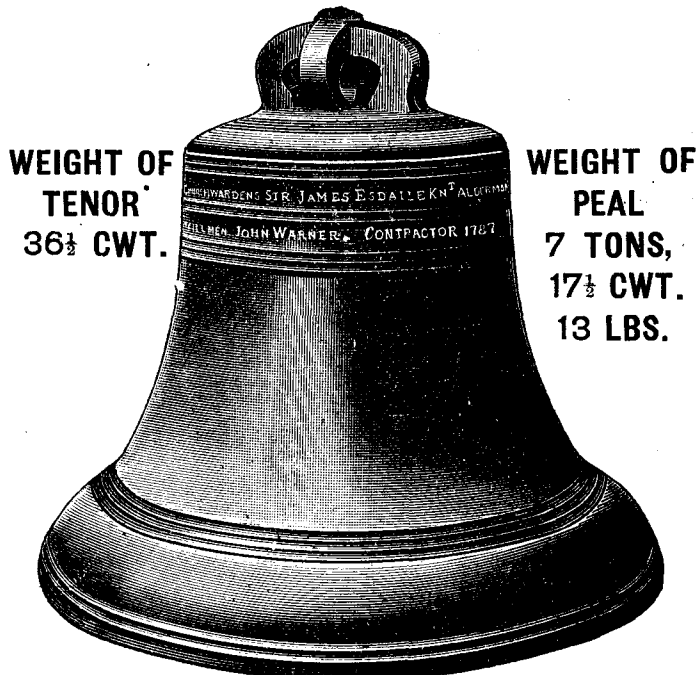
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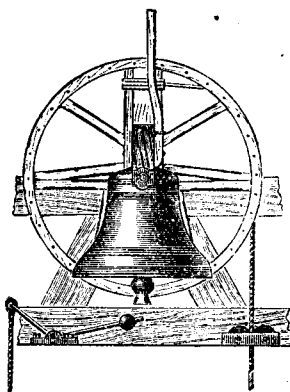
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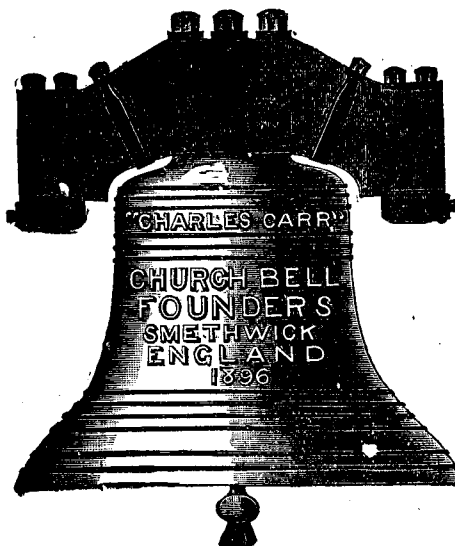
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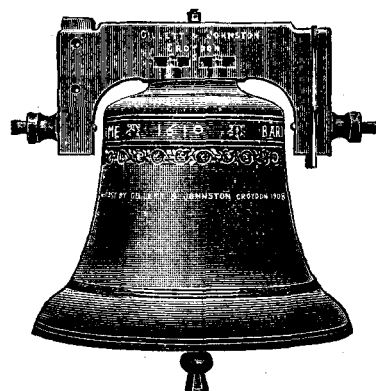
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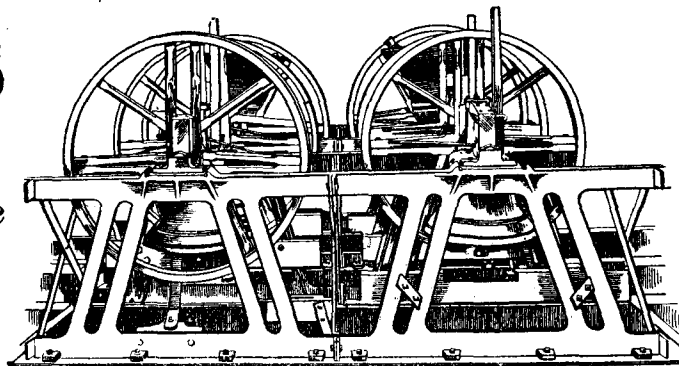
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING, SATURDAY, JANUARY 23rd, 1909.

The church at Bolton, a suburb of Bradford, was consecrated in 1879, having been built through the princely munificence of a single individual, the late Atkinson Jowett, esq. Not content with giving the structure itself, he furnished it with a very fine organ, and to complete the whole placed a ring of eight in its tower. The edifice is well worth further notice, the reredos in mosaics being very effective, but naturally the bells claim our attention. Here, in the year of the consecration, the Association secured a peal of 10,176 of Kent Treble Bob Major, with the late President at the tenor, whose handy 15 cwt. of metal would make the task to him a congenial one. This remained the Association's record until beaten by a few hundred more—not a very sportsmanlike quantity!—in 1896; but ten years later Wortley, near Sheffield, went for an additional thousand and obtained the present record of the Association, viz., 11,232 of Kent Treble Bob.

Bolton has invariably held out a kindly hand to the Society; the Vicar, the Rev. C. H. King, being an hon. member of many years' standing. Always kindly and ready to be useful, we find him in February, 1902, welcoming the members to Bolton, and in the same year, in October, he preached to them at Guiseley; he next addressed them in his own church in January, 1899, so that there is no wonder that many members looked forward to hearing him once more—the more so as his experiences in foreign lands give that touch of interesting manliness which we all like to meet with in our clergy. Another link with the past lies in the fact that at Bolton the Association made a presentation to their ex hon. sec., Mr. B. T. Copley, shortly before he retired from office, he having been for many years attached to the Bolton tower.

A peep into the schoolrooms about noon revealed Miss King, the respected daughter of the Vicar, together with a small army of churchworkers, engaged in the very commendable pursuit of sandwich-making, for the coming tea. Not content with the able support she was getting from her lady workers, Miss King had very wisely pressed into service the two stalwart churchwardens, Mr. Matthew Arnold and Mr. Norman Greenwood. The excellent manipulation of the carving knives and forks by these gentlemen made one reflect on the fleeting existence of hams and rounds of beef in the solid, and left us with a distinct feeling that for physical exercise a 5000 was not in it. Passing round the offertory bags on Sunday must have come as a welcome rest, after the athletic performance of that eventful Saturday! Surely a good churchwarden now-a-days needs to be a man of many parts.

As we found the audit in progress—the figures in use being those given in the report then issuing—we obtained a copy to which all fully paid up Life Members are entitled. Be it known to all and sundry that the great ones of the ringing world are all members of "The Yorkshire"; if you doubt, turn over the pages and see for yourself:—Sir Arthur Heywood, Parson Robinson, Dains, Carter,

Cockerill, Pitstow, King, Pye brothers, Winney, Prewett, Cartwright, Price, Reeves, Knights, Griffin, Storey Bros., Wood, Davies, Eachus, etc.: then you may drop on members of the Government such as R. R. Cherry, among a host of others. Yes indeed, if you want indexing in the temple of fame join the Yorkshire tykes, and do it now. We make no mention of the County members, as of course everyone of any local note is there, from Sheffield in the south, to Middlesbrough in the north, and from Hull in the east to Sedbergh and Saddleworth in the west.

The Yorkshire balance-sheets are always interesting, the more so now that they have more than 1300 members, and are greatly involved with an ever-increasing number of Life and other members, who do not contribute annually; in fact they have only some 400 paying members, so the Hon. Treasurer has his problem before him. In the previous Report 1906-7, the result of a voluntary levy on the members brought in £22 16s. od. of which £10 was very wisely put to the reserve funds which now stands at £267 12s. 6d., the balance being used up for yearly arrears. Bearing all this in mind, we annex a statement condensed for this year's balance-sheet, which will interest many:—

EXPENDITURE.				£	s.	d.
Circulars to Members ...	...	...	...	3	16	5
Circulars <i>re</i> Selby bells ...	...	...	...	2	10	4
President—postages, etc. ...	...	...	...	1	11	3
Hon. Treasurer's ditto ...	...	...	...	0	18	9
Hon. Secretary's ditto ...	...	...	...	1	12	2
Committee's Expenses ...	...	...	...	1	2	4
Annual Reports, etc. ...	...	...	...	27	5	0
Central Council ...	...	...	...	0	10	0
Miscellaneous ...	...	...	...	0	5	0
				£39	11	3

RECEIPTS.				£	s.	d.
From Members ...	...	...	...	28	14	6
From Investments ...	...	...	...	6	3	6
To balance ...	...	...	...	4	13	3
				£39	11	3

The above shows, on the year's work, a loss of £4 13s. 3d., but a sum of £1 15s. 9d. interest on part of the reserve, has been left in the bank, and the £2 10s. 4d., the cost of the Selby circular, is a special expenditure; so the actual loss is only one of a few shillings, but it is a loss nevertheless. Hence until the investments are increased so as to bring in more, which can only be done by occasional levies on the Life Member, we do not see how, with the present amount of peals reported, any Treasurer can keep matters on a level footing. It is curious that the very success of the Association and the size of its latest Reports—with the consequent heavy bill for printing—is working to the Treasurer's embarrassment. The Society will of course see the thing through, and as it has only once made a shilling levy in twenty-three years

no reasonable being will grumble in being called upon to lend a hand to straighten up the financial position which is on too narrow a basis. An increased dividend from larger investments, and all will be plain sailing.

The bells had been going merrily for some hours, when four o'clock brought up the end of the service touch, and found a very representative gathering taking part in the annual service. The Vicar took the whole of the service, showing himself possessed of an excellent vitality, being well supported however by the organist and choir. One of the hymn tunes was a special one, and might well be termed a bell hymn, for it at once reminded many of Purcell's "Rejoice in the Lord." That famous composer however introduced the bells only in the prelude, so that strictly speaking the "Bell Anthem" is one with a bell-prelude only. Here we had a bell psalm-tune, and interesting it was, and very nicely rendered.

To trace the theme of the Vicar's sermon, which was attentively followed by the members, would take up considerable space, so we must content ourselves by saying that it was based on the bells worn on the robes of the Jewish High Priest, traversed a wide range of thought, and dealt with bells in nearly every age. Touching on the love of bells, so peculiar to every nation, the preacher called to mind occasions in India on which he had noticed the pride and satisfaction with which a native soldier in one of the British bands contributed his part. He was tall, almost a giant, and had a number of bells attached to a central pole which he carried in a somewhat elevated position, striking them with a wooden hammer. Great was his delight when the time came round for him to add his bells to the tuneful air the band was playing, and well he did it. The native was right. "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might:" a goodly text for all self-respecting ringers. A pathetic portion of the discourse was a deduction drawn from the fact that, as the County Association could only occasionally visit Bolton, this was in all probability the last time he would have the pleasure of addressing his fellow-members in church. At his time of life he could not reasonably look forward to events which only occurred at intervals of ten years or so, and he therefore earnestly appealed to all, as it were for the last time, to endeavour to do their duty like men, both in the belfry and in the church, doing all to the honour of God as in his sight. Quit yourselves like men, be valiant, strong in the Lord. The sermon very fittingly closed with the National Anthem, the day practically coinciding with the King's Accession.

The next item on the programme was tea in the school-rooms, which, as there were three sittings down, gave many opportunities for chatting and finding out old friends whilst waiting their turn. The number at tea was about 300.

The annual business followed, with the President in the chair, supported by the Vicar, both vice-Presidents, and the bulk of the officers. The minutes of the previous meeting (Saltburn-by-the-Sea) having been read and passed, the President, after a few words of introduction, called upon the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake to report on the latest subscription to the Selby Abbey bells; the list printed in the Reports amounting to £17 18s. 6d., being of necessity somewhat out of date. Mr. Drake then supplied the following: Aldmondbury (second donation), 4s. 6d.; Mr. T. Oddy, 1s.; Mr. W. Abbishaw, 5s.; Mr. T. Haigh, 1s.; Pontefract parish church, 10s. Total—£19; a strong appeal being added for help from every individual branch.

The Committee's report deals with the subject thus

"A good start has been made, and as this is now an official piece of work, we shall take care that our Reports leave behind for those that follow us, a full and substantial record of the sums subscribed, whether collectively, in the various towers, or from individuals assisting the funds, or sending their donations direct. We need hardly say how pleased the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, the Hon. Treasurer of the Y.A.C.R.'s fund, will be to receive the same at the Clergy House, Aldmondbury, near Huddersfield." This is undoubtedly a good move on the part of the Yorkshire Committee, as it is the first official subscription that they have ever been instructed to make; and those that help, as well as those that don't—but there will be none of these, so we will not finish the sentence.

On the motion of Mr. Percy Johnson (Hon. Auditor), seconded by Mr. Fred Schofield (Lindley), the Report of the Committee and the Treasurer's balance-sheet were accepted and passed; the President remarking that he had amongst the papers before him, the balance-sheet as given in the reports, signed by the Auditors—Mr. Fred Palframan, of Bolton, having kindly acted in the place of Mr. Lindsay, who was temporarily indisposed—as well as by the Hon. Treasurer and himself; so it might be said to be fairly well attested.

The re-election of the President—Mr. Wm. Snowdon—to another three years' term of office led that gentleman to remark that he feared it would have to be the last offer of his services, as the importance of giving way to a younger man was being brought home to him in many ways, proud as he was of the honour again entrusted to him. Mr. George Bolland was also re-elected vice-President, and Mr. Broadley, likewise, as Steward.

The result of the poll for four committee men was announced as follows: Mr. T. B. Kendall, Shipley, 367 votes; Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, late hon. sec., 366 votes; Mr. Jno. Lawson, Lightcliffe, 310 votes, and Mr. J. Hardcastle, Bradford, 281 votes: the first three being thus re-elected. Leeds, from the point of view of a railway centre, was again chosen for head quarters, on the motion of the president, seconded by vice-President Hattersley.

The place of next meeting was left in the hands of the Committee, the President remarking that it might enable the meeting to be taken to the north again, if only to disabuse those holding the idea that the Y.A.C.R. did not embrace all residents in the county as eligible for membership, much as they appreciated the efforts of the local societies in the good they were doing in their own neighbourhood to extend the Art. [A reference to our notice columns will show that arrangements are being made at Ecclesfield for the reception of the Association in May.]

Votes of thanks were passed to the auditors and retiring officers, on the motion of Mr. F. Willey, seconded by Mr. S. F. Palmer, regrets being expressed at the retirement of Mr. Tom Lockwood through ill-health. The roll-call proved eighteen officials present out of a possible nineteen, the absent one being practically on sick leave.

The Vicar, the Rev. C. H. King, was thanked for arranging the service, for his sermon, and for the use of his bells and schools, on the motion from the chair, seconded by vice-president Bolland. On rising to respond Mr. King met with a very hearty reception—the reception indeed due to an old friend. He contented himself by saying how much they at Bolton had looked forward to the visit, adding that one of the most cheering things to a clergyman was preaching to a large number of his fellow-men, and he thanked them for the opportunity they had granted him that day.

Messrs. Snowdon, Hattersley and Bolland were re-

elected to the Central Council, with Mr. Glenn as a new member to complete the quartette, on a motion from the chair, seconded by Mr. Percy Johnson. Notice of an alteration of rules, to make the annual meeting fall on the last Saturday in January (leaving the other meetings on the third as at present) was given from the chair, and being duly seconded by Mr. Stainthorpe, will come up for adjudication at the next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was then passed to the Bolton branch and to the ladies for presiding and assisting at the tea tables, on the motion of the President, seconded by the Rev. C. C. Marshall. No other business being brought forward, a vote of thanks to the chair, on the motion of Mr. Willey, seconded by Mr. B. T. Copley, and supported by Mr. Frank Woodhead, of Leeds, brought the business meeting to a close.

The Bolton branch, with Mr. Herbert Sugden acting as their hon. secretary, have every reason to be satisfied with the success of the meeting, representatives attending from every town within reasonable distance. The officers have good reasons for thanking them, for not only were they here and there and everywhere, but at very short notice they gave up one of their band—Mr. Fred Palfra-man—to act as Auditor, as previously mentioned.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CENTRAL DIVISION.)

A Meeting of this division was held on Saturday, March 20th, at Withyham, but was rather poorly attended owing no doubt to it being a rather out of the way place and bad weather. The bells, a new ring of eight by Taylor, were raised soon after three o'clock, Grandsire and Bob Major being rung till 5, when the Rector, the Rev. C. N. Sutton, held a short service for the members, at which he gave an appropriate address. After service a move was made to The Dorset Arms where tea had been prepared for thirty at the request of the hon. secretary, but instead of being thirty there were only eighteen, thanks largely to a party of ten who promised to attend and then only sent three. Though there was a small attendance there were a good number of towers represented—Lindfield, Burgess Hill, Crawley, Burstow, East Grinstead, Rotherfield, Brighton (St. Peter's) Southover, together with Messrs. Thompson and Latter of Tunbridge Wells. After tea Mr. A. Huggett, of East Grinstead, was voted to the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed and several new members were elected. Mr. Castle proposed, and Mr. Rice seconded, that the next quarterly peal be attempted at East Grinstead, the method to be Grandsire, Mr. R. J. Dawe to act as conductor, the date to be left to the discretion of the hon. secretary.

Mr. Butcher (Rotherfield) moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for holding the service. Mr. Huggett, in seconding, said he should like, to include the choir and organist. This was carried with acclamation. More ringing was then indulged in, and in the opinion of the writer was a decided improvement to that before tea. It seemed the general opinion that the bells are rather too noisy in the tower,

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also that the ropes require some guides, as there is a long draught. Touches of Grandsire, Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Stedman were brought round. Most of the members having to catch the 8.30 train, we were left rather short-handed, but discovering that two of the local men could ring Grandsire Minor, the next half hour was devoted to helping them. The bells were then lowered, and thus ended a very good if somewhat small meeting of the Association.

THE SALOP GUILD.

On Saturday, March 13th, a large gathering of members of this Guild assembled in the tower of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, to witness the unveiling of a peal tablet by the Vicar, the Rev. R. E. St. A. Arkwright, who was accompanied by the hon. secretary of the Guild, the Rev. R. M. Cole-Hamilton. The tablet recorded a muffled peal of Grandsire Triples, which was rung as a token of respect to the late Bishop of Shrewsbury—the Right Rev. Sir Lovelace T. Stamer, Bart. Before and after the unveiling ceremony several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung.

ST. MARGARET'S, KING'S LYNN.

At this church on the morning of Quinquagesima Sunday, Bishop Harrison conducted a service for the purpose of dedicating the new chancel gates and carved oak screen. The chancel gates, which are of wrought iron with gilded points, were designed by the vicar, and the money to purchase them was obtained by voluntary subscriptions by members of the congregation. The screen is of carved oak, and was given by Mr. W. M. Brooke, of Chapel Street. This gift, which has cost over £100, contains Gothic tracery, and is of singular beauty. Previous to the service, by special permission of the Vicar, Rev. R. Gordon Roe, the company of change-ringers connected with the church, of which W. M. Brooke is captain, rang two touches on the bells, consisting of two courses of Bob Major, 8-10 covering, and two courses of Bob Royal. Those taking part were Messrs. Brooke, Sedgley, Markwell, C. Crome, R. Crome, G. Holland, W. Curston, W. G. Curston, Giles, Kemp, and Andrews. The clergy present at the service, in addition to Bishop Harrison, were the Revs. R. Gordon Roe (Vicar), T. Horne (chaplain to the Showmen's Guild), and A. F. Heigham (curate). The first portion of the service was conducted by Rev. A. F. Heigham, and the latter by Rev. R. Gordon Roe. The hymns sung were "We love the place, O God," and "Far down the ages now." At the conclusion of the service Bishop Harrison walked to the chancel gates, and, after opening them, pronounced the prayer of dedication. The Bishop then proceeded to the south aisle where the screen is situated and read a dedication prayer. The Bishop then delivered an address, basing his remarks on the importance of being zealous for the glory of God, zealous for the salvation of man, and zealous for the material of God's House.

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

PEALS OF DOUBLES.

SIR,—Several correspondents seem to have taken offence at the proposal to regard forty-two 6-scores of Doubles as a peal. But I would point out that it is not the recording of a peal made up in the above way which is objected to, but the ringing such with a cover on six bells. As I said before, where there are only five bells, such a performance seems admissible; but Doubles rung with a cover at all is most objectionable, both from a ringer's point of view, and from a musical one.

J. R. JERRAM.

SIR,—Your correspondent, E. W. Player, cannot have followed my correspondence re the above very closely, otherwise he would not accuse me of trying to stamp out peals of Doubles and everything less than a peal of Minor, each 720 called differently. I can assure that gentleman that I have no such a desire. But I should like to see a stipulation put forward preventing bogus peals of Doubles being claimed as true peals. By this I mean that if you are going to ring a 5040 of Doubles, well then ring forty-two 120s, and let each be called differently (not ten 120s). Also I should wish Mr. Player to think otherwise than for me to be making an effort to exclude beginners, as this is the ringer I want to see encouraged, but at the commencement of his career it should be pointed out to him what a true peal is. I will enclose my card for E. W. Player another time, and which I think will be in the near future. I must thank Grandsire Doubles for his remarks, and quite agree with him when he says that a beginner is as proud having rang sufficient 120s to compile a peal of 5040 as a more advanced ringer would be in having accomplished a peal of Major, but then Grandsire Doubles, see that it is forty-two 120s (not ten only). Your correspondent "Campanologist" seems to point out that there is a lot of "cooking" going on amongst (some) that ring peals of Doubles. I would also point out once again that the particular society I referred to in my first letter has an instructor, so there can be no excuse on that count. HEREFORDIAN.

MESSRS. INGLESANT AND MOORE.

SIR,—As Mr. Moore is unable to discern whether his peals of Superlative and London are true, as an old ringer I would advise him to buy a copy of Snowden's "Treatise on Treble Bob," part i., and to make a careful study of the proof of that method.

I can assure him that if he will take the trouble by the help of this book to master the proof of Treble Bob, he will then have no difficulty in finding the false changes which may be found in the above compositions. N. J. PITSTOW.

SIR,—I am sorry that Mr. H. Moore is unable to find out where his compositions of London and Superlative are false. In reply to his enquiry I will endeavour to point out as briefly as possible where falseness occurs. Taking first the peal of London Surprise. Anyone who is sufficiently acquainted with the proof of peals in this method would detect at a glance the course-end 13254678, which this peal contains in the first part, and which is a false course with the treble in 3-4. Now if Mr. Moore will write out the first two leads after this course-end (which is not followed with a bob at M) and compare them with the treble in 3-4 in the second and fifth leads in first course of peal (first part) he will find a repetition when treble is in 3-4 up and 3-4 down, and other instances occur of a similar nature in the peal, but need not be pointed out here.

In the third course of the Superlative the tenor is called in in 5ths and 4ths, i.e. bobs at 1 5, containing the lead 18624537, which is a false lead (interior) with 14632578, the third course-end in the second part of peal.

I should be interested to know what Mr. Moore's object is in giving the calling of these peals by the number of leads instead of, viz. M B W H, what advantage there is, if any. In my opinion it is more misleading; perhaps Mr. Moore will explain on some future occasion. The peal of Double Norwich I have not

troubled about, but if false perhaps some other composer will notify to that effect. I hope Mr. Moore will now understand, and that he did not mind me writing to call attention to his peals being false. W. H. INGLESANT.

P.S.—The 5024 of Treble Bob by Mr. Naylor, published in your issue of March 6th, is false (interior) in the first and twelfth courses.

THE LONG PEAL AT HYTHE, KENT.

SIR,—I think it will be of some interest to the Exercise to know something about the 13,440 changes of Bob Major that was rung at St. Leonard's, Hythe, Kent, on May 4th, 1846. The peal was completed in 7 hrs. 55 mins., started at about 7 o'clock in the morning, and remained the longest single-handed performance in the county for about fifty years or a little over I think. The performers were—Charles Fowler (Hythe), *Treble*, died August, 1875, aged 74 years; Henry Down (Hythe), 2, died March 31, 1885, aged 80 years; James Harrison (Folkestone), 3, died April 11, 1887, aged 79; Joseph Stoakes (Aldington), 4, died March 15, 1887, aged 71 years; Joseph Chapple (Hythe), 5, died January 24, 1869, aged 82 years; John Friend (Hythe), 6, died October 15, 1881, aged 77 years; Edward Hyder (Aldington), 7, died November 14, 1896, aged 84 years; Thomas Post (Aldington), *Tenor*, died April 5, 1906, aged 87 years. The peal was conducted by John Friend. Now I consider this to be almost, or probably is a record for age of any long peal band; for with the extra months that several of the above lived over the years mentioned it will average out at just about 80 years apiece, an extraordinary age indeed. I must also state that I personally knew six of the above, and have rung with four or five of them, and they used to tell me that the treble ringer being a big stout man was taken seriously ill just before the peal came round, and they had to fetch a doctor to attend him immediately the peal was finished; but the tenor man told me that he could have rung a good while longer. P. HODGKIN.

MR. WILLIAM J. NEVARD'S 100 PEALS.

(See report of peal of Double Norwich rung at Ipswich.)

Grandsire Doubles	1
Bob Minor	1
Seven Minor methods	7
Grandsire Triples	6
Stedman Triples	5
Stedman Catfers	1
Plain Bob Major	5
Plain Bob Royal	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	23
Kent Treble Bob Royal	2
Oxford Treble Bob Major	7
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	22
Superlative Surprise Major	16
London Surprise Major (on the treble)	2
Total	100

These were rung in forty-seven towers, in ten counties, including a 5376 of Superlative Surprise Major, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. at Arklow, Ireland. The longest peal that Mr. Nevard has taken part in was 7040 of Treble Bob Major, in 4 hrs. and 12 mins., at Walter Belchamp, Essex. He has also visited and rang at nearly 300 various towers.

After accomplishing his 100th peal, Mr. Nevard invited all the members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society to a substantial meat tea at their meeting house, Northgate Street, which was admirably served by host and hostess Sowersby. At the conclusion of the tea Mr. Nevard, in a neat speech, referred to the double event that had brought them together that day. He thanked all who had responded to his invitation.

Mr. R. H. Brundle suitably responded on behalf of the above Society. This being also the 81st birthday of Mrs. Harriet Motts, the mother of James and William Motts, a cordial glass was partaken of by all present. Handbell ringing and three cheers for Mr. Nevard, brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on April 1st, 15th, and 29th; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 5th and 19th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 6th and 20th; at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 6th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
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The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—There will be no practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields during Lent. Due notice will be given of the next meeting.

F. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—A supplementary meeting will be held at Drighlington to-day, Sat., March 27th. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in the schoolroom at 7.30 p.m.

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

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Willesborough, near Ashford, to-day, Sat., March 27. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Every member and all other ringing friends cordially invited to attend, and no methods "barred."

C. TRIBE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held to-day, Sat., March 27th. By kind permission of the Rev. A. E. Bull, the bells of St. Paul's, Bath Road, Hounslow, will be available from 3.30 to 5.30. Ringing will afterwards be continued at Heston, at which place tea (free) will be provided at 6 o'clock. Both towers contain rings of 8 bells. All ringing friends heartily welcome.

H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. George-in-the-East on Saturday, April 3rd, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. F. J. St. John Corbett). The bells which have been recently overhauled by Messrs. Warner, will be raised at 3 p.m. There will be a short service at 4.30 p.m. All ringers and friends of the Association will be heartily welcomed.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle parish church on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, April 5th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. J. Darlington, 14, Madeley Street, Tunstall, not later than March 31st.

Rev W. G. KEYWORTH, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON, }

The Yorkshire Handbell Ringers' Association.—Sixth Annual Tune-ringing Contest

on Saturday, April 10th, 1909, at Sunnyvale Gardens, Hipperholme, near Halifax.

The entries include the following bands: Birstal, Clifton, Crosland Moor United, Dewsbury, Horbury, Higher Walton, Holmfirth, Royston, Sheffield, Thurlstone, Ossett (St. Aidan's), Crosland Moor Public, Clifton Juniors, Thurlstone Juniors, Ecclesfield, and Mirfield. For full particulars apply to Ashville, Ossett.

W. H. GIGGLE, *Sec.*

Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Tong on Saturday, April 10th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m.

J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

302, Hepwood Lane, Halifax.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The annual meeting will be held at Leeds on Easter Monday, April 11th. Peal attempt at 10 a.m. Business at The Royal Oak at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

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

The Hertfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 12th. Particulars in detail next week. An important announcement will be made to members next week. Please remember to read it.

G. W. CARTMEL, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will take place at Bolsover on Easter Monday, April 12th. Bells available from noon. By the kindness of the Rev. B. S. Batty, tea will be provided at 4.30 p.m. to those notifying Mr. J. Flint, Oxcroft Lane, not later than Wednesday, April 7th. The Castle and grounds will be open to visitors at 3 p.m. Committee meeting will follow tea.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—The twenty-seventh annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Easter Monday, April 12th. Tea in the High Cross Coffee Rooms at 1s. each will only be arranged for those who notify Mr. E. Morris, Gold Street, by Thursday, April 8th, of their intention to be present. Further particulars in next issue.

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

The Essex Association.—South-Western District.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Easter Monday, April 12th. Bells may be raised at 2 p.m. Tea will be provided on the usual terms in the schoolroom for those who notify me by Thursday, April 8th. Professionals and amateurs are all welcomed.

G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*

7, Richmond Terrace, South Woodford.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—The annual general meeting of this Association will be held on Easter Monday, April 12th, at The George hotel, Huntingdon, at 1.30. The Committee will meet at 12.15.

R. L. TWELLS, *General Secretary.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llantwit-Major on Easter Monday, at 3 o'clock.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, M.A., *Hon. Sec.*

JOHN W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thetford on Easter Monday, April 12th. Bells available all day. Dinner at The Green Dragon hotel at 1.30 p.m. Those attending must send notice by April 7th.

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

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 12th. Service at St. Helen's church at 12.30, with an address by the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean of Worcester. Meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 prompt. The bells (12) at the Cathedral, will it is hoped, be available from 5 to 6, also those at St. Helen's (8), St. Nicholas (6), and St. John's (6). Tea will be provided free for those who send me their names before Wednesday, April 7th.

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

Bransford.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. The ten bells at St. Paul's will be available for ringing from 9 till 11 a.m. from 12 till 1 p.m., from 3 till 5 p.m., and from 6 till 8 p.m. There will also be a room at the Church House, St. Paul's Square, for handbell ringing; also the usual luncheon at the Mission Room, Brace Street, price 1s. 6d. per head, 1s. Members who wish to be present at luncheon, and who must inform me not later than Wednesday, April 7th.

Rev. A. RUST, } *Hon. Secs.*
I. HILLS, }

Newnham Avenue, The Embankment, Bedford.

East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Crich on Easter Monday, April 12th. Service in church at 4 p.m. Preacher—Rev. E. T. Pegg, Vicar of Ripley. Tea in schools at 5 p.m. Meeting after tea.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—Preliminary Notice.—The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, May 15th. Circulars in due course.

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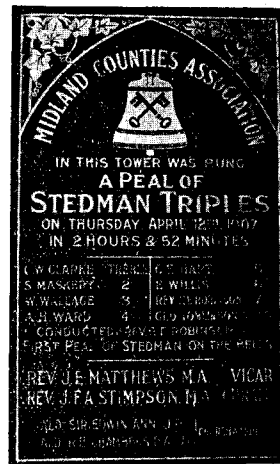
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INSTITUTION OF VICAR AT GREAT ST. MARY'S CAMBRIDGE.

On Monday, March 22nd, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, M.A., Fellow and late Senior Dean of Trinity College, was instituted and inducted to the combined benefices of St. Mary the Great and St. Michael, Cambridge. The Bishop of Ely performed the ceremony of institution, and gave an earnest and eloquent address. The service was intoned by the Rev. A. H. Walker, the lessons being read by Canon Hargrove, rural dean of Cambridge, and Professor Stanton. The Master of Trinity represented the Patrons (Trinity College), and many clergy of the town and neighbourhood attended in their robes. There was a large congregation. The Archdeacon of Ely, who has just resigned St. Mary's after a long incumbency, inducted his successor into both churches.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR,

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SAMUEL J. BIRD* 5.	ALBERT W. COLES Tenor.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Lamb, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. *Fiftieth peal.

The Provinces.**OTLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, February 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES RALPH Treble.	WILLIAM D. CLOUGH 5.
ALFRED LEBSON* 2.	JOHN NELSON 6.
JOHN B. JACKSON 3.	JAMES HORNER 7.
WILLIAM B. SMITH 4.	FREDERICK W. DIXON Tenor.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and Conducted by F. W. DIXON.

*First peal.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, February 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TEURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lbs.

CLEMENT GLENN Treble.	CHARLES J. NORTH 5.
TOM O'HARA 2.	SIDNEY F. PALMER 6.
JOSEPH ATKIN 3.	R. WILFRED COLLIER 7.
WILLIAM BURGAR 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers tender their best thanks to the Vicar for kindly entertaining them to tea after the peal.

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

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, March 4, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and six 720s of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM PIERCE Treble.	GEORGE EASTHAUGH 4.
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT 2.	JAMES HOWARD 5.
JOHN O'NEILL 3.	JOHN PUNCHARD Tenor.

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, March 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

S. GRATER Treble.	J. ELSWORTHY 5.
E. MUNDAY 2.	R. GRATER 6.
W. GRATER 3.	J. HART 7.
J. GRATER, JUN. 4.	F. NEWCOMBE Tenor.

Conducted by E. MUNDAY.

Rung on the birthday of Lewis Mackenzie, esq., F.R.C.S. Eng., J.P., President of the Society.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, March 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

JOHN H. R. FREEBORN .. Treble.	HARRY JUDGE 5.
GEORGE E. STONE 2.	WILLIAM STONE 6.
HERBERT E. BEESLEY .. 3.	FREDERICK WEBB 7.
WILLIAM JUDGE 4.	JOHN RICHARDS Tenor.

Conducted by H. C. JUDGE.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. Treble.	WILLIAM DENT 5.
HARRY SMITH 2.	HORACE F. MOORE 6.
WILLIAM FAYERS* 3.	*ELIJAH BRADFIELD 7.
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON* 4.	ARTHUR SYMONDS Tenor.

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

*First peal in the method. Arranged for the 6th and 7th ringers.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES DOWLER Treble.	WILLIAM H. WEBB 5.
HARRY PRICE 2.	ALFRED HACKETT 6.
VICTOR WHITE 3.	*ALFRED DAVIES 7.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 4.	MATTHEW HACKETT Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

*First peal of Stedman as conductor.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, March 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDWARD CHAPMAN Treble.	EDWARD F. COLE 5.
ERNEST BONFIELD* 2.	RICHARD BEVAN 6.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 3.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	FRANK SMITH Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

*First peal in the method.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT GREEN Treble.	ROBERT W. JENNISON .. 5.
JOHNNY EDMONDSON .. 2.	SAMUEL BATEMAN .. 6.
MARQUIS W. LUND .. 3.	*JOHN HALL .. 7.
THOMAS BANCROFT .. 4.	SMITH MURGATROYD .. Tenor.

Composed by W. MALLINSON, and Conducted by THOS. BANCROFT.

*First peal with a bob bell.

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 6.
SAMUEL J. BIRD 3.	SGT.-MAJOR A. PYE .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

ARTHUR G. BASON Treble.	GEORGE ARCHER .. 5.
ARTHUR LEEDER 2.	CLEMENT MORE .. 6.
JOHN SMITH 3.	WILLIAM CHENERY .. 7.
WILLIAM SALTER 4.	JOHN SOUTER Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by J. SOUTER.

Rung in honour of the birthday of W. Chenery, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. The ringer of the treble is only 14 years of age.

PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 9, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

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

WM. BIRKS Treble.	J. C. BOOTH .. 5.
REV. CHAS. B. D. FARROW .. 2.	J. W. CORDINGLEY .. 6.
REV. R. P. FARROW .. 3.	JAMES W. BAKENDALE .. 7.
SAMUEL WARD 4.	PRATT, CORDINGLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by PRATT CORDINGLEY.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, March 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt.

DANIEL PRENTICE Treble.	*WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 6.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTEB, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*100th peal. Rung to celebrate the 81st birthday of Mrs. Harriet Motts, mother of James and William Motts. Further reference elsewhere.

Peal-Boards made by JAMES HUNT, Change Ringer, of 191 Dapdune Road, Guildford, meet with great favour

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Violet, College Pleasure, College Exercise,
London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

WALTER G. ROWE Treble.	HENRY W. WILKES .. 4.
ALBERT MARKS 2.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 5.
CHARLES J. FRAY 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First 5040 in seven Treble Bob methods in the county, and by all the band except the conductor, and was rung to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Williams, mother of the conductor, who completed her 90th year on the 8th inst.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, and Oxford.

CHARLES J. SALLAWAY .. Treble.	REV. C. B. D. FARROW .. 4.
EDWARD ODDY 2.	GEORGE BOLLAND .. 5.
REV. R. P. FARROW .. 3.	SAMUEL ODDY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

Arranged for the brothers Farrow, who were paying a visit to their native village.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Treble.	CHARLES H. CLARKE .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 6.
EDWARD EVANS 3.	CHARLES W. PARKER .. 7.
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 4.	JAMES MOTTS Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

WATTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Court.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR PHILLIPS Treble.	EDWARD H. KING .. 4.
HENRY WALLACE 2.	BARNARD PATMORE .. 5.
FREDERICK WILLIAMS .. 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

JAMES LITTLE* Treble.	CHARLES SMITH .. 5.
JOHN C. TRUSS 2.	ARTHUR WALKER .. 6.
JOHN EVANS 3.	THOMAS PRICE .. 7.
JESSE ELDRIDGE .. 4.	GEORGE MARTIN .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

*First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 5.
ISAAC EMERY 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
WILLIAM HEWITT 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND
DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY .. Treble.	SYDNEY KEIGHLEY .. 5.
ROBERT CHILD 2.	JAMES WM. BAXENDALE .. 6.
J. W. T. HOLGATE 3.	CHARLES PRATT 7.
WALTER POPPLEWELL .. 4.	FRED PAGE Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by CHARLES PRATT.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 14 cwt.

JESSE GILLET .. Treble.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. 5.
GEORGE MILEHAM 2.	JOHN AUSTIN 6.
THOMAS BALDWIN 3.	JOHN W. DAVIS 7.
GEORGE CONDICK 4.	FREDERICK SANDFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. W. Davis.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN DARLINGTON .. Treble.	FRED PAGE 5.
GEORGE A. SMITH 2.	SIDNEY CHURTON 6.
ARTHUR A. CLAY 3.	WILLIAM CARTER 7.
CHARLES PAGE 4.	JOHN JOHNSON Tenor.

Composed by WM. HARRISON, and Conducted by J. JOHNSON.

*First peal. This is A. G. Smith's 50th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 13, 1909, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM WENMAN .. Treble.	CHARLES W. BRETT .. 5.
FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 2.	HARRY BARTON 6.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 3.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. 4.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

First peal in the method by all the band.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5043 CHANGES.

ALBERT E. BLUNDELL .. Treble.	JOHN C. ADAMS 6.
JAMES E. GROVES 2.	THOMAS H. REEVES .. 7.
THOMAS J. ELTON 3.	*JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 8.
WILLIAM FISHER 4.	HERBERT KNIGHT 9.
GEORGE HUGHES 5.	REUBEN HALL Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Cinques, and as a birthday compliment to J. E. Groves.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Single Court, two 720s of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob,

SIDNEY COOPER .. Treble.	HENRY CUNNINGTON .. 4.
HERBERT REED 2.	ARTHUR J. HOLMES .. 5.
JOHN W. LAKE 3.	CHARLES NEAVERSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES NEAVERSON.

First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since they have been tuned and rehung, the "go" being excellent.

GLASBURY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HERFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 14, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 15 cwt.

LEONARD LEWIS* .. Treble.	LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS .. 4.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. 5.
EDGAR JONES* 3.	WILLIAM DREW Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS.

*First peal.

PENDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY)

On Monday, March 15, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lbs. to E.

FRANCIS SMITH .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. SHUKER .. 5.
GEORGE E. TURNER .. 2.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 6.
JOSEPH TURNER 3.	SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. 7.
ALFRED CROSS 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

CHARLES DRAPER .. Treble.	JOHN T. BUTLER 5.
E. GOBY 2.	WALTER ALLWOOD .. 6.
HERBERT DAY 3.	JOHN FLOWER 7.
SAMUEL WESLEY 4.	JOHN P. TARTLTON .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by J. P. TARTLTON.

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

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, March 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

CHARLES DICKENS Treble.	PERCY O. LAFLIN 7.
FREDERICK DICKENS 2.	THOMAS RUSSAM 8.
EDMUND J. HYLAND 3.	JOHN NEAL 9.
THOMAS H. REEVES 4.	ALF PADDON SMITH 10.
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 5.	JAMES E. GROVES 11.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 6.	SIDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This composition, now rung for the first time, has the 6th thirty-seven courses at home in the tittums position. Rung as a birthday compliment to Sidney J. Jessop, the usual congratulations being tendered him.

Handbell Peals.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 5, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

IN ST. MARY'S BELFRY,

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

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

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

*First in the method on handbells.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT 10, WELLGATE,

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

CHARLES J. NORTH 1-2.	ALBERT NASH 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4.	*JOHN THORPE 7-8.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—George Oakes. This and the following peal were arranged for C. J. North. *Fiftieth peal.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT 10, WELLGATE,

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

ALBERT NASH 1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN 5-6.
SIDNEY F. PALMER 3-4.	CHARLES J. NORTH 7-8.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—George Oakes. *First handbell peal with an inside pair.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 4, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT HERSHAM SCHOOLS,

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

CHARLES J. HAMBLIN 1-2.	GEORGE EDSEER, JUN. 5-6.
ARTHUR SHEPHERD 3-4.	JOHN EMERY 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE EDSEER, JUN.

Umpire—William Woodrow. Rung as a farewell peal to Charles J. Hamblin, who is leaving the neighbourhood.

Date Touches.

ROYSTON (Herts.)—On Sunday, March 21st, at the parish church, a date touch of Minor, 1909 changes, being 720 each of Violet and Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Woodbine, and 109 Plain Bob, in 1 hr. 5 mins. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. Rung as a welcome to the Lord Bishop of Colchester, on his first visit to Royston to perform the rite of Confirmation.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTH HACKNEY.—On Sunday morning, February 14th, for Divine Service, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. H. J. Wrigley, S. Bird, R. Sanders, H. C. Alford, H. May, D. Elliott, H. F. Hull conductor, A. Riley. On Sunday morning, March 14th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. A. W. Barker, R. Elliott, R. Green, J. Bullock, H. F. Hull, H. Franks conductor, H. C. Alford, A. Joyce.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks.)—On Sunday evening, February 21st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. V. Sear, H. Sear conductor, A. Crane, W. Sear, L. Meager, E. Marks, F. Whitehead, F. Morley. Composed by J. George, of Rugby. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. Leslie Norris, Vicar of Chesterton, Oxon., late of Newton Longville, Bucks.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

NORTHOP (Flintshire)—On Wednesday, March 10th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. J. T. Hopwood, G. Dymont, J. E. Usher, —. Davies, H. Jones, J. W. Davies, W. Short conductor, E. Messham.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 10th, for evening service, 560 Bob Major. A. Smith, G. Upshall, F. Elliott, W. Lowman, A. Baigent, E. Newell, T. Upshall, C. Edwards conductor. On January 12th, for practice, a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Russell, G. Upshall, W. Bashford, W. Lowman, F. Elliott, E. Newell, T. Upshall, C. Edwards. First course of Treble Bob Major by all except the ringers of the 3rd, 5th, and tenor, and probably the first course in the method on the bells. On February 16th, for C.E.M.S. service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. H. Kimber, A. J. Le Clercq, C. Edwards conductor, W. Lowman, E. Clapshaw, F. Elliott, J. Russell, W. Sherfield. After service 720 Bob Major. A. Baigent, G. Upshall, W. Bashford, F. Elliott, F. A. Barnett, E. Newell, T. Upshall, C. Edwards conductor. On February 18th, for service, 578 Oxford Bob Triples. A. Le Clercq, C. Edwards conductor, G. Upshall, W. Lowman, A. Baigent, F. Elliott, T. Upshall, W. Sherfield. First in the method on the bells, and by all the band. On March 9th, 210 in the same method, being E. Clapshaw's first touch in the method. And a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. F. A. Barnett (first course in the method), G. Upshall, W. Bashford, W. Lowman, J. W. Russell, F. Elliott, T. Upshall, C. Edwards. On Sunday, March 7th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. King, A. Le Clercq, G. Upshall, W. Lowman, E. Clapshaw, F. W. Elliott (first 504 as conductor), E. Newell, W. Sherfield. On Sunday, March 21st, for morning service, 532 Oxford Bob Triples. E. Clapshaw, G. Upshall, W. Bashford, W. Lowman, C. Edwards conductor, T. Upshall, E. Newell, W. Sherfield.

NEW BRENTFORD (Middlesex).—On Saturday, March 20th, at the church of St. Laurence, 720 Bob Minor, 240 of Grandsire, and several 120s of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. T. Beadle, A. George, W. Lidbetter, C. Dell, F. Goddard, G. Spencer, A. Sheard, J. Merrick, A. R. Macdonald.

Obituary.**ERNEST JOHN STRICLAND
ANDREW.**

It is with profound regret that we have to record the death of the above ringer, who died on February 16th at St. Boniface hospital, Manitoba, Canada, of typhoid fever. The deceased was only twenty-five years of age, and was a member of the Gloucester and Bristol and Bath and Wells Association. He had been a change-ringer about three years, and had mastered all the Standard methods, having called two peals of Grandsire Doubles. His death came as a shock to his many ringing friends in Bristol, as he was of a kindly disposition, and respected by all who knew him. The members of St. Stephen's Guild rang a course each of Cambridge Royal, London Major, and Stedman Caters muffled on St. Stephen's bells to his

memory, and at Emmanuel church, Clifton, where he was formerly conductor, some of his intimate friends rang a muffled touch of Stedman Triples, also a course of Bob Major. R. Channings, W. Rawlings, A. Allen, A. Huggins, C. Rawlings, E. Guise, W. Apperley, H. Brownjohn.

W. MANSFIELD.

Members of the Essex Association will regret to hear of the sudden death of one of their oldest ringing friends in the person of the above ringer of Maldon, who passed away on March 5th, at the age of 71. He was in usual spirits and health before retiring on the previous evening, but he passed away during the early hours of the morning. Mr. Mansfield was present at the meeting when the Essex Association was first formed in 1879. He very rarely missed the annual Whit-Monday meeting at Chelmsford. Although not prominent

in the peal-ringing circles, he was an ardent lover of the Art, being a regular attendant at both All Saints and St. Mary's towers for practice, and always ready to instruct and help beginners. He was laid to rest in Maldon Cemetery on March 9th, his brother-ringers attending the funeral.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

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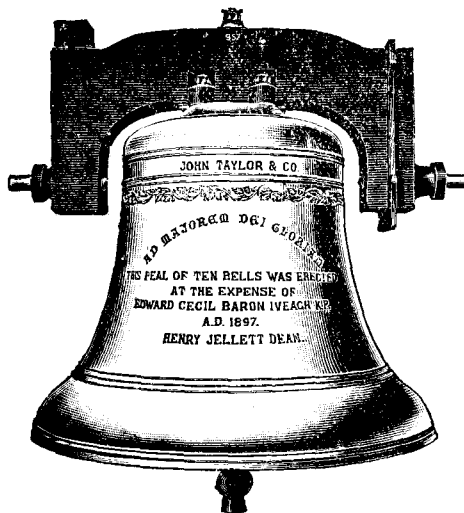
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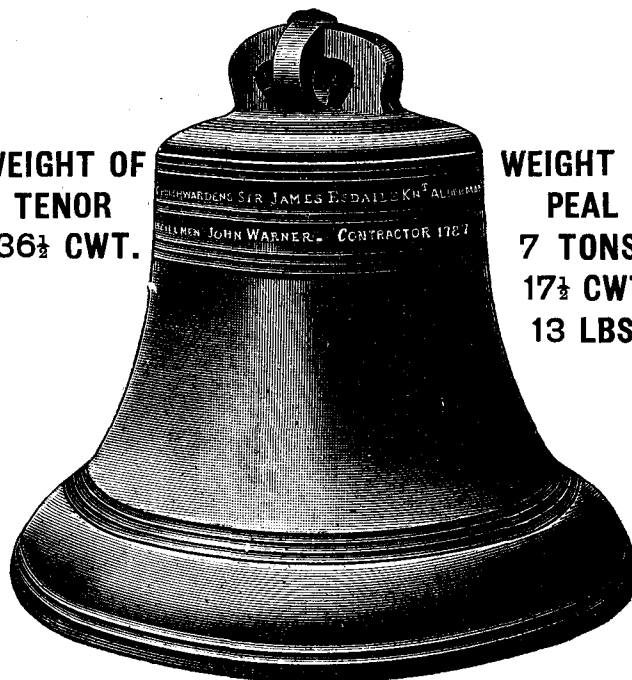
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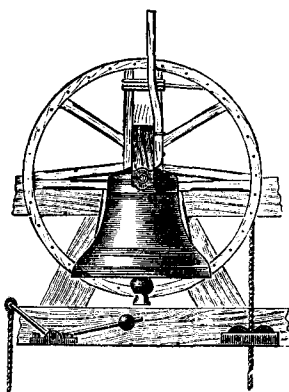
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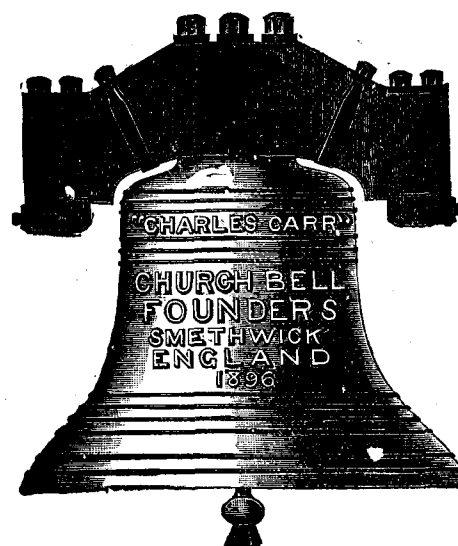
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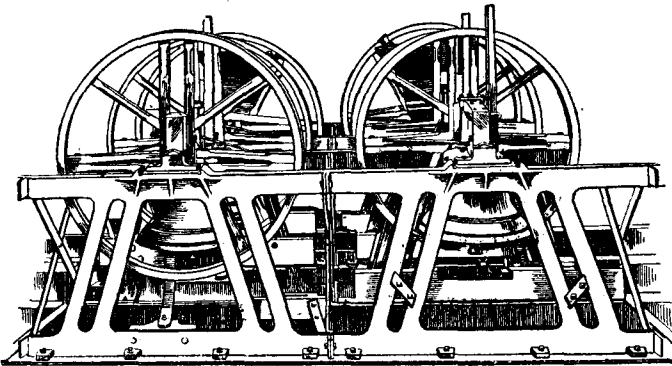
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CATTISTOCK, DORSET.

The tower of Cattistock contains thirty-five bells by Van Aschott, of Louvain, Belgium. The back eight are hung on one stage, tenor $19\frac{1}{4}$ cwt., treble $2\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. On account of their relative diameters the trebles are weak and make a very unsatisfactory ringing peal.

The other twenty-seven bells are in the storey above, and are exclusively for tune playing. They are very beautiful, the smallest one is only a few pounds. The whole can be played from a key and pedal board, and the eight small bells are played by the clock every hour.

If any one wants to hear something fine he should go Antwerp Cathedral, ninety-nine bells, tenor eight tons, treble 15-ins. round, performances Monday night and Friday mid-day by a carillonneur. A little piece of a French opera, however intricate, can be beautifully played. I never heard anything in bells more lovely.

Bruges, Louvain and Mechlin, all in Belgium, have carillons, though not so large as Antwerp, and at Amsterdam and Rotterdam there are some very nice smaller carillons, and one in Paris at St. Jermain l'Auxerrois (forty-two bells). Bruges has about forty-five bells. A man goes to Cattistock once a year from Belgium to give a performance, and they give a garden party near the church for people to come and hear. Cattistock ringing chamber is a very well organised one, and so is the whole apparatus, a beautiful piece of machinery. There is no change-ringing worth talking about in this part of the kingdom, and at Cattistock it will be hard, as the two trebles of the ringing eight are so weak. The clock plays every hour on the smaller bells, but in the Netherlands the tunes, or rather bars of tunes, take place about every twelve minutes. The beauty of these small Belgium bells is very great, like silver flutes; would we had more of them in these Islands. Antwerp bells seemed perfectly in tune, and I have spent some time there listening carefully. It is rare to find such old bells well in tune. Tune playing at once shews if anything is wrong, needless to say.

S. M. D.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20th, the inhabitants of Brentwood, near the church, assembled at their cottage doors and gates wondering what the ringing of their church bells meant. But it was only a meeting of members of the South Eastern District of the above Association that had caused the alarm. The Rev. A. C. Newton, Vicar of Brentwood, had kindly given permission for the bells, and the local steeplekeeper, Mr. Burgess, had everything in readiness for the visitors, so at 4.30 p.m. the bells were ringing merrily out. At 5.30 all adjourned to the Coffee Tavern for tea. The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Vicar of

Great Totham, presided, supported by the Rev. L. S. Clarke (Shenfield). Members were present from Great and Little Bentley, Baddow, Boreham, Chelmsford, Galleywood, Romford, South Weald, Great Totham and Writtle, twenty-seven in all sitting down. Tea over the minutes of the annual meeting were passed, the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre remarking that it was the first information he had had of the change in the district Mastership. [This gentleman should read "THE BELL NEWS."] Two new members were elected and four members re-elected. Rayleigh was chosen for the summer meeting to be held in July. There being no other business an opportunity was here taken of reminding the members of the forthcoming testimonial to their Master, the Rev. Canon Papillon, who is retiring in June next. All members are asked to make an effort to attend the annual meeting at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday next. The Bishop of St. Albans has kindly promised to give an address at the service and preside at the meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. A. C. Newton for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Burgess for having everything ready. The tower was again the centre of attraction, the bells running to the tune of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich, with a little Bob Minor in between to give one and all an opportunity to ring on this fine peal.

A BELL WITH LIMITATIONS.

A bell cast in 1831 for Witham-on-the-Hill has a poem moulded on its side:—

'Twas not to prosper pride or hate
William Augustus Johnson gave me;
But peace and joy to celebrate
And call to prayer to heaven to save ye.
Then keep the terms and e'er remember
May 29 ye must not ring;
Nor yet the 5 of each November,
Nor on the coming of a King.

Mr. Johnson, or whoever inspired this singular rhyme, would appear to have been a Jacobite; but one suspects that his bell, subordinating politics as to manners, rang as gaily as any for the coronation of King Edward VII.

A CHURCH AS AN ALMANACK.

In the tower of St. Botolph's church, Boston, are 365 steps, corresponding to the days in the year; the church has 12 pillars, 52 windows, and 7 doors, representing the months, weeks, and days in a week. In the porch, at the west end of the church, are 24 steps (ascending to the library above), representing the hours of the day. Again, on each side of the choir there are 60 steps, leading to the roof, denoting on the one side the minutes and on the other the seconds of the hour. Whether the 4 storeys in the tower may have been intended to represent the quarters of the year is an open question.

Peal-Boards made by JAMES HUNT, Change Ringer, of 191 Dardane Road, Guildford, meet with great favour.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

May I remind those hon. secretaries of Guilds and Associations whom it may concern that three months have now elapsed since affiliation fees to the Central Council became due? At the moment of writing not half the number of fees expected have arrived, and I earnestly trust that those still due may be forwarded without delay. I hope also that all Reports of Committees and Notices of Motion will reach me in good time, as it is highly inconvenient when these things are driven to the last available moment. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Secretary.*

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, 31 March, 1909.

COMMENTS BY MR. SAMUEL SLATER, OF GLEMSFORD, SUFFOLK.

I was pleased to read the account of the meeting of the Essex Association at Earls Colne in "THE BELL NEWS" of March 20th, and where it came to read that "The old bells were recast into a peal of six, tenor 14 cwt.," it reminded me of being present at the opening of these new bells on St. Andrew's Day, November 30th, 1869, and what took place. When myself and friends entered the tower the bells were ringing out the tune of Treble Bob, and a great number of ringers had arrived. The late Mr. Henry Boswell, of London, was there making arrangements for the various companies in turn to ring. I would just say that the ringers from Halstead, assisted by Mr. Boswell, rung the evening previous the first 720 on the bells—Bob Minor. So on the opening day each company was trying for the first 720 of Treble Bob. Several companies essayed but proved unsuccessful, until the following band rang the first 720 of Kent Treble Bob: John Dyer (Great Tey), 1; Fredk. P. Adams (Glemsford), 2; William Wells (Cavendish), 3; George Thompson (Cavendish), 4; Samuel Slater (Glemsford), 5; John Slater (Glemsford), 6. Conducted by Wm. Wells. I would here state that Mr. Wells and myself are the only two of the band now alive, and that Mr. Wells has resided for a great many years in Australia, close to Rockhampton.

With delight and pleasure I read in last week's "BELL NEWS" the record of Mr. Nevard's 100 peals. I therefore wish to congratulate my friend and brother ringer on the accomplishment of the same. I was not there on this occasion, but this reminds me that I took part in my friend's first peal, which was rung at Long Melford on February 7th, 1885, conducted by Mr. Fredk. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, and duly recorded in this paper. I also see that the company partook of a cordial glass. I would say so did we after we had rung Mr. Nevard's first peal. It came about in the following curious way: a gentleman, a great benefactor to Melford church, came into the town unexpectedly during the ringing of this peal, and on arriving asked what the church bells were ringing for? Someone replied—"Why, to welcome the squire into the town." This so delighted him that he went straight to the clerk's house and asked if he could see the ringers. The reply was "Yes, in about half an hour's time, as they have nearly half an hour more to ring to complete their peal." As he could not stay so long he desired the clerk to take 10s. to the ringers with which to get themselves some refreshments, and also to thank them very kindly

for ringing. This, all may guess, was done, as in most cases peal-ringing bands get but little encouragement and sympathy.

P.S.—I am quite interested in the account of the long peal band at Hythe, Kent, in 1846, given in last week's issue by Mr. P. Hodgkin. I think it is a good record. Kindly allow me to congratulate dear old Mrs. Motts, and wish her many happy returns of her 81st birthday, and sincerely hope that she may live to repeat it many times.

RINGERS' OUTING.

What proved to be an outing of a most enjoyable character, was participated in by the members of the parish church company of Skipton-in-Craven, Yorkshire, on Sunday, February 23rd. This was the outcome of a promise made by Mr. Albert Hunter, of the Dewsbury Motor Garage Company (and a member of the Skipton ringing branch), whilst on a visit to Skipton a few weeks previous, to take his brother-strings for a trip in his taxicabs. The two cabs in which the trip was made, came from Dewsbury in the early morning, and enabled the party to depart from Skipton at 8.45 a.m. Settle was reached at 13 o'clock, and they were privileged to ring for morning service at Holy Ascension church. Continuing the journey, by way of Coppy Nook and Sawley, the party reached Clitheroe at 1.30, where refreshments were partaken of. After an hour's rest, the cabs sped on to Burnley. After having tea at The Bull hotel, the next item was to ring for service at Holy Trinity church (a peal of bells which this company opened just on twenty years' ago). The last stage of the trip was commenced shortly after seven o'clock, and home reached about nine, Mr. Hunter receiving the heartiest thanks for the splendid manner in which he had entertained them.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide a new bell, a flat 6th, as an addition to the existing peal, and thus to form a light octave of the "middle eight" with the 9th bell (19 cwt.) as tenor. The tenor of the full peal of twelve (and, of course, of the back eight) weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £115.

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KETTERING (Northants).—On Tuesday, December 1st, for practice, 1344 Superlative Surprise Major. W. Hordon, E. Chapman, N. F. Turner, C. W. Bird, H. J. Julian, F. W. Sawfoot, D. J. Nicholls, M. A. Turner conductor. On Tuesday, December 15th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. E. Chapman, T. Nichols, R. F. Turner, F. W. Sawfoot, M. A. Turner, A. V. Inns, D. J. Nichols conductor, E. W. Bird. On Christmas Eve, for evening service, 1152 Superlative Surprise Major. M. A. Turner, R. F. Turner, A. E. Payne, E. W. Bird, F. W. Sawfoot, H. J. Julian, J. C. Stratford, D. Nichols conductor. On Thursday, December 17th, on handbells, 1440 Bob Minor. F. W. Gawfoot 1-2, J. Nicholls 3-4 conductor, E. Chapman 5-6.

Correspondence.

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

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

A REQUEST.

SIR,—The frequency one reads in your columns that such and such a peal by Mr. So and So is false leads me to think that the publication of compositions by such authors is absolutely useless to conductors who are unable to prove (and these are not a few). May I, as a conductor, ask why such composers do not first master the proof scale?

G. E. SYMONDS.

10, Queen's Road, Beccles.

REPLY TO MR. INGLESANT.

SIR,—I should like to thank Mr. Inglesant, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," for pointing out the false course in my peals, and in answer to his query as to my object in calling numbers instead of letters, in my opinion it is much easier. I certainly do not mind Mr. Inglesant writing to call attention to the peals being false, as he knows we are all liable to mistakes. I should also like to thank Mr. Pitstow for his letter and advice.

H. MOORE.

PEALS OF DOUBLES.

SIR,—With all due respect to Mr. Jerram, I cannot agree with him. Take, for instance, peals of six bells such as Wrington, with a tenor of 38 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lbs., Queen Camel with a tenor of 36 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lbs., and Congresbury, about 36 cwt. At Wrington and Congresbury change-ringing has not been in vogue long, and a letter like Mr. Jerram's in this week's issue is not the way to encourage young bands who cannot be expected to ring peals of Minor on bells of that weight, and I must say I think Doubles with a covering bell far more musical than without one. I have taken part in one peal of Doubles at Wrington, and it gave me just as much pleasure as other peals I have rung on 8, 10, and 12 bells.

J. H. B. HESSE.

SIR,—In your issue of February 27th "Herefordian" gives his views on what should and what should not be a peal of Grandsire Doubles. Of course, I don't believe in one 6-score being forty-one times repeated, but contend that the best 5040 of Grandsire Doubles is the ten 6-scores, each called differently, three times repeated and two, and as it is rung with plain leads, bobs, and singles, and rung strictly to the Grandsire method. In the towers visited by me where extremes were rung I have always discouraged it as departing from the Grandsire method. As extremes take the place of plain leads, it is only a task for the conductor, as when there is a call every lead the plain lead, which is the most difficult, is cut out. "Herefordian" gives us to understand that this is a bogus peal, but my opinion (for which he asks) is that this is the best 5040 of Grandsire Doubles, as it is rung strictly to the Grandsire method.

W. SHORT.

Clent, Stourbridge.

SIR,—I cannot yet think that "Herefordian's" efforts at journalism are conducive to helping beginners in change-ringing, and although we have his opinion of Doubles, there are many others besides.

To my mind it is immaterial whether you ring ten 120s or forty-two 120s so long as the striking is good, and the 120s honestly rung. It is merely forty-two repetitions of the same changes, therefore let us call a spade a spade, and say that both are bogus 5040 changes, but are admissible by the Central Council, and rightly so, to give the younger members a chance, as we all know what encouragement means to a beginner. The "cooking" of peals that your correspondent refers to is a practice to be strongly condemned.

Referring to instructors, I think most of our organised societies have these, but much good work is done by those who do not get thanked for their services, and may I, Mr. Editor, through these columns, thank Mr. Geo. Billenness, of Rye, for so kindly assisting me to get on a band here at Stone-in-Oxney, able to ring their first local 720 of Minor, but I do hope that "Herefordian" will enclose me with his (promised) card a nice

subscription to help raise funds for two new bells in our tower that we may thus be able to ring a real peal of 5000 changes.

C. W. PLAYER.

SIR,—As one of the members of the struggling Herefordshire Guild who took part in the so-called paltry peal of Grandsire Doubles at Foy, at which "Herefordian" seems greatly upset, I would suggest (if not already in this part of the globe) that he should come and use his talent in a district like ours, and if after a year or two he is still struggling on, then I should consider he was a ringer, as I think the man to complain is Mr. W. Short, for such an eminent ringer as he is to stand in a peal of Doubles, he certainly must have the interest of the guild very much at heart, and I think "Herefordian" would do well to copy him.

As your correspondent, Mr. Player, says, it isn't always the top boys who have the work with a young band. I've no doubt many of our great ringers of to-day can remember the time when they were struggling in a country church tower of five or six bells in Grandsire Doubles.

For many years I have struggled with bands, and it is a great pleasure to me, when I see that a band has accomplished a peal of Grandsire Doubles, and if a peal of Stedman or Minor, so much the better, and all credit due to the band that ring either. But why, Mr. Editor, all this twaddle with a man that is ashamed of his name? Surely he is scarcely worth considering.

JOHN CLARK.

SIR,—Having read the correspondence in your valuable paper re the above, I should like to mention a case which has lately come under my notice. In glancing over a Somerset local paper I saw an account of a peal (or 5040) of Grandsire Doubles rang at the parish church of Yatton, Somerset, on eight bells, with three covers—viz., 7, 6, 8. I also noticed in "THE BELL NEWS" a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Yatton on the same date, February 23rd, 1909, but no mention is made of there being three covers. If your correspondents, J. R. Jerram and "Herefordian," think Doubles on six bells with one cover monstrous, what do they think of such a performance as this?

PLAIN BOB.

SIR,—I should be glad if you could find room in "THE BELL NEWS" to insert this in reply to "Herefordian." If a peal is to consist of 5040 different changes, then I venture to say there have not been many peals rung. If you apply that test, then the fact of one bell striking out of place only once is sufficient to make the peal untrue. "Herefordian" says, "Let a peal of Grandsire Doubles consist of forty-two 120s, each called differently." I am a ringer of thirty years' standing, twenty-eight of which I have been a change-ringing member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and I sincerely beg "Herefordian" to be kind enough to supply me with the forty-two sets of lead ends, so that I may learn these different ways of calling. I have only been able to find ten different ways of calling 120 Grandsire Doubles, and do not believe there are more. It is, I believe, considered "correct form" for these (would-be) great men to despise six-bell ringers and ringing. I have never yet seen or heard of our Guild Master ringing in a six-bell tower, but I have have had the pleasure of ringing Grandsire Doubles here with Mr. Troyte and Mr. J. R. Haworth, but I suppose "Herefordian" is greater than these. I should like to see a little space in "THE BELL NEWS" sometimes devoted to examples of various methods and callings for six bells, and I believe it would be appreciated; I do not see why we should always be left out. It is very little interest to us what constitutes London Surprise Royal, or whether peals of Stedman Triples are true or false, although a false peal of Triples is more to be condemned than 5040 of Doubles. As for ringing Doubles without a covering bell, I may say that the musically-educated class in our congregation would not allow it to be done a second time.

Wargrave, Berks.

W. FULLER.

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.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We are getting plenty of correspondence just now, and very elevating and edifying it is; especially that relating to peals of Doubles. There are instances where newspaper discussion is apt to carry the writers beyond their depth; and this subject is a case in point. So much can be said on both sides that it is almost certain no definite result can be reached. It is true that the word "peal" used to indicate not less than 5000 changes without one repetition, and such indication appears the correct one, if only from long usage. But when we denote a 5040 of the simplest method of Triples as a peal, is not such a performance as seven different methods of Minor to be granted the same honourable nomenclature? That such a performance is more to be esteemed than a simple peal of Triples every one will allow. And yet we cannot call this a "peal" if the word must only denote 5000 changes without one repetition. I expect we shall hear a great deal more about this subject. Five and six-bell ringers are coming forward to defend their opinions, and we may have the correspondence columns full of the subject for some time.

Forty-two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles is regarded in some quarters as an awful infliction both upon ringers and parishioners. It has been hinted that the everlasting monotony of such a performance is mental danger. I quote the following from a leading article: "The terrific strain upon the faculties, combined with the awful monotony, must develop a tendency to brain-softening. Hence we should 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." I don't take this quotation as a joke. O dear no. The ordeal of such a task as 5000 of Grandsire Doubles, as it is called, I should unhesitatingly decline, for I fear it would shatter to pieces my nerval economy. We cannot deny that such feats are generally regarded with suspicion. Doubts are thrown on their records when in print, and for this reason I should advise whenever possible the employment of a referee, or umpire, who could certify to the truth of it afterwards. No doubt such a person could be got, for a consideration; an office however I would not undertake for untold gold.

There is a topic at the present moment much talked about, though many of those who have expressed strong sentiments upon it refrain from publishing their opinions. This is the notice of a special practice by some members of the Chester Guild, whereat the introduction of several methods would not be allowed, or as the notice said, such methods would be "barred." Already some correspondence has appeared, and an article. The notice emanated from the Rev. A. T. Beeston, an accomplished ringer. It stated that at the meeting in question "Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob would be barred." It was pointed out that all Surprise methods came under the Treble Bob classification, in other words all methods with the treble doing what is known as a Treble Bob hunt are practically Treble Bob methods. So that by this inhibition the Surprise methods became "barred." It was also suggested the rev. gentleman had made a mistake, in fact that he had forgotten the Surprise methods were Treble Bob methods. But he did not deign to make any reply whatever to the correspondence on the subject, or answer any question. He in fact sent another notice of a similar meeting to be held.

I think he might have stooped to explain what he meant by Treble Bob being "barred." That would have been but bare courtesy. About the arrangement of such a special practice I

need not say much. Enough that such proceedings will not find favour with the Exercise. There has been too much exclusiveness in the past, and the soreness created by it has not yet vanished from among us. Nothing should be "barred" in the way of method-ringing, especially such a symmetrical method as Grandsire, which is a method much more handsome than several of the "cramp" methods, though the practice of the latter tends to exclusiveness.

I see that the nineteenth part of the Rev. F. E. Robinson's work—"Among the Bells," is published. The rev. Master's ringing career is still continued, and the number contains the usual thirty-two pages, with a photographic illustration of a church on each page. You ought to know that the twentieth part will conclude the work, and the twentieth or last number will appear in July next. It may safely be asserted that there is no publication in existence, or perhaps never will be, where so many illustrations of churches which have bells is given. Here may be found representations of every conceivable kind of church architecture and design, some very peculiar, others which may be thought very inartistic, and others of those noble and classical appearance for which our land is famed. "Among the Bells" is notably a ringer's book, and a copy should be possessed by all. The time will arrive when copies will be at a high premium, and difficult or impossible to lay hold of. Necessary therefore it is that ringers should obtain the numbers at once to place in their library. Perhaps we shall in the next number have a ringer's profile or two, but I hope his reverence will not ask me for my photo. for the purpose.

Mr. R. A. Daniell administered a correction upon my remarks concerning Spitalfields church. I was very pleased to be corrected by such a gentleman as he. He has got most things at his fingers' ends, so to speak, and has the power to rectify any statement which is not in strict accordance with fact. Therefore we are all indebted to him for setting us right by giving the true version of the fire which burned the old tower down.

You will probably remember that in the last paragraph which appeared about a month ago, I referred to the number of officials which the St. Andrew's Society of Rugby had. It was intimated plainly that there was too much officialdom—too many officers for such a small local body. One of these gentlemen has assailed me most unmercifully. However, he keeps pretty clear of the point at issue. Here is what I said: "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, a 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 needs only 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." There certainly was very little to object to in these few remarks.

In the report of the annual meeting of this Rugby society, the master—I beg the gentleman's pardon, the Ringing Master (with capital letters) made a speech, part of which was reported thus: "Eight quarter-peals had been rung during the year, viz.: Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples (2), Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich (3). . . . 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." This last sentence beats all. There used to be in the county of Warwick an insignificant place called "Birmingham," a town of which the Ringing Master of St. Andrew's, Rugby, had evidently never heard of, else he would not have said what he did. How they laughed at this in "Brum."

PLAIN SPEAKER.

Miscellaneous

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

KIDLINGTON (Oxon).—On Sunday, March 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins. F. Webb, R. H. Judge, W. Judge, W. Thorpe, H. G. Judge conductor, J. Franklin, J. H. R. Freeborn, W. Franklin.

LOUGHTON (Bucks).—On Saturday, December 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. H. Cameron, J. Higgins conductor, W. Pether, W. Daniels, G. Clarke, H. Kitchener. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble, 4th, 5th, and tenor. These bells have recently been rehung, and a treble added by Messrs. Bowell and Son, the go being excellent.

WOKINGHAM (Berks).—On January 3rd, at the parish church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. E. Whittingham, F. Paice, W. J. Paice conductor, S. Paice, A. Wiggins, A. Price, J. F. Mattingley, A. Aldridge (first quarter-peal).

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECCLES (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, the 7th inst., at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triple, 1260 changes, in 43 mins. Thomas Bentley, Edward Oldfield, James Barratt, John Myles conductor, Malcolm Oldfield, Edward Stubbs, John Baguley, Amos Trippier.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Sunday, March 22nd, at St. Peter's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 45 mins. R. H. Cobden, V. Gosling, T. R. Flint, E. H. Oliver, J. Clarke, F. Knibb, Wm. Bellamy conductor, C. E. Barnes. All are members of the above church.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MISTLEY.—On January 10, at St. Mary's, for evensong, 360 Plain Bob and 180 Plain Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob. After service 720 Kent Treble Bob. P. Almond, J. Tippins, F. Souter, J. Souter, J. Bowel, W. Honeywood, J. Taylor, W. J. Nevard conductor, Rev. Noel H. Johnson. Nevard and Almond hail from Gt. Bentley, Bowel and Taylor from Gt. Bramley, the rest are the local company. This was rung as a farewell to the Rev. Noel H. Johnson, who is leaving here to take up his duties in India. Mr. Nevard, on behalf of the ringers, spoke in feeling terms as to his services as a ringing member and to the new sphere of duty that he is about to undertake.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

CUBITT TOWN.—On Tuesday, March 9th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. Harold Clark, Thomas Cranfield, T. H. Hawkins, R. Sanders, F. Newman, S. Bird, A. W. Coles conductor, D. Hodgson. First quarter-peal by the ringer of the treble, and first with a bob bell by the ringer of the 3rd. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Clark, the ringers wishing him the usual compliments.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST CLANDON.—On Sunday, February 14th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, for Divine Service, 1440 of Surprise Minor, being 340 each of London, Wells, Cambridge, Canterbury, Worcester, and York. F. Day, H. Blackman, R. Blake, T.

Goacker, W. Day, F. Bennett conductor. Also on the occasion of Lord Onslow's birthday a 720 of York Surprise was rung by the same band except the 2nd, which was rung by W. Savage.

HOLLOWAY.—On Sunday, January 24th, for evening service at St. Mary Magdalene Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. F. Cornford, H. Brookes, H. Ranzetta, A. Hart, C. H. Copeland, A. Turner conductor H. Franks, W. Pateman. First by treble and tenor ringers, and first as conductor. On Thursday, February 4th, at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, E.C., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. F. Cornford, H. Brookes, A. Hart, H. Ranzetta conductor, A. Turner, H. Franks, R. F. Deal, W. Pateman. Rung as a compliment to H. Ranzetta on his 17th birthday, it being his first attempt to call a quarter-peal. On Saturday, February 6th, at St. Mary's, Islington, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. D. Barker, H. Brookes, A. Hart, H. Ranzetta, R. F. Deal, H. Franks conductor, A. Turner, J. Bullock. First quarter-peal by treble and tenor ringers. On Saturday, February 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Hotton (first quarter-peal), H. Ranzetta, H. Franks, A. Hart, J. Barry, A. Turner conductor, J. Bullock, A. Riley. On Sunday, March 21st, after morning service, at St. James's, Clerkenwell, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. D. Barker, R. Green, J. Bullock, H. Ranzetta, A. Turner, H. Franks conductor, R. F. Deal, A. Riley.

PINCHBECK (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, March 21st, for evening service, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. T. Taylor, J. Westland, C. W. Smith conductor, G. Ladd, J. Curry, W. Pickworth.

WILLESDEN.—On Sunday morning, March 21st, at the parish church, for Divine Service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Rickwood, T. Langdon, G. Chalkley, B. Maxim, A. Hill, H. Kilby conductor. For evening service a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Rickwood, T. Langdon, G. Chalkley, B. Maxim, H. Kilby, A. Hill conductor.

CARHAMPTON (Somersetshire).—On Saturday, January 2nd, at the parish church, 2664 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 36 mins. James Watts, William Hoyle, George Stacey, William Bennett, Charles Greedy, Henry Moon conductor.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Sunday, January 3rd, for evening service, Thurstans's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. J. A. Trollope, C. C. Cox conductor, E. R. Mackrill, J. P. Kent, E. Cassell, F. Skevington, A. Whittington, G. W. Coombes.

FELTHAM.—Recently at St. Catherine's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. J. Redden, J. Howes, A. Sheppard, E. Ridgley, A. Dextford, J. Merrick, J. Edwards conductor, M. McDonald.

Obituary.

ROBERT SPARKS.

On February 16th there passed away the soul of the above-named, a member of St. Mary's company, Barnsley, a native of Norfolk. He entered the town in the early seventies, and joined a young company of change-ringers, who, with this infusion of new blood, caused a revival to take place—viz., the practice of Major ringing, which had been neglected in favour of Minor. After marriage he migrated to Ossett, and was widely known in that district, but after several years' absence he returned to the town of his adoption, and whilst health and strength remained he was always willing to take the heavy end in ringing or at his laborious duties; but for a long time an insidious disease in one foot made terrible inroad on what had been a powerful frame and vigorous constitution, and at last, with suddenness, the tender cord was snapped. His peal record would probably number about twenty. He was a member of the following societies:—The Ancient Society of College Youths, the Yorkshire and Sheffield and District. He was followed to the grave by many of his former workmates, and the local company rang the bells muffled with whole pull and stand to the number of fifty-five, that being his age.

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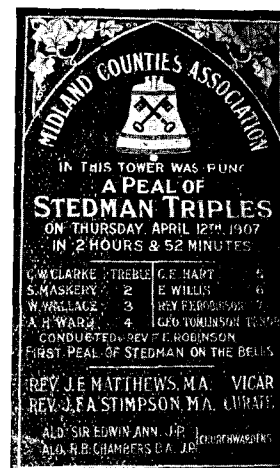
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SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1909.

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The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

RICHARD F. DEAL Treble.	ALBERT TURNER 5
GEO. R. FARDON 2	JAMES R. MACKMAN 6.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3.	SIDNEY A. WRIGHT 7.
ARTHUR HARDING 4.	EDWARD C. EWER Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY A. WRIGHT.

Rung on the birthday anniversary of Messrs. Turner and Winney.

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

On Saturday, March 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKFRIARS ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
ARTHUR N. HARDY 2.	ERNEST BRETT 6.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS 3.	WILLIAM HEWETT 7.
CHARLES J. NORTH 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

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

The Provinces.**CURDRIDGE, HANTS.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD***On Saturday, March 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt. in D.**

ALBERT MEARS* Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
HENRY W. WILKES 2.	EDWIN J. HARDING 6.
LIONEL G. PAGE* 3.	† ANDREW MEARS 7.
WILLIAM T. TUCKER 4.	HENRY C. INGRAM Tenor.

Conducted by **GEORGE WILLIAMS.**

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Arranged for the brothers Mears, who belong to the local band.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Tuesday, March 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

FREDERICK WEBB Treble.	*JOHN MATTHEWS 5.
ALBERT BROOKS 2.	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN .. 6.
JOHN MONK 3.	HARRY C. JUDGE 7.
SAMUEL EYLES 4.	JOHN RICHARDS Tenor.

Composed by **J. W. WASHEROOK**, and Conducted by **H. G. JUDGE.**

*First peal of Stedman. This is the conductor's 100th peal, a list of which will be found elsewhere.

HUNSLET, LEEDS, YORKS.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, March 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt.**

GEORGE W. SLACK Treble.	BENJAMIN SHAW 5.
WILLIAM O. TALBOT* 2.	HENRY LINDSAY 6.
PERCY JOHNSON 3.	*GEORGE MCMALE 7.
WALTER WOOD 4.	HARRY WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by **CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY**, and Conducted by **HARRY WILLIAMS.**

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

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)*On Thursday, March 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.**

CLEMENT GLENN Treble.	EDWIN F. RIPPON 5.
FRANK WILLEY 2.	JOHN W. SMITHSON 6.
WILLIAM BURGAR 3.	SIDNEY F. PALMER 7.
ALBERT W. GLEDSTONE .. 4.	GEORGE O. DIXON Tenor.

Conducted by **CLEMENT GLENN.**

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. George Armitt, who was Scripture reader of this parish for upwards of thirty-six years.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, March 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.**

CORNELIUS BOWEN Treble.	ARTHUR E. MORGAN 5.
FREDERICK ATWELL 2.	JAMES PIPPIN 6.
JOHN BUTLER 3.	FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES .. 7.
JOHN W. JONES 4.	JOHN GODDARD Tenor.

Conducted by **FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES.****SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, March 19, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. Treble.	ERNEST C. DOBBIE 5.
HERBERT E. SIMPSON .. 2.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 6.
ALBERT J. DAY 3.	WILLIAM J. WALKER 7.
WILLIAM SPICE 4.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by **FREDERICK A. HOLDEN.****BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.****THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Friday, March 19, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

WILLIAM QUARTERLY .. Treble.	† WILLIAM WATKINS 4.
HERBERT LAMBERT 2.	ALFRED TOMKINS 5.
WILLIAM CLEMENTS 3.	*THOMAS BRIDGWATER .. Tenor.

Conducted by **ALFRED TOMKINS.**

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. †First peal away from the tenor. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. E. A. Barneby, second son of W. H. Barneby, Esq., patron of the living.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
TAYLOR'S Tenor 11½ cwt.

SAMUEL PILKINGTON* .. Treble.	HERBERT WORMWELL 5.
HARRY ENTWISTLE 2.	TOM REDMAN 6.
RENNIE HARTLEY 3.	RICHARD ASHWORTH 7.
DAVID HEYS 4.	THOMAS MOUNCEY Tenor.

Conducted by **TOM REDMAN.**

*First peal in the method. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Bishop of Burnley. It was also the twentieth anniversary of the opening of the bells.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, March 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT Treble.	SOLOMON ROBINSON, SEN. .. 5.
WILLIAM RHODES 2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 6.
JESSE MOSS 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 7.
SOLOMON ROBINSON, JUN. .. 4.	HARRY MOSS Tenor.

Composed by **A. KNIGHTS**, and Conducted by **JOHN FLINT.**

Rang on the first anniversary of the opening of the new chancel.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, March 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.**

EDWIN BARNETT Treble.	ISAAC EMERY 5.
CHARLES J. NORTH 2.	EDWARD AUDSLEY 6.
CHARLES WILKINS 3.	HUBERT BLACKWELL 7.
WILLIAM HEWETT 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by **FREDK. A. HOLDEN**, and Conducted by **JAMES E. DAVIS.**

Rung as a mark of respect to Mr. David Barnes, ringer and steeple-keeper at the above church, who was interred in the churchyard this day, his lamentable death having occurred the previous Sunday immediately after ringing for evening service through the bursting of a blood-vessel.

FAREHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt

JOHN W. WHITING Treble.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 5.
HENRY W. WILKES 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3.	EDWIN J. HARDING .. 7.
CHARLES J. FRAY* 4.	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Major. First peal of Double Norwich in the county by a resident band.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN B. JACKSON Treble.	WILLIAM B. SMITH 5.
FREDK. W. DIXON 2.	JOHN F. MALLABY 6.
SAMUEL WHEATLEY 3.	EDWIN WHEATER 7.
JOHN MCKELL 4.	FRANCIS BARKER Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS DAY, and Conducted by E. WHEATER.

WYMONDHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, March 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 6-scores of St. Simon's, nine each of Old Doubles and Plain Bob, eight of Canterbury Pleasure and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

JAMES TYSON Treble.	HENRY BELLAMY 4.
JOHN W. WRIGHT 2.	WILLIAM H. DYKE 5.
WALTER E. CLARKE 3.	THOMAS W. GOLLING .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. DYKE.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH ATKIN Treble.	*GEORGE SMITH 5.
SIDNEY F. PALMER 2.	*HERBERT BEARDSHAW .. 6.
EDWIN JAMES 3.	CLEMENT GLENN 7.
WILLIAM BIGGIN 4.	GEORGE O. DIXON Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

*First peal.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

J. MATTHEWS* Treble.	J. WILDBLOOD 5.
J. BRASSINGTON† 2.	T. CARTWRIGHT 6.
W. F. HARTSHORNE 3.	W. CARTWRIGHT 7.
A. ALLMAN 4.	J. BRADSHAW* Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by W. F. HARTSHORNE.

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

NEWINGTON, NEAR SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

WM. G. KITCHINGHAM .. Treble.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 4.
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 5.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND .. 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

First peal on the bells.

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

On Saturday, March 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

G. H. F. WEST Treble.	W. FREEMAN 4.
W. SHARP 2.	F. J. MYNARD 5.
J. LOVELL 3.	E. S. MYNARD Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. MYNARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. S. Mynard, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

FRED JUDGE Treble.	*JOHN MANKTELOW 5.
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 2.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 6.
ROBERT EDWARDS 3.	CHARLES TRIBE 7.
FRED BURDEN 4.	ALFRED BLACKMAN Tenor.

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

*First peal with a bob bell. Fiftieth peal by the conductor, which have been rung in twenty-eight different towers, and conducted twenty-two.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 22, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, and Oxford Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOSEPH G. GRENSTED .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 4.
THOMAS JULL 2.	WILLIAM SPICE 5.
ALBERT J. DAY 3.	JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. GRENSTED.

J. G. Grensted was elected a member previous to starting. Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, who is leaving for Canada, his brother-strings wishing him a safe voyage and prosperity in the new land.

THURMASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE GOSCOTE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 22, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Grandsire, two of Plain Bob, and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. 1 lb. in G.

J. HARRIS Treble.	JAS. POLE 4.
ALICK BRIGES 2.	A. PICKARD 5.
D. ALLITT 3.	ED. SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by ED. SMITH.

Reference elsewhere.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 22, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs. in A flat.

JOHN SOUTER Treble.	THOMAS FORD 5.
ALFRED KEEBLE* 2.	WILLIAM CHINERY 6.
CLEMENT MORE 3.	†HARRY CATTERMOLLE 7.
AUBREY FORD* 4.	GEORGE ARCHER Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by J. SOUTER.

*First peal. †First peal on eight.

BACUP.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 23, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR W. WHITWORTH Treble.	STANLEY PICKUP 5.
GEORGE BROWN 2.	ZEBULON LORD 6.
JOHN SHEPHERD 3.	WILLIAM ASHWORTH 7.
JAMES S. LOMAS 4.	J. H. BARNES Tenor.

Composed by J. THORP, and Conducted by ZEBULON LORD.

First peal in the method by the ringers of the 2nd and 5th. Rung as a compliment to Z. Lord, who has been a ringer for fifty years.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 25 lbs.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE .. Treble.	JAMES MERRICK 5.
HENRY C. CHANDLER .. 2.	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 3.	EDGAR HANCOX 7.
ROBERT E. STAVERT .. 4.	WILLIAM FOSTER Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

Rung as a compliment to W. Lawrence on his fiftieth birthday.

Handbell Peals.ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, March 3, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT 10, WELLGATE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

WILLIAM J. THYNG* .. 1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN 5-6.
ALBERT NASH 3-4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER* .. 7-8.
GEORGE O. DIXON 9-10.	

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

Umpire—George Oakes. *First handbell peal of Caters. Rung on the conductor's birthday, the band wishing him many happy returns.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 9, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

IN THE SCHOOLROOM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

CHARLES J. HAMBLIN .. 1-2.	GEORGE EDSER, JUN. .. 5-6.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 3-4.	GEORGE WOODISS 7-8.
*STEPHEN C. HAMBLIN 9-10.	

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by G. WOODISS.

Umpire—J. Emery. *First peal of Caters. First peal of Caters on handbells by the Association. Arranged as a farewell peal to C. Hamblin and son, who are leaving the village to the great regret of the local band.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH,

A PEAL OF FORWARD ROYAL, 5016 CHANGES.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 1-2.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. 5-6.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 3-4.	R. ALDER GOFTON .. 7-8.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 9-10.	

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

First peal in the method ever rung on handbells, and by all the band except the conductor. This composition has the 6th fifty-five courses wrong in the tittums, and fifty-five right in the home position.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT 33, HOLLY STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM BURGAR* .. 1-2.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. 3-4.	GEORGE O. DIXON .. 7-8.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—John Thorpe. *First peal on handbells.

HEATON, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF J. E. R. KEEN, 88, HOTSPUR STREET.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

R. ALDER GOFTON .. 1-2.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 5-6.
W. H. BARBER 3-4.	J. E. R. KEEN 7-8.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 9-10.	

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 19, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

JOHN B. JACKSON 1-2.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. 5-6.
THOMAS M. THOMPSON .. 3-4.	JOHN FRANCIS MALLABY .. 7-8.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by F. W. DIXON.

Umpires—W. B. Smith and F. W. Hird.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(YORKTOWN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF J. B. HESSEY, 31, HIGHFIELD ROAD, CHERTSEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 1-2.	GEORGE EDSER, JUN. .. 5-6.
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WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. George-in-the-East to-day, Sat., April 3rd, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. F. J. St. John Corbett). The bells which have been recently overhauled by Messrs. Warner, will be raised at 3 p.m. There will be a short service at 4.30 p.m. All ringers and friends of the Association will be heartily welcomed.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle parish church to-day, Sat., April 3rd. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Tunstall to-day, Saturday, April 3rd. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Rev. W. G. KEYWORTH, *Hon. Secs.*

J. JOHNSON,

The Yorkshire Handbell Ringers' Association.—Sixth Annual Tune-ringing Contest on Saturday, April 10th, 1909, at Sunnyvale Gardens, Hipperholme, near Halifax.

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W. H. GIGGLE, *Sec.*

Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Tong on Saturday, April 10th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m.

J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Higher Sutton on Saturday, April 10th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock sharp. All ringers and friends cordially invited. Tea at 5.30. Those wishing to attend, please notify me not later than Monday, April 5th. T. MOTTERSHEAD, *Hon. Sec.*

44, Hobson Street, Macclesfield

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The annual meeting will be held at Leeds on Easter Monday, April 12th. Peal attempt at 10 a.m. Business at The Royal Oak at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.

GEO. W. SLACE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 12th, when the towers of the Cathedral, St. Michael's, and St. Stephen's will be open at 2 p.m., and St. Peter's (owing to service) at 3 o'clock. Meet at 2 p.m. north transept door of the Cathedral.

Evensong at the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with special address to members by the Rev. A. J. Langdon, Rector of Great Munden.

IMPORTANT.—Immediately after the service at 5.40 p.m. Messrs. Cherry and Co. will take a photographic group of the members at the west front of the Cathedral, and I trust that there will be a strong muster. This will be taken free of cost. Messrs. Cherry and Co's studio will be open during the day, and they are giving a 30 per cent. reduction to members, with a special carbon print for the Association album. Meat tea in the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Market Place, at 6 p.m., followed by the annual business meeting. Will secretaries of bands let me know by April 10th, the probable number of their members we may expect for the photographic group and tea.

G. W. CABIMEL, *Hon. Sec.*

"Duffield," St. Albans.

The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will take place at Bolsover on Easter Monday, April 12th. Bells available from noon. By the kindness of the Rev. B. S. Batty, tea will be provided at 4.30 p.m. to those notifying Mr. J. Flint, Oxcroft Lane, not later than Wednesday, April 7th. The Castle and grounds will be open to visitors at 3 p.m. Committee meeting will follow tea.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—The twenty-seventh annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Easter Monday, April 12th. The towers at St. Margaret, St. Martin, St. John, and St. Mark will be open for ringing from 10 a.m., excepting during the time of the tea and business meeting, at which the election of the general officers of the Association and representatives to the Central Council will take place. Committee meeting at 3 o'clock. Tea at 4 o'clock, both at the High Cross Coffee house. Tea 1s. each, will only be provided for those who send in their names to Mr. E. Morris, Gold Street, by Thursday, April 8th.

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

The Essex Association.—South-Western District.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Easter Monday, April 12th. Bells may be raised at 2 p.m. Tea will be provided on the usual terms in the schoolroom for those who notify me by Thursday, April 8th. Professionals and amateurs are all welcomed.

G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*

7, Richmond Terrace, South Woodford.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—The annual general meeting of this Association will be held on Easter Monday, April 12th, at The George hotel, Huntingdon, at 1.30. The Committee will meet at 12.15.

R. L. TWELLS, *General Secretary.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llan-twit-Major on Easter Monday, at 3 o'clock.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *M.A., Hon. Sec.*

JOHN W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thetford on Easter Monday, April 12th. Bells available all day. Dinner at The Green Dragon hotel at 1.30 p.m. Those attending must send notice by April 7th.

CHARLES E. BORRETT, *Sec.*

10, Chester Street, Norwich.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 12th. Service at St. Helen's church at 12.30, with an address by the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean of Worcester. Meeting in the

Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 prompt. The bells (12) at the Cathedral, will it is hoped, be available from 5 to 6, also those at St. Helen's (8), St. Nicholas (6), and St. John's (6). Tea will be provided free for those who send me their names before Wednesday, April 7th.

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

Bransford.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford, Easter Monday, April 12. The ten bells at St. Paul's will be available for ringing from 9 till 11 a.m. from 12 till 1 p.m., from 3 till 5 p.m., and from 6 till 8 p.m. There will also be a room at the Church House, St. Paul's Square, for handbell ringing; also the usual luncheon at the Mission Room, Brace Street, price 1s. 6d. per head, members 1s. Members who wish to be present at luncheon, must inform me not later than Wednesday, April 7th.

REV. A. RUST, *Hon. Secs.*

I. HILLS,

Newnham Avenue, The Embankment, Bedford.

East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Crich on Easter Monday, April 12th. Service in church at 4 p.m. Preacher—Rev. E. T. Pegg, Vicar of Ripley. Tea in schools at 5 p.m. Meeting after tea.

T. ALLISON, *Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild—Ports-mouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Netley on Easter Monday, April 12th. Bells available the whole day. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting after at The Nightingale hotel, Members requiring tea kindly inform me by April 6th. J. W. WHITING, *Dis. Sec.*

Fareham.

The North Wales Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Llandudno on Easter Monday, April 12th, at 3 p.m. in the Church House. Dinner will be provided at The Balmoral at 1.0 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head, and tea at 4.30 at 1s. per head to all who send names in to the undermentioned on or before April 7th. Bells available from 12 noon for remainder of the day, except where services intervene. Address in the church at 2.15 p.m.

S. A. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*

"Lawreston," Llandudno.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at the parish church, Barnet, on Easter Monday, by kind permission of the Rector. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited. The bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. Arrangements will be made for tea at 5 p.m., when the business meeting will be held.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Petworth on Monday, April 12th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business after. All members intending to be present at tea please inform me by Friday, April 9th.

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

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, April 17th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7. All ringers made welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes on Saturday, April 17th. Bells ready at 3. Members intending being present, please send word before Wednesday, April 14th, to

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

1, Railway Street, Garston.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District. The next quarterly meeting of this District will be held at St. John the Evangelist, Penge, S.E., on Saturday, April 24th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. with an address by the Rev. W. Smyly M.A., Vicar, who has also promised to provide tea at 5.30 in the Parochial Hall, Maple Road, for those who send me their names by first post on Wednesday, April 21st. Business meeting after the Vicar presiding.

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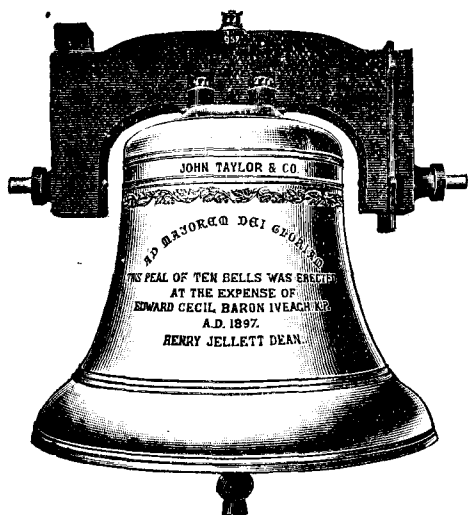
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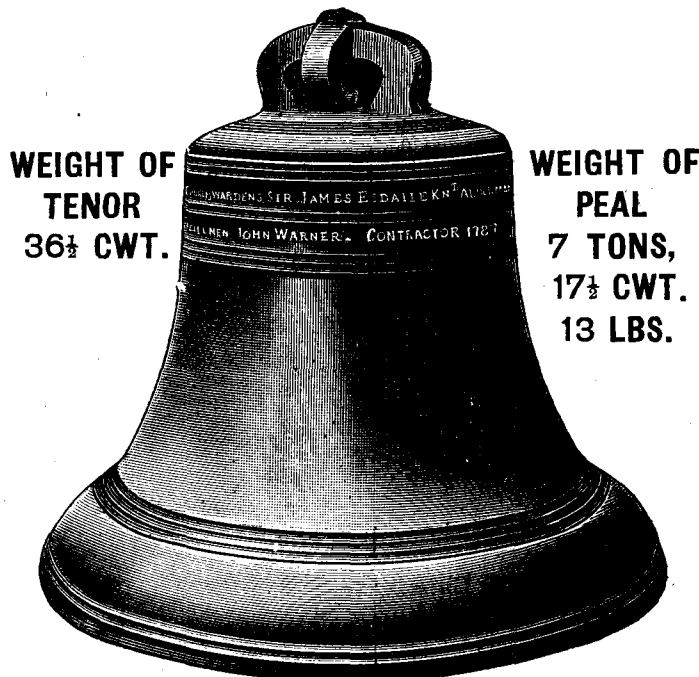
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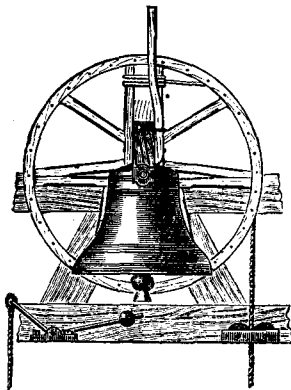
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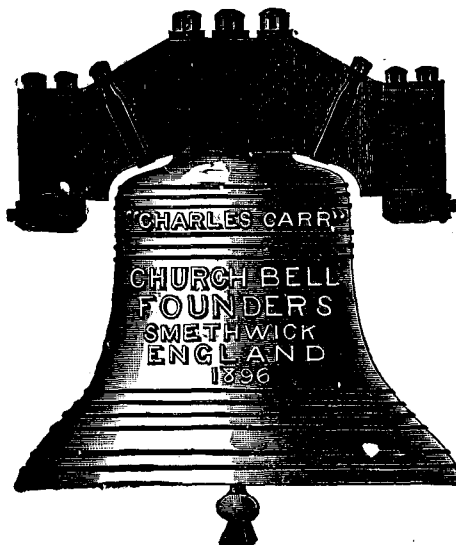
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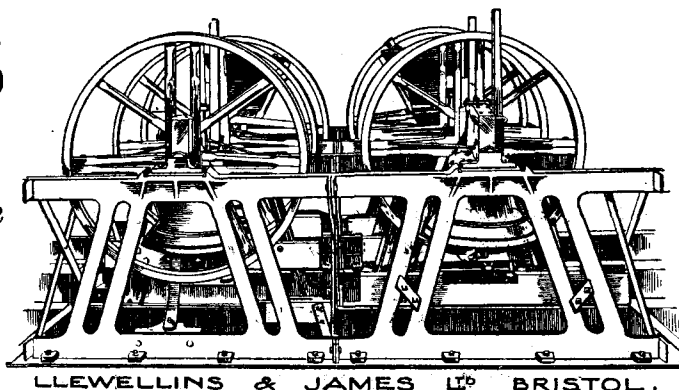
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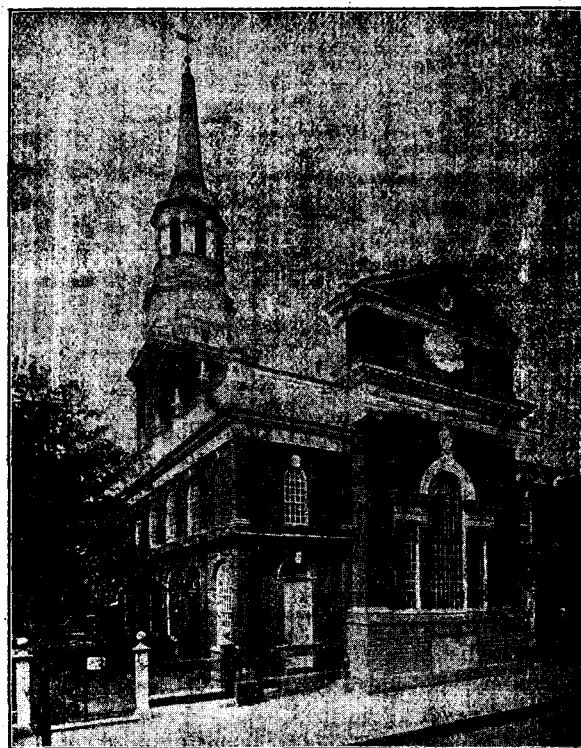
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CHRIST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA.

CHARLES RAHILL.

THE above veteran bell ringer was the last survivor of the band that rang in Philadelphia the first complete peal achieved outside of the British Islands. Having settled in that city he spent there the latter part of his life. Some four years ago he disappeared, and was said to have gone to New Jersey; but repeated efforts to trace him have proved fruitless, and it seems probable therefore that he is no longer living. Should however this apprehension as to his decease turn out to be groundless, he will then have the rare privilege of correcting this premature obituary notice.

Mr. Rahill was not known by me; but having at one time correspondence with him, I suggested that he commit to writing a short account of his life. From his interesting mss., too long to be given *in extenso*, I may quote a few extracts:—

"I was born in Deptford in 1826, being the youngest of my family; and learned to ring in the old church of St. Nicholas, the tower of which is so ancient that the date of its erection is unknown. Grandsire Triples is the only method that I ever had a chance to acquire. I have taken part in six complete peals, of which five were rung in England."

By a strange chance I am able to give the record of Mr. Rahill's first peal, found by my friend Mr. I. G. Shade, in a memorandum book belonging formerly to his deceased father:—

"On Tuesday, October 26, 1847, the following eight members of the Society of Trinity Youths rang in the tower of St. Nicholas, Deptford, a true and complete peal of Grandsire Triples, in 2 hours and 57 mins. Nathaniel Addison, 1; Jesse Town, 2; Charles Rahill, 3; William Pead, 4; Thomas Turpin, 5; John Cox, 6; George Fishenden, 7; William Hill, 8. This peal was conducted by John Cox."

To quote again from Mr. Rahill:—

"I can recall having met Mr. Matthew Wood in 1848, in the ringing-chamber of Deptford old church, where I was then a member of the society of local ringers. Upon this occasion the Cumberland Youths, to which he then belonged, rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, standing as follows; R. Merfield, 1; H. Burwash, 2; James Stitchbury, 3; William Lobb, 4; Henry W. Haley, 5; Matthew Wood, 6; C. Wilson, 7; W. Golding, 8. I had quite a long talk with Mr. Wood before the peal started, and can see him now in my mind's eye with coat off and shirt sleeves rolled up. It would indeed give me much pleasure to meet him once again."

In this same year, 1848, Mr. Rahill left London, landing

in September in New York, going to Philadelphia in the December following. On Sunday, June 9th, 1850, was rung in that city at Christ Church, in 3 hrs. 15 mins., Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, as recorded on a tablet fixed to the walls of the ringing-chamber. The performers were the following:—

Thos. Le Sage, 1; Charles Rahill, 2; Frederic Wade, 3; Henry W. Haley, 4; James Hewett, 5; William Lobb, 6; Edward Sawyer, 7; Richard Dodd and Jno. Davey, 8.

The circumstances under which this band was brought together have been already told in these columns. It will be recalled that four of the above ringers, Messrs. Haley, Sawyer, Lobb, and Hewett, together with a Mr. Kent (not a tower bell ringer), were at that time completing a twelve months' engagement with that prince of showmen and humbugs, Barnum. This company was marvellously superior in handbell work, and under the bogus title of "Lancashire Bell Ringers," had drawn enthusiastic audiences in New York and other cities. Having reached in their circuit Philadelphia, Mr. Haley, the leader of the band, encountered some ringing acquaintances through whom he learned that the Whitechapel ring of bells, cast in 1754, tenor 18 cwt., was in fair order. It therefore occurred to him to attempt to score a peal. Barnum's announcement of this proposed novel performance sufficed to attract a prodigious multitude, that crowded the adjacent streets and housetops, greeting its successful achievement with cheer upon cheer. The ringer of the tenor was the steeplekeeper, who came from Leicestershire. Having rung for 2 hrs. 15 mins., he was compelled by reason of a lame leg to give up the bell to another Englishman from Devonshire, then residing in Philadelphia, who finished the peal. Mr. Kent, by the way, was fated never again to see England. When in the spring of 1851 he was in New York, preparing to embark, he was taken ill and committed to a hospital, where he died.

Mr. Rahill was a house painter, and worked for forty years at his trade. From 1853 to 1854 he lived in New York. Having returned to Philadelphia at the outbreak of the civil war he enlisted, 1861, in the 69th Pennsylvania regiment, and after three years of arduous service was discharged, October, 1864. In 1869 he made a visit to London. From 1865 to 1883 he lived in Wilmington, Delaware. In the latter year a chime of bells was installed in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Philadelphia, and he was appointed by the Vestry bellringer, a position which he held till September, 1897. He was then forced to resign on account of an obscure gastric derangement attended with pronounced nervous and physical depression. Though his health improved he led thereafter a life of retirement, appearing however from time to time in the ringing chamber of Christ Church to listen to the bells or consult the file of "THE BELL NEWS." Never having married, he describes himself as the last of his generation.

Loyal to the country of his adoption as well as to that of his birth, and to the Exercise, his name will be long and affectionately remembered.

Christ Church, though now remote from the residential

part of the city, attracts many worshippers, and is maintained in good repair. The bells are the subject of tender care on the part of the veteran steeplekeeper, David Head, and there is a recrudescence of scientific ringing, whenever competent ringers can be assembled. During the autumn and winter of 1908-9 the bells were rung in changes regularly. The local guild was made up of ten ringers, whose performances received generous recognition from members of the parish.

ARTHUR H. NICHOLS, M.D.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

The usual monthly meeting of the South and West District of this Association was held on Saturday, March 27th. There was a record attendance, members being present from Hounslow, Heston, Isleworth, Feltham, Ealing, Norwood Green, Hillingdon, Hammersmith, Willesden, Colnbrook, Bushey, Old Windsor, Southgate, Tottenham and other places. By kind permission of the Rev. A. E. Bull, the bells of St. Paul's, Hounslow, were at the disposal of the members from 3.30 to 5.30, and were kept going in touches of Stedman, Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and Grandsire, the "go" of the bells being much admired by all present.

The members then journeyed to Heston, and at six o'clock some fifty or more sat down and did ample justice to a good tea, kindly provided by the local ringers. After tea the Rev. H. G. Bird, President of the Association, in a short speech thanked the local ringers for their hospitality; also the Rev. A. E. Bull, for the use of St. Paul's bells. Several new members were initiated, and the usual business of the meeting having been attended to, Mr. King, the worthy Secretary of the Association, addressed the members present. The business part of the meeting then concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for their indispensable services at the tea tables.

The ringers then mounted the old time-worn steps to the belfry, and the bells, which have recently been augmented to eight, were soon merrily going in touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, etc. Several members also visited Norwood Green, and indulged in Minor methods and Stedman Doubles. Shortly after nine the last touch was brought home, and one and all were unanimous in the opinion that it was one of the most successful and enjoyable meetings ever held in the district.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPTS.

All being well, ten members of the Midland Counties Association will attempt a peal of Stedman Caters, 18,027 changes, at All Saints, Loughborough, Leicestershire, on Easter Monday, April 12th, starting at 7 a.m.

On Tuesday, April 13th, ten members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild will attempt a peal of Grandsire Caters, 17,297 changes, at Appleton, Berks., start at 9 a.m.

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A WEST HAM FABLE.

"That was a capital touch of Kent Treble Ten the ringers rang last night," said the ninth to the tenor one morning following the usual practice. "Never do I remember to have heard such music; in fact," continued the ninth, "when you and I came together at the part-ends I felt almost delirious with joy, and could easily have kicked my traces and leaped from the frame with delight."

"Better with reason to be sad, than without reason to be glad," replied the tenor. "I suppose you did not overhear the criticisms levied upon us last evening in the belfry?"

"No," said the ninth. "It was some considerable time before I resumed my usual tranquillity. My joy of the music prolonged my palpitations, disturbing my repose."

"Ah!" said the tenor, sarcastically, "you were evidently intoxicated with the exuberance of your own qualifications."

"I have as yet no reason to undervalue them," said the ninth sharply. "You will soon change your opinions if you but listen to me," said the tenor derisively.

"Proceed," said the ninth. "I shall listen with the deepest interest."

"Among the ringers last evening," commenced the tenor, "was a stranger by the name of Fred Mendelssohn, a reputed musical critic and a psychologist. Harry Long had me in hand, and Teddy Pullhard rang you. Mendelssohn took the third at the back of the clock-case, his ears being so exceptionally perfect as to be able to dispense altogether with rope-sight."

"Dear me," said the ninth wonderingly. "Clever fellow, I should say. What had he to say about you and I and the other eight girls in this steeple?"

"His remarks were not at all flattering I can assure you, especially when he tested you with his tuning-fork," replied the tenor. "In fact I hesitate in telling you, for a little knowledge, in the majority of cases, is a dangerous thing."

"How should knowledge, if it be the truth, become a dangerous thing?" inquired the ninth. "Surely light is preferable to darkness?"

"That may be," answered the tenor, "but at dawn and sunset we apt to stumble, whereas at noon we clearly see our way. A little knowledge, as a little light, is often dangerous. He who thirsts at the fount of truth must not take shallow draughts, but drink deeply of the Pierian Spring for knowledge to be beneficial."

"Then, dear sister," said the ninth, "pray do not hesitate to apprise me of the truth you have to impart."

"The critic Mendelssohn," replied the tenor, "informed the ringers you were nothing but an abomination, and wondered how any sane person could have placed you here beside me. At this the face of the steeplekeeper changed countenance with alarm, and I should not be surprised if he interviews the churchwardens with a view to your being tuned or removed."

"Angels and ministers of grace defend me!" exclaimed the ninth. "Here have I for countless generations been in concert with you, dear tenor, and the rest of my fair sisters, two of whom are sweet trebles, and were placed here many years ago to augment what was generally considered a noble peal. Tell me," continued the ninth, "do you believe the majority of people wrong and this one critic right?"

"The tallest man in a crowd sees the farthest," replied

the tenor, "and in the realms of thought majorities count for nothing."

"But so long as the ears of the multitude be not offended, why disturb ourselves through the critic?" pleaded the ninth. "Still I should like to hear his theoretical reasons for my excommunication."

"He said you were out of unison with the second, nearly a semi-tone too near the eighth, and away from the tenor, and that you were a most offensive third in the lower tetrachord."

"Hold!" shouted the ninth. "Give me to drink Mandragora, that I may sleep away this gap of time. I fear there is now no escaping the metal-pot."

"You need not have any immediate alarm for your safety," replied the tenor assuringly, "seeing you have so long escaped the tuner and bell-founder. Take comfort of the critic's remarks, that the majority of ears are but oyster-shells."

"Did you not say," inquired the ninth, taking courage, "that this Mendelssohn was also a—a—what do you call him?"

"A psychologist, yes," returned the tenor.

"What were his animadversions in that particularly abstruse science?" inquired the ninth.

"They were very brief," replied the tenor, "for no sooner had he commenced to address the ringers, than one of them, Jack Laughlin, switched off the electric current, plunging the whole company into Egyptian darkness. Mendelssohn then seemed to have lost his temper, and was some time in recovering himself and tuning-forks. There was a general stampede for the staircase. Then silence ensued, and I heard no more."

G. F. M.

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MR. JAMES GEORGE.—About three weeks ago this gentleman had a bad fall in Buckinghamshire, which did not develop to any extent until the Sunday following. From that day he has been compelled to keep his bed, not being able to stand or use his right hand. His ringing engagements are thus in abeyance for the present. He was one of the company who are about to attempt the long peal at Loughborough next Monday, but this accident entirely prevents him. May be we shall soon hear of his having recovered.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—F. S. W. Butler has removed from 32, Harrison's Terrace, Gainsborough, to 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

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

PEALS OF DOUBLES.

SIR,—I wish to thank Mr. Short for his courtesy in replying to my queries re the above, and for his very straightforward explanation. I have very little more to say except that I would like to ask Mr. Short if when he is reckoning up his number of peals rung does he or can he conscientiously include these ten 6-scores as peals? I should now like to refer your correspondents to "THE BELL NEWS" of January 30th, 1909, and they will see therein a peal of Doubles rung by the Central Northampton Association at Barton Seagrave in fourteen methods, 360 of each. Now I have a copy of each method, and find that they all take doing, and in the same issue there is a peal of Bob Doubles rung at Talgarth under the auspices of the Hereford Guild. Now I suppose these take doing. I have no more comments to make upon this matter, but I am pleased to see that five and six-bell ringers are getting interested in the subject, and I would ask these gentlemen to decide for themselves which of these performances is worthy to rank as a peal. At the same time I do not wish to see debarred forty-two 120s in one method, each called differently (of course extremes would have to be included in these). I consider this matter vital to five and six-bell ringers, and I hope the matter will be settled when our C.C. meets next Whitsun.

Now one word, Mr. Clark. When writing again will you kindly confine yourself to the subject under discussion, not break away and eulogise Mr. Short's and your own abilities, as I am sure Mr. Short does not wish it, for we all know what he is capable of. Neither do I wish Mr. Clark to give me any of his twaddle of what he is doing, but I do not forget myself that I was taught to pull a bell in Herefordshire, and there I learnt method ringing (only I had to work), and I can probably tell him as much as he would like to know re the doings, but never remember being indebted to Mr. Clark for any information. I wonder what my old friend Mr. Tom Williams, of Eastnor, thinks of these bogus peals, as I know when Tom calls a peal of Doubles he can call forty-two differently. Now Mr. Fuller, when writing next week please don't make personalities; we don't want this, but a fair and friendly discussion. At the same time I must draw his attention to one fact, that is that the gentleman he refers has rung in a number of six-bell towers, and would recommend him to read "Among the Bells," by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. Neither do I wish any comment on my greatness, as probably I am nothing like what he would suppose me to be. I agree with Mr. Fuller in his suggestion re a little space in "THE BELL NEWS" for five and six-bell ringers. I think this would be the means of introducing the paper into a number of towers. I will forward a cheque to Mr. Player after the holidays towards his two trebles. I will now include my card.

C. EDWARDS (Herefordian).

THE YATTON PEAL.

SIR,—I see in your last issue a letter signed "Plain Bob." If he will write me and sign his name I shall be very pleased to answer any question on the Yatton peal he may want to ask.

Taunton.

E. E. BURGESS.

RINGING IN SIX-BELL TOWERS.

SIR,—With reference to page 75 of "THE BELL NEWS" of April 3rd, your correspondent W. Fuller may like to know that the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, has rang in many a six-bell tower. I will quote three—Pangbourne and Whitchurch on October 25th, 1890; Padworth, October 31st, 1890. W. F. will find these records if he will turn up his "BELL NEWS" for the above year, pages 379 and 401.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE.

THE RECENT REFERENCE TO THE HYTHE LONG PEAL.

SIR,—I was greatly interested in Mr. Hodgkin's letter re the Hythe peal. It has been my privilege to stand in with poor old Tom Post. I well remember some years ago the old man coming into the tower at Ashford and ringing the tenor. It

was quite an object lesson to us youngsters to see how he handled the bell, although he was over 70 years of age. On another occasion he came into the tower at Wye; after which I spent a pleasant time with the old gentleman at his home looking through his collection of poems. He was well known locally as the poet ringer. Tears would come to his eyes as he recalled certain events in his career, even such a thing as the loss of a lamb—his calling was that of a shepherd. I believe he also told me that he was entirely self educated. His poems were to have been published, but I have never learnt if it was carried out or not. Perhaps Mr. Hodgkin could inform me if it is correct that some of the band that rang the long peal at Ashford walked from Hythe (fifteen miles) on several occasions before it was accomplished. If I remember rightly it was 11,000 Major; whether Plain or Treble Bob I'm not certain. Reverting to poor old Tom, I remember seeing these lines written on the wall in the Wye ringing chamber, and attributed to him:

Christmas comes but once a year,
And when it doth, it bring'th good cheer;
But our old tenor has gone wrong,
Oh dear! Oh dear! Oh dear!

Kingsdon, Taunton.

G. H. H.

Obituary.

HENRY GEORGE HILL

The death of the above ringer took place on the 14th of February last in the Victoria Park Hospital, after a long illness at the age of 52 years. The funeral took place on the 20th of February at Wickham Cemetery. The first part of the burial service was read in St. Mary's church, the body being carried by four of his brother-ringers, who, after the body had been lowered in the grave, rang a touch of Grandsire Triples on handbells. The coffin was covered with beautiful wreaths, one of which was given by his brother-ringers at St. Mary's, and one was very kindly sent by the Greenwich band. On Sunday a quarter-peal was rung half muffled to his memory, and after the funeral a muffled peal was attempted, but unfortunately came to grief after ringing 3 hrs. The ringers were Messrs. Aldridge, Grove, Watchorn, Pye Beckford, Groombridge, Carter and Bungay. Mr. Hill had been a ringer and steeple-keeper at St. Mary's, Woolwich, for a good many years, an office which he carried out faithfully and well. He was a great lover of the Art, and was always most obliging and ready to help. His loss will be greatly felt, as he was most highly respected by all who knew him.

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Umpire—George Oakes.

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AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. T. T. GOFTON,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;
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Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

First peal of Treble Bob Royal on handbells by the above Association, and by all the band except the conductor.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The bells at Erith were rung half-muffled on Saturday, March 20th, for the late Mr. Barnes; and also Edwin Barnett, sen. rang the treble.**Date Touches.****WIDNES (Lancashire).**—On Thursday, April 1st, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Minor, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 2 mins. J. Wilde, jun., A. Dennett, J. Wilde, sen., J. Witter, W. P. Johnson, R. Johnson composer and conductor. First date touch of Minor by any local company on the bells. The ringers of the 4th, 5th, and 6th are members of the Lancashire Association.**Miscellaneous****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****BLEWBURY (Berks).**—On Wednesday, February 17th, 672 Grandsire Triples. E. Aldridge, E. Humfrey, G. F. James, J. Bower, W. J. Grace, A. R. Bosley composer and conductor, E. Bannister, C. Greenough.**HARWELL (Berks).**—On Sunday, January 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. G. C. Rice, A. R. Bosley, R. G. Rice, T. Hughes, V. R. Hitchman, W. Hitchman conductor.**HAGBOURNE (Berks).**—On Tuesday, January 5th, on handbells, 168 Stedman Triples. R. G. Rice, W. Hitchman, T. Hughes, A. R. Bosley, V. R. Hitchman, J. E. Butler, T. East. And a plain course of Grandsire Caters. H. C. Mulford, G. C. Rice, R. G. Rice, T. Hughes, W. Hitchman, A. R. Bosley, E. E. Napper, J. E. Butler, T. East. Also a plain course of Grandsire Major. G. C. Rice, T. Hughes, W. Hitchman, A. R. Bosley, R. G. Rice, J. E. Butler, T. East.**THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.****PLYMOUTH (Devon).**—On Sunday evening, January 24th, for Divine Service at Charles Church, 1280 Treble Bob Major in 47 mins. E. W. Marsh, W. H. Marsh, F. Hockaday, W. Rundle, G. Williams conductor, W. A. Fowler, W. G. Hiscott, G. H. Myers. First quarter-peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 5th and 6th. First quarter-peal in the method ever rung in the Three Towns.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.****MALVERN LINK (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, January 31st, for Divine Service at the church of St. Matthias, a quarter-peal

of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. R. McCann, E. E. Barber, R. G. Knowles conductor, J. Brown, F. Bryan, F. Hall, H. T. Knowles, A. Richings. First quarter-peal of Stedman with a bob bell by the ringers of the 4th and 5th.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**ST. ALBANS (Herts.)**—On Monday, February 22nd, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal in 56 mins. T. Seymour, W. Little, E. Hull, A. Hull, F. Rice, T. Hull, R. Kirby, H. Lightfoot, J. Porter, H. J. Fewell. First quarter-peal of Royal by the ringers of the 2nd and 5th; also first quarter-peal as conductor.**THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.****BUCKLEY (Flintshire).**—On Monday, February 22nd, at the parish church, 4,200 Stedman Triples in 2 hrs. 30 mins. H. Jones, E. R. Usher, T. J. Price, J. T. Hopwood, S. Berks, J. E. Usher, W. Short conductor, K. Aston,**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.****DARLEY DALE (Derbyshire).**—On Thursday, February 25th, at the parish church, 1280 Bob Major in 45 mins. G. Paulson, Hy. Gregory, Hugh Gregory, F. Travis, J. H. Paulson, A. C. Wright, J. W. Derbyshire, W. Taylor conductor.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.****THURINGTON (Essex).**—On Tuesday, March 30th, for practice, 720 Beverley Surprise. T. Burgess, W. Lancaster, A. Andrews, G. Lancaster, G. A. Andrews, W. J. Nevard conductor. First 720 in the method by all; also the first in the method on the bells. On Sunday afternoon, April 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Beverley Surprise, standing as before, conducted by W. J. Nevard.**FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).**—On Monday, March 15th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Ostler, S. Bonney, H. Smith, W. Flory, W. E. Maulden, F. Whaling conductor.**GILLINGHAM (Dorsetshire).**—On Monday, February 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles on the back six. C. Hughes D'Aeth, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, H. S. Parsons, W. Hughes D'Aeth, H. Mounter conductor, S. Dodington. A peal was attempted, but had to be given up owing to one of the ropes fraying. Both the above quarter-peals are the first respectively on the bells.**MAPLEDURHAM (Oxon.).**—On Saturday, February 6th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Doubles came to grief after ringing 2720 changes in 1 hr. 22 mins., owing to the treble rope breaking. W. Deacon, N. Cox, O. Gilbey, Isabella Frankum, E. G. Frankum conductor, C. Frankum. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Isabella Frankum, who attained her 21st birthday. This is her first attempt for a peal with a bob bell.**PORTISHEAD (Somerset).**—On February 3rd, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. Miss M. Jukes, N. Way, J. Atherton, Miss N. Gillingham conductor, A. Watts, J. Nisbet, W. Gillingham, E. Parry. First quarter-peal by the ringer of the 3rd.**SPALDING.**—On January 26th, at the church of St. Mary and Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. R. Mackman, jun., Rev. C. J. Sturton, F. Bennett, J. B. Halifax, R. Mackman, sen., R. Smith, W. Bennett, G. R. Mackman.**STALBRIDGE (Dorsetshire).**—On Saturday, February 6th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. C. Hughes D'Aeth, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, A. Burns, W. Hughes D'Aeth, H. Mounter conductor, F. Compton.**STONE (Staffordshire).**—On Wednesday, February 17th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Chell, sen., S. Churton conductor, T. Chell, E. Cope, W. Woolley, J. Goodall, P. Preston, J. Abberley.**WESTON-SUPER-MARE.**—On Thursday, January 28th, at St. John's church, for practice, 1800 Grandsire Doubles in 58 mins. W. Tanner, B. Stokes, E. B. Crowder, W. Crandon, J. Ball conductor, C. Thomas. First 1800 on the bells.**WRAGBY (Yorks).**—On Thursday, January 21st, for practice, 720 Treble Bob Minor. A. Adams, O. Hewitt, W. Jackson, J. Easter, G. Harrison, J. Adams conductor.

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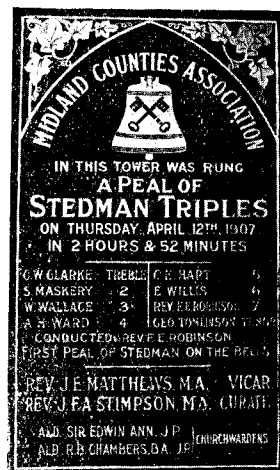
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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

W. J. ALDRIDGE Treble.	H. BECKFORD 5.
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Conducted by R. CARTER.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Beckford, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 30, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

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On Saturday, April 3, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5023 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES J. NORTH* .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 2.	FRANK SMITH 7.
EDWARD F. COLE 3.	THOMAS CARD 8.
ARTHUR R. JACOB 4.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS 9.
ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN* .. 5.	RICHARD BEVAN Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Stedman Caters C. J. North was elected a member previous to starting.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 3, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPIFORD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT J. FORD Treble.	THOMAS TAYLOR 5.
EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 2.	GEORGE E. RAWLINGS .. 6.
ALBERT E. GODDARD .. 3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 4.	THOMAS JAKEMAN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JEFFRIES.

Rung as a 73rd birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THE ST. MARY MAGDALENE SOCIETY, HOLLOWAY.

On Saturday, April 3, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN W. CORNFORD* .. Treble.	HARRY FRANKS 5.
HERBERT BROOKES* 2.	ALBERT TURNER 6.
ARTHUR HART* 3.	RICHARD F. DEAL 7.
HARRY RANZETTA* 4.	*WALTER PATEMAN Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

*First peal. First peal ever rung by a band residing in the parish or borough of Islington. First peal by the Society.

The Provinces.

KINGSLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 24, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES E. LEWIS* Treble.	JOHN HAMMOND 4.
ARZ PREECE 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
WALTER S. EVANS 3.	*ARCHIE GEORGE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HAMMOND.

*First peal. First peal on the bells.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, February 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of New London Pleasure, and two 720s each of Kent, Woodbine, and Oxford. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. MILES .. Treble.	ALFRED J. CHERRYMAN .. 4.
J. W. WHITE 2.	FREDERICK F. TRUSLER .. 5.
GEORGE A. STEELE 3.	FREDERICK W. STEELE .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STEELE.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 15, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt.

BERTIE J. HOWCHIN* .. Treble.	HARRY J. BORRETT 5.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2.	JOHN E. BURTON 6.
ALBERT G. WARNES 3.	*GEORGE MAYERS 7.
FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 4.	CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and

Conducted by CHARLES E. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, and was rung upon the second anniversary of their dedication.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.)

On Saturday, March 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE NORMAN TOWER OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. Treble.	HARRY A. TURNER 5.
WILLIAM DENT 2.	ARTHUR SYMONDS 6.
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON 3.	HORACE E. MOORE 7.
HORACE E. NORMAN .. 4.	ELIJAH BRADFELD Tenor.

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

The composition will be found in the Norwich Association Report for 1899, No. 840.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, March 25, 1909, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 41 cwt.

TOM O'HARA* Treble.	WILLIAM BIGGIN 6.
GEORGE HOLMES 2.	SIDNEY F. PALMER 7.
JOSEPH ATKIN 3.	R. WILFRED COLLIER .. 8.
WILLIAM BURGAR 4.	CLEMENT GLENN 9.
JOHN THORPE 5.	*ERNEST CUTSFORTH Tenor.

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

Rung on the 55th birthday of J. Atkin, and being also his 50th peal, he was heartily congratulated by the band on the double event. *First peal on ten bells.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 27, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BULWER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble.	WILLIAM PEARSON 5.
SIDNEY CLARK 2.	FRANCIS BARKER 6.
HARRY WALTERS 3.	THOMAS M. BARKER 7.
EDWIN WHEATER† 4.	SIDNEY BARNON Tenor.

Conducted by T. M. BARKER.

†First peal in the method.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ERNEST ALDRIDGE Treble.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 5.
ALFRED R. BOSLEY 2.	†GORDON CAUDWELL 6.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 3.	EDGAR HUMFREY 7.
JOHN BOWER 4.	*THOMAS ALDWORTH Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED R. BOSLEY.

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

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, March 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5200 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt.

CHARLES SMITH* Treble	*CHARLES F. WHITE 6.
ALFRED ROWLEY* 2.	*ALFRED DAVIES 7.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL 3.	JOHN SMITH 8.
JOHN BASS* 4.	GEORGE PIGOTT 9.
JOSEPH PIGOTT 5.	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor.

Composed by G. HAYWARD, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal of Treble Ten.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THEURSTAN'S ONE-PART.

WILLIAM FISHER Treble	ROBERT PICKERING 5.
ALFRED FALLON 2.	GEORGE HUGHES 6.
HENRY FARLOW 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT 7.
ALBERT BLUNDELL 4.	WILLIAM BAYLISS Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the respected steeplekeeper, Mr. D. Jones, who through indisposition was unable to take a rope. The band were afterwards entertained to a fine spread through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS J. WATTS Treble	JOHN LUCKEY 5.
WILLIAM WATTS 2.	THOMAS JORDAN 6.
ERNEST A. PITSTOW 3.	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 7.
ARTHUR F. JAMES 4.	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by GEORGE JORDAN.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to commemorate the Induction of the Rev. A. M. Winter, M.A., Vicar of this church.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, March 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5121 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

PERCY O. LAFLIN Treble	*JOHN F. SMALLWOOD 6.
FREDERICK DICKENS 2.	ALF PADDON SMITH 7.
JAMES JONES 3.	THOMAS H. REEVES 8.
JOHN CARTER 4.	JAMES E. GROVES 9.
CHARLES DICKENS 5.	SIDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal of Stedman. This composition, now rang for the first time, has all the 5-2-9-7-8s in the tittms; also the extent (forty courses) with 6-7-8-9 at handstroke. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. P. Smith.

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(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

THOMAS W. GORE Treble	WILLIAM H. PEABODY 5.
GEORGE HOLLIS 2.	JOHN P. TARTON 6.
FRANK JACOBS 3.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON 7.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4.	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

DUBLIN.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 45 cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble	RICHARD LYNCH 6.
HARRY CORRIGAN* 2.	CHEISTOPHER MURRAY 7.
HAROLD GREENE 3.	CONOR O'BRIEN 8.
JOHN A. HUTCHINSON* 4.	JAMES W. TOWNLEY 9.
GEORGE ANNESLEY RUTH 5.	THOMAS GRANT Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

*First peal.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. HEDGES† .. Treble	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. 5.
GEORGE W. BEESLEY 2.	FREDERICK WEBB 6.
HARRY MILES 3.	HARRY G. JUDGE 7.
WILLIAM STONE 4.	*ERNEST RIVERS Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY G. JUDGE.

*First peal. †First peal of Stedman Triples.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S TEN-PART (NO. 1.)

Tenor 21½ cwt.

JOHN LACEY Treble	ARTHUR GRAVETT 5.
GEORGE TOMSETT 2.	ALFRED TOMSETT 6.
RICHARD HOLDER 3.	HERBERT TOMSETT 7.
HENRY J. GRAVETT 4.	FRED WILLEY Tenor.

Conducted by G. TOMSETT.

First peal as conductor. First peal by the treble man.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM DEACON Treble	MISS ISABELLA FRANKUM .. 4.
NELSON COX 2.	ERNEST G. FRANKUM 5.
OSCAR GILBRY 3.	CHARLES M. FRANKUM .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. G. FRANKUM.

It was intended to ring this peal half-muffled, being the anniversary of the death of Captain Adrian Rose (late Royal Horse Guards), but owing to the birth of a daughter to Mrs. Tribe, only daughter of Mr. C. D. Rose, M.P., on that date, the bells were rung open.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, March 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 1 lb in A flat.

FREDERICK S. PASKINS .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 5.
JOHN S. RUMMING 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3.	WILLIAM G. FOWLER .. 7.
LIONEL H. PAGE* 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Major. †First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON Treble.	JAMES HARRIS 5.
THOMAS BOTTRILL 2.	JOHN WILLSON 6.
JOHN CLARKE 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON 7.
DANIEL RICHARDS 4.	W. W. THOMPSON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Further reference elsewhere.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR,
5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

JOHN W. LAKE Treble.	FRED BLOOD 4.
ALBERT LARKINSON 2.	CHARLES NEAVEYSON .. 5.
JAMES OSBORNE 3.	ARTHUR J. HOLMES Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

First Surprise peal on the bells and by all the band. Quickest peal on the bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 29, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5058 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM LOADER* Treble.	†ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 6.
FRANK BLONDELL 2.	*WILLIAM T. COX 7.
ROBERT ROFFEY 3.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN. 8.
HENRY L. GARFATH 4.	JAMES HUNT 9.
MAURICE SMITHER* 5.	*SYDNEY G. STEER Tenor.

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

†First peal of Caters. *First peal of Grandsire Caters. Arranged for E. W. Beckwith.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 29, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM PALMER Treble.	FRANK WITHERS 5.
J. W. TILLEY 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 6.
JOSEPH PIGOTT 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
GEORGE HITCHMAN 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 1, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF LONDON TREBLE BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

J. W. T. HOLGATE* Treble	*WM. B. SMITH 5.
PRATT CORDINGLEY 2.	FRED W. DIXON 6.
SAM WHEATLEY 3.	CHARLES PRATT 7.
WALTER POPPLEWELL .. 4.	*JOHN F. MALLABY Tenor.

Composed by WM. TEBBS, and Conducted by CHARLES PRATT.

*First peal in the method.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 3, 1909, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble.	SAMUEL J. BIRD 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	CHARLES WILKINS 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	SGT.-MAJOR A. PYE 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*250th peal. Rung on the tenth anniversary of the 15,072 Double Norwich Major.

BEESTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 3, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWARD J. BOOT* Treble.	*ARTHUR LOWE 5.
REUBEN CLIFFORD 2.	WILLIAM CLIFFORD, JUN. 6.
WILLIAM CLIFFORD, SEN.* 3.	PERCIVAL PRICE 7.
FREDERICK S. PRICE* .. 4.	*ALBERT COPPOCK Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

*First peal of Kent. First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of W. Clifford, sen.

ROYSTONE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 3, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Tulip, Primrose, College Treble, Arnold's Victory,
City Delight, College Pleasure and London Scholars' Pleasure.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALBERT CROSSMAN Treble.	†HARRY CUTTS 4.
ARTHUR PANTHER 2.	ARTHUR GILL 5.
CHARLES E. BELL* 3.	ALBERT NASH Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

*First peal of Minor. †First peal. First peal by the Barnsley and District Society.

COLNE ENGAIN, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 3, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Canterbury, Plain Bob, Woodbine, New London Pleasure, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM CLARKE* Treble.	JAMES FLEUTY 4.
FRANK CLAYDON 2.	JAMES FRENCH 5.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 3.	†ERNEST RIDGWELL Tenor.

Conducted by E. RIDGWELL.

*First peal in seven methods.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on April 15th and 29th; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 19th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 20th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; all at 8 p.m.

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

Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Tong to-day, Sat., April 10th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m.

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

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Higher Sutton to-day, Sat., April 10th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock sharp. All ringers and friends cordially invited. Tea at 5.30.

T. MOTTERSHEAD, *Hon. Sec.*
44, Hobson Street, Macclesfield.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The annual meeting will be held at Leeds on Easter Monday, April 12th. Peal attempt at 10 a.m. Business at The Royal Oak at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.

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

The Hertfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 12th, when the towers of the Cathedral, St. Michael's, and St. Stephen's will be open at 2 p.m., and St. Peter's (owing to service) at 3 o'clock. Meet at 2 p.m. north transept door of the Cathedral. Evensong at the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with special address to members by the Rev. A. J. Langdon, Rector of Great Munden.

IMPORTANT.—Immediately after the service at 5.40 p.m., Messrs. Cherry and Co. will take a photographic group of the members at the west front of the Cathedral, and I trust that there will be a strong muster. This will be taken free of cost. Messrs. Cherry and Co's studio will be open during the day, and they are giving a 30 per cent. reduction to members, with a special carbon print for the Association album. Meat tea in the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Market Place, at 6 p.m., followed by the annual business meeting. Will secretaries of bands let me know by April 10th, the probable number of their members we may expect for the photographic group and tea.

G. W. CARTMEL, *Hon. Sec.*
"Duffield," St. Albans.

The Midland Counties Association.—The twenty-seventh annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Easter Monday, April 12th. The towers at St. Margaret, St. Martin, St. John, and St. Mark will be open for ringing from 10 a.m., excepting during the time of the tea and business meeting, at which the election of the general officers of the Association and representatives to the Central Council will take place. Committee meeting at 3 o'clock. Tea at 4 o'clock, both at the High Cross Coffee house. W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South-Western District.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Easter Monday, April 12th. Bells may be raised at 2 p.m.

Professionals and amateurs are all welcomed.
G. F. MARGOTSON, *Hon. Sec.*
7, Richmond Terrace South Woodford.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—The annual general meeting of this Association will be held on Easter Monday, April 12th, at The George hotel, Huntingdon, at 1.30. The Committee will meet at 12.15.

R. L. TWELLS, *General Secretary.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llan-twit—Major on Easter Monday, at 3 o'clock.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *M.A., Hon. Sec.*
JOHN W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thetford on Easter Monday, April 12th. Bells available all day.

CHARLES E. BOBBETT, *Sec.*

10, Chester Street, Norwich.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 12th. Service at St. Helen's church at 12.30, with an address by the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean of Worcester. Meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 prompt. The bells (12) at the Cathedral, will it is hoped, be available from 5 to 6, also those at St. Helen's (8), St. Nicholas (6), and St. John's (6).

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

Bransford.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford, Easter Monday, April 12. The ten bells at St. Paul's will be available for ringing from 9 till 11 a.m. from 12 till 1 p.m., from 3 till 5 p.m., and from 6 till 8 p.m.

REV. A. RUST, } *Hon. Secs.*
I. HILLS,

Newnham Avenue, The Embankment, Bedford.

East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Crich on Easter Monday, April 12th. Service in church at 4 p.m. Preacher—Rev. E. T. Pegg, Vicar of Ripley. Tea in schools at 5 p.m. Meeting after tea.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild—Ports-mouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Netley on Easter Monday, April 12th. Bells available the whole day. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting after at The Nightingale hotel.

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

Fareham.

The North Wales Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Llandudno on Easter Monday, April 12th, at 3 p.m. in the Church House. Bells available from 12 noon for remainder of the day, except where services intervene. Address in the church at 2.15 p.m.

S. A. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*
"Lawreston," Llandudno.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at the parish church, Barnet, on Easter Monday, by kind permission of the Rector. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited. The bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. Arrangements will be made for tea at 5 p.m., when the business meeting will be held.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Petworth on Monday, April 12th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business after.

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

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale

Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, April 17th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7. All ringers made welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes on Saturday, April 17th. Bells ready at 3. Members intending being present, please send word before Wednesday, April 14th, to

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

1, Railway Street, Garston.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—The bells of St. James's, Poole, are to be re-opened on Saturday, April 17th. Ringing from 2 p.m. Service at 4. Address by the Rev. J. C. M. Mansel-Pleydell. Tea in St. George's Hall by kind invitation of the Rector.

C. A. PHILLIPS, *Branch Sec.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch, Western Division.—Next meeting at Wilmslow, Saturday, April 17th. Eastern Division members intending being present, are requested to notify me before the 13th inst.

A. T. BRESTON.

The Lancashire Association.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea parish church on Saturday, April 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

G. MARIES, *Branch Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District. The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. John the Evangelist, Penge, S.E., on Saturday, April 24th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. with an address by the Rev. W. Smyly, M.A., Vicar, who has also promised to provide tea at 5.30 in the Parochial Hall, Maple Road, for those who send me their names by first post on Wednesday, April 21st. Business meeting after, the Vicar presiding.

T. GROOMSBIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A special meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, April 24th. 2.30.—Bells (6) available. Froyle bells (6) available after the meeting. 5.0.—Service in parish church. Address by the Rector, the Rev. W. H. Moody, R.D. 5.45.—Tea at The Red Lion inn. Tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Merrow and Clandon on May 15th, of which further notice will be given.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Warwickshire Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting of Guild at 5.0 p.m.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 24th, at the headquarters, St. Michael's parish church. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWERS, *Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, April 24th. Belfry open at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea at The Chequers inn at 5.30. Business meeting after tea. Will the Secretaries of towers kindly advise me not later than the 21st. the number they have attending tea, and also try and see that the number given attends, as it often saves inconvenience in catering. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.

A. F. ASHMAN, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

101, Bower Street, Maidstone.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The next meeting will be held at Great Bar

on Saturday, April 24th, Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Tea, each, at The Beacon hotel, at 6 o'clock for those only who send me word by the 19th inst. Trams run frequently from the bridge, Wallall—penny stage. H. KNIGHT, Hon. Sec.
38, Leicester Street, Wolverhampton.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West district.—The usual monthly meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Canon Rivington) at St. Mary's, Putney, on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 6d. each in the Mission Hall, Lacy Road, at 6 o'clock. Members and friends cordially invited.

H. C. CHANDLER, Hon. Sec.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 24th. Tea at the Co-operative Hall at 4.45 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea. Special service in the Morning Chapel at the Cathedral at 6.15 p.m. The bells of the various city churches will be open

for ringing at intervals during the afternoon and evening. REV. R. BOND, Hon. Sec.

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B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE, Hon. Treas.
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NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT SOUTH WIGSTON.—This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled during the funeral of Thomas Ingram, esq., of Wigston, England's oldest solicitor and registrar

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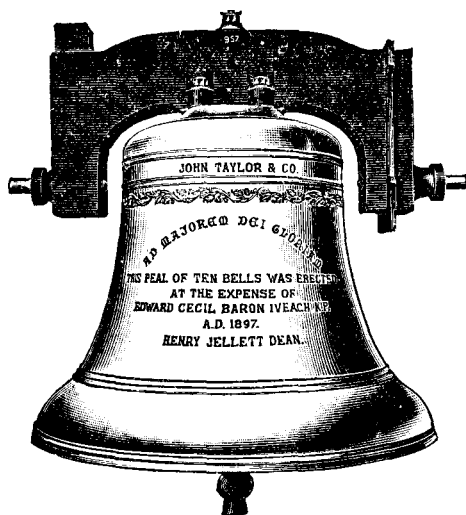
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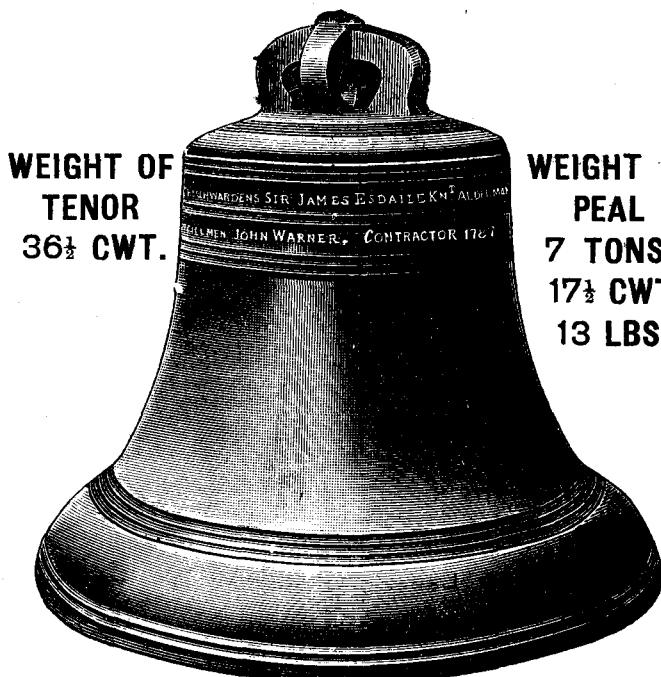
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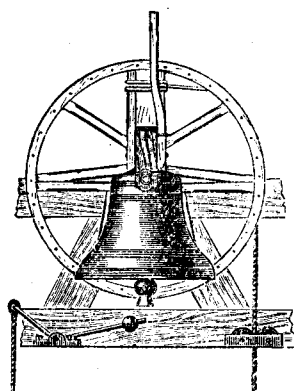
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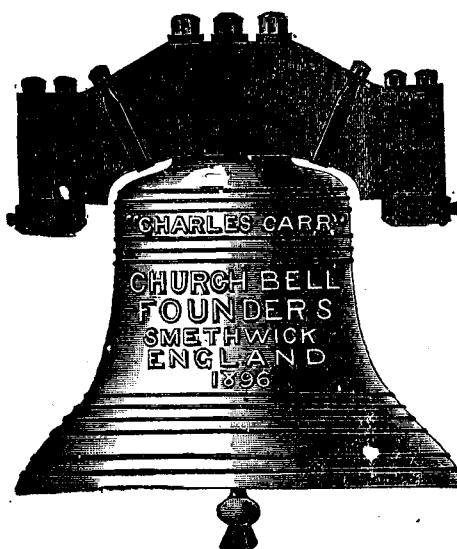
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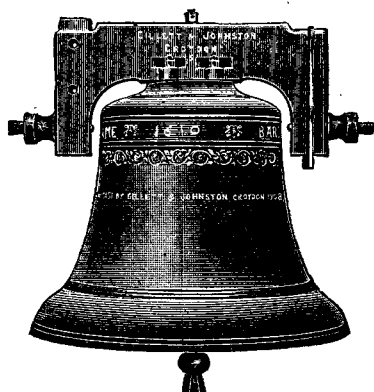
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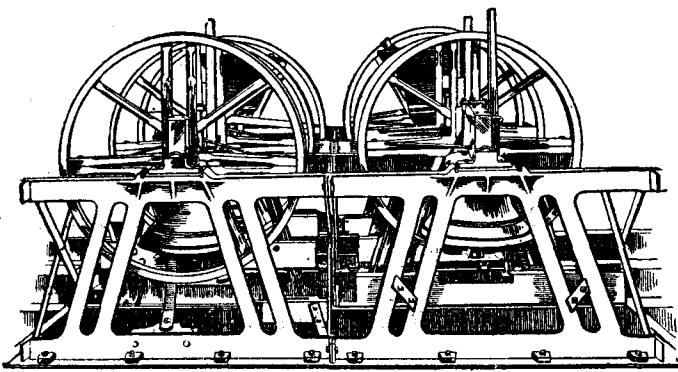
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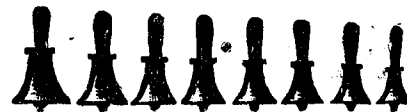
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SOUTHBROOM, DEVIZES, WILTS.

There was a large congregation at St. James's Church, Southbroom, on Friday evening, April 2nd, when the bells were dedicated. The history of the movement which was thus consummated is very recent, and need be only briefly recapitulated. For over 160 years there were only four bells in this tower, but at the last Easter vestry meeting, when the question of re-hanging the bells came up for discussion, it was suggested that if the bells were re-hung a fifth bell would be given. This proved to be a true saying, and as the scheme matured a second gift of a similar kind was announced. The result is that the church tower now has a peal of six bells instead of four, the old bells re-tuned (in one case re-cast) and hung in an iron frame, the belfry has new floors, and the tower generally cleansed. The cost of the work was stated in the last issue of the parochial magazine to be £170, not including the value of the new bells. The fund for re-hanging the bells originated at a meeting of the ringing committee as far back as February, 1902, so the scheme had been quietly going on for seven years before the final effort at the end of 1908.

The peal, as restored, consists of six bells in the key of A flat major. The treble is a new bell, the gift of Messrs. William and Walter Rose, in memory of their father.

New clappers, wheels, iron headstocks, "Hastings" stays and ropes have been fitted to the bells, which are hung in an iron H frame, bolted to steel girders, which are built into the walls of the tower. New floors have been placed in the belfry, and the tower has been thoroughly cleaned. The old bells have been quarter-turned, so that the clappers now strike in fresh places. The new bells have been cast, the old treble re-cast, and the whole work of re-hanging most satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

It is a very light peal compared with the peals in St. John's and St. Mary's towers in the same town; the tenor bell at St. James's weighs $7\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., against some 20 cwt. that the others weigh. But it is a very pretty peal; one of our leading diocesan ringers describes it as "a merry little peal."

Shortened evensong (from the Lord's Prayer to the collects) was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Gardiner, the lesson being read by the assistant curate, the Rev. Evelyn Smith. It was numbers x. 1-11, that passage introducing the silver trumpets which the Vicar afterwards alluded to in the course of his address. The special Psalm was the 96th.

After the collects a brief but interesting, and, in its way, impressive little ceremony took place—the admission of the six ringers into their office. This is not a new feature in Mr. Gardiner's churches, here or elsewhere, but it was exceptional in the number admitted at one time. Standing in front of the chancel with the churchwardens (Messrs. J. Williams and C. S. Pugh), with their wands of office at either end of the rank, the ringers were asked by the Vicar three plain but searching questions intended to bring home to them the character of the office they were

to fill as really a part of divine worship. They were then severally admitted, with a brief exhortation, followed by prayer, the whole congregation also kneeling.

The dedication of the bells followed. The Vicar, churchwardens, and ringers proceeded to the west end of the church, and, accompanied by Mr. Grant-Meek, they stood in the space beneath the tower. Mr. Grant-Meek then said: "In the unavoidable absence of one of our members I have been entrusted with the pleasing duty and privilege of offering to the Vicar and churchwardens of the parish, on behalf of more than 250 contributors, the bells which we are met together in the House of God this evening to dedicate. These bells are six in number; four of them have been re-hung, and one of the four has been re-cast, while the remaining two are gifts of members of the congregation, one the gift of Sarah, the wife of Henry Brownlee West, and the other the gift of William and Walter Rose, in memory of their father. I am sure it will be a satisfaction to all of us to know that the work of re-hanging has very materially strengthened the tower of the old church in which many of us have worshipped for so long. These bells are an offering made to the glory of God, and as such on behalf of the contributors I beg their acceptance by the Vicar and churchwardens."

The Vicar then pronounced the dedicatory and other prayers. The Vicar, churchwardens, and Mr. Grant-Meek returned to their places, and the ringers went to the belfry and rang a few rounds. The congregation then sang the hymn, commencing—

Now at length our bells are mounted
To their holy place on high,
Ever to fulfil their mission,
Midway 'twixt the earth and sky.

The Vicar then gave an address, basing it upon the words in Joel ii. 15; "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly."

At the conclusion of the address the hymn was sung—

Loud voices in our church to-day,
Loud notes upon the air,

during which an offertory was taken. The Benediction was followed by the three-fold Amen.

After the dedication 360 Grandsire Doubles was rung by the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, T. Raddon, C. H. Hampton, R. Haslehurst, A. Draper conductor, F. Green. Also 120 changes Grandsire Doubles by the following:—C. H. Hampton conductor, W. King, T. Raddon, R. Haslehurst, A. Draper, F. E. Davis.

Mr. W. E. White, Hon. Secretary of the Midland Counties Association, writes:—"On behalf of the members of the Midland Counties Association I should like to congratulate those splendid ringers who were so successful in ringing the long peal at Loughborough on Monday last. I am sure we are all very proud of them."

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The second quarterly meeting of the year was held at Thetford on Easter Monday, and was a most successful gathering. The ring of eight at St. Peter's church were open throughout the day, and members also drove over to West Tofts to ring on the light eight in that tower.

Dinner was served at The Green Dragon hotel, under the presidency of the Vicar of St. Peter's, the Rev. J. P. Watts, and at which a good number of members were present from Norwich, Eye, Bury St. Edmunds, Debenham, Euston, Bungay, &c.

The usual loyal toasts were honoured, and the chairman gave all the visitors a hearty welcome to the town, and also paid a very warm tribute to the good work carried on by Mr. Fitzjohn, the local hon. secretary.

The election of new members concluded the meeting, and the tower was again visited, where touches of Double Norwich, Stedman, Treble Bob, Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples were successfully brought round.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above was held at Crich on Easter Monday. Members were present from Ashover, Blackwell, Clay Cross, Crich, Morton, Pentrich, Shirland, Swanwick, Teversall, Tibshelf, North and South Wingfield.

The annual service was held at 4 p.m. An impressive sermon was preached by the Rev. E. T. Pegg, Vicar of Ripley. Tea was provided in the school at 5 p.m., to which 63 sat down. The business meeting was held after the cloths were removed, the Vicar of Crich (Rev. J. M. Simmons) being voted to the chair. The balance-sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £14 18s. 11d., was read and carried very satisfactory. The following officers were elected—President: Rev. J. L. Blake; treasurer: Mr. J. Smith, Clay Cross; secretary: Mr. J. Allibone, North Wingfield.

The next annual meeting was voted to Shirland by a large majority. Quarterly meetings to be held at Ashover, Ault Hucknall, and Bolsover. The Rev. E. T. Pegg was heartily thanked for his excellent sermon in church. Also the Vicar of Crich for the use of bells and room for tea, to which both suitably replied. The local ringers and their wives were also thanked for making all so welcome and comfortable.

The bells, a musical ring of 5 in G minor, were well used, and kept going until a late hour, departure time coming too soon for many of the visitors, a most enjoyable day having been spent by all.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A successful quarterly meeting was held at Llantwit Major on Easter Monday, and was well attended by members of the Glamorgan Archdeaconry. Proceedings commenced with a short service in the parish church at three o'clock, which was conducted by the Vicar of the parish, the Rev. H. Morris, who also addressed the members present. After the service the business meeting took place in the parish room, which was presided over by the Vicar. The first item was the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, which were accepted as correct and signed. Instructors reports were next taken, progress being reported at Rhymney tower. The election of new members was next proceeded with, the whole of the Llantwit Major and Cefn Coed ringers being elected.

Application was then made by these towers for instruction in change-ringing to be given, and it was decided that Mr. Evans, of Bridgend, be the Llantwit instructor, and that Mr. Jones, of Newport, visit Cefn Coed and endeavour to get the necessary assistance for the Merthyr tower.

The election of a representative to attend the next central council meeting was next proceeded with, Mr. J. W. Jones, the assistant hon. secretary, being unanimously selected.

It was then decided that the next Glamorganshire quarterly meeting be held at Llantrisant. The next Monmouthshire quarterly meeting is to be held at Monmouth on Whit-Monday.

Subscriptions were next taken, and the meeting closed. Tea was next partaken of, and after the usual vote of thanks the bells were set going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor. The bells are a new ring of six re-cast and re-hung last year by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and go splendidly. The weight of the tenor is 12 cwt.

A VISIT TO KELLY, DEVONSHIRE.

On Easter Monday the Rev. M. Kelly invited a band to Lifton to attempt a peal. Several attempts had previously been made, but up to then no peal had been rung there. A start was made just after ten in the morning, and a successful peal of Grandsire Triples has now been rung on this beautiful peal, the tenor of which is 25 cwt. The local band at Lifton are just starting to learn half pull, and several of them rung their first 120 on handbells with us after the peal.

In the afternoon the Rev. Maitland Kelly sent a conveyance, and we had a most delightful drive over one of the most hilly parts of Devonshire to Kelly. The president of the guild took us all over the Kelly estate, and, after entertaining us to a substantial tea, we adjourned to the church, which has a pretty ring of six, tenor about 8½ cwt. Miss Agnes Kelly met us here, and we rang 120 Stedman Doubles, Miss Kelly ringing the 2nd.

A start was then made for 720 Treble Bob Minor, which was rung in 20 mins. G. F. Williams, Rev. Maitland Kelly, W. G. Hiscott, W. H. Marsh, F. Hockaday, E. W. Marsh conductor. We then rung several 120's of Grandsire Doubles with the local ringers, and after lowering the bells the Rev. M. Kelly and his four daughters rung several courses of Grandsire Caters on handbells. This concluded one of the most enjoyable days ever experienced by the Plymouth ringers.

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KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

An interesting little ceremony took place in the quietness of the parish church belfry on a recent Saturday afternoon. It was the unveiling by Major H. M. Stockdale of a tablet erected to commemorate recent achievements by the hands of the excellent body of ringers at the church. The tablet is a wooden structure, with gilt letters forming the following inscription: "The Central Northamptonshire Association. In this tower was rung on Saturday, Nov. 17th, 1906, in 3 hours and 17 minutes, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 5088 changes. Charles W. Bird treble, Edward Chapman 2, Arthur E. Payne 3, Robert F. Turner 4, Fredk. W. Sawfoot 5, Herbert J. Julian 6, Morris A. Turner 7, David J. Nichols tenor. Composed by Arthur Knights. On Tuesday, Dec. 29th, 1908, in 3 hours and 22 minutes, a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 5056 changes. Albert V. Inns treble, Edward Chapman 2, Charles W. Bird 3, Robt. F. Turner 4, Fredk. W. Sawfoot 5, Herbert J. Julian 6, Morris A. Turner 7, David J. Nichols tenor. Composed by Charles H. Hattersley. The above are the first peals ever rung in the methods on the bells by a resident band of ringers, and were conducted by David J. Nichols. Rev. P. M. Smythe, Rector; George F. Goff and Edward Maishment, churchwardens; Charles Bailey and John Goss, churchwardens."

Knowing the interest Major Stockdale displays in campanological affairs the local ringers thought this would be good opportunity for introducing that gentleman into the belfry. The Major willingly consented to unveil the tablet, and Saturday's ceremony was the result. In addition to the whole of the ringers there were present the Rector (Rev. Canon Smythe), Major Stockdale, Miss May Goss, Messrs. John Goss and C. Bailey (churchwardens), and others. The proceedings began with prayer, and the singing of hymn 242.

The Rector then extended words of welcome to Major Stockdale, and stated how glad he himself was of the opportunity of meeting the ringers that day. That ceremony of unveiling the tablet partook of the nature of a religious ceremony, as their work in the belfry was always regarded as a service to God in their eyes. It was always pleasing to recognise the success of their excellent band of ringers, and he was sure the churchwardens would join with him in saying how truly they valued their ringers, and how proud they were of their prowess.

Major Stockdale said it was a kindly thought which suggested to their mind that he should be asked to unveil their tablet. For many years he had been greatly interested in bell-ringing, and the local ringers thought that by asking him to come they would be able to introduce him into the belfry and themselves to one another. Kettering had always been known in the county in connection with bells, because early in the 18th century one of the famous bell-founders resided, and had his foundry at Kettering. The bells now used at Kettering were not the most melocious in the county, which was probably due to the fact that so few of the bells by Eayre were founded in the steeple there. There were, in fact, only two bells there that were founded by the famous firm of Thomas and John Eayre. At Mears Ashby they had one of the earliest bells, cast in 1718, and it was a very beautiful bell. However, any defect in the tones of the Kettering bells was fully made up for by the excellence of the ringers, and it had been a joy to him, since residing in Kettering, to hear the bells. He had particularly noted the precision and exactitude with which the striking was carried out—and

this should be the first object the ringers have. Continuing, Major Stockdale asked their reason for erecting that tablet. He was certain it was not merely erected with an idea of self-glorification, as that would be unworthy; he was certain it was with a much wider object than that. They wished to record their great achievement, so that their successors and visitors to the belfry from other parts of the county might see what they had done, and they would be spurred on to try to follow in their footsteps. It was with an earnest hope that these objects would be fulfilled that he had great pleasure in unveiling the tablet.

Major Stockdale then lowered the cloth concealing the tablet, and exposed it to the view of those present.

Mr. W. Horden, one of the oldest of the ringers, voiced the band's thanks to all the subscribers to the tablet, and especially to the Rector, who had foregone any fees due to him. The tablet marked a great honour to the belfry, and they would always be proud of it.

Mr. John Goss seconded the vote of thanks, and said that anybody who had done anything towards the tablet were pleased and proud of their band of ringers.

Mr. D. J. Nichols, the able conductor of the band of ringers, moved a hearty vote of thanks to Major Stockdale for coming there that afternoon. He was sure the ringers would always try to do their best. One of their chief successes was that all their ringers were good churchmen. They were pleased to make the acquaintance of Major Stockdale, and they remembered the great kindness and courtesy extended to them when they visited Mears Ashby. They hoped they would have him in the belfry again.

In reply, Major Stockdale referred to the mental and physical strain which attended an achievement such as the Kettering ringers were commemorating.

The ceremony terminated with the ringing of a number of touches by the Kettering ringers.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—On November 9th, 1908, at St. John's church, in honour of His Majesty's birthday, at 7 a.m., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Law, V. Pavier, A. G. Bennington, H. E. White, F. W. Richardson, A. E. Goddard, W. J. Jeffries conductor, A. C. Macklin.

STONE-IN-OXNEY.—On March 17th, for practice, 720 changes of Bob Mmor. P. Underdown, A. Daw, J. Neve, R. Dunster, F. Burt, C. W. Player conductor. This is the first 720 of Minor ever rung on these bells by a local band.

MERTHYR TYDFIL (Glamorganshire).—On Sunday evening, March 7th, for evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Roberts, W. D. Allen, T. A. Major, E. W. Thomas, F. Chave, H. Chamberlain, A. Slatter conductor, J. Smith.

NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS (Staffs).—On Sunday, February 7th, for Mattins, 720 Worcester Surprise. J. C. Ryles, D. C. Taylor, J. E. Wheeldon, W. C. Lawrence, B. Pegg conductor, F. T. Dawson. Also for evensong, 720, consisting of 240 each of Killamash Surprise, Woodbine, and Violet. J. F. Ryles, W. C. Taylor, H. B. Harding, W. C. Lawrence, J. E. Wheeldon conductor, F. T. Dawson.

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THE HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

This association held its quarterly general meeting and contest at Tong, near Bradford, on Saturday last in delightful weather. The church, which is beautifully situated, and almost surrounded by fine trees, contains a peal of six bells, tenor 12 cwt., on which have been rung several record peals.

The visitors began to arrive at two o'clock, two of whom were soon in the old village stocks, "which are placed on a lawn in front of the church," and a photo. secured of them. Two grand peacocks belonging to the hall were in evidence, showing their plumage during the whole afternoon, evidently enjoying the ringing of bells, and the invasion of the village.

Eight companies of ringers entered for the contest, and after the draw for order of ringing had taken place the contest was proceeded with, and continued without interruption until its completion at 7.45. The test piece was a touch of 504 changes of Treble Bob Minor, and Messrs. J. Broadley, of Bradford, G. E. Bolland, and C. J. Sallaway, of Tong, acted as judges.

During the afternoon tea was served in the schools, to which about 110 persons sat down.

The general meeting was held at the conclusion of the ringing the President, Mr. Drake, being supported by the Vicar of Tong, the Rev. C. Farrow. After the usual business had been gone through, which included the place of the annual meeting, this being left to the secretary to arrange, the result of the contest was announced by Mr. Broadley as follows:—

Company	Faults	Penalties	Total
No. 1—Brighthouse...	326	30	356
No. 2—Mytholmroyd ...	319	10	329
No. 3—Lightcliffe Parish	276	10	286
No. 4—Halifax ...	279	0	279
No. 5—Heptonstall ...	175	60	235
No. 6—Stainland ...	277	110	387
No. 7—Low Moor ...	296	10	306

Heptonstall were declared the winners.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of his bells and schools was heartily carried, and he was requested to present the silver cup to the winning team.

The Rev. C. Farrow, on responding, said he was glad to have the association again at Tong, and gave a good description of the history of bell-founding. He complimented the winners on the success they had achieved, and handed the cup to Mr. Thos. Robertshaw, who had conducted the Heptonstall company.

Mr. Robertshaw suitably responded, and moved a vote of thanks to the judges, who he was sure had done so well, and at any rate had pleased them. Mr. Broadley and Mr. Bolland both responded, and gave the competitors some valuable advice.

Three alterations to the rules were given notice of, to be brought before the annual meeting in July, and the members were informed that nominations for official positions must be given notice of at the next committee meeting.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a very successful and enjoyable gathering.

"Constant Reader" writes: "I wish to thank Mr. Jerram, through 'THE BELL NEWS,' for the information he gave me concerning some of our Cathedral bells. By this information I find that out of all our fine Cathedrals there are only six which do not possess a ring of bells of at least 8, viz., Bristol, Carlisle, Norwich, Ely, Peterborough and Salisbury."

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."

AN IMPOSTOR.

SIR,—In "THE BELL NEWS" of March 6th a letter appeared under the above heading in which the writer says that a man presented himself at Bolsover, and represented himself as being out of work, and from Halesowen, Worcestershire, giving the name of Cowley or Cooley, this man being most generously treated by the Bolsover and Chesterfield ringers. On behalf of our company and ringing friends generally, I would like it to be made known that this man has no connection whatever with the Halesowen company, and he certainly is an impostor. I think that some effort should be made to find out the man and bring him to justice. I would thank the Bolsover company to send me a description of the man.

GEO. COCKIN.

PEALS OF DOUBLES.

SIR,—At last we have the pleasure of knowing who "Herefordian" is. I am glad he agrees with me in one thing. A little space in "THE BELL NEWS" occasionally devoted to five and six-bell methods would certainly make the paper more popular to these ringers. May I inform Mr. C. Edwards that I entered this discussion on the chance of learning what I do not know, from those who are more learned than myself. Mr. Edwards has not answered the question I asked him. As he advised us to ring forty-two 120s of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, I thought he would be kind enough to say how it is done. But perhaps he does not know himself. To quote his own words, he has "broken away and eulogised the doings of Mr. Tom Williams." In reference to the work he recommends me to read I am not ashamed to say that I have to leave luxuries to those who can afford them. I believe I am right in saying that at one time the Central Council decided that peals of Doubles and Minor should be rung in not less than three methods, but I confess I am unable to see any advantage in this. After all, it is only another way of producing the same changes. The merit in this case lays in the trouble taken to produce the changes, and therefore the more methods introduced the more merit deserved. I am much obliged to Mr. Lawrence for his information. At that time I was not a subscriber to "THE BELL NEWS," and I always thought that the Rev. F. E. Robinson had too many calls on his time to take up six-bell ringing.

W. FULLER.

Obituary.

EDWARD BUTLER.

With feelings of regret members of the Sussex Association, and ringers generally, will hear of the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at Brighton on Sunday, April 4th. A native of Birmingham, deceased came to Brighton about fifty years ago, and joined the St. Nicholas Society and remained a member ever since. A smith by trade, he faithfully served the L. B. and S.C.R. at the Brighton Railway Works for forty-seven years, being pensioned off about three years ago. Though not an active change-ringer he was in his prime a splendid tenor man, and looking back at the first records of the Sussex County Association there are few peals without Edward Butler on the tenor, and his old friend the late John Jay on the 7th, in Holt's ten-part; in fact there are peal tablets in churches all over the county with these two men in that position. Of a kind and genial disposition, our old friend was highly respected by all who knew him, and up to a few months ago seldom missed an Association meeting. He was interred in the Brighton Cemetery, and as a last mark of respect half-muffled touches were rung on the bells of St. Nicholas' church.

R. I. P.

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.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.
Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on April 29th; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 19th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 20th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 22nd; all at 8 p.m. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**
32, Edgely Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths
—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, April 24th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea at The Cherry Tree Inn at 6.30 p.m., 9d. per bead to those letting me know by Thursday, April 22d. All friends cordially invited. **F. BENNETT, Hon. Sec.**
3, Margaret Terrace, Hart's Lane, New Cross.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Milnrow to-day, Sat., April 17th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7. All ringers made welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes to-day, Sat., April 17th. Bells ready at 3. **WALTER HUGHES, Sec.**
1, Railway Street, Garston.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—The bells of St. James's, Poole, are to be re-opened to-day, Sat., April 17th. Ringing from 2 p.m. Service at 4. Address by the Rev. J. C. M. Mansel-Pleydell. Tea in St. George's Hall by kind invitation of the Rector. **C. A. PHILLIPS, Branch Sec.**

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch, Western Division.—Next meeting at Wilmslow, to-day, Saturday, April 17th. **A. T. BEESTON.**

The Lancashire Association.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea parish church to-day, Sat., April 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. **G. MARIES, Branch Sec.**

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District. The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. John the Evangelist, Penze, S.E., to-day, Sat., April 24th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. with an address by the Rev. W. Smyly, M.A., Vicar, who has also promised to provide tea at 5.30 in the Parochial Hall, Maple Road, for those who send me their names by first post on Wednesday, April 21st. Business meeting after, the Vicar presiding.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A special meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, April 24th. 2.30.—Bells (6) available. Froyle bells (6) available after the meeting. 5.0.—Service in parish church. Address by the Rector, the Rev. W. H. Moody, R.D. 5.45.—Tea at The Red Lion Inn. Tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Mewrow and Clandon on May 15th, of which further notice will be given. **JOHN J. JONES, Hon. Sec.**

The Warwickshire Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Nonneaton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting of Guild at 5.0 p.m.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, Hon. Sec.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 24th, at the headquarters, St. Michael's parish church. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited. **CHAS. BOWERS, Sec.**

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, April 24th. Belfry open at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea at The Chequers Inn at 5.30. Business meeting after tea. Will the Secretaries of towers kindly advise me not later than the 21st. the number they have attending tea, and also try and see that the number given attends as it often saves inconvenience in catering. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. **A. F. ASHMAN, Hon. Dis. Sec.**
101, Bower Street, Maidstone.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford
—The next meeting will be held at Great Barr on Saturday, April 24th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Tea, 1s. each, at The Beacon hotel, at 6 o'clock for those only who send me word by the 19th inst. Trams run frequently from the bridge, Wall-sall—penny stage. **H. KNIGHT, Hon. Sec.**
38, Leicester Street, Wolverhampton

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Canon Rivington), at St. Mary's, Putney, on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 6d. each in the Mission Hall, Lacy Road, at 6 o'clock. Members and friends cordially invited.

H. C. CHANDLER, Hon. Sec.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 24th. Tea at the Co-operative Hall at 4.45 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea. Special service in the Morning Chapel at the Cathedral at 6.15 p.m. The bells of the various city churches will be open for ringing at intervals during the afternoon and evening. **REV. R. BOND, Hon. Sec.**

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch.—Another special practice meeting under the same conditions, will be held at Hyde on Saturday, April 24th, at 6 o'clock. **A. T. BEESTON.**

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, on Saturday, April 24th. Full particulars by circular.

**REV. W. T. BULPIT, } Hon. Secs.
W. BENTHAM, }**

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society
—The next meeting of this society will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, April 24th. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Red Lion at 7.30 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swinton on Saturday, May 1st. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, Branch Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—Tbd annual meeting of this

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Rung at Ashton parish church, on March 30th, 1909, composed and conducted by Samuel Wood.

CHERTSEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, December 20th, a quarter-peal of Graadsire Triples in 47 mins. A. Gray, H. Stevens, G. Warinton, J. B. Hessey composer and conductor, A. Lowe, E. Cassell, G. Spencer, P. J. Percy. First quarter-peal as conductor. On Sunday, February 21st, 720 Bob Minor. E. Cassell, H. Stevens, G. Warinton, A. Gray, F. Ball, J. B. Hessey conductor, P. J. Percy.

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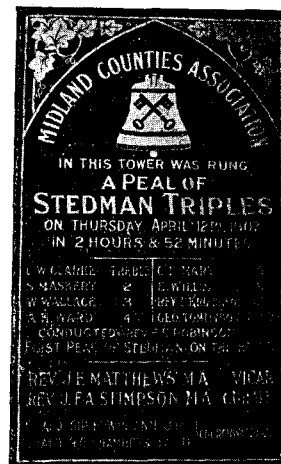
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1909.

THE long peal of Stedman Caters, 18,027 changes, attempted by a band of the Midland Counties' Association at Loughborough, on Easter Monday, was successfully achieved. Such a performance supersedes all previous records, both in the weight of metal and number of changes. This peal was called by WILLIAM PYE from the tenor, an appropriate accompaniment, making a record in itself. Next week a full report will appear. MR. W. E. WHITE, the Secretary of the Midland Counties Association, pays his tribute in another column.

LATE NOTICE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walkden on Saturday, April 24th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting at 7.30. G. PINCOTT, Branch Sec.

NOTTINGHAM.—On January 24th, at St. Peter's church, 1260 Grandsire Triples. W. Flinders, H. Cobbin, J. Flint, V. Gosling, J. Clarke, E. Oliver, A. Coppock conductor, C. Barnes. On January 24th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob. F. Johnson, T. Horton, T. Burnham, T. Flint, W. Bellamy, J. Woolley, H. R. Cobbin, A. Coppock conductor.

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The Metropolis.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, April 10, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,***AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.**

HERBERT AMSTRONG .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. TEGG .. 5.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. 2.	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. 6.
GEORGE BESTER .. 3.	JOHN E. MILLER .. 7.
HARRY MILLER .. 4.	ALFRED G. CRANE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the Rev. Charles Drummond Stooks, Vicar of Southgate, who was buried at Yateley, Hants., on the same afternoon.

The Provinces.**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE, THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE-SOCIETY.***On Saturday, March 25, 1909, in Four Hours and One Minute,***AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5376 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.**

CHARLES BOWER .. Treble.	WALTER WOLSTENCROFT .. 7.
HARRY HEAP .. 2.	JOSEPH MELLOR .. 8.
SAMUEL WOOD .. 3.	A. E. WREAKS .. 9.
THOMAS JAKEMAN .. 4.	ALBERT ADAMS .. 10.
JAMES WOOD .. 5.	BENJAMIN THORP .. 11.
BENJAMIN GILL .. 6.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

This composition is in five courses, and has the 6th at home throughout. It contains sixty-five bobs, and is the first rung on the long course plan. Published by Mr. Carter in his Stedman Caters broadsheet. Rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of the late Rector of Ashton-under-Lyne.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, March 29, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,****A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.**

ARTHUR F. ALLEN* .. Treble.	RICHARD CLARK .. 5.
WILLIAM H. THOMAS* .. 2.	CHARLES H. GORDON .. 6.
HARRY BROWNJOHN .. 3.	JOHN A. BURFORD .. 7.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 4.	WILLIAM A. CAVE .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by WILLIAM CAVE.

*First peal of London. This is the quickest peal of Major on record, the previous best being 2 hrs. 35 mins. at Quedgeley, Gloucestershire (Double Norwich).

ORMESBY, YORKS.**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, March 29, 1909, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lbs. in E.**

W. HOLMES .. Treble.	W. WALAND .. 5.
J. G. HALL .. 2.	A. MCFARLANE .. 6.
R. ALCOCK .. 3.	A. SIMPSON .. 7.
A. W. BRINGTON .. 4.	T. METCALFE .. Tenor.

Composed by D. PRENTICE, and Conducted by T. METCALFE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. G. Hall. This is A. McFarlane's fiftieth peal.

SKETTY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.**THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, March 29, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.**

HOWELL GWYNN .. Treble.	WILLIAM RICE .. 5.
DAVID REES* .. 2.	DAVID WILLIAMS .. 6.
RICHARD MORSE .. 3.	CHARLES MORSE .. 7.
EPHRAIM CHAMBERLAIN .. 4.	HARRY WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM RICE.

*First peal of Triples.

PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, March 29, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.**

R. FARRAR .. Treble.	J. BAXENDALE .. 5.
PRATT CORDINGLEY .. 2.	J. W. CORDINGLEY .. 6.
J. C. BOOTH .. 3.	J. E. PROCTOR .. 7.
SAMUEL WARD .. 4.	HARRY WARD .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by HARRY WARD.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Frank Birks, a member of the local company.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, March 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.**

JOHN BURCHILL .. Treble.	WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. 5.
JOHN FARRELL* .. 2.	JOHN MORLEY .. 6.
CHARLES BISHOP .. 3.	CHARLES MORLEY .. 7.
WILLIAM WOODHEAD .. 4.	JAMES WHITFIELD .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. FITCHFORD.

*First peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.***On Saturday, March 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,****A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES.**

HERBERT STANSFIELD .. Treble.	WALTER WOLSTENCROFT .. 7.
THOMAS JAKEMAN .. 2.	JOSEPH MELLOR .. 8.
SAMUEL WOOD .. 3.	A. E. WREAKS .. 9.
BENJAMIN THORP .. 4.	ALBERT ADAMS .. 10.
JAMES WOOD .. 5.	SAM BOOTH .. 11.
BENJAMIN GILL .. 6.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

First peal of Plain Bob Maximus rung in the north of England. Rung with bells muffled.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.*On Thursday, April 1, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.****Tenor 10 cwt.**

ALBERT G. WARNES .. Treble.	ARTHUR C. TYRRELL .. 5.
FRANK H. DAVY .. 2.	GEORGE MAYERS .. 6.
CHARLES SADLER .. 3.	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN .. 7.
WILLIAM W. GOODBOURN .. 4.	GEORGE HOWCHIN .. Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by G. HOWCHIN.

First peal by the ringers of the 2nd, 4th, and 5th.

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

**ALDERMASTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, April 3, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5072 CHANGES.**

G. W. T. SMITH Treble.	JOSEPH HANDS 5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2.	JOHN SWAIN 6.
GEORGE ESSEX 3.	CHARLES GILES 7.
WALTER A. WEBB 4.	ARTHUR W. PIKE Tenor.

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, and Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

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

On Saturday, April 3, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

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

ARTHUR S. BOAR* Treble.	HARRY J. MEE 4.
GEORGE W. MEE 2.	EDGAR RIVERS 5.
WALTER BROWN 3.	FRANK ROLFE Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK ROLFE.

First peal in four methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.**

On Saturday, April 3, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.**

PERCY O. LAFLIN Treble.	CHARLES DICKENS 5.
FREDERICK DICKENS* 2.	ALF PADDON SMITH 6.
FRANK FAY 3.	BERNARD WITCHELL 7.
GEORGE F. SWANN 4.	†JOHN NEAL Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method away from the treble.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 3, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.**

GEORGE WHITE* Treble.	*ARTHUR G. JAMES 5.
WILLIAM GOODCHILD† 2.	RALPH H. BIGGS 6.
FRANK BOREHAM 3.	FREDERICK G. BIGGS 7.
HARRY STRATFORD 4.	JOHN EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major with a bob bell.

**ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 3, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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

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

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 4, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES ;
Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 12½ cwt.**

CHARLES GITTINS Treble.	GEOFFREY LAMB 4.
RICHARD HAMER 2.	JAMES P. HYATT 5.
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 3.	HERBERT WINDERS Tenor.

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

All the above are members of the local band with the exception of the conductor.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 8, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.**

JOHN SHEPHERD Treble.	ARTHUR W. WHITWORTH 5.
GEORGE BROWN 2.	*HOWARTH HOLT 6.
ZEBULON LORD 3.	WILLIAM ASHWORTH 7.
ROBERT HANSON* 4.	STANLEY PICKUP Tenor.

Conducted by ZEBULON LORD.

*First peal.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs.

EDWARD C. GOBEY Treble.	ARTHUR FREEMAN 4.
WILLIAM HALFORD* 2.	*ROBERT COX 5.
JOSEPH HALL 3.	RICHARD DRAGE Tenor.

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

*First peal. Rung as a farewell peal to A. Freeman, who is leaving the place for Beeston, Notts., on account of his work ; and to celebrate the wedding of the son of ex-constable Eyre, formerly of Ilkeston and Sandiacre.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWBE,

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

JOHN SMITH Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	HORACE W. ABBOTT 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	EDWARD READER Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by EDWARD READER.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES ;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.**

HENRY BOTTRILL Treble.	JOHN LUCKEY 5.
PERCY WEBB* 2.	FREDERICK PALMER 6.
WALTER HOBBS 3.	WALTER TARLING 7.
WILLIAM WATTS 4.	HENRY J. TUCKER Tenor.

Composed by J. FLEMING, and Conducted by HENRY J. TUCKER.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.
5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble.	ERNEST PYE 5.
BERTHEAM PREWETT 2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 7.
WILLIAM WILLSON 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This is the first peal of London Surprise rung in the county of Leicester.

FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM Treble.	REUBEN SANDERS 5.
WILLIAM HOWELL 2.	DAVID ELLIOTT 6.
THOMAS CRANFIELD 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
FRANK C. NEWMAN 4.	SAMUEL J. BIRD Tenor.

Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. C. Newman.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

PHILBERT WILKINS Treble.	ARTHUR LAMBOURNE .. 6.
JAMES W. WILKINS 3.	NATHAN SPINDLOW 7.
ALBERT E. LOCK 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 8.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 4.	RICHARD WHITE 9.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 5.	FRED WHITE Tenor.

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, and Conducted by J. W. WILKINS.

First peal of Caters as conductor.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES H. HARRIMAN .. Treble.	JAMES MERRICK 5.
WILLIAM PERVIN 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
ROBERT E. STAVERT 3.	FRANK E. PERVIN 7.
JOSEPH HARDY 4.	ALAN R. MACDONALD .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST FYE.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT MITCHELL* .. Treble.	ALBERT ELLIS 5.
OLIVER SIPPETTS 2.	FREDERICK DENCH 6.
JOHN AKEBURST 3.	H. C. CASTLE 7.
JOHN RICE 4.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by F. W. RICE.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major.

GREAT MILTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM HUTTON Treble.	ALFRED R. BOSLEY 5.
RICHARD G. RICE 2.	GORDON CAUDWELL 6.
G. FREDERICK JAMES .. 3.	EDMUND BANNISTER .. 7.
JOSEPH NAPPER, JUN. .. 4.	FREDK. W. WOODWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDMUND BANNISTER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

G. H. GUTTERIDGE .. Treble.	W. WELLING 5.
W. BAILEY* 2.	*R. H. YOUNG 6.
W. H. FUSSELL 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
R. BUCKLAND 4.	T. W. BUCKLAND Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal in the method.

PENDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lbs. in E.

FRANCIS SMITH Treble.	RICHARD RIDYARD 5.
GEORGE E. TURNER 2.	SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. 6.
JOSEPH TURNER 3.	ALBERT E. WREAKS .. 7.
ALFRED CROSS 4.	SAMUEL CARDELL Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. WREAKS.

This is the conductor's first attempt at conducting a peal of Stedman.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

EDWARD MANNERS* .. Treble.	JAMES BOURNE 5.
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. 2.	GEORGE CLARKE 6.
J. PERCY POLLARD* 3.	*ALFRED PARKER 7.
WILLIAM H. PEABODY .. 4.	ALBERT COPPOCK Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

*First peal of Kent.

Handbell Peals.

HOLBECK, LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

IN THE BELFREY OF ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

FRANK CUNDALE† 1-2.	PERCY J. JOHNSON .. 5-6.
ALBERT S. MITCHELL .. 3-4.	*WILLIAM E. H. ASH .. 7-8.

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Umpire—George A. Jowett. †First peal. *First peal on handbells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, April 1, 1909, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JAMES HUNT† 1-2.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. 5-6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN. 3-4.	HENRY L. GARFATH .. 7-8.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

†First peal on handbells. First peal of Grandsire on handbells as conductor. Umpire—M. Smither.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)*On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,*

AT 10, WELLGATE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
Umpire—A. Panther.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorks.)—On Friday, April 2nd, at St. James's church, Sutton, a date touch, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins., being 720 each of Oxford and Kent, 360 Woodbine, and 109 Bob Minor. W. H. Pasmore, C. Jackson conductor, A. Naylor, H. Rodmell, A. E. West, L. Rodmell.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINS LADE (Bucks.)—On Tuesday, February 16th, for practice at the church of St. Barnabas, 120 Stedman Doubles. F. Walden, F. Dedman, F. Vickers, W. Dedman, C. Mayne, W. Neale. First 120 of Stedman Doubles by the local band.

LITTLE MILTON (Oxon.)—On Monday, April 12th, 360 Grandsire Minor. F. W. Woodward, G. F. James, R. G. Rice conductor, E. Bannister, W. Hutton. A. Pittam.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire.)—On Easter Sunday morning for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. M. Lomas, F. T. Spence, A. Kinsey, G. Wheeler, S. Horsfall, J. Booth, J. E. Ashcroft conductor, W. Leigh.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorks.)—On Monday, March 29th, at the church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. C. Jackson conductor, A. Naylor, T. Whitfield, L. Rodmell, F. Merrison, H. Rodmell, W. H. Pasmore, T. Harrison.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTUN (Worcestershire.)—On Saturday, April 3rd, at St. Andrew's church, an attempt for the quarterly peal of the above Association (Bob Major), came to grief after ringing over 2 hrs. W. Massey, H. Hill, W. Micklewright conductor, W. Prestidge, H. Hubble, A. Greenfield, J. Goodman, A. Prestidge.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WHITTLESFORD (Cams.)—On Saturday, February 27th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. C. Peters, F. Bowtell, F. Hurry, E. Webb, P. Webb conductor, A. Lilley. Also some 6-scores of Doubles. E. Freestone, E. Webb, F. Hurry, J. Maynard, M. Lyles, C. Peters.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT.—On Sunday evening, March 28th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Charles, J. Bullen, J. W. Jones, S. Dawe, A. Morgan conductor, W. Coombes, T. Baiss.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPPER DEAL (Kent.)—On Easter Sunday morning for morning and evening service, two 720s of Bob Minor. J. Axon, H. Denne, B. Rogers, S. Mockett, H. Barton conductor, E. Verrier. Rung as a farewell to H. Denne, who leaves Deal for Canada, he having been a ringer at the parish church for many years.

BEDFORD.—Recently at the church of St. Peter-de-Merton, a 720 New London. J. Bates, P. Cooke, C. R. Lilley, W. Stapleton, C. Stapleton, C. Robinson conductor. First in the method on the bells, and also in the county. Also 720 Oxford Bob. A. Bates, W. Stapleton, G. Stapleton, C. Robinson, J. Bates, C. R. Lilley conductor. Rung as a farewell compliment to the conductor, who is leaving the district.

BLEWBURY (Berks.)—On Wednesday, February 17th, 672 Grandsire Triples. E. Aldridge, E. Humfrey, G. F. James, J. Bower, W. J. Grace, A. R. Bosley composer and conductor, E. Bannister, C. Greenough.

BRIGHTON.—On Tuesday, April 13th, the members of the St. Nicholas society, with several members of St. Peter's, rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Edwin Butler, who for forty-six years was a ringer at the old church.

HARWELL (Berks.)—On Sunday, January 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. G. C. Rice, A. R. Bosley, R. G. Rice, T. Hughes, V. R. Hitchman, W. Hitchman conductor.

HAGBOURNE (Berks.)—On Tuesday, January 5th, on handbells, 168 Stedman Triples. R. G. Rice, W. Hitchman, T. Hughes, A. R. Bosley, V. R. Hitchman, J. E. Butler, T. East. And a plain course of Grandsire Caters. H. C. Mulford, G. C. Rice, R. G. Rice, T. Hughes, W. Hitchman, A. R. Bosley, E. E. Napper, J. E. Butler, T. East. Also a plain course of Grandsire Major. G. C. Rice, T. Hughes, W. Hitchman, A. R. Bosley, R. G. Rice, J. E. Butler, T. East.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex.)—On Sunday, March 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. E. Webb, A. George, E. W. Beadle, C. Dell, F. Goddard, T. Beadle conductor, G. Spencer, H. Seward.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD (Beds.)—On Sunday, April 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. A. Chamberlain, W. Seabrook, R. Richardson, W. Botsford, J. Nicholls, G. Bonfield conductor, W. Webb, R. Webster. Arranged for R. Webster, who is leaving for Canada.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks.)—On a recent Sunday, at All Saints church, Boyn Hill, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in 46 mins. L. Copsey, J. Eldridge, J. Little, H. Cox, C. Smith, A. Walker, T. Price, G. Martin conductor. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells, and was rung by an entirely local band.

SAMLESBURY (Lancashire.)—On Sunday, April 11th, for afternoon service, 672 Grandsire Triples. E. R. Martin conductor, A. Bailey, T. Almond, J. Bailey, J. Scholes, J. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, R. Broughton.

SPALDING.—On January 26th, at the church of St. Mary and Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. R. Mackman, jun., Rev. C. J. Sturton, F. Bennett, J. B. Halifax, R. Mackman, sen., R. Smith, W. Bennett, G. R. Mackman.

STALBRIDGE (Dorsetshire.)—On Saturday, February 6th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. C. Hughes D'Aeth, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, A. Burns, W. Hughes D'Aeth, H. Mounter conductor, F. Compton.

STONE (Staffordshire.)—On Wednesday, February 17th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Chell, sen., S. Churton conductor, T. Chell, E. Cope, W. Woolley, J. Goodall, P. Preston, J. Abberley.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

On Thursday, March 4th, the local company met at the residence of Mr. R. F. Furness, to spend a social evening with Mr. Morris A. Turner, who is leaving the country for Philadelphia, U.S.A. The order was given to meet at 8.30 sharp, and shortly before the time appointed, all arrived, fully prepared to do justice to the excellent things provided. The clatter of knives and forks was soon heard, and several courses were soon tapped off, intermixed with various conversations concerning the best peals of eight in the county; and others too numerous to mention. After the tables had been cleared, Mr. M. Turner brought out his gramophone, and amused the company with several songs and selections, which were greatly appreciated. Mr. Horden, in rising, said they all felt that they could not let Mr. Turner leave them without making him a

small present. He therefore had great pleasure on behalf of the ringers, in asking him to accept a brown travelling bag. He hoped it would prove useful to him, and trusted that it would often remind him of his brother-strings at home.

Mr. Turner in accepting the present, said he thanked the ringers for their kindness in making him the presentation. He could assure them that it would be very useful to him, and he would always value it.

The handbells were then brought out, and Messrs. Turner, Nichols, Chayman, and Chapman rang a course of Bob Major.

Mr. D. Nichols in rising to propose the health of Mr. Turner, said how sorry the Kettering ringers were to lose the services of such a talented member of their company. Although he had not been a ringer for more than seven years, he had mastered all the Standard methods, and

had helped the company to ring peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative, he being a splendid striker on any bell from treble to tenor, and he had very great pleasure in asking them to drink to the health of Mr. Turner, and they all hoped and trusted he would have a safe and pleasant journey, and that his future life would be a prosperous one.

The proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

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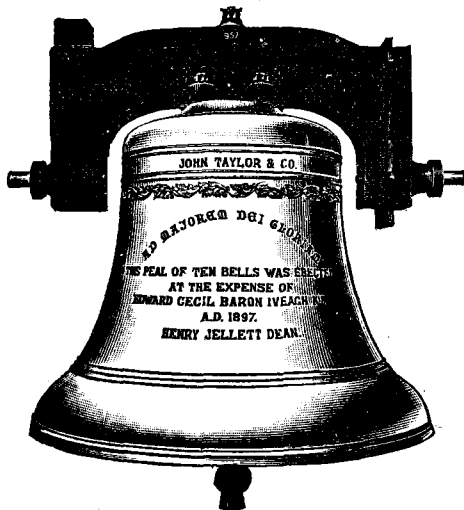
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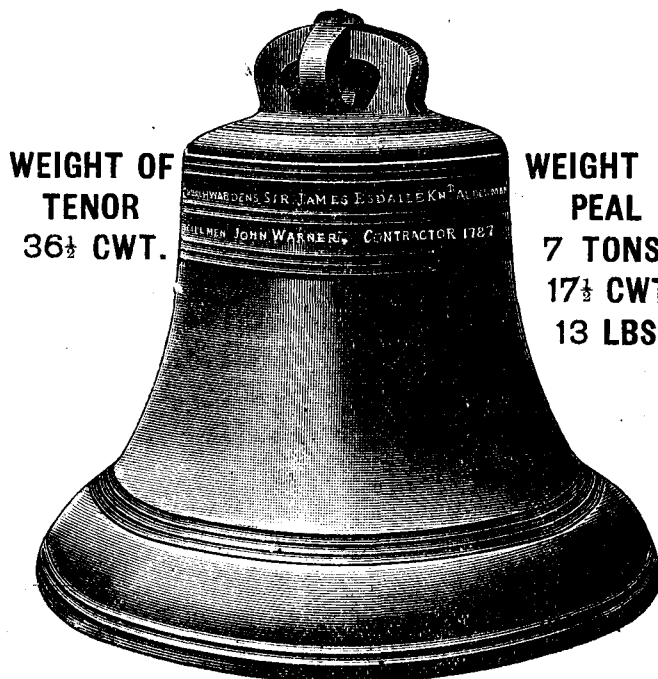
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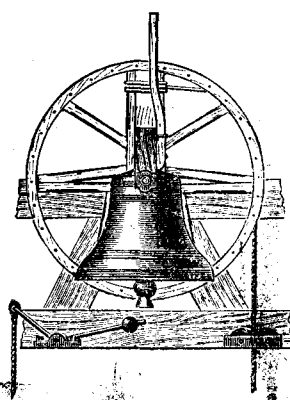
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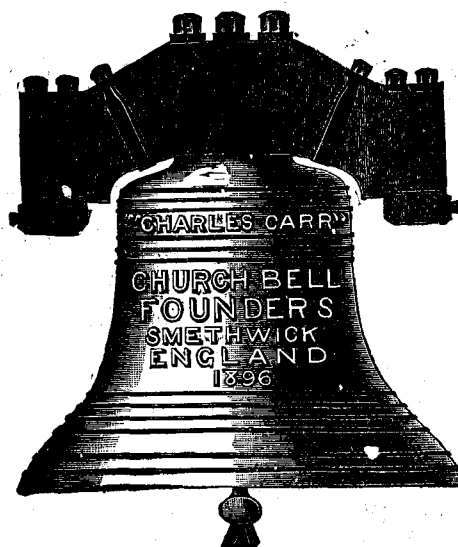
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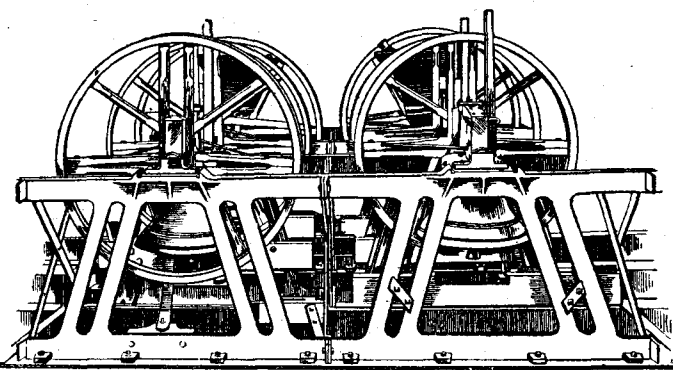
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DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Every succeeding year sees the unsolved problems in composition get fewer. Each new peal that is got leaves less for following composers, and now, indeed, originality in composition is a coy wench that takes a lot of wooing. We look back with envy and regret to the happy days of thirty and more years ago when the composer had practically the whole field before him. Whatever peal he got had a good chance of being original, or, at any rate, there was little fear that it had ever been in print before. Those days are long since gone, and it is small wonder that we hear, as we continually do hear, that such and such a method is worked out. And yet the statement has been made so many times of nearly every method, only to be disproved that there is still no reason to take it as true. Snowdon tells us how, before he had published his "Treatise of Treble Bob," that it was said that no new peals were to be had in that method. Mr. Dains showed me a letter he had from Henry Johnson some time in the seventies. Johnson said he had ceased to take an active interest in Treble Bob composition—the men in the north had got all there was to be had. The men in the north—Sottanstall, Harrison, Thorpe, Tom and James Lockwood—had indeed got a lot, but they certainly had not got "all that there was to be had." These last eight months I have been working at the Central Council Treble Bob Collection, and the peals in it run not merely to hundreds, but to thousands, and a good half are on plans that had not been thought of when Johnson wrote. Even in Bob Major there has lately been one peal published which has distinctly original features. Though the high ways of composition are all mapped out, there are still a few bye paths where the diligent seeker may discover something fresh. Only let it be understood that you don't get a fresh peal merely by turning a few bobs into singles, and you don't show much ability by altering the observation bell of a well-known peal, and calling it your "variation." You may depend upon it that when a leading composer gives a peal in a certain form he does so because he knows that that is the best form, and though you may, for your particular purposes, prefer to ring it in another form, you must not assume that your transposition is really better, or that the composer did not know of it long before you did. Parker's twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples, for instance, has been much varied, and not a variation among them that is not worse than the original.

Double Norwich is a method that gives very little scope for composition, and it is a method that is being rung more every year. Consequently many peals have been produced in it, and at first sight it would seem to be a

method that has really been worked out. Putting aside the use of the bob at 5 there is nothing in the method that cannot be got in Bob Major, and the bob at 5 is for composition purposes a poor substitute for the Before of Bob Major. Yet there is a class of peal in Double Norwich that has scarcely been touched. I mean Even (In-course) peals in mixed long and short courses. There is a good reason for this. Although we take an interest in composition for composition's own sake, yet the ultimate aim of composition is to produce peals suitable for ringing, and composers naturally go first for that class of peal which stands the greatest chance of being performed. Now of all methods Double Norwich is the one that best pays you to ring a musical peal. More so than Bob Major, more so than Treble Bob. And, of course, you get the best music in odd and even peals. It is almost equally certain that long course peals are more musical than short course peals. The bob at 5 not only displaces all five working bells, and so readily brings up unmusical bells in fifths and sixths, but also turns two separate three-pull dodges with 7-8 behind into one long six-pull dodge. So it is easy to see why there are few Even peals in long and short courses. But for purely composition purposes these are the most interesting in the method. There is no comparison between even and odd-and-even peals in interest of composition. When you can use singles, and as many of them as you please, you can do practically what you like in any method. When you are confined to bobs only you have to use all your ingenuity.

The composition of even peals of Double Norwich in long courses is simply Bob Major composition. There is no peal in the one method that cannot be adapted more or less to the other, and the greater number can be transferred directly. But the bob at 5 is peculiar to Double Norwich, and by its use many peals as yet unpublished may be had. I cannot now say everything that remains for the composer to do who takes this thing in hand. But here are some. A five-part in 5040 changes in ten or more course parts; a five-part without a call at 6; a two-part 5024 with the fifth and sixth each the extent each way; a peal somewhere near 5000, with the fourth, fifth, and sixth each the extent each way, and so on. But there are two problems to which I should like specially to call attention, peals with the sixty-course ends, and peals with one bob only in each course. These two might be joined, and an attempt made to get the sixty-course ends with one bob only in each course, only I am pretty sure that such a thing is not possible. There is this problem, anyhow, to prove absolutely that it cannot be done, and as every composer worthy the name knows, it is very much harder to prove a negative in composition than

to compose peals. The sixty course-ends cannot be had in long courses throughout. Fifty-nine you can get easy enough, but no more. I explained this fully some few years ago. But if you use a certain number of bobs (5) you can get the sixty courses. Mr. Lindoff was the first to solve this problem. He used three bobs at 5. Every time you call a bob at 5 you sacrifice two leads, and as the number of sixty full courses is 6720, Mr. Lindoff's peal ran to 6624, or one lead longer than the peals which contain fifty-nine full courses. This is the longest In-course length that has yet been had in any of the plain methods. This peal will be found in the Central Council Collection, No. 126, and another similar peal, No. 127. When once it is shown how to do it there is not much difficulty in getting other peals of similar length, and one at least has been published by Mr. J. W. Parker. So long as you get the sixty courses the fewer bobs at 5 you use the greater will be your length. Mr. Lindoff, as I said, used three. The first problem is, Can a peal be had with fewer than three? And if not, why not?

When you have settled what is the longest length with the sixty course-ends you can go on and settle what is the shortest. In this case you will have to use as many bobs at 5 as possible, just as in the first case you had to use as few as possible. Mr. Lindoff published a peal just over 6000, and this was further reduced by Mr. N. J. Pitstow to between 5500 and 5600. I have not the exact figures. These are the shortest peals yet published with the quality. When I first looked at this matter during last autumn I got the sixty course-ends in 5184 changes, but it had to be a one-part, and I then proved, as I thought, that not only was this the minimum length, but that no shorter peal could be had than Mr. Pitstow's in equal parts. And there I for a time left the matter. But as I said, there is nothing so difficult in composition as to prove a negative, and lately I have got a two-part block that runs in sixty courses to 4928. This contains four long courses. Problem No. 2.—Can this number be reduced? And if not, why not?

Of course, a block that falls short of 5000 is not of much practical value unless you tack a few out-of-course courses on to it by singles, and so we get another problem. What the composer should aim at is this—A one-part in 5008, a two-part in 5024, and a three-part in 5040.

The other problem is to get a peal with one bob only in each course. This appears easy enough, but up to the present it has baffled me. I cannot say whether it is possible or not the factors in the case are so elusive. I have got a 5024 in forty-eight courses, four only of which have two bobs in one course, and I have got a two-part block which runs to 4832 changes in fifty-four courses, and one bob only in each course. I feel sure that these can be improved upon.

I have said enough, I think, to show that these problems are worth the attention of serious composers, and although they do not present anything like the difficulties of seven-part peals of Stedman Triples or extents of Duffield, they are no bad practice for anyone who wishes to be able to tackle the greater tasks.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

At the annual meeting of this Association, held at Worcester on Easter Monday, those present had the pleasure of welcoming the new Dean of Worcester, the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., as President, that office

having become vacant by the death of the late Dean, the Very Rev. R. W. Forrest, who for many years took a very great interest in the work of this Association, and always endeavoured to preside at the annual meetings, which have for several years been held in the Chapter House of Worcester Cathedral. The Dean was, much to everyone's appreciation, able to be among those present most of the day, being present at the service in St. Helen's church, the Rev. C. Chaytor, Vicar, and the Rev. H. J. Mercer, Minor Canon and Warden of the Cathedral Guild, being the other clergy to take part in the service, at which those present had the pleasure of listening to a most useful address by him, in which he urged all ringers to do their duty as such, "heartily as unto the Lord and not unto men." He then presided at the business meeting, after which he was present at the tea provided for the members at the Central Hotel and Restaurant.

At the business meeting, which was, as usual, held in the Chapter House, the Dean took the chair at 2.30, supported by the Rev. Canon Cloughton, the Rev. H. J. Mercer, and J. S. Pritchett, esq. The minutes of the last annual meeting having been passed, it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Stoke Prior, and the quarterly peal was arranged to be attempted at Worcester, to be conducted by Mr. W. C. Jones. Several new members were elected, including C. B. Harmsworth, esq., M.P., as an hon. member; and Messrs. T. J. Salter and J. R. Newman, Mr. John Smith resigning, were elected Central Council representatives for this Association. Some considerable discussion took place in regard to a proposal brought forward by the secretary in regard to the division of the Association into branches, and finally a committee, consisting of Messrs. S. Spittle, C. James, H. T. Knowles, W. Page, E. Gibbs, F. Cook, and E. J. Dowler, together with the Master and Secretary, was formed to consider the advisability of doing so, and, if necessary, to draw up rules, and select the various officers, to be submitted to a general meeting. Following this came the election of officers, and naturally the election of the Dean as President came first, and was carried most unanimously. The vice-presidents were all re-elected with the exception of the Rev. Canon Barnard, who had left the county, his name being also omitted from the clerical committee, and the Rev. J. H. Waugh, Vicar of St. John's, Worcester, being elected in his place. The hon. secretaries, treasurer, and Master were all re-elected. The proceedings then terminated with a vote of thanks to the Dean for his address and for presiding, to the Dean and Chapter for granting the use of such an admirable place for the meeting, to the Rev. H. J. Mercer for making all the arrangements, and to the clergy who so kindly lent their bells.

Generally at these meetings the cathedral bells have been available from 5 to 6. But this year, owing to the illness of the daughter of Canon Knox-Little, permission could not be granted, and as there were several visitors present from other Associations, this was much regretted, as the ten at All Saints are not ringable, owing to the unsafe condition of the tower. The bells at St. Helens, which are famous for their inscriptions, and which are commemorative of the Duke of Marlborough and his victories, were in great demand. Touches of Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich and courses of Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprises were rung, in some of which it was a pleasure to see ladies taking part.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. L. W. Copsey has removed to Shamrock Villa, Belmont Road, Maidenhead.

THE CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, NEW ZEALAND.

The annual meeting of the above society was held in the ringing chamber on Tuesday, December 7th, 1908, the President, the Rev. P. B. Haggitt, occupying the chair. The following members were present:—Messrs. L. A. Clark, F. Page, E. Summerfield, W. Saunders, W. Whiting, F. Woods. The minutes of the half-yearly meeting were read and confirmed, and the secretary's report and balance-sheet adopted. Correspondence was read and received from Mr. T. Biddle and Rev. Canon Knowles. The election of officers resulted as follows—Master: Mr. T. W. Biddle (subject to his consent); deputy master: Mr. W. Saunders; secretary and treasurer: Mr. L. Clark; auditor, Mr. W. Saunders; committee: Messrs. H. L. Cooper, F. Page, W. Jones, and W. Whiting.

Proposed by Mr. W. Saunders, seconded by Mr. F. Woods, "that letters of thanks be sent to the Rev. Canon Knowles and the Chapter." Carried. Proposed by Rev. Haggitt, and seconded by Mr. W. Whiting, "that a vote of thanks be accorded Mr. H. L. Cooper for the manner in which he carried out the duties of honorary secretary and treasurer to the society during his term of office." Carried unanimously. Proposed by Rev. Mr. Haggitt and seconded by Mr. Saunders "that the enlargement of the photo. of the late Mr. J. Andrews be left in the hands of the Master, Mr. Biddle, and Secretary, Mr. Clark, at the expense of the society." Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Haggitt thanked the ringers on behalf of the Chapter for the work done by them, especially in the untiring efforts of Mr. Biddle in instructing the band, and devoting so much of his time to the benefit of the younger members.

The meeting closed at 9 p.m. with a hearty vote of thanks to the chair.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide a new bell, a flat 6th, as an addition to the existing peal, and thus to form a light octave of the "middle eight" with the 9th bell (19 cwt.) as tenor. The tenor of the full peal of twelve (and, of course, of the back eight) weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £115.

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DEVIZES.—On Sunday, November 22nd, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 45 mins. A. Wiltshire, R. Haslehurst, S. Hillier conductor, F. Green, J. L. Hutton, V. L. Hockley. Rung on the occasion of the birthday of the treble ringer, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

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LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Twelve Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 18,027 CHANGES.

Tenor 30½ cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE ... Treble.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 6.
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WM. H. INGLESANT... 3.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS... 8.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4.	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... 9.
BERTRAM PREWETT.. 5.	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This is the longest peal in any method ever rung with one set of men without food or rest. Umpire: Mr. Harry Withers. Mr. W. J. Nudds was elected a member before starting for the peal.

THE LONG PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

HOW THE LONGEST LENGTH WAS RUNG COMPLETE.

It is a number of years since the head of the Loughborough foundry—then Mr. John W. Taylor, jun.—said to the writer: "I should love to ring the clock right round, and it might be done with a picked band." That idea has been, no doubt, in the minds of many others, and has been the source of ambitions—praiseworthy ambitions—only doomed to fall short of the high ideal. In the first place, it is a most difficult thing to bring a band together for the feat in fit condition. The chances against such good fortune are enormous, for long lengths are not accomplished in hot weather, and in contrary seasons colds in the head or body are anything but conducive to comfort while ringing. Again, there are very few towers with bells of weight that go well enough, or where permission can be obtained, to attempt anything out of the ordinary. Public opinion counts for something, and the voice of an often cantankerous minority is loud enough to give Rectors and those who have charge of bells pause. At Loughborough the authorities are level-headed, and encourage the art of ringing up to the hilt, and at all times except illness intervene. It was upon the back eight of the old peal of ten bells, when the tenor weighed 28 cwt., that Nat Pitstow called the then longest length of Superlative, 8800 changes, when Mr. "J. W. T. Junior" turned the tenor in for six hours, and wanted to "ring the clock round"! But opportunity did not offer, and advancing years left the task to others. In most long peals of recent years it has been apparent that in their performance the tether-end of human endurance has been almost reached, and Nature taxed to the breaking point. Knowing these things, it requires some impulse to carry the record further, for not only is it exceedingly risky to health, but fraught with the danger of losing the whole peal when near the end, when men's minds and muscles are anything but fresh. Still, the time at Kidlington was 11 hrs. 12 mins., with a tenor about 25 cwt. It seemed possible that, given a chance, a twelve-hour peal might be rung some time. To the promoters of the Loughborough peal that time had arrived, and arrangements were made for 17,000 Stedman Caters. Then the Appleton men announced their intention of attempting 17,000 Grandsire Caters, but there was no comparison in their respective weights, for whereas the Berkshire tenor only weighs 14½ cwt., that of Loughborough turns the scale at 30½ cwt. nett (and with her iron stock nearly 35 cwt.) Nevertheless, if records were to go, it were better to make a clean sweep, so the peal was augmented to 18,027. When the band was fixed Mr. J. George, of Rugby, and Mr. W. Keeble, late of Romford, now of Bolsover, were included, but illness to both made it necessary to fill their places with Messrs. J. W. Nudds and W. H. Inglesant respectively. We arranged to meet on the Sunday, and to attempt the first peal of London Surprise in Leicestershire at Shepshed church for evening service. The London contingent—or rather, part of it—

drew up at Leicester Great Central Station about 1.30, and we went on together. On arriving at Loughborough bell foundry we found the keener spirits had sprung a march, and had rung a peal of Superlative the night before. Mr. Lindoff had crossed from Dublin late on Saturday evening, and all the long-peal band were thus on the spot. Seven of us and Mr. Ernest Pye were soon fleeing like a whirlwind by motor-car towards Shepshed, where we rang the 5024 London Surprise in 3 hrs. 3 mins., a good augury for the morrow. True, we would have lost it in another five minutes, for the 4th rope broke immediately, but we forgot that while "removing" the splendid tea Mr. Taylor generously provided. We returned to Loughborough as we came, and the writer went on to Leicester for the night.

Shortly after 6.30 a.m. on Monday the bells were pulled up at All Saints, and preparations made for the start. Mr. Harry Withers, of Birmingham, had come on with me the previous day, and was to be the knight of the pencil. A screen across one side of the belfry made it possible for someone to pass up among the bells to oil them without being seen, and at 7.30 a.m. all but ringers having left the belfry. "Go, Stedman, Bob," sent us in the tittums on our journey. The peal was arranged with the 120 courses of tittums (with the 6th in second's place), and each bell 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for twenty-four courses behind the 9th. Hour after hour slipped by, and although all was well inside, it was obvious that the weather had changed without, for at eleven o'clock the centre lights, which had been left half-on ready for night, blew out from a gust of wind, and the gas escaped for some hours till the "man with the oil-can" noticed it, as he must have done when he passed behind the screen. At the outset we settled down at a strong pace, nor was this scarcely altered, for our Hercules on the tenor had started with short rope, expecting it to come down somewhat. It did not lengthen, and it was a sight for the god's to see him fully extended with both hands in the noose through the rope, sending the tenor along with machine-like precision. Mid-day came, and with it an aching void, denoting where our dinner ought to be. On into the afternoon, always on, on, course-ends rolled up in rapid succession as each bell performed its extent in 5th place. About 4 o'clock the thought would come—strived I never so hard to keep it away—that just now the members of the Midland Counties Association would be negotiating a real meat tea! The idea nearly overcame me, and made my rope cast wheel, and all the while there was that knowing sensation in the part where Nature abhors a vacuum. Still, the pace was a cracker, and everyone with grim determination kept it up. To my right the Bushy Bounder yclept the Perky Prewett was driving the fifth along with resolute face like Dorando on the home stretch. Ben Knights—a worthy son of whom the Chesterfield composer should be proud—was bending to the sixth in this, his first long peal. We had now gone over the ninth hour, and were approaching 13,000 changes. Shortly after this the last tittum course-end came up, the conductor threw the bells into the "home-at-band" position, and we were in the last 5000! The grandeur of the 879's can only be appreciated after a long spell of 978s. The treble was now in seconds place and 5th at home. About this time other times and records began to fall. At nine hours and a half the Erith peal was passed. An hour later the famous Debenham 16,608, the finest Treble Bob long peal up to date, was overhauled. Then the 17,104 at Wigston was left behind, and half an hour later the Kidlington time was wiped out. The 6th bell was now in 5th place, and we were in the line for home. There was now a trip—the only one noticeable—that might have been serious, but the "erring ones were pounced upon like lightning, and in half a dozen blows were again in the path of rectitude. At eleven and half hours one of the band who had undertaken the great task at short notice at the heavy end was compelled by physical weakness to appeal to the conductor. He was encouraged to continue, and although a second appeal was made in his distress, by friendly coaxing he determined to "stick it," and to his eternal honour "he endured to the end." The clock hands now pointed to 7.30 p.m., and for the first time in the history of ringing one set of men had rung the clock round. One by one the heavy bells rolled home at hand, and punctually at 7.48 the course-end 214365879 came up, and the bells ran round next change. Time, twelve hours and eighteen minutes. Outside the crowd had

gathered, and Harry Withers, umpire, was holding forth, prognosticating that rounds would come up at 7.50! We were virtually mobbed when we descended and hands grasped ours. Gabriel Lindoff, who rang the 9th like a hero, had fruit out of season, for in the centre of his left hand was a blood blister as large as a plum. John Carter, of Birmingham, heard the peal all day, and thrusting his arms through mine drew me into a place "within the meaning of the Act," what time we refreshed the inner man. Enterprising photographers snapped us by flashlight, and we were entertained to a champagne supper at the bell foundry. Thus ended the new "world's record." Will it stand? I think it will, in the words of Avon's bard:

"Not for an age, but for all time."

When the festive board is crowded, when ringing is the theme, Long lengths and great performances of which young ringers dream.

Will the old man tell the story, and point to belfry wall, How William Pye on Loughborough tenor once eclipsed them all.

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Tho long lengths be all recorded, when our final peal is rung, When life's lamp is dimly burning, and our evensong be sung, The Loughborough peal will hold the palm whatever may befall, And Eighteen Thousand Stedman Caters stand above them all.

WILLIAM WILLSON.

THE LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

A dinner under the auspices of the Lichfield Society was held on Saturday evening, March 6th, at The Three Crowns hotel. Mr. W. Veal provided a good repast. After dinner the deputy Mayor (Councillor W. R. Coleridge-Roberts) presided over a smoking concert, and he was supported by Messrs. W. Painter, Phillips, F. Cope and many others.

The Chairman proposed the toast "Church and King," which was drunk most heartily.

In proposing the toast of the Lichfield Ringers, the chairman gave some interesting statistics relating to the number of changes obtainable on the various rings of bells from 3 to 12 in number, remarking on the skill and art required to ring the changes on the higher numbers, and also mentioned some of the heaviest bells in England, instancing "Great Paul" and "Big Ben."

Mr. E. Gallimore, in responding, said it was many years since he first commenced ringing at St. Michael's belfry, but he had been connected with the Cathedral for fifty-two years, and during that time had taught a good number of others to ring.

Mr. F. Cope proposed "The Health of the chairman and vice-chairman." Councillor Coleridge-Roberts, in responding, said that he had been a magistrate for several years, but he had never had a bellringer before him. He therefore urged those who wished to keep free from crime to become bellringers.

Mr. Gallimore also responded. The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Mr. F. Cope, and Mr. W. Painter responded, saying that he was always glad to be amongst his old friends, the Lichfield ringers, all of whom he knew well.

Mr. F. Cope, jun., proposed the toast of "The Host," and Mr. Veal responded. A musical programme was rendered in first-class style, and the gathering was voted the best of its kind ever held in Lichfield.

BRIGHTON.—On Tuesday, April 13th, the members of the St. Nicholas society, with several members of St. Peter's, rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Edwin Butler, who for forty-six years was a ringer at the old church.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637. Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on April 29th; at 8 p.m.

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

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southgate, to-day, Sat., April 24th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea at The Cherry Tree inn at 6.30 p.m. All friends cordially invited.

F. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*
3, Margaret Terrace, Hart's Lane, New Cross.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District. The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. John the Evangelist, Penge, S.E., to-day, Sat., April 24th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. with an address by the Rev. W. Smyly, M.A., Vicar. Business meeting after, the Vicar presiding.

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

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District. A special meeting will be held at Bentley to-day, Sat., April 24th. 2.30.—Bells (6) available. Froyle bells (6) available after the meeting. 5.0.—Service in parish church. Address by the Rector, the Rev. W. H. Moody, M.D. 5.45.—Tea at The Red Lion inn. Tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Merrow and Clandon on May 15th, of which further notice will be given.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Warwickshire Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Nuneaton to-day, Sat., April 24th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting of Guild at 5.0 p.m.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The annual meeting will be held to-day, Sat., April 24th, at the headquarters, St. Michael's parish church. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWERS, *Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District. The annual meeting will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, April 24th. Belfry open at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea at The Chequers inn at 5.30. Business meeting after tea. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.

A. F. ASHMAN, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
101, Bower Street, Maidstone.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The next meeting will be held at Great Barr to-day, Sat., April 24th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Tea, 1s. each, at The Beacon hotel, at 6 o'clock. Trams run frequently from the bridge, Wall-sall—penny stage. H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
38, Leicester Street, Wolverhampton.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District. The usual monthly meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Canon Rivington), at St. Mary's, Putney, to-day, Sat., April 24th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 6d. each in

the Mission Hall, Lacy Road, at 6 o'clock. Members and friends cordially invited.

H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch. The next meeting will be held at Walkden to-day, Saturday, April 24th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting at 7.30.

G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln to-day, Sat., April 24th. Tea at the Co-operative Hall at 4.45 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea. Special service in the Morning Chapel at the Cathedral at 6.15 p.m. The bells of the various city churches will be open for ringing at intervals during the afternoon and evening.

Rev. R. BOND, *Hon. Sec.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch. Another special practice meeting under the same conditions, will be held at Hyde to-day, Sat., April 24th, at 6 o'clock.

A. T. BERTON.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, to-day, Sat., April 24th.

Rev. W. T. BULPITT, *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM,

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Guiseley to-day, Sat., April 24th. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Red Lion at 7.30 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch. The next meeting will be held at Swinton on Saturday, May 1st. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District. The annual meeting of this district will be held at Faversham on Saturday, May 1st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at the Queen's Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Members who intend being present must let me know not later than Wednesday, April 28th. No travelling allowance at this meeting.

G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District. The next meeting of the above will be held at Biddenden on Saturday, May 1st. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Tea (free) at The Chequers at 6 o'clock, to all those members who signify their intention of being present at the tea not later than Tuesday, April 27th. If possible, the Rector (Rev. E. K. B. Morgan), will preside at the tea and meeting.

C. TRIBE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District. The next meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone, on Saturday, May 1st. (The Marden bells not being completed). Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Business meeting at The Castle inn at 5.30. Half travelling expenses up to but, not exceeding 2s. will be paid to members attending.

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

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly meeting will be held at Lawton, Cheshire, on Saturday, 1st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 6. Service at 7 p.m. Please notify Mr. W. Rigby, The Red Bull, Lawton, not later than April 29th, how many intend to be present.

Rev. W. G. KEYWORTH, *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON,

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The annual meeting will take place at Sheffield on Saturday, May 1st. The bells of the parish church (12), and St. Marie's (8), will be open from 3.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. The business meeting will be held in the Presbytery Room, Norfolk Row at 6.30 p.m., sharp, when the Rev. Dean Dolan will preside. Committee meeting at 6 p.m.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—North-Western District. A meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, May 8th. Bells at two o'clock. Meat tea at The Green Dragon, 1s. 6d., provided for those who notify me by the Wednesday previous.

JOHN F. PENNING, *Hon. Sec.*
"Fairville," Saffron Walden.

The Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Leyland on Saturday, May 8th. Further particulars by circular.

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

The North Notts. Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at West Retford on Saturday, May 8th. Business meeting in schoolroom at 3.30 p.m. Divine Service in West Retford parish church at 4.15. Tea at Howard's tea rooms at 5 p.m. The bells at East Retford (10), West Retford (6), and Ordsall (6) will be open to members and friends. Members of kindred societies will be heartily welcomed.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Hastings on Saturday, May 8th. Towers open for ringing: Christ Church, St. Leonards, 11 to 1; Christ Church, Blacklands, 11 to 1, and 5.30 to 7: All Saints and St. Clements 6 to 8 p.m. Luncheon at The Castle hotel at 1.45. Tickets (10 members) 1s. 6d. Usual business meeting. Service at Christ Church, Blacklands, at 4.30. Preacher—the Rector of Christ Church, St. Leonards. Members intending to be present at luncheon, must notify me by Wednesday, May 5th.

G. WATSON, *Hon. Gen. Sec.*

Yale Road, St. Leonards.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—To Life Ringing Members and others. Annual festival at Milton Abbey on Tuesday, May 25th. Service in abbey church at 12 noon. Preacher—the Very Rev. the Dean of Salisbury. Luncheon in marquee at 1 p.m., kindly provided by Sir Everard Hambro, K.C.V.O. Earl Nelson will preside. Following towers offered for ringing: Milton Abbey, Hilton, Bryanston, and Blandford, Railway station—Blandford, seven miles. The East Dorset Branch kindly defrays expense of conveyances. Reduced fare on application to station-master a few days previously. Kindly send notice to Secretary—West Lulworth Vicarage, Wareham, in order to secure a seat.

The Hertfordshire Association.—NOTICE TO MEMBERS. The photographic group on Easter Monday was a success. Copies can be had of Cherry and Co., London Road, St. Albans, as follows: 10 x 12, 2.6d.; 16 x by 12, 5s. Postage and packing 6d. extra.

G. W. CARTMEL, *Hon. Sec.*

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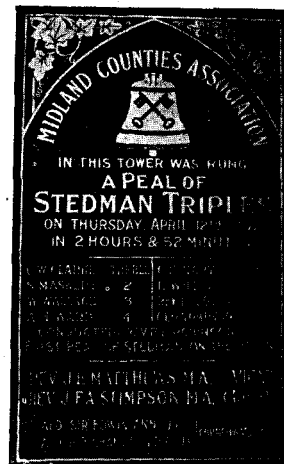
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1909.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

A pleasing incident took place at the close of the vestry meeting on Easter Monday, when the chairman (the Rev. R. B. Forster) invited the churchwardens (Mr. A. S. Garrett and Mr. A. M. Rope), the sidesmen, and the numerous parishioners present to accompany him to the tower, where the rev. gentleman unveiled a peal board recording two peals, one of Superlative Surprise Major, and one of Cambridge Surprise Major, rang by the local company. The rev. gentleman, in the presence of the large assembly, conducted a brief but most appropriate service suitable for the occasion, and concluded by eulogising the ringers on their remarkable performances, the result of much patience and perseverance.

BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Sunday, April 4th, at St. James's, Bolton, for evening service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. J. H. Phynes, A. Ainge, H. Sugden, F. Palframan, J. Palframan, A. Gill conductor, B. E. Howe, S. Palframan. Rang as a farewell to the treble ringer, who sets sail on Tuesday, April 6th, for Laurence (Mass.) Also as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer, his brother strings wishing him many happy returns of the day.

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The Metropolis.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, April 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN.***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES.**

Tenor 31 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble.	SAMUEL J. BIRD 6.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 2.	REUBEN SANDERS 7.
CHARLES T. COLES 3.	ALBERT W. COLES 8.
JOHN J. LAMB 4.	WILLIAM PYE 9.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	HARRY FLANDERS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.*On Saturday, April 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM.***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES W. DRIVER Treble	LOUIS ATTWATER 6.
ERNEST A. ARTHURTON 2.	JOSEPH HERBERT 7.
JOHN HOWES 3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 8.
ARTHUR JONES 4.	ALFRED JONES 9.
ALFRED G. H. NEWMAN* 5.	†JOHN LEE Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by JAMES W. DRIVER.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal on ten bells. First peal on the bells since the restoration of the tower, and the quarter-turning of the bells in the summer of 1908.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, April 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY Treble.	WILLIAM HEWITT 5.
CHARLES J. NORTH* 2.	HARRY ELLIS 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by F. BENNETT.

*First peal of Surprise away from the treble.

Handbell Peal.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, April 5, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.**AT 19, OLD JEWRY, E.C.,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.**

BERTRAM PREWETT 1-2.	GEORGE R. PYE 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	ERNEST PYE 7-8.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 9-10.	

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

Umpires—R. E. Stavert and A. T. King.

The Provinces.**ALBURGH, NORFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, April 2, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble.	WALTER BARRETT 5.
WILLIAM STEELE 2.	WALTER MOBS 6.
ARTHUR ROOPE 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
JOHN WILSON 4.	FREDERICK SMITH Tenor.

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

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.*On Saturday, April 10, 1909, in Three Hours.**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM WELLING* Treble.	CHARLES J. NORTH 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	ALFRED WINCH 6.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS 3.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN 7.
EUSTACE T. HARWOOD 4.	GEORGE WOODISS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

ROLVENDEN, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, April 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S.**

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES TRIBE Treble.	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL 5.
FRED BURDEN 2.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 6.
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 3.	ISAAC EMERY 7.
CHARLES W. PLAYER 4.	JOHN J. MANKLOW Tenor.

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

Fiftieth peal by W. H. Lambert.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lbs.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble.	CHARLES ROOPE 5.
JAMES BETTS 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE 6.
ALFRED SMITH 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
CHARLES BAKER 4.	JOHN E. BURTON Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****BULWER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART.**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERNARD MOODY Treble.	ARTHUR WALKER 5.
WILLIAM BROOK 2.	JOHN FRYER 6.
FRED MOODY 3.	THOMAS M. BAKER 7.
WILLIAM PEARSON 4.	THOMAS HOULDER Tenor.

Conducted by T. M. BARKER.

After the peal the conductor was congratulated on being elected to the office of sidesman at All Saints church for the coming year.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSETSHIRE.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES; Being forty-two 6-scores.**

Tenor 38 cwt.

THOMAS FRANCIS Treble.	GEORGE FISHER 4.
GORDON STANDEN 2.	EDWARD FISHER 5.
GORDON GILLING 3.	THOMAS GILL } Tenor.
	GEORGE JONES }

Conducted by T. FRANCIS.

First peal on the bells. First peal as conductor. All the above are members of the local band except the ringer of the 3rd. First peal by all except the conductor and ringer of the 3rd.

BREEWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN PERRY Treble.	THOMAS MILLER 5.
THOMAS H. REEVE 2.	WILLIAM FISHER 6.
GEORGE HUGHES 3.	FREDERICK J. COPE 7.
HERBERT KNIGHT 4.	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

First peal in the method by the treble and 2nd ringers; also the first peal of Norwich on the bells. The composition is No. 74 in the Council's collection of peals.

ROMSEY, HANTS

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFLEDA,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. 8 lbs. in D.

FREDERICK S. PASKINS .. Treble.	HENRY W. WILKES 5.
JOSIAH HARRIS 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 6.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 3.	WILLIAM G. FOWLER .. 7.
CHARLES J. FRAY 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal in the Kent variation on the bells. Further reference elsewhere.

PRIVETT, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. 15 lbs. in F sharp.

WILLIAM LOWMAN* .. Treble.	*JOHN W. RUSSELL 5.
FRANCIS E. DAWE 2.	THOMAS UPSHALL 6.
WILLIAM BASHFORD* .. 3.	*ERNEST NEWELL 7.
FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT* 4.	†CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

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

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 13 cwt.

FRED EDWARDS Treble.	HARRY APPERLEY 4.
SIDNEY RACKHAM 2.	ALEC RACKHAM 5.
EDWARD PRITCHARD .. 3.	GEORGE JONES Tenor.
	WINDSOR WEAVER Tenor.

Conducted by ALEC RACKHAM.

First peal by all, and on the bells.

SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN SMART Treble.	GEORGE GATLAND 5.
GEORGE PENFOLD 2.	BENJAMIN BASSETT .. 6.
ROBERT C. PRIDGEON .. 3.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. 7.
ARTHUR HUTCHINGS .. 4.	*WALTER BUTT Tenor.

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

*First peal. The ringers wish to thank the Rector and churchwardens for kindly giving them permission to ring.

GOUDHURST, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 27 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. Treble	FRED BUTCHERS 5.
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2.	ERNST LAMBERT 6.
EDWIN LAMBERT 3.	JIM BRACH 7.
FRANK PATTENDEN 4.	FRED J. LAMBERT Tenor.

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

REV. L. S. CLARK .. Treble.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 5.
FREDERICK W. EDWARDS* 2	GEORGE H. JAYE 6.
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	GEORGE GREEN 7.
WILLIAM WOODGATE* .. 4	HENRY F. COOPER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

*First peal in the method.

DARTMOUTH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE EXETER RINGERS CYCLING CLUB BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

CHARLES CARTER .. Treble.	EDMUND SARGENT 5.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE 2.	EDWIN SHEPHERD 6.
JOHN R. HAYMAN 3.	FRANK J. DAVEY 7.
JULIUS SNOW 4.	ALFRED MONKLEY Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK J. DAVEY.

First peal on the bells. This is A. W. Searle's 50th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

LOUGHTON, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 11 cwt.

CYRIL BURGESS .. Treble.	WILLIAM DANIELS 4.
CHARLES W. SMITH 2.	GEORGE CLARKE 5.
JOHN HIGGINS 3.	*HARRY KITCHENER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HIGGINS.

*First peal. First peal on the bells which have lately been rehung by Bowell and Son, of Ipswich, the "go" being excellent.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, 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 13½ cwt.

THOMAS H. HARDY .. Treble.	GEORGE CLEAL 5.
CHARLES H. FOWLER 2.	EDWARD C. GOBEY 6.
FREDERICK H. DEXTER .. 3.	REUBEN CLIFFORD 7.
WILLIAM CLIFFORD SEN... 4.	EDWARD READER Tenor.

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HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS Treble.	SAMUEL GROVE 5.
JOHN BASS 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK 3.	CHARLES F. WHITE 7.
JAMES DOWLER 4.	*ALFRED MOORE Tenor.

Conducted by W. SHORT.

*First peal in the method; and on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 12, 1909, (no time mentioned),

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.

ALBERT CHURCHILL .. Treble.	WILLIAM THORNLEY .. 4.
REUBEN CLIFFORD .. 2.	FREDERICK A. TANSLEY .. 5.
EDWARD SCATTERGOOD .. 3.	EDWARD C. GOBEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD GOBEY.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDGAR SQUIBS* .. Treble.	WAVELL PAIR .. 5.
ARTHUR WHITE † .. 2.	GEORGE WILKINS .. 6.
FRANK CHAFFEY* .. 3.	HENRY JENNINGS .. 7.
EDWIN SIMMONDS .. 4.	*WILLIAM ATRILL .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY JENNINGS.

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

LIFTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(CHARLES PAROCHIAL SOCIETY, PLYMOUTH.)

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HAROLD W. BENNETT* .. Treble.	WALTER H. MARSH .. 5.
FRANK HOCKADAY .. 2.	ERNEST W. MARSH .. 6.
REGINALD DOBSON .. 3.	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT .. 7.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 4.	WILLIAM GREENWOOD .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

*First peal. First peal on the bells.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

O. PORTER* .. Treble.	G. IRVINE .. 5.
C. R. LILLEY .. 2.	E. J. MENDAY .. 6.
G. ESSEX .. 3.	H. SIMMONDS .. 7.
JOHN HANDS .. 4.	E. W. MENDAY .. Tenor.

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

*First peal of Major;

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt.

JESSE GILLET .. Treble.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN .. 2.	GEORGE MILEHAM .. 8.
LOUIS A. WILSON .. 3.	CHARLES E. BARTLETT .. 9.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS .. 4.	JOHN J. JEFFRIES .. 10.
AUSTIN GWINNE .. 5.	FRANK COLE .. 11.
THOMAS BALDWIN .. 6.	FREDERICK PROTHEROUGH Tenor.

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

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CASSYON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 23 lbs.

WILLIAM SHORT .. Treble.	WALTER J. BRETHERTON .. 5.
MISS MABEL GILBANKS .. 2.	WILLIAM PAGE .. 6.
JOHN BASS .. 3.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 7.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

This is the first peal of Stedman rung by a lady for this Association, and in the midland counties. It was W. Short's 456th peal.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CASSYON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 23 lbs.

JOHN BASS .. Treble.	†WALTER J. BRETHERTON .. 5.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. 2.	CHARLES F. WHITE .. 6.
WILLIAM PAGE .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. 7.
ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. SHORT.

*First peal of Stedman with a bob bell. First peal on the bells since being rehung in 1905 by Greenleaf and Tristram, of Hereford.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM HORDEN* .. Treble.	CHARLES W. BIRD .. 5.
EDWARD CHAPMAN .. 2.	ROBERT F. TURNER .. 6.
ALBERT V. INNS† .. 3.	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT .. 7.
DAVID J. NICHOLS .. 4.	FRED WILFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLY, and

Conducted by FRED WILFORD.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Sawfoot, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 14, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

HERBERT DAY .. Treble.	FRANK HILL .. 5.
ARTHUR BOWMER .. 2.	JOHN FLOWER .. 6.
EDWARD C. GOBEY .. 3.	HENRY GEORGE .. 7.
JOSEPH BOURNE .. 4.	ALEXANDER HUTCHISON .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

First peal in the method as conductor.

CHESTERFIELD, DERYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, April 14, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

THOMAS W. GORE Treble.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 6.
WALTER ALLWOOD 2.	*WILLIAM H. PEABODY .. 7.
FRANK JACOBS* 3.	JOHN P. TARLTON 8.
WILLIAM J. THYNG 4.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 9.
GEORGE HOLLIS.. .. 5.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS Tenor.

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

*First peal of Treble Bob Royal. Rung to commemorate the conductor's 24th birthday.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.)

On Thursday, April 15, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
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Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The ringer of the 8th in the peal of Plain Bob Maximus rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on March 30th, and published in our last issue, was Joseph Ridyard, not Joseph Mellor.

Miscellaneous.

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NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS (Staffs).—On Sunday, February 14th, 720, consisting of 360 each of Killamarsh and Worcester Surprise. J. F. Ryles, W. C. Taylor, J. E. Wheeldon, W. C. Lawrence, B. Pegg conductor, F. T. Dawson. On Tuesday, February 16th, for practice, 720 Killamarsh Surprise. J. F. Ryles, W. P. Deane, J. E. Wheeldon, W. C. Lawrence, B. Pegg conductor, F. T. Dawson. On Sunday, February 21st, for Mattins, 720 of Kent. G. E. Lawrence, W. C. Taylor, J. E. Wheeldon, J. F. Ryles, B. Pegg conductor, F. T. Dawson. Also for evensong, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. F. Ryles, J. E. Wheeldon, W. C. Lawrence, J. Baddeley conductor, W. P. Deane, A. E. Ryles. On Sunday, February 28th, 360 of Killamarsh and 240 of Worcester Surprise. J. F. Ryles, W. C. Taylor, J. E. Wheeldon, W. C. Lawrence, B. Pegg conductor, F. T. Dawson.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WILBURTON.—On Saturday, December 26th, 720 Double Oxford, in 24 mins. H. Markwell, G. Markwell, H. Sharp, J. Moorhouse, R. Dewey, A. Markwell conductor. On Sunday, December 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 25½ mins. G. Staplehurst, G. Markwell, J. Markwell, H. Markwell, R. Dewey, A. Markwell conductor. Also for evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. G. Staplehurst, G. Markwell, A. Markwell, A. Hazell, R. Dewey, H. Sharp conductor. Also after service, 720 College Single, in 24 mins. C. Goddard, G. Staplehurst, G. Markwell, H. Sharp, R. Dewey, A. Markwell conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARWELL (Berks).—On Friday, December 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. C. Hitchman, W. Hitchman conductor, R. G. Rice, T. Hughes, V. R. Hitchman, H. Clack. On Tuesday, December 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. C.

Hitchman, W. Hitchman conductor, E. Cox, T. Hughes, V. R. Hitchman, H. Clack. The first of these quarter-peals was rung to celebrate the eighty-sixth birthday of the Rev. S. M. Smith, Vicar of the parish from 1856 to 1906, and the second as a last tribute of respect after his interment, with the bells deeply muffled, his death having taken place the previous Sunday at Sutton, Surrey. Five of the bearers were members of the ringers, all his old parishioners. On Christmas morning, 720 Grandsire Minor, composed by H. Johnson. G. C. Rice, R. G. Rice, T. Hughes, H. C. Mulford, V. R. Hitchman, W. Hitchman conductor. On January 1st, 720 Grandsire Minor, composed by J. Carter. G. C. Rice, T. Hughes, R. G. Rice conductor, H. C. Mulford, V. R. Hitchman, W. Hitchman.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FRENESHAM (Surrey).—On Thursday, March 18th, for practice a 720 Bob Minor. H. Mills, C. Edwards, A. Chaffy, W. Bashford, J. W. Russell, F. Elliott conductor. First 720 of Minor by ringer of treble and third. On Easter morn a 720 of Grandsire Doubles. H. Mills, C. Edwards conductor, H. Randell, A. Chaffy, E. Garbett, W. Deadman.

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ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, April 4th, at All Saint's church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. E. Webb, A. George, A. R. Macdonald, J. Merrick conductor, C. Dell, T. Beadle, G. Spencer, A. Sheard. First quarter as conductor.

HILLINGDON WEST.—On Sunday, April 4th, at St. Andrew's, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. E. Wild, E. Hancox, A. R. Macdonald, B. Prewett, H. Gosden, J. Merrick, R. E. Stanert conductor, W. Foster. First as conductor.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Saturday, April 3rd, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes. H. Brewer, O. Sippetts, R. Sippetts, A. Mitchell, A. D. Mills, J. Rice conductor, F. W. Rice, A. Thornton. First quarter-deal by H. Brewer. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. Richard Cook, who was interred at Crawley church on the above date.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Sunday, March 28th, for men's service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Whittington conductor, C. F. W. Hunt, W. Cook, R. Mackrill, J. P. Kent, E. Cassell, F. Skerrington, G. H. Cook.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday evening, February 7th, at St. Mary Abbot's church, for Divine Service, 1251 Stedman Caters. J. R. Mackman, W. E. Garrard, J. H. Hayward, G. W. Frayne, A. Cutmore, A. E. Bradley, S. A. Wright, A. V. Selby, A. F. Harris conductor, C. H. Phipps. On Sunday evening, April 3rd, 1224 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters. G. W. Frayne, J. R. Mackman, H. G. Miles, A. Cutmore, E. G. Stibbons, A. E. Bradley, A. V. Selby, A. F. Harris, W. E. Garrard, F. J. Redknapp. On Easter Sunday, April 11th, 1257 Stedman Caters. F. Edwards, A. Cutmore, J. H. Hayward, G. W. Frayne, A. F. Harris, A. E. Bradley, H. G. Miles, W. E. Garrard, J. R. Mackman conductor, S. M. Doddington.

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 4th, at St. Luke's, Chelsea, for Confirmation, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 48 mins. J. Watkins, J. Pryer, W. J. Dean, E. J. Webb, F. Davis, F. A. Smith, A. J. H. Newman, W. J. Barber, H. Mance conductor, G. Chesterman.

SIMPSON (Bucks).—On Easter Sunday morning, for early service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 38 mins. Harry Turner, William Coles, William Pether, John Higgins conductor, Chas. W. Smith.

WALDRON (Sussex).—On Easter Sunday evening, 168 Grandsire Triples. H. Rann, W. Burgess, C. Humphrey, Miss Humble Croft, A. Reed, J. Burgess, A. Hobden, E. Jennings. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Humble Croft. It is her longest touch of Triples, and believed to be the first touch of Triples on tower bells by a Sussex lady ringer.

RINGERS' SILVER WEDDING.

On Thursday evening, April 1st, at St. Andrew's church, Burnham, Somerset, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. G. Chamberlain, A. Routley, J. Harris, J. Dunn, W. Worgan, F. Iley, G. Pruen, J. Coram. Rang as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Crandon, who that day celebrated their silver wedding. Mr. Crandon is the esteemed captain of the band, and has been connected with ringing in this tower for upwards of thirty years. A reception was held at Mr. Willis's tea-rooms, when some fifty or sixty friends accepted Mr. and Mrs. Crandon's kind invitation, including the ringers. Mr. and Mrs. Crandon were the recipients of a number of useful presents, including a silver-plated cruet, suitably engraved, presented by Mr. J. Harris on behalf of the ringers and friends. The Rev. H. J. Thompson also spoke of the

good work carried on in the tower by Mr. Crandon. Mr. Crandon suitably responded on behalf of himself and wife. The party broke up about midnight, all having spent a jolly time.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT ROMSEY ABBEY.—This was the first peal of Kent Treble Bob on the bells. The first opening peal on them may be of interest. On Monday, July 18th, 1791, these bells were opened by the College Youths, 5248 Oxford Treble Bob Major being rung in 3 hrs. 29 mins. T. Blakemore, W. Lyford, J. Povey, W. Willson, J. Holdsworth, G. Webb, E. Simmonds, S. Muggeridge. The above is from an old tablet in the tower but no conductor's name is given.

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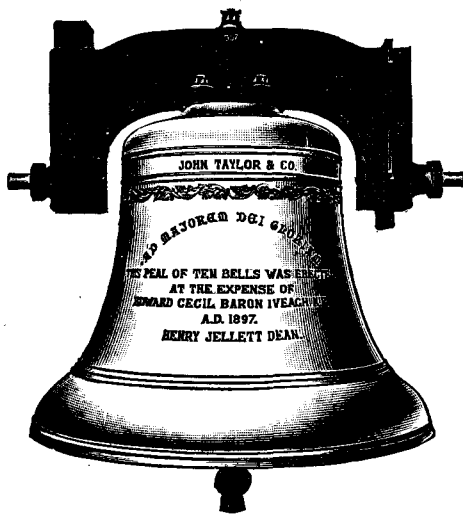
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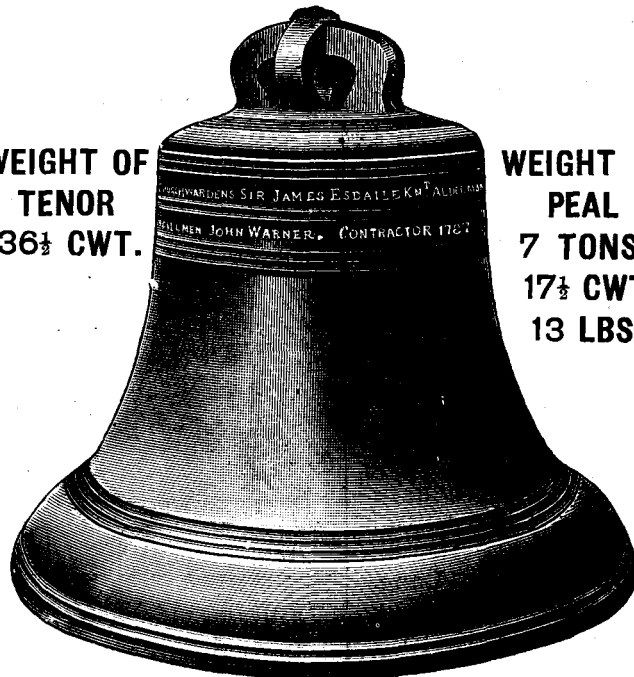
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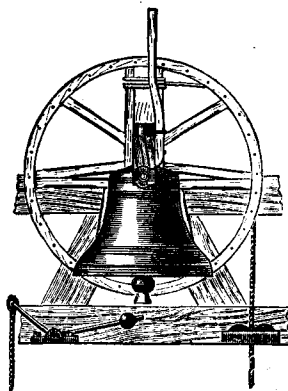
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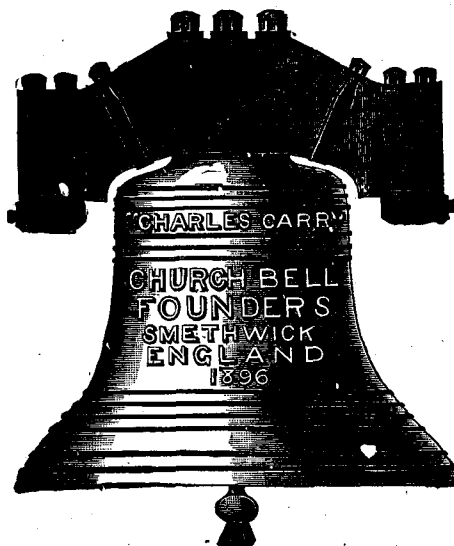
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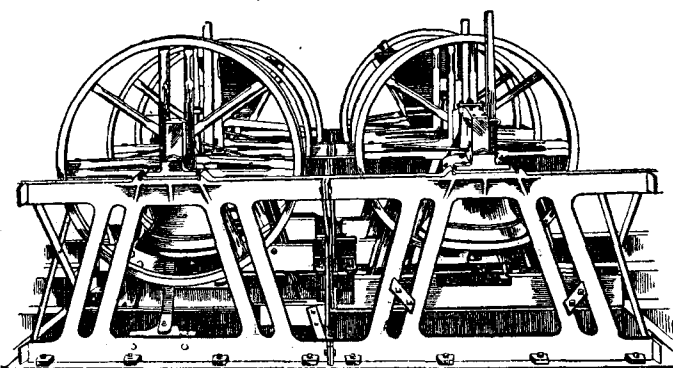
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"THAT CELEBRATED ANTIQUARY JOHN ALFRED PARNELL."

These words are used by Shipway in his prefatory matter, and for long I endeavoured in vain to obtain information about this celebrity. The catalogue of the library of the British Museum does not disclose his name, and from no other source was I able to glean anything definite about him until a letter in a recent number of "THE BELL NEWS" directed me to Mr. Hattersley. I accordingly communicated with him, and as a result paid a visit to Sheffield, where I saw a manuscript and also Mr. Hattersley. It is needless to remark that, much as I was interested in the manuscript, I enjoyed Mr. Hattersley much more.

The literary remains of Parnell in Mr. Hattersley's possession consist of a manuscript on foolscap paper of 34 leaves in a stiff paper binding which is now defective and patched. It came into Mr. Hattersley's possession through Mr. Wm. Booth, of Sheffield, his maternal grandfather, who was personally acquainted with Parnell; and though a perusal of it adds nothing to our technical knowledge, it affords some items which may not be altogether without interest for some of the readers of these columns.

Who and what Parnell was remains at present a matter of speculation. He died, I incline to think, before the year 1830, and consequently Mr. Hattersley never knew him personally, nor is Mr. Hattersley a depository of any definite information about him, and one is therefore reduced to derive what inferences one can from the written page.

The first thing that strikes one is that Parnell was an educated man. He writes and spells and expresses himself as such. There is in his book some prickings of no special value so far as I can see, but I feel convinced that these figures are not his. They are in a much more ignorant handwriting, and I conclude that, paper being a more expensive luxury in his day than in ours, he used up paper that had been partially used before. What were his means of living do not appear, but one does not see how he can have had any settled occupation—unless, indeed, he was a pedlar. He seems to have spent most of his time in going about the country on foot. He describes himself more than once as "The Gothic Traveller," by which he means that he had an intense interest in mediæval buildings, and he gives various statistics about cathedrals and other large churches. So far as these are measurements they are now to be found in many books of reference, and so far as they are anything else, they show a genuine admiration of the work of our artistic forefathers. If the science of mediæval architecture had been developed in his day, he would have been one of the

first and most enthusiastic devotees of it. But while he was walking about, Rickman, who was the father of modern knowledge on that subject, was still engaged in study, and hence Parnell's remarks have little critical value. But his genuine interest appears from the statement that he visited, on foot, amongst other buildings, all the then existing cathedrals in England within twelve months. This means that he walked within a year north and south from Durham to Chichester, and east and west from Norwich to Exeter. Clearly, a man like this can have had no settled mode of living in the ordinary sense of the words. Whether he had any relatives or any regular home does not appear, but it seems that his headquarters were at Sheffield.

That is all for to-day, I hope to add a few concluding remarks next week.

R. A. DANIELL.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the above Association was held by rotation at Leicester on Easter Monday, and was well attended by members from Ansty, Ashby, Barwell, Beeston, Burton, Cotgrave, Derby, Duffield, Eastwood, Hugglescote, Ilkeston, Irthlingborough, London, Loughborough, Melton, Newhall, Northampton, Nottingham, Nuneaton, Retford, Ripley, Rugby, Tamworth, Whitwick, Wolverhampton, and other places.

The bells at St. Margaret's (10), St. Martin's (10), St. Marks (8), and St. John the Divine's (8) were available for ringing from 10 a.m., and were kept going in various methods during the greater part of the day. The interest of the visitors was also excited by the continual news of the *long peal* attempt at the neighbouring town of Loughborough, which we are pleased to hear was brought to a successful conclusion.

The committee meeting was held at 3 p.m. in the High Cross Coffee House, and tea, at which 94 members were present, followed by the general meeting, which commenced soon after 4 p.m. At the general meeting the president, Sir Arthur Heywood, took the chair, and was supported by the Rev. Canon Sanders (Vicar of St. Martin's), Mr. J. W. Taylor (vice-president), Mr. W. E. White (hon. sec.), Mr. E. D. Taylor, and others. The hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Wakley, was unable to be present, and the Rev. Ambrose Lethbridge, of St. Margaret's, was unfortunately obliged to leave before the close of the meeting.

The president, reviewing the annual report, remarked that it was by far the best report in point of performances the Association had ever published, and he had been informed that it placed the society at the head of the analysis for 1908. The president also briefly reviewed the peals rung during 1909, and read out the list, which consisted of 2 peals of Minor, 7 Grandsire Triples, 2 Stedman Triples, 3 Kent Treble Bob Major and 1 of Royal, 2 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1 Forward Major and 1 of Royal,

4 Superlative Surprise Major, 1 New Cambridge Surprise Major, and 1 of Bob Major on handbells. In all twenty-five peals.

The hon. sec. read the minutes of the previous meeting, held at Birmingham, which were passed and signed. A hearty vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. J. W. Taylor, and seconded by Mr. J. Griffin. This was carried with applause, and replied to by Canon Sanders, who had come at great inconvenience to himself, in a well-chosen speech. Two honorary members, the Rev. Thos. Allen Moxon, of Alfreton, and W. W. Worthington, esq., of Netherseal, and 11 ringing members were elected. The balance sheet was passed on the proposition of the auditors, Messrs. J. Griffin and E. J. Stone.

The next business was the election of four delegates to the Central Council. Mr. J. H. Benstead and Mr. E. J. Stone were appointed scrutineers of the ballot papers, and the result was as follows:—Mr. J. W. Taylor, 61 votes; Sir Arthur Heywood, 60 votes; Mr. W. E. White, 50 votes; Mr. J. Griffin, 45 votes; Mr. W. Willson, 39 votes; Mr. H. Argyle, 15 votes. The first four were therefore declared elected. For the election of officers the retiring President, vice-President, and Hon. Secretary had been nominated by all the districts, and were unanimously re-elected, the secretary, however, announcing that he had serious thoughts of retiring at the end of the year. For the office of hon. treasurer, on the resignation of Mr. A. Wakley through ill-health, the Derby district nominated Mr. C. Draper, and the other five districts nominated Mr. W. C. Wakley. Mr. J. H. Swinfield proposed and Mr. R. H. Bartram seconded Mr. W. C. Wakley, and Mr. W. Hickling proposed and Mr. B. Sugden seconded Mr. C. Draper. On a show of hands being taken Mr. W. C. Wakley was elected by a large majority.

The committee recommended Eastwood, Nuneaton, and Chesterfield as the three places most suitable for the coming quarterly meetings. It was desired to visit Bolsover, but the awkward service of trains made it practically impossible. On the proposition of Mr. J. W. Taylor, seconded by Mr. W. C. Wakley, these three places were unanimously chosen.

Sir Arthur Heywood then asked the members to give their serious attention to the finances of the Association, which he said were in a very precarious state. The chief cause of the steady decrease in their balance being due to the size of their annual report, which, owing to the great number of peals rung, had increased to an enormous extent during the past few years. They were very anxious to encourage the ringing of peals, and there were therefore three courses open to them, either to put a levy on the members of, say, a shilling, which would only last for a time, or they could raise the annual subscription, which would probably discourage young ringers, or they might make a charge of 3d. or 6d. for the report. The report as it stood was a shilling book, and it was manifestly impossible to pay for it on a shilling per annum subscription. Mr. J. Griffin proposed and Mr. R. W. Baker seconded that a charge of sixpence should be made for the report, the details as to ordering them to be arranged by the committee. A discussion followed, in which Messrs. Harris, Swinfield, Griffin, Taylor, White, Wakley, and the President took part. On the proposition being put to the meeting it was carried by a large majority. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.

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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The members of this Association held their annual meeting at Bedford on Easter Monday. At one o'clock some forty or more ringers assembled in the Allhallow's Mission Hall, where, under the presidency of the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, of Dunstable, they satisfied the keen appetite that waited upon a morning with the ropes. Afterwards, under the genial influence of the "weed," the company settled down to the business of their annual meeting. The chairman was supported by the Rev. C. A. Rust, of Husborne Crawley (hon. secretary), and the Rev. C. R. Hulton, of Turvey (hon. treasurer).

A letter was read from Mr. I. Hills, the co-hon. secretary, saying that he was sorry to be unable to attend, owing to an attack of rheumatic gout. The Rev. Mr. Rust added that they were very sorry indeed not to have Mr. Hills's familiar face with them. The chairman said they all felt that their Easter Monday was not the same without Mr. Hills.

The annual report, as read by the Rev. A. Rust, stated that the Association was continuing its work with vigour and with satisfactory results. Quarterly meetings were held at Milton Ernest, Turvey, and Dunstable, and were well attended. At the historic church at Elstow a new treble had been added, and the five old bells rehung. Similar work was likely to be done at Flitwick in the near future. The following peals had been rung: a peal each of Superlative, Double Norwich, Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples, and eight of Minor.

The financial statement showed an expenditure of £9 14s. 8½d., and a balance in hand of £19 11s. 8½d. The reports were adopted. The election of officers resulted in all the retiring officers being asked to serve again. In accepting the invitation Mr. Rust spoke highly of Mr. Hills's services, and said he was deeply indebted to him for his co-operation.

For the Central Council the Rev. W. W. C. Baker was re-appointed. In returning thanks he said the Council had thrashed out the question of methods, but the Council had no legislative force, and could not compel anything. It had passed all sorts of pious resolutions on the subject, but if any notice was taken of them it was very slight. Still, he thought it was useful that these matters should be thrashed out. The Council also gave ringers a status which they didn't enjoy before as a body of church workers.

Mr. Herbert Mortimer, of Bromham, was introduced as "the smallest member of the Association," but from the eulogies of his proposer he was somewhat advanced in the Art. Mr. E. White was welcomed as the first member from the local company of Elstow, and he, too, had made some progress. The Rev. A. Rust also proposed four new members from his own company.

The meeting discussed at some length a proposal by the Rev. C. B. Hulton for an improved summer meeting. He advocated making a longer day of it, and that it should partake of a social character, with a short service in the evening. In reply to an objection by the chairman that the members would find some difficulty in getting off for a whole day about the time of the hay harvest, Mr. Hulton said if they made a pleasant day of it the members would get there somehow. Eventually, on the proposition of the chairman, it was decided to accept Mr. Hulton's suggestion, to hold the summer meeting at Turvey, and leave the arrangements in Mr. Hulton's hands. Mr. Barker (Bedford) seconded. The Michaelmas meeting was fixed for Elstow, and New Year's for Leighton Buzzard.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The usual quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Petworth on Easter Monday, a fairly good muster of ringers being present from Arundel, Brighton (St. Peter's), Bosham, Chichester, Lindfield, Pulborough, Slinfold, and Warnham, numbering about 20. Ringing commenced soon after the appointed time, and touches of Grandsire and a course of Stedman Triples were brought round. Tea was held at Mr. Knight's, confectioner, Lombard Street, the Rector, the Rev. J. T. Penrose, being present and taking the chair.

After the tea the usual business followed, the minutes of the last meeting were read by the divisional secretary, and passed. The Rector was elected an hon. member, Mr. G. Swain a member of the Arundel branch, and Messrs. H. Doick and S. Wady of the Pulborough branch, Mr. Greenfield proposed that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Petworth, which was carried.

Mr. Blake proposed the usual vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding and granting the use of the bells, to which the chairman suitably replied, and said he was pleased to welcome the members of the Association to Petworth, and should be quite willing to grant the use of the bells for a peal. This concluded the business, the tower being again visited, and ringing continued till eight o'clock.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

AXBRIDGE DEANERY BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the above was held in the Rectory Hall, Lympsham, on Saturday, April 17th. The chair was taken by the Rev. H. J. Ker Thompson. Some thirty members were present, the following towers being represented:—Burnham, Congresbury, Kewstoke, Weston-super-Mare, Worle, and Lympsham. Three honorary and five performing members were duly elected. Service was held in the parish church, and an address given by the Rev. Stephenson, who also kindly gave tea. A presentation was made by the Rev. Bentley, of Worle, on behalf of the ringers, to Mr. G. Chamberlain of a pendant, suitably engraved, as an appreciation of his services to them during the winter. Mr. Chamberlain suitably responded. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. and Mrs. Stephenson for their kindness in giving tea, arranging service, and for use of the bells. The Rev. Stephenson suitably responded, saying it was a very great pleasure to him to help the Association in its good work. Several touches of Grandsire Doubles were rang during the evening.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

The above Society held their annual meeting at headquarters on Saturday, April 24th. There was a good attendance, including members from Whitfield, Dinting, Glossop, Worsley, Pendleton, Oldham, Stalybridge, Burbage, London, and Reddish. It was proposed and carried that a letter be sent to "THE BELL NEWS" congratulating the Stedman Caters band who rung the long peal at Loughborough.

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SPELDHURST, KENT.

On Easter Monday morning five of the Tunbridge Wells ringers, with three local ringers, started for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 5056 changes: but, unfortunately, two leads from the end the bells in the front got mixed up, and the peal collapsed. The ringers were S. Faithfull, J. Maynard, G. Thompson, E. Mankelow, G. Turley, H. Porter, C. Chapman, W. Latter conductor. The peal was intended as a birthday compliment to Miss R. Macalpine Leny and to Mr. C. Chapman. The ringers were afterwards entertained to breakfast at the George and Dragon inn by Miss Leny.

At the conclusion of the repast Mr. Latter briefly expressed the thanks of the ringers, and also offered their congratulations to Miss Leny and Mr. Chapman. He said that the ringers deeply regretted that they were not successful with the peal after getting so near the end, but Miss Leny knew enough about peal ringing to know that a peal was never certain until it was completed.

Miss Leny, in reply, expressed her sincere thanks to the ringers for coming there to ring on her birthday. She was very sorry that they were not successful with the peal, but she took the will for the deed, and thanked them most heartily for the attempt. She hoped to meet them all, and also a good number of other members of the Association at the meeting at Speldhurst on July 3rd.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

Throughout the land for many centuries ringers have been performing valuable public service. At times of great national joy or sorrow the services of the humble bell-ringer stands out prominently as one of the loftiest and best means of voicing the feelings and sentiments of the British people, and through the medium of Church or Cathedral bells our aspirations are duly expressed either in the solemnity of the muffled peal, or the joyous sound of open ringing. In many other ways the bells of merry England have played an important part in the parochial life of this country. It was in obedience to the wishes of many sympathetic friends of the family of the late W. T. Everard, esq., of Bardon Hall, that a band of ringers met in the Hugglescote belfry on Wednesday last and rang, with the bells half muffled, 1050 changes, composed and conducted by Mr. A. Rands. The band were Messrs. G. Griffin, G. Walker, J. Cadle, E. Rands, P. Hadfield, F. Middleton, W. Fern, and J. T. Allen. The last three named hail from Whitwick.—*Coalville Times*.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT ECCLESTON.—E. H. Lewis's 100 Peals.—Bob Minor 2, conducted 1; Major 8, conducted 3; Royal 1; Double Bob Major 1, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples 6, conducted 1; Caters 2; Union Triples 1, conducted 1; Oxford Bob Triples 2, Double Oxford Triples 2, conducted 1; Major 1; Double Norwich Major 9; Kent Major 6; Royal 1, conducted 1; Oxford Major 2; Superlative Major 6, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 22; Forward Major 1; two Minor methods 1, conducted 1; three Minor methods 2, conducted 1; seven Minor methods 6. Total 82; rung in forty-three towers. On handbells: Bob Major 9; Royal 2; Maximus 1; Grandsire Triples 1; Caters 1; Kent Major 3; Royal 1. Total, 18.

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ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, EDINBURGH.

Nine of the above Society invaded the town of Newcastle on Monday, April 19th, and were met at the station by Mr. C. L. Routledge, whose influence enabled them to get the privilege of seeing through Messrs. Hawthorn and Leslie's Engineering Works, which was much appreciated. They afterwards adjourned for lunch to Messrs. Emmerson's cafe, which these hungry nine men did ample justice to. Their next tour round landed them at All Saints, Gosforth, for a peal, which did not come off, owing to three of their band who promised to take part in the peal not turning up. They had to content themselves with one or two 168s of Grandsire, one of which was called by Mr. Ferry. They then found their devious ways, some to Jesmond, others to the sights of Newcastle, and met again at Emmerson's to join Messrs. Routledge, Potter, Barber, Keen and others at tea. Not forgetting their old friend Alf. at St. John's they then rang a touch of Stedman and Grandsire, conducted by Mr. Barber. This brought to a close a most enjoyable outing, which was largely due to the arrangements of Mr. Routledge. They all arrived in Aulk Reeki at 16.20 safe and sound.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.

On Easter Monday the Middlesbrough branch of the Yorkshire Association had an excursion to Carlton and Whorlton-in-Cleveland. At the former place touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative Surprise and Kent Treble Bob were rung, whilst Kent and Oxford and Stedman Doubles was rung at the latter place. The bells at Carlton are a new ring by Taylor, tenor 15 cwt., and the "go" of them was greatly enjoyed by the visitors, being a fine peal in every respect, with a comfortable and roomy ringing chamber. The Carlton bells are in charge of Mr. F. A. Mellanby, who received his early tuition in the Art at the Middlesbrough parish church, and where he rang twelve peals. The visitors wish him every success in his new sphere.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A special meeting of the Guildford District was held at Bentley on Saturday, April 24th, and was attended by ringers from Farnham, Ewhurst, Frensham, Guildford, Binsted, etc. An address was given by the Rector the Rev. W. H. Moody, R.D. who heartily welcomed the Guild, and afterwards presided at the tea. At the business meeting it was unanimously resolved that the Secretary send a letter of congratulation to the ringers of the record peal, great admiration being expressed at their marvellous achievement. The new members included Mr. J. E. Grove, of Birmingham, and Rev. J. D. Carter, Vicar, of Froyle.

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,—Re Mr. W. Fuller's enquiry as to the possibility of obtaining forty-two different 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. By using only the treble as hunt there is ten. At the same time there can be no law to say that you shall not use the remaining four in turn as the hunt, when you can get not only forty-two but fifty, i.e. a peal of 6000. The treble for convenience, is used as the hunt, so for a peal of Grandsire Doubles the only possible way is to use every bell in turn as the hunt. The band who ring a peal of Grandsire Doubles like this, have, at least to my thinking, a bigger job than the band who can ring a peal of Stedman.

F. H. DEXTER.

"THE IMPOSTOR."

SIR,—Will Mr. George Cockin send his address to me and I will give him all particulars?
JNO. FLINT.
Oscroft Lane, Bolsover.

Obituary.

MARY TRUSS.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Miss Mary Truss, sister of that well-known and respected ringer Mr. J. C. Truss, of Marlow, and daughter of the late Mr. John Clark Truss, a ringer at Marlow parish church all his life. The deceased lady was well known to ringers throughout the country, especially in the Oxford Diocese and the Metropolis. Of an exceedingly bright and happy temperament, she had endeared herself to all who had the privilege of knowing her, and her cheery laugh and pleasant disposition, combined with her businesslike qualities, will never be forgotten. At the piano or with a pair of handbells Miss Mary Truss was an adept, ringing a pair to Grandsire in a way that many of us used to admire. Her death took place on Monday evening last, April 26th, at 8.30, after only a few hours' illness, borne with christian fortitude, and is an irreparable loss to her brother and all the family, to whom the whole of the ringing fraternity extend their deepest sympathy in their bereavement. The funeral is fixed for Saturday next at four o'clock, in the family grave in the parish churchyard Great Marlow.

R. I. P.

WILLIAM ALLMAN.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at his residence at Barthomley on April 8th, aged 71 years. He had been a member of the Barthomley company for upwards of fifty years, and parish clerk and sexton for twenty-five years. The funeral took place at the parish church on Easter Sunday. The service, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. W. Skene), was fully choral. Sixteen beautiful floral tributes were sent including one from the Rector, the churchwardens, sidesmen and fellow-ringers. The organist played Chopin's Funeral March and the Dead March. Large numbers assembled to pay a last tribute of respect. Muffled peals were rung for both services on Good Friday, before and after the interment, and for all services on Easter Day.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South Western Division took place at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Easter Monday. Contrary to expectation, quite a lively force of talent turned up, the bells starting early in the afternoon, and as the evening wore on thirty members had assembled to enjoy a bank holiday in the ringers own fashion, some no doubt forsaking wives and sweethearts, country lanes and cozy corners and jugs of nut brown ale for Superlative, Double Norwich, Stedman and Treble Bob. The towers represented were Loughton, Woodford, Leytonstone, Dagenham and West Ham, and the local company were much in evidence. Various touches of the above methods were ably conducted and completed under the guidance of Mr. E. Wightman. Twenty-eight members sat down to tea in the schoolroom, the Master, Mr. S. Hayes, in the chair, supported by Mr. G. Black, who took occasion, at the business meeting which followed, to congratulate the former on his recovery from recent illness. He was sure all present were pleased to see him again at the head of the table, to which the company gave unanimous response. The Vicar just looked in to assure us of his pleasure in seeing so many present, though he sometimes wished his study was not so near to the steeple. After a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, new members were enrolled and Woodford selected as the next place of meeting.

The company again ascended the tower, keeping the bells going until nine o'clock, when everyone (perhaps the parishioners) began to feel satiated with ringing, returning to their respective homes no doubt with a merry little twinkle in their eyes at the thought they had so much enjoyed the evening at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 3rd, 17th, and 31st; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 4th and 18th; at St. Giles, Cripple-gate, on the 4th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 13th and 27th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th; and at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 20th; at 8 p.m.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swinton to-day, Sat., May 1st. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.
W. H. SHUKER, Branch Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Faversham to-day, Sat., May 1st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at the Queen's Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. No travelling allowance at this meeting.
G. DENNE, Hon. Dis. Sec.
 61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Biddenden to-day, Sat., May 1st. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Tea (free) at The Chequers at 6 o'clock. If possible, the Rector (Rev. E. K. B. Morgan), will preside at the tea and meeting.
C. TRIBE, Hon. Dis. Sec.
 British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone, to-day, Sat., May 1st. (The Marden bells not being completed). Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Business meeting at The Castle inn at 5.30. Half travelling expenses up to but, not exceeding 2s. will be paid to members attending.
W. LATTE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly meeting will be held at Lawton, Cheshire, on Saturday, 1st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 6. Service at 7 p.m.
Rev. W. G. KEYWORTH, Hon. Sec.
J. JOHNSON,

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The annual meeting will take place at Sheffield to-day, Sat., May 1st. The bells of the parish church (12), and St. Marie's (8), will be open from 3.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. The business meeting will be held in the Presbytery Room, Norfolk Row, at 6.30 p.m., sharp, when the Rev. Dean Dolan will preside. Committee meeting at 6 p.m.
SIDNEY F. PALMER, Hon. Sec.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bourton to-day, Saturday, May 1st. Ringing from 2; service at 4. Address by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, Rector of Kingston Magna. Tea at 4.30 in vicarage room, followed by business meeting. Buckhouse Weston and Henstridge towers probably available.
C. A. PHILLIPS, Hon. Br. Sec.

The Essex Association.—North-Western District.—A meeting will be held at Waltham

Abbey on Saturday, May 8th. Bells at two o'clock. Meat tea at The Green Dragon, 1s. 6d., provided for those who notify me by the Wednesday previous.

JOHN F. PENNING, Hon. Sec.
 "Fairville," Saffron Walden.

The Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Leyland on Saturday, May 8th. Further particulars by circular.
A. E. WREAKS, Hon. Secs.
J. H. BANKS,

The North Notts. Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at West Retford on Saturday, May 8th. Business meeting in schoolroom at 3.30 p.m. Divine Service in West Retford parish church at 4.15. Tea at Howard's tea rooms at 5 p.m. The bells at East Retford (10), West Retford (6), and Ordsall (6) will be open to members and friends. Members of kindred societies will be heartily welcomed.
B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.

The Sussex County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Hastings on Saturday, May 8th. Towers open for ringing: Christ Church, St. Leonards, 11 to 1; Christ Church, Blacklands, 11 to 1, and 5.30 to 7; All Saints and St. Clements 6 to 8 p.m. Luncheon at The Castle hotel at 1.45. Tickets (to members) 1s. 6d. Usual business meeting Service at Christ Church, Blacklands, at 4.30. Preacher—the Rector of Christ Church, St. Leonards. Members intending to be present at luncheon, must notify me by Wednesday, May 5th.
G. WATSON, Hon. Gen. Sec.
 Vale Road, St. Leonards.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at the parish church, Burnley, on Saturday, May 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.
J. WATSON, Br. Sec.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—To Life Ringing Members and others.—Annual festival at Milton Abbey on Tuesday, May 25th. Service in abbey church at 12 noon. Preacher—the Very Rev. the Dean of Salisbury. Luncheon in marquee at 1 p.m., kindly provided by Sir Everard Hambro, K.C.V.O. Earl Nelson will preside. Following towers offered for ringing: Milton Abbey, Hilton, Bryanston, and Blandford. Railway station—Blandford, seven miles. The East Dorset Branch kindly defrays expense of conveyances. Reduced fare on application to station-master a few days previously. Kindly send notice to Secretary—West Lulworth Vicarage, Wareham, in order to secure a seat.

The Hertfordshire Association.—NOTICE TO MEMBERS.—The photographic group on Easter Monday was a success. Copies can be had of Cherry and Co., London Road, St. Albans, as follows: 10 x 12, 2. 6d.; 18 x by 12, 5s. Postage and packing 6d. extra.
G. W. CARTMEL, Hon. Sec.
 "Duffield," St. Albans.

Kenninghall (Norfolk).—These bells, after rehanging, will be open for ringing from 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 13th. Lunch 2s., drinks extra can be obtained at The Crown hotel, by giving notice to the landlady by Tuesday, May 11th. By kind permission of the Rector, the Quidenham bells (8) will also be available during the day.

All communications respecting the bells of St. Mary's church, Bury St. Edmunds, should be addressed to the Secretary, Mr. H. Lomax, sen., 35, Crown Street.

GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By FREDK. H. DEXTER, Leicester.

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This peal has the twenty-four each 6-8s, 8-6s, 7-8-9-6s, 7-6-9-8s of the two positions, with the front bells completing their extent in 4ths in perfect order. It also has twenty each of the 8-7-9s and 6-7-9s.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Owing to a change in the postal designation of the district, the future address of B. Prewett will be Park House, Oxhey, Watford.—W. H. Pasmore has removed from Lomax to 203, Alliance Avenue, Hull, Yorks.

Peal Tablets.

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Metropolis.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, April 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, SOUTH, HACKNEY,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble.	CHARLES T. COLES 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	SAMUEL BIRD 6.
WILLIAM MILLER 3.	BERTRAM PREWETT 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.
First peal in the method on the bells.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.)*On Saturday, April 24, 1909, in Three Hours,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. Treble.	HENRY S. ELLIS 5.
HERBERT W. HIBBERT .. 2.	ARTHUR HADDDING 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	GEORGE R. FARDON 7.
ALBERT WHITTINGTON .. 4.	*ROBERT W. GREEN Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

*First peal.

The Provinces.**CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT)

*On Tuesday, March 9, 1909, in Three Hours,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being eight 6-scores each of Morning Star, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, and April Day: and ten 6-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT .. Treble.	WILLIAM PIERCE 3.
JOHN O'NEILL 2.	*HERBERT PRATT 4.
LIONEL HAMMOND .. .. .	.. .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

*First peal.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,***AT CHRIST CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.**

Tenor 19 cwt.

KENNEDY CLOUSTON* .. Treble.	†JAMES E. GOFTON 6.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. 2.	†R. ALDER GOFTON 7.
EDWARD A. HEEN† .. 3.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 8.
GEORGE R. HOLMES† .. 4.	ROBERT RICHARDS 9.
THOMAS T. GOFTON† .. 5.	ALEXANDER G. LAWSON .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire Caters. †First peal in the method.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WILLIAM WILLSON Treble.	ALBERT MASON 5.
EDWARD JACKSON 2.	THOMAS BOTTRILL 6.
ALEX BRAMLEY 3.	JAMES HARRIS 7.
DANIEL RICHARDS 4.	R. HENRY BARTRAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

*On Saturday April 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE BILLENNESS .. Treble.	†STEPHEN J. BOULDEN .. 5.
ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 2.	CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 6.
ERNEST GOSBEE† .. 3.	GEORGE JOHNSON .. 7.
ALFRED JOHNSON .. 4.	GEORGE B. ANDERSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

†First peal. *Elected a member previous to starting.

GREAT GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, April 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

J. W. SEAMER Treble.	A. B. SHEPHERD 5.
C. H. BIRD 2.	C. KENNINGTON 6.
P. C. LONG 3.	C. TAYLOR 7.
A. W. LONG 4.	W. H. HEYBOE Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the Vicar the Rev. A. A. Markham and Mrs. Markham.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

CLIFFORD DAWSON* .. Treble.	CHARLES E. HART 5.
CHARLES DRAPER .. 2.	GEORGE DAWSON 6.
ALBERT H. WARD .. 3.	SYDNEY DAWSON 7.
BART MITCHELL .. 4.	JOHN FLOWER Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

*First peal. Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to G. Dawson.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.***On Saturday, April 17, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 22 cwt.

RALPH MEER Treble.	SAMUEL SPITTLE 5.
WILLIAM GOODMAN† .. 2.	JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. .. 6.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 3.	HARRY GOODMAN 7.
HERBERT SHEPPARD .. 4.	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

†First peal with a bob bell.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, April 17, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, College Pleasure, College Exercise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE CHEESMAN .. Treble.	ARTHUR LINTOTT 4.
JOHN AKEHURST .. 2.	ARTHUR TULLETT 5.
FREDK. R. TULLETT, JUN. 3.	FREDK. R. TULLETT, SEN. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. R. TULLETT, SEN.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN B. MARTIN Treble.	*FREDERICK CAUSTY 5.
WALTER GRAY* 2.	ALFRED H. MARTIN 6.
ALFRED EVERITT* 3.	WALTER PERKINS 7.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 4.	LUTHER CHAPMAN Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

*First peal in the method.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. Treble.	CHARLES W. BRETT 5.
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 6.
WILLIAM WENBAN 3.	STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. 7.
FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 4.	RICHARD S. STAINES .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,
AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Saturday, April 17, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JESSE SCREEN* Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMALL 5.
SAMUEL GROVES 2.	C. FREDERICK WHITE .. 6.
ALFRED ROWLEY 3.	JOHN SMITH 7.
JAMES DOWLER 4.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

*First peal in the method. C. F. White was proposed a member of the above society, and Messrs. Dowler and Groves of the above Guild previous to starting for the peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, April 17, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDGAR PEMBERTON .. Treble.	GEORGE P. BURTON 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 6.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor.

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

Arranged and rung for G. P. Burton, who belongs to the St. Peter Mancroft Society, Nbrwich.

PENDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 19, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lbs.

FRANCIS SMITH Treble.	SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. 5.
CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY .. 2.	GEORGE E. TURNER 6.
JOSEPH TURNER 3.	ALBERT E. WREAKS 7.
SAMUEL WOOD 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

Rung on the 65th birthday of Edmund Schofield, of Staleybridge. This composition has the 4th and 6th their extent in 6th, and also the 3th and 6th their extent in 5ths, and is now rung for the first time.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 19, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE .. Treble.	JAMES MERRICK 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	GEORGE SPENCER 6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 3.	EDGAR HANCOX 7.
ROBERT E. STAVEBT .. 4.	WILLIAM WAENE Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, April 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	JOHN LUCKEY 5.
GEORGE DENT 2.	WALTER HOBBS 6.
HENRY J. TUCKER 3.	WILLIAM WATTS 7.
ISAAC CAVILL 4.	FREDERICK PALMER Tenor.

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

First peal in the method as conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANCIS A. SMITH .. Treble.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 5.
BASIL HUGHES 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT 6.
THOMAS R. SCOTT 3.	ROBERT E. STAVEBT .. 7.
JAMES MERRICK 4.	FREDERICK EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 22, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM ASHDOWN* .. Treble.	HERBERT TOMSETT 5.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 2.	*JAMES PARSONS 6.
ALBERT W. WHEALE .. 3.	THOMAS STRINGER 7.
HENRY J. GRAVETT 4.	GEORGE F. GASTON Tenor.

Conducted by A. W. GRAVETT.

*First peal.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Thursday, April 22, 1909, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5027 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

S. REEVES* Treble.	*W. T. PATES 6.
G. H. PHILLOTT* 2.	W. TOWNSEND 7.
G. PEARCE 3.	W. DYER 8.
H. ROBERTS* 4.	J. BALLINGER 9.
F. MUSTY* 5.	*A. W. HUMPHRIS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by S. REEVES.

Rung on the anniversary of the long peal of 15,227 Grandsire Caters rung in Cheltenham on April 22nd, 1888. *Rung in the peal of 15,227, which was composed by H. Johnson, and conducted by W. T. Pates in 9 hrs 45 mins.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 22, 1909, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5328 CHANGES.

Tenor 37½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. ROBSON Treble.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 6.
GEORGE T. POTTER 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 7.
WILLIAM STORY 3.	THOMAS METCALF 8.
WILLIAM H. BARBER 4.	ROBERT RICHARDS 9.
EDWARD A. HEEN 5.	OSWALD SIMM Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

First short course peal on the bells. This composition was first rung on handbells at Aston in 1898, conducted by B. Wittchell.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB TRIPLES.

5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qrs. 3 lbs. in D.

GEORGE JONES Treble.	JAMES MORGAN 5.
REV. A. T. BRESTON 2.	EDWIN H. LEWIS 6.
ROBERT SPERRING 3.	HENRY W. WILDE 7.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 4.	JAMES V. WRIGHT Tenor.

Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER, and
Conducted by H. W. WILDE.

This is the second peal ever rung in this method, the first having been rung at St. Mary-on-the-Hill, Chester, on November 20th, 1908. It was E. H. Lewis's 100th peal.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, April 24, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON 2.	*CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 6.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 7.
STANLEY HOLL* 4.	EDWARD EVANS Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal in the method.

SOWERBY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE AND HALIFAX AND DISTRICT
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday April 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER SMITH Treble.	ALBERT JAGGER 5.
JAMES COTTERELL 2.	GEORGE WHITESAKER 6.
THOMAS POLLITT 3.	CHARLES E. STEWART 7.
JONAS S. AMBLER 4.	FRED SALMONS Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JONAS COTTERELL.

WARE, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

HENRY J. TUCKER Treble.	GEORGE H. BARKER 5.
REV. ALFRED G. LANGDON .. 2.	*EDWARD H. KING 6.
HENRY S. REEVES 3.	*BARNARD PATMORE 7.
FREDERICK WILLIAMS* 4.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY J. TUCKER.

*First peal on eight bells. This is the first peal of Major on the bells for 128 years. It was the conductor's 180th peal.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 24, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE 'SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lbs. in G.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble.	JESSE MOSS 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2.	THOMAS RILEY 6.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE 3.	HARRY MOSS 7.
WALTER ROBINSON 4.	JOHN FLINT Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.
First peal in the method on the bells.

Handbell Peals.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT 33, HOLLY STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

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

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
Umpire—J. Atkin.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Monday, April 19, 1909, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

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

MAURICE SMITHER 1-2.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN. 5-6.
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4.	HENRY L. GARFATH 7-8.

Conducted by A. H. PUELING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Pelling, the band wishing her a speedy recovery from her illness; also as a compliment to A. Garfath, brother of the ringer of 7-8.

The following four peals are the result of three day's ringing in Suffolk:—

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

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

On Sunday, April 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
WILLIAM BLENNESS 2.	*JAMES RUMSEY 6.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3.	*FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 7.
WILLIAM HEWITT 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

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.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES:
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	*JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 2.	*WILLIAM HEWITT 8.
EDWARD EVANS 3.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 9.
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN* .. 4.	WILLIAM MOTTS 10.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 5.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 11.
FRANK BENNETT* 6.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal of Maximus.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE .. Treble.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 5.
REV WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	EDWARD EVANS 6.
WILLIAM HEWITT 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This was W. Hewitt's fiftieth peal.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

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

On Tuesday, April 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

EDGAR PEMBERTON Treble.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 5.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method by all the band except the J. Motts, and first peal in the method on the bells. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to heartily thank the clergy for so kindly placing the bells of their respective churches at the disposal of the party, also the many ringers and others who rendered the assistance necessary to make the ringing a success. The members of the party regret however that it was found impossible to take advantage of the permission kindly granted by the Rev W. P. Garrett, of Helmingham, to attempt a peal on the bells of that church.

Miscellaneous.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS. ASSOCIATION.

WHITBY-ON-SEA.—On Sunday, March 21st, 252 Bob Triples. F. Hodgson, W. Breckon, G. B. Simpson, F. Hodgson, W. Knaggs, J. Waters, G. F. Alexander, G. Hill. On Wednesday, March 24th, 504 Bob Triples. T. Steel, F. Hodgson, Rev. A. J. de Denne, A. W. Brighton conductor, W. Knaggs, J. Waters, G. F. Alexander, T. Tindale. On Sunday, April 4th, 168 Bob Triples. T. Steel, W. Breckon, G. B. Simpson, J. Waters, W. Knaggs, G. Hill, G. F. Alexander, M. Stapely. Also 504 Bob Triples. T. Steel, W. Breckon, G. B. Simpson, G. F. Alexander, W. Knaggs, J. Waters, W. Harland, G. Hill.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GAYWOOD (Norfolk).—On Thursday, February 4th, at the church of St. Faith, 720 Plain Bob in 26 mins. W. Cole, G.

Holland, S. Chenist, G. Etchells conductor, J. Sadgley, G. Hawes. On Sunday, February 7th, 720 Plain Bob in 25 mins. W. Cole, P. Johnson, B. Buufield, G. Etchells, G. Greenacre conductor, G. Hawes.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

YATELEY (Hants).—On Sunday, March 14th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Horne, S. Riddell conductor, G. Bunch, C. Hilton, H. Tice, F. Hagley, J. R. Bunch, A. Hearmon. On March 21st, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Lemesurer and Mrs. De Winton Corry, of Yateley, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Butler, S. Riddell, W. G. Bunch, C. Hilton, G. Bunch, F. Hagley conductor, W. Horne, A. Hearmon. On April 4th, for Divine Service, 546 Grandsire Triples. G. Butler, H. Tice, W. G. Bunch, S. Riddell conductor, F. Hagley, Bunch, H. Tice, W. Horne. On Saturday, April 10th, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Rev. C. D. Stooks, who for twenty years was Vicar of Yateley, who died at Southgate on April 7th, and was interred at Yately on that day, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Butler, S. Riddell conductor, W. G. Bunch, W. B. Tice, F. Hagley, J. R. Bunch, W. Horne, A. Hearmon.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FARNWORTH.—On Saturday, March 27th, for practice at St. John's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Peers, T. Barlow, W. Tebay, G. Pincott, J. Potter, J. Ridyard conductor. Also a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. T. Peers, J. Potter, W. Tebay, G. Pincott, J. Ridyard, W. Pennington, T. Barlow conductor, J. Brooks.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON.—On Sunday evening, January 3rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 1256 Double Norwich. O. W. Layng, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, R. Thompson, H. Roberts, O. Nosman, T. Robinson, C. J. Gardiner conductor. On January 12th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Robinson, R. W. Hyner, G. W. Townsend, C. J. Gardiner conductor, H. W. Wells, O. Norman, A. W. Harrington. On January 24th, for morning service, 840 Stedman Triples. O. W. Layng, R. Thompson, R. W. Hyner, H. W. Wells, T. Robinson, O. Norman conductor, C. J. Gardiner, A. W. Harrington.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LINDFIELD (Sussex).—On Sunday, March 21st, 532 Grandsire Triples. J. Lacey, G. Tomsett conductor, E. Bish, H. Tomsett, A. Tomsett, J. Parsons, F. Willey, G. Belton. Also 518. F. Willey, A. Tomsett conductor, R. Holder, E. Bish, E. Patching, J. Parsons, G. Tomsett, T. Patching. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Tomsett.

LONDON.—On Saturday, April 24th, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Dorrington, M. Wood composer, A. Hughes, jun., conductor, H. Hills, C. Kennedy, D. F. Gibbons, H. C. Alford, J. Monday.

OLD LENTON (Notts).—On Sunday evening, March 28th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. W. Flinders, W. Bellamy, R. Flint, H. R. Cobbin, E. J. Oliver, F. Knibb, J. Hickman conductor, G. Barns. On Sunday evening, April 24th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 47 mins. W. Flinders, R. Flint, H. R. Cobbin, V. Gosling, J. Clarke, F. Knibb, E. J. Oliver, W. Bellamy conductor.

SOUTHWARK.—On Sunday evening, April 25th, for Divine Service at the church of St. George-the-Martyr, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins. E. Finch, S. B. Weatherstone, G. F. Woodage, T. H. Taffender conductor, C. S. Burden, H. W. Hibbert, W. H. Taffender, C. Hughes. First quarter-peal by the treble and tenor-man.

WIGSTON MAGNA (Leicestershire).—On Tuesday, April 13th, two attempts was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but came to grief in each after ringing 1200 and 1300 changes. C. Caker, B. Day, J. Hall, E. Gobey, H. Fletcher, H. George, R. Clifford conductor, A. T. Baker.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

On Easter Monday, the members of the All Saints society, Boyn Hill, had their annual outing, the places visited being Thame, Haddenham, and Long Crendon (Oxon). Starting from Maidenhead at 8.30, they arrived at Thame at 9.45, when after refreshing the inner man, a brisk walk through the fine old town brought them to the church, which is a fine old structure of the thirteenth century. After being showed round by the Vicar, they were conducted to the tower by the rev. gentleman, and the bells were soon going to the tune of Stedman, Cambridge, and Double Norwich. The next order was a fine country drive to Haddenham, which was rather marred by cold showers, but was made up for by fine scenery. Here they were met by Mr. Chapman, who conducted them to the church, and the bells were soon going to Cambridge, Stedman,

and Double Norwich. Time being short, and a hasty farewell to all, a drive back to Thame where a good dinner was in store for them, the method being roast beef and mutton. After dinner another pleasant country drive brought them to the quaint old village of Long Crendon. Here they were met by the Rev. — Ewell, who conducted them round his fine old church of the thirteenth century, and explained all the old antiques, which were numerous; and some very fine carvings, paintings and tombs. Then a journey to the tower, which is in the centre of the church, and where a fine peal of eight was soon going to the tune of Stedman, Cambridge, and Double Norwich. Afterwards the company were entertained to a meat tea by the Vicar, his daughter, and the local ringers, which was very much enjoyed. After a vote of thanks to the Vicar and his daughter, the ringers gave

a few tunes on the handbells, which was much enjoyed by all. Time being short, a good hearty shake of hands, and thanking the Vicar and his daughter for their kind hospitality, and a pleasant drive back to Thame in time to catch the train, brought a very pleasant outing to a close. The ringers wish to thank the Vicars of the respective churches for the use of the bells, and the ringers for having all in readiness.

ILKESTON (Derbysire).—On a recent Sunday evening for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. H. Harrison, H. Fletcher, E. C. Gobey conductor, A. Nicholson, E. Foxon, J. H. Illiffe, C. J. Baker, F. George. On Thursday, April 1st, for practice, 288 Treble Bob Major.

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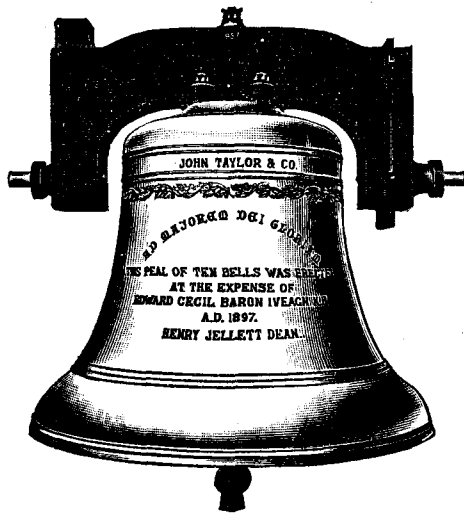
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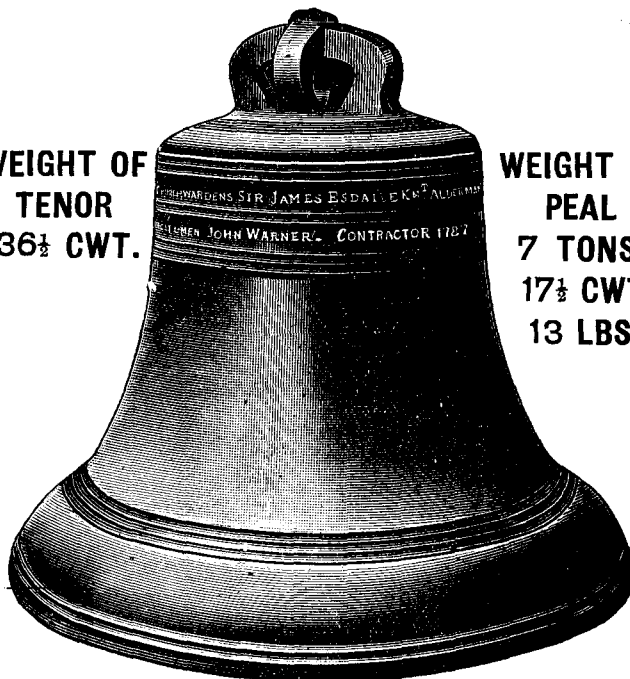
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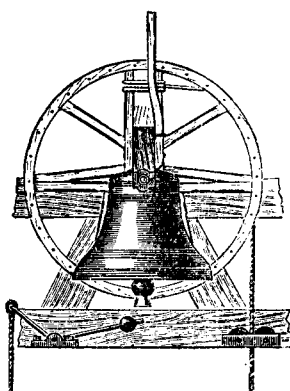
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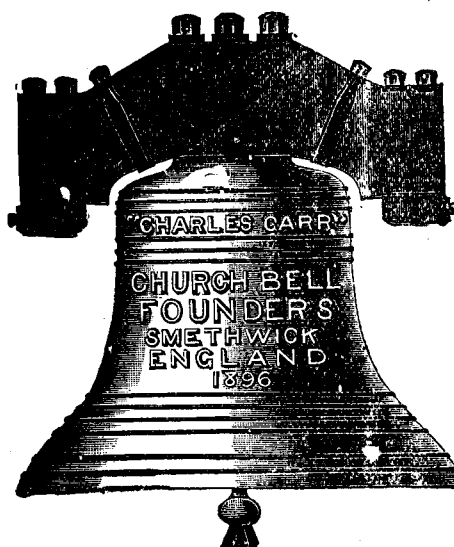
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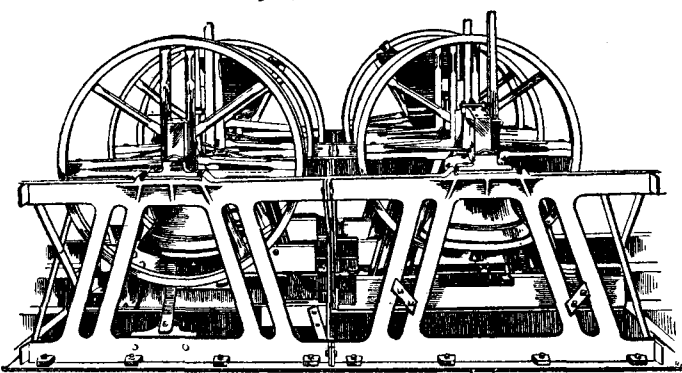
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THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The bellringers of Hertfordshire, who are associated with the county association, had their annual reunion at St. Albans on Easter Monday, and assembled in large numbers. The bells of the Cathedral, St. Peter's, St. Michael's, and St. Stephen's were placed at their disposal during the day. At five o'clock evensong was sung at the Cathedral, the Dean and the Rev. R. Hanson officiating. The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. G. Langdon (a practical ringer), Rector of Great Munden, from the text, "Let all things be done decently and in order" (1 Cor. xiv. 40.).

After service the visitors repaired to the town hall, where an excellent tea was provided. The president of the Association (Mr. Henry Lewis) occupied the chair, supported by the Dean, the Rev. A. G. Langdon, Mr. W. G. Cartmel (hon. secretary), and others. There was a very good attendance of members from all parts of the county.

Mr. Charles Woollam was elected an honorary member. The provisional election of Reuben Saunders for a peal rung at Hertford was confirmed. A great many ringing members were elected. Afterwards the hon. secretary read an interesting and exhaustive report upon the work accomplished in connection with the Association, which was adopted.

The treasurer's report showed that the balance in hand at the commencement of the year was £2 16s. 11d. The total receipts amounted to £22 12s. 11d. and the balance left at the close of the year was £4 19s. 3d. Upon the reserve fund a balance of £10. This report was also adopted.

Mr. G. W. Cartmel proposed the re-election of Mr. H. Lewis to the office of President. Mr. G. N. Price seconded, and the meeting unanimously agreed. The president, in accepting office, expressed his thanks for this renewed expression of their confidence.

The Dean of St. Albans proposed the re-election of Mr. E. P. Debenham as hon. treasurer, explaining that Mr. Debenham was prevented from being with them that day in consequence of the bereavement which he had suffered by the death of his brother, Mr. A. H. Debenham, the excellent and worthy town clerk of St. Albans for so many years. The resolution was unanimously agreed to.

The re-election of M. G. W. Cartmel as hon. secretary was proposed by the Rev. A. G. Langdon; and the president, who seconded, said he was sure the Association could not find a better. The re-election was therefore unanimously agreed to.

Mr. B. Prewett was re-elected hon. auditor, and the hon. district secretaries were re-elected as follows: Messrs. H. Reeves (northern division), W. H. Lawrence (eastern), and H. Eden (western). Mr. Prewett was re-elected representative of the Association on the Central Council.

It was announced that Mr. R. A. Kirby had volunteered to act as librarian of the Association's library at St. Peter's, St. Albans, and regulations for the control of the library were approved.

When proposing a vote of thanks to the Rev. A. G.

Langdon for his sermon, the Dean said he had heard a good many sermons addressed to ringers, and had given a good many himself, but he had never heard one which was more apt and suitable than the one which they had heard at the Cathedral that afternoon. The vote was carried, and Mr. Langdon replying said it had been an extremely great pleasure and privilege to preach in such a building as the Cathedral. It was one of the proudest moments in the life of a country parson to be allowed to preach in such a place, and he only hoped that the occasion would not be the last on which he would have that privilege.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Dean, the Vicars of St. Peter's, St. Michael's, and St. Stephen's for granting the use of their bells to members of the Association, and the Dean, acknowledging the vote, said he had been closely connected with the Association for a great number of years, since the year 1884, when, as the hon. secretary had recorded, a meeting was held at his house, and it still had his hearty good wishes in every branch of its most admirable work.

Messrs. G. N. Price, H. Eden, W. Brinklow, and H. Hodgetts (of Oxhey) then rang a touch of Superlative Surprise Major on handbells, and in that way a pleasant reunion was brought to a close.

A group of the members was photographed outside the west front of the Cathedral after the service, by Messrs. E. Cherry and Co., of St. Albans, which was a success. Copies can be had 12 by 10, 2s. 6d.; 18 by 12, 5s.; post-age 6d. extra.

BEDALE, YORKSHIRE.

On Easter Monday the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association held its third meeting at Bedale. There was a good attendance, numbering about forty, and representing Stockton, Middlesbrough, Ormesby, Middleham, Darlington, Skelton, Hemingborough, Sharow, Shilton, East Witton, and Bedale. A committee meeting was held, and this was followed by a dinner at The Royal Oak hotel. Mr. G. J. Clarkson (Stockton) president, occupied the chair, and Dr. Pauli (Middleham) and the Rev. W. P. Wright (Vicar of Hemingborough), vice-president, the vice-chairs.

After the loyal toast, the chairman proposed "The Bishop and Clergy," and he was pleased to have among them the Rector of Bedale, and one of the churchwardens. Bedale had for many years been a favorite place for ringers. The fine old peal possessed its own peculiarities, having a tone which they rarely heard anywhere else, and which sounded to his ear very sweet. They were pleased that the Rector of Bedale and parishioners showed their appreciation of the bells, and they hoped that in the course of time Bedale might have a first-rate company of ringers. That would be a great source of pleasure, and it would be an immense gratification to Bedale to hear the bells constantly well rung. It was a work of labour to get a company of good ringers together, but what had been done at other places might be done there, and it was the object of the Association to afford encouragement, and any help

that it was possible to give. He hoped upon a future occasion when they met at Bedale they would find a company of expert ringers. He coupled with the toast the names of the Rector and Mr. T. Linscott.

The Rev. W. Beresford-Peirse thanked them for asking the churchwardens and himself to be present. It gave them great pleasure when they received notice that Bedale was to be made the centre of their annual Easter gathering. Through his parish magazine he warned his parishioners that those who did not like bell-ringing had better go out for the day, but those who did enjoy it would hear them handled by the best bell-ringers in Yorkshire. Mr. Clarkson had spoken in high praise of their bells. They were all proud of them at Bedale, and when anyone said they got a good peal of bells, they of Bedale always said "ours is better." Mr. Clarkson had stimulated him by exhortations in letters and verbal advice upon many occasions to improve their ringing, and also to get the bells into first-rate order. By his (Mr. Clarkson's) tactful help they would have discovered a considerable improvement had taken place since they last met there. His superintendence of the tuning and other alterations had been of great benefit. They were not altogether indifferent to the art of bell-ringing in Bedale. They had not a very large class to draw from, and the ringing had been, he might say, for some generations hereditary, the son succeeding the father in the ringing, and they had several bell-ringing families in the place. Six or seven men had mastered the art of change-ringing; they were very keen, and often hard at work at it. He was sure that this movement which had begun well under the influence of the Association, would go on, and he hoped that Mr. Clarkson's hopes would be realised, and that they would have a really excellent band of bell-ringers, who could educe all the music that was in the bells. He always regarded the bell-ringers as their most valuable church workers. It was a great pleasure to meet so large a body of voluntary church workers, and he hoped that by their influence throughout North Riding and in Cleveland the art of bell-ringing would prosper, and he was sure that the influence would be felt in the general tone maintained among the ringers. He hoped that those who rang the bells to call others to the House of God would obey the call themselves. That was to his mind one of the reforms which he hoped as years went on would be found to have been brought about by the Association. His bell-ringers were all up at a quarter past six for the first service on Sunday, and they were not two minutes late. He always found his ringers ready to co-operate and willing to get up early in the morning to ring the bells. Let him commend their Bedale practice to the bell-ringers in every country parish in North Yorkshire.

Mr. Thomas Linscott thanked them for their invitation, and said he had enjoyed their ringing very much.

The chairman said the annual meeting would be held at Sharow on Whit Monday. He had received a communication from the Vicar of Sharow as to his bells being out of tune, and he (the chairman) was pleased to find that the Vicar knew it, and that he was willing to have them put right. He then detailed the number of peals which had been rung at various places, and said he thought that by Whit-Monday the record would be better than any previous year.

It was arranged that a party of ringers should go by brake to Burneston and ring the six bells there. The party then adjourned to the church tower and continued the ringing. The Rev. Robert Hodgson, Skelton, was present as hon. secretary of the Association.

LLANDILOES, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.

For the first time during the last twenty-five years the bells of the parish church of this delightful ancient borough were rung by a band of local ringers on Sunday, April 24th, 1909. The bells, of which there are six (tenor 9 cwt.), were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's predecessors in 1824, since which time nothing had been done to them until just before Easter this year, when Messrs. Mears and Stainbank rehung the peal.

For years the bells have been merely chimed for services, and it has taken some time and a good deal of practice to get the new band into working order. They are now progressing very favourably, and will soon commence struggling with the mysteries and intricacies of change-ringing.

The "go" of the bells is now splendid, and the ringers of the neighbouring village of Llandinam, who were good enough to come over and ring for the Confirmation service the first Sunday after the work was completed, all expressed their satisfaction with the bells, and especially the new iron guide which has been put in to steady the ropes. It is to be hoped that the new ringers will continue in their eagerness to pursue the noble art, and that their endeavours will meet with success.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

A quarterly meeting was held at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, April 24th, and though the attendance was somewhat below the average, the standard of the methods rung was of the highest quality. Ringing commenced at 4 o'clock with three courses of Superlative, being followed by London and Double Norwich until six o'clock, when tea was partaken of at The Cherry Tree hotel, to which 25 sat down.

The business was of very short duration. The election of Messrs. J. A. Trollope and C. J. North was confirmed, also the re-election of Mr. J. E. Sykes. It was decided to apply for permission to hold the next meeting in July at Hillingdon and Uxbridge. The secretary announced that the work of re-hanging the 7th, 10th, and 11th at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields had been completed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the usual fortnightly practice would be resumed on the following Wednesday. The Master, Mr. F. Smith, congratulated those members who had taken part in the long peal at Loughborough. Mr. E. F. Cole proposed a vote of thanks to the churchwardens and the local band for the use of the bells, which terminated the business.

The tower was again ascended, when London Superlative, Cambridge, and 252 Stedman Triples, in which Miss Edith Parker rang the treble, brought 9 30. After a final call at The Cherry Tree steps were made towards London, ending another of these enjoyable afternoons.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting of the above society was held at Great Barr (a village adjoining Walsall) on Saturday, April 24th, when a very fair muster put in appearance. The weather being fine, the outing into the country was an enjoyable one.

Through the kindness of Lady Scott the ringers had the privilege of walking through part of the park, thereby condensing the journey on foot to the church. The bells, which are a nice little ring of six, were soon set going to the tune of standard methods, in which Miss M. Gilbanks took part. The way in which this lady handled her bell opened the eyes of some of those present; indeed, it was a pattern to many of the sterner sex.

A short service was held in church, being conducted by the Rev. W. B. Parrett through the unavoidable absence of the Vicar. The Rev. F. Tennison gave an address, taking as his text, "Ye are fellow-workers with God." A good tea followed, supplied by Host Pritchard at The Beacon hotel, which was done full justice to. Although a greater number attended than was provided for, Host Pritchard and his good lady soon did what was in their power to make all comfortable. Tea over, the Rev. E. V. Cox proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the church and bells, and to the organist and choir for their attendance at the service. This was seconded by the Rev. F. Tennison, and carried with acclamation. The Rev. W. B. Parrett acknowledged the vote of thanks, and gave a warm welcome to the company, and expressed the hope that before very long he would have the pleasure of meeting them at a neighbouring parish.

A vote of thanks was passed to the host for the capital spread, to which he suitably responded. Last, and not least, Mr. W. R. Small caused some amusement by relating his experiences of his first visit to Great Barr, which happened many years ago, when he and others had a right royal outing. After an hour's chat over a friendly glass and pipe the company dispersed to their respective homes, having fully enjoyed their half-holiday.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of this guild was held at Nuneaton on Saturday, April 24th. By the kind permission of the Rev. Dr. Deed, Vicar, the bells of the parish church were placed at the disposal of the ringers in the afternoon and evening. The Vicar of Chilvers Coton, the Rev. R. Chadwick, also very kindly placed his bells at the disposal of the ringers in the evening.

The meeting of the guild was held at 5.30 p.m. In the absence of the president Mr. W. G. Dickens was voted to the chair. The hon. secretary read the minutes of last quarterly meeting, which were confirmed. The next business was the fixture of the May and June monthly meetings of the guild. It was resolved that the May monthly meeting be held at Stratford-on-Avon on Saturday, May 22nd, and the June monthly meeting at Allesley on Saturday, June 26th, and the annual meeting of the guild at Warwick in July. The hon. secretary received the following nominations for membership, viz.: The Rev. C. Carew Cox, Mr. W. Fisher, Mr. W. Malins, and Mr. A. J. Fenton, and these gentlemen were duly elected members. Mr. Randle moved a vote of thanks to the Vicars and churchwardens for their kind permission for the use of the bells. The hon. secretary also moved a vote of thanks to Messrs. Chapman and Argyle for their kind assistance in

making such satisfactory arrangements for the guild that afternoon. It is interesting to note that touches in the following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, viz.: Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and Superlative Surprise Major. The total attendance of ringers was 45. A vote of thanks to the chairman ended a very successful quarterly meeting.

SOUTH NORMANTON, NEAR MANSFIELD.

The parish church is about to be enriched by a new clock, which will play the Westminster quarter chimes upon four bells, and show time on a large illuminated dial. The work is being done by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, and the clock will be made generally to the designs of the late Lord Grimthorpe. The same firm made the church clock at Tibshelf, and the institute clock at Teversall in the same neighbourhood.

Two long incumbencies at Hursley have been followed by a very short one. The Rev. John Keble, author of the "Christian Year," was there from 1836 till his death on March 29, 1866. His successor, the Rev. James Gavin Young, was there for forty years, dying in December, 1906. The Rev. H. C. Percival, who was appointed early in 1907, has been there little more than two years, and has now accepted the benefice of All Saints' with St. Aldhelm's, Bournemouth.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide a new bell, a flat 6th, as an addition to the existing peal, and thus to form a light octave of the "middle eight" with the 9th bell (19 cwt.) as tenor. The tenor of the full peal of twelve (and, of course, of the back eight) weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £115.

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Already acknowledged...	47	4	0
Mr. John Tompkins, Eye	1	1	0
Mr. W. L. Duffield, Tasburgh...	0	5	0
Mr. W. E. Garrard, London	0	2	6

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Further subscriptions may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; Mr. C. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

OLD WINDSOR (Berks).—On Thursday, April 22nd, at the church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. F. Littlewood, J. Guttridge. F. J. Guttridge, G. Williams, T. Gosling, W. Welling conductor, A. Blake, A. Haines. First quarter-peal by ringer of treble.

MR. JAMES GEORGE.—The health of this gentleman has, we are pleased to hear, much improved, and he begs to express his thanks to those numerous friends who have made so many enquiries about him, with their strong wishes for his restoration to convalescence.

BLACKPOOL.

RINGERS and their friends will find good accommodation at Mr. JOHN SMITH'S, 3, Livingstone Road (off Hornby Road), Blackpool (late of Rawtenstall). Near Central Station and Sea Piano. "THE BELL NEWS" taken. A good half-pull neighbourhood.

FUNERAL OF MR. FREDERICK MEE.

The funeral took place on Friday, April 30th, at All Saints, Sproughton, of Frederick Mee, one of the local company. He was carried to the grave by his brother ringers. Ringers attended from Colchester, Bramford, Tuddenham, and various touches were rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to his memory. On Saturday evening six of his old friends met at Sproughton for a half-muffled peal, which came to grief after ringing 1 hr. owing to a boy knocking at the door. The ringers were A. Wright, H. Welham, W. Brown, W. Clark, E. Rivers, F. Rolfe.

AN APPEAL.

SIR,—I am sure the many ringers who knew him will be sorry to hear of the peculiarly sad death of Mr. Fred. Mee, of the Sproughton company. He was going along the Norwich Road, Ipswich, to see his employer, and when stepping off the pavement to cross the road he was suddenly knocked down by a bicycle which was coming along at a rapid rate. Several people saw him fall and went to his assistance. He was found to be unconscious and was carried to a neighbouring surgery. After being attended to and recovering somewhat he went home. By the middle of the week he seemed to have improved; but on Saturday morning, April 24th, just a week after the accident, he had a relapse and died. What renders the case more deserving is that he leaves a wife and six young children, the oldest being eleven years and the youngest only two months, totally unprovided for. He was for about twenty-five years a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association and also the College Youths. He rang the tenor in the first peals of London, New and old Cambridge Major, and other first peals, and also the first peals of Grandsire Caters and Treble Bob Royal and Major on handbells. He was a first-class ringer and striker, and he will be sadly missed. His peal record is about ninety peals. His age was 42 years. When all facts are known this is indeed a very sad case. Any little help for the bereaved widow and children will be gratefully received and acknowledged in this paper.

Sproughton, near Ipswich.

EDGAR RIVERS,
FRANK ROLFE.

Correspondence.

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

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

RE THE LONG PEAL AT HYTHE, KENT.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Head's letter I beg to inform him that Mr. Thomas Post's poems were published at the "Kentish Express" office, Ashford, in two volumes, the first at 1s., the second at 6d., about seven years ago; also that Mr. Post was a self-educated man, not being able to read or write till the latter part of his life, and his instructor used to tell me that he could not make much of teaching him change-ringing on the six at Aldington, so he took him to Mersham and taught him Doubles on the five bells, and he soon made rapid progress in the Art. And with reference to the long peal at Ashford—10,304 Bob Major, on January 18th, 1830, in 6 hrs. 25 mins.—it appears four were from Hythe, three from Ashford, and one from Wye; but I never heard of them walking to and fro for practice several times. Mr. Laker was a shoemaker at Ashford, and Mr. Friend a shoemaker at Hythe, and later Superintendent of Police at the same place, and each one in turn used to pack up a bundle of work and walk from Hythe to Ashford and vice versa, a distance of eleven miles, and work all day and talk about change-ringing and stop and have a pull, sometimes a peal, and walk home again the same day. Some of the old ringers that used to know say it was a frequent occurrence. What would our ringers think of this now? A cycle would be required no doubt.

PHILIP HODGKIN.

THE WORLD'S RECORD OF STEDMAN.

SIR,—While the Exercise is marvelling at the gigantic peal

rung at Loughborough, may I suggest through your columns that some recognition be made to these men who have raised the ringing standard to its highest point? A small donation from each Association would be enough to present a gold medal to the ten men, and I should think every Society would be only too willing to shew in this practical way their approval of this extraordinary performance, which will require a band of giants to equal, let alone beat it. I should like to read other opinions on this matter, but now is the time to act. I trust the heads of the various companies will place the matter before their members, and the successful efforts of our pioneers will be recognised and immortalised.

E. A. RIDGWAY,
Stoke Archidiaconal Associate.

THE LONG PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

SIR,—On behalf of myself and colleagues who took part in the above performance, I wish through this paper to thank those numerous friends and ringing societies throughout the United Kingdom who have written letters of congratulation on the above performance. I cannot possibly acknowledge them all separately, and I hope this brief acknowledgment will be accepted as an indication of the pleasure which myself and colleagues feel at being the recipients of the congratulations of so wide a circle of friends.

WILLIAM PYE.

CHARLES E. BORRETT'S 100 PEALS.

	On Tower bells	Con- ducted	On hand- bells	Con- ducted	Total
Oxford Treble Bob Maximus ...	1	—	—	—	1
Oxford Treble Bob Royal ...	2	1	—	—	2
Oxford Treble Bob Major ...	22	9	—	—	22
Kent Treble Bob Maximus ...	7	1	—	—	7
Kent Treble Bob Royal ...	7	2	—	—	7
Kent Treble Bob Major ...	5	2	—	—	5
Stedman Cinques ...	3	1	—	—	3
Stedman Caters ...	1	—	—	—	1
Stedman Triples ...	6	1	—	—	6
Grandsire Cinques ...	2	2	—	—	2
Grandsire Caters ...	5	3	1	1	6
Grandsire Major ...	—	—	2	2	2
Grandsire Triples ...	3	—	1	1	4
Bob Royal ...	—	—	1	—	1
Bob Major ...	8	4	3	3	11
Bob Triples ...	1	—	—	—	1
London Surprise Major ...	1	—	—	—	1
Superlative Surprise Major...	4	—	—	—	4
Double Norwich Court Bob					
Major ...	9	2	—	—	9
Canterbury Pleasure Major...	1	—	—	—	1
On Six Bells ...	2	—	1	—	3
On Five Bells ...	1	—	—	—	1
Total...	91	28	9	7	100

The above list does not include one peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major and one of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, the compositions of which were found to be false. One peal of Kent Treble Bob Major contained 7040 changes, one of Oxford Treble Bob Major contained 7008 changes, and on handbells 6720 and 11,200 (record length in any method) of Bob Major.

ILKESTON.—On Sunday, April 35th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. A. Nicholson, J. H. Iliffe, C. J. Baker, E. C. Gobey, H. Fletcher, H. Harrison, R. Clifford conductor, A. T. Baker. First quarter-peal of Stedman on the bells by the local band.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, February 21st, for evening service, 449 Grandsire Triples. H. Smith, W. Greenleaf, F. Bywater, J. Smith, W. R. Small, J. E. Groves conductor, J. W. Smith, H. Smith. And 408 Stedman Triples. F. Bywater, W. Greenleaf, J. Jaggar conductor, J. E. Groves, W. R. Small, F. Burleigh, J. W. Smith, H. Smith.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 17th, and 31st; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 18th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 13th and 27th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th; and at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 20th; at 8 p.m.

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

The Essex Association.—North-Western District.—A meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey to-day, Sat., May 8th. Bells at two o'clock. Meat tea at The Green Dragon.

JOHN F. PENNING, *Hon. Sec.*
"Fairville," Saffron Walden.

The Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Leyland to-day, Sat., May 8th.

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

The North Notts. Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at West Retford to-day, Sat., May 8th. Business meeting in schoolroom at 3.30 p.m. Divine Service in West Retford parish church at 4.15. Tea at Howard's tea rooms at 5 p.m. The bells at East Retford (10), West Retford (6), and Ordsall (6) will be open to members and friends. Members of kindred societies will be heartily welcomed.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Hastings to-day, Sat., May 8th. Towers open for ringing: Christ Church, St. Leonards, 11 to 1; Christ Church, Blacklands, 11 to 1, and 5.30 to 7; All Saints and St. Clements 6 to 8 p.m. Luncheon at The Castle hotel at 1.45. Tickets (to members) 1s. 6d. Usual business meeting. Service at Christ Church, Blacklands, at 4.30. Preacher—the Rector of Christ Church, St. Leonards.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at the parish church, Burnley, on Saturday, May 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

J. WATSON, *Br. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hawley on Saturday, May 15th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at The White Hart hotel soon after 5 o'clock as possible.

G. B. EDSE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at the parish church, Rochdale, on Saturday, May 15th. Bells at liberty from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.

Jas. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, May 15th. See Association circular for full particulars. CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*
40, Percy Street, Rotherham.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Rother-

wick on Saturday, May 15th. Bells from 4 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.45, and business meeting after. Communicate with—
F. G. HUMPHREY, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. Every member who can make it convenient, is requested to attend.

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

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Barking, on Saturday, May 22nd. Ringing from 4 o'clock. Arrangements will be made for tea, if members will communicate with me in good time. A similar meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, June 19th.

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

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of this Association will be held on Saturday, May 22nd, at St. Sepulchre's church, E.C., by kind permission of the Rev. Edgar Rogers. The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m. The Vicar will give a short address to ringers at evensong, which will be said at 6.30 p.m., and it is particularly requested that all ringers will attend this service. The Hon. Secretary will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

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

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Shipley on Saturday, May 22nd. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Sun hotel at 8 p.m.

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

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—To Life Ringing Members and others.—Annual festival at Milton Abbey on Tuesday, May 25th. Service in abbey church at 12 noon. Preacher—the Very Rev. the Dean of Salisbury. Luncheon in marquee at 1 p.m., kindly provided by Sir Everard Hambro, K.C.V.O. Earl Nelson will preside. Following towers offered for ringing: Milton Abbey, Hilton, Bryanston, and Blandford. Railway station—Blandford, seven miles. The East Dorset Branch kindly defrays expanse of conveyances. Reduced fare on application to station-master a few days previously. Kindly send notice to Secretary—West Lulworth Vicarage, Wareham, in order to secure a seat.

All companies attending annual festival, please inform Secretary, West Lulworth.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Counties Branch.—A regular ringing meeting will be held at Deeping St. Nicholas on Whit Monday, May 31st. The order of proceedings will be as follows: 10 am.—Opening of the new ring of bells; 1.15.—Divine Service at the parish church; 1.45.—Dinner at The Harrow hotel, tickets 2s. 3d. each. Those who wish to dine must notify the Secretary not later than Thursday, May 20th.

W. G. CROSS, *Hon. Sec.*
16, St. James's Road, King's Lynn.

Kenninghall (Norfolk).—These bells, after rehanging, will be open for ringing from 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 13th. Lunch 2s., drinks extra can be obtained at The Crown hotel, by giving giving notice to the landlady by Tuesday, May 11th. By kind permission of the Rector, the Quidenham bells (8) will also be available during the day.

The Hertfordshire Association.—NOTICE TO MEMBERS.—The photographic group on Easter Monday was a success. Copies can be had of Cherry and Co., London Road, St. Albans, as follows: 10 x 12, 2. 6d.; 18 x by 12, 5s. Postage and packing 6d. extra.

G. W. CARTMEL, *Hon. Sec.*
"Duffield," St. Albans.

BOB MAJOR.

BY CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

5024.

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36524	-	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-
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Repeated.

This peal has the 6th her extent in 5-6, not having the 2nd or 3rd in 6ths place.

CHISWICK (Middlesex).—On Saturday, February 13th, for evening service at St. Nicholas church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's ten-part in 46 mins. G. F. Cotton, H. S. Burton conductor, W. T. Elson, H. W. Lidbetter, W. H. Stevens, J. W. Kelley, G. J. White, J. H. Roberts. On Tuesday, February 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original in 45 mins. G. F. Cotton, H. S. Burton, A. Samson, W. H. Stevens, H. Lamb, H. W. Lidbetter, J. W. Kelley conductor, J. H. Roberts.

STOKE-ON-TRENT (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, March 14th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. G. Bloor, F. Page conductor, G. Woods, C. Page, S. Churton, A. Clowes, H. Page, A. Austin.

All communications respecting the bells of St. Mary's church, Bury St. Edmunds, should be addressed to the Secretary, Mr. H. Lomax, sen., 35, Crown Street.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. John Potter has removed to 124, Manchester Road, Wakden, near Manchester.

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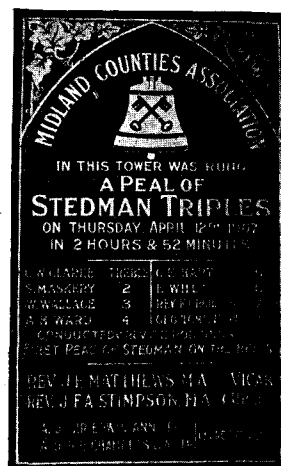
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1909.

The long peal at Loughborough appears still to be the principal topic among the Exercise. There is no wonder at this, for such an extraordinary performance of skill and endurance combined is certainly amazing. We have been approached from more quarters than one with requests to publish a group portrait of the ringing company who achieved this wonderful feat, and also a picture of the church where the peal was rung, with any other intelligence which may be appropriate. We need hardly say that, providing we are able to secure the co-operation of one or two gentlemen in such a matter, we shall comply with the requests of our friends, and produce some mementos of the peal worthy of it.

It is hoped that the record on the church walls of this performance will be something beyond the usual characteristics of ordinary peal tablets. We do not say that it should be recorded in letters of gold, but it is worthy of one in which durability, with artistic excellence, should receive ample consideration. And not only so, but with legible characters should be combined classical design and illustration. Brass or some such durable metal should be used, and by those who know how to design such a record in appropriate style. It is hoped that this may not be carried out hurriedly, but with due and proper consideration, so that the best and most appropriate design may be ultimately determined on.

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The Metropolis.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, April 29, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

EDWARD F. COLE* Treble.	WILLIAM HEWITT 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 6.
ISAAC EMERY 3.	HARRY WARETT 7.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS* 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in the method.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.*On Saturday, May 1, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES R. WING Treble.	EDWARD CHAPMAN 5.
ERNEST BONFIELD 2.	ARTHUR N. HARDY 6.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS 3.	FRANK BENNETT 7.
ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN 4.	FRANK SMITH Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by FRANK SMITH.
C. R. Wing was elected a member previous to starting.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, May 1, 1909, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES.

Tenor 36½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH 7.
EDWIN BARNETT. SEN. 2.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS 8.
ERNEST PYE 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS 10.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.	WILLIAM PYE 11.
GEORGE R. PYE 6.	BERTRAM PREWETT Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung to welcome home the Rev. Barnard Smith (curate), and Mrs. Smith after their honeymoon.

The Provinces.**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, February 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

WILLIAM PALMER Treble.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 5.
CHARLES PALMER 2.	ERNEST GOWER 6.
HENRY STALHAM 3.	GEORGE GATLAND 7.
WILLIAM C. HART 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble.	HENRY STALHAM 5.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER 6.
WILLIAM C. HART 3.	KEITH HART 7.
ERNEST GOWER 4.	FREDERICK GREGORY Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

MANCHESTER—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Wednesday, April 21, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5160 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.**

Tenor 26 cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble.	BENJAMIN GILL 6.
SAMUEL WOOD 2.	ALFRED CROSS 7.
JAMES WOOD 3.	JOSEPH RIDYARD 8.
SAMUEL BOOTH 4.	A. E. WREAKS 9.
JOSEPH TURNER 5.	BEN THORPE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

This peal, in seven courses, has eighty bobs, and the 6th her extent at home, and is the first ever rung on this plan.

BIRMINGHAM.**THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Thursday, April 22, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S (No. 33).**

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK WITHERS Treble.	SAMUEL GROVE 5.
PERCY O. LAFLIN* 2.	ARTHUR CHAMBERS 6.
JOHN CARTER 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
JOHN WITHERS 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

BOCKING, ESSEX—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, April 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM Treble.	*ERNEST NEWMAN 5.
FREDERICK RADLEY* 2.	*HORACE COOPER 6.
SAMUEL SARGEANT* 3.	*ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7.
LEWIS WISEMAN* 4.	*WILLIAM GRIMWADE Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

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

BURNHAM, SOMERSETSHIRE.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 24, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART (No. 2).**

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs.

JAMES CORAM Treble.	WALTER WORGAN 5.
ALFRED ROUTLEY 2.	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN 6.
JOHN HARRIS 3.	FREDERICK ILEY 7.
JAMES DUNN 4.	WILLIAM CRANDON Tenor.

Conducted by G. CHAMBERLAIN.

Rang as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Crandon, who celebrated their silver wedding on April 1st.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, April 24, 1909, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES A. HART Treble.	*ARTHUR COSHAM, JUN. 5.
ALFRED J. TURNER 2.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 6.
ALFRED J. PIERPOINT† 3.	ROBERT J. DAWE 7.
JOHN T. RICKMAN 4.	*FREDERICK CHARMAN Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT J. DAWE.

*First peal of Triples. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal of Triples on the bells.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	WILLIAM SHILVOCK 5.
JOHN BASS 2.	JAMES DOWLER 6.
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3.	*CHARLES F. WHITE 7.
SAMUEL GROVE 4.	JOHN BARBER Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and Conducted by WM. SHORT.

*First peal in the method.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in G.

ERNEST HAMBLIN* Treble.	GEORGE WOODISS 5.
JOHN HOWES 2.	*GEORGE SPENCER 6.
GEORGE EDSE, JUN. 3.	ALFRED H. WINCH 7.
JOHN B. HESSEY 4.	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

Arranged and rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. P. Mellor, who was inducted to the living of St. Peter's during the afternoon.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury, Cambridge, London, Wells, Worcester, Durham, and York. Tenor 17½ cwt.

FREDERICK DAY† Treble.	JOSEPH GOACHER 4.
HENRY BLACKMAN 2.	WILLIAM DAY 5.
REGINALD BLAKE 3.	FREDERICK BENNETT Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK BENNETT.

†First peal of Surprise.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REEVES'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES WOODCOCK* .. Treble.	WILLIAM DENT 5.
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. 2.	ARTHUR SYMONDS 6.
WILLIAM FAYERS 3.	THOMAS PRYKE 7.
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON .. 4.	*THOMAS E. GARRARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by STEDMAN H. SYMONDS.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and W. Dent, who reached their twenty-first birthday on the 20th and the following Sunday, April 25th, respectively.

WOOTTON COURTENAY, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s. Tenor 13 cwt.

G. YEANDLE* Treble.	W. HOYLE 4.
F. DATE 2.	W. BENNETT 5.
J. WATTS 3.	H. MOORE Tenor.

Conducted by W. BENNETT.

*Fir. peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday April 24, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER Treble.	ALBERT D. STONE 5.
HERBERT RANN 2.	GEORGE ADES 6.
RICHARD HOATHER 3.	KEITH HART 7.
HENRY STALHAM 4.	WILLIAM JENNER Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE RUMSEY Treble.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 5.
ALFRED W. GRIMES 2.	PETER LAYLIN 6.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 3.	WILLIAM GRIMES 7.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 4.	JAMES G. RUMSEY Tenor.

Composed by C. J. JACKSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM GRIMES.

Rung to oblige A. W. Grimes.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY WILLIAMS Treble.	VICTOR WHITE 5.
ELIJAH WHITE 2.	GEORGE N. COCKIN 6.
HARRY LEA 3.	ALFRED HACKETT 7.
WILLIAM H. WEBB 4.	MATTHEW HACKETT Tenor.

Conducted by H. WILLIAMS.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rector of Halesowen, the Rev. J. C. Hill, who is leaving to take up the Rectory of Bury, Lancashire.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Monday, April 26, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

GEORGE W. BRION Treble.	HENRY L. GARFATH 6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN. 2.	WILLIAM T. COX 7.
ALFRED H. PULLING 3.	FRANK BLONDELL 8.
WILLIAM LOADER 4.	JAMES HUNT 9.
MAURICE SMITHER 5.	*EDWARD G. HEATH Tenor.

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

*First peal of Stedman. First peal of Caters as conductor. Rung as a farewell peal to W. T. Cox, who, to the regret of all, is leaving for Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ALGERNON P. G. STONE* Treble.	*HERBERT HURDMAN 5.
FRANK SHEPHERD* 2.	JOHN H. SWINFELD 6.
WILLIAM J. SMITH† 3.	†GEORGE ROBINSON 7.
JOHN HOUGH* 4.	LEONARD BULLOCK Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK CLAYTON, and
Conducted by LEONARD BULLOCK.

*First peal of Major. †First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal of Bob Major rung in Burton.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS R. SCOTT Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
BASIL HUGHES 2.	WILLIAM HEWITT 6.
EDWARD WHITBREAD 3.	ROBERT E. STAVERT 7.
JAMES MERRICK 4.	ALAN R. MACDONALD .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

PLYMOUTH.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF ORANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

CHARLES EALES Treble	ERNEST W. MARSH 6.
FRANK HOCKADAY 2.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 7.
WILLIAM FORD 3.	WALTER H. MARSH 8.
GEORGE R. STROUD 4.	G. HARRY MYERS 9.
WILLIAM RUNDLE 5.	WILLIAM SHEARS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Eales.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

BEN THORPE Treble	WALTER WOOLSTENCROFT .. 7.
SAMUEL BOOTH 2.	HARRY CHAPMAN 8.
ALFRED CROSS 3.	A. E. WREAKS 9.
JOSEPH TURNER 4.	ALBERT ADAMS 10.
JAMES WOOD 5.	A. W. BRIGHTON 11.
BEN GILL 6.	SAMUEL WOOD Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by SAM. WOOD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George E. Turner, of the Pendleton company, and a greatly-respected member of this Society.

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

On Tuesday, April 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S SEVEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Treble	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 5.
THOMAS BALDWIN 2.	THOMAS NEWMAN 6.
GEORGE MITCHAM 3.	GEORGE CONDICK 7.
JOHN AUSTIN 4.	ALFRED WARD Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Tuesday, April 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 7.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 2.	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 8.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 3.	EDWARD EVANS 9.
GEORGE P. BURTON 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 10.
JAMES MOTTS 5.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 11.
WILLIAM MOTTS 6.	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN NELMS, and Conducted by CHARLES E. BORRETT.

†tooth peal. *First peal of Stedman Cinques. Further reference elsewhere.

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALBERT CHURCHILL .. Treble	WILLIAM THORNLEY 4.
REUBEN CLIFFORD 2.	FREDERICK A. TANSLEY .. 5.
EDWARD SCATTEBROOD .. 3.	EDWARD C. GOBEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all. Rung to celebrate the wedding of F. G. Crompton, Esq., of the Queen's Bays, and Miss Sheila Cooper, of Assembly Manor, Christ Church, who were married at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, on the above date.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, April 28, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

THOMAS W. GORE* .. Treble	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 6.
WALTER ALLWOOD* 2.	*WILLIAM H. PEABODY .. 7.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 3.	*JOHN P. TARTON 8.
GEORGE HOLLIS 4.	*SAMUEL WESLEY 9.
WILLIAM J. THYNG 5.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

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

*First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 29, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN HOSGOOD Treble	FREDERICK PROTHEROUGH .. 5.
HARRY LEWIS 2.	CHARLES E. BARTLETT .. 6.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 3.	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 7.
WILLIAM C. CUSS 4.	WILFRED G. COOK .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

Rung as a farewell to J. Hosgood, who is leaving the neighbourhood, it being his first peal.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 29, 1909, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. Treble	†WALTER HITCHMAN 5.
ALFRED R. BOSLEY 2.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD 6.
THOMAS HUGHES* 3.	VINCENT R. HITCHMAN .. 7.
RICHARD G. RICE 4.	HENRY C. MULFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED R. BOSLEY.

*First peal. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and the ringer of the 7th.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 1, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qrs.

FRANK W. BUCKLAND .. Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 5.
WALTER BAILEY 2.	JAMES W. WILKINS 6.
LEONARD BATTING 3.	RICHARD BUCKLAND 7.
EDGAR HANCOX 4.	ROBERT H. YOUNG .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
 (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, April 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES:
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT.. .. Treble.	FREDERICK E. PARSONS .. 5.
JESSE MOSS 2.	WALTER ROBINSON 6.
EDWARD ROBBINS 3.	THOMAS RILEY 7.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4.	GEORGE W. MOSS Tenor.

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

Rung as a farewell peal to F. Parsons, who is leaving the district; and in honour of the marriage of Mr. E. H. Lewis, of Frodsham, to Miss A. J. T. Richardson, of Southwell, Notts., which took place at Southwell Minster on the 29th April.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. Treble.	FRANCIS L. BUMPSTEAD .. 5.
GEORGE LANCASTER 2.	JOSEPH BOWELL 6.
GEORGE ANDREWS 3.	ALFRED G. RIVERS 7.
WILLIAM CHALK, JUN* .. 4.	WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD .. Tenor.

Composed by D. PRENTICE, and Conducted by WM. J. SCHOFIELD.

*First peal on eight. †First peal in the method.

BURNLEY.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES STEPHENSON* .. Treble.	TOM REDMAN 5.
HERBERT WORMWELL 2.	JAS. BROGDEN TAYLOR .. 6.
RENNIE HARTLEY 3.	WILLIAM MALLINSON .. 7.
WALTER MOUNCEY* 4.	THOMAS MOUNCEY Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

*First peal. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of W. Mallinson.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR:
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 5 lbs.

RICHARD POTTER Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
ERNEST NEWMAN 2.	CHARLES NORFOLK 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 3.	ERNEST W. BEGEWITH .. 7.
PERCY LANGSTON 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

Handbell Peals.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 22, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT 33, HOLLY STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

ALBERT NASH.. .. 1-2.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4.	*WILLIAM BURGAR 7-8.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
 Umpire—J. Atkin. *First handbell peal in the method.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal rang at Ware on the 24th ult. was the composition of Mr. G. Lindoff, and was taken from the Essex Association Report for 1907, No. 72, page 52.—In the report of the handbell peal reported last week, the umpire was F. Blondell.

Miscellaneous.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDALE (Yorks.)—On Easter Monday, April 12th, 546 Grandsire Triples. G. J. Clarkson, W. Pick, J. Baxter, G. W. Park, T. Clark, J. G. Hall, T. Metcalfe conductor, A. Macfarlane. 504 Stedman Triples. G. J. Clarkson, T. Clark, W. Newton, G. W. Park, J. G. Hall, T. Metcalfe, T. Stephenson conductor, Rev. W. P. Wright. 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Borrows, W. Pick, W. Newton, E. J. Titt, T. Metcalfe, T. W. Waller, T. Stephenson conductor, T. Wick. 528 Double Norwich. T. Clark, G. W. Park, W. Newton, G. J. Lungley, T. Metcalfe, A. Macfarlane, T. Stephenson conductor. 640 Kent Treble Major. J. Clarkson, T. Clark, W. Newton, G. W. Park, T. Metcalfe, T. W. Waller, Rev. W. P. Wright, T. Stephenson conductor. At Burneston 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Handley, W. Sykes, J. G. Handley, S. Croft, Dr. Pauli, J. Baxter conductor.

MIDDLEHAM (Yorks.)—On Tuesday, April 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Handley, S. Croft, Dr. Pauli, G. J. Clarkson conductor, C. Clarkson, H. Parish.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BENTLEY (Hants.)—On Thursday, April 15th. 720 Grandsire Minor. C. Edwards conductor, W. Bashford, J. W. Russell, F. W. Elliott, E. Newell, J. E. Groves. On Monday, April 19th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. H. Lowman, W. Bashford, J. W. Russell, F. W. Elliott, C. Edwards conductor, J. E. Groves. On Saturday, April 24th, on the occasion of a district meeting, 720 Bob Minor. W. Read, A. Chaff, J. J. Jones, C. Edwards conductor, J. E. Groves, E. Newell. This is the first 720 of Bob Minor, also of Grandsire on the bells, which are of exceedingly fine tone, but go heavily. At Froyle on the same date, several touches of Minor, and 120 Grandsire Doubles. C. Edwards conductor, A. Chaff, J. E. Groves, 3-4; E. Newell, T. Stroud. This makes the 100th tower in which J. E. Groves has rung two bells, and is believed to be the first occasion on which two bells has been rung by one person in Hampshire.

FRENESHAM (Surrey.)—On Thursday, April 29th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Randell, C. Edwards, A. Chaff, J. W. Russell, F. W. Elliott conductor, J. E. Groves. J. E. Groves also rang 1-2 in 120 Grandsire Doubles.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, March 13th, at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, 880 Treble Bob Royal. G. H. Daynes, J. A. Trollope, W. G. Matthews, F. G. Perrin, F. Bennett conductor, J. E. Davis, A. N. Hardy, W. Hewitt, E. Brett, T. Langdon.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEV (Herts.)—On Sunday evening, March 21st, for Divine Service, 960 Oxford Treble Bob Major. B. Prewett conductor, T. J. Scott, R. E. Stavert, F. A. Smith, W. Oakley, F. Edwards, J. J. Allen, W. G. Whitehead. On Thursday, March 25th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triplee. J. J. Allen, T. J. Scott, F. A. Smith, B. Prewett, W. I. Oakley, F. Edwards, R. E. Stavert conductor, A. Maynard.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOXLEY (Kent.)—On Tuesday, January 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. F. Wright, W. C. Gosling conductor, W. Hope, A. Haygreen, G. Pound, W. Kilpatrick. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Pound, of Weaving Street, Boxley; also as a birthday compliment to the conductor, it being his first quarter-peal as conductor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Sunday evening, March 21st, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. J. Pagett composer, C. Draper, C. Hart, B. Mitchell, A. Coppock, E. Willis, W. Wallace conductor, *H. G. Jenney. *First quarter-peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DAGENHAM (Essex.)—On January 27th, an attempt was made

for a peal, but after ringing 2 hrs. 50 mins. it came to grief. D. Chaplin, A. Playle, E. Hawkins, C. Rochester, G. Playle, R. Miles. This is the longest length by all except the conductor. The ringer of the 2nd is not sixteen years of age before March next.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WARBLETON.—On January 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 40 mins. W. Barrow, W. Booth conductor, C. Collins, H. Bsook, R. Allen. First quarter peal on the bells.

HEATHFIELD.—On February 4th, for practice, 480 Bob Doubles. J. Collins, W. Booth conductor, C. Collins, A. Lavender, W. Barrow, J. Lavender. Another 480. J. Collins, C. Collins, H. Brook, A. Lavender, W. Booth, R. Allen. On February, 23rd, 480 Bob Doubles. J. Collins, W. Booth conductor, H. Brook, A. Lavender,

C. Collins, R. Allen. Another 480. J. Collins, W. Booth, W. Barrow, A. Lavender, G. Taylor, R. Allen.

CHIDDINGLY.—On February 6th, 1260 Grandsire Doubles in 50 mins. J. Collins, W. Barrow, W. Booth conductor, C. Collins, H. Brook, R. Allen.

ANSTNEY (Leicestershire).—On Sunday evening, February 7th, 581 Grandsire Triples. G. H. Simpson, J. J. Jackson, E. Jackson, D. Richards, T. Bottrill, A. Mason conductor, A. Gelsthorpe, A. Cufflin. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Miss Maggie Bramley, sister to Mr. A. Bramley, one of the local ringers.

GESTINGTHORPE.—On Monday, February 1st, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. E. Turner, A. Catterwell, H. Cansell, W. Pannell, O. Broyde, G. Pannell con-

ductor. Another 720. E. Turner, O. Broyde, A. Catterwell, H. Cansell, W. Nice, G. Pannell conductor.

TWERTON (Somersetshire).—On Sunday evening, May 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's ten-part, in 42 mins. S. J. Hector, T. F. King, F. Skuse, G. Harding, J. Francis, G. Temple, W. J. Prescott conductor, A. E. Seers. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble, 4th, and 5th.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—On Tuesday night, February 2nd, for practice, 720 Canterbury Surprise. J. Marshall, J. W. Foster, R. Dixon, T. Surtees, H. Charlton, F. Barron conductor. First in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

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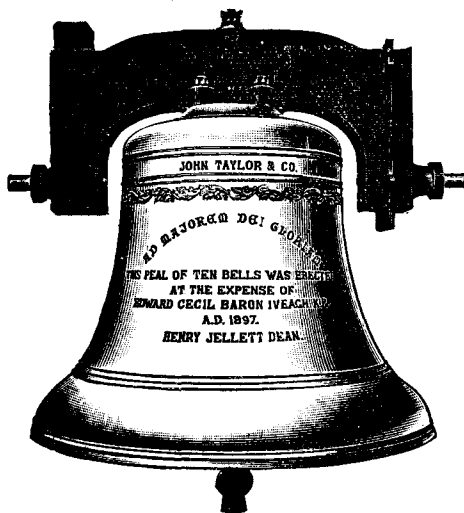
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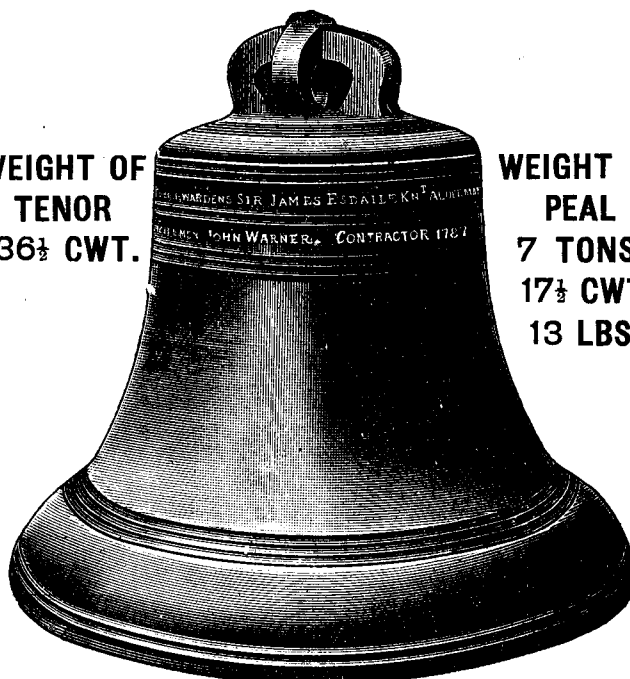
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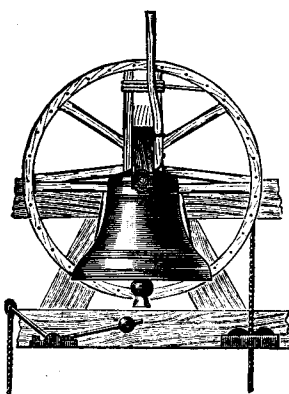
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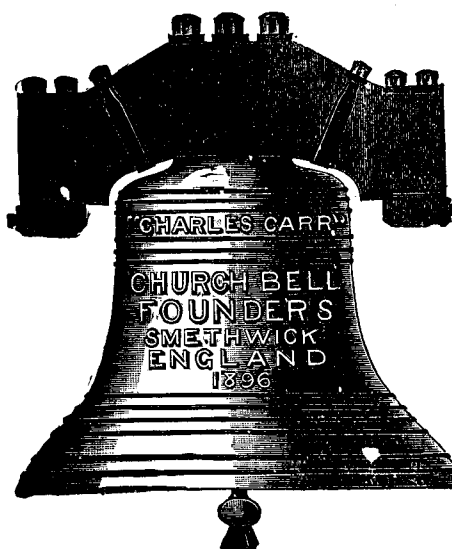
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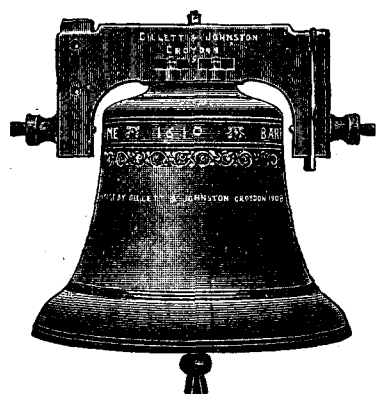
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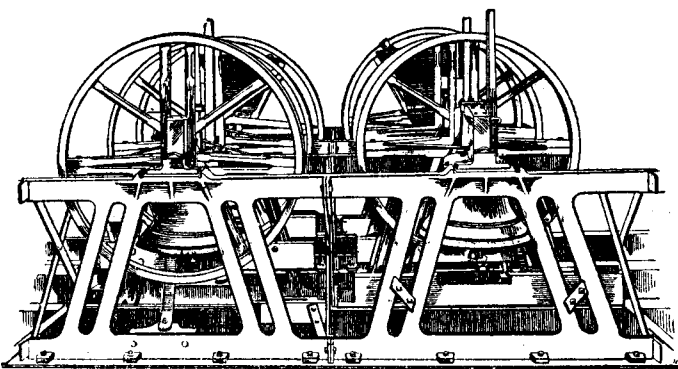
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BINSTED, HAMPSHIRE.

The 4th of May, 1909, will long be remembered by the inhabitants of this pretty Hampshire village, as this was the date fixed for the dedication of a new treble and re-dedication of the old five bells after being properly tuned and rehung.

It had long been felt that sooner or later the matter of restoration of the bells would have to be faced. The authorities therefore decided to call in expert advice, with the result that after the bells and their fittings had been examined by Mr. C. Edwards in October last he strongly advised that the bells should no longer be rung for fear of serious results. This counsel was at once acted upon. A vestry meeting was called in December last, which was well attended by both churchmen and nonconformists. Mr. Edwards was again asked to attend and outline the serious condition of the bells and their surroundings. After discussing the matter for a short time only it was decided that the bells must be restored. Carefully considering the tenders received, it was determined to accept that of Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham, for the tuning and rehang of the existing five bells in the old frame, and, if funds permitted, to add a new treble. It was also decided that there should be a house-to-house collection. Willing workers volunteered their services, and at the end of January a commencement was made, with the result that in one week £30 was collected from the cottagers alone, no one refusing their mite. The first week in Lent the Vicar issued an appeal, with the result that all the money required was subscribed within a very few days. It was at once decided to place the order, under the condition that the work should be completed by the 1st of May.

The five old bells were cast in 1695 by Knight of Reading, and the present 5th was recast by Mears in 1864. Apart from this nothing whatever has been done to them except new wheels which were provided locally some thirty years ago. The tenor is about 14 cwt. in E., and has the following inscription:—

"In 1695
Nichollas Wheeler did contrive
From four bells to make us five."

The others all bear inscriptions. The new treble weighs 5½ cwt., and is a fine-toned bell. The cannons have all been removed from the five old bells, and the complete ring of six have been hung with iron headstocks. They have also been beautifully tuned—so very different from their old state—and their go is pronounced by all to be simply grand.

Tuesday, May 4th, was the date given for the dedication by the Bishop of Guildford. The service commenced

at three o'clock, and a large congregation assembled. After the usual prayers, and a hymn, the bishop, clergy, and choir proceeded to the tower, and after dedicating the new bell the bells were rung in rounds, during which the procession returned to the choir stalls, when immediately the hymn—"Sound them sweetly in the steeple, Let our bells be set on high," was sung. The bishop then delivered a most impressive address, pointing out the spiritual use of church bells for calling people to church, or reminding those that could not or would not attend His services of their solemn duty towards Almighty God.

After another hymn the bishop pronounced the blessing, and the congregation dispersed to listen to the bells, which were rung in Grandsire Doubles for a short time. After tea 360 of Kent Treble Bob was rung, and a 720 of Plain Bob Minor by the following members of the Winchester Guild: F. A. Barnett, F. W. Elliott, W. Bashford, E. Newell, J. W. Russell, C. Edwards (conductor). Afterwards touches in various methods were rung. Immediately preceding the eight o'clock service a 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung by J. E. Groves, C. Edwards, F. W. Elliott, E. Newell, J. W. Russell, F. E. Dawe (conductor), the striking throughout being perfection.

The parish of Binsted now possesses a fine-toned ring of bells; the work of restoration throughout reflects great credit upon the founders and hangers, Messrs. Barwell. The parish also has an enthusiastic company of young ringers, whom are already members of the Winchester Guild, and who will receive instruction in change-ringing from Mr. C. Edwards.

During the past twelve years this parish, which is purely an agricultural one, has raised close upon £2000 for the restoration of the church alone. May we wish them all prosperity.

C. W.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the ringers in connection with St. Peter's, Yateley was held at Hilfield on a recent Monday evening, when the full company was present. J. P. Stilwell, esq., J.P., occupied the chair. The Yateley company are indeed fortunate in having this gentleman as president, for Mr. Stilwell has for many years been president of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. It has always been his wish that some of the members of his family (who are all life members of the Guild) should take up active change ringing, and we are pleased to find that the wish has been realised, for now on practice-nights in the belfry handling the ropes with the local band can be seen the youngest daughter of the president, Miss Beatrice Stilwell, of whom more will be heard in ringing records.

After the usual settling of accounts the election of officers was proceeded with. Needless to say Mr. Stilwell

was re-elected president, and he briefly thanked them for electing him, and trusted that they might all meet again next year.

Mr. H. J. Hilton was re-elected foreman of the ringing company, the proposer remarking that no one studied the interests of the ringers more than Mr. Hilton, and wishing that he might live many years to officiate in the same capacity.

Mr. S. Riddell was re-elected captain, a vote of thanks being accorded him for the great interest he had taken in the work of the band. Mr. Riddell, in replying, thanked them for their kind vote, and said that without the help of his brother-ringers it would be impossible for him to give instruction on the ropes. He would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the ringers who had been good enough to come and take a rope on practice-nights to enable young ringers to master the intricacies of change ringing.

After the meeting the president kindly invited all those present to partake of supper, in which the good old English fare of roast beef and plum pudding came in for rather severe handling, the last course-end coming up about 9.45 p.m. After supper the company were invited to the drawing-room, where the members of three generations of Mr. Stilwell's family were present to a short touch on the handbells. A course of Triples was rung, and also a short touch of Grandsire, in which Miss B. Stilwell took the treble. After the change-ringing a selection was well played by Messrs. G. Butler, G. Bunch, S. Riddell, F. Hagley, and W. Horne. This finished the evening, the ringers then dispersing to their homes well pleased with the kind hospitality of their president and the result of the annual meeting.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of this Guild was held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 24th. Upwards of two hundred members sat down to a most substantial tea in the Co-operative Hall. F. F. Linley, esq., president of the northern branch, presided over the meeting held afterwards.

The committee's report stated that the year had been most successful, a noticeable feature being the amount of peals being that had been rung, the record being above that of any previous year, and which the committee thought indicated progress in the right direction, especially as several members had rung their first peal. The report and balance-sheet were adopted.

The Right Rev. the Bishop of Lincoln was re-elected patron of the Guild, and the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln was re-elected president. The Rev. H. Law James was re-elected master, the Rev. Reginald Bond (St. Peter's rectory) hon. Secretary, and F. F. Linley, esq., hon. treasurer. The Rev. H. Law James (Surfleet) Messrs. Chester (Lincoln), Richardson (Surrey), and Seamer (Grimsby), were elected representatives on the Central Council.

The Rev. R. Bond moved that in future, with the permission of the Dean and Chapter, the Guild service should be held in connection with the choral evensong in the Cathedral, at the close of which there would be an address. He thought that members should take advantage of the opportunity of attending this service. The resolution was carried.

The Rev. H. Law James proposed a resolution heartily congratulating the ten members of the Midland Counties Association who rung the 18,027 changes of Stedman Caters on Easter Monday at All Saints' church, Lough-

borough, which occupied 12 hrs. 18 mins., and was the longest peal ever rung with one set of men without food or rest. The resolution was carried amidst loud applause.

A short service was held in the morning chapel of the Cathedral, and an excellent address was delivered by the Rev. Canon Townroe, of St. Peter-at-Gowts.

At the annual meeting of the northern branch, held in the Consistory Court afterwards, the president—F. F. Linley, esq.—in the chair, the report showed that the membership stood at 307, of which 278 were performing members, this total not including the life members who are now credited to the Guild. The report and balance-sheet were passed as highly satisfactory.

F. F. Linley, esq. was again elected president, the vice-presidents were elected en bloc. Mr. J. W. Seamer was re-elected secretary, Mr. Linley, treasurer, and Mr. T. H. Holdich and Mr. J. W. Watson were again elected hon. auditors.

The Rev. A. Hunt proposed, and the Rev. S. Wild seconded: "That a further sum of £5 should be placed towards the further restoration of the Ringers' Chapel of the Cathedral, and that an appeal to the other branches of Guild should be made."

Gainsborough was proposed and carried as the place to hold the half-yearly meeting.

Votes of thanks to the various incumbents for granting the use of the bells, to Canon Townroe for conducting the service, to the Rev. R. Bond for the most admirable arrangements that he had made, to Mrs. Bond for playing the organ at the service, and to the chairman for presiding, brought to a close one of the most successful meetings the Association has held.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

The Annual Meeting of this Society was held at The Waggon and Horses inn, on a recent Tuesday evening, a goodly company being present. The Secretary, Mr. S. W. West, on taking the chair expressed pleasure at presiding at the annual meeting of the Society, which had been in existence eighteen years. They were still under a cloud, and the real bellringers were not allowed to ring in their own parish tower, but he lived in hopes that they would yet return to their old tower.

The Secretary, in presenting the annual report, stated that it contained much that was interesting and encouraging. Eight compositions, containing upwards of 1000 changes, had been rung, and in addition a number of shorter touches, ranging from 120 to 960 changes, had been rung for Divine Service and practice. Handbell ringing had been revived during the past year, with very pleasing success, and was being continued. For different towers had been visited, i.e., one six-bell tower, two containing eight bells, and one ten-bell tower. Many invitations to ring at various towers had been received, and only the other day the Secretary received a pressing invitation to take his colleagues whenever convenient to ring at the most important ten-bell tower in the county of Leicester—Loughborough. In fact, the closing of the Whitwick belfry had opened to them many belfries hitherto unvisited, and in many other ways it had been a blessing in disguise. Not only had their interest in the work been quickened, but the bell question had revived activity in church work. They now heard for the first time in eighteen years of collections in church for the ringers, of whist drives—that latest, though very questionable, method of obtaining funds for church objects—being

used for the same purpose; summer outings paid for partly by the people for ringers, etc. In these and many other ways it was an undeniable fact that the bell question had been the means of awakening the parish to a more lively sense of duty. They (the society) were sincerely pleased to notice such improvements, and trusted the interest thus created would be of a lasting nature. The Society was represented at the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association at Leicester on Easter Monday by Messrs. S. W. West and W. Fern. Many inquiries were made respecting the position of affairs at Whitwick, offers of facilities to ring at other towers being freely made.

Both the chairman and Mr. Moulton considered the report most satisfactory, the former remarking that the invitations to other towers were most encouraging. It was pleasing to note that people recognised the trouble they took to render themselves efficient in bellringing. With regard to their own parish, the dispute had certainly led to more clerical activity, and he hoped it would continue, until they could shake hands, and there be one shepherd and one flock.

On the motion of the chairman the report was adopted.

Mr. J. A. Moulton was re-elected captain, on the motion of Mr. Boam, and the Secretary pointed out that he held the office during the most critical period of their history, when there was a lot of tuition work to do in the tower, a work which he was well qualified to do.

Mr. Moulton, in accepting office, said he had held the position for eleven years, and would not draw out now.

The Secretary explained that Mr. Rawson, the vice-captain, was prevented from attending their meetings as he otherwise would do, and Mr. Fern was unanimously elected to the position.

Mr. Moulton proposed that Mr. S. W. West be re-elected secretary, and spoke of his excellent work in that office. Mr. Boam seconded, and it was agreed to.

The Secretary asked whether they should alter the name, which was known as the "Whitwick parish church society of Change-Ringers," but it was unanimously decided to keep it unaltered.

Mr. Moulton moved, "That this meeting of the Whitwick Society desires to sincerely thank the hon. secretary, Mr. S. W. West, for his services during the past ten years, and especially for the able manner in which he has carried out the duties of secretary during the past year, and to assure him of the members' continued confidence in his integrity and businesslike management of the affairs of the society. We also repudiate the statement of the chairman at the vestry meeting to the effect that a meeting was suggested before the belfry was closed. We deny that any such meeting was mentioned either to the secretary or any other member of the society." Mr. Fern seconded.

The Chairman said the statement at the vestry meeting was a reflection on the secretary and the ringers, and was promptly denied.

Mr. S. W. West, in returning thanks, said that the facts were these: From January 1st, 1908, to August of the same year he never had a word of any kind with the Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie, either about ringing or anything else. Seeing that the closing of the belfry took place in April they would see that it was impossible that any such invitation was ever given. Mr. Mackenzie, if he had wanted to meet them, had only to wait a day or two, because the annual meeting took place a few days later, it being Easter time. Again, it was well known that many

of the old ringers were also choristers, and the Vicar could have mentioned it to them when he met them, as he did, in the vestry.

It was decided that the practices on the handbells should be continued during the summer.

The Secretary said that the long peal at Loughborough on Easter Monday, which established a world's record, called for a vote of thanks and congratulation.

Mr. Fern proposed, and Mr. Boam seconded the vote, which was carried unanimously. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

A PEAL OF CARTER'S TRIPLES.

By THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

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LATE NOTICES.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday at Chelmsford. 11.0.—Service in St. Mary's, with address by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans 12.0.—Annual meeting in the Vestry Hall. Presentation to Canon Papillon on his retiring from the Mastership. 1.30 dinner. Members intending to be present must notify me before the 26th.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*

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THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at The George hotel, Northampton, on Whit-Monday. Service at St. Sepulchre's 12 o'clock noon. Hot luncheon at The George hotel at 1 o'clock. Meeting after. Other arrangements as usual.

F. WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

APPLETON (Berks).—On Wednesday, February 17th, eight members of the Appleton Society rang at the parish church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes. H. White, F. S. White, W. Tubb, G. Holifield, sen., G. Holifield, jun., R. White, C. White, R. Bennett. The above was rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick White, bell-hanger, Appleton, Mr. White having been a ringer at Appleton church for upwards of sixty years. Four sons of Mr. and Mrs. White rang in the above.

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There are certain scraps of curious information contained in Parnell's notes. Thus we learn that James Albion, who died at Bath about 1797 at an advanced age, was the last survivor of the band who first rang Holt's Original at St. Margaret's, Westminster, in 1751; that Holt was by trade a shoemaker; and that James Bartlett, who was the first to call the Original and take part in the performance, was a whipthong maker at Kensington. There is an account of a visit to London in June, 1816, by Mr. William Booth, of Sheffield, a table-knife cutler, and Mr. Hattersley's grandfather, and a note of a friendly peal rung on that occasion by members of the College and Cumberland Youths. It was 5080 Oxford Treble Ten, and rung at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on June 11th, 1816. The band stood as follows: George Gross, treble; William Shipway, 2; William Hall, 3; William Mackey, 4; William Booth, 5; Thomas Freith, 6; Thomas Michael, 7; James Nash, 8; Thomas Grainger, 9; Edward Bartlett, tenor. I do not know whether there is any tablet in the steeple recording this performance, and if not this may be the only record in existence of this interesting occasion of Mr. Booth's meeting his friends of both London companies.

We find many references to local peals, mostly in the Midland Counties and Yorkshire, but I do not think there is anything very special about most of them. There is, however, a detailed account of the bells of Ashton-under-Lyne, to which I will refer next week. Parnell also notes in his wanderings what he considered curious in the way of epitaphs. Most of them are much of the common form order, but some are ingenious. I will give two relating to deceased change-ringers next week, and will close to-day with one, full of professional allusions, from the tomb of Henry Allen, an auctioneer, who died June 9th, 1783, and is buried at Farnham, Surrey:—

"Fair virtue's np; Old Time, the Auctioneer;
A lot so lovely can't be bought too dear.
Her ways are pleasant and her paths are even,
A sure conductress to the joys of heaven.
Be hence advised; advance ere 'tis too late,
Time will not dwell; the hammer will not wait."

R. A. DANIELL.

PERRY BARR (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, May 9th, before Divine Service at the parish church, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. W. Fountain, J. Corrigan, F. Williams, W. G. Ellis conductor, G. A. Taylor, G. Mitchinson, C. Williams, C. Davis. First quarter-peal away from the tenor by the ringer of the treble.

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This year a larger number than usual of Societies have not as yet paid their affiliation fee; and though it is now nearly a week since I wrote a post card of reminder to each of them, I have as yet received no communication from the following Societies, viz., Bedfordshire, Ireland, North Wales, and Truro. The Hon. Secretaries of these Associations can have little idea of the trouble caused by such delay, particularly this year when the list of the new Council has to be drawn up, and when I do not know even the number, still less the names and addresses of the new representatives. I am sorry to have to write in this strain, but I see no other course open.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, Hon. Sec.

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, May 12, 1909.

RINGERS' WEDDING.

Southwell Cathedral was on Thursday, April 29th, the scene of the wedding of Mr. E. H. Lewis, of Frodsham, to the daughter of Archdeacon Richardson, of Southwell. The weather was bright and sunny, and all enjoyed the day. Many hundred well wishers and guests attended the service, which was choral, and included a Celebration of the Holy Communion. There were of course many ringers present, and many ringers also had sent presents. Among these were a clock from the Southwell company, a lamp from the Frodsham men, and an inkstand, etc., from ringing friends in the Chester district, which was handed to the bridegroom on the completion of his hundredth peal, rung on the preceeding Friday at Eccleston. After the ceremony the local men entertained the guests to the tune of 28 cwt. in D, by Abraham Rudhall, and were unlucky in not scoring their first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples without outside help. Later in the day a band of guests from various parts of England started for a peal of Double Norwich, under the conductorship of the bride's brother. The names are not given, as no peal was scored. Nor were the same band more successful in a second attempt, at Mansfield, on the next morning. But we are glad to think that, after all, the bride and bridegroom themselves have started in "peal form." With them go the best wishes of many members of the Exercise, that with the tenors together they may ring plenty of good, useful and happy courses. "This is all" that matters.

H. S. T. R.

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637. Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 17th, and 31st; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 18th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 27th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th; and at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 20th; at 8 p.m.

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

The London County Association (late the St. James's Society).—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, May 29th, at the church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.30 till 8 p.m., and a business meeting will be held in the vestry at 8 p.m. All ringers will be made welcome.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Road, Denmark Hill.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at the parish church, Burnley, to-day, Sat., May 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

J. WATSON, *Br. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hawley to-day, Sat., May 15th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at The White Hart hotel soon after 5 o'clock as possible.

G. B. EDGER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at the parish church, Rochdale, to-day, Sat., May 15th. Bells at liberty from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield to-day, Sat., May 15th. See Association circular for full particulars. CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*
40, Percy Street, Rotherham.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Rotherwick to-day, Sat., May 15th. Bells from 4 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.45, and business meeting after. Communicate with—

F. G. HUME, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. Every member who can make it convenient, is requested to attend.

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

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Barking, on Saturday, May 22nd. Ringing from 4 o'clock. Arrangements will be made for tea, if members will communicate with me in good time. A similar meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, June 26th.

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

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Shipley on Saturday, May 22nd. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Sun hotel at 8 p.m.

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

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of this Association will be held on Saturday, May 22nd, at St. Sepulchre's church, E.C., by kind permission of the Rev. Edgar Rogers. The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m. The Vicar will give a short address to ringers at evensong, which will be said at 6.30 p.m., and it is particularly requested that all ringers will attend this service. The Hon. Secretary will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

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

East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ashover on Saturday, May 22nd. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards. Will those who attend, please advise the Rev. J. B. Nodder how many to expect for tea.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—Next meeting at Southport, Saturday, May 22nd. Full particulars by circular.

REV. W. T. BULFIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM, }

The Salop Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, May 22nd. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.45. Tea at Parish Room at 5.30, followed by business meeting. R. M. COLE-HAMILTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Birch-in-Rusholme on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—To Life Ringing Members and others.—Annual festival at Milton Abbey on Tuesday, May 25th. Service in abbey church at 12 noon. Preacher—the Very Rev. the Dean of Salisbury. Luncheon in marquee at 1 p.m., kindly provided by Sir Everard Hambro, K.C.V.O. Earl Nelson will preside. Following towers offered for ringing: Milton Abbey, Hilton, Bryanston, and Blandford. Railway station—Blandford, seven miles. The East Dorset Branch kindly defrays expense of conveyances. Reduced fare on application to station-master a few days previously. Kindly send notice to Secretary—West Lulworth Vicarage, Wareham, in order to secure a seat.

All companies attending annual festival, please inform Secretary, West Lulworth.

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby Branch.—The next monthly meeting of this district will be held at Belper on Saturday, May 29th. The bells at St. Peter's church (6 bells), will be open to visitors from 2.30 p.m. A tea might be arranged if a sufficient number of members will signify their intention of being present not later than the 24th inst.

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

168, Normanton Road, Derby.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bennington on Saturday, May 29th, when the tower will be open all the afternoon and evening. A free tea will most kindly be given by the Rector—Rev. W. W. Mills, about 5 o'clock. Business meeting after. All members and friends will be welcomed. I shall be glad if

those who can will notify me by the Wednesday previous of their intention to be present.

W. H. LAWRENCE, *Hon. Sec.*

Little Munden.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Counties Branch.—A regular ringing meeting will be held at Deeping St. Nicholas on Whit Monday, May 31st. The order of proceedings will be as follows: 10 a.m.—Opening of the new ring of bells; 1.15—Divine Service at the parish church; 1.45—Dinner at The Harrow hotel, tickets 2s. 3d. each. Those who wish to dine must notify the Secretary not later than Thursday, May 20th.

W. G. CROSS, *Hon. Sec.*

16, St. James's Road, King's Lynn.

The Kent County Association.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Canterbury on Whitsun Monday, May 31st. Service at the Cathedral with an address by the Very Rev. the Dean at 3 p.m. Tea at St. Margaret's Hall at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Application for tea tickets to be made to the Hon. Secretary. Further particulars next week.

FRED J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

Canterbury.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Monmouth on Whit-Monday, May 31st, at 3 o'clock.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, M.A. } *Hon. Secs.*
JOHN W. JONES, }

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Swindon on Whit-Monday, May 31st. Service at Christ Church with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Estcourt, at 12 o'clock, followed by luncheon at The Goddard Arms at 1 o'clock. Tickets for the luncheon 1s. 3d., to those only sending notice to Mr. E. Bishop, Myrtledeane, Swindon, on or before Wednesday, the 26th inst. By the kind permission of the Vicars, the bells of St. Mark's, Swindon (6), Bishopstone (8), Highworth (8), and Wootton Bassett (8) will be open for ringing during the afternoon.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, } *Hon. Secs.*
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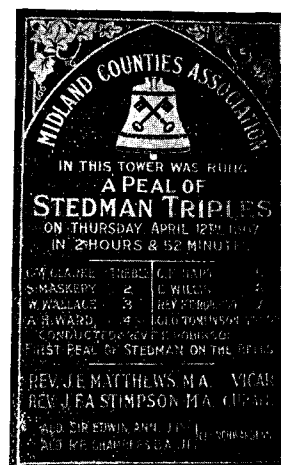
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SATURDAY, MAY 15, 1909.

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The result can be seen. No time was allowed to elapse when once the necessities of the case were understood, and therein is shown the worthy action of the villagers. It is to be hoped that the example shown by them will be largely imitated. The lesson taught herein is to know no fear of the result of entering into a good action, and that difficulties may be generally overcome by unselfish endeavour.

NOTICE OF LONG PEAL.

An attempt will be made to ring a peal of 12,000 Treble Bob Major at Deane parish church, on Friday, June 4th, starting at 10 o'clock a.m.

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The Metropolis.**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS, AND THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, May 1, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOSEPH WAGBORN Treble.	EDWARD F. COLE 5.
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 2.	WILBY J. HAZELL 6.
JAMES SAXBY 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
GEORGE A. CARD 4.	GEORGE PAICE Tenor.

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

*First peal in any method; further reference elsewhere.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.*On Monday, May 3, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY.****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES.**

Tenor 31 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL Treble.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE 6.
WILLIAM TRUSS 2.	HERBERT LANGDON 7.
ALFRED B. PECK 3.	EMANUEL HALL 8.
ALBERT WALKER 4.	THOMAS LANGDON 9.
JAMES SCHOLES 5.	GEORGE BARRELL Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor; also in honour of the silver wedding of the sexton, Mr. J. Nicoll, the band thanking him for his kind hospitality after the peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, May 8, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HENRY J. MAYNARD Treble.	FREDERICK RUMENS 6.
RICHARD G. RICE 2.	WILLIAM B. MANNING 7.
GEORGE GRIMWADE 3.	ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN. 8.
JAMES C. ADAMS 4.	FRED C. MAYNARD 9.
ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. 5.	*ALFRED CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. J. Maynard, J. C. Adams, and T. W. Fordham. *First peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, May 8, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, COLEMAN STREET,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	SAMUEL J. BIRD 6.
REUBEN SANDERS 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
CHARLES T. COLES 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung through meeting short for Superlative, and also as a birthday compliment to S. J. Bird, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.*On Saturday, May 8, 1909, in Three Hours,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, SOUTH HACKNEY, A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

WILLIAM J. KEMP Treble	HENRY RUMENS 5.
HENRY C. ALFORD 2.	RICHARD ELLIOTT 6.
JAMES SCHOLES 3.	HERBERT FRANK HULL 7.
ARTHUR COLES 4.	JAMES MONDAY Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by HERBERT F. HULL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. C. Alford and J. Monday. W. J. Kemp and H. Rumens were elected members previous to starting. First peal in the method on the bells since being rehung by Mears and Stainbank.

The Provinces.**WYMONDHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.****THE SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS.***On Saturday, March 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being six 6-scores of St. Simon's, nine each of Old Doubles and Plain Bob, eight of Canterbury Pleasure, and ten of Grandsire.

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JAMES TYSON Treble.	HENRY BELLAMY 4.
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Conducted by WILLIAM H. DYKE.

First peal in five methods by all except the ringers of the 4th and 5th.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sunday, April 19, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720s each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 each of Reverse College Single, Single Court, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

J. W. LAKE Treble.	J. OSBORNE 4.
C. NEAVEYSON 2.	*F. BLOOD 5.
A. E. LARKINSON 3.	A. S. ALLEN Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. LAKE.

*First peal on six bells.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.***On Saturday, April 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble.	GEORGE BULL 5.
ALBERT P. WAKLEY 2.	EDWARD I. STONE 6.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY 3.	GEORGE ROBINSON 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 4.	HARRY WAKLEY Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by HARRY WAKLEY.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, May 1, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

PHILIP ALFREY Treble.	RICHARD STEEDWICK 5.
CHARLES PALMER 2.	HENRY STALHAM 6.
WILLIAM C. HART 3.	ALBERT D. STONE 7.
ARTHUR W. GRAVATT 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

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

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Wednesday, April 28, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED SHEPPARD* Treble.	GEORGE IRVINE 5.
OSCAR GILBY 2.	WILLIAM COOK 6.
WILLIAM WICKS 3.	OWEN PORTER 7.
GEORGE CLEAVE 4.	JOSEPH GOODGER Tenor.

Conducted by G. IRVINE.

*First peal away from the tenor.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt.

GEORGE WILSON* Treble.	EDGAR H. BAILEY 5.
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JAMES M. BAILEY† 3.	CHARLES SAMSON 7.
GEORGE BERRY 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method away from the treble.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRED ABBOTT* Treble.	THOMAS WALLWORK 5.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH 2.	ROBERT WALLWORK 6.
THOMAS PEERS 3.	TITUS BARLOW 7.
JOSEPH LOWE 4.	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

RICHMOND, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 1, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

RICHARD J. WILLIAMS .. Treble.	CHARLES BELL 5.
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WILLIAM LIDBITTER 3.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD 7.
THOMAS BEADLE 4.	*HENRY T. WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

*First peal.

GARGRAVE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER BRADLEY† .. Treble.	WILLIAM L. MASON 5.
WILLIAM TOWNSON 2.	CHRISTOPHER LANGSTROTH .. 6.
JOSEPH LOPTHOUSE† .. 3.	WILLIAM BILLOWS 7.
HENRY BIRTWHISTLE .. 4.	WILLIAM D. HILLARY .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM L. MASON, and

Conducted by WILLIAM BILLOWS.

†First peal in the method.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

PERCY L. BROWN* .. Treble.	ERNEST MORRIS 5.
FREDK. H. DEXTER 2.	*HARRY P. SMITH 6.
ARTHUR J. BALLARD 3.	JOSIAH MORRIS 7.
T. HENRY HARDY† 4.	CHARLES H. FOWLER .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by CHAS. H. FOWLER.

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

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

On Saturday, May 1, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN R. MAIN Treble.	FRED STURMAN 4.
FRANK LEWIN* 2.	†HARRY MEADOWS 5.
JOSEPH SADDINGTON .. 3.	ARTHUR SMEATHERS .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR SMEATHERS.

*First peal in seven methods away from the treble. †First peal.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

WILLIAM HOLFIELD .. Treble.	WALTER J. TUBB 6.
GEORGE HOLFIELD, JUN. .. 2.	EDMUND BANNISTER 7.
EDGAR HUMFREY 3.	GEORGE HOLFIELD, SEN. .. 8.
FREDK. STEDMAN WHITE .. 4.	RICHARD WHITE 9.
ALFRED R. BOSLEY 5.	FRED WHITE, JUN. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by G. HOLFIELD, SEN.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYN HILL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALBERT WALKER† .. Treble.	CHARLES SMITH 5.
PERCY W. WITHAM† 2.	ARTHUR WALKER 6.
GEORGE MARTIN 3.	THOMAS PRICE 7.
HERBERT COX* 4.	JESSE ELDRIDGE Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

†First Surprise peal. *First Surprise peal away from the treble. First peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells, and was rung by an entirely local band.

BLOCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHIPPING NORTON BRANCH)

On Friday, May 7, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt. 28 lbs.

ANDREW F. RANDALL* .. Treble.	THOMAS WILLIAMS 4.
FREDERICK A. CASE 2.	WALTER LARGE 5.
STANLEY GREEN 3.	ALFRED PARDINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. LARGE.

*First peal away from the tenor.

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HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

LEWIS WISEMAN Treble.	GEORGE ARNOLD 5.
FREDERICK RADLEY 2.	ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 6.
BERNARD W. PETTITT 3.	ERNEST NEWMAN 7.
HORACE H. COOPER 4.	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor.

Composed by J. Cox, and Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs.

HARRY ROBERTS Treble	SIDNEY PALMER 6.
LOUIS A. WILSON 2	OLIVER NORMAN 5.
ROBERT W. HYNER 3.	THOMAS ROBINSON 7.
H. W. L. WELLS* 4.	*RICHMOND ROBERTS Tenor.

Conducted by OLIVER NORMAN.

*First peal.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

ARTHUR TOMLINSON* .. Treble.	JOHN WATSON 5.
FRED HINDLE† 2.	EMANUEL DUTTON 6.
HARRY WALKER 3.	WILLIAM E. WILSON 7.
JOHN EDWARDS 4.	RICHARD WALKER Tenor.

Composed by J. SHOLIGAR, and Conducted by JOHN WATSON.

*First peal away from the tenor. †First peal with a bob bell.
Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Edwards, who sails for America on May 15th.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

THOMAS W. GORE Treble.	GEORGE THOMPSON 6.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2.	WILLIAM H. PEABODY 7.
GEORGE HOLLIS 3.	*ERNEST J. OLIVER 8.
FRANK JACOBS 4.	WILLIAM BELLAMY 9.
ALBERT COPPOCK* 5.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS Tenor.

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

*First peal on ten bells.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

DAVID COLLINS Treble.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. .. 5.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 2.	ERNEST F. POPPY 6.
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 8, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

PRATT CORDINGLEY Treble.	JAMES COTTERELL 5.
HENRY ODDY 2.	JOSEPH BROADLEY 6.
THOMAS B. KENDALL 3.	JOE A. ROSS 7.
WALTER POPPLEWELL 4.	GEORGE A. NETTLETON Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by THOMAS B. KENDALL.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 10, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

HERBER DERBYSHIRE .. Treble.	ARTHUR RIDYARD 5.
JAMES HENRY RIDYARD .. 2.	JOHN PORTER 6.
THOMAS PEERS 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD 7.
JOSEPH LOWE 4.	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Rung on the conductor's birthday.

WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 10, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Superlative Surprise, College Treble, Violet,
Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN W. FITCHIE Treble.	ROBERT SANDERSON 4.
FREDERICK HARWOOD .. 2.	EDWARD ARMSTRONG 5.
TOM BRADSHAW 3.	ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. FITCHIE.

First peal in seven Treble Bob methods by all the band.

Handbell Peals.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF F. J. SHEPHERD,

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

FERRIS J. SHEPHERD* .. 1-2.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 5-6.
GEORGE EDEER, JUN. .. 3-4.	*FREDERICK G. WOODISS .. 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

*First peal on handbells. Umpire—Arthur F. Shepherd.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, May 5, 1909, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

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

HENRY L. GARFATH .. 1-2.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. 5-6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 3-4.	MAURICE SMITHER .. 7-8.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire—James Hunt.

HOLBECK, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, May 3, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.*

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

ALBERT S. MITCHELL .. 1-2.	PERCY J. JOHNSON.. .. 5-6.
WILLIAM O. TALBOT .. 3-4.	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE .. 7-8.
JOSHUA WOODHEAD 9-10.	

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

Umpires—George A. Jowett and Frank Cundale. Witness—W. E. H. Ash. First peal of Grandsire Caters on handbells by all except the conductor; and first peal on ten bells by the ringer of 1-2.

Date Touches.

GESTINGTHORPE (Essex).—On Thursday, April 22nd, a date touch of Bob Minor, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins. E. Turner, A. Catterwell, H. Cansell, W. Pannell, O. Boyd, G. E. Pannell conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. A. D. Pinch, churchwarden of this parish, who was buried that day.

Miscellaneous.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday evening, May 9th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Shufflebotham conductor, F. Radley, S. Sargeant, S. Hayes, H. Ridgwell, H. J. Tucker, W. Grimwade, L. Crow.

GESTINGTHORPE (Essex).—On Monday, May 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. H. Cooper, A. Catterwell, H. Cansell, O. Boyd, W. Nice, G. E. Pannell conductor. Also 360 Oxford. H. Cooper, conductor, O. Boyd, H. Cansell, A. Catterwell, W. Nice, G. Pannell.

TENDRING (Essex).—On Saturday, May 8th, the Thorington company paid a visit to this place, and rung 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Burgess, W. Lancaster, A. Andrews, G. Lancaster, G. A. Andrews, W. J. Nevard conductor. First 720 in the method on the bells. Also a course of London Surprise, and 720 Double Court. G. A. Andrews conductor; the rest as before. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Burgess, W. J. Nevard, A. Andrews, G. Lancaster, G. A. Andrews conductor, G. Jennings.

GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).—On Sunday, May 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. P. Almond, W. Lancaster, A. Andrews, G. Humm, J. Howell, W. J. Nevard conductor. First 720 on the bells for eighteen months.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, February 4th, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. Jordan, H. Little, G. Gray, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor. On Wednesday, February 14th, for practice, 720 York Surprise. A. Jordan, T. Jordan, H. J. Tucker, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, G. Jordan. 720 Worcester Surprise Minor. A. Jordan, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, H. J. Tucker, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor. On Thursday, March 4th, for practice, 720 Durham Surprise Minor. A. Jordan, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, H. J. Tucker, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor, G. Jordan. On Thursday, March 11th, for practice, 720 Chichester Surprise Minor. W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, G. Jordan. 720 Double Court Bob Minor. A. Jordan, G. Jordan, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday morning, March 14th, for Divine Service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. W. T. Prior, G. Jordan, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor. On Thursday, March 18th, for practice, 720 York Surprise Minor. G. Jordan, H. J. Tucker, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. Watts, A. Jordan, H. J. Tucker, T. Jordan, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts (conductor, G. Jordan. This makes W. Watts' 200th 720 of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Sunday afternoon, January 31st, for Divine Ser-

vice at St. Alkmund's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Robinson, J. Pagett, G. Ward, H. Inckle, E. Willis, S. Maskrey conductor, B. Mitchel, H. Ward.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

OLD CHESTERTON.—On Thursday, May 6th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. B. Kempton, G. Taylor, B. D. Buttress, P. Taylor, J. Stalley, F. E. Kempton conductor. First 720 of Treble on the bells since the addition of the new bell.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HARPENDEN (Herts).—On Wednesday, February 3rd, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. C. Dellar, H. Burgess, E. Bolton, L. Pearce, R. Coburn, G. Newson, B. Jarman conductor, G. Curl. On Thursday, February 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. B. Coburn, R. Coburn, B. Jarman conductor, E. Bolton, G. Newson, H. Burgess, D. Dellar, G. Curl. On Wednesday, February 17th, a 1554, in 1 hr. 3 mins. C. Dellar, G. Newson, E. Bolton, R. Coburn, H. Burgess, B. Jarman conductor, D. Dellar, G. Curl.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE BRANCH.)

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On January 30th, for morning service at St. John's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. H. Kerr, J. Fell, D. McLellan, T. Allanson, J. Hardman, E. Tipping. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. H. Kerr, J. Hardman, T. Allanson, D. McLellan, J. Fell, E. Tipping. Both were conducted by E. Tipping, and rung on the occasion of C. H. Kerr's birthday.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARTHOMLEY (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, January 30th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor in 30 mins. with 7-8 covering. J. Sherratt, J. Austin, J. Matthews, J. Brassington, R. Sherratt, A. Ailman conductor, O. Bennion, J. Yeomans.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

BUCKLEY.—On Saturday, February 6th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. H. Jones, J. T. Hopwood, E. R. Usher, S. Berks, *K. Aston, †J. E. Usher, W. Short, W. Bellis. *First quarter-peal. †First quarter-peal as conductor.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On February 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late A. Pears. E. Webb, A. George, C. Dell, F. Goddard, W. Lidbitter, T. Beadle conductor, G. Spencer, A. Sheard.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—On Tuesday, February 9th, for practice, at St. Cuthbert's church, 720 Newcastle Surprise. J. Marshall, J. W. Forster, R. Dixon, T. H. Surtees, A. Charlton, F. Barron conductor. This method is No. 5 in the book of Legitimate Methods issued by the Central Council. It having been rung now for the first time as above, the name of Newcastle is now claimed for it.

ASHOVER (Derbysire).—On Monday, May 10th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Revell, Rev. R. P. Farrow (curate), conductor, W. Hopkinson, Rev. J. B. Nodder (Rector), H. Hopkinson, W. Buxton, T. Dent, G. Garner.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday afternoon, April 25th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. T. Peers, F. Abbot, W. Tebay, R. Fiddes, G. Pincott, W. Pennington, T. Barlow conductor, P. Crook. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. G. Pincott, T. Bleakley, W. Thornley, P. Nuttall, P. Crook, R. Barlow, W. Pennington conductor, J. Constantine.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY (Herts.).--On Sunday evening April 25th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. R. E. Stavert, B. Hughes, T. R. Scott, W. G. Whitehead, W. I. Oakley, G. Spencer, J. Merrick conductor, F. Edwards.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIGHTWELL (Berks.).--On Saturday, January 9th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. J. Bower, J. Wedge, R. G. Rice, G. Parsons, J. Abery conductor, G. Castle. 480 Bob Doubles. G. Parsons, J. Wedge, R. G. conductor, J. Bower, J. Abery, G. Ornard, 720 Bob Minor. G. Higgs, J. Wedge, R. G. Rice, G. Parsons, J. Abery conductor, J. Bower. First 720 of Minor on the bells, which, previous to their recent rehanging by Webb and Bennett, had no stays.

ABINGDON (Berks.).--On Tuesday, Feb. 2nd, at St. Helen's church, a quarter-peal

of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. W. H. Holifield, F. Juggins, F. Barrett, G. Blay, E. Humfrey, J. Juggins conductor, E. Bannister, A. Fawdry. First in the method as conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ILKLEY (Yorks.).--On a recent Tuesday evening, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. A. South, J. Feather, W. Cook, T. Wardman, C. Stephenson, J. Birkin, A. W. Brighton conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DUNMOW (Essex).--On March 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. J. Blower, W. Little, A. Ribbans, H. Smith, W. Smith, G. Barrick. On April 13th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 30 mins., conducted by G. Barrick. First by the local company. Tenor 23 cwt.

STOKE-ON-TRENT (Staffordshire).--On Sunday, March 14th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. G. Bloor, F. Page conductor, G. Woods, C. Page, S. Churton, A. Clowes, H. Page, A. Austin.

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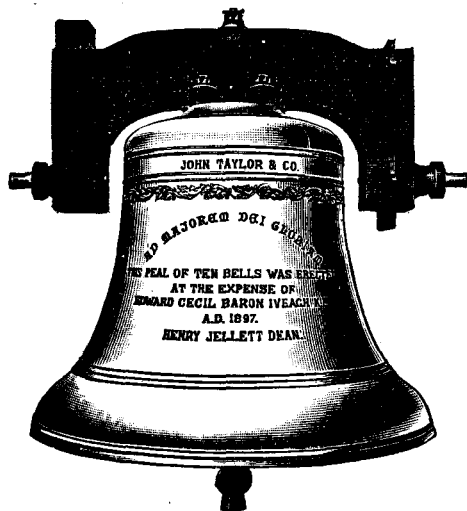
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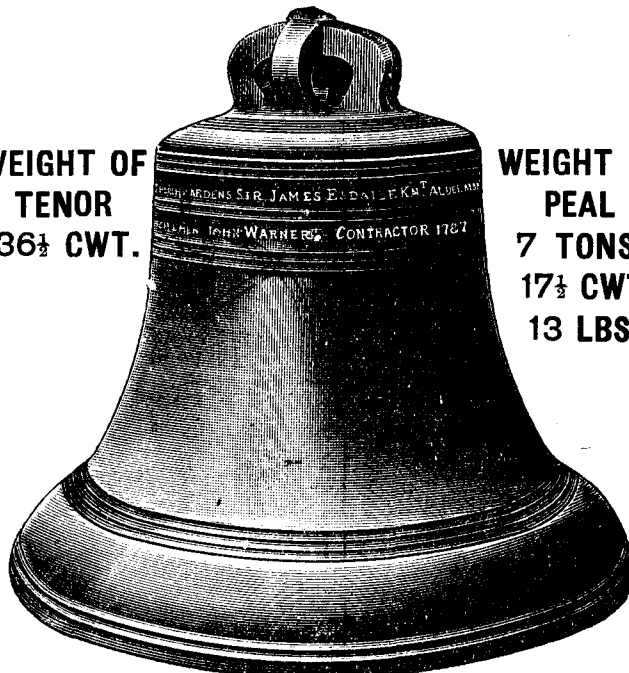
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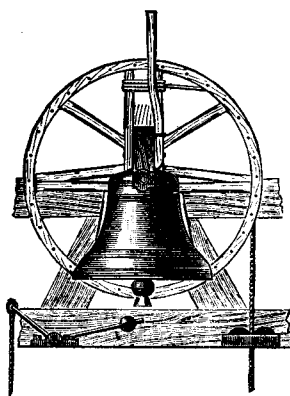
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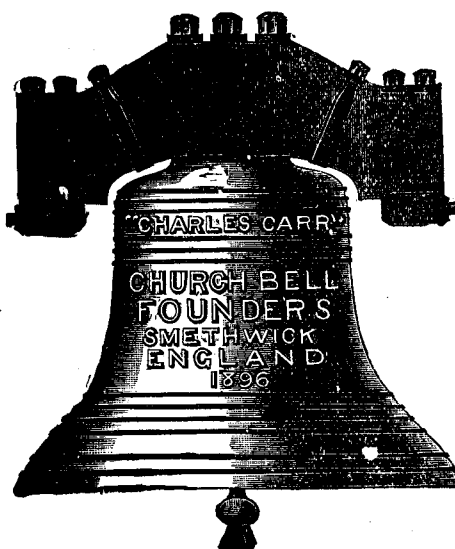
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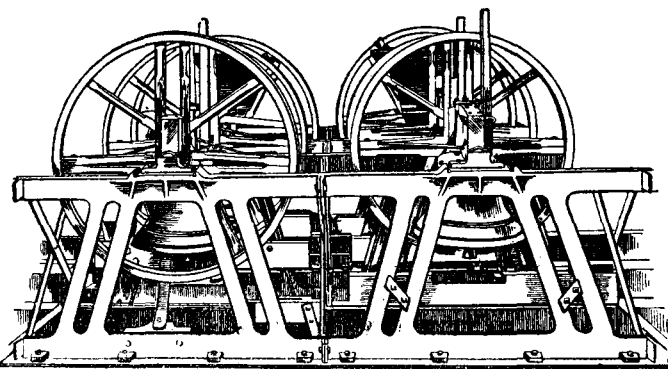
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"CAMPANOLOGY."

I am in the thick of a friendly dispute with reference to the above. My assertion is—that the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe once put his hand on my shoulder and said "Don't say Campanology, Sir, say Bell Ringing." This is disputed on the ground that the reverend gentleman (who is well remembered as the venerable Rector of Clyst St. George, Devon) used the word in his *Church Bells of Devonshire* (Exeter: 1872, p. 2), where he says "Campanology is a science which most appropriately holds a prominent place in all architectural associations whose object is to develop and enunciate the close and inseparable connection of high art with the Catholic faith, for no musical instrument has ever exercised so great an influence upon architecture as the church bell," etc.

For the want of a better; as also on the ground of tradition, and long use I, so far, agree with the word. But, coming, as it does, from the Italian *Campana*, a bell; and the very vague Greek *logos*, one can only look upon it as a mongrel word—as opposed to words of a purely Latin or Greek origin. And in this light I think Mr. Ellacombe came to see it. That he had the courage to change his mind is evidenced in his "Practical Remarks on Belfries and Ringers," where, in the preface to fourth edition, 1878, reprinted in the fifth, 1884, he says:—

"In this Edition I have substituted the word 'Ring' instead of 'Peal,' it being the more correct and ancient term for a set of bells. PEAL applies to the work done with any set of bells."

I remember seeing a remark—and I think it must have been in "THE BELL NEWS," and also from Mr. Ellacombe—to the effect that one might as well say "Bellology"—as Campanology. This latter is what I want to prove, and I am writing to ask if any one of my brother bell lovers and ringers can assist me. I forget exactly when Mr. Ellacombe died; that must be clear before search could be made. I am hoping some back index will be helpful.

I may, by the way, add one further remark. In a letter bearing date "November 22, 1883," to me, Mr. Ellacombe says:—

"I don't like grand sounding words. Why" (speaking of my 'Interlocking Gear for Church Bells and Chiming Hammers') "call it *Automatic*? Self-acting would be plain English."

This evidently, bears me out. But the word "Bellology" is what I am driving at. Can any reader help me to trace it? Being far down in the west country I am at a disadvantage.

JOHN JAMES HALL, F.R.A.S.

Exeter, May 14, 1909.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The first meeting of the Seventh Council will be held on Whitsun-Tuesday, June 1st, in the "Small Hall" of the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, at 11 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30 p.m., from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

AGENDA, 1909.

- 1.—Election of President, and of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.
- 2.—Minutes of the last meeting.
- 3.—Statement of Accounts and of Sale of Publications.
- 4.—Election of Honorary Members.
- 5.—Introduction of new members to the President.
- 6.—Election of Standing Committee.
- 7.—To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees; and to re-appoint, or alter the constitution of, the Committees, as may be thought desirable, viz.:—
 - (a) Peal Collection.
 - (b) Church Press.
 - (c) Legitimate Methods.
 - (d) Peals Analysis.
 - (e) Peal Values.
- 8.—To call attention to the extension of Stedman from the original six-score, and to move a resolution.
- 9.—Steeplekeepers, their duties and fees.
- 10.—To discuss the present system of apportioning points for peals, and (possibly) to move a resolution.
- 11.—Tuning of Church Bells.
- 12.—To fix the place of meeting for next year.
- 13.—Other business, if any.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Secretary.*

A Social Gathering will be held in the evening at The Westminster Palace hotel, at which Sir Arthur Heywood will have pleasure in seeing the members of the Council and ringing friends.

REPORT RECEIVED FROM THE PEAL VALUES COMMITTEE.

Your Committee has debated and wishes to bring forward for further discussion by the Council some points in connection with the following questions, viz.:—

- 1.—Peals in fourteen Surprise methods.
- 2.—A "complete" peal of only 5025 changes in Triples.
- 3.—The number of points to be apportioned to Original Major.
- 4.—The legitimacy of Double Oxford Bob Triples.
- 5.—New Cambridge Surprise.
- 6.—Shipway Major and the Forward method.
- 7.—To discuss a proposed system for plain Minor methods in Treble Bob methods or Surprise peals on 6.

On behalf the Committee,

R. S. STORY.

* Not the same room as heretofore

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester district was held at Eling on Saturday, May 8th, when a fair attendance of members were present, representatives appearing from the local company, Kingsworthy, Twyford, Dibden, North Stoneham, Southampton (St. Michael's and Holy Rood).

The Rev. Canon Robson, chairman of the district, presided at the tea, which was held at The Anchor, kindly provided by the Vicar of Eling (Rev. T. Thistle), about twenty-eight being present.

A letter of apology from Mr. W. Elkins, hon. secretary of the district, for non-attendance, was read by Mr. Andrews, who explained that owing to being away from his duties so long through a serious illness just recently, he (the hon. secretary) was unable to leave that day in time for the meeting.

After a vote of thanks to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells and providing the tea, and to the chairman for presiding, a move was made for the tower, where the bells were kept going in the standard methods till 8 p.m. It is hoped that the members of the Eling company will shortly decide to become members of the Guild.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of this district was held at Merrow and Clandon on Saturday, May 15th, and was attended by between forty and fifty ringers. The service was held at Merrow church by the Rev. C. E. Nuttall, who apologised for the absence of the Rector, who was unexpectedly called away to a funeral in Berkshire. Tea was held in the schoolroom, and was presided over by the Rev. C. E. Nuttall, who was supported by the Rev. W. S. S. Fleet, etc. The secretary (Mr. J. J. Jones) reported that one of their members (Mr. C. Cheeseman, of Cobham) had died since their last meeting, and in accordance with their custom he had caused a wreath to be sent; and read a letter expressing her gratitude from the widow. It was resolved to take up a collection for the cost, and it resulted in 6s. 6d. being forthcoming. A letter from the Holy Trinity band concerning honorary members' subscriptions was referred to the annual meeting at Winchester. A letter had been sent to Mr. Pye congratulating the band who rang the long peal of Stedman Caters.

Mr. J. Hunt then read a most interesting paper on "the first recorded peal of Grandsire." His deduction that Garthons was the first peal was, however, warmly challenged by Mr. C. Willshire, who described it as "Grandsire with a little bit of Bob Triples," and urged that Holt's Original was the first true peal of Grandsire.

Arrangements for the annual festival at Winchester on June 21st were then given. The Master (Mr. A. Pulling) having made his usual report, the conductor appointed for the last quarterly peal (Mr. F. Blondell) said there was no attempt made, because it was discovered that the walls of Shere church were cracking, and it would not be safe to ring. The next quarterly peal was then decided to be at Merrow church, in Treble Bob Minor, and to be conducted by Mr. Day.

The secretary drew attention to the fact that the papers which were read at their meetings were evidently appreciated, and said he had arranged with Mr. C. Edwards, of Frensham, to read one at the August meeting on "What is a peal on six bells?" and would be glad of any suggestions for future use. A proposition was moved by Mr. F. Blondell, and warmly carried, that Mr. F. E. Dawe, a former Master of the College Youths, be invited to read

a paper on "Some of his ringing experiences" at the district annual meeting in November.

Mr. R. Whittington proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the clergy, organist, &c., which was carried with acclamation.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-fourth annual meeting was held at Hastings on Saturday, May 8th. The towers open for ringing were Christ Church St. Leonards, Christ Church Blacklands, All Saints, and St. Clements. The luncheon was held at The Castle hotel, and was presided over by R. W. Mitchell, esq., deputy-Mayor and churchwarden of Christ Church, St. Leonards, his supporters being the Revs. B. Moultrie, F. S. Borrow, Astley Cooper, W. F. Jameson (all of Christ Church, St. Leonards), H. C. B. Foyster (Rector of St. Clements), Sturges-Jones (Rector of Brightling), G. E. Frewer (Rector of Brede), as also by R. White Ford, esq., J.P., F. W. Maggs, esq., the hon. treasurer, Mr. Tompkins, and the hon. secretary, Mr. G. Watson. Others present were Mr. G. H. Howse (div. sec.), Mr. R. W. Dawe (div. sec.), Messrs. F. Lock, R. C. Ford, Kennett, Medhurst, Stroud, Keith Hart, Merritt, Penfold, &c.

After the toast of "The King," given by the chairman, had been loyally honoured, Mr. Tompkins proposed the ringer's toast of "Church and State," which was responded to by the Rev. G. E. Frewer and the chairman.

Before reading the minutes of the last meeting the hon. sec. announced that he had received letters expressing inability to attend the meeting and wishing it success from the following:—A. Du Cros, esq., M.P., the Dean of Battle, Vicar of Salehurst, S. Saker, esq., Mr. Evans, Mr. A. B. Bennett, Mr. G. Williams, &c.

The president and vice-president were re-elected. The following officers were elected:—Master, Mr. F. B. Tompkins; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. C. Ford; hon. sec., Mr. G. Watson; divisional secs., Messrs. Howse, Dawe, and H. Evans; hon. auditors, Messrs. G. Baker and A. Fuller; new trustees for the reserve fund, Messrs. Tompkins, Watson, and Ford; delegates for Central Council, Messrs. G. Watson (for Association), G. H. Howse (eastern division), R. Dawe (central division), F. B. Tompkins (western division). The challenge bell was presented to Mr. K. Hart as representing the St. Peter's, Brighton, belfry, that band having won it for the twelfth time.

The motion on the agenda in the name of Mr. Stone re District Meetings was withdrawn.

For the next annual meeting two places, Chichester and Brighton, were proposed. The meeting decided in favour of the former place, the time of holding this meeting being left in the hands of the committee to decide.

A brief discussion, indicated by Mr. Merritt, for the purpose of calling attention to a contemplated reduction in the amount of the railway fare allowed to members attending the district meetings, then took place, and it was made clear that the committee intended to fully consider this question at its next meeting, as the cost of the divisional meetings had so greatly increased during the past year, when a maximum of 2s. had been allowed each member attending, instead of 1s. as formerly. The meeting closed after the usual votes of thanks had been passed. A special service was then held at Christ Church, Blacklands, the preacher being the Rev. B. Moultrie, Rector of Christ Church, St. Leonards, who preached an eloquent sermon from the text, "Do all for the glory of God," in

which the ringers were not only reminded of their duties as church workers, but also of the opportunities they had of doing God's work on earth. A feature of the service was the heartiness displayed in the singing of the hymns, all of which were specially chosen for the occasion. The organist and choir boys deserve the thanks of the worshippers for so kindly assisting in the service. After this was over ringing was indulged in in all the three Hastings churches.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North-Western district was held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, May 8th. The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre presided at the tea and business meeting, about thirty being present. Mr. W. A. Alps, in welcoming the Association, regretted that several of his company were unavoidably absent, but was pleased to see so good an attendance, especially so, as the Secretary had received notice from only half of those present of their intention to come, remarking that although the host had risen to the occasion with ample supplies, he would remind them that it was extremely awkward for those who were responsible for arrangements. He wished the Association, with which he had been connected since its formation, every success.

The chairman hoped to see a goodly number present at the annual meeting at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, for business and ringing, and also to attend the service.

On the proposition of Mr. H. Tucker, seconded by Mr. W. A. Alps, Bishop's Stortford was selected for holding the annual meeting in September.

The Rev. J. D. Elwell and Mr. J. Loveday (Harlow), were elected honorary members.

The District Master (Mr. F. Pitstow), in thanking Mr. Alps for the welcome, wished further successes to the Waltham Abbey company, calling to mind in his reminiscences many of the men of renown whom he had met in the bygone days of forty years ago. He would also like to take this opportunity of once more bringing forward the subject of cheap fares, feeling convinced that if every Society at all meetings emphasised the importance of it the railway companies would be induced to make concessions.

Mr. Rixon (Matching) applied for an instructor for his company, and in reply the chairman stated that the Association was willing to grant aid, on condition that the applicants were prepared to pay half the expense.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the bells, to the chairman for his presence, and to those who had assisted in the arrangements.

J. F. P.

NOTICE OF LONG PEAL.

An attempt will be made to ring a peal of 12,000 Treble Bob Major at Deane parish church, on Friday, June 4th, starting at 10 o'clock a.m.

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NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT SELLY OAK.—This peal was called by Mr. H. Withers by the aid of a small bell fixed in the ringing-chamber, Mr. Withers standing some thirty yards from the tower, and is believed to be the first peal ever called under these conditions. Umpire—A. Gardner, who sat in the tower during the peal. Amongst those present outside with Mr. Withers during the peal were Messrs. Street, Twitty, and Gibson. It is the first peal in the method as conductor. It was also a birthday peal for Frank Withers, his brother-ringers wishing him the usual compliments. It was also rung on the silver wedding day of William Palmer, the band heartily congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Palmer on their twenty-five years of married bliss. It is also W. Palmer's 50th peal, as follows:

Grandsire Triples 9, conducted 1; on handbells 1; Stedman Triples 14; Caters 1; Bob Major 5; on handbells 1; Kent Major 10; Double Norwich 3; Superlative 2; Cambridge 3; London 1. Total—50.

THE PEAL AT WALMER.—W. E. Pitman's 50 Peals.—Grandsire Triples 13; Stedman Triples 19; Caters 1; Bob Major 7; Kent Major 2; Double Norwich 3; Superlative 1; Seven Minor methods 1; Bob Minor 3. The above peals were rung in thirty-five different towers; twenty-four of the towers being in the county of Kent; three in Sussex; three in Surrey; two in Berks; one in Hampshire; and two in the Isle of Wight.

Obituary.

GEORGE THOMAS SPICER.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, who passed away peacefully on the 12th inst., at the early age of 39 years. Deceased had been a member of the Baldock Guild for twenty years, was also foreman of the above from 1899 to 1904, he being the first local man to conduct a peal, also the first to ring the tenor in a peal of Major. He also took part in various peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, taking part in the latter in London. He joined the Waterloo Society in his early days, and he also took keen interest in the local Fire Brigade, having served the post of Captain until ill-health compelled him to resign. He was also a member of the local volunteers, taking part in several prize competitions. The funeral took place on Monday, May 17th, at the cemetery, in the presence of many sorrowing friends. The ringers rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, the bells being fully muffled. He leaves a widow and two young children to mourn his loss.

J. J. C.

Those who are looking forward to the commencement of the popular sea trips of the New Palace Steamers, which commence on Saturday, the 29th inst., to Southend, Margate, and Ramsgate, will be pleased to hear that their favourite steamer "Royal Sovereign" has, at the yard of The Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Glasgow, been fitted with new boilers, decks, upholstery, etc., in fact may now be called a new boat, and after running a successful trial trip on the Clyde last Thursday, proceeded round to London Bridge to take up her regular sailings. Her sister ship the "Koh-i-noor" has also been thoroughly overhauled and newly decorated, and will start her popular "Husbands" trip on Saturday, June 19th, and to Deal and Dover on Sunday, June 20th.

TROWBRIDGE (iWlts).—On Saturday, May 15th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but failed after ringing 2 hrs. 35 mins. S. J. Hector, W. McCaffrey, W. J. Prescott conductor, G. H. Harding, J. Francis, S. Hillier, T. F. King, F. Green.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Tonbridge district was held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, May 1st, when in addition to the local company, members were present from Edenbridge, Hadlow, Hever, Limpsfield, Chart (Surrey), Lewisham, Shipbourne, Speldhurst, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, and Westerham. The tower was opened at 3.30, and from that hour the bells were kept going intermittently by mixed bands in various methods until 9 o'clock. At 5 o'clock all the members attended a special service kindly arranged by the Rector, the Rev. G. A. Lewis. Prayers were intoned by the Rev. G. Davidson, and the Rector read the lesson, subsequently delivering a most interesting and telling address, particularly appropriate to the occasion, and reminding the ringers of the sanctity of the office they held. Miss Chandler very kindly presided at the organ, and several members of the choir were present. The whole service was rendered the more impressive by the hearty manner in which the members joined in it.

At the conclusion of the service the members and the choir, accompanied by Colonel H. Streatfeild and Mr. L. Walters, adjourned to the rectory, where a sumptuous tea had most generously been provided by the Rector, to which ample justice was done.

The Rector presided over the business meeting which followed. The minutes of the annual district meeting were read and confirmed, and the Rector then testified to the great pleasure it gave him to welcome them to Chiddingstone.

Letters of regret at being unable to attend were read from Colonel Williams, Mr. P. C. C. Francis, and Mr. M. A. Streatfeild. The two former gentlemen requested to be elected honorary members, and they, together with Col. Streatfeild and Mr. L. Walters were unanimously added to the membership roll. Three practising members were also elected.

It was resolved to attempt the next quarterly district peal on Saturday, June 5th, at Penshurst, the method to be Stedman, conducted by George Edwards, of Chiddingstone. The members to ring were selected from the companies of Edenbridge, Limpsfield, Tonbridge, and Chiddingstone. This concluded the business.

Mr. G. H. Stonestreet, of Tonbridge, in a humorously-appointed speech, proposed that very hearty votes of thanks be accorded to the Rector for the use of the tower, his excellent address, and his hospitality; also to the Rev. G. Davidson, Miss Chandler, and the choir for the great assistance they rendered in the service; and to Colonel Streatfeild and Mr. L. Walters for so kindly attending. The motion was seconded by Mr. G. Turley (Speldhurst), and was carried with acclamation, and was replied to by the Rev. G. A. Lewis.

Mr. W. Latter (Tunbridge Wells), district secretary, then read a letter from Marden (the original rendezvous), which stated that the bells there were being recast, and made into a ring of eight, the tenor to weigh 14 cwt., and it was hoped the work would be completed next month. Mr. Latter remarked that this was the first time there had been a service in church at the meetings of the Tonbridge district, but as other districts had them, he was glad they no longer lagged in this one respect. He concluded by proposing a very hearty vote of thanks to the local Secretary, Mr. G. Edwards, for the admirable way in which he had made all the necessary arrangements for

the day. Mr. J. Preston (Edenbridge) seconded, and it was unanimously carried, Mr. Edwards responding.

Since the meeting Mr. Edwards has heard from Mr. E. G. Meade-Waldo, who desires to become a life member of the Association, and from Mr. J. Grahame-Stewart: Mr. S. Freeman, and Mr. J. A. Whitaker (of Chiddingstone Castle), have desired to become honorary members of the Association.

Correspondence.

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

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

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In "THE BELL NEWS" for May 15th appears the report of a peal of Treble Bob Minor, rung at Walton-le-dale, Lancashire, which I sent up to you. I find that only six methods are given by name, and will be glad if you will insert a correction. The methods rung were: Superlative Surprise, College Treble, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. The mistake was most likely my own, as I was very much pressed for time.

R. SANDERSON.

RE THE APPEAL FOR WIDOW OF THE LATE FREDERICK MEE.

SIR,—I hope members of the Exercise generally, and in particular members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, will do their best to support this fund. Norwich ringers have already collected and forwarded to the Rev. Caesar Caine the sum of £1 12s. 6d., and I hope other branches of the Association will help in like manner. It is one of the most necessitous cases ever brought before the readers of "THE BELL NEWS."

CHAS. E. BORRETT, *Secretary Norwich Diocesan Association.*

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

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BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, February 7th, at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, 812 Grandsire Triples. J. Porter, J. Corrigan, R. Ducker, E. Mullins conductor, C. Mackenzie, G. Taylor, C. Hackley, W. Hunt. 720 Bob Minor. W. Hunt, J. Corrigan, R. Ducker, C. Gardner, C. Hackley, E. Mullins conductor. 516 Grandsire Triples. W. Hunt, J. Corrigan, E. Mullins conductor, J. Porter, C. Mackenzie, G. Taylor, C. Hackley, G. Scrivens.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637. Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 31st; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, Street, on the 27th; at 8 p.m.

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

The London County Association (late the St. James's Society).—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, May 29th, at the church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.30 till 8 p.m., and a business meeting will be held in the vestry at 8 p.m. All ringers will be made welcome.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Road, Denmark Hill.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Barking, to-day, Sat., May 22nd. Ringing from 4 o'clock. A similar meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, June 26th.

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

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Shipley to-day, Sat., May 22nd. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Sun hotel at 8 p.m.

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

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of this Association will be held to-day, Sat., May 22nd, at St. Sepulchre's church, E.C., by kind permission of the Rev. Edgar Rogers. The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m. The Vicar will give a short address to ringers at evensong, which will be said at 6.30 p.m., and it is particularly requested that all ringers will attend this service. The Hon. Secretary will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

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

East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ashover to-day, Saturday, May 22nd. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—Next meeting at Southport, to-day, Sat., May 22nd.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Sess.*
W. BENTHAM, }

The Salop Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale to-day, Sat., May 22d. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.45. Tea at Parish Room at 5.30, followed by business meeting. R. M. COLE-HAMILTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Birch-in-Rusholme to-day, Sat., May 22nd. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUBER, *Branch Sec.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—To Life Ringing Members and others.—Annual festival at Milton Abbey on Tuesday, May 25th. Service in abbey church at 12 noon. Preacher—

the Very Rev. the Dean of Salisbury. Luncheon in marquees at 1 p.m., kindly provided by Sir Everard Hambro, K.C.V.O. Earl Nelson will preside. Following towers offered for ringing: Milton Abbey, Hilton, Bryanston, and Blandford. Railway station—Blandford, seven miles. The East Dorset Branch kindly defrays expense of conveyances. Reduced fare on application to station-master a few days previously. Kindly send notice to Secretary—West Lulworth Vicarage, Wareham, in order to secure a seat.

All companies attending annual festival, please inform Secretary, West Lulworth.

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby Branch.—The next monthly meeting of this district will be held at Belper on Saturday, May 29th. The bells at St. Peter's church (6 bells), will be open to visitors from 2.30 p.m. A tea might be arranged if a sufficient number of members will signify their intention of being present not later than the 24th inst.

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

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bennington on Saturday, May 29th, when the tower will be open all the afternoon and evening. A free tea will most kindly be given by the Rector—Rev. W. W. Mills, about 5 o'clock. Business meeting after. All members and friends will be welcomed. I shall be glad if those who can will notify me by the Wednesday previous of their intention to be present.

W. H. LAWRENCE, *Hon. Sec.*

Little Muxden.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A meeting for united practice will be held at Binsted on Saturday, May 29th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Methods—Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

C. EDWARDS.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Counties Branch.—A regular ringing meeting will be held at Deeping St. Nicholas on Whit Monday, May 31st. The order of proceedings will be as follows: 10 am—Opening of the new ring of bells; 1.15—Divine Service at the parish church; 1.45—Dinner at The Harrow hotel, tickets 2s. 3d. each.

W. G. CROSS, *Hon. Sec.*

16, St. James's Road, King's Lynn.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Monmouth on Whit-Monday, May 31st, at 3 o'clock.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, M.A. } *Hon. Sess.*
JOHN W. JONES, }

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Swindon on Whit-Monday, May 31st. Service at Christ Church with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Estcourt, at 12 o'clock, followed by luncheon at The Goddard Arms at 1 o'clock. Tickets for the luncheon 1s. 3d., to those only sending notice to Mr. E. Bishop, Myrtlestone, Swindon, on or before Wednesday, the 26th inst. By the kind permission of the Vicars, the bells of St. Mark's, Swindon (6), Bishopstone (8), Highworth (8), and Wootton Bassett (8) will be open for ringing during the afternoon.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, } *Hon. Sess.*
W. A. CAVE, }

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, May 31st, at Chelmsford. 11.0.—Service in St. Mary's, with address by the Lord Bishop of

St. Albans. 12.0.—Annual meeting in the Vestry Hall. Presentation to Canon Papillon on his retiring from the Mastership. 1.30.—Dinner. Members intending to be present must notify me before the 26th inst. The bells at Great Baddow and Springfield will not be available. The bells at Chelmsford can only be rung whilst the Assizes court is not sitting.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at The George hotel, Northampton, on Whit-Monday, May 31st. Service at St. Sepulchre's at 12 o'clock noon. Hot luncheon at The George hotel at one o'clock. Meeting after. Other arrangements as usual.

F. WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A meeting will be held at King's Lynn on Whit-Monday, May 31st. The bells of St. Margaret's, St. Nicholas, and Gaywood will be open. Dinner at Mr. W. Ely's, 4, Norfolk Street, at 1.30 p.m. Notice to be sent by May 26th.

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

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Whit-Monday meeting at Hexham. Committee meeting at one o'clock. Dinner at The White Hart hotel at 1.30, 1s. 3d. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members. Application for dinner tickets not later than Tuesday, May 25th.

A. M. C. FIELD, *Hon. Sec.*
Prospect House, Blackhill, R.S.O.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Ickleton, on Whit-Monday afternoon, May 31st. Tea 4 o'clock. All ringing friends welcomed.

P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Canterbury on Whitsun Monday, May 31st. Service at the Cathedral with an address by the Very Rev. the Dean at 3 p.m. Tea at St. Margaret's Hall at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Application for tea tickets to be made to the Hon. Secretary before May 28th. Allowance of 1s. to each member present at the service. Besides the Cathedral (10), St. Stephen's (8), St. Dunstan's (6), St. Alphege (6), and Holy Cross (5), will be open for ringing. Tea ticket to be shown for admission to Cathedral belfry before service.

FRED J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*
Canterbury.

The Devonshire Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Torquay on Whit-Monday. Service in St. John's church at 11.45. Dinner and meeting in Woolley's restaurant at 12.30.

F. MOLINEUX, *Hon. Sec.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Southbroom on Saturday, June 5th. The bells of St. James, Southbroom (6), St. John's, Devizes (8), and St. Mary, Devizes (6), available both afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 p.m.

GILBERT H. HARDING, *Hon. Br. Sec.*

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will take place at Bolsterstone on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available from 4 p.m.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wouldham on Saturday, June 12th. Bells ready at 3.30.

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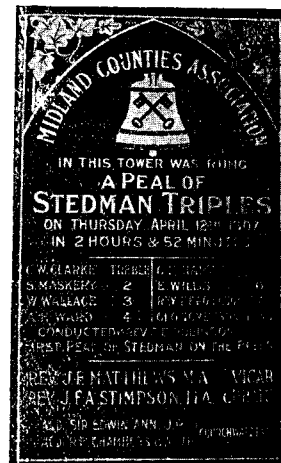
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SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1909.

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On Wednesday, May 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty nine Minutes.

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

On Saturday, May 15, 1909, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

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Rung with the bells half muffled (immediately after the memorial service) as a mark of respect to Admiral Ernest Neville-Rolfe, C.B., churchwarden since 1904, who was interred that day.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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On Monday, May 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

*First peal.

Handbell Peal.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Monday, May 17, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

LOUIS ATTWATER* 1-2.	†WILLIAM SHEPHERD 5-6.
GEORGE EDSER, JUN. 3-4.	JAMES W. DRIVER 7-8.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD 9-10.	

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by J. W. DRIVER.

*First peal on handbells. †First peal of Caters on handbells. Umpires—W. P. Wren, and A. F. Hendy.

The Provinces.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 7, 1909, in Three Hours Fourteen and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

HERBERT E. SIMPSON Treble.	ERNEST C. DOBBIE 5.
FREDK. A. HOLDEN 2.	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 6.
ALBERT J. DAY 3.	WILLIAM J. WALKER 7.
WILLIAM SPICE 4.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. A. HOLDEN.

First peal in the method by the Association, and by all the band.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720s of Bob Minor, each called differently; and 720 each of Oxford Bob, College Single and Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 13 cwt.

J. TAPP* Treble.	A. MARSHALL 4.
G. FULLER* 2.	J. BEECH 5.
A. HENLEY* 3.	W. MARSHALL Tenor.

Conducted by W. MARSHALL.

*First peal. First peal as conductor.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

JAMES HARRIS* Treble.	HENRY R. BARTRAM 6.
EDWARD JACKSON* 2.	*WALTER JAMES 7.
ALBERT MASON* 3.	*RICHARD MOUNT 8.
DANIEL RICHARDS* 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON 9.
THOMAS BOTTRILL* 5.	RICHARD BAKER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

*First peal on ten bells. This peal has the 6th her extent at home and behind the 9th. The company desire to thank the Rev. Canon Blakeney for the use of the bells.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN VIVIAN P. DAVIS .. Treble.	GEORGE MILEHAM 5.
OLIVER THOMAS 2.	FRANK COLE 6.
ALBERT GOULDING 3.	THOMAS BALDWIN 7.
NOAH REES 4.	FRED SANDFORD Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ward, who celebrated their silver wedding on May 6th.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK ROBSON Treble.	ALBERT SIMPSON 6.
WILLIAM PILLAR 2.	†WILLIAM H. PORTER 7.
ERNEST BURNETT 3.	SAMPSON T. WRIGHT 8.
WILLIAM J. MITCHELL .. 4.	RALPH M. POUNDER 9.
WILLIAM NEAL 5.	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. B. JEALOUS, and Conducted by S. T. WRIGHT.

†First peal of Grandsire Caters.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF CHARITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY BARTON Treble.	EDWARD TRENDELL 5.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 2.	JACK WILLIS 6.
WILLIAM WENBAN 3.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	GEORGE WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

First peal on the bells since rehanging by Mears and Stainbank.

ROLLESTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 10, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Bob, three of Grandsire, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. SMITH Treble.	FRANK SHEPHERD 4.
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2.	GEORGE ROBINSON 5.
HERBERT HURDMAN 3.	L. BULLOCK Tenor.

Conducted by L. BULLOCK.

The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. the Hon L. F. Tyrwhitt, for the use of the bells; also the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble.	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 5.
HENRY C. CHANDLER 2.	EDGAR HANCOX 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	RICHARD BUCKLAND 7.
JAMES MERRICK 4.	ALAN R. MACDONALD .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

BRAMLEY, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, May 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, Kent, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL HELLIWELL .. Treble.	TOM LATIMER 4.
CHARLES LOCKWOOD 2.	JAMES BOXENDALE 5.
JOHN W. CHADWICK 3.	JNO. W. T. HOLGATE .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. T. HOLGATE.

Rung as a farewell peal to C. Lockwood, who is leaving for Canada, his brother-ringers wishing him every success.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN WILSON, JUN.* .. Treble.	*JOHN ALDISS 5.
JOHN WILSON 2.	CHARLES BAKER 6.
FREDK. R. BORRETT 3.	ARTHUR ROOPE 7.
RANDALL GRIMBLE† 4.	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

*First peal. †First peal of Major with a bob bell.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	WILLIAM ROOPE 5.
ERNEST POPPY 2.	FREDERICK DAY 6.
CHARLES BAKER 3.	WILLIAM DUFFIELD 7.
ROBERT HUTTON 4.	ARTHUR FULLER Tenor.

Composed by J. PLATT, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

WILLIAM PALMER Treble	JOHN WITHERS 5.
FRANK WITHERS 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 6.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
CHARLES DICKENS 4.	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by HARRY WITHERS.

Reference to this peal elsewhere.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

FRED WATKINSON Treble	GEORGE PIPES 5.
HERBERT DAY 2.	BART MITCHELL 6.
ALBERT H. WARD 3.	*THOMAS DENT 7.
FRANCIS H. KAY 4.	THOMAS STIMPSON Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

*First peal in the method.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

THOMAS SMITH Treble.	EDWIN F. HOOPER 5.
REUBEN FLAXMAN 2.	ARTHUR BLAKE 6.
JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE 3.	WILLIAM WELLING 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 4.	WILLIAM RALPH Tenor.

Conducted by W. WELLING.

LUTON, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs.

CHARLES R. WING Treble.	RICHARD BEVAN 5.
ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN 2.	JAMES ROOKWOOD 6.
WALTER F. PAYNE* 3.	HARRY WALKER 7.
BERT WILSON 4.	ALFRED KING Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by ALFRED KING.

*First peal with a bob bell. The ringers of the 5th and 7th were proposed and seconded members of the Association before starting. First peal as conductor.

BEESTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

WILLIAM CLIFFORD, JUN. Treble.	FREDERICK S. PRICE 5.
WILLIAM CLIFFORD, SEN. 2.	EDWARD J. BOOT 6.
EDWARD C. GOBEY 3.	*ALBERT COPPOCK 7.
PERCIVAL PRICE 4.	ARTHUR FREEMAN Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

*First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman by all except the conductor. First peal of Stedman ever rung in the county of Notts. by an entirely local band and conductor.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday May 15, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

OWEN W. LAYNG Treble.	THOMAS ROBINSON 5.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 2.	OLIVER NORMAN 6.
ROBERT W. HYNER 3.	CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 7.
SIDNEY PALMER 4.	*ERNEST BISHOP Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by ERNEST BISHOP.

*First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the conductor.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 15, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN BRASSINGTON Treble.	RICHARD LANGFORD 5.
WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT 2.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. 6.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. 3.	ARTHUR ALLMAN 7.
JAMES HENRY RIDING 4.	GEORGE HARDING Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, SEN., and
Conducted by R. T. HOLDING, SEN.

This peal was arranged to be rung on the bells of Barthomley parish church, but owing to illness near the church it was rung at Alsager instead.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT CHEIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

C. MORLEY Treble.	*F. PAGE 5.
W. RIGBY 2.	*C. PAGE 6.
E. HARPER 3.	*H. PAGE 7.
A. PAINTER 4.	W. FITCHFORD Tenor.

Composed by H. WHITTLE, and Conducted by W. FITCHFORD.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's son.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 15, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM Treble.	ABEL FIELDING 5.
JOSEPH GODDARD 2.	SAMUEL HILL 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3.	CHARLES MARSLAND .. 7.
SAMUEL STOTT 4.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Carlisle, Cambridge, York, Durham, London, and Wells. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

EMMANUEL COX Treble.	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 4.
G. JAMES LUNGLEY 2.	WILLIAM H. PORTER .. 5.
GEORGE PARK 3.	GEORGE W. PARK Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE W. PARK.

*First peal of Surprise Minor. Rung in honour of the 50th birthday of Emmanuel Cox.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 16, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR G. ARNOLD Treble.	LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 4.
LEONARD LEWIS 2.	JAMES P. HYATT 5.
EDGAR R. JONES 3.	GEOFFREY LAMB Tenor.

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

Rang as a birthday compliment to A. G. Arnold, the band wishing him many happy returns. After the peal the ringers were provided with refreshments by the Vicar, the Rev. Walwyn Trumper, who is an honorary member of the Guild.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 17, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

HENRY HAYTHORN Treble.	WILLIAM LOWERY 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 2.	WILFRED J. MOSS 6.
WILLIAM WILLIAMSON .. 3.	WILLIAM WALKER 7.
WILLIAM BUTLER 4.	FRED HOLT Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

WALMER, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HERBERT J. SAUNDERS .. Treble.	CHARLES TURNER 5.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 2.	ERNEST J. W. VERRIER .. 6.
HARRY BARTON 3.	CHARLES R. MILLWAY .. 7.
HERBERT C. SAYWELL .. 4.	†WILLIAM A. FOWLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

*Fiftieth peal, particulars of which appear elsewhere. †Elected a member previous to starting.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE TURNER Treble.	RICHARD RIDYARD 5.
HENRY CHAPMAN 2.	SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. 6.
ALFRED CROSS 3.	RICHARD NEWTON 7.
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM .. 4.	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Rung on the birthday of Samuel Greenhalgh.

Handbell Peals.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT 10, WELLGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 1-2.	WILLIAM J. THYNG .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4.	*JOHN THORPE 7-8.

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

*First handbell peal in the method. Umpire—George Oakes.

Date Touches.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

DAGENHAM (Essex).—On Sunday, May 16th, at the parish church, a date touch, 19 9 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins., being 720 each of Woodbine, and Kent; and 360 Treble Bob, and 109 Plain Bob. R. Ward, E. Hawkins, R. Miles, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, J. Dale conductor.

Miscellaneous.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

BUSHEY (Herts).—On Sunday evening, May 2nd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. W. G. Whitehead, B. Prewett, T. R. Scott, F. A. Smith, W. I. Oakley, F. Edwards, R. E. Stavert conductor, A. Maynard.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Sunday evening, May 16th, for Divine Service at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal in 34 mins. W. H. Doran, A. J. Neale conductor, W. Truss, T. Cranfield, J. Moule, S. J. Birn, R. Sanders, F. C. Newman, G. Hayden, H. Torble.

THORINGTON (Essex).—On Tuesday, May 18th, for practice, 720 London Surprise. T. Burgess, W. Lancaster, A. Andrews, G. Lancaster, G. A. Andrews conductor, W. J. Nevard. First 720 in the method; also the first on the bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH SHORE.—On April 13th, for practice at Holy Trinity church, 720 Grandsire Minor. S. Pilkington, F. Hill, J. Walsh, G. Rawcliffe, A. Atkinson conductor, R. Rawcliffe. First 720 in the method by all except the tenor-man, and first on the bells in the method by the local company.

WIDNES.—On Sunday, April 24th, at St. Paul's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. H. Lewis, R. A. Cartwright, J. Calland, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, F. Hancock, G. Sant, G. Clewes, R. Leather. On the following day the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson preached the special ringers' sermons, and rang for service in the morning 447, and in the evening 504 Grandsire Triples. On Thursday, April 22nd, in the belfry, on handbells, double-handed, 1344 Bob Major, and courses of Stedman Triples and Duffield Major. F. Hancock, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson conductor, E. Lewis, G. Sant.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHALEONT ST. PETER (Bucks).—On Wednesday, March 31st, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. C. Johnson, W. Briden, A. Swan, F. Bolton, G. Wingfield, J. Blackmore. On Saturday, April 10th, after evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. J. Parker conductor, R. Bolton, J. Stone, F. Bolton, A. Swan, J. Blackmore. On Easter Sunday morning, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. R. Bolton, W. Briden, J. Stone, F. Bolton, G. Wingfield, J. Blackmore. After evensong 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Briden, R. Bolton, J. Stone, F. Bolton, G. Wingfield, J. Blackmore conductor. Also several 120s of Grandsire Doubles was rung during the day, in which Messrs. C. Johnson and J. Blackman, jun. took part.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday evening, January 10th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. F. Bacon, A. E. Goddard, F. W. Richardson conductor, H. E. White, A. G. Bennington, J. Law, W. J. Jeffries, A. C. Macklin. On Saturday, January 30th, on the occasion of the marriage of Archibald Bennington (a member), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. F. Bacon, V. Pavier, W. Weatherstone, A. E. Goddard, A. G. Bennington, conductor, G. Rawlings, W. J. Jeffries, A. C. Macklin.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ABBOTTS LEIGH (Somersetshire).—Recently an attempt for a

peal of Treble Bob Minor came to grief after ringing 4200 changes in 2 hrs. 30 mins. G. Bennet, L. Moore, W. Frampton, G. Chamberlayne, E. Frampton, J. Thomas conductor.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, April 18th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 672 Grandsire Triples. In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Massey, C. Robinson, H. Hill, W. Prestidge, H. Hubble, A. Greenfield, A. Prestidge conductor, J. Massey. This is the first quarter-peal in the method by all except the conductor, and his first quarter-peal as conductor. Rung as a mark of appreciation to the retiring churchwardens, Messrs. Davies and Breakwell. Also rung as a welcome on the occasion of the visit of Mr. H. E. Bellasys-Roden, B.A., who will shortly be ordained to the curacy of the above parish church.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

DENTON, NEAR MANCHESTER.—On Sunday morning, May 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Ann's church, 720 Duke of York. E. Walters, W. Wright, J. Pollitt, E. Sidebotham, A. E. Marshall, J. Heckingbottom conductor. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor. On Tuesday, May 4th, during practice, two plain courses of Merchants' Delight. A. E. Marshall, W. Wright; others as before. First in the method by all except the conductor. On Sunday morning, May 9th, for Divine Service, 180 Plain Bob. J. Walters, A. E. Marshall, J. Pollitt, E. Walters, W. Wright, J. Heckingbottom conductor. 120 each of Merchants' Delight, Duke of York, Kent, and 72 of Oxford. E. Walters, E. Sidebotham; the rest as before. For evening service 720 Duke of York. E. Walters, A. E. Marshall, J. Pollitt, E. Sidebotham, W. Wright, J. Heckingbottom conductor. And 120 Plain Bob. J. Walters, 1; the rest as before.

ASTON MANOR.—On Sunday morning, April 25th, after Divine Service at the parish church, 1277 Grandsire Caters in 48 mins. *T. Richards, A. Gardner, J. Jones, J. T. Perry, W. F. Webb, J. Hopkin, J. Collett, W. G. Ellis composer and conductor, P. Laffin, G. Ellis. *First quarter-peal of Caters.

BRAMSHOTT (Hants).—On Easter Day, at the parish church, at 5.30 a.m., 600 Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. W. Wheeler conductor, S. Petter, G. Beagley, A. Retchell, A. Deyner, W. Bridger. Also several short touches for service. After evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 42 mins. W. Wheeler conductor, W. G. Wheeler, J. Knight, A. Alcock, S. Petter, A. Ketchell. First quarter-peal ever rung on a Sunday at the above church.

CHERTSEY (Surrey).—On Easter Monday, April 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. H. Walters, H. Stevens, W. Parker, A. Blake, F. Glanville, W. Welling, E. Cassell, C. Hemms. Rung after meeting short for a peal, the treble-man visiting Chertsey, kindly standing in.

EASTWOOD (Notts).—On Sunday, May 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Chrisk, J. Pollard, A. Wyld, F. Rowley, E. Manners, P. Pollard, A. Coppock conductor, A. Fearn. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and tenor.

LITTLE HORSTED (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, April 25th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 43 mins. E. Hartfield, A. Cosham, A. Hobden, E. J. Funnell, W. Tugwood conductor, A. Diplock. First quarter-peal as conductor.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal rung at Cranford, Northants., and published last week, should be credited to the Central Northamptonshire Association.—The peal recorded in our issue of May 8th, as having been rung at St. Mary's, Birmingham, should read as having been rung at St. Mary's, Selly Oak, near Birmingham.

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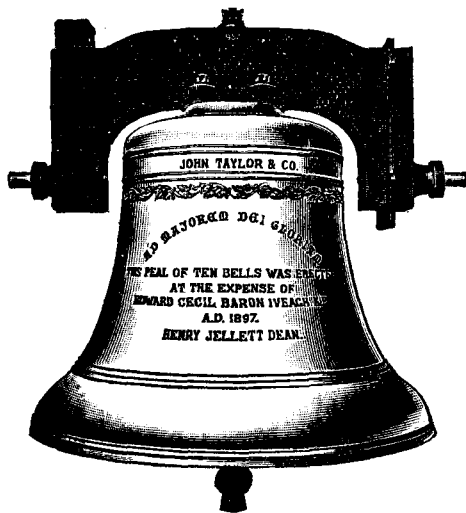
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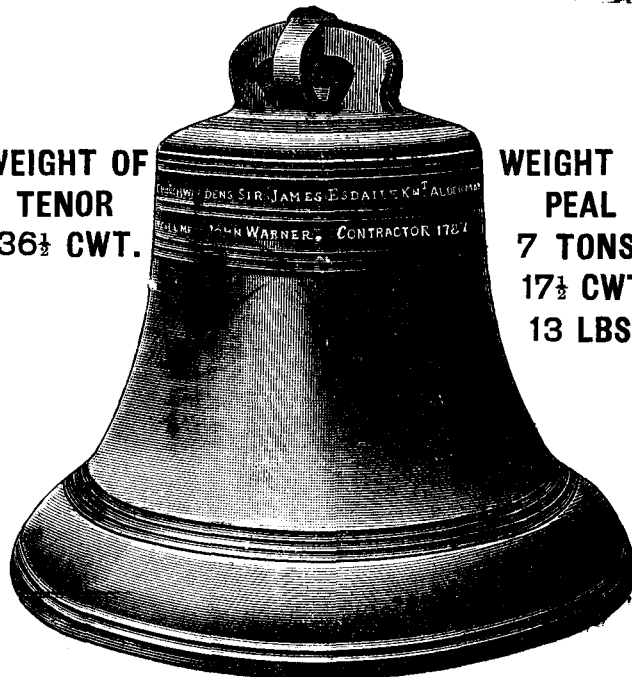
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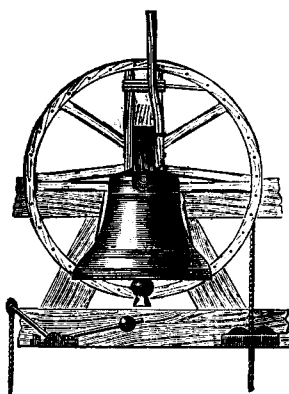
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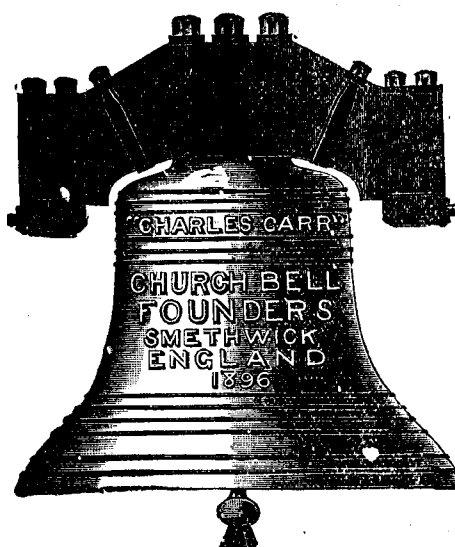
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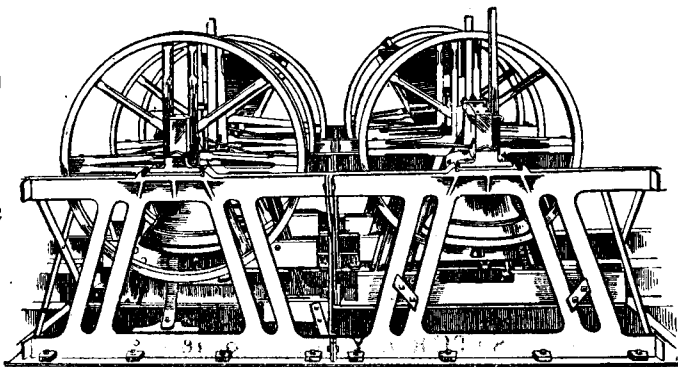
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IN-COURSE PEALS.

By JOSEPH W. PARKER.

For his able article on this method, published in your issue of April 24th, Mr. J. Armiger Trollope deserves the thanks of all who take an interest in composition. It is such articles as this that the younger generation of composers need. This I can say from experience, for having mastered the main principles governing composition, not many years ago, my difficulty was not in composing peals, but in finding out what to compose. At that time there was no up-to-date collection of peals in any method, and it was almost impossible for a new starter to find out what had been left undone. This is being slowly remedied by the Central Council, but the young composer is still glad of advice and help from the men of experience.

Mr. Trollope has certainly given us something to think about, and students will derive much benefit and add to their knowledge, by endeavouring to solve the problems and answer the questions set forth.

Having myself done what I can in this direction, I should like to be allowed to give the results. Taking them seriatim, the first requirement is a five-part peal in 5040 changes. This can only be got with eleven courses in each part, and two are here given. The second of these also fulfils the requirement of a five-part peal without a bob at 6.

5040.

	I	5	6
35426	-	-	-
45623	-	-	-
52643	-	-	-
24653	-	-	-
64352	-	-	-
43652	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
35642	-	-	-

Four times repeated.

5040.

	I	4	5
63254	-	-	-
43652	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-
63542	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
64523	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-
34562	-	-	-

Four times repeated.

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5024.

	I	4	5	6
43652	-	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-	-
62453	-	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-	-
34562	-	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-	-
65432	-	-	-	-
46253	-	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-	-
46532	-	-	-	-
54263	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-
65243	-	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-	-
54632	-	-	-	-
52643	-	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-	-
36452	-	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-	-

Repeated.

5024.

	I	4	5	6
32654	-	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-	-
54263	-	-	-	-
45362	-	-	-	-
53462	-	-	-	-
36452	-	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-	-
65432	-	-	-	-
34562	-	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-	-

Repeated.

The following fulfils the next requirement, being a 5040 in three parts with the 4th, 5th and 6th each the extent each way in 5-6 at course-ends:—

5040.

	I	5	6
35426	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
24653	-	-	-
64352	-	-	-
43652	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
52643	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
54632	-	-	-
65243	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-
36452	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-

Twice Repeated.

We now come to the more difficult part of the work, i.e., to prove what cannot be done.

The first asked for is a proof of the impossibility of obtaining the sixty course-ends with one bob only in each course. As an even number of courses are required, this may be proved to be an impossibility by the operation of the Q sets. We are restricted to the use of bobs at 5 and 6, and neither of these used alone will produce the desired result. A certain number of both must therefore be used. Then if the sixty courses be united by bobs at 6, twenty round blocks are formed, the number still being even. If one bob at 5 is used in place of a bob at 6, it is necessary, in order to complete the circuit, to introduce other four bobs at 5. These form a Q set, and if one is used all must be. The effect of the introduction of such a Q set is always to resolve an odd number of blocks into an odd number, or an even number into an even number. Therefore the even number of blocks required can never be brought into one, and the sixty course-ends cannot be obtained with bobs at 5 and 6 only.

The principles involved in this proof have been explained by many writers, and it is therefore unnecessary to go into them now at any greater length.

We now come to the question as to what is the maximum number of changes to be obtained without the use of singles. There can be no doubt that Mr. Lindoff's 6720 is the longest length, for the following will make it clear that at least three bobs at 5 must be used: The sixty course-ends being required, it is necessary to have way to each of them (it has already been proved that they cannot be obtained without a bob at 5). Then take the three courses—

A. 2 3 4 5 6
B. 3 4 2 5 6
C. 4 2 3 5 6

and what applies to them will also apply to the remaining courses. Then if A be left by a bob at 5, we can only return to it by a bob at 5 or 6. If the latter is used it is from C, and C can then only be reached again by a 5 or 6. If the bob at 6 is again used, we have shut off all communication with B, except by a bob at 5. Therefore a second bob at 5 is necessary, and it must bring up either A, B, or C. Further, the bob at 5 from A brings up the course-end 42635, which is a member of the following set of three courses:—

D. 4 2 6 3 5
E. 2 6 4 3 5
F. 6 4 2 3 5

Now it follows that if D is brought up by a bob at 5, either it or E or F must also be left by a similar bob, and the bob at 5 used here cannot be the second bob at 5, because neither from D, E, or F will such a bob bring up A, B, or C, which is required of the second bob. Therefore this must be a third bob at 5. Therefore three bobs at 5 at least are necessary. If these three bobs are each immediately followed by a bob at 6, a six-course circuit is formed, leaving fifty-four isolated complete courses. These making in all an odd number of round blocks, they

are easily formed into one, giving us the longest length possible without singles.

Note that bobs at 1 and 4 do not effect the argument, because if the Q set requirements are complied with, their only effect is to add other courses to those dealt with.

If these requirements are departed from, it is well known that the loss of at least one course must ensue, which loss precludes us from attaining our object.

Having proved what is the maximum number of changes to be obtained in sixty courses, it is unnecessary to go into a detailed proof of the minimum number. The same arguments apply, except that in this case we deal with bobs at 6 instead of 5. It is again necessary, if we are to obtain the sixty course-ends, to form them by bobs at 5 and 6 into an odd number of blocks. Beginning by reducing the whole sixty to short courses by bobs at 5, we get twelve blocks of five courses each. Now we must introduce at least two bobs at 6 to form this even number into an odd number. Then take two of the short course blocks as follows:—

A	2 3 4 5 6	B	3 4 2 5 6
E	4 2 6 3 5		2 3 6 4 5
D	6 4 5 2 3		6 2 5 3 4
	5 6 3 4 2	C	5 6 4 2 3
	3 5 2 6 4	F	4 5 3 6 2

Leave A by the first bob at 6, which brings up B, and continuing the regular calling of the block to C, the second bob at 6 is introduced, which brings us to D, and again following the regular calling we return to A, our starting point. A round block of eight courses is thus formed with two long courses, E and F becoming two isolated complete long courses. Thus from an even number (two), of round blocks, an odd number (three), is formed, giving us with the remaining ten, thirteen round blocks in all. As this is an odd number, there is no difficulty in forming them into one complete block by bobs at 1 and 4. This gives us the touch of 4928 changes with the sixty course-ends, including four long courses, already obtained by Mr. Trollope, and it needs no further illustration to show that this is the minimum number of changes possible.

Mr. Trollope next asks for a one-part peal in 5008 changes, a two-part in 5024, and a three-part in 5040. These numbers, however, must have been put down unthinkingly, as if the peals are to include the sixty course-ends a one-part must have at least 5024 changes, a two-part 5056, and a three-part 5088 changes. These are the numbers arithmetically possible, but whether they can be got or not is somewhat difficult to prove. It is much easier to discover that four is the least number of long courses by means of which the sixty course-ends can be got, than it is to prove that you cannot get them with 7, 8, or 9. This must be left then for your readers to decide for themselves, and if it is remembered that to get the sixty course-ends you must form them into an odd number of round blocks, and that this can only be done by a combination of bobs at 5 and 6, this question is very much simplified.

The best I have been able to do is to get a one-part in

5088, a two-part in 5248, and a three-part in 5184, and these peals are here given:—

5088.				5248.			
	4	5	6		4	5	6
63254	—	5		26435	—	—	
26543	—	2		64235	—		—
65243			—	52364		2	
54632		4		42563	—		
46532			—	43526	—	—	
54263	—			54263	—	2	
34562	—	5		34562	—		
32546	—	—		32546	—	—	
62345	—	5		62345	—		
52643	—	5		43265	—	3	
24365	—	4		53462	—		
63425	—	3		52436	—	—	
34625			—	56423	—	—	
25463		3		36524	—		
52364	—		—	46325	—		
43652		2		34256	—	2	
34256	—		—	23564	—	2	
62534		2		52643	—	2	
42635	—			53624	—	—	
52436	—	5		32465	—	4	
56423	—						
64523			—				
35264		2					
45362	—						
42356	—	—					
23456			—				

Repeated.

5184.

	I	4	5	6
26543	—		3	
64523	—			
54326	—			
34625	—			
42635	—			
36245	—			
56342	—			
52364	—			
26354	—		5	
52643	—		4	
23645	—			

Twice repeated.

I will conclude by giving the last peal asked for. It is a one-part in fifty-eight courses without singles, and with one bob only in each course, and runs to 5664 changes. This I should say is not far from being the greatest number obtainable on this plan:—

[Several other interesting peals in this method, by Mr. Trollope, will appear next week.]

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5664.

	5	6
42356		2
35642	2	1
26354	1	2
43265	1	2
45236	1	1
62453	1	2
63425	1	1
54632	1	2
26543	1	2
23564	1	1
56423	2	1
34562	1	2
32546	1	1
65324	1	2
64352	1	1
23645	1	2
56234	1	2
42563	1	2
35426	1	2
42635	2	1
23456	4	

REPLY TO MR. APPERLY.

In reply to Mr. Apperly's enquiry in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 16th last, the societies in Melbourne are St. Paul's (C.E.) and St. Patrick's (R.C.) cathedrals. The former has thirteen bells and the latter eight bells. A letter addressed to the Secretary of either Society at the respective cathedrals would be sufficiently addressed. I was formerly Captain of St. Paul's, but for some years now have been an ordinary member of that Society. Any information required would be gladly given by the officials of either society, and a hearty welcome would be extended to any change-ringer coming this way. We often notice that ringers are leaving for Canada, but never for Australia. Change-ringing is also practised at St. Mary's Cathedral in Sydney, and the captain there, Mr. McDonald, I am sure would be pleased to welcome anyone going to that city. Ballarat (Victoria) has also a change-ringing society at the City Hall—eight bells. These are the only change-ringing societies in Australia. Christchurch, in New Zealand, has a ring of ten, and I have heard that at Auckland there are eight bells. These are the only towers out here who practise scientific change-ringing. The few others are all "stoney" towers. I hope this information will be acceptable to Mr. Apperly.

A. E. BAMES.

118, Hodgkinson Street, Clifton Hill, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

Obituary.

GEORGE TUMBER.

It is with deep regret that the members of the Upchurch Society record the loss of one of their most talented ringers. He was only ill nine days, passing away on Monday midnight, May 17th, at the early age of 28 years. He rang his last 720 of Cambridge Surprise on his birthday, May 6th. He was a member of the Kent County Association; he had not rung any peals, but intended shortly to ring a local peal. He rang his first 720 seventeen months ago, and the band have made excellent progress since that time. He was in hopes of ringing a 720 of London Surprise by Whitsuntide. He was carried to the grave by his brother ringers and bible class members. Wreaths were also sent, one being in the shape of a bell, made of lilies of the valley. His remains are laid to rest close to the tower.

Year by year the bells so softly,
O'er the graves shall music pour;
Where the dust of saints is garnered,
Till the Master comes once more.

R. I. P.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The first meeting of the Seventh Council will be held on Whitsun-Tuesday, June 1st, in the "Small Hall" of the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, at 11 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30 p.m., from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

AGENDA, 1909:

- 1.—Election of President, and of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.
- 2.—Minutes of the last meeting.
- 3.—Statement of Accounts and of Sale of Publications.
- 4.—Election of Honorary Members.
- 5.—Introduction of new members to the President.
- 6.—Election of Standing Committee.
- 7.—To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees; and to re-appoint, or alter the constitution of, the Committees, as may be thought desirable, viz.:—
 - (a) Peal Collection.
 - (b) Church Press.
 - (c) Legitimate Methods.
 - (d) Peals Analysis.
 - (e) Peal Values.
- 8.—To call attention to the extension of Stedman from the original six-score, and to move a resolution.
- 9.—Steeplekeepers, their duties and fees.
- 10.—To discuss the present system of apportioning points for peals, and (possibly) to move a resolution.
- 11.—Tuning of Church Bells.
- 12.—To fix the place of meeting for next year.
- 13.—Other business, if any.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Secretary.*

A Social Gathering will be held in the evening at The Westminster Palace hotel, at which Sir Arthur Heywood will have pleasure in seeing the members of the Council and ringing friends.

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."

"CAMPANOLOGY."

SIR,—Referring to Mr. J. J. Hall's communication on this subject in your last issue, it is not the first time this term has been discussed in your columns. Some of us may remember the fact, and I propose only to offer the briefest contribution to-day. "Campanology" is a Double bastard. Originally it was Campanology, which Mr. Hall will probably admit to be a trifle less barbarous. But in neither form has it ever among sensible people been used to express the Exercise of Ringing. It has been observed that it would be as reasonable to call dung spreading "Stercology" or to describe a butcher as a "Carnologist." As for "Bellology," I thank Heaven I never heard of this term before, and I hope never to hear of it again.

R. A. DANIELL.

* Not the same room as heretofore

RE THE APPEAL FOR WIDOW OF THE LATE FREDERICK MEE.

SIR,—I hope members of the Exercise generally, and in particular members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, will do their best to support this fund. Norwich ringers have already collected and forwarded to the Rev. Caesar Caine the sum of £1 12s. 6d., and I hope other branches of the Association will help in like manner. It is one of the most necessitous cases ever brought before the readers of "THE BELL NEWS."

CHAS. E. BORRETT, *Secretary Norwich Diocesan Association.*

RE THE PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES AT BEESTON, NOTTS.

SIR,—In the footnote to the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Beeston, Notts, and published in your paper of the 22nd May, it is claimed to be the "first peal of Stedman ever rung in the county of Notts. by an entirely local band and conductor." I should like to point out that three peals of Stedman have been rung at East Retford, Notts, by the local band, as follows: November 1st, 1904, Stedman Triples; December 13th, 1904, Stedman Caters; November 9th, 1905, Stedman Caters. The band on each occasion was composed of entirely local men, including the conductor. They were published in "THE BELL NEWS" in the usual way. GEO. R. WINTER.

A TOUCH IN SNOWDON'S "GRANDSIRE."

SIR,—On page 59 of the 1905 edition of Snowdon's "Grandsire" is the following 504:—

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2 3 4 5 6 7
S 7 6 2 4 5 3 2
- 5 3 7 2 4 6 2
S 7 3 5 2 4 6 4
- 3 5 7 2 4 6 4

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Twice repeated.

It would not appear to have been noticed that this touch is false, the backstroke of the first single lead-end in the first part being the same as the handstroke of the last plain lead-end of the second part, and similarly with the other parts.

Could any of your readers inform me whether it is possible to get a 504 of Grandsire Triples containing three 2-4-6s, three 3-7-4s, and three 5-6-7s? The nearest approach to it I have yet seen is the following 546 from "Shipway":—

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2 3 4 5 6 7
- 4 6 2 3 7 5
- 5 3 4 7 6 2
- 7 3 5 2 4 6
- 3 5 7 2 4 6

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Twice repeated.

3, Leamington Terrace, Edinburgh.

T. E. HARWOOD.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide a new bell, a flat 6th, as an addition to the existing peal, and thus to form a light octave of the "middle eight" with the 9th bell (14 cwt.) as tenor. The tenor of the full peal of twelve (and, of course, of the back eight) weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £115.

	£	s.	d.
Already acknowledged...	47	4	0
Mr. John Tompkins, Eye	1	1	0
Mr. W. L. Duffield, Tasburgh...	0	5	0
Mr. W. E. Garrard, London	0	2	6

£48 12 6

Further subscriptions may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; Mr. C. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 31st. **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., May 29th, at the church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.30 till 8 p.m., and a business meeting will be held in the vestry at 8 p.m. All ringers will be made welcome.

T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.
35, Crawford Road, Denmark Hill.

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby Branch.—The next monthly meeting of this district will be held at Belper to-day, Sat., May 29th. The bells at St. Peter's church (6 bells), will be open to visitors from 2.30 p.m. A tea might be arranged if a sufficient number of members will signify their intention of being present.

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

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A meeting for united practice will be held at Binsted to-day, Sat., May 29th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Methods—Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

C. EDWARDS.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Counties Branch.—A regular ringing meeting will be held at Deeping St. Nicholas on Whit Monday, May 31st. The order of proceedings will be as follows: 10 a.m.—Opening of the new ring of bells; 1.15—Divine Service at the parish church; 1.45—Dinner at The Harrow hotel, tickets 2s. 3d. each.

W. G. CROSS, Hon. Sec.
16, St. James's Road, King's Lynn.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Monmouth on Whit-Monday, May 31st, at 3 o'clock.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, M.A. } Hon. Secs.
JOHN W. JONES. }

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Swindon on Whit-Monday, May 31st. Service at Christ Church with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Estcourt, at 12 o'clock, followed by luncheon at The Goddard Arms at 1 o'clock. By the kind permission of the Vicars, the bells of St. Mark's, Swindon (6), Bishopstone (8), Highworth (8), and Wootton Bassett (8) will be open for ringing during the afternoon.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, } Hon. Secs.
W. A. CAVE, }

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, May 31st, at Chelmsford. 11.0.—Service in St. Mary's, with address by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans. 12.0.—Annual meeting in the Vestry Hall. Presentation to Canon Papillon on his retiring from the Mastership. 1.30.—Dinner. The bells at Great Baddow and Springfield will not be available. The bells

at Chelmsford can only be rung whilst the Assizes court is not sitting.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, Hon. Sec.
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at The George hotel, Northampton, on Whit-Monday, May 31st. Service at St. Sepulchre's at 12 o'clock noon. Hot luncheon at The George hotel at one o'clock. Meeting after. Other arrangements as usual.

F. WILFORD, Hon. Sec.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A meeting will be held at King's Lynn on Whit-Monday, May 31st. The bells of St. Margaret's, St. Nicholas, and Gaywood will be open. Dinner at Mr. W. Ely's, 4, Norfolk Street, at 1.30 p.m.

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

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Whit-Monday meeting at Hexham. Committee meeting at one o'clock. Dinner at The White Hart hotel at 1.30, 1s. 3d. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members.

A. M. C. FIELD, Hon. Sec.
Prospect House, Blackhill, R.S.O.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Ickleton, on Whit-Monday afternoon, May 31st. Tea 4 o'clock. All ringing friends welcomed.

P. WEBB, Dis. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Canterbury on Whitsun Monday, May 31st. Service at the Cathedral with an address by the Very Rev. the Dean at 3 p.m. Tea at St. Margaret's Hall at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Allowance of 1s. to each member present at the service. Besides the Cathedral (10), St. Stephen's (8), St. Dunstan's (6), St. Alphege (6), and Holy Cross (5), will be open for ringing. Tea ticket to be shewn for admission to Cathedral belfry before service.

FRED J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.
Canterbury.

The Devonshire Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Torquay on Whit-Monday. Service in St. John's church at 11.45. Dinner and meeting in Woolley's restaurant at 12.30.

F. MOLINEUX, Hon. Sec.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—On Whit Monday eight members of this Association will make an attempt for 11,040 Double Norwich at St. Margaret's church, Leiston, starting at 9 a.m.

C. F. BAILEY.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Southbroom on Saturday, June 5th. The bells of St. James, Southbroom (6), St. John's, Devizes (8), and St. Mary, Devizes (6), available both afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 p.m.

GILBERT H. HARDING, Hon. Br. Sec.

Sheffield District and O'd East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will take place at Bolsterstone on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available from 4 p.m.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, Hon. Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, June 5th. Excursion tickets are available on the N.S.R. The quarterly committee meeting will be held on the same day at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present

please notify Mr. P. Preston, 3, Red Hill, Church Lane, Stoke, not later than June 2nd.
REV. W. E. KEYWORTH, } Hon. Secs.
J. JOHNSON, }

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Shenley, Bucks., on Saturday, June 5th. Service at 3 p.m.

F. W. BOOTH, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wouldham on Saturday, June 12th. Bells ready at 3.30.

A. B. ROBSON, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints church, West Bromwich, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5 p.m.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, June 12th. Bells ready at 5.

WALTER HUGHES, Branch Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—G. H. Barker has removed from 41, New Road, Ware, to 45, Vicarage Road, Ware.

THE LATE MR. FREDERICK MEE.

On behalf of the widow and children of the above, we beg to gratefully acknowledge the following sums.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. J. Motts (Ipswich)	0	10	0
The Norwich Ringers, per Mr. C. E. Borrett	1	12	6
Mr. W. E. Tydeman (Stowmarket) ..	0	5	0
Rev. C. L. Kennaway (Garboldisham)	0	10	0
Rev. W. C. Pearson (Henley) ..	0	5	0
Rev. J. Holme Pilkington and Framlingham Company ..	0	10	6
Mr. and Mrs. C. Parker (Tuddenham)	0	10	0
Mr. W. Brown (Bramford) ..	0	2	6
Mr. and Mrs. F. Day and friends (Eye)	0	12	0
Aylsham Company, per Mr. G. Moy	0	13	0
Elmham Company, per Mr. W. J. Howson	0	7	6
Debenham Company, per Mr. W. Grimes	0	8	0
Thetford Company and friends, per Mr. Fitzjohn	1	7	6
Mr. Philip Ramplin (Harwich) ..	0	5	0
Blaxhall Company, per Miss C. C. A. Meadows	0	8	0
Keighley Company, per Mr. R. W. Jennison	0	7	6
J. B. B.	0	4	0
Mr. James George (Rugby) ..	0	5	0
Colchester Ringers, per Mr. Pye and Mr. A. G. Rivers	0	11	6
Mr. J. Scowen (Hadleigh) ..	0	3	6

All further subscriptions will be gratefully received by Mr. E. Rivers and Mr. F. Rolfe, Sproughton, near Ipswich.

DERBY.—On Sunday, May 2nd, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. **A. H. Ward, G. Ward, *B. Mitchell, C. E. Hart, W. Wallace, C. Draper, S. Maskrey, H. Ward.** *First quarter-peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. W. E. Partridge.

The Provinces.**WOOBURN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, May 10, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***HOLT'S TEN-PART (REVERSED).*

JAMES W. WILKINS Treble	ARTHUR HOWARD 5.
WILLIAM BAILEY 2.	ROBERT YOUNG 6.
PHILBERT W. WILKINS 3.	RICHARD R. BUCKLAND 7.
FRANK HOWARD 4.	FRANK BUCKLAND Tenor.

*Conducted by JAMES W. WILKINS.**Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.***HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.***On Saturday, May 15, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;***IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.*

GEORGE A. SIBLE Treble.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 5.
WILLIAM C. HART 2.	RICHARD STREDWICK 6.
EDWARD C. MERRITT 3.	ALBERT D. STONE 7.
HENRY STALHAM 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

*Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by KEITH HART.***HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, May 19, 1909, in Three Hours,**AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***GRUVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.*

WILLIAM STENNING Treble.	PHILIP J. ALLFREY 5.
GEORGE TOMSETT 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER 6.
ERNEST BISH 3.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 7.
HENRY J. GRAVETT 4.	*FRANK DAVEY Tenor.

*Conducted by A. W. GRAVETT.***First peal.***TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.****SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Wednesday, May 19, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22 cwt.*

JAMES PRATT Treble.	FREDERICK J. COPE 5.
ALFRED J. CHAPLIN 2.	ALBERT YOUNG 6.
JOSEPH TIMMS 3.	REV. E. V. COX 7.
CHARLES CHAPMAN 4.	*ARTHUR MARKS Tenor.

*Conducted by the REV. E. V. COX.***First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. A. Marks was elected a member before starting.***SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Friday, May 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.*

MISS E. N. BELCHER .. Treble.	A. MILES 5.
H. COOMBS 2.	P. MILES 6.
G. BARTLETT 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
H. MILES 4.	W. LONGSHAW Tenor.

*Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.***First peal.***SHIPLEY, YORKS.****THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.***On Saturday, May 22, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.***Tenor 15½ cwt.*

CHARLES PRATT Treble.	THOMAS B. KENDALL 5.
WALTER POPPLEWELL 2.	JOSEPH BROADLEY 6.
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3.	JAMES BAXENDALE 7.
SAMUEL WHEATLEY 4.	PRATT CORDINGLEY Tenor.

*Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.**Rung on the occasion of the monthly meeting of the above society, which was held at the above church on that date.***SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 22, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;***IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.*

T. HENRY HARDY Treble.	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 5.
GEORGE CLEAL 2.	JOSIAH MORRIS 6.
SAMUEL COTTON 3.	ERNEST MORRIS 7.
T. LEONARD ALLEN 4.	CHARLES H. FOWLER .. Tenor.

*Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.**Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. F. C. Newbury, M.A., for the use of the bells on this occasion.***GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, May 22, 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 18½ cwt.*

W. ERNEST MEFFEN .. Treble.	PERCY C. LONG 5.
JOHN E. KENNINGTON 2.	WILLIAM H. HEYHOE 6.
CHARLES KENNINGTON 3.	JOHN WILLIAM SEAMER 7.
ALONZO W. LONG 4.	CHARLES TAYLOR Tenor.

*Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by CHARLES TAYLOR.***First peal in the method. First peal as conductor; and first in the method on the bells.**** HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.****WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 22, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,***A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,***5024 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.*

JOHN BASS Treble.	JOHN WITHERS 5.
FRANK WITHERS 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 6.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
ALFRED DAVIES 4.	†ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor.

*Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.***First peal in the method. †First in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.***ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 22, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,***A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,***5056 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt. 4 lbs.*

EDWARD F. COLE Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
FREDK. A. HOLDEN 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS 6.
ROBERT J. DAWE 3.	KEITH HART 7.
ISAAC EMERY 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

*Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.**First peal of Surprise on the bells.*

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720s of Bob Minor, and three of Oxford Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

MISS MILDRED E. SMITH* .. Treble.	LEONARD WHYMAN 4.
DANIEL REDHEAD 2.	FRANK KIRK 5.
THOMAS JUVIS 3.	WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. GILBERT.

*First peal.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. RICE Treble.	ARTHUR EDWARDS 5.
HARRY BOSH 2.	WALTER LILLEY 6.
HENRY F. COOPER 3.	GEORGE GREEN 7.
GEORGE R. V. CRUSH† .. 4.	WILLIAM C. WADE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

†First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the band wishing him many happy returns.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S TEN-PART (No. 2). Tenor 16 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Treble.	†JAMES OSBORNE 5.
ARTHUR J. HOLMES 2.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. 6.
C. WILLIAM SMITH 3.	†JOHN W. L. KIRK 7.
RICHARD MACKMAN† .. 4.	THOMAS TAYLOR Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

†First peal of Stedman.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM ALLISON* .. Treble.	WALTER JAMES 5.
WILLIAM E. WHITE 2.	*RICHARD MOUNT 6.
ALBERT ERNEST JOHNSON* 3.	*THOMAS SQUIRES 7.
CHARLES DALEY 4.	†RICHARD HY. BARTRAM .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by R. H. BARTRAM.

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

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs.

ARTHUR E. FULLER .. Treble.	WILLIAM ROOPE 5.
ARTHUR ROOPE 2.	CHARLES ROOPE 6.
JOHN E. BURTON 3.	FREDERICK BORRETT 7.
FREDERICK ROOPE 4.	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PRISTOW, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

BARKSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 22, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWIN H. DALE* .. Treble.	JOHN HOYES 4.
JOHN ATKINSON* 2.	JOHN W. WOOD 5.
FREDERICK HUNT 3.	ARTHUR MACKEARS .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

*First peal.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 22, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. Treble.	GEORGE F. SWANN 5.
FREDERICK DICKENS 2.	*THOMAS BLOORE 6.
FRANK FAY 3.	HARRY WITHERS 7.
CHARLES DICKENS 4.	LOUIS J. POWELL Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Bloore.

GREENS NORTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Woodbine Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, one each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK ROWLEDGE* .. Treble.	WILLIAM ROGERS 4.
ARTHUR MOORE 2.	*FRANK ROLLINGS 5.
THOMAS LAW* 3.	FRED HOPPER Tenor.

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

*First peal in five methods,

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 22, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN .. Treble.	ALBERT HURCOMBE 4.
THOMAS LEWIS 2.	WILLIAM WILLIAMS 5.
WALTER TAYLOR 3.	RICHARD POWELL Tenor.

Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells, which have lately been rehung, and two recast, by Messrs. Greenleaf and Tristram, the "go" being excellent.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER .. Treble.	JOHN BARBER 5.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN 2.	FREDK. C. WHITE 6.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
HARRY PRICE 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

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

On Saturday, May 22, 1909, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

CHARLES FAULKES Treble.	SAMUEL SPITTLE 6.
WILLIAM GOODMAN 2.	*JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. 7.
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. .. 3.	HARRY GOODMAN 8.
HERBERT SHEPPARD 4.	ALFRED ROWLEY 9.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 5.	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT, and Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.

*First peal of Caters as conductor. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the Vicar's wedding.

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

On Saturday, May 22, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

LEWIS GREEN Treble.	G. IRVINE 5.
A. D. COLLUM 2.	G. ESSEX 6.
R. T. HIBBERT 3.	C. R. LILLEY 7.
J. HANDS 4.	E. W. MENDAY Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by E. W. MENDAY.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.

WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. 5.
JAMES HOUGHTON 2.	JOHN B. MARTIN 6.
FRED WILFORD 3.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. 7.
WALTER PERKINS 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. Tenor.

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

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	*JAMES MERRICK 5.
HENRY S. REEVES 2.	ROBERT E. STAVERT .. 6.
CHARLES MORTIMER 3.	*GEORGE SPENCER 7.
ALFRED KING 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the birth of a daughter to Lord and Lady Lytton.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE WYCHE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH FAULKNER Treble.	JOHN BASS 4.
HARRY PRICE 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
ALFRED DAVIES 3.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal on the bells, which were cast by Messrs. Barwell in 1889.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

Composed by J. HUNT, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung as a compliment to F. J. Smith, who attained his 19th birthday on the above date. *Fiftieth peal.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

CHARLES TEBBUTT* .. Treble.	TOM HAYNES 5.
ALFRED DEACON 2.	TOM TEBBUTT 6.
BERTIE O. SODEN† .. 3.	JOHN METHERELL 7.
FRED WILFORD 4.	WALTER GAMAGE .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by J. METHERELL.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the occasion of Empire Day.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 24, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble.	REUBEN FLAXMAN 5.
JOSEPH GUTTERIDGE .. 2.	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 6.
WILLIAM WELLING 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
RICHARD BUCKLAND .. 4.	WILLIAM RALPH .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 24, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS R. SCOTT .. Treble.	ROBERT E. STAVERT .. 5.
FRANCIS A. SMITH .. 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. 6.
ALFRED KING 3.	JOHN C. DICKEN 7.
JAMES MERRICK 4.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The name of the tenor-ringer in the peal rung at St. Margaret's, Westminster, reported in our last issue, was Herbert F. Hull.

BLACKPOOL.

RINGERS and their friends will find good accommodation at Mr. JOHN SMITH's, 3, Livingstone Road (off Hornby Road), Blackpool (late of Rawtenstall). Near Central Station and Sea. Piano. "THE BELL NEWS" taken. A good half-pull neighbourhood.

RINGERS and their friends will find good accommodation at Mr. GEO. HARDY's, Grosvenor House, 71, Read's Road (off Central Drive), Blackpool. Late of Dewsbury. Near Central Station and Sea. Public and Private apartments. Piano.

MRS. J. HALL, Fern Villa, 69, Read's Road, off Central Drive, Public and Private Apartments, with or without Board. Near Central Station and Sea. Piano. Bath.

Date Touches.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

LOUGHBOROUGH (Leicestershire).—On Monday, May 24th, at the church of All Saints, a date touch of Stedman Caters, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 20 mins. H. Stubbs, R. F. Lane, W. H. Inglesant composer. E. W. Cartwright, E. Abbott, J. Grundy, J. Hutchby, H. Abbott, E. Reader conductor, C. Harriman. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SWANWICK (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, May 12th, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 20 mins. F. Kay composer and conductor, B. Walvin, T. Gamble, C. Walvin, T. Stimpson. Longest length on the bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—On Monday, April 19th, at St. Mary's church, Grassendale, a date touch of Minor, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 3 mins., in the following methods: 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 360 Canterbury Pleasure, and 109 Plain Bob. T. Hammond, jun., W. Hughes, J. Martin, G. R. Newton conductor, J. Turner, W. Davies. Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich at Garston, no attempt being made, out of respect to a parishioner who had just died.

Miscellaneous.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Saturday, May 15th, in honour of the laying of the foundation-stone of the Church House by the Archbishop of Canterbury, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Kimber, A. J. Le Clercq, F. A. Barnett, F. W. Elliott, E. Clapshaw, C. Edwards conductor, A. Baigent, W. Sherfield. After the service an attempt was made for a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, which came to grief just previous to mid-way. W. Lowman, C. Edwards conductor, F. A. Barnett, G. Upshall, E. Newell, J. W. Russell, T. Upshall, W. Sherfield. Longest length in the method on the bells, and by all the band. On Monday, May 24th, Empire Day, 1344 Bob Major. W. Bashford, A. Baigent, Lance-Corporal G. Mackman, W. Lowman, F. A. Barnett, J. W. Russell, F. W. Elliott, C. Edwards conductor. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. On Tuesday, May 25th, in honour of the birthday of the Bishop of Winchester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Kimber, A. J. Le Clercq, G. Upshall, W. Lowman, F. A. Barnett, E. Clapshaw, T. Upshall conductor, W. Sherfield.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

CHESTER.—On Saturday, May 8th, at St. Mary Within-the-Wall, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brook's). J. Clutton, H. Moore, jun., R. Sperring, W. E. Fletcher, J. V. Wright, H. W. Wilde, S. Meadows conductor, W. Williams.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHESTER.—On Sunday evening, May 16th, for Divine Service at St. Mary Within-the-Wall, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. (Brook's Variation). E. Dutton, A. Dutton, W. E. Fletcher, R. Sperring, F. Weston, C. Davies, F. Milton conductor, J. Davies.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ISHAM (Northants).—On March 24th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Doubles. F. Andrew, E. M. Atkins conductor, F. Talbutt, W. Wilson, W. Lewis, A. Forest. First 720 in the method on the bells. On Easter Day previous to the unveiling of a memorial brass to the late Mr. J. Marriott, hon. member of the Association, and for twenty-five years churchwarden, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Blaxley, W. Wilson, F. Talbutt, W. Lewis, R. Turner, E. Chapman conductor. On April 24th, 720 Treble Bob with the bells half-muffled, in memory of Mr. E. Wilson, for twenty-five years churchwarden, and greatly respected by

the ringers. E. M. Atkins conductor, F. Talbutt, W. Lewis, G. Blaxley, T. Butler, F. W. Sawfoot.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PULBOROUGH (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Dewey, S. Stone, E. Dewey, A. Feist, S. W. Corden conductor, P. H. Doick, A. Greenfield, L. N. Corden. H. Dewey is only 12 years of age, and it is his first quarter-peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NEWINGTON (Kent).—On Saturday, April 24th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. G. Mabbs, G. Tumber, A. J. Day, C. Bishop, W. J. Walker, W. T. Hyland conductor. First 720 of Cambridge Surprise on the bells.

BECKENHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, May 20th, a quarter-peal of Union Triples. E. Terry, J. Town, G. Kite, G. Durling, F. Terro, J. Lovell, W. Smith conductor, W. Meek. First quarter-peal in the method by all except G. Kite. First in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Terry.

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

NETHERTON.—On Thursday, April 30th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. W. Massey, H. Hill, W. Micklewright, W. Prestidge, H. Hubble, A. Greenfield, A. Prestidge conductor, A. Massey.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday evening, May 16th, for Divine Service, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major. S. Sargeant, F. Radley, S. Hayes, F. Warren, H. Ridgwell, A. Shufflebotham conductor, E. Newman, W. Grimwade.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHBOROUGH (Leicestershire).—On Sunday evening, May 9th, for Divine Service, 1296 Stedman Caters. R. Lane, W. H. Inglesant, J. Hutchby, E. Abbott, E. Cartwright, W. Pervin, J. Davies, H. Abbott, E. Reader conductor, H. Withers.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GARGRAVE (Yorks).—On Tuesday, May 18th, for weekly practice, 1008 Stedman Triples. J. Hogg, J. Langstroth, J. Lofthouse conductor, J. McKell, W. Townson, C. Langstroth, A. R. Jones, H. Birtwhistle. This is the first 1000 of Stedman ever rung by any Gargrave company. It is the first 1000 in any method by the ringers of the treble.

ASTON MANOR.—On Sunday evening, May 9th, before Divine Service at the parish church, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. T. Richards, J. Corrigan, W. H. Jones, J. Jones, E. Mullins, W. G. Ellis conductor, P. Laffin, C. Allen. Rung as a farewell touch to the Rev. C. R. Duppy, who is leaving Aston to take up the living of Holy Trinity Church, Bradford.

CHERTSEY (Surrey).—On Easter Monday, April 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. H. Walters, H. Stevens, W. Parker, A. Blake, F. Glanville, W. Welling, E. Cassell, C. Hemus. Rung after meeting short for a peal, the treble-man visiting Chertsey, kindly standing in.

FRENSHAM (Surrey).—On Thursday, May 6th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. H. Randall, C. Edwards, A. Chaffy, W. Bashford, F. W. Elliott, J. W. Russell conductor. First 720 as conductor.

MOULTON (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, May 11th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. E. Bell, A. J. Farr, G. Baldwin, J. Taylor, Rev. H. Law James conductor.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, May 4th, for practice, 1008 Grandsire Triples. V. Horton, W. Brittain, J. Bates, T. Hughes, J. H. Jones, G. Hughes conductor, J. Lawton, T. Myatt.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LUTON (Beds.)—On Tuesday, May 4th, at the parish church, 504 Stedman-Triples. R. Wilson, H. Walker, H. Wood, T. Bonner, J. Davies, C. Wing, A. King conductor, J. Shaw.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday evening, April 25th, for Divine Service, 1331 Grandsire Caters in 58 mins. F. Hockaday, W. H. Marsh, R. Dobson, G. R. Stroud, G. H. Myers, W. Ford, G. F. Williams composer and conductor, E. W. Marsh, W. G. Hiscott, W. Greenwood.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEENHAM (Bucks.)—On April 29th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Wigmore, T. Bidmead, G. Woolford, A. Woolford, R. Hatto, J. Hatto conductor. First 720 in the method

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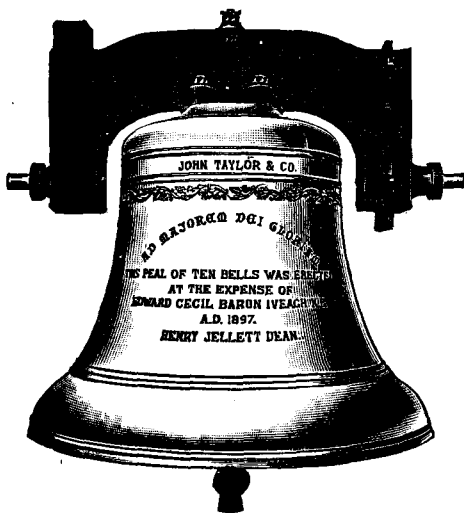
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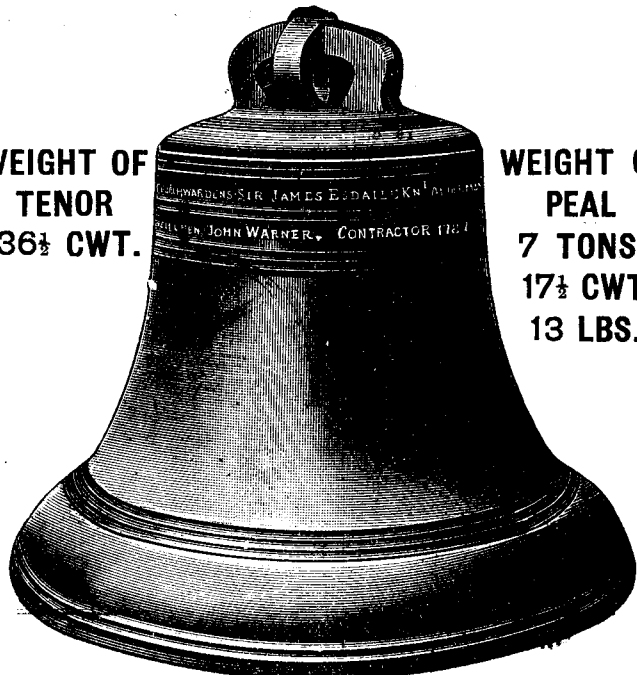
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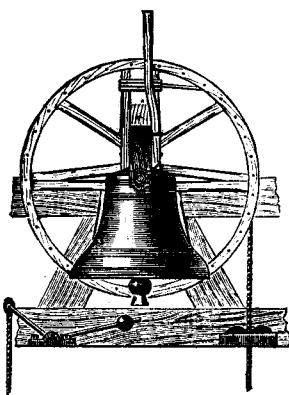
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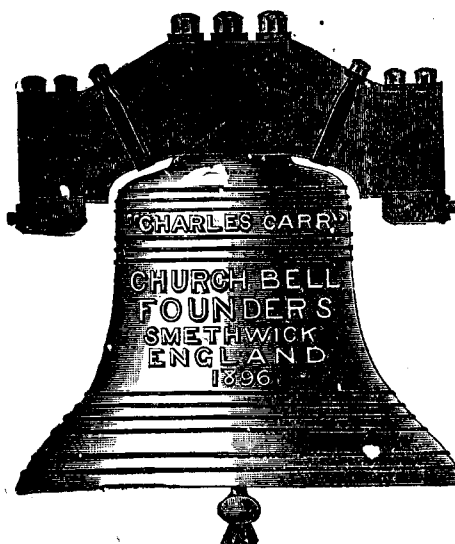
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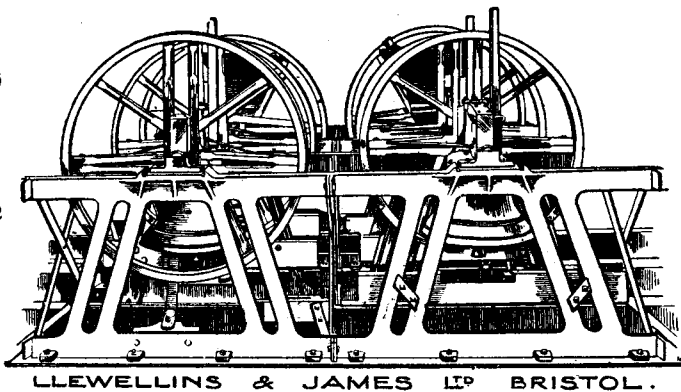
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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING.

PRESENTATION TO CANON PAPILLON.

There was a large muster of members of the Essex Association at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday on the occasion of the thirtieth annual meeting. Such a large attendance was doubtless due to the announcement that the Bishop of St. Albans had kindly promised to address the members, and that there was to be a presentation to the Rev. Canon Papillon upon his resignation as Master.

The proceedings of the day commenced with the annual service at St. Mary's church. The address was given by the bishop from the text—"And there are differences of administrations but the same Lord"—1 Cor. xii. 5.

When it became known that Canon Papillon would be leaving the county during the summer and that he would not offer himself for re-election as Master at the annual meeting, a committee, consisting of district masters and district secretaries, the auditors, and the hon. secretary and treasurer, was formed, in order that the Canon should not leave the county in which he had so long worked without some small token of appreciation from the members of the Association.

The following extract is from the circular issued by the Committee bringing the proposal under the notice of the members:—

"Canon Papillon undertook the arduous duties of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer to the Association on Whit-Monday, 1886. These duties he discharged at first single-handed with marked efficiency. In 1901, upon the division of the county into districts, he became Master of the Association. The strength of the Association when the Canon commenced his duties was 269 ringing members, while the number of peals rung during the year was seven. The forthcoming Annual Report shows nearly 600 ringing members. Peals rang—48. The influence of Canon Papillon, who has ever been ready with his pen to advocate belfry reform and proper recognition of ringers, has to a large extent assisted in a vast amount of improvement in belfries throughout the county, while the gradual advancement made in the science has in a large measure been due to his tact and encouragement, that he has ever given both to the younger and more advanced sections of the Exercise."

The committee met early in May, and as so often happens they had the good fortune to become possessed of certain information as to what would be a useful article in the Canon's household, and so it was accordingly resolved that the testimonial should consist of a reading table with revolving top, and an illuminated address. The latter was left in the hands of the honorary secretary and Messrs. G. F. Margetson and B. Keeble. The address, a work of art in itself, was as follows:—

"TO CANON PAPILLON.

"REV. SIR,—We desire to ask your acceptance of this

address, with a reading table, as a small recognition of the valuable services you, as Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, 1886-1901, and Master 1901-1909, have so loyally and efficiently rendered.

"The extension of the Association, its success in bringing about belfry reform, and the proper recognition of Ringers as churchworkers, combined with the gradual advancement made in the science of change-ringing throughout the county, are accomplishments achieved through your influence, and under your skill and guidance. We therefore tender you our hearty thanks, with the assurance that your uniform kindness and unwearied labours among us will never be forgotten.

"We trust by your retirement from active service in our midst you may, by God's blessing, be spared to enjoy a well-earned rest, and that the small token of our high appreciation of your work among us may at all times remind you of your many friends among the members of the Association.

"On behalf of the Association: A. Edwards, S. Hayes, F. Pitstow, F. Rudkin, hon. district masters; E. W. Beckwith, H. F. Cooper, G. F. Margetson, J. F. Penning, honorary district secretaries; C. H. Howard, B. Keeble, auditors; H. T. W. Eyre, hon. secretary and treasurer."

The meeting was held in the vestry hall immediately after the service. The Lord Bishop of St. Albans presided, supported by the Bishop of Barking, Canon Lake, and Canon Papillon.

The Bishop of St. Albans said it gave him great pleasure to be present, and to have the opportunity of presenting a memorial and address to Canon Papillon. It was especially a pleasure to him, because Canon Papillon was ordained at the same time as himself by Bishop Samuel Wilberforce. Canon Papillon was at that time a Fellow of Merton College, and he (the bishop) was a Fellow of New College. Canon Papillon, however, became a Fellow of New College, and it was in September, 1869, that they were both ordained priests. It was a long time, forty years, to look back, and little did he (the bishop) then think that the time would arrive when he, as bishop of the diocese, would be asked to present Canon Papillon with a testimonial and address in appreciation of the services that he had rendered among the ringers of the county in which he resided. He desired to personally thank Canon Papillon for the great interest he had taken in ringing, and securing for ringers that recognition as churchworkers to which they were entitled, and so placing them upon a proper footing. Some of those present could look back and remember belfries that were not in that state which they should be, and which he thanked God many of them had now become. He believed that it was through such Associations that the whole tone of the belfry had been raised, and a great improvement made in the work of bellringing. While Vicar of Portsea it became very necessary to rebuild St. Mary's tower, and to turn an old ring of six into a ring of eight. The old bells were sent to Mears and Stainbank, and he remembered that the same firm had returned three rings of six, which they sent out between the years 1740 and 1750, two of which were

made into rings of eight, and one into a ring of ten. The result of the improvement at St. Mary's was that a Guild was formed, and the ringers recognised as churchworkers. He desired to tender to Canon Papillon the hearty thanks of the Association for the great work he had done. Canon Papillon was going to take his residence at St. Albans, where he would not be an idle man. He (the bishop) trusted that Canon Papillon's acceptance of the reading table would ever remind him not only of the many friends he had among the members of the Association, but also of the good work that he had done for the Association.

(To be continued.)

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8th, the half-yearly meeting was duly held at Leyland, when a fairly good attendance of members put in an appearance, chiefly from places not far distant. The farthest places included Manchester, Pendleton, Bolton, Padiham, Helmsore, etc. Ringing was indulged in, which included Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, and Bob Major. Tea was had now at a local restaurant, and although the commencement was rather slow, the finish up was quicker to the good things provided. Arrangements had been made to have the meeting in the old Grammar School, but as the weather was fine and warm, it was decided to have it in the open under some trees in the churchyard. The Rev. H. J. Elsee presided, supported by the two Secretaries (Messrs. Wrecks and Banks), the Treasurer (Mr. Jackson), and several members of the committee. Mr. Banks had an item of business concerning the affiliation of new resident members of the County and Diocesan Associations. A short discussion took place on the matter, but no decision was arrived at, as it was felt that the Central Council should move on the subject, and make a recommendation to the different Associations. Another matter brought forward was the teaching of beginners; one or two bands were mentioned as being desirous of learning, and as this is a very important matter, it was felt those requiring such tuition ought to make application either to the local Branch Secretary or the General Secretary, who will endeavour to make suitable arrangements.

Six new members were made from Kirby-in-Furness. Votes of thanks to the Vicars and wardens of St. Andrew's and St. James's churches, and the respective two companies of ringers, ended the meeting. Ringing was now indulged in again, one party going to St. James's in a horse and trap, kindly proffered by Mr. Miller, thus ending one of the meetings which was much enjoyed by all who attended, and which shews that members take an interest in each other when matters can be discussed in such a friendly spirit.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the above was held at Ashover on Saturday, May 22nd. The beautiful ring of eight bells were well used by various bands throughout the afternoon and evening, the "go" and tone were greatly admired by all. The Rector (Rev. J. B. Nodder), entertained the members to tea in the schoolroom at 5 p.m., to which about sixty sat down and did ample justice to the appetising viands provided. The Rector was duly thanked for his hospitality, and replied, stating it gave him great pleasure to notice the great improvement in the behaviour of ringers these last few years, and attributed

some, if not all, to the influence of ringers' associations. The rev. gentleman spoke very highly of his own band of ringers, who he said were now very energetic.

It was decided that the Secretary send a letter of condolence from the Association to Mrs. Christian, of South Wingfield, on the death of her husband, the Rev. F. W. Christian, who had been Vicar for forty-seven years, and always took a keen interest in the Association.

Members were present from the following towers, viz.: Ashover, Blackwell, Clay Cross, Morton, Swanwick, Pentrich, Teversall, Tibshelf, South Wingfield, and North Wingfield. The weather being perfection itself, made this meeting a most enjoyable one to all present.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Leatherhead District was held at Capel on Saturday, May 22nd. Owing to the serious illness of the Rector of Newdigate, the bells there were not available, and a slight misunderstanding led to a similar disappointment at Ockley. However, a good muster at Capel resulted in some touches of Stedman Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, and Violet Treble Bob. The Vicar of Capel (Rev. A. J. Howell), gave the ringers a hearty welcome, and an excellent address at the service. At the meeting, at which the Vicar presided, it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Leatherhead on August 21st. Monthly meetings were arranged for Leatherhead, Dorking, and Ashted on June 8th, July 12th, and August 12th respectively, and Mr. A. Tullett agreed to get together a band for a quarterly peal.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting was held on Tuesday, May 25th, at Milton Abbey. Service was held at 12 (noon) at the Abbey church, when three bells were dedicated by the Very Rev. the Dean of Salisbury, who also preached an eloquent sermon on Psalm xxvi. 8. Lunch was generously provided in a marquee by Sir Everard Hambro, K.C.V.O. Lord Nelson, President of the Guild, was in the chair. 170 ringers were present, and a large number of others were invited. A very successful and enjoyable meeting was held.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

A quarterly meeting was held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, May 22nd, when about forty members were present. At the business meeting Mr. J. Bradney, of Shifnal, was elected as representative of the Guild on the Central Council. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire were rung during the day, and the visit to this lovely valley church was much enjoyed, and the hospitality of the local band much appreciated.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On the occasion of the annual festival of the above guild, on June 21st, arrangements have been made for the cathedral bells to be used from 9 a.m., if necessary, and the college bells after 6 p.m.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A regular ringing meeting of the Eastern Counties branch was held at Deeping St. Nicholas, a parish situate in the fens of Lincolnshire, and in a direct line with the ancient abbey of Crowland, on Whit-Monday, and was well attended by ringers from various branches. At 9.30 a dedication service of the new reredos, clock, and treble bell took place, the Rev. Canon Bullock officiating, assisted by the Rev. W. M. Benson, Vicar, and the Rev. H. Law James, Vicar of Surfleet, and Ringing Master of the Guild. The service was fully choral, and was well rendered by the village choir. After the service various bands rang in good style all the standard methods. The bells, six in number, are by the celebrated firm of Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and certainly do them great credit, for the "go" was pronounced by all to be excellent, and the tone sweet.

An adjournment was then made to The Harow hotel, where host J. B. Crick had in readiness an excellent dinner. This was presided over by the President, the Rev. F. F. Wayet, Vicar of Pinchbeck, the Revs. C. J. Sturton, W. M. Benson, and C. J. Ward and the Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. G. Cross), being his supporters.

Full justice having been done to the good things provided, the President gave the usual loyal toast of "Church and King," and called upon the Hon. Secretary for the minutes of the last meeting, which were read and confirmed.

Several honorary and ringing members were made, including Miss C. E. Banks, a daughter of Mr. R. Banks, J.P., of Gedney Dyke.

The Secretary read a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Northern Branch, asking for a contribution from the branch towards the restoration of the ringers' chapel in Lincoln Cathedral. It was unanimously resolved to forward the sum of £1 1s. towards this fund.

At the conclusion of the business the Vicar of Deeping St. Nicholas kindly announced that a band of church ladies would provide an excellent tea for all the ringers, which was greatly appreciated and thoroughly enjoyed.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for their great assistance ended a red-letter day long to be remembered by all.

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."

THANKS.

SIR,—H. Judge desires to express his sincere thanks to all those who so kindly contributed towards the purse of £11 which was presented to him by the Rev. F. E. Robinson (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers) on the occasion of the meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch at Bampton on Saturday, May 29, 1909.

H. G. JUDGE.

Obituary.

ISAAC SAMUEL ALEXANDER.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, who was stricken with a painful disease during March of the present year, and after lingering a short time departed this life on Wednesday, May 26th. The deceased until recent years had been the respected hon. secretary of the

St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, and was one of the number who saw the formation of the above Society on Tuesday, August 8th, 1876, when he was unanimously elected as their Secretary. During his term of office some very creditable performances were chronicled. His first peal was the late John Cox's 5021 Grandsire Caters, rung at the church of St. Mary-le-Tower, on Tuesday, October 22nd, 1878. As a last tribute of respect to their late Secretary the members of the above Society rang various touches of Stedman Cinques, with the bells half-muffled, after the funeral on Saturday, May 29th. Deceased was 61 years of age. The company then adjourned to St. Margaret's and succeeded in ringing a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, an account of which will appear next week. The following is a list of peals rung by deceased:—Grandsire Triples, 9; Grandsire Caters, 3; Grandsire Cinques, 3; Kent Treble Bob Major, 13; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 6; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 23; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 10; Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 2; Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, 2; Stedman Triples, 8; Stedman Caters, 6; Stedman Cinques, 5; Double Norwich Major, 15; Double Norwich Royal, 5; Double Norwich Maximus, 2; Plain Bob Major, 2; Plain Bob Royal, 2; Superlative Surprise Major (ringing the treble), 2; upon handbells, 2. Total, 120.

T. ANDREWS.

We regret to announce the death of the above ringer, the senior member of the Warnham branch of the Sussex County Association, which took place at his residence on May 18th. He was an enthusiastic ringer, and had taken part in upwards of 150 peals, including the long lengths of 6720 and 13,440 Canterbury Major, 6720 Plain Bob Major, and 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major, rung by the Warnham Branch. He was buried at Warnham on Saturday, May 22nd, being followed by the members of the local branch. After the funeral a 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells deeply muffled by A. Charman, W. Charman, E. Stanford, P. Charman, W. Pettifer, J. Cook, G. Woodman, J. Charman. On Sunday, for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire by W. Pettifer, G. Woodman, W. Charman, P. Charman, C. Blackman, W. Short, J. Cook conductor, J. Charman.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SCHEDULE OF ATTENDANCES of the First Meeting of the Seventh Council, held at the Church House, Westminster, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 1st, 1909.

ASSOCIATION.	PRESENT.	ABSENT.	ASSOCIATION.	PRESENT.	ABSENT.
Ancient Society of College Youths	W. T. Cockerill	W. D. Smith	Middlesex County Association.....	A. T. King	H. C. Chandler
	F. Dench			W. Pickworth.....	
Royal Cumberland Youths	J. W. Rowbotham		Midland Counties Association.....	J. R. Sharman	
	F. Bennett			Sir A. Heywood, Bart....	
	H. Dains			J. Griffin	
	R. A. Daniell			J. W. Taylor	
	J. Parker			W. E. White	
Bath and Wells Diocesan Assn....	E. E. Burgess.....	A. E. Coles	Northants (Central) Association...	W. Wilford.....	
	Rev. C. C. Parker	D. G. Taylor	North Notts. Association		H. Haigh
Bedfordshire Association		Rev. W. W. C. Baker	North Wales Association		Rev. T. Lewis Jones
Birmingham Diocesan Guild	W. H. Godden	E. H. Lewis	Norwich Diocesan Association ...	G. P. Burton	C. E. Borrett
Cambridge University Guild				W. L. Catchpole	J. Motts
Chester Diocesan Guild.....	J. Norbury		Oxford Diocesan Guild	Rev. G. L. Coleridge ...	
	F. T. Spence			F. W. Hopgood	
Cleveland and N. Yorks. Assn		G. J. Clarkson		Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn ...	
		Rev. W. P. Wright		Rev. F. E. Robinson.....	
Devon Guild.....	Rev. M. Kelly.....		Salisbury Diocesan Guild	A. F. M. Stewart	Capt. J. E. Acland
	A. W. Searle				Rev. H. E. T. Bassett
Durham and Newcastle Dio. Assn	W. Story	C. L. Routledge	Salop Archidiaconal Society	J. Bradney	
		R. S. Story	Staffs. Archidiaconal Society	S. Reeves.....	R. Cartwright
Ely Diocesan Association.....	Rev. J. M. Clarkson		Surrey Association	A. B. Carpenter, M.D. ...	
Essex County Association.....	N. J. Pitstow	C. H. Howard		C. Dean	
		W. J. Nevard	Sussex County Association	R. J. Dawe	
		Rev. Canon Papillon		G. Howse	
Gloucester and Bristol Dio. Assn.	J. Austin			F. B. Tompkins.....	
	W. A. Cave			G. Watson	
	Rev. H. A. Cockey		Truro Diocesan Guild		J. C. Daubuz
Hereford Diocesan Guild	J. Clark	R. Marston	Warwickshire Guild	Rev. C. E. Matthews ...	A. L. Coleman
Hertford County Association	B. Prewett		Winchester Diocesan Guild.....	H. White.....	J. W. Whiting
Irish Association.....		R. R. Cherry, K.C.		C. Willshire	
Kent County Association	E. Barnett		Worcestershire and Districts Assn	J. R. Newman.....	
	J. H. Cheesman.....			T. J. Salter	
	T. Groombridge		Yorkshire Association	C. Glenn	G. Bolland
Lancashire Association.....	Rev. F. J. O. Helmore...	S. Wood		C. H. Hattersley	W. Snowdon
	J. H. Banks				
	H. Chapman		HONORARY MEMBERS		
	Rev. H. J. Elsee			Rev. A. H. F. Bongbey	T. Lockwood
Leeds and District Society	J. Broadley			Rev. E. W. Carpenter ...	W. H. Thompson
Lincoln Diocesan Guild.....	G. Chester			J. Carter	
	Rev. H. Law James.....			Rev. C. D. P. Davies ...	
	R. Richardson			J. Pettit	
	J. W. Seamer.....			J. S. Pritchett.....	
Liverpool Diocesan Guild.....		W. Bentham		Rev. H. S. T. Richardson	
Llandaff Diocesan Association ...		J. W. Jones		J. A. Trollope.....	
London County Association.....	G. R. Fardon			G. Williams	
	T. H. Taffender				

	PRESENT.	ABSENT.	TOTAL.
Representative Members	66	30	96
Honorary	9	2	11
Total	75	32	107

ANALYSIS.

Associations fully represented	17
" partially represented	13
" not represented	10
	40

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 10th and 24th; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 14th and 28th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 15th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 17th; and at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 29th. All at 8 p.m. A district meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday the 26th. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Will members who accept the Vicar's kind invitation to tea at the Mission Room, Hartland Road, please let me know by the 24th at the latest.

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

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Southbroom to-day, Saturday, June 5th. The bells of St. James, Southbroom (6), St. John's, Devizes (8), and St. Mary, Devizes (6), available both afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 p.m.
GILBERT H. HARDING, *Hon. Br. Sec.*

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will take place at Bolsterstone to-day, Saturday, June 5th. Bells available from 4 p.m.
SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly meeting will be held at Stone to-day, Saturday, June 5th. Excursion tickets are available on the N.S.R. The quarterly committee meeting will be held on the same day at 5 p.m.

REV. W. E. KEYWORTH, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON, }

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Shenley, Bucks., to-day, Saturday, June 5th. Service at 3 p.m. F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wouldham on Saturday, June 12th. Bells ready at 3.30.

A. B. ROBSON, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints church, West Bromwich, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5 p.m.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, June 12th. Bells ready at 5.
WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's, Helmsford, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

THOS. ROLLERSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Northaw (six bells) commencing at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 12th.
H. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
4, Salisbury Square, Hatfield.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Next meeting at Burstow,

on Saturday, June 19th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea by invitation of the Rector of Burstow 5.30. Those intending to be present must let me know by Tuesday, June 15th. ROBERT J. DAWK, *Div. Hon. Sec.*
15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Totham, on Saturday, June 19th. Tea will be provided by the Vicar. Those coming please give notice. ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Coggeshall.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's Church, Chipping, on Saturday, June 19th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.
R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, June 19th. Full particulars later.
E. E. BURGESS, *Taunton.*

All communications respecting the bells of St. Peter's, Irthlingborough, should be sent to High Street, Irthlingboro. A. T. TYLER.

THE LATE MR. FREDERICK MEE.

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Mr. James George (Rugby) ..	0	5	0
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A new treble has been added to the existing five, which is a great improvement, especially for change-ringing. The Holcombe Regis band visited the belfry on Sunday, May 9th, and rung several touches of Grandsire Doubles, the Vicar (Rev. E. Bramwell) taking part in the first 6-score, being the first change-ringing ever done on the bells.

PEALS OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By J. A. TROLLOPE.

6592.

23456	1	4	5	6
42635	-			
64523	-			
45623	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-
46236	-	-	-	-
54632	-	-	-	-
46532	-	-	-	-
35642	-	-	-	-
56342	-	-	-	-
63542	-	-	-	-
34562	-	-	-	-
65432	-	-	-	-
53462	-	-	-	-
64352	-	-	-	-
43652	-	-	-	-
36452	-	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-	-
56423	-	-	-	-

Repeated.

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5024.

23456	4	5	6
*42635	-		
*26435	-		
*64235	-		
52643	-		
25346	-	-*	
53246	-	-*	
32546	-	-*	
62345	-		
65324	-	-	
53624	-	-	
36524	-	-	
45362	-		
34256	-		
23645	-		

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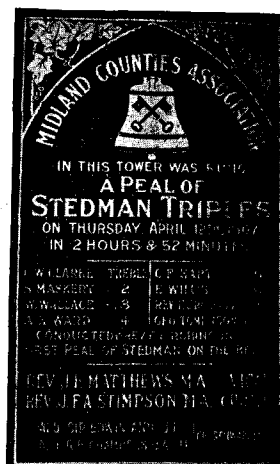
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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES F. W. HUNT .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. DEAN .. 5.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 2.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 6.
GEORGE EDSEB, JUN. .. 3.	FRANK SEVINGTON .. 7.
CHARLES T. COLES .. 4.	GEORGE W. COOMBS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

*First peal of Stedman.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Monday, May 31, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER IDLE Treble.	PERCY J. JOHNSON .. 5.
JAMES COTTERELL .. 2.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. 6.
CHARLES PRATT .. 3.	JOHN MCKELL .. 7.
JONAS S. AMBLER .. 4.	THOMAS B. KENDALL .. Tenor.

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

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BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 24, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN NEAL Treble.	†ALBERT S. ALLEN 4.
JOHN W. LAKE 2.	FRED BLOOD 5.
JAMES OSBORNE 3.	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

*First peal. †First peal in seven methods. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
 IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM BIRKS Treble.	†JAMES W. BAXENDALE .. 5.
ERNEST MANN 2.	JAMES W. CORDINGLEY .. 6.
ERNEST HOYLE 3.	HARRY WARD 7.
SAMUEL WARD 4.	PRATT CORDINGLEY Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by J. W. BAXENDALE.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 25, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

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

FREDK. STEDMAN WHITE .. Treble.	ARTHUR LAMBOURNE .. 5.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 2.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 6.
ALBERT E. LOCK 3.	EDMUND BANNISTER .. 7.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 4.	FRED WHITE, JUN. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN.

EXON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

J. E. MANNING Treble.	A. STEVENS 4.
J. SULLY 2.	W. HOYLE 5.
J. PARKHOUSE 3.	H. MOORE Tenor.

Conducted by W. HOYLE.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. W. M. K. Warren to Miss A. M. Rowland, daughter of the Vicar of Puriton.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HENRY W. BROWN Treble.	ALBERT E. SEERS 5.
FREDK. A. SKUSE 2.	CHARLES W. BELL 6.
CHARLES DENSLEY 3.	THOMAS F. KING 7.
CHARLES GOODENOUGH .. 4.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. Tenor.

Composed by J. HUNT, and Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

BEAUMARIS, ANGLESEY.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 26, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM CRANE, SEN. .. Treble.	JAMES H. MIDWINTER .. 5.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 2.	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6.
WILLIAM CRANE, JUN. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 7.
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by M. J. MORRIS, and Conducted by A. W. BRIGHTON.

This composition is now rung for the first time. First peal of Major on the bells and first in the county of Anglesey.

HARLOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 26, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

WALTER HOBBS Treble.	HENRY F. COOPER 5.
FREDERICK PALMER 2.	WALTER TABLING 6.
HENRY JAMES TUCKER .. 3.	WILLIAM WATTS 7.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4.	*SIDNEY LINDSELL Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First peal in the method.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 27, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WM. WATTS.

ORMESBY, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Friday, May 28, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

J. SAMPLE Treble.	T. METCALFE 5.
J. G. HALL 2.	*F. JACKSON 6.
J. W. NEWTON 3.	A. SIMPSON 7.
R. ALPOCK 4.	*G. JACKSON Tenor.

Composed by the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES, and
 Conducted by A. SIMPSON.

*First peal,

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Friday, May 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

HARRY BURDOCK* Treble.	MAURICE SMITHER 5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN. 2.	JAMES HUNT 6.
WILLIAM RUNHAM 3.	FRANK BLONDELL 7.
HENRY L. GARFATH 4.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung on the 140th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, also as a birthday compliment to J. Hunt. *First peal of Stedman.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, May 28, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

WALTER ROBINSON Treble.	GEORGE W. MOSS 5.
JOHN FLINT 2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 6.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 4.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band excepting the ringers of the 2nd, 4th, and 7th.

KELSALE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

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

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.
Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble.	JOHN SNELLING 5.
ARTHUR E. FULLER 2.	GEORGE SNELLING 6.
ALFRED NEWSON* 3.	FREDERICK ROOPE 7.
WILLIAM ROOPE 4.	WILLIAM STEELE .. Tenor.

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1909, in Three Hours One and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, and Canterbury Pleasure; and two 720s each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOSEPH FARBY* Treble.	BERNARD J. SAUDINGTON .. 4.
GEORGE A. BLAXLEY† .. 2.	†THOMAS BUTLER 5.
WILLIAM C. LEWIS 3.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

*First peal. †First peal in five methods with a bob bell.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 29, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HARRY F. HOLDING* .. Treble.	RICHARD LANGFORD 5.
WILLIAM T. HOLDING .. 2.	C. J. BOWEN-COOKER .. 6.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. 7.
JAMES HENRY RIDING .. 4.	*SAMPSON MOSSFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN.

*First peal. C. J. B. Cooke, esq., M.I.C.E., is the chief mechanical engineer to the London and North Western Railway, and this is believed to be the first peal rung by a chief mechanical engineer of a British railway.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE EURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S.

ROBERT B. BLANCHARD .. Treble.	CHARLES DEAN 5.
JAMES D. DREWETT 2.	WILLIAM H. JOINER .. 6.
EDWARD R. J. DUNK .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. 7.
CADWALADE WILLIAMS .. 4.	CALEB DANIEL Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

THOMAS W. GORE Treble.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 5.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2.	JOHN FLINT 6.
WALTER ROBINSON 3.	*GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 7.
FREDERICK J. TIT† .. 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

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

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

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. Treble.	ROBERT BRETT 5.
OLIVER SIPPETTS 2.	WESLEY PETTIFER 6.
FREDK. W. RICE 3.	ARTHUR H. LINTOTT .. 7.
GEORGE W. STOKES 4.	WILLIAM MILES .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT BRETT.

This is the conductor's 50th peal. Messrs. Lintott and Miles were elected members of the Association before starting.

HILPERTON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 31, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 7½ cwt.

SAMUEL J. HECTOR* .. Treble.	*JESSE FRANCIS 4.
GILBERT H. HARDING .. 2.	SYDNEY HILLIER 5.
CHARLES RAISON* 3.	*WILLIAM BURROUGHS .. Tenor.

Conducted by SYDNEY HILLIER.

*First peal. First peal on the bells, which have just been rehung by Messrs. Warner, the "go" being excellent.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 31, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Single, and three each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

VICTOR GEARY* Treble.	WILLIAM SMITH 4.
EDWARD GEARY 2.	T. HENRY HARDY 5.
GEORGE H. GEARY 3.	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on the bells. *First peal. First peal in three methods by all.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 31, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

JESSE ELDRIDGE Treble.	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 5.
THOMAS PRICE 2.	GEORGE MARTIN 6.
PERCY W. WITHAM 3.	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE 7.
CHARLES SMITH* 4.	FRANK MALIN Tenor.

Conducted by AMBROSE W. OSBORNE.

*First peal. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 31, 1909, in Six Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 11,040 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

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

Longest length in any method on the bells, and by all the band, who are all entirely local members.

NEWTON ABBOTT, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(CHARLES SOCIETY, PLYMOUTH.)

On Monday, May 31, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CLOCK TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S No. 3. Tenor 9 cwt

HAROLD BENNETT Treble.	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT 5.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 2.	WILLIAM RUNDLE 6.
REGINALD DOBSON 3.	ERNEST W. MARSH 7.
WALTER H. MARSH 4.	FRANK HOCKADAY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rang on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Guild.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 31, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

FRANK W. BUCKLAND* .. Treble.	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 5.
WALTER BAILEY 2.	ROBERT H. YOUNG 6.
JAMES W. WILKINS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
RICHARD BUCKLAND 4.	REUBEN FLAXMAN Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman with a bob bell.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 31, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	*PETER LAFLIN 5.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN.† 2.	*JOHN J. CEEASY 6.
GEORGE WHITING 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
ERNEST E. LANHAM 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

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

BOCKING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 31, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK WEBB Treble.	THOMAS FITZJOHN 5.
LEWIS WISMAN 2.	HORACE H. COOPER 6.
BERNARD W. PETTITT .. 3.	ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 7.
WALTER RADLEY 4.	WILLIAM GEIMWADE Tenor.

Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

HITCHIN, HERTS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 31, 1909, in Three Hours Nineteen and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt.

ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 2.	WILLIAM BERRY 6.
HENRY S. REEVES 3.	JOHN T. KENTISH 7.
ARTHUR R. JACOB 4.	THOMAS CARD Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by F. BENNETT.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 31, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

T. HENRY HARDY Treble.	FRED STANFORTH 4.
JOHN WATERFIELD* 2.	ERNEST MORRIS 5.
JOHN T. TAYLOR* 3.	†W. NEAL ADKINSON Tenor.

Conducted by W. NEAL ADKINSON.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, May 31, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5240 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

THOMAS W. GORE Treble.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON 6.
FRANK JACOBS 2.	WILLIAM J. THYNG 7.
HERBERT DAY 3.	GEORGE HOLLIS 8.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 4.	SAMUEL WESLEY 9.
WILLIAM H. PEABODY .. 5.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

This is the conductor's rooth peal on the bells.

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The largest and best selection in the world.

**BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)**

*On Monday, May 31, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,*

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

WALTER ROBINSON Treble.	GEORGE W. MOSS 5.
JOHN HOLMAN 2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 6.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7.
JOHN FLINT 4.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.

Handbell Peals.

**SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)**

*On Thursday, May 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT 33, HOLLY STREET,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

WILLIAM BURGAR 1-2	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4.	JOHN THORPE 7-8.

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—J. Atkin.

**SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)**

*On Saturday, May 22, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES

WILLIAM BURGAR 1-2.	WALTER ALLWOOD .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4.	*GEORGE LEWIS 7-8.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

Umpire—J. Atkin. *First handbell peal as conductor.

**SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)**

*On Saturday, May 22, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT 33, HOLLY STREET,*

A PEAL OF ORANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

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Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

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LONDON.—On Sunday, May 9, at St. Mary's church, Clapham, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. W. H. Taffender, T. H. Taffender conductor, T. G. Gardner, S. B. Weatherston, F. J. Hairs, J. W. Chapman, H. W. Hibbert, C. H. Hughes.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, May 16th, at Bishop Ryders church, for Divine Service, 1008 Grandsire Triples, as a birthday compliment to the hon. sec. (W. H. Carrod). S. Coley, A. Scrivens, A. Gardner, G. Taylor, J. Collett, W. H. Carrod, J. T. Perry conductor, W. Ellis.

CHESTERTON (Cambs).—On Sunday, May 30th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. O. W. M. Shelton, R. Rayner, H. Mansfield, F. Brown, P. Pigg, W. Eusdon conductor.

FRAMLINGHAM.—On Tuesday evening, May 11th, at St. Michael's church, for practice, 1008 Bob Major in 38 mins. W. Ostler, W. Flory, J. Hall, G. Cannard, W. E. Maulden, H. Smith, J. Self, F. Watling conductor. Longest touch by the ringers of the 4th, 5th and 6th.

KNARESBOROUGH.—On Tuesday, April 27th, at the parish church, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Benson, F. Smith, W. Morrel, B. Budd, W. Swires conductor, F. Heathcoat, W. Stubbs, M. Styles. J. Benson and W. Stubbs hail from Harrogate.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, May 5th, at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, E., after meeting too late to attempt a peal, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 45 mins. W. Weatherstone, W. Truss, A. Hughes, H. W. Hibbert, A. A. Scambler, G. R. Fardon conductor, A. Harding, T. H. Taffender.

TROWBRIDGE (Wilts).—On Wednesday, May 16th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 40 mins. S. J. Hector, G. H. Harding conductor, W. McCaffrey, J. Francis, C. Raison, W. Burroughs. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Francis.

NETHER STOWEY (Somersetshire).—On Sunday, April 25th, at the parish church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 50 mins. A. Groves, A. H. Jenkins, W. Bennett

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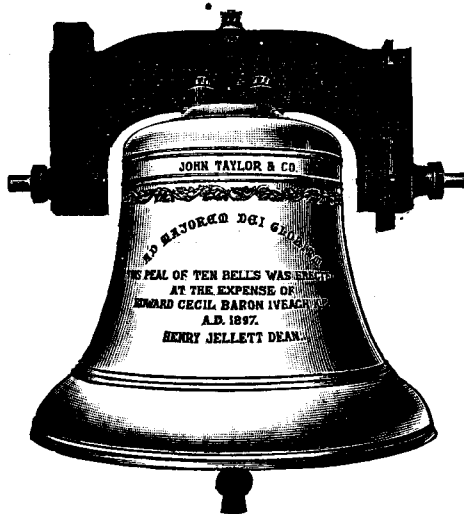
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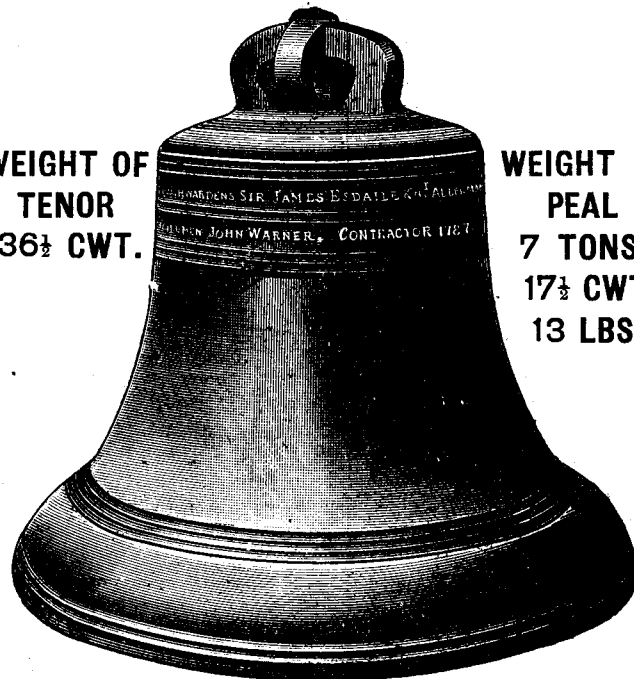
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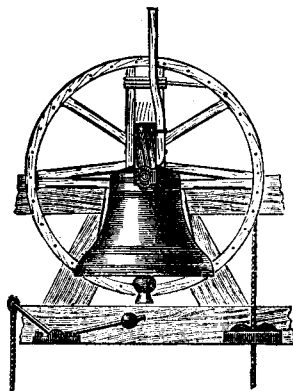
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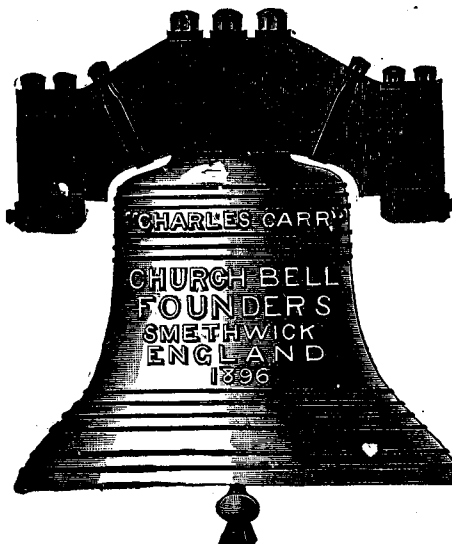
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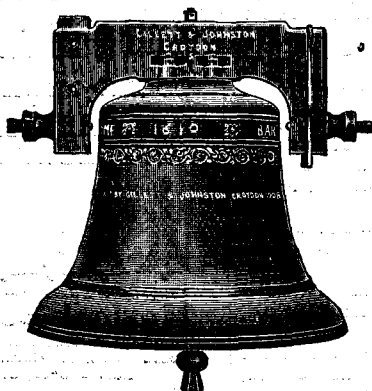
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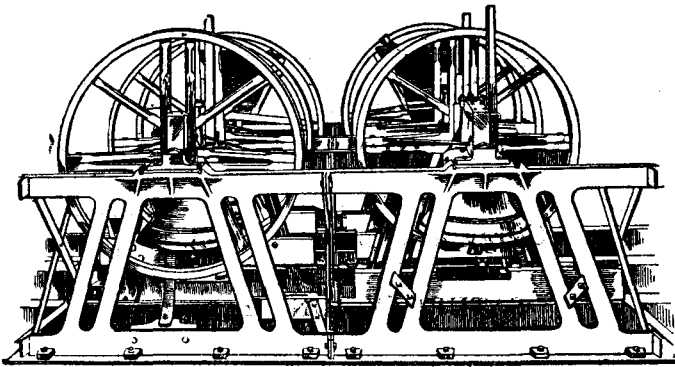
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DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT WHIT- CHURCH, GLAMORGAN.

The dedication of the new ring of six bells was performed on Saturday, May 29th, at St. Mary's church, Whitchurch, near Cardiff, the gift of Captain and Mrs. Chappell, of Greenhill. The service, which was largely attended, was fully choral, and was intoned by the Rev. Connop L. Price, Rector of Caerphilly. The Vicar, the Rev. Ll. L. Davies, read the lessons, and the dedication was performed by the Archdeacon of Llandaff. At the conclusion the bells were rung in Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor. They were also fired several times and the ringing kept up until six o'clock. The ringing was carried out by members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association as follows: J. Clutterbuck, W. Coombes, S. Dawe, Llandaff Cathedral: W. B. Biss and H. Day, Cardiff; J. W. Jones and A. E. Morgan, Newport; D. Thomas, Penarth.

At the conclusion of the dedication service there was a gathering at the vicarage, at which Captain and Mrs. Chappell were presented with an illuminated address, executed by the "Western Mail," Ltd.

The bells are by Llewellyns and James, Bristol, the tenor being 14 cwt., and they are a very fine-toned six, the "go" being described as absolutely perfect. The manner in which the work has been carried out reflects the greatest credit on the firm.

The same firm have also supplied a suitable chiming apparatus of the latest design, consisting of cast iron balls, wrought iron levers, pulleys, cords, manual and frame complete; and they have also arranged the clock gear to strike the hours on the new tenor bell, supplying all necessary hammer work, shafting, bearings and counter-springs, including fixing.

Messrs. Llewellyns and James have received from ringers who were present at the opening unqualified praise for the manner in which the work has been done; and the Vicar of Whitchurch—the Rev. Ll. Lloyd Davies—has sent them the following letter of approval:—

"The Vicarage, Whitchurch, Cardiff, May 1st, 1909.—Gentlemen,—It is with great pleasure that I write to express my entire satisfaction with the new peal of bells which you have just cast for us. I had some expert change-ringers from Llandaff and St. John's, Cardiff, to give them a trial ring. I am exceedingly pleased, as are all my parishioners, with the sweet tone of the bells, and these experts tell me that the 'go' of the peal is all that could be desired."

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ST. GEORGE'S, EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.

The bells of this church, a ring of six, have been rehung. The old framework and beams were cleared away, and a new frame provided for the six bells on one level. This work consisted of a foundation of massive rolled steel joists with the said new frame for the bells erected thereon. The bells have been quarter-turned where necessary, and the whole of them have been re-tuned, and a complete set of chiming apparatus added.

On Saturday, May 1st, there was a special service held in the church for the re-opening. The service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. H. M. Tyrwhitt. After the service the choir and clergy came into the tower, and the dedication prayers were read by Prebendary H. Vaughan, of Wraxall. The bells were opened by the local ringers, and short touches of Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob Doubles, and Stedman Doubles was rung, also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. The "go" of the bells quite enchanted the ringers, as they went splendidly.

On Monday, May 24th, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, 1909 changes, was rung in 1 hr. 16 mins. G. H. Gale (composer and conductor), A. Rumble, J. Atherton, T. Atherton, H. Etherton, J. Caple. This was the longest length on the bells since their rehanging.

These bells have been rehung in their new frame by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, and the entire work of rehanging, re-tuning, etc., has been another success. When the ringers at an opening ceremony of this description give their verdict in favor of the work which has been effected among the bells, it is certain that such work has been well done. A 5040 of Doubles was rung here by the local ringers on Monday last.

WEST ALVINGTON, DEVON.

Many of the church authorities in the Woodleigh deanery have been taking expert advice in relation to their belfries, with the result that most of them have had to undergo repairs. This was the case with regard to the belfry of All Saints' church, West Alvington. The evil day of carrying out the repairs was not postponed by the Vicar and churchwardens, but immediately steps were taken to elect a committee and then to obtain subscriptions before giving the order for the restoration. It was not long before the Vicar was able to report the pleasant fact that the whole of the money required had been obtained, and that the work could be proceeded with. The restoration was entrusted to Mr. Harry Stokes, church bell hanger, of Woodbury, Devon, and he has given the utmost satisfaction at West Alvington. A new staging has been

erected, with oak beams, flooring, and an iron cage for the six bells. The bells have been quarter-turned, and those who heard them on the day of re-dedication were satisfied that an excellent piece of work had been carried out.

On Thursday the church was well filled for the dedication service. The prayers were intoned by the Vicar, the Rev. T. M. Bell Salter, and the lessons were read by the Rev. W. H. Wilkinson, of South Milton. Before proceeding with the dedicatory service an address was given by the rural dean, whom with the Vicar and wardens, and the ringers, went to the baptistry under the tower, where the Rev. F. A. Saunders conducted a short dedicatory service.

After the service a tea was provided on the rectory lawn, to which a large number sat down. The wives of the bell committee presided at the tables. The bells were rung by the West Alvington ringers, and by six companies from various parishes in the deanery.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The ordinary quiet of everyday life of the little village of Pattishall was enlivened on a recent Thursday, when the members of the above Association held their fifteenth annual festival there at the kind invitation of the Rev. G. Gibson, Vicar. Beautiful weather favoured the festival and a record crowd assembled. The Association, which was founded in 1894 by Mr. James Slarke, of Towcester, embraces some twenty-one parishes, all of which were represented at the gathering in question—and has a membership, honorary and otherwise, of upwards of one hundred, and a balance in hand of some £36—a satisfactory state of affairs.

The proceedings commenced on Thursday with divine service at 11 a.m., when the historical church of Pattishall was full to overflowing. The service was choral, and of a very bright and hearty character, the strong volume of men's voices being well led by the choir. The Vicar conducted the service. The choir, headed by the processional cross, carried by Mr. Groom (churchwarden), processed round the church singing the hymn "All people that on earth do dwell." The preacher was the Rev. Canon Brittain, who took as his text the words "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." The offertory was generously given to the Pattishall church bell fund. A very great number of clergy were present.

Following the service the usual meeting was held in the vicarage room, a large attendance being presided over by the Rev. R. A. Kennaway. Following the passing of the last general meeting, the chairman said that it was with regret he asked them to elect a new president. Some of the happiest times of his life had been spent in connection with his office as president, the duties having always been a great pleasure to him.

The Rev. A. J. Wake said how sorry they were to have to accept Mr. Kennaway's resignation, and he proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to him for all he had done for the Association.

The Rev. A. C. Neely said he had been asked to propose a new president, but before doing so he should like to endorse all that Mr. Wake had said about Mr. Kennaway, who was going to work in another county. He had very great pleasure in proposing as their new president the Rev. W. H. Barry, Rector of Bilsforth. This was seconded by Mr. J. Slarke, and unanimously carried. Mr. Barry, in thanking them for the honour conferred upon

him, said he would do the best he could to make a worthy successor to their late president. Mr. Kennaway thanked them for all the kind words they had said of him. The vice-presidents and the secretary and treasurer were all re-elected, and the name of the Rev. R. M. Gore-Browne added to the list of vice-presidents.

Mr. F. Causebrook proposed in felicitous terms the health of their departing President, Mr. Kennaway, remarking on the great interest he had always taken during the fifteen years he had held the office, and of the good work he had done. He wished him, in the name of them all, Goodspeed in his new work, and hoped the day might come when they would again see him among them. He also wished, he said, to accord a hearty welcome to their new President, the Rev. W. H. Barry, who he felt sure would make a good one.

Mr. Kennaway, who spoke under great emotion, said it was very hard for him to say good-bye to the Association. When he accepted the position of their President, he at once thought that he must do all he could for it; and if he had been able to further their cause he thanked God for it. He wished them all more and more success, and complimented them on having appointed Mr. Barry to succeed him.

Mr. Barry also replied, saying he felt honoured, and as their President he would do his best for the good of the Association, and to still further the excellent feeling of good fellowship which now existed between them.

The Rev. A. J. Wake, in a jovial speech, proposed "Success to the Towcester and District Association," saying that bellringing was a very healthy thing, and he was pleased to drink its health. It augured well, he said, for the future of the Association to see so many young faces, as well as the old, among them.

The Rev. R. A. Kennaway, in response, referred to the excellent stimulant the Association was in all matters relating to church bells. It roused them up to greater activity in regard to bell renovation, citing the belfries of Greenorton, Pattishall, and Gayton as examples, with Helmdon to shortly follow suit. He also felt that the Association had been the means of bellringing being more generally acknowledged as a form of Church work, as well as bringing into touch parson and ringer.

The chairman then announced that the Association had been invited to hold their next festival at Uayton. Canon Brittain said also that he understood that an invitation had been sent from Whittlebury, and on the chairman putting it to the meeting, fifty-six voted for Gayton and thirty-nine for Whittlebury. It was therefore decided that Gayton be the place.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide a new bell, a flat 6th, as an addition to the existing peal, and thus to form a light octave of the "middle eight" with the 9th bell (19 cwt.) as tenor. The tenor of the full peal of twelve (and, of course, of the back eight) weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £115.

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Already acknowledged...	48	12	6
Mr. F. W. Harmer (St. Andrew's, Norwich)	1	1	0
Mr. Agas H. Goose (Norwich)	0	10	6
	£50	3	6

Further subscriptions may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; Mr. C. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING.

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Canon Papillon, in response, expressed his gratitude to the district secretaries and masters for the energy and diligence with which they had pushed the affairs of the Association. As Master, he had had a certain amount of work to do behind the scenes. He had had a good many letters from ringers complaining of difficulties with their clergy; he had also had letters from clergy complaining of difficulties with their ringers, and the principle on which he had always endeavoured to try to deal with such correspondence was to remember, first of all, that there were two sides to every question. He had found what he thought many other clergymen would find, that the best and most satisfactory way of promoting all that should be promoted in a belfry, and also of encouraging the ringers in their conduct and general tone, was by frequent attendance at the belfry. His answer to people who had written to ask what rules he could recommend for regulating their belfries, had generally been this: "Have the fewest and simplest rules you can; only have those you are able to enforce; but what you will find better than any rules is to be always in the belfry yourself." It was his custom so long as health permitted to attend the weekly practice and to be present in the belfry during the ringing for the services on Sunday, and this was what he recommended every clergyman to do. In conclusion, Canon Papillon said that when he used the writing table and inkstand he should always think of his friends, the Essex ringers.

Mr. B. Keeble said it was with feelings of a mixed nature that he rose to propose a new Master; regret on the one hand because they were parting with one whose genial presence would be greatly missed at the annual meetings, and who had done so much work in connection with the aims and objects of the Association. On the other hand it was a pleasure, because he had the name of a worker to propose. He did not think that the appointment was one which should, unless there were exceptional circumstances, as had been the case in the appointment of Canon Papillon, should be regarded as a freehold. He believed there were several good men who had the ability to discharge the duty of Master, and who it might be desirable to consider their suitability in the future. The name he had to propose was that of Mr. C. H. Howard, his colleague as an auditor. Mr. Howard was a good all round ringer, he lived in the centre of the county, was a churchwarden, a good churchman, was in touch with the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and had had a large share in the preparation of the annual report for some years. It was a new departure, and he ventured to think it was desirable to appoint for the present some one having a knowledge of the work and duties.

Mr. S. Hayes, in seconding, said he fully agreed with the points referred to by the proposer.

Mr. Howard having been elected, said: I fully recognise the responsibility you have placed upon me in electing me Master of this Association, especially as I have to follow such an able and influential Master as Canon Papillon has been. When Mr. Keeble first asked me to accept the office of Master, I replied that I should not care to allow my name to be put forward unless it was the unanimous wish of the other officers of the Association. At a meeting held a few weeks ago, at which the whole of the officers were present, they unanimously requested me to accept the office, and I heartily thank the members of the Association for confirming their recommendation to-

day. I feel sure you will all do what you can to assist me, together with the other officers of the Association, to continue the good work the Association has done under the excellent mastership of Canon Papillon. I agree with the remarks made by Mr. Keeble as to the ability of other ringers to take the office, and think it may be of advantage to the Association to consider the point, because other men may be able to put more energy and new ideas into the work, and if at the end of even the first year there should be a desire to elect some one else to the office, who the members may consider to be suitable for the position, I should only be too glad to give him my support.

Mr. G. Black was elected co-auditor with Mr. Keeble.

An alteration in rule 3, moved by Mr. Black, and seconded by Mr. W. Doran, was adopted. The amendment provides for a resident ringer, who having paid five years' subscription to the Association, and moves from the county to at once become, without further subscription, a non-resident member without further payment, unless he returns to the county.

Mr. J. F. Penning introduced the question of making the annual meeting moveable.

Mr. W. Doran did not think such would work, that Chelmsford was the best centre owing to the question of rail fares.

In closing the meeting the Bishop expressed the pleasure it had been for him to preside. He had watched the work and progress of the Association, and congratulated the members upon such. He trusted it would continue to make real progress.

The dinner took place in the schoolroom in which so many pleasant gatherings have been held during the last twenty-five years on Whit-Monday.

At the conclusion Canon Papillon said as loyal Englishmen he was sure that they would one and all thank the Bishop for coming among them that day and taking an active part in the proceedings. He trusted that if his Lordship should become the Bishop of the new diocese he might not only find St. Mary's belfry a model for all other belfries, but also a band of ringers well versed in the science of change-ringing.

The Bishop, in reply, said it had given him much pleasure to be present at each of the three different elements represented. Their proceedings rightly commenced with a service of worship, followed by the business meeting, and afterwards they had the social side. He trusted they would all return to their belfries the better for each. He had a great many calls from all parts of the vast diocese, but he trusted he might at some future date be permitted to again come among them, and that he should find that the Association had achieved further progress in each direction.

Mr. C. H. Howard said the members of the Association were very grateful to the Bishop for his admirable address. As Canon Papillon knew, it had been his desire for the Bishop to address the members for some years. He trusted he should have the support of the members in securing more towers to become connected with the Association, and had no doubt but that a total of 1000 members would be the result. He hoped before long—there were now nearly 700—to see a roll of 1000, and among that roll a good number of clerical ringers.

Owing to the Assizes being held no ringing could take place till the evening at St. Mary's; but the bells in the surrounding towers were made full use of.

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

Correspondence.

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

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

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—In "THE BELL NEWS" about a year ago Mr. Joseph W. Parker "knocked the bottom out" of a page of Snowdon's "Stedman," for which I was responsible. I therefore ask you to extend to me the hospitality of your columns while I tinker up a proof, not, indeed, so pretty as the cracked one demolished by Mr. Parker, but sound enough to hold water and to stand fire.

With the first ten paragraphs of chap. v., p. 179, of Snowdon's "Stedman" no fault is found, and I assume them to be known and admitted.

For simplicity I elect the natural order, 1234567, taken cyclically as a leader circle, and I will call it (r); every leader circle fouls forty-nine others. Those fouled by (r) are shown in the seven groups of seven, A, B, C, D, E, F and G hereunder—

A	B	C	D
1234675	1234756	1264573	1274536
2345716	2345167	2375614	2315647
3456127	3456271	3416725	3426751
4567231	4567312	4527136	4537162
5671342	5671423	5631247	5641273
6712453	6712534	6742351	6752134
7123564	7123645	7153462	7163425
E	F	G	
1246753	1273645	1236745	
2357164	2314756	2347156	
3461275	3425167	3451267	
4572316	4536271	4562371	
5613427	5647312	5673412	
6724531	6751423	6714523	
7135642	7162534	7125634	

The slow sixes of (r) appear as slow sixes in the As or in the Bs. The quick sixes of (r) appear as quick sixes in the Cs or in the Ds. The slow sixes of (r) appear as quick sixes in the Es. The quick sixes of (r) appear as slow sixes in the Fs. Each of the Gs fouls (r) doubly, that is, both by slow six against quick six, and also by quick six against slow six.

Now, suppose that you have the 360 leader circles written down, and that, having chosen one from amongst them, you scratch through the forty-nine fouled by your chosen one, that you then choose a second, true with your first chosen one, and scratch through the forty-nine fouled by your second chosen one, and so on until (if possible) you have chosen sixty true together; you would then have made 60 times 49 scratches distributed somehow over the 300 rejected leader circles, an average of more than nine scratches per leader circle, and consequently at least one of the rejected would have been scratched through at least ten times, and therefore amongst your chosen leader circles you would have at least ten fouled by some one rejected leader circle. Is this possible? Is there, amongst the forty-nine which are fouled by one, a set of ten true together? If not, you cannot from amongst the 360 choose sixty true together.

Consider the forty-nine which are fouled by (r). Let the members of each group from the top member downwards be numbered thus—A 1, A 2, A 3, &c., and similarly throughout and examine first the Gs; G 1 fouls Gs, 3, 4, 5 and 6, and G 2 fouls Gs, 4, 5, 6 and 7, and so on; hence the greatest number of Gs which run true together is two, and they must be consecutive Gs.

The forty-two members of the six groups of seven, A, B, C, D, E, and F may be arranged in the seven groups of six L, M, N, W, X, Y, and Z hereunder—

L	M	N	W
1234675	2345716	3456127	4567231
1234756	2345167	3456271	4567312
5631247	6742351	7153462	1264573
6752314	7163425	1274536	2315647
1246753	2357164	3461275	4572316
2314756	3425167	4536271	5647312

X	Y	Z
5671342	6712453	7123564
5671423	6712534	7123645
2375614	3416725	4527136
3426751	4537162	5641273
5613427	6724531	7135642
6751423	7162534	1273645
where—	L consists of	A1, B1, C5, D6, E1, F2.
M	"	A2, B2, C6, D7, E2, F3.
N	"	A3, B3, C7, D1, E3, F4.
W	"	A4, B4, C1, D2, E4, F5.
X	"	A5, B5, C2, D3, E5, F6.
Y	"	A6, B6, C3, D4, E6, F7.
Z	"	A7, B7, C4, D5, E7, F1.

Now these seven groups of six are "splendidly false"; no two members of any one group run true together; hence, from amongst the forty-two members of the seven groups of six, no true set of more than seven members can be chosen, and even if we assume it to be conceivable that some two consecutive Gs may run true with some one such true set of seven, no true set of so many as ten members can ever be found amongst the forty-nine foulers of (r).

Hence, amongst the forty-nine leader circles fouled by some one leader circle, no set of so many as ten can run true, and therefore amongst the 360 leader circles no set of so many as sixty can run true; consequently sixty true P blocks of Stedman Triples can never be found.

I apologise to you for the length of this letter, but I really think it is due more to the nature of the subject than to any unnecessary prolixity on the part of W. H. THOMPSON.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT GRANTHAM.—This colossal edifice of St. Wulfram is well worthy of a visit. It surpasses many cathedrals for architecture, both within and without. The tower is of great height, and above this is one of the highest spires in the county. The bells are the heaviest in the county of Lincoln. The following weights are tabulated in the belfry: Treble—7 cwt.; 2nd—7½ cwt.; 3rd—8 cwt. (1775); 4th—9 cwt.; 5th—11 cwt.; 6th—13½ cwt.; 7th—17 cwt.; 8th—20 cwt. (1752); 9th—27 cwt. (1775); Tenor—37 cwt. (1818). 1, 2, 3, 9, and tenor are from the Whitechapel Foundry, but from the measurements it would appear that the weights are somewhat erroneous. 33 cwt. is nearer the tenor weight, and 6 cwt. the treble. The sound of the bells is terrific in the belfry, and although rehung in an iron A frame about 1888, obviously need re-adjustment by a bell-hanger, many of them being false-struck. The 9th is a fine-toned bell, but the tenor drowns the sound of the smaller ones, and it could be remedied by a professional firm.

THE PEAL AT ECCLES.—This peal was rung as a compliment to Miss Florence Barratt, second daughter of Mr. James Barratt (Superintendent of the Eccles company), who was married that morning to Mr. Mark Thorley Robertson, of Eccles. After the peal the ringers and their friends were kindly entertained to lunch by Mr. Barratt, a very enjoyable afternoon being spent, interspersed with handbell ringing, singing, etc., concluding with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Barratt for his hospitality, and hearty wishes for prosperity and health to the newly-married couple.

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RINGERS and their friends will find good accommodation at Mr. JOHN SMITH'S, 3, Livingstone Road (off Hornby Road), Blackpool (late of Rawtenstall). Near Central Station and Sea. Piano. "THE BELL NEWS" taken. A good half-pull neighbourhood.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 24th; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 14th and 28th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 15th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 17th; and at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 29th. All at 8 p.m. A district meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday the 26th. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Will members who accept the Vicar's kind invitation to tea at the Mission Room, Hartland Road, please let me know by the 24th at the latest.

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, July 3rd at the parish church of St. Leonard, Streatham, S.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.30 p.m. The business meeting will take place at 8 p.m. All ringers are heartily invited.

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

35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wouldham to-day, Sat., June 12th. Bells ready at 3.30.

A. B. ROBSON, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints church, West Bromwich, to-day, Sat., June 12th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5 p.m.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton to-day, Sat., June 12th. Bells ready at 5.

WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's, Helmshore, to-day, Sat., June 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

THOS. ROLLERSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Northaw (six bells) commencing at 6 p.m. to-day, Sat., June 12th.

H. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

4, Salisbury Square, Hatfield.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Next meeting at Burstow, on Saturday, June 19th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea by invitation of the Rector of Burstow 5.30. Those intending to be present must let me know by Tuesday, June 15th.

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

15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Totham, on Saturday, June 19th. Tea will be provided by the Vicar. Those coming please give notice.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Coggeshall.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's Church, Chipping, on Saturday, June 19th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, June 19th. Dinner at the Abbey Church House at 1.15. Meeting to follow. Service in the Abbey at 4 p.m. The following bells are available: Abbey—11 to 1 p.m., 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, St. Mary's, Twerton, St. James's, St. Michael's, Christ Church (8 bells); St. Mark's (Weston), Newton, Batheaston, and Bathford (6 bells).

Taunton.

E. E. BURGESS.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch.—Next western division meeting at Rostherne on Saturday, June 19th. Usual programme.

A. T. B. EESTON, *Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Christchurch District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lymington on Saturday, June 19th.

G. PRESTON, *Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Newhey on Saturday, June 19th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

Lavenham (Suffolk).—The tower will be open for ringing from 10.30 a.m. till 8.30 p.m. on Monday, June 21st. Visitors will be made welcome.

A. SYMONDS, *Steeplekeeper.*

Central Northamptonshire Association.—The dedication service for the new peal of six bells at Cogenhoe, Northants., will be held on Thursday, June 24th, at 3.45. Tea after the service. The tower will be open in the evening to all ringing friends.

F. WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Aldenham on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available at 3.30. Tea 9d. per head at The Chequers at 5.30. All members and friends welcome.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available at 2: Cathedral (10), St. Mary's (8), and St. Michael's (6). Service in Cathedral at 4, at which all members are requested to attend. Tea in Pool Walk schoolroom at 5.45; members (fully paid), 6d.; others 1s., to be followed by General Meeting. Those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than June 21st.

H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

38, Leicester Street, Wolverhampton.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoke Prior on Saturday, June 26th. Service with address by the Vicar (Rev. C. Stockdale) at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea can be provided for those requiring it, at a charge of 1s., if notice is sent me by Wednesday, June 28th.

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

Bransford, Worcester.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held on Saturday, June 26th, at St. Michael's church, Blackburn. New peal of eight by Mears. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stretford on Saturday, June 26th. Bells ready at 5. The Rector will address the meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Saffron Walden Society.—Established 1623.—The 286th anniversary of the above society will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Dinner at The King's Arms inn at 1.30 p.m.

ERNEST A. PITSTOW, *Hon. Sec.*

The Bedfordshire Association.—The summer festival will be held at Turvey on Saturday, June 26th. The peal of eight bells in the tower, and a set of handbells, will be available during the day. Dinner at 1s. 3d., and tea at 6d. each, will be provided at 1.15 and 5.30. Service in church at 5. Preacher—Rev. J. V. Bullard. A cricket match will be played between the Turvey club and the members of the Association.

REV. A. RUST, } *Hon. Secs.*
I. HILLS, }

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Alfreton (8 bells), on Saturday, June 26th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m.

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

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, July 3rd. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea will be provided (free) at The George and Dragon inn at 5.45, followed by business meeting. By kind permission of the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon, the rectory grounds will be thrown open to members. All members intending to be present at tea, are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, June 30th.

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

26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

THE LATE MR. FREDERICK MEE.

On behalf of the widow and children of the above, we beg to gratefully acknowledge the following sums.

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged ..	9	18	0
Mr. W. Taylor (Southwold) ..	0	5	0
The Bolsover Company, per Mr. J. Flint ..	0	14	0
The Barwell Company, per Mr. A. R. Aldham ..	0	7	0
Additional from Debenham Company ..	0	1	0
Mr. Hopson (Beccles), and two friends ..	0	7	0
The Halesworth Company, per Mr. F. C. Lambert ..	0	5	6

All further subscriptions will be gratefully received by Mr. E. Rivers and Mr. F. Rolfe, Sproughton, near Ipswich.

TYDD ST. GILES, CAMBS.

On Thursday evening, May 27th, the members of the Fleet band paid a visit to this interesting church. The tower, which stands quite apart from the church in a corner of the churchyard, contains a pretty ring of six bells, which were hung there about twenty-five years ago by Mears and Stainbank, tenor 9½ cwt, A 720 of Double Court and 360 Oxford Bob were rung. W. H. Hilliam, Rev. C. J. Sturton, H. V. Fletcher, A. J. Farr, G. R. Truss, J. B. Halifax (conductor). The local ringers also joined in some short touches of Plain Bob. Before mounting their bikes for home the Fleet men were hospitably entertained to refreshments at the vicarage by the Rev. J. Woodgate, who himself in younger days was a change-ringer.

GAINSBOROUGH.—On Monday, May 24th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. W. Parrish, F. S. W. Butler conductor, J. C. Tinker, W. Dickenson, J. T. Ladd, C. H. Milner, F. Ballance, J. Bower. This is the first quarter-peal by J. Bower, and first from the tenor by W. Parrish.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

BROMHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 23 cwt.

LEONARD ORPIN Treble.	FREDERICK MORTIMER .. 4.
WALTER FINEDON 2.	PEARL INSKIP 5.
REGINALD GARDNER 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

PENCOMBE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK JONES Treble.	ALFRED TOMKINS 4.
WILLIAM WATKINS 2.	CHARLES JONES 5.
WILLIAM CLEMENTS 3.	*JOHN POWELL Tenor.

Conducted by W. CLEMENTS.

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

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 26, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

HARRY JUDGE Treble.	JAMES MERRICK 5.
MAURICE SMITH 2.	FREDERICK WEBB 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 7.
WILLIAM THORPE 4.	JAMES FRANKLIN Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

JOHN BURCHILL* Treble.	CHARLES PAGE 5.
GEORGE WOODS 2.	CHARLES MORLEY 6.
REV. E. V. COX 3.	*JOHN MORLEY 7.
FREDERICK PAGE 4.	WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by H. WHITTLE, and Conducted by W. FITCHFORD.

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

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

JAMES WARD Treble.	WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 5.
WALTER GERMAN 2.	JAMES GAREATT 6.
CHARLIE KELLER 3.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. 7.
HUBERT HORN 4.	WALTER PERKINS Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by W. PERKINS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Lucas Foster, who was accidentally drowned.

JUST PUBLISHED. "KILLARNEY." Arranged for three octaves of handbells in the Chromatic Scale from C 22 to C 1. No. 325, Catalogue Price 1s. 6d., from WM. GORDON, 44, Celtic Street, Webb Lane, Stockport.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

EDGAR PEMBERTON Treble.	*JAMES MERRICK 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Isaac S. Alexander, a former Secretary of the St. Mary-le-Tower society.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 31, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

JAMES MERRICK Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE 5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 2.	EDGAR PEMBERTON 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4.	*CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 31, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; WILLSON'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

STORER W. WEST Treble.	WALTER FERN 5.
JOHN T. ALLEN 2.	JOHN RAWSON 6.
FRANK MIDDLETON 3.	JOHN A. MOULT 7.
JOHN MOORE 4.	FRED BOAM Tenor.

Conducted by J. A. MOULT.

The band wish to cordially thank the Rev. Canon Broughton for the use of the bells, and Mr. H. Powdril, who made everything ready for the peal.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 31, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5022 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt. in C.

DANIEL RICHARDS Treble.	FRED W. HERBERT 6.
ALBERT MASON 2.	JAMES HARRIS 7.
THOMAS BOITRILL 3.	RICHARD MOUNT 8.
EDWARD JACKSON 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON 9.
R. HENRY BARTRAM 5.	ROBERT M. BLACKWELL .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

First peal of Caters on the bells for twenty years. The band desires to thank the Right Rev. the Bishop of Grantham for the use of the bells. This peal has the 6th at home throughout. Further reference elsewhere.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 31, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

EENEST ALDRIDGE Treble.	GORDON CAUDWELL 5.
ALFRED R. BOSLEY 2.	JOB SAWYER 6.
G. FREDERICK JAMES .. 3.	EDMUND BANNISTER 7.
JAMES ABERY 4.	FREDK. W. WOODWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDMUND BANNISTER.

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

On Monday, May 31, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5440 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY W. KIRTON Treble.	TOM PYLE 5.
GEORGE FLINTHAM 2.	JOHN W. WATSON 6.
GEORGE CHESTER 3.	STANLEY WOLFE 7.
RICHARD DAWSON 4.	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by HENRY W. KIRTON.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. John A. Freeman, a member of the local company, to Miss Ethel Mary Fowler, which took place on that day at Market Deeping.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS. THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, May 31, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

T. SEYMOUR* Treble.	R. A. KIRBY 5.
W. LITTLE 2.	E. P. DEBENHAM 6.
F. C. RICE 3.	H. J. FEWELL 7.
T. J. HULL 4.	H. G. LIGHTFOOT Tenor.

Conducted by R. A. KIRBY.

*First peal away from the tenor. First peal as conductor.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 31, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE BASELEY Treble.	DAVID L. COTTON 4.
HERBERT SHARPE 2.	HERBERT HURDMAN 5.
JAMES F. GODFREY 3.	JOHN HOUGH Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HOUGH.

Rung as a compliment to the organist (Mr. H. Earp) and Mrs. Earp on their silver wedding-day.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 31, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

EDGAR PEMBERTON Treble.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON 2.	GEORGE R. PYE 6.
JAMES MERRICK 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

RADWELL, ASH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 31, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 6-scores of Grandsire, St Dunstan, Dream, Fortune, Nightingale and Plain Bob.

G. BAKER Treble.	G. KINSEY 3.
G. MORLEY 2.	H. MORLEY, SEN. 4.
	H. DAVY Tenor.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 31, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble.	WILLIAM DENT 5.
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 2.	THOMAS PRYKE 6.
WILLIAM FAYERS 3.	GEORGE MOORE 7.
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON 4.	CHARLES HOWE Tenor.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

The ringers wish to thank the Rev. J. R. Vatcher for the use of the bells on this occasion.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, June 1, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN BASS Treble.	GORDON CHECKETTS 5.
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2.	WILLIAM PAGE 6.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK 3.	CHARLES F. WHITE 7.
JOHN PIPER 4.	CHARLES E. PERKINS Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

LENTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, June 1, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 8½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY* Treble.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2.	WALTER ROBINSON 6.
JOHN HOLMAN 3.	THOMAS RILEY 7.
THOMAS BETTISON 4.	JOHN FLINT Tenor.

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

†200th peal. *150th peal.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 3, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs. in F.

ARTHUR E. FULLER Treble.	FREDERICK R. BORRETT 5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON 2.	ERNEST F. POPPY 6.
CHARLES T. P. BRICE 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
CHARLES BAKER 4.	JOHN SOUTER Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 5, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

HARRY STRATFORD* Treble.	THOS. PRICE 5.
FRED G. BIGGS* 2.	*RALPH BIGGS 6.
JESSE BRIDGE 3.	GEO. MARTIN 7.
FRANK BOREHAM* 4.	JOHN EVANS Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

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

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, June 5, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH TURNER	Treble.	SAMUEL GREENHALGH ..	5.
JOHN SMITH	2.	RICHARD RIDVAED ..	6.
ROBERT DAVIES	3.	ALBERT EDWARD WREAKS ..	7.
GEORGE E. TURNER	4.	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ..	Tenor.

Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 5, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT	Treble.	OLIVER JAMES	6.
FRANK WITHERS	2.	SAMUEL GROVE	7.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK	3.	CHARLES F. WHITE	8.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS	4.	JAMES DOWLER	9.
JOHN BASS	5.	ROBERT MATTHEWS ..	Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal of Oxford Treble Ten by all the band and by the Association.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSETSHIRE.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(CHEW DEANERY BEANCH.)

On Saturday, June 5, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores, the ten Grandsire repeated four times

Tenor 21 cwt.

ARTHUR RUMBLE	Treble.	HARRY ENGLAND	4.
ALFRED ROSEWELL	2.	GEORGE H. GALE	5.
JACK ATHERTON	3.	HENRY PORTER	Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. GALE.

First peal by J. Atherton, who is only 16 years of age. First peal on the bells since they have been rehung in a new iron frame by Llewellyn and James, of Bristol, the "go" of the bells being splendid.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, June 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST POPPY	Treble.	DAVID COLLINS	6.
HUBERT DAY	2.	WILLIAM BURGESS	6.
ERNEST LINCOLN	3.	GEORGE DAY	7.
JAMES CROWE*	4.	ROBERT RUTH, JUN..	Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by ERNEST F. POPPY.

*First peal. R. Ruth was proposed a member of the above Association previous to starting. Rang on the seventeenth anniversary of the 16,608 at Debenham, in which the ringer of the 5th took part.

Handbell Peal.**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, May 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT 2, VICARAGE LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

ALBERT NASH	1-2.	SIDNEY F. PALMER ..	5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN	3-4.	REV. B. TYRWHITT DRAKE	7-8.

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—John Thorpe. Quickest handbell peal of Major by all.

OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Thursday, June 3, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,*

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

HENRY HODGETTS	1-2.	GEORGE N. PRICE	5-6.
PERCY J. JOHNSON	3-4.	HUBERT EDEN	7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—Arthur W. Dix. The ringer of 3-4 bails from Leeds, this being his first peal in the method on handbells.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, June 3, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT 33, HOLLY STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

ALBERT C. FEARNLEY ..	1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN	5-6.
ALBERT NASH	3-4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER ..	7-8.
JOHN THORPE			9-10.

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

The following is the result of some ringing arranged for MR. CLEMENT GLENN, Hon. Secretary of the Yorkshire Association, and one of the representatives of the Central Council:—

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, May 29, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK WOODISS ..	Treble.	*ERNEST BRETT	5.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ..	2.	*CLEMENT GLENN	6.
FREDERICK H. PERRIN ..	3.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ..	7.
GEORGE EDGER, JUN. ..	4.	CHARLES J. NORTH ..	Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

*Elected members before starting the peal.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, May 31, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lbs.

FREDERICK WOODISS ..	Treble.	CLEMENT GLENN	5.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ..	2.	CHARLES J. NORTH ..	6.
FREDERICK GODDARD ..	3.	JOHN HOWES	7.
GEORGE EDGER, JUN. ..	4.	JOHN H. B. HESSE ..	Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, May 31, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH, EPSOM COMMON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 4 lbs.

FREDERICK WOODISS ..	Treble.	JOHN HOWES	5.
FREDERICK GODDARD ..	2.	CHARLES J. NORTH ..	6.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ..	3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE ..	7.
GEORGE EDGER, JUN. ..	4.	CLEMENT GLENN	Tenor.

Composed by JOHN HOWES, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

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THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.*On Tuesday, June 1, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER.****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.**

Tenor 26 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
CHARLES J. NORTH 2.	ERNEST BRETT 7.
CLEMENT GLENN 3.	ALFRED WILLIAM GRIMES .. 8.
ALBERT TURNER 4.	CORPORAL F. HOLDEN R.M. 9.
HENRY S. ELLIS 5.	EDWARD C. EWER Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

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Miscellaneous.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Tuesday, May 4th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. C. Pidgeon, W. Arnott, R. Christian, N. R. Bailev, G. Orford, F. Pestell, D. Hayward conductor, W. Hammond. Tenor 30 cwt.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRIDGWATER (Somersetshire).—On Tuesday, May 25th, at St. Mary's church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. H. Pole, C. Evans, W. Emery, H. Boobier, G. Shepherd, A. O. Major, E. Sweet, conductor, V. Hearle. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of the Rev. W. M. K. Warren.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, May 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Prestidge, W. Massey, W. Prestidge, H. Hubble, A. Greenfield conductor, H. Hill, J. Massey. First 720 with a bob bell by W. Massey.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXTON (Cheshire).—On Thursday, May 24th, Ascension Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. C. W. Owens, J. L. Grant, G. R. Newton, K. Birchall, W. Hughes, W. Davis, F. S. Barnes conductor, S. Moston. This quarter-peal was taken from Holt's Original, and was rung on the anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

APSLEY END.—On Thursday, May 20th, being Ascension

Day, for evening service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-seal of Grandsire Doubles in 45 mins. *A. Cutler, *T. Litchford, H. Holmes conductor, W. Latchford, J. Burles, H. Cutler. *First quarter-peal. On Monday, May 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 44 mins. A. Cutler, L. Latchford, H. Holmes, H. Cutler, J. Burles first as conductor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Wednesday, April 21st, 504 Stedman Triples. W. T. Tucker, J. Elcombe, F. Paskins, C. J. Fray, W. G. Fowler, G. Williams, W. W. Gifford conductor, W. Payne. On Thursday, May 13th, 416 Double Norwich. J. Elcombe, G. Noice, J. Rummig, G. Williams conductor, A. M. Stewart, W. H. George, W. T. Tucker, W. W. Gifford.

ELING (Hants).—On Saturday, May 8th, on the occasion of the district meeting, 720 Bob Minor, those taking part having the same Christian names. W. Rawlings, W. Lampard, W. Chambers, W. H. George, W. Rowe, sen., W. T. Tucker conductor.

NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On Wednesday, April 1st, 720 College Pleasure. W. G. Rowe, G. Williams, C. Fray, W. H. George, W. Rowe, sen., W. T. Tucker. On Easter Sunday morning, on the occasion of the opening of the new litchgate, erected by the Bishop of Southampton, in memory of his wife, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. G. Rowe, W. Rowe, R.E., C. Fray, W. H. George, W. Rowe, sen., G. Williams conductor. On Thursday, April 29th, 240 each of Violet, College Pleasure, College Exercise, and London Scholars. W. G. Rowe, G. Williams conductor, C. Fray, W. H. George, W. Rowe, W. T. Tucker.

CHESTER.—On Saturday, June 5th, at the Cathedral, 336 Double Norwich. H. Gough, H. Dew, A. G. Watkin, J. Tomlinson, W. Sconce, G. Gerrard, J. Sconce, J. George conductor. An attempt was made for 630 Grandsire Triples, but was lost 28 changes from home on account of one of the ropes slipping wheel. J. Sconce, H. Dew, A. G. Watson, J. Tomlinson, J. George conductor G. Gerrard, W. Sconce, T. Rowland. Tenor 33 cwt. On recent Tuesdays for practice, two quarter-peals of Stedman Triples. H. Gough, E. Elwin, J. Hatchwell, J. Sconce, J. Tomlinson, Wm. Sconce conductor, E. Channell, E. Rowland. H. Gough, E. Elwin, Wm. Sconce, A. Watkin, J. Tomlinson, G. Gerrard, H. Dew conductor, E. Rowland.

CHISWICK.—On Ascension Day evening, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Gaandsire Triples in 46 mins. G. F. Cotton, E. Cassell, A. Samson, J. Green, H. Lamb, J. W. Kelley, W. T. Elson conductor, *J. Johnson. *First quarter-peal.

HUNSLET (Yorks).—On Thursday, May 20th, at St. Mary's church, 1008 Grandsire Triples. G. Smith, H. Smith, C. Robinson, W. H. Ash, F. Atkinson, B. Sharp conductor, J. Shaw, J. R. Kemp.

OLD GLOSSOP (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, May 23rd for Divine Service at the parish church, 1768 Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 3 mins. W. Haigh, H. Rolley, J. Sellers, W. Harrop, W. Marsden, R. Newton, J. Maloney conductor, H. Pemberton. Composed by Samuel Wood.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Monday, June 7th, on handbells, 216 Bob Minor. A. Keeble, 1, Victoria Keeble, 2; J. Keeble, 3; Mrs. Keeble, 4; B. Keeble, 5-6. Also three 120s of Grandsire Doubles. A. Keeble, 1; Mrs. Keeble, 2; B. Keeble, 3-4; J. Keeble, 5-6. Rung on the fortieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Keeble.

SHIPLAKE (Oxon).—On Monday, May 31st, 1260 Bob Major. W. Cooke, L. Green, J. Hands, G. Essex, A. D. Cullum, T. Miles, G. Irvine, C. R. Lilley conductor. Composed by E. Bennett, of Croydon.

TILEHURST (Berks).—On Saturday, May 29th, an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich came to grief after ringing eight courses, owing to a clapper coming out. H. Goodger, C. Giles, L. Green, W. Webb, G. Essex, J. Hands, F. Watmore, C. R. Lilley.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

DENTON (Lancs).—At St. Anne's on Sunday, May 23rd, for service in connection with the Sunday School Anniversary. 720 Plain Bob. J. Walters, A. E. Marshall conductor, J. Pollitt, E. Walters, W. Wright, J. Heckingbottom.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—On Thursday, May 27th, being Ascension Day, at the church of St. John the Baptist, Tuebrook, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. J. Twist (first quarter-peal), W. Hughes, H. Fyles, G. R. Newton conductor, W. Twist, E. Caunce, W. Davies, S. W. Stewart. Composed by G. W. Ware, of Old Windsor.

BARNES (Surrey).—On Sunday, May 31, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of

Grandsire Triples. H. Cook, F. W. Hunt, J. P. Kent, F. G. Symonds, A. Whittington, F. Skevington, A. F. Harris conductor, H. Barrett.

PINCHBECK (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday evening, May 30th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. G. Ladd, J. Wastland, T. Taylor, C. W. Smith conductor, J. Curry, W. Pickworth.

DUFFIELD (near Derby).—On Saturday, May 22nd, an attempt was made for Thurstans' Four-Part Stedman Triples, but came to grief after ringing up to the 15th part, 3612 changes, good striking. Cecil J. Baker, George Dawson, John Flower, Edmund Gobey, Harry Fletcher, Henry George, Reuben Clifford conductor.

WILLESDEN.—On Tuesday, March 23rd, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Rickwood, T. Langdon, G. Chalkley, B. Maxim, H. Kilby, A. Hill.

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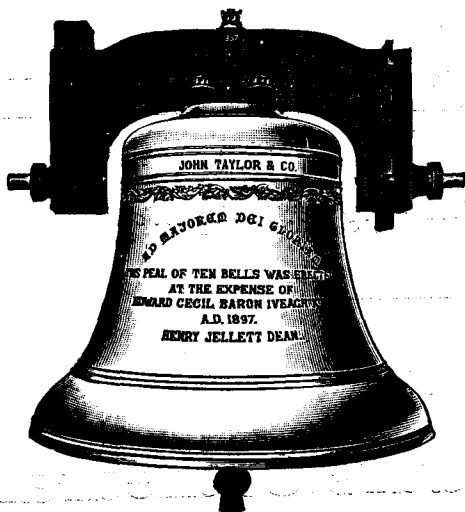
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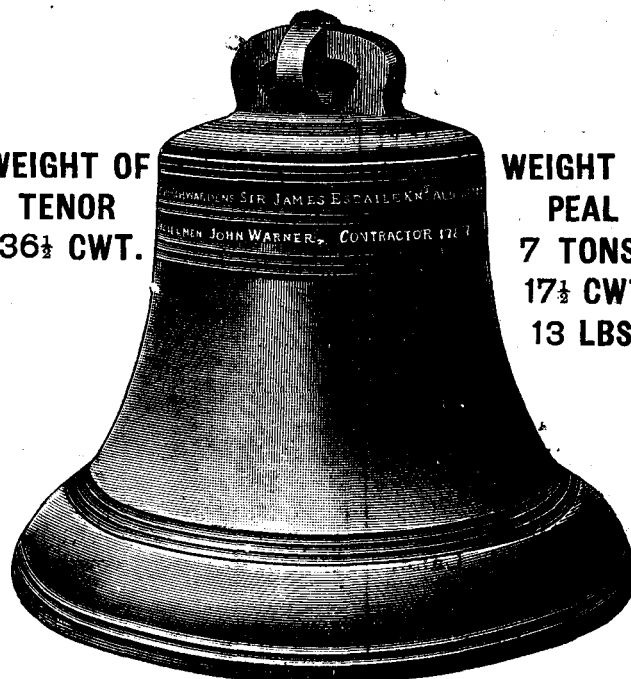
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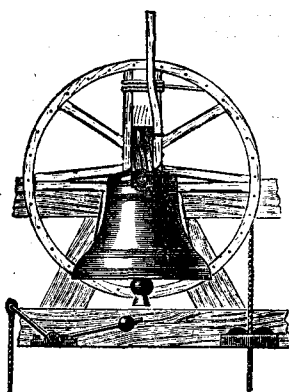
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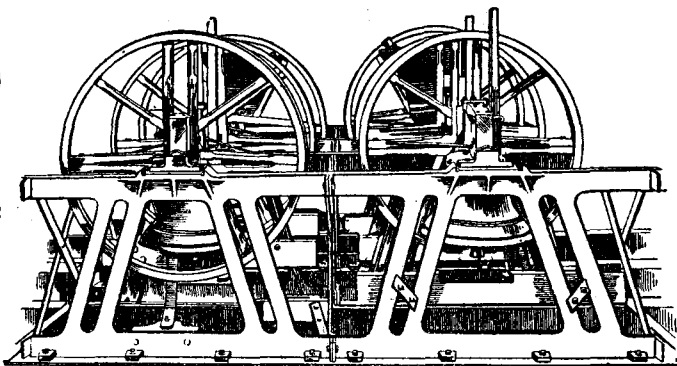
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HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

The ring of ten at the parish church of High Wycombe, which have been silent since September 22nd, 1907, will shortly be swinging again. Through a munificent offer from the students and staff of the Ladies' School at Wycombe Abbey the peal will be augmented to twelve by the addition of a new treble and tenor, the latter bell to weigh about 32 cwt. The head mistress of the above-named school (Miss Dove) is an honorary member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

On Wednesday, June 9th, at a meeting of the parishioners, the estimate of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, to augment the peal to twelve, and hang the whole of them in an oak frame on one level, the present 4th and 8th to be recast, the treble (a maiden bell recast by the same firm in 1905) to be brought down to the required half-tone without recasting, and several of the bells quarter-turned, was accepted. The whole of the work is to be completed in time for the church's dedication festival—All Saints' day, the 1st of November next.

The thanks of the local company are due to the ringers of Hughenden for the brotherly feeling which animated them in placing their ring of eight at the disposal of the Wycombe ringers for practice during the period their bells had to remain silent, also for their generous contribution to the restoration fund.

A grant of £5 has been received from the Oxford Diocesan Guild, while a sum of some £40 has been raised by the local ringers.

The restoration of the bells, apart from the augmentation, is included in a £1000 scheme commenced during the summer of last year. The amount in hand, about £700, gives one confidence that the bells will start ringing again entirely free from debt.

F. H.

HILPERTON, WILTS.

Wednesday, May 26th, 1909, will be looked upon as a red-letter day in connection with the parish of Hilpert-on-cum-Whaddon, being the day on which the restoration of the church became an accomplished fact, and after the dedication service joyful peals were rung, the addition of the two new bells, and the better condition of the old ones after recasting and retuning being satisfactory, reflecting great credit on Messrs. Warner and Sons, the firm of bell founders to whom the work had been entrusted.

The dedication service took place at 3.30, and was conducted by the Ven. T. B. Buchanan, Archdeacon of Wilts., who before concluding gave an address on the origin and the present use of bells. Evensong was sung at 7.30, and special psalms, lessons, and hymns were

chosen for the occasion. The Rev. W. Gardiner, Vicar of Southbroom, Devizes, preached an impressive sermon, and pointed out the meaning of church bells, and the religious and devotional uses for which they are rung. The visitors at the afternoon service were kindly entertained to tea in the schoolroom by the churchwardens; the choir and the ringers sat down to a substantial tea provided out of the funds. The collections, which were for the bell fund, amounted to £4 6s. 11d.

The new iron and steel frame work in which the bells are hung is a great contrast to the old work removed, being most compact, and considered by experts to be cleverly arranged, the tower being a small one. The bells are a ring of six, with a tenor of 7½ cwt.

It is a matter for congratulation, says the Hilpert-on-cum-Whaddon parish magazine, that the work throughout, including removal of the old and fixing of the new work, has been carried through without accident, the parish now possessing a ring of bells of which it may well be proud, and generations to come will have reason to be grateful to all who have helped to bring so important a work to a satisfactory conclusion.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A general meeting of this Association was held at Kings Lynn on Whit-Monday, when, by kind permission of the authorities, the bells in the magnificent churches of St. Margaret and St. Nicholas, and also those at Gaywood, were open to the members throughout day. Many ringers attended, including representatives from Norwich, Pulham, Aylsham, Stowmarket, Denver, Marham, Terrington, and Swaffham, besides members from the Lynn and Gaywood companies. Some useful instruction was given, and several of the visitors rang their first touches on eight and ten bells. Dinner was partaken of under the genial presidency of the Rector of Gaywood (Rev. H. S. Radcliffe), who was supported by district secretaries J. W. Sedgley (Lynn), G. Moy (Aylsham), F. R. Borrett (Redenhall), and C. E. Borrett, secretary. At the conclusion of dinner the loyal toasts were honoured, and a good number of new members were elected. Mr. Sedgley proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and incidentally mentioned that as soon as his ringers were ready for eight bells, Mr. Radcliffe had promised he would see that Gaywood bells were increased to that number. The vote was carried with acclamation, and in replying, the chairman gave the members a cordial invitation to inspect the delightful garden at Gaywood rectory. This was gratefully accepted by some of the members, and on the bowling-green Mr. Sedgley demonstrated to the entire satisfaction of the Rector and the secretary that his prowess was not entirely confined to bellringing and chess.

HANDBELL MUSIC.—Write to W. Gordon, of Stockport, The largest and best selection in the world.

"THAT CELEBRATED ANTIQUARY JOHN ALFRED PARNELL."

(Continued.)

There is nothing in his manuscript to show, nor am I aware of evidence from any other source, that Parnell was himself a ringer, but he was clearly greatly interested about ringing. He was present at the opening, or re-opening, of a ring of ten at Ashton-under-Lyne, as was also Squire Powell, of Quex Park. This began on Monday, July 12th, 1819, and was a tremendous affair, which may be summarised as follows:—

The Ashton ringers led the way with a touch of Grandsire Caters, and after this the visiting bands took up the cry with the following results:—

1. The Liverpool men lost a peal of Stedman Caters at 1024 changes.
2. The Halifax men lost a peal of New (*i.e.* Kent) Treble Bob Royal at 2960 changes.
3. A mixed band rang Grandsire Caters for one hour and fifty-seven minutes.
4. The Manchester men rang 1746 Grandsire Caters.
5. The Oldham men rang 4680 Grandsire Caters.
6. The Mottram men rang 3336 Grandsire Caters.
7. The Huddersfield men rang 1246 of a method not stated.
8. The Chester men rang New Treble Bob for 28 minutes.
9. The Rochdale men started Grandsire Triples and got out in 49 minutes.
10. The Manchester men came round in 1214 changes, method not specified.
11. The Middleton men started for Grandsire Triples and got out in 2 hrs. and 50 mins. This must have been very unfortunate, as they cannot have been far from a success.
12. The Bolton men rang nine courses of Holt's ten-part.
13. The Stockport men brought round 2120 Grandsire Triples. This was past midnight on Tuesday, and consequently in the early morning of Wednesday, July 14th.
14. A Saddleworth six bell band rang 720 in a Treble Bob method on the six hind bells.

This seems to have followed on directly after the last preceding performance. Then, on Wednesday the 14th, as I understand it, after an interval for a night's rest,

15. A mixed band rang 5076 Grandsire Caters in 3 hours and 2 minutes. It may be interesting to note the composition of this band:—

Stephen Hill (Liverpool), Treble; Joseph Riley (Gloucester), second; Joseph Priestley (Wakefield), third; Samuel Lawrence (Shifnal), fourth; William Doyle (Chester), fifth; Thomas Hufry (Norwich), sixth; Joseph Tebbs (Leeds), seventh; John Andrews (Chester), eighth; William Woodhead (Wakefield), ninth; Thomas Walsh (Wakefield), George Woodward (Chester), Tenor.

16. The Liverpool men then rang 1600 Stedman Caters.
17. A mixed band rang a short touch of Grandsire Caters.

18. On Thursday, July 15th, 1819, the Ashton men rang 5166 Grandsire Caters. This concluded the opening function, which was more extensive than we are accustomed to.

There are a few other details in this manuscript, but not, as it seems to me, calling for notice here, except that he refers to "the weak system the Londoners introduced

of changing or lapping the handbells." This recalls Haley's performances of this sort referred to in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 16th last.

I conclude with two epitaphs which Parnell has recorded. The one on William Dowler, a change-ringer of Burton-on-Trent, who died February 19th, 1791, aged 58 years.

"Here lies an old ringer beneath this cold clay,
Who rang many peals both serious and gay.

Through Grandsire and Triples with ease he could range,
Till death called the Bob and brought round his last change."

The other commemorates Thomas Ellis, of Farnham, Surrey, who died November 10th, 1796, aged 88.

"Skilled in the mystery of the pleasing peal,
Which few can know and fewer still reveal;
Whether with little bells or bells sublime,
To split a moment to the truth of time.
Time, often truly beat, at length o'ercame,
Yet still this tribute long preserve his name."

R. A. DANIELL.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting was held at Canterbury on Whitsun-Monday, May 31st. The gathering was not quite so large as at Rochester in 1907, and Maidstone last year; it could not be said, however, that there was very considerable falling off, as those present at the tea in St. Margaret's Hall numbered exactly 200. In 1897, the thirteenth centenary of the landing of St. Augustine, and the foundation of the Cathedral, there were 197 present, that was the last occasion in which the Association met at Canterbury. The old city looked bright and cheerful in the glorious sunshine, and the grand Cathedral tower, now restored to its pristine beauty, stood out well in the clear air. For four years until Easter of last year, the scaffolding had hidden the fine proportions of the "Bell Harry" tower; but now that long and arduous, and, be it said, expensive restoration has been accomplished. Visitors noticed however, that the western front and north-western tower were in the hands of the stonemason, and that a great deal of "reparation" remained to be done. It was fitting, therefore, that the collection at the service should be given to the Cathedral reparation, instead of, as is usual, to the Association's Belfry Repairs Fund. The Cathedral bells were kept going in the various Standard methods (though Stedman seemed to be most favoured), from 11.15 a.m. till 2.45 p.m., when "Bell Harry" sounded out from the top of the central tower for evensong. The other towers open for ringers, St. Stephen's (8), St. Dunstan (6), St. Alphege (6), and Holy Cross (5), were visited by different bands of ringers during the course of the day. The members attended evensong at 3 p.m. in the Cathedral. The canticles were sung to Calkin's well-known setting in B flat, and the anthem was Ouseley's grand composition—"It came even to pass." The hymn "Stand up and bless the Lord" was sung before, and "Blessed City, heavenly Salem" after the address, which was given by the Dean from Psalm cl. 3-5. The organist (Dr. Charlton Palmer), played (by request), as an opening voluntary, Wesley's "Hosworthy Bells," and after service Mendelssohn's famous March from "Athalie." The collection for the Cathedral Reparation Fund amounted to £3 1s. 5d.

As has been already stated, exactly 200 sat down to tea

in St. Margaret's Hall. The Mayor of Canterbury (F. Bennett Goldney, Esq., F.S.A.), presided, and was supported by the Dean, the Bishop of Dover, Archdeacon Spooner (Vice-presidents), Miss Macalpine Leny, Revs. P. A. L. Clarke (St. Alphege, Canterbury); V. Batson Brookland, G. Brocklehurst (Newchurch), the Hon. Sec., and members of the Committee. In accordance with annual custom, "God save the King" was sung at the end of the tea.

Mr. E. Trendell (Secretary of the Canterbury District), then rose to tender the thanks of the members to the Dean for his interesting and inspiring address.

The Dean, in his reply, said he knew something of ringing, as he had learned to handle a rope when an undergraduate at Oxford, and before coming to Canterbury had had the charge of the well-known peal at St. Michael's, Cornhill.

The Hon. Secretary, being called upon by the Mayor to read the annual report, said he wished to call the attention of members to a couple of points in the Rules which did not seem to be generally understood. The first was that no man ought to be an "unattached" member, if there is in his immediate neighbourhood a band of ringers whom he might join; the second, that a man leaving the Association cannot be re-elected until the lapse of three years. The Report showed among other things, that there were now over 1,100 members, and 98 towers in union. The balance-sheet attested the financial prosperity of the Association.

On the proposition of Mr. F. J. Ring (Swanscombe), seconded by Mr. W. Haigh (Rochester Cathedral and Gillingham), the Report and Balance-Sheet were adopted.

The Hon. Secretary then proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor for presiding, which was seconded by Mr. T. Mannering (Maidstone), and carried with acclamation.

The Mayor gave the members a hearty welcome to the city of Canterbury, and complimented them on the progress made in the Art as well as in numbers.

The officers were re-elected, the Rev. P. A. L. Clarke being put on the Committee in place of C. W. Blaxland, late of Hythe. The Cathedral belfry was again visited, and touch after touch succeeded each other till after 8 p.m. It is hoped that all who wanted a pull on the Cathedral bells were afforded an opportunity. Certainly, if the amount of ringing is any criterion, they ought to have had it. But it takes a lot of ringing to satisfy 200 men, many of them peal-ringers, and one so greedy of ringing, as not so long ago to have gone in for over twelve hours without stopping!

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

A successful meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, May 29th, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark. It was the first of its kind held at this church, and proved a most instructive gathering. The bells were raised about 4 p.m., and were kept going in different methods till 8 o'clock. The touches in the more difficult ones were well struck, but those of Grandsire were none too good, the reason being there was a large number of learners in them. The business meeting was held at 8 p.m. in the large vestry of the church, and quite a full room we had. The Master, Mr. W. G. Matthews, took the chair supported by nearly all the other officers and committee-men. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and signed the Secretary said the Rector had

written, hoping he would be able to be present to welcome them, but was prevented at the last minute. Three new members were elected, one belonging to the local companions, and two to St. Mary's parish church, Battersea. Several items of finance were disposed of, and a statement was made that good progress was being done with the photos for the certificate which is to be issued. It was proposed and carried that the next meeting be held at the parish church, Streatham, S.W., for which arrangements were being completed by the district committee representative, Mr. F. J. Hairs, for the last Saturday in July, of which notice will be given in "THE BELL NEWS," also in the towers. Two members—Messrs. T. H. Taftender and G. R. Fardon were elected to represent the Association on the Central Council; through pressure of business it was omitted at the annual meeting. This with a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, brought the business part to a close, during the latter part of which the Leeds and District friends had arrived, they with some of the members went up into the tower to ring some touches on the handbells, it being too late to use the tower bells. Afterwards they adjourned to a room at The George inn, in the Borough High Street. This inn is one of the few left in the High Street, famous for its connection with Charles Dickens. This brought the meeting to a close, everyone having enjoyed themselves.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Monmouth on Whit-Monday. In the morning a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but was lost after ringing 2 hrs. 35 mins. At 3 o'clock a service was held in the parish church, and was conducted by the Rev. A. M. Debenends. Following the service the business meeting was held in the vestry. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Instructors reports taken; new members elected; subscriptions paid in, and after the usual vote of thanks, the bells were again requisitioned, and kept going till just 6 o'clock. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. The Ringing-Master of St. Mary's tower, Monmouth (Mr. W. Honeyfield, and an ex-Mayor of Monmouth also), with his usual generosity, kindly invited all present at the meeting to a meat tea. Opportunity is now taken of according that gentleman the Association's best thanks, and also to Mr. T. H. Jones, the energetic and genial steeplekeeper, for doing his utmost to make the meeting a success. The Vicar of the parish had been good enough to grant the use of the bells for the whole of the day, and it was hoped that a peal would be scored, as it is just twenty-three years since the last peal rung on them. The weather was delightful, and a very successful and pleasant meeting it proved to be.

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Correspondence.

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

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—I have just recollected that last year Mr. Joseph W. Parker raised a question whether forty was the greatest number of P blocks true together. Take (4) in the form 5671234 and write all other leader circles with 1 in the middle: for each combination of three before 1 there will be a certain combination of three behind 1, and both the three before and the three behind may be permuted; now of the nine:—

5671234	5671342	5671423
6751234	6751342	6751423
7561234	7561342	7561423

no two run true together; and, similarly, of the nine:—

6571324	6571243	6571432
5761324	5761243	5761432
7651324	7651243	7651432

no two run true together.

Hence the 360 leader circles may be arranged in forty groups of nine such that no two members of any one group run true together, and therefore of the 360 not more than forty run true together.

W. H. THOMPSON.

CHELSEA SURPRISE MINOR.

SIR,—I beg to state that 720 of the above was rung at Capel on January 25th, 1889, by the Capel branch of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, so that the 720 rung at West Clandon and reported in "THE BELL NEWS" of June 5th, cannot be the first by the Winchester Guild, as stated. I may also state that about 1888-9 the Capel Branch rang all the Surprise Minor methods published in the "Clavis." With all courtesy due to young aspirants.

E. JORDAN.

THE DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES AT SWANWICK.

SIR,—In your issue of May 29th, 1909, appears a date touch of Grandsire Doubles rung at Swanwick, composed and conducted by Mr. F. Kay. It is not often that you see the composer's name attached to Grandsire Doubles, and seeing that there are numerous variations of original 1208 in Snowdon's "Grandsire," I should be glad if Mr. Kay would send me the composition of his date touch claimed.

JAMES PAGETT.

107, Abbey Street, Derby.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT DEANE, LANCASHIRE.—This is the longest peal by the Lancashire Association. After a pleasant ride of about seven miles across the country from Worsley to Deane, the Worsley contingent arrived at Deane about 9.30 a.m. We were soon joined by the other members of the band, and at once made tracks for the belfry. After removing coats and waistcoats, and most of us our boots, we just tried the length of the ropes, and adjusting them to our liking the conductor cried "go, Treble Bob Kent." We started rather slow, not more than twenty-eight changes to the minute, and getting gradually quicker settled down to thirty. All went along very well, every man doing his best right away to the end, which was reached in 6 hrs. 40 mins. Immediately the bells came into rounds the Vicar of Deane entered the belfry and congratulated the ringers on their success. He said that it was the most musical peal he had ever heard, and the striking was very good. He promised to give a medal to the ringers, and to have their names written on. On leaving the belfry the ringers were met by their brother-strings and a crowd of the villagers, who heartily congratulated them on their success. Mr. Joseph Gregory, of Great Lever, a ringer, who had listened to the peal, said that the striking had been very good, averaging about thirty to the minute. Mrs. Roscoe kindly invited all the ringers to tea, which was very welcome, as we were feeling rather hungry, most of us having had breakfast early. After tea the

handbells were brought out, and after ringing several touches and tunes on them, Richard Ridyard played the plain course of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major on the piano. Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, which are a very good peal, having recently been recast by the Loughborough firm; and to Mrs. Roscoe for the excellent tea which she provided gratis. A very enjoyable day was brought to a close by a hearty handshake all round about 10 p.m.

J. R.

THE PEAL AT EDMONTON.—Mr. F. Radley's fifty peals.—On six bells, 5; Grandsire Triples, 5; Stedman Triples, 3; Bob Major, 1; Treble Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich, 3; Superlative Surprise, 18; London Surprise, 10; Bristol Surprise, 3; Treble Bob Royal, 1. Total 50.

THE ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On a recent Wednesday evening, at the Deanery, a very pleasing function took place in the presentation to Mr. H. L. Waddington of a handsome silver flower bowl, beautifully chased, with the following inscription: "St. Albans Cathedral Society of Change-Ringers. Presented to Mr. H. L. Waddington, May, 1909."

The Dean, in presenting it, alluded to Mr. Waddington's long connection (a period of over twenty-four years) with the society as hon. secretary, and in the course of his remarks expressed the hope that he might again return to take up his residence amongst them.

Mr. Waddington, in replying with feeling, said he was taken by surprise in receiving such a handsome present, as he thought he had been already sufficiently recompensed by the honour of having been elected a life member of the Society.

Among those present (in addition to the Dean) were the Rev. Canon Glossop, Messrs. Whitbread (conductor), Hammond (treasurer), Dicken (secretary), T. P. Coombs, N. N. Hills, J. E. Randall, J. Earwicker, and Goodenough. Several letters of apology for inability to attend were received.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Ickleton on Whit-Monday, which was well attended. A tea was provided in the reading room. The Vicar, the Rev. F. J. Tackley, presided, supported by the Rev. R. L. Twells, general secretary. There were also members from Cambridge, Fulbourn, Royston, Stansted, Sawston, Shelford and the local band to the number of twenty-eight. The Rev. F. J. Tackley was elected an honorary member. Four places were proposed for the next district meeting, and on the chairman's casting vote Fulbourn was selected, the meeting to take place in October. A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Lewis for the use of the room, also to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding. The latter, in reply, said he was very pleased to welcome the Association to Ickleton, and he hoped to see them there again. He would be pleased for them to come and ring Ickleton church bells whenever they wished.

During the evening some good touches were brought round including 720 Oxford, 720 Kent, 360 Plain Bob, and 720 Woodbine, being the first on the bells, by members representing three counties—Cambridge 2, Essex 2, Herts. 2. G. Taylor, J. Luckey, P. Webb, W. Watts, A. Wilkerson, R. King conductor. Other touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob were also brought round until 9 o'clock.

JOHANNESBURGH, SOUTH AFRICA.

On Monday, May 10th, at St. Alban's Vicarage, 720 Bob Minor. E. F. Behan, 1-2; Rev. G. H. Ridout (conductor), 3-4; C. W. Kearns, 5-6. And 720 with F. Powell, 5-6. First double-handed rung in Africa. Also several 1208 of Stedman Doubles rung in February, and Grandsire Doubles rung in December. First double-handed by all except the conductor. Mr. Powell has only recently come to the Transvaal. The nearest ring of bells is about 700 miles away, at Grahamstown, and the proposed ring for St. Mary's church here is still in cloudland.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 24th; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 28th; at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side, on the 29th, all at 8 p.m. A district meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday the 26th. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Will members who accept the Vicar's kind invitation to tea at the Mission Room, Hartland Road, please let me know by the 24th at the latest.

WILLIAM T. COBERILL, *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, July 3rd at the parish church of St. Leonard, Streatham, S.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.30 p.m. The business meeting will take place at 8 p.m. All ringers are heartily invited.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Next meeting at Burstow, to-day, Sat., June 19th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 Tea by invitation of the Rector of Burstow 5.30.

ROBERT J. DAWK, *Div. Hon. Sec.*
15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Totham, to-day, Sat., June 19th. Tea will be provided by the Vicar.

Coggeshall. ERNEST W. BECKWITH.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's Church, Chipping, on Saturday, June 19th. Bell's at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bath to-day, Sat., June 19th. Dinner at the Abbey Church House at 1.15. Meeting to follow. Service in the Abbey at 4 p.m. The following bells are available: Abbey—11 to 1 p.m., 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, St. Mary's, Twerton, St. James's, St. Michael's, Christ Church (8 bells); St. Mark's (Weston), Newton, Batheaston, and Bathford (6 bells).

Taunton. E. E. BURGESS.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Christchurch District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lymington to-day, Sat., June 19th.

G. PRESTON, *Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Newhey to-day, Sat., June 19th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

Lavenham (Suffolk).—The tower will be open for ringing from 10.30 a.m. till 8.30 p.m. on Monday, June 21st. Visitors will be made welcome.

A. SYMONDS, *Steeplekeeper.*

Central Northamptonshire Association.—The dedication service for the new peal of six bells at Cogenhoe, Northants., will be held on

Thursday, June 24th, at 3.45. Tea after the service. The tower will be open in the evening to all ringing friends.

F. WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Aldenham on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available at 3.30. Tea 9d. per head at The Chequers at 5.30. All members and friends welcome.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available at 2: Cathedral (10), St. Mary's (8), and St. Michael's (6). Service in Cathedral at 4, at which all members are requested to attend. Tea in Pool Walk schoolroom at 5.45; members (fully paid), 6d.; others 1s., to be followed by General Meeting. Those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than June 21st.

H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

38, Leicester Street, Wolverhampton.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoke Prior on Saturday, June 26th. Service with address by the Vicar (Rev. C. Stockdale) at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea can be provided for those requiring it at a charge of 1s., if notice is sent me by Wednesday, June 28th.

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

Bransford, Worcester.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held on Saturday, June 26th, at St. Michael's church, Blackburn. New peal of eight by Mears. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stretford on Saturday, June 26th. Bells ready at 5. The Rector will address the meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Saffron Walden Society.—Established 1623.—The 286th anniversary of the above society will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Dinner at The King's Arms inn at 1.30 p.m.

ERNEST A. PITSTOW, *Hon. Sec.*

The Bedfordshire Association.—The summer festival will be held at Turvey on Saturday, June 26th. The peal of eight bells in the tower, and a set of handbells, will be available during the day. Dinner at 1s. 3d., and tea at 6d. each, will be provided at 1.15 and 5.30. Service in church at 5. Preacher—Rev. J. V. Bullard. A cricket match will be played between the Turvey club and the members of the Association.

REV. A. RUST, } *Hon. Secs.*
I. HILLS,

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Alfreton (8 bells), on Saturday, June 26th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m.

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

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Tong on Saturday, June 26th. Peal attempt 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Greyhound inn at 7.30 p.m.

GEO. W. STACK, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, July 3rd. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea will be provided (free) at The George and Dragon inn at 5.45, followed

by business meeting. By kind permission of the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon, the rectory grounds will be thrown open to members. All members intending to be present at tea, are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, June 30th.

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

26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Will those attending tea kindly inform Mr. T. Pateman, Node Gardens, Welwyn, Herts, not later than Thursday, July 1st.

H. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Chipping Norton (Oxon) on Saturday, July 17th. Special train will leave Oxford at 10.28 a.m. Service in the parish church at 12 noon. Preacher—the Lord Bishop of Oxford, President of the Guild. Business meeting in parish church room at 12.45. Dinner in Town Hall at 1.45. Dinner tickets at 2s each will be forwarded to those members only who send the money with the order, and their ringing qualifications to me on or before Saturday, July 10th. The whole amount will be refunded to change-ringing members, and 1s. each to probationers present at the dinner.

ALBERT E. REEVES, *Festival Secretary.*
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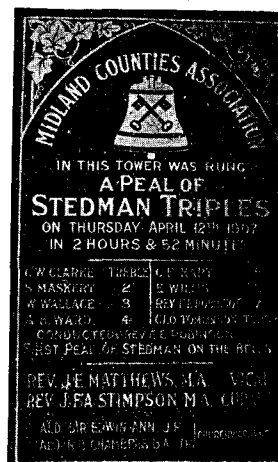
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The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, SOUTH HACKNEY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt.

WILLIAM HOTTEN* Treble.	JAMES BULLOCK 5.
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Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

*First peal.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. .. Treble.	GEORGE RADLEY 5.
JAMES SAXBY 2.	WILBY J. HAZELL 6.
GEORGE A. CARD 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
JOHN H. BENSTEAD 4.	GEORGE PAICE Tenor.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Hazell, being his first peal in the method with a bob bell.

The Provinces.**GORING, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wednesday, May 26, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,***A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

A. MOBEY*	Treble.	J. BOWER	4.
A. SPOKES	2.	J. WEDGE	5.
W. NAFFER†	3.	G. WILSON	Tenor.

*Conducted by G. WILSON.***First peal of Minor. †First peal. Rung as a thankoffering to Mr. Thos. Higgs, on his recovery from a very serious illness.***BIRCHINGTON-ON-SEA, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 29, 1909, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,**AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.***Tenor 15½ cwt.*

EDWARD TRENDALL	Treble.	WILLIAM E. PITMAN	6.
FREDK. G. BRETT	2.	JAMES E. DAVIS	7.
GEORGE THOMSON	3.	WILLIAM WENBAN	8.
ALFRED WINCH	4.	EDWIN G. BUESDEN	9.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	5.	WM. H. B. WILKINS	Tenor.

*Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.***CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***(NUNEATON SOCIETY.)**On Tuesday, June 1, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.***Tenor 13½ cwt.*

ARTHUR R. ALDHAM	Treble.	JAMES F. CLARKE	5.
JOSEPH H. WHITE	2.	HERBERT CURE	6.
WALTER MARTIN	3.	HARRY ARGYLE	7.
GLADSTONE WINTER	4.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	Tenor.

*Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.**First peal of Major on the bells.***BRISTOL.****GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, June 1, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.***Tenor 36 cwt.*

CHARLES DOWNING	Treble.	GILBERT WILTSHIRE	6.
WILLIAM LANSDOWN	2.	SPENCER M DODINGTON	7.
FRED G. MAY	3.	*WILLIAM STOWELL	8.
ALBERT STOWELL	4.	ISAAC LONG	9.
FRANK K. HOWELL	5.	HENRY T. HOWELL	Tenor.

*Composed and Conducted by F. G. MAY.**This peal was arranged for the ringer of the 7th, whose first peal it was on ten with a working bell, *First peal on ten bells.***DEANE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, June 4, 1909, in Six Hours and Forty Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 12,000 CHANGES;***IN THE KENT VARIATION.**Tenor 14 cwt.*

ROBERT DUCKWORTH	Treble.	TITUS BARLOW	5.
JOSEPH LOWE	2.	THOMAS WALLWORK	6.
THOMAS PEERS	3.	RICHARD RIDYARD	7.
ROBERT WALLWORK	4.	JOSEPH RIDYARD	Tenor.

*Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.**Reference elsewhere.***ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.****THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 5, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;***IN THE KENT VARIATION.**Tenor 16½ cwt.*

THOMAS W. GORE	Treble.	SOLOMON ROBINSON, SEN.	5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT	2.	SOLOMON ROBINSON, JUN.	6.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	3.	WILLIAM H. TURTON	7.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	4.	JOHN FLINT	Tenor.

*Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.***PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 5, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.***Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.*

FREDERICK BORRETT	Treble.	CHARLES ROOPE	5.
CLEMENT MORE	2.	FREDERICK ROOPE	6.
ALFRED SMITH	3.	WILLIAM ROOPE	7.
GEORGE ARCHER	4.	WILLIAM STEELE	Tenor.

*Composed by N. J. FITSIOW, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.***GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 5, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,***A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.***Tenor 15 cwt.*

ALFRED F. HILLIER	Treble.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	5.
WILLIAM T. ROBSON	2.	WILLIAM STORY	6.
JOSEPH W. PARKER	3.	WILLIAM H. BARBER	7.
ROBERT W. FALCONER	4.	JOHN STUART	Tenor.

*Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, and Conducted by WM. H. BARBER**This is the first peal ever rung in this method.***ALDENHAM, HERTS.****THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 5, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,***A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.***Tenor 15 cwt.*

FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW Treble.	WILLIAM WARD	5.
HENRY HODGETTS	FREDERICK WHITE	6.
ARTHUR W. DIX	GEORGE N. PRICE	7.
HUBERT EDEN	ALFRED B. PECK	Tenor.

*Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by ALFRED B. PECK.***SONNING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***(READING BRANCH.)**On Saturday, June 5, 1909, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.***Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.*

WALTER WEBB	Treble.	JOSEPH HANDS	5.
CHARLES GILES	2.	JOHN SWAIN	6.
LEWIS GREEN	3.	HENRY TUCKER	7.
GEORGE ESSEX	4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY	Tenor.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD WILLIAMSON .. Treble.	ARTHUR ROBINSON 3.
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2.	VICTOR CLARKE 4.
FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT Tenor.	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

Rung to welcome the Rev. T. L. Coulson Bridges to the living of Barton Seagrave.

HEADCORN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

FRED J. LAMBERT Treble.	FRED BUTCHERS 5.
CHARLES TRIBE 2.	EDWIN LAMBERT 6.
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 3.	IM BRACH 7.
ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 4.	*PHILLIP HODGKIN Tenor.

Composed by W. J. SEVIER, and Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

First peal of Kent on the bells. First in the method as conductor.
*First in the method.

STANFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN J. JACKSON Treble.	ALBERT MASON 5.
EDWARD JACKSON 2.	THOMAS BOTTRILL 6.
ALEX BRAMLEY 3.	JAMES HARRIS 7.
DANIEL RICHARDS 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

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WINTERTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

CHARLES PIDGEON Treble.	DENISON HAYWARD 4.
JOHN R. BALLS 2.	WILLIAM A. ARNOTT 5.
GEORGE ORFORD 3.	FREDK. PESTALL Tenor.

Conducted by DENISON HAYWARD.

First peal on the bells.

MONKS ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES VARO Treble.	JESSE HOGGAR 4.
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. 2.	ARTHUR KEEBLE 5.
W. R. J. POULSON 3.	WILLIAM STIFF Tenor.

Conducted by W. STIFF.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 7, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST WICKHAM Treble.	THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 5.
JAMES COTTERELL 2.	JOSEPH BROADLEY 6.
JOHN PALFRAMAN 3.	REV. B. TYRWHITT DRAKE 7.
JONAS S. AMBLER 4.	JOHN JOYCE Tenor.

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

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 8, 1909, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES PRATT Treble.	LEONARD BULLOCK 5.
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2.	GEORGE ROBINSON 6.
REV. E. V. COX 3.	WALTER WALLACE 7.
THOMAS DICKEN 4.	WALTER J. COPE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WALTER WALLACE.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.

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On Saturday, June 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE A. SMITH Treble.	HENRY PAGE 5.
EDWIN HARPER 2.	WILLIAM RIGBY 6.
SIDNEY CHURTON 3.	FREDERICK PAGE 7.
JOHN WOODWARD 4.	CHARLES PAGE Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY PAGE.

SUNDERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. SMALLWOOD Treble.	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 5.
ROBERT W. LOVIE 2.	J. J. LEIGHTON 6.
RALPH A. LOVIE 3.	FRANK NAISBY 7.
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Composed by J. W. PARKER, and
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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE 5.
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A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble.	CHARLES PALMER 5.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 2.	RICHARD STREDWICK 6.
EDWARD C. MERRITT 3.	WILLIAM C. HART 7.
HENRY STALHAM 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, and
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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
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AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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Tenor 10 cwt, 1 qr. 13 lbs.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble.	*J. W. DOUGHTY 5.
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SIDNEY STAINES* 3.	†EDWARD BARKER 7.
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Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal. †First peal on eight bells.

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On Saturday, June 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lbs.

DAVID COLLINS Treble.	PERCIVAL WOODS 5.
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER 2.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6.
GEORGE ROWE, JUN. 3.	PETER LAFLIN 7.
WILLIAM GRIMES 4.	JAMES G. RUMSEY Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and
Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

Rung as a 27th birthday compliment to the tenor man.

Handbell Peals.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, June 9, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT 10, WELLGATE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.

WILLIAM J. THYNG 1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN 5-6.
ALBERT NASH 3-4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER 7-8.
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY 9-10.	

Composed and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—George Oakes.

The following peals were rung as a farewell compliment to the REV. CANON T. L. PAPILLON, late Master of the Essex Association, who has taken up his residence at St. Albans:—

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WALTER LILLEY* Treble.	HARRY RICHELL 5.
ARTHUR EDWARDS 2.	GEORGE GREEN 6.
FREDERICK GILL 3.	ARTHUR HEAD 7.
CHARLES WASKETT 4.	HENRY F. COOPER Tenor.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

*First peal in the method.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E.

ARTHUR EDWARDS Treble.	THOMAS LINCOLN 6.
GEORGE GREEN* 2.	†FREDERICK GILL 7.
WILLIAM ROWLAND, JUN. 3.	HENRY HEAD 8.
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4.	HENRY F. COOPER 9.
ARTHUR HEAD 5.	HENRY R. ROLFE Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT, and
Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

*First peal of Grandsire Caters. †First peal of Grandsire. This is the conductor's rooth peal.

The two following peals were arranged by the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association for P.C. RICHARD NEWTON, of the Manchester City Police Force.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

W. J. MITCHELL* Treble.	J. METCALFE 6.
W. HOLMES* 2.	J. W. NEWTON 7.
A. SIMPSON* 3.	RICHARD NEWTON 8.
E. BURNETT 4.	*S. T. WRIGHT 9.
J. BAXTER 5.	T. METCALFE Tenor.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. *First peal of Royal.

ORMESBY, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lbs. in E.

R. ALCOCK Treble.	RICHARD NEWTON 5.
J. W. NEWTON 2.	A. MACFARLANE 6.
W. NEWTON 3.	T. METCALFE 7.
J. G. HALL 4.	*G. JACKSON Tenor.

Conducted by T. METCALFE.

*First peal in the method.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The time of the peal of Stedman Triples at Ashted on May 31st, was 2 hrs. 49 mins., and not 2 hrs. 59 mins. as reported.—The date of the handbell peals of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters at Thornton Heath was Sunday, May 30th, and not as reported.—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Clare should read Reeves's Variation of Holt's Ten-Part, not Holt's Ten-Part as printed.

Date Touches.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

DAGENHAM.—On June 12th, a date touch 1909 Plain Bob Minor in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Hawkins, C. Rochester, E. Hawkins, A. Chaplin, G. Playle conductor, F. Freestone.

Miscellaneous.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

KELSE.—On Sunday, June 6th, at St. Peter's church, for Divine Service, 1024 changes of Bob Major in 36 mins. W. Fleming, W. Drew, J. W. Avis, P. May, H. Phillips, H. Thompson, F. G. Thompson conductor, G. Hardy. The longest touch by the ringer of the 4th, who is only 13 years of age.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

FELTHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, June 6th, at St. Catharine's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. J. Loche, F. Garrett, A. Denford, E. Ridgely, A. R. Macdonald, J. Merrick, J. Edwards conductor, M. Macdonald.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HARPENDEN (Herts).—On Sunday, June 6th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. C. Dellar, G. Newson, R. Coburn, H. Burgess, E. Bolton, B. Jarman conductor, D. Dellar, S. Barns.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLEWBURY (Oxon).—On Sunday evening, May 9th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. E. Aldridge, C. Gregory, F. James, G. Caudwell, J. Sawyer, A. R. Bosley conductor, E. Bannister, T. Aldworth.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Mon.).—On Sunday, May 30th, at All Saints' church, for evening service, several plain courses and 168 of Stedman Triples. J. W. Jones, C. Bowen, J. Bullen, S. Jones, F. Charles, A. E. Morgan, J. Pippin, S. Balss. First 168 in the method by the band.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HESTON (Middlesex).—On Sunday afternoon, June 6th, for Confirmation Service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 45 mins. W. F. Ellingham, E. R. Gladman, C. S. Bird, T. J. Barker, C. I. Edwards, S. Carter conductor, H. C. Chandler, W. J. Watson.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

MORTON.—On March 20th, 720 Ipswich Surprise. J. Marvin, J. W. Lake conductor, C. Neaverson, A. I. Holmes, J. Osborne, T. L. Bainbridge. First 720 by all the band and in the county.

EDENHAM.—March 27th, 720 Primrose Surprise. S. Cooper, J. W. Lake conductor, C. Neaverson, A. I. Holmes, J. Osborne, T. L. Bainbridge. First 720 by all the band and in the county.

BOURNE.—On April 3rd, 720 Bourne Surprise. J. Neal, J. W. Lake conductor, C. Neaverson, A. I. Holmes, J. Osborne, T. L. Bainbridge.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Easter Sunday, April 11th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. T. Thompson, T. Metcalfe, W. H. Dennison, J. Huddleston, W. S. Forshaw, J. Burrows conductor. On April 18th, for evening service, 720 London New Bob. T. R. Jackson conductor, T. Metcalfe, W. H. Dennison, J. Huddleston, W. S. Forshaw, J. Burrows. On May 2nd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. T. R. Jackson conductor, J. T. Thompson, W. H. Dennison, J. Huddleston, W. S. Forshaw, J. Burrows. On May 4th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. T. Bell, J. Williams, T. Metcalfe, J. Huddleston, W. S. Forshaw, J. Burrows conductor. On May 9th, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. T. R. Jackson conductor, J. Huddleston,

T. Metcalfe, T. Suart, W. S. Forshaw, J. Burrows. On Whit-Sunday, May 30th, for early service, 720 Bob Minor. T. R. Jackson conductor, J. T. Thompson, T. Metcalfe, T. Suart, J. Huddleston, J. Burrows. Also for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, conducted by T. Suart, standing as before.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SCARBOROUGH.—On February 4th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Cole, J. R. Barton, A. Coates, H. Ferguson, H. Gibson, J. Dixie conductor. On Monday, February 22nd, on the occasion of the visit of the Archbishop of York, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 3 hrs. 14 mins. T. Cole, T. Haigh, J. R. Barton, H. Ferguson, F. Alexandra, J. Dixie conductor, H. Gibson, F. Davison. On Sunday, March 21st, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire. J. Fergus, T. Cole, J. R. Barton, A. Coates, H. Ferguson, H. Gibson, J. Dixie conductor, R. Mansfield. On Sunday, March 28th, 504 as above. On March 31st, 720 Bob Minor. H. Milner, J. R. Barton conductor, A. Coates, H. Gibson, H. Ferguson, J. Dixie. On May 9th, for service, 434 Grandsire. J. Fryers, H. Milner, A. Coates, H. Gibson, H. Ferguson, J. R. Barton, J. Dixie conductor, T. Cole. On Tuesday, May 18th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 minutes. J. Fryers, A. Coates, H. Milner, H. Gibson, H. Ferguson, J. R. Barton, J. Dixie, T. Cole. First quarter-peal as conductor, and first quarter-peal by No. 3.

WHITBY.—On Sunday, May 23rd, 1008 of Biob Triples. T. Steel, Wm. Breckon, Frank Hodgson, Fred W. Hodgson, Wm. Knaggs, J. Waters, G. F. Alexander, G. Hill. On Sunday, June 6th, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 47 mins. T. Steel, Wm. Breckon, Frank Hodgson, Fred W. Hodgson, J. W. Lowther, G. F. Alexander, Wm. Harland, G. Hill. Also a quarter-peal in the same method. T. Steel, Wm. Breckon, Frank Hodgson, Fred W. Hodgson, J. W. Lowther, J. Waters, G. F. Alexander, G. Hill. The above touches are the longest yet rung by the company.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TAMWORTH (Staffs).—On Sunday, May 30th, as a token of respect to the late Bishop Anson, of Lichfield, who died the previous week, for morning service, a 630 Grandsire Triples with the bells half muffled. J. Windrige, A. Marks, A. Chaplin, W. Chapman, J. H. Chapman, C. Chapman, R. P. Brindley conductor, J. H. Challerton. For evening service a quarter-peal of Bob Major 1260, in 48 mins. A. Chaplin, Rev. E. V. Cox, J. W. Timms, W. Chapman, J. H. Chapman, C. Chapman, R. P. Brindley, J. Pratt conductor.

GRIMSBY (Lincolnshire).—On Monday two attempts were made, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, for a peal of Stedman and Kent Treble Bob. At St. Andrew's 2016 Stedman Triples. H. Rushby, J. W. Seamer, Ed. Gobey, J. Rennington, F. H. Dexter, G. C. Long, R. Clifford conductor, C. Taylor. At St. James's, 1800 Kent Treble Bob. H. Rushby, F. H. Dexter conductor, G. C. Long, C. Taylor, R. Clifford, Ed. Gobey, J. Rennington, J. W. Seamer.

MILTON ABBEY (Dorset).—On the occasion of the annual meeting of the Salisbury Guild on May 25th, 504 Stedman Triples. John Thomas conductor, M. Stewart, F. Townsend, Rev. F. L. Edwards, W. Ingham, J. Hack, G. White, J. Hyde.

PETERBOROUGH.—On May 27th, at St. Mary's, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. R. Rowell, E. Tilley, R. W. Frow, G. Jntson, J. Jntson, W. Johnson conductor. R. W. Frow is from Woodford, Essex.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, June 2nd, on the occasion of the institution of the Rev. C. F. Peplow as Vicar of the parish by the Bishop of Islington, 384 Superlative Surprise Major. G. Bester, Rupert Richardson, W. Pickworth, J. Armstrong, F. G. Tegg, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor.

WINDSOR.—On Sunday, June 6th, at St. John's, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. T.

Smith, H. V. Cox, A. Blake, L. Stilwell conductor, A. Andrews, R. Flaxman, W. Welling, A. Pither.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, June 5th, at St. Mary's church, 720 New London Pleasure. H. Gladwell conductor, H. Crick, A. Hollocks, T. Reed, H. D. Poulson, H. Poulson.

STOCKSLEY.—On Tuesday, June 8th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. B. Bowes, W. Clarkson, A. C. Bowes, J. W. Whittle, H. H. Bowes, R. Newton. Also short touches of College Single and Oxford Bob Minor, specially arranged to meet Mr. Newton, from Manchester.

PLYMOUTH.—On Tuesday, June 8th, at Charles church, 540 Stedman Caters. W. H. Marsh, H. Bennett, W. G. Hiscott, G. F. Williams conductor, W. Rundle, G.

Stroud, F. Hockaday, G. H. Myers, E. W. Marsh, W. Ford. Also 336 Stedman Triples and 270 Grandsire Caters, C. Eales and T. Sinnet taking part, conducted by E. W. Marsh.

SPALDING.—On Wednesday, June 9th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mids. W. Bennett, Rev. C. J. Sturton, F. Bennett, J. B. Halifax, H. Eley, R. Smith, R. Mackman, sen. conductor, R. Mackman. Tenor 18 cwt. It may be interesting to note that the ringer of the tenor is only 15 years of age.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On Friday, May 28th, at St. John the Baptist church, 720 London Surprise. S. Bird, S. Hayes, H. Torble, G. A. Black, W. Miller conductor. W. J. Nevard. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise. F. Squires, W. Miller, S. Hayes, S. Bird, H. Torble, W. J. Nevard conductor.

The above were rung to oblige Mr. Nevard, who bails from Great Bentley. On Whit-Sunday, May 30th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Theobald, G. A. Black, G. Dawson, F. Squires, W. Miller conductor, H. Torble. 720 Cambridge Surprise. S. Bird, H. J. Tucker, G. A. Black, W. Miller conductor, G. Dawson, J. Moule.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, June 13th, at St. Giles's church, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Jones, S. Lawrence, T. Law, H. Key, C. Sears, W. Roberts, F. Hopper conductor, E. James.

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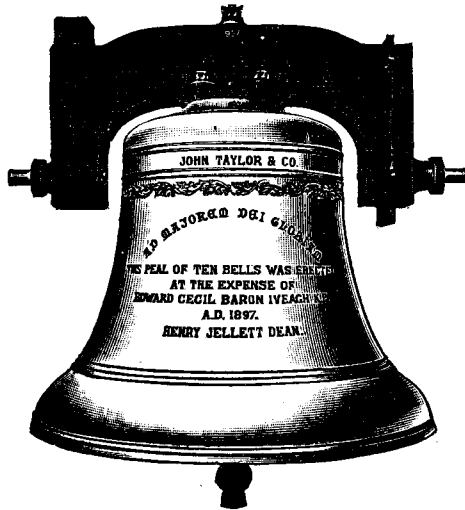
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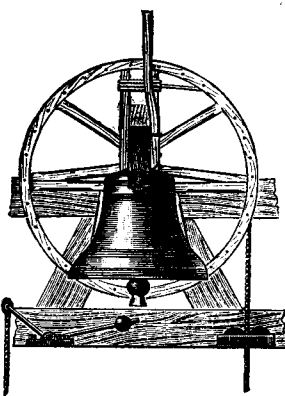
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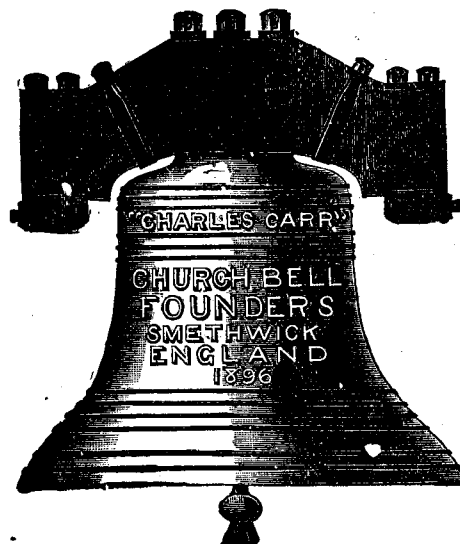
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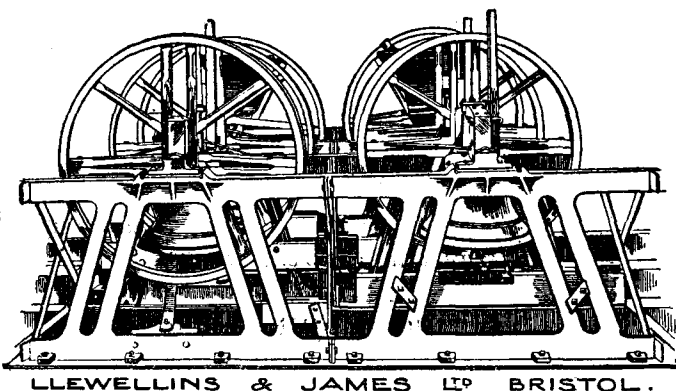
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The quarterly meeting was held at Holy Trinity, Coalbrookdale on Saturday, 22nd, when in addition to the local company members were present from Shifnal, Market Drayton, Shrewsbury (St. Chad's, St. Alkmund's, and St. Michael's), Birmingham (St. Martin's), Malinslee, Little Wenlock, Dawley, and Albrighton. The tower was open at 3 p.m. Mr. J. E. Groves was among the first to arrive and he, in his usual style, rang 2-3 through a touch of Grandsire Triples, the other six being local ringers. The bells were kept going in Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. At 4.45 all the members and friends, numbering about forty, attended a short service kindly arranged by the Vicar (Rev. C. B. Crowe), who delivered a very telling address. Mr. Bradney arrived with his band as the service was progressing, having been engaged at Wellington parish church to ring a muffled peal for the late Mr. Herbert Meyrick, son of Sir Thomas Meyrick, of Apley Castle, near Wellington. After the service a group photograph was taken in front of the church by Mr. Saunders, of Coalbrookdale, who will supply copies.

The party then went to Trinity Hall to partake of a good tea which the Vicar and churchwardens had kindly provided, the Vicar presiding over the business meeting which followed. The minutes of the last meeting, held at Whitchurch, were read. Mr. Bradney raised the question about the use of St. Mary's bells (Shrewsbury), for the annual meeting. The secretary was instructed to write the Vicar on the matter. The minutes were then ratified. Letters of regret at being unable to attend the meeting were read from Mr. J. Carter and Mr. W. Short. New members were then elected.

A long discussion took place with regard to the steps being taken at the Abbey Church, Shrewsbury, it being understood that the bells are to be hung for chiming only, and not for ringing. This intelligence came as a great shock to ringers of the locality, these bells being held to be one of the finest rings of eight in the county. It is often wondered why it is that Shrewsbury, with her grand rings of bells, do not shine so prominently as she ought. The ring of twelve at St. Chad's, for instance, is seldom rung, and then only in Grandsire or Stedman Triples, with the back bells mixed up; and the St. Mary's splendid ring of ten—shall we say never heard? Two years ago, at the annual meeting, the Guild did manage to get the use of them, when it was found almost impossible to raise the back bells at all. If the writer's memory is correct a rope had to be spliced round the front end. The ringing-chamber could not have had brush or duster round it for years. Making full allowance for the General Hospital being so near, also that the tower is thought to be somewhat unsafe, the writer is still of the opinion that if the bells were rung a little oftener, and better looked after, both tower and bells would be much safer when ringers were about them. And as Shrewsbury is blessed with enough smart and keen change-ringers to keep all her bells going for services and practice, were they given the proper encouragement and liberty, every difficulty which

at present exists would be easily removed. The tower and bells are as important adjuncts to God's temple as any other parts of it.

A deputation was appointed, comprising the hon. secretary (Rev. R. M. Cole-Hamilton) and Messrs. Bradney, Groves, and Weatherby, to wait upon the Vicar of the Abbey Church, to see if something could not be done to get the bells hung for ringing, which will cost very little more.

It was resolved to hold the annual meeting at Shrewsbury. The Rev. R. M. Cole-Hamilton proposed that a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the tower and their kind hospitality. This was seconded by Mr. Jones, and was carried with acclamation, and the Vicar suitably replied.

A splendid picture in water colours of the long peal of Stedman Caters rung at Loughborough on Easter Monday last, giving all the details which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of April 24th last, framed in a bold oak frame, is to be seen in Coalbrookdale tower.

A lovely day in the beautiful valley of Coalbrookdale, now looking its best, and for beauty not easily surpassed, with the beautiful ring of eight by Mears, tenor 20 cwt. (the go and tone of which we will leave the visitors to decide whether they can be surpassed in the county), brought a successful meeting to a close.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The Whit-Monday meeting of this Association was held at Hexham, when there was a good gathering of members. The bells of the Abbey (eight—tenor cwt.) were, through the kindness of the Rector (Canon Savage) and the wardens, available all day, and numerous touches of Stedman and Treble Bob were rung.

Thirty members from Newcastle, Whickham, Sunderland, North Shields, Chester-le-Street, Gosforth, Bishop Wearmouth, West Hartlepool, Darlington, Bishop Auckland, Benwell, and Newton Hall, sat down to dinner at The White Hart hotel.

In the absence of the president—Mr. C. L. Routledge—Mr. J. W. Parker (vice-president) took the chair. He read letters of regret for non-attendance from Mr. Routledge, Canon Savage, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, and Mr. H. James. The result of the vote taken to fix the day for the annual festival was announced—the last Saturday in October being chosen by majority.

A letter was read from Mr. Field resigning his office as secretary, and a vote of thanks for his past services, with an expression of regret that Mr. Field has found it necessary to take such a step was unanimously passed. The chairman announced that the committee had appointed Mr. Charles Todd to be secretary pro tem.

Votes of thanks to the Rector and wardens for the use of the Abbey bells and to Mr. Parker for so ably presiding concluded the meeting.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19th, by the kind invitation of the Rev. H. T. Eyre, a meeting of the north-eastern district was held at Great Totham, members being present from Earls Colne, Goldhanger, Kelvedon, Malden (St. Mary's and All Saints), Braintree, Coggeshall, etc. The visitors also included the newly-elected Master of the Association, Mr. C. H. Howard, also Mr. F. Rudkin, Master of the district. The day being beautifully fine, our host had kindly provided tea on the lawn, to which thirty-three sat down. The district Master presided at the meeting which followed, at which several new members were elected, and Kelvedon suggested as the next meeting-place providing the two tenors are rehung in time. A vote of thanks to the Rev. H. T. Eyre for his kindness concluded the meeting, and the light ring of six in the adjoining church tower were soon going again in several well-known methods. The well-appointed church and beautiful churchyard, the latter of which is kept as level as a lawn, and the adjoining vicarage-garden, are sights worth seeing at this season, and the members who attended were well repaid for the somewhat difficult task of finding the right road to it.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

From the list of members present at the Council Meeting held at the Church House on Whitsun Tuesday, as given in our issue of the 5th inst., it will have been seen that there was a very large attendance. The proceedings commenced by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies announcing that only one nomination had been received for the post of President, and that he need not, he was sure, state that it was Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart. (applause).

The Rev. F. E. Robinson said he had great pleasure in proposing Sir Arthur as the President. He had no hesitation in saying that the longer Sir Arthur presided over the Council meetings, not only did the Council know him better, but through his tact and judgment the more the Council admired him.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill seconded.

The resolution having been carried with acclamation,

Sir Arthur P. Heywood, upon taking the chair, said he was very grateful to his old friend for putting his name before the Council. His aim would be to give every question full consideration, and he valued the confidence reposed in him by the Council. He had at all times endeavoured to discharge the duties to the best advantage for the Exercise, and so he should in the future. He could not do otherwise than express his pleasure, and he believed the joy, of the whole of the members of the Council, that they had among them that day in renewed health, the gentleman who had so kindly proposed him as President. On behalf of the Council he trusted that the rev. gentleman's ambition to ring 1000 peals of Stedman would be accomplished (applause). Proceeding to the election of an Hon. Secretary, the President said there had been but one nomination, and that was the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. He, the President, was perfectly certain that the Council could not have a more efficient Secretary, and if the Council should lose Mr. Davies at any time it would be very difficult to fill the vacancy (applause).

The Rev. F. J. Q. Helmore proposed, and Mr. S. Reeves

seconded the election of Mr. Davies, which was unanimously carried with applause.

The Hon. Secretary said he was extremely grateful to the members of the Council for the manner in which his name had been received, and for re-electing him as Hon. Secretary. It had been a real pleasure to him to do the work of the Council in the past, and he trusted, as he should do his best to discharge the duties in the future, to have the support of all (applause).

FINANCE.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the balance from last year was £33 7s. 6d.; Affiliation fees £12.; Sale of Publications £4 9s. 7d., making a total of £49 17s. 1d. The expenditure included expenses of the Cambridge meeting, £2 14s. 6d.; Printing, £2 17s. 10d.; Postages and Stationery, 19s. 4d.; Expenses of Committees, 5s. 1d.; leaving a balance of £43 0s. 4d. The Publications in the hands of Messrs. Bemrose, would if sold, after deducting commission, realise £133 7s. 2d.; thus making the total balance to the Council's credit £176 7s. 6d. The sales during the year had been:—Preservation of Bells 16; Report on Catalogue of Peals and Calls, 14; Glossary, 19; Model Rules for an Association, 10; Model Rules for a Company, 37; Rules and Decisions of the Council, 11; Bells, Belfries, 4; Collection of Legitimate Methods, 31; Collection of Peals, section I., 20; Collection of Peals, section II., 18; Collection of Peals, section III., 47.

On the proposition of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the accounts, which had been audited by the Standing Committee, were passed.

The Hon. Secretary announced that he had received expressions of regret for absence from the Revs. H. E. Tilley Bassett, and Canon Papillon, and from Messrs. C. E. Borrett, A. L. Coleman, and W. Snowdon.

HON. MEMBERS.

The President said the number of Hon. Members who went out of office was larger this year, because it was a new Council. If it was desired that these gentlemen should continue to be Hon. Members, it would be necessary that they should be re-elected. The names were Messrs. G. Williams, J. Carter, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, J. A. Trollope, J. S. Pritchett, and J. Pettit. It had been suggested that Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower should be added to the list; if so, this would make twelve Hon. Members. There would still be three vacancies, which it was desirable should not at present be filled.

On the proposition of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by Dr. Carpenter, the six retiring members were re-elected.

On the motion of Mr. J. S. Pritchett, seconded by Mr. H. Dains, it was resolved that Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower be elected an Hon. Member.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members were introduced to the President: College Youths—Messrs. F. Dench and J. W. Rowbotham; Cumberlands—F. Bennett; Chester Diocesan Guild—Messrs. J. Moloney and F. T. Spence; Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association—W. Story; Ely Diocesan Association—Rev. J. M. Clarkson; Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association—Messrs. J. Austin and W. A. Cave; Kent County Association—T. Groombridge; Lancashire Association—J. H. Banks; Leeds and District Society—J. Broadley; Lincoln Diocesan Guild—J. W. Seamer; London County Association—T. H. Taffender; Middlesex Association—Messrs. J. R. Sharman and W. Pickworth; Norwich Diocesan Association—G. P. Burton; Sussex County Association—Messrs. G. H. Howse and R. J. Dawe; Worcester-shire and Districts Association—J. R. Newman; Yorkshire Association—C. Glenn.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

This Committee was re-elected as follows, viz.—The President and Hon. Secretary, with the Revs. H. A. Cockey, G. F. Coleridge, F. E. Robinson, and Messrs. H. Dains, R. A. Daniell, J. Griffin, R. S. Story, and W. Snowdon, with the addition of the Rev. H. Law James, and Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

Dr. Carpenter asked if was correct that Mr. R. S. Story was in a bad state of health.

The President said he regretted to say that he had been informed by Mr. W. Story that his brother was very ill. He was afraid there was not much hope of Mr. Story returning to his old place upon the Council, although it was earnestly hoped that as an old and useful member he might recover and be able to come among them again. It had been the practice of the Council in other cases to hold on to an invalided member, in the hope that he might be able to return to the Council. He, the President, had already expressed to Mr. Story's brother his regret at learning of Mr. Story's illness, and he would venture now to do so on behalf of the Council, as he was sure every member desired to express his sincere sympathy with Mr. Story.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LONG PEAL BAND.

The President said: In the name of the members of the Council be desired to offer their heartiest congratulations to the band that on Easter Monday rang the long peal of Stedman Caters at Loughborough (hear, hear). He had taken steps to satisfy himself that it was a most excellent peal. He did not have the opportunity of hearing the peal, as he was engaged elsewhere, but there was no question that it was a very fine peal from beginning to end. In this matter there could be no jealousy, and be desired to tender the band the hearty congratulations of the Council. He thought the Exercise in general might well be proud that there was a band capable of carrying through a performance of such a character (applause).

PLACE OF MEETING NEXT YEAR.

The President said there had been an understanding that next year's Council meeting should be at Manchester. If this was done it been suggested that the following year the Council might go to Leicester or Nottingham.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said if the Council decided upon having its next meeting at Manchester he could promise a most hearty welcome. They had in Manchester two rings of ten, two or three rings of eight, and two rings of twelve near at hand, while at the Town Hall was one of the heaviest rings in the world. He could promise that, if the Council did them the honour of a visit, the Lancashire Association would see that the Council had a most hearty welcome. He would therefore move that next year's Council meeting be held at Manchester.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded.

The resolution was adopted.

PEAL COLLECTION.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said that upon the completion of the peals of Double Norwich, the Committee took in hand Treble Bob, of which Mr. Tom Lockwood sent in a large collection. The Committee asked for peals, with the result that peals came in from a large number of composers, and the Committee had now got together a very large and valuable collection of Treble Bob peals, which however it was not thought necessary should include those which appeared in Jasper Snowdon's book. The Collection was so large, that it extended far beyond any section already published, which was only just what might be expected, as Treble Bob is a method in which so many peals can be obtained. The list had been classified. Some of the peals had been reversed, but not all. If a peal when reversed was better than the original, then the reverse was given. The aim of many composers was to get the 5th and 6th the extent. The Committee had aimed at those peals in which the 2nd was kept from the tenor. The question which the Committee desired to have answered was what is to be done with the Collection. There were three ways it could be decided. One would be to make a selection; another that the whole should be printed; while a third way of dealing with the matter would be to publish it in sections. To attempt to make a selection appeared to him to be unsatisfactory, as the very peals which some would consider to be good peals might be left out, while some might be put in of which there would be people ready to say that they ought not to have been included, and so no satisfaction would be given. By the publication of the entire Collection those who had Snowdon's book with the Collection would have a complete record of the whole of the peals of Treble Bob. Treble Bob was a method that a large number of composers had taken in hand. It was simply amazing what a variety of peals could be obtained. He thought that as it would be so large a collection,

it would be best to publish by instalments. This way would not come so heavy upon the Council in one year as if printed all at once. He considered the thanks of the Council were due to Mr. Lockwood for the very careful manner in which he had done the work. He had himself checked the whole of it, and he did not think that he had found a dozen mistakes. Treble Bob was not what it formerly was in the estimation of a good many ringers, but he sincerely hoped it would not be permitted to die out. There was no Major method which, in practising, led to such good striking as Treble Bob. He had heard some good Surprise peals rung, but he did not think these were equal to what Treble Bob might be, which made a man learn good striking. He trusted that Treble Bob ringing would not lapse. If ringers only kept up its practice he was sure that the collection of peals when published would be of great value to them in the future. He would therefore move that the Committee have power to publish the Collection in instalments.

Dr. Carpenter, who seconded, said Mr. Trollope had been speaking of the work of the Committee, but Mr. Trollope had done the bulk of it; in fact, speaking from personal knowledge, it was wonderful the work Mr. Trollope had done.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett said he thought the Committee should have power to print in instalments as they thought best.

The Hon. Secretary said it was a question of expense. Would the Council fix a sum which the Committee might spend this year; if so, a portion of the work could be put in Messrs. Bemrose's hands.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey asked if it was necessary to keep to one firm. There were other printers.

The President said Messrs. Bemrose held the Council's stock of publications, and it was very essential for some good firm upon which the Council could rely should be the publishers. It was a firm which could be relied upon for doing the work well and promptly, and a firm which did other printing in connection with ringing besides that for the Council. It was a valuable stock of literature, and was best in safe hands.

The Hon. Secretary suggested that sanction should be given for an expenditure of £15.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett proposed that the Committee have the power in accordance with the suggestion made by the Hon. Secretary.

The President said he thought it would be better to leave the matter in the hands of the Hon. Secretary in conjunction with the Committee. The Hon. Sec. was at all times very careful of the funds of the Council, and would, he was sure, take all precaution in this as in other matters.

Mr. H. Dains said he was not favourable to printing the whole of the peals. As to the suggestion to print in instalments he did not think it should go beyond two, and in that case only so far as the funds of the Council permitted.

Mr. A. T. King said it should not be forgotten that there were collections of other methods to come up which no doubt other ringers were looking for, therefore it was desirable that the publication of the Treble Bob Collection should not be delayed longer than possible.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said he did not see how more than one section could at present be done. To get the whole in order there was a year's work, and he did not see much advantage in printing the whole of the Collection at one time.

The Hon. Secretary said it might be best to print by instalments, although the whole would come in one section finally. If this was done the work could go on as the funds of the Council allowed.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett said the whole of the Collection complete would cost £50. The Council should bear in mind what Mr. Trollope said as to the time that the work would take.

Mr. J. S. Banks said Treble Bob was inexhaustible. How long was the work to go on? There would be new peals composed.

The Hon. Secretary said this depended upon the instructions of the Council to the Committee, and also as to printing the whole of the peals.

The Rev. H. Law James said if the figures were omitted and only W B M H inserted for the calling, the printing would only cost half what it otherwise would do.

A question having been raised as the original instruction to the Committee, reference was made to the same, which,

by resolution 1901, reads that the Committee be authorised to issue a complete collection of the best and most characteristic peals in each method, not necessarily excluding those that have been already published, and a further resolution 1902 authorises the publication of the Collection in instalments, the selection to be left in the hands of the Committee.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett (whose previous resolution was not seconded), moved that the Committee have instructions to publish the Collection by instalments.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said Mr. Trollope had not gone into the proving of the peals. Any one who had done any proving knew how easy it was for mistakes to be made. There were plenty of ringers who would be willing to help in the proving, which was very necessary. He for one should be glad to help.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said he went to the Cambridge meeting with the intention of moving such a resolution, but as he was put upon the Committee he kept his mouth closed (laughter). If the whole of the peals were to be proved, it would not be possible to do the work. Many of the peals had been rung and appeared in the Annual Report of the Association that rang them; and these were generally taken to be true. The number of false peals in Treble Bob was very small. Jasper Snowdon found it impossible to do the proving. He was afraid he should never be able to get through the work.

Mr. N. J. Pitstow said Jasper Snowdon sent him his five and three-part peals to prove.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said he saw there was a difficulty, but he did not think it should be looked at in that way. The whole of the peals ought to be proved for the benefit of the Exercise, and for the future. The Council had no right to publish false peals. The thanks of the Council were due to Mr. Trollope and the whole of the Committee for the work they had already done, but it should be carried a little further, nothing should stand in the way of making sure that the whole of the peals were true, let the difficulty be great or otherwise. The work of proving should not be left undone, because there was some difficulty in the way.

Mr. J. Griffin seconded Mr. Pritchett's resolution.

The President said this might be added as a rider to the original resolution moved by Mr. Trollope.

The Rev. H. Law James moved, and Mr. H. White seconded, that the calling be printed without the figures.

The President said such a proposal might save money, but, as the members of the Council knew, it would be almost impossible to print a collection of peals in such a way without some mistakes. The Council should take the precaution to do everything it possibly could to avoid any errors.

The Hon. Secretary suggested that a table of course-ends should be given, and each one numbered, and the number given in order to obtain the course-end and so save expense in printing.

Mr. Trollope said there had already been a lot of work done, and proving would cause a lot more to be necessary.

Mr. C. Hattersley said if the collection was printed without course-ends, it was not every conductor that would be able to make use of it—as if the course-ends were given. To get a book which they did not understand, would lead them to put it on one side as of no use. The course-ends and the calling should both be given.

The President said it should be remembered that the Collection was intended for the future, and to be a reference work to the Exercise. The aim of the Council was not to make money by its publications, but to do that which it was hoped would be of lasting benefit.

The Rev. H. Law James withdrew his resolution.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said he would move that the Council is of opinion that all peals published in its name should be carefully proved before publication. Treble Bob had its history, and would, he believed, remain a historic method in the future as it had been in the past.

Mr. J. W. Taylor seconded.

The Rev. H. Law James said this was already provided for.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said he understood that the Committee were not expected to undertake the proving of the peals. It was for those who sent them in to do so.

The Hon. Secretary said he proved the peals of Grandsire

Triples that were sent in to him. The late Mr. Bulwer said that the collectors who sent the peals to the Committee should be responsible for their truth.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said if the Committee were not responsible to the Council, the Council ought to make them so. He had already offered himself to help in the proving, and had no doubt many ringers would be willing to assist. Failing the Committee not having sufficient help more could be obtained through "THE BELL NEWS."

The Rev. H. Cockey said the peals published in the Bristol and Gloucester Association book had been proved.

The Hon. Secretary said his Association did not make themselves responsible for the peals published.

The Rev. H. Law James said the Lincoln Diocesan Guild did so.

The President said Mr. Trollope had told the Council that the peals of Treble Bob were composed by those who understand their business, and not by beginners who gave the Exercise so many false peals in simpler methods. Whatever pains might be taken there were sure to be some false peals in the Collection. Some could be avoided, but not all. Mr. Trollope considered the number of false peals was already reduced to a minimum, because they were composed by men who knew their business.

Dr. Carpenter asked how many peals there were in the Collection.

Mr. J. A. Trollope replied that he could not say the total. There were 100 peals of Maximus.

The Hon. Secretary said there were over forty copy-books full.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said there were sixty-five books.

The amendment moved by the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson was put to the meeting, and carried by 26 votes to 9.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett suggested that the amendment should be taken as an instruction for the Committee, and left for the Committee to carry out the best way they could.

The Rev. H. Law James suggested that as many ringers as there were copy books should be asked to take one each, and the work would be done.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley said he doubted if there would be 65 men in the Exercise who could prove the peals.

The Hon. Secretary said the Committee could proceed to deal with the first portion if Mr. Richardson would find sufficient help to proceed with the proving.

A member having suggested printer's proofs should be first obtained,

The Hon. Secretary said there would be a number of corrections, and these beyond the printer's own would have to be paid for.

Mr. J. Griffin said that the printer would also charge for keeping the type standing, unless the proving was done very promptly.

The Rev. H. Law James said the best course would be to send the whole of the ms. on to Mr. Richardson, and he could send on to all those that would assist in the proving. He was willing to do his share (hear, hear).

The President said it would be best to adopt Mr. Pritchett's recommendation, viz., that the Committee have power to proceed with the work, after carrying out the amendment moved by Mr. Richardson.

Mr. Pritchett's resolution was adopted.

On the proposition of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, seconded by Mr. King, the Committee were re-elected as follows: The Hon. Secretary, Dr. Carpenter, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, and H. Dains.

On the proposition of Dr. Carpenter, seconded by the Rev. F. E. Robinsen, it was resolved to add the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson to the Committee.

The President: That is a punishment for Mr. Richardson (laughter).

(To be continued.)

Situation Vacant.

WANTED.—Steady and reliable MAN to take charge of two horses, deliver goods, &c. Good references required.—Geo. DENT, Grocer and Draper, Harlow, Essex.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney on June 28th; at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side, on the 29th, all at 8 p.m. A district meeting will be held at Isleworth to-day Sat., the 26th. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgely 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, July 3rd. at the parish church of St. Leonard, Streatham, S.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.30 p.m. The business meeting will take place at 8 p.m. All ringers are heartily invited.
T. H. TAFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Aldenham to-day, Saturday, June 26th. Bells available at 3.30. Tea 9d. per head at The Chequers at 5.30. All members and friends welcome.
H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield to-day, Saturday, June 26th. Bells available at 2: Cathedral (10), St. Mary's (8), and St. Michael's (6). Service in Cathedral at 4, at which all members are requested to attend. Tea in Pool Walk schoolroom at 5.45; members (fully paid), 6d.; others 1s., to be followed by General Meeting.

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

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoke Prior to-day, Saturday, June 26th. Service, with address by the Vicar (Rev. C. Stockdale), at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held to-day Saturday, June 26th, at St. Michael's church, Blackburn. New peal of eight by Mears. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stretford to-day, Saturday, June 26th. Bells ready at 5. The Rector will address the meeting at 7.
W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Saffron Walden Society.—Established 1623.—The 286th anniversary of the above society will be held to-day, Saturday, June 26. Dinner at The King's Arms inn at 1.30 p.m.
ERNEST A. PITSTOW, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Alfreton (8 bells), to-day, Saturday, June 26th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m.
A. H. WARD, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Bedfordshire Association.—The summer festival will be held at Turvey to-day Saturday, June 26. The peal of eight bells in the tower, and a set of handbells, will be available

during the day. Dinner at 1s. 3d., and tea at 6d. each, will be provided at 1.15 and 5.30. Service in church at 5. Preacher—Rev. J. V. Bullard. A cricket match will be played between the Turvey club and the members of the Association.

REV. A. RUST, } *Hon. Secs.*
I HILLS,

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Tong to-day, Saturday, June 26th. Peal attempt 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Greyhound inn at 7.30 p.m.
Geo. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, July 3rd. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea will be provided (free) at The George and Dragon inn at 5.45, followed by business meeting. By kind permission of the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon, the rectory grounds will be thrown open to members. All members intending to be present at tea, are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, June 30th.

W. LATTEY, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
26, Duken Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Will those attending tea kindly inform Mr. T. Pateman, Node Gardens, Welwyn, Herts, not later than Thursday, July 1st. H. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
4, Salisbury Square, Hatfield.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Kingsley on Saturday, July 3rd. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Service in church at 6.30 p.m. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. Isaac Morton, Stock's Lane, Kingsley, not later than June 30th.
REV. W. G. KEYWORTH, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON,

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Axtride Deanery.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Winscombe on Saturday, June 3rd. Tea at 4 p.m. Meeting and service to follow.
ARTHUR H. DAVIES, *Branch Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Rayleigh on Saturday, July 10th. The Rector (Rev. A. G. Fryer), is kindly providing tea at the usual time. Those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than July 7th.
HENRY F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*

County Offices, Chelmsford.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held (by kind permission of the Rector, Rev. H. Wilson), at Harlington (6 bells), on Saturday, July 10th. Ringing will commence at 4. Tea will be provided at a small charge in the Church Room at 6.30, the Rector presiding. All ringing friends heartily welcomed.
H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 10th. Bells ready at 4.30. Business important. WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*
3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chesterfield on Saturday, July 10th. The tower will be open from 2.0 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. excepting during the time of tea and meeting. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea at 4.30 (1s.

each) on the vicarage lawn, if fine, or in the Victoria Schools, Vicar-lane, if wet. Will those who intend being present at the tea kindly notify Mr. A. Knights, Brunswick Street, Chesterfield, not later than the previous Thursday morning.

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

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Chipping Norton (Oxon) on Saturday, July 17th. Special train will leave Oxford at 10.28 a.m. Service in the parish church at 12 noon. Preacher—the Lord Bishop of Oxford, President of the Guild. Business meeting in parish church room at 12.45. Dinner in Town Hall at 1.45. Dinner tickets at 2s. each will be forwarded to those members only who send the money with the order, and their ringing qualifications to me on or before Saturday, July 10th. The whole amount will be refunded to change-ringing members, and 1s. each to probationers present at the dinner.

ALBERT F. REEVES, *Festival Secretary.*
5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

THE LATE MR. FREDERICK MEE.

On behalf of the widow and children of the above, we beg to gratefully acknowledge the following sums

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged ..	11	17	6
Doctor J. E. W. Meadows Otley ..	0	5	0
Miss C. C. A. Meadows, Otley ..	0	5	0
The Otley Company per Miss C. C. A. Meadows ..	0	3	9
Mr. A. W. Brighton, London ..	0	2	6
St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, including Mr. R. H. Hayward ..	1	13	6
The St. Mary-at-the-Key Company, Ipswich, per Mr. Edward Reeve ..	0	10	0
Mr. and Mrs. H. English, Coddenham ..	0	2	0
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fitt, Ipswich ..	0	1	0
Mr. H. Welham, Ipswich ..	0	0	6
The St. Peter's Company, Nottingham, per Mr. Fredk. Knibb ..	0	10	0
Eye Company, per Mr. F. Day ..	0	12	6

All further subscriptions will be gratefully received by Mr. E. Kivers and Mr. F. Rolfe, Spronghton, near Ipswich.

NOTE TO FEAL.

THE PEAL AT MAIDENHEAD.—J. Eldridge's Fifty Peals.—Bob Minor 3; Grandfire Triples 5; Siedman Triples 17; Bob Major 8; Kent Major 4; Double Norwich 7; Superlative 2; Cambridge 4.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. G. Woodiss has removed from West Grove to 1, Clifton Villas, Felcott Road, Walton-on-Thames.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On May 30th, 720 Chichester Surprise. S. Hayes, H. Torble, G. A. Black, S. Bird, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule. On Sunday, June 16th, 720 Wells Surprise. S. Hayes, G. Dawson, G. A. Black, S. Bird, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule. And 720 Durham Surprise. G. Hayden, S. Hayes H. Torble, S. Bird. W. Miller conductor, J. Moule.

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taught that it is their bounden duty to interest themselves in their bells, that they do not suffer from inattention. Occupations and pursuits which in these days many of the clergy enter into, some of them useless and puerile, cannot stand the slightest comparison with practical interest in church bells and belfries.

Could not the Central Council make some further protest in the interests of bell-chamber reform?

BRAILES, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 19th, the following short touches were rung on the six bells at the parish church by visiting ringers. Three-score Grandsire Doubles: A. L. Coleman, W. Large, W. G. Dickins, T. Male, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor), J. Pinfold and a local man. Two 6-scores of the same: W. Male, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor), W. G. Dickins, W. Large, T. Male, J. Pinfold and J. Hessian. Also two courses of Bob Minor: A. L. Coleman, Rev. C. C. Cox, W. G. Dickins, T. Male, W. Large, J. Pinfold and J. Hessian. In the second course W. Male rang the 4th.

These are the first courses of Minor that have ever been rung upon the bells, the tone of which is magnificent. The tenor is reputed to weigh about 37 cwt., and it was found impossible to ring her single-handed. The bells had not been swung since New Year's day last, and went very badly, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that the above touches were completed.

In the June number of the "Country Home" there is, we notice, a well-illustrated and excellent article on "English Bell Ringing" by W. Lawrence, of Hanwell. The writer has dealt with the subject in a manner that will enable those who are not well acquainted with bell-tongue to understand how a bell is fitted up, and its movements when hung for the purpose of scientific change-ringing. The article is generally interesting.

The Metropolis.

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

On Monday, June 14, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark,

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

ALBERT T. GARDNER* .. Treble.	HARRY ELLIS 5.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 2.	JAMES DAVIS 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	THOMAS LANGDON 7.
ALFRED W. GRIMES.. .. 4.	HERBERT W. HIBBERT .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. LANGDON.

*First peal with a bob bell.

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The Provinces.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1909, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

FRANK HOLDER Treble.	WILLIAM H. JOINER 5.
WILLIAM STATES 2.	*JAMES WIGNELL 6.
CHARLES DEAN 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7.
EDWARD R. J. DUNE .. 4.	CALEB DANIELS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

*First peal in the method.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, June 10, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

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

JOHN SWINFELD Treble.	EDWARD I. STONE 5.
ALBERT P. WAKLEY.. .. 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN.. .. 6.
HAROLD A. RABBITS .. 3.	HARRY WAKLEY.. .. 7.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. 4.	GEORGE ROBINSON Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WAKLEY.

CARLTON-IN-CLEVELAND, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

WM. POLLARD Treble.	RICHARD NEWTON 5.
FRED LAVERICK* 2.	FRED A. MELLANBY.. .. 6.
REV. CHARLES FARROW .. 3.	JNO. H. BLAKISTON 7.
WM. RUDD 4.	†THOS. LANCASTER Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

*First peal away from the treble. †First peal in the method.

PENDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 14, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lbs. in E.

JOHN SMITH Treble.	GEORGE E. TURNER.. .. 5.
REV. A. T. BRESTON .. 2.	ALBERT E. WREAKS.. .. 6.
JOSEPH TURNER.. .. 3.	SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. 7.
JOSEPH WINT&BOTTOM .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 14, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

E. W. MENDAY.. .. Treble.	R. T. HIBBERT 5.
LEWIS GREEN 2.	J. HOWARD FREEBORN .. 6.
G. ESSEX 3.	*G. IAVINE 7.
C. R. LILLEY 4.	H. SIMMONDS Tenor.

Conducted by G. IAVINE.

*First peal as conductor.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 14, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

AUBREY FORD Treble.	CLEMENT MORE 5.
THOMAS FORD, JUN. 2.	THOMAS FORD, SEN. 6.
CHARLES MILLS* 3.	GEORGE ARCHER 7.
ALFRED KEEBLE 4.	JOHN SOUTER Tenor.

Composed by J. FRITCHETT, and Conducted by J. SOUTER.

*First peal. Great credit is due to the ringer of the 2nd, who is only 13 years of age.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 15, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

J. HOWARD FREEBORN .. Treble.	MARK WOODCOCK 5.
HARRY JUDGE 2.	FRANK WHITE 6.
MAURICE SMITH 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 7.
JOHN MONK 4.	JOHN RICHARDS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

BREDE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 15, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Oxford Single Bob, two of Canterbury Pleasure, two of Plain Bob, and one of Grandsire, each called differently.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HAROLD F. COBON* .. Treble.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 4.
CHARLES TRIBE 2.	*CHARLES W. PLAYRE .. 5.
WILLIAM BENNETT* .. 3.	*GEORGE BILLENNESS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

*First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since the rehangings by Mears and Stainbank in February last, and is believed to be the first peal ever accomplished at Brede.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Wednesday, June 16, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs in A flat.

REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. Treble.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, June 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

THOMAS W. GORE .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. PEABODY .. 5.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 2.	WILLIAM J. THYNG 6.
FRANK JACOBS 3.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 7.
SAMUEL WESLEY 4.	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor.

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

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 16, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs.

JOSEPH LOCK* .. Treble.	*ERNEST D. RIDGLEY .. 5.
JOHN W. EDWARDS† .. 2.	†ALAN R. MACDONALD .. 6.
JOHN H. HOWES* 3.	JAMES MERRICK 7.
ADOLPHUS H. J. DENFORD* 4.	MALCOLM MACDONALD .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. EDWARDS.

*First peal. †First peal away from tenor. ‡First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor. This is the first peal by the local company. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Gilbert Hurst, a member of the local company, his brother-ringers wishing him every happiness in the future.

TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

W. WHITE .. Treble.	T. SADD 5.
S. WYATT 2.	E. WYATT 6.
E. LLOYD 3.	J. MADDOCK 7.
S. P. MERSON 4.	F. MILLARD Tenor.

Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

Rung as a farewell peal to E. Lloyd, who is leaving Taunton for Lincoln.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 17, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs.

FREDERICK WEBB .. Treble.	JOHN MONK 5.
HARRY JUDGE 2.	J. HOWARD FREEBORN .. 6.
MARK WOODCOCK 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 7.
RAYMOND JUDGE 4.	THOMAS BULL Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 17, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Canterbury Pleasure and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

SIDNEY WALTER .. Treble.	HARRISON SMITH 4.
FITZROY J. LAKE 2.	STANLEY G. WHITE 5.
WILLIAM WOOD 3.	GEORGE G. JENKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by STANLEY WHITE.

Rung on the occasion of the conductor's birthday.

MILTON ERNEST, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

PEARL INSKIP .. Treble.	REGINALD GARDNER .. 4.
HENRY W. GAYTON 2.	FREDERICK MORTIMER .. 5.
WALTER FINEDON 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1909, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qrs. 15 lbs.

WILLIAM E. J. COMPTON* <i>Treble</i> ..	GEORGE N. PRICE ..	5.
THOMAS L. SIMMONS ..	HUBERT EDEN ..	6.
HENRY HODGETTS ..	EDWARD WHITBREAD ..	7.
CHARLES N. LEMAN ..	JOHN C. DICKEN ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

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JOHN W. SPENCER* ..	ERNEST MORRIS ..	4.
T. HENRY HARDY ..		<i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

*First peal. First peal on the bells.

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(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

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JESSE MOSS ..	WILLIAM KEEBLE ..	6.
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Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ..	CHARLES R. LILLEY ..	5.
JAMES LITTLE ..	JAMES E. DAVIS ..	6.
JESSE ELDRIDGE* ..	THOMAS PRICE ..	7.
WALTER WEBB ..	GEORGE MARTIN ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by THOMAS PRICE.

*Fiftieth peal. Reference elsewhere.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERS HAM.)

On Saturday, June 19, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

G. W. P. SMITH ..	GEORGE ESSEX ..	5.
LEWIS GREEN ..	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ..	6.
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JAMES E. GROVES ..	2.	ROBERT MATTHEWS ..	5.
GEORGE HUGHES* ..	3.	*HERBERT KNIGHT ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

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A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 6-scores each of St. Simon's, Canterbury Pleasure and Bob Doubles, and twelve 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles.

BEN GREEN ..	<i>Treble</i> ..	WILLIAM LINNELL ..	3.
ALBERT BALL ..	2.	WILLIAM HAYO ..	4.
BERT PERRETT ..	<i>Tenor</i> .		

Conducted by BERT PERRETT.

First peal as conductor.

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(CHIPPING NORTON BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

C. DAY ..	<i>Treble</i> ..	J. SKELCHER ..	4.
W. COLEMAN ..	2.	SYDNEY LUCKETT ..	5.
W. LARGÉ ..	3.	S. GREEN ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by W. LARGÉ.

First by ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 5.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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REV. ARTHUR T. BEESTON ..	3.	*CHARLES BOYERS ..	7.
WILLIAM BIBBY ..	4.	*SAMUEL BOOTH ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

*First peal.

Handbell Peal.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, June 15, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

WILLIAM BURGAR ..	1-2.	SIDNEY F. PALMER ..	5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN ..	3-4.	JOHN THORPE ..	7-8.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
Umpire—R. Wilfred Collier.

Date Touches.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

NEWHALL.—On Wednesday, June 16th, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Hough conductor, F. Godfrey, H. Hurdman, D. Cotton, G. Baseley, R. Allcock. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss E. Warren to Mr. J. Parks.

Miscellaneous.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

GOOLE (Yorks).—On Sunday, June 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Clarke, T. Smith, C. W. King, M. Tate, F. Cryer, H. Ludkin, F. W. Stokes conductor, F. Tate. Also at 29, Percy Street, 336 in the same method on handbells. H. Ludkin 1-2, F. Cryer 3-4, F. W. Stokes conductor 5-6, T. Smith 7-8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

TODENHAM (Gloucestershire).—On June 3rd, 720 Grandsire. C. Day, G. Large, S. Green, J. Skelcher, W. Large conductor, F. A. Case.

CHASTLETON (Oxon).—On Sunday evening, June 13th, for service, 720 of Grandsire Doubles. C. Day, W. Coleman, J. Gardner, J. Skelcher, W. Large conductor, W. Skelcher.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, June 15th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. S. Hardy, Geo. Thompson, S. Faithful, W. Smith, H. Jarvis, H. Porter, S. Perkins conductor, J. Muggeridge.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Winchester).—On Sunday, May 30th, for evening service at the Abbey church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Paskins, J. Elcombe, J. Chalk, J. Beams conductor, J. Walker, T. Cole, W. Fowler, W. Payne. On Thursday, June 3rd, being the Prince of Wales's birthday, 1260 Grandsire Triples. J. Elcombe, F. Paskins, J. Beams composer and conductor, F. Hand, R. White, R. Walker, J. Fowler, W. Payne.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Wednesday, June 9th, at St. Peter's church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 in the same method. J. Beams conductor, E. T. Green, G. Preston, C. R. Forfitt, E. Waters, W. Kerley, C. Good-enough, A. Osman.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

CRANFORD (Northants).—On Sunday, April 11th, 720 Minor, being 120 Woodbine, 72 Kent, 72 Oxford Treble Bob, 48 Double Court, 120 Double Oxford, 180 Oxford Bob, 108 Plain Bob. Arthur Chasman, James Houghton, John Lewin, Bernard J. Saddington, J. Saddington, Arthur Smeathers conductor. On Sunday, June 13th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. S. Judd, B. Saddington, F. Lewin, J. Lewin, J. Saddington, B. J. Saddington conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WRENTHAM (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, June 9th, 720 Plain Bob. G. Bertram, A. J. Naunton, F. Naunton, J. Larter, J. Spencer, F. Watling conductor.

MOULTON (Lincs).—On June 9th, at All Saints' church, 1800 changes of Grandsire Doubles in 1 hr. 15 mins. Ed. Bell, Geo. Simpson, G. Baldwin, J. Faylor, A. J. Farn conductor. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Maud King, daughter of Mr. R. King (churchwarden) of Clifden House, to Mr. Hy. Stapley, of Glossop.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—On Sunday evening, May 9th, at Holy Trinity parish church, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal Stedman Triples in 45 mins. Bernard Claydon conductor, John Jennings, Charles Waithman, George Claydon, William Allsop,

George Roberts, Bertram Leedham, James Reynolds. On Thursday, May 13th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins. Thomas Matthews, Bernard Claydon, Charles Waithman, George Claydon conductor, William Allsop, George Roberts, Bertram Leedham, William Parr. On Tuesday, June 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. Thomas Matthews, John Jennings, Bernard Claydon, William Ellis, George Claydon conductor, George Roberts, Bertram Leedham, James Reynolds. Rung as a compliment to Mr. B. Leedham on the occasion of his wedding. On Sunday, June 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. Stanley Bragg, John Jennings, Charles Waithman, Bernard Claydon, George Claydon conductor, George Roberts, Bertram Leedham, Sidney Jessop. Rung on the Dedication festival of the church. On Thursday, June 10th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins. (Thurstans'). Thomas Matthews, Charles Waithman, Bernard Claydon, George Roberts, William Allsop, Thomas Bloore, Bertram Leedham, James Reynolds. This was conducted from the base of the tower by G. Claydon, the bobs being signified by the ringing of an electric bell.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, for Divine Service, 360 Plain Bob. G. Kilby, T. Pickwood, G. Chalkley, B. Maxim, T. Langdon, H. Kilby. On Tuesday, April 6th, 360 Plain Bob. G. Kilby, T. Pickwood, G. Chalkley, T. Langdon, H. Kilby, A. Hill conductor. On Sunday evening, April 25th, for Divine Service, a 720 Plain Bob. G. Kilby, T. Pickwood, G. Chalkley, B. Maxim, T. Langdon, H. Kilby conductor. On Sunday morning, May 2nd, for Divine Service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Pickwood, T. Langdon, G. Chalkley, B. Maxim, A. Hill, H. Kilby conductor. On Sunday evening, May 2nd, for Divine Service, a 720 Plain Bob. G. Kilby, T. Pickwood, G. Chalkley, T. Langdon, H. Kilby, A. Hill conductor. On Tuesday, May 11th, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob. T. Pickwood, G. Kilby (first in the method with a bob bell), G. Chalkley, B. Maxim, H. Kilby, T. Langdon conductor.

Correspondence.

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

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

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—When sending report of the proceedings at the recent annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association to your paper, I inadvertently stated that for the office of hon. treasurer "the Derby District nominated Mr. C. Draper and the other five districts nominated Mr. W. C. Wakley." It has been pointed out to me that the Leicester district did not nominate Mr. W. C. Wakley. At their meeting early in the year they nominated Mr. Arthur Wakley, but after hearing he could not accept office again owing to ill-health, no further nomination was made by them. Kindly give publicity to this at your earliest opportunity.

W. E. WHITE.

PEAL CORRECTION.—In the peal of Cambridge rang at Hughenden, Bucks., on Saturday, June 5th, the ringer of the 3rd was Jesse Eldridge, not Jesse Bridge as stated.

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A very good meeting of the Central Division was held at Burstow on June 19th, in glorious weather. Ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock, and continued till 5 o'clock, when a short service was held. After this the company were entertained to tea on the lawn of the rectory by the Rev. C. J. Walbrand-Evans. After tea the usual meeting followed, the Rector taking the chair. The minutes of the previous being read and passed, the following new members were elected:—Mr. H. Dewey, of Redhill (Life Member); Mr. William Wenban of Boughton-under-Blean, Kent (Life Member); and Messrs. Brett (2), of Canterbury

(Independent Members). It was decided to attempt the next quarterly peal at Horley. A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and providing the tea, brought the meeting to a close. After this more ringing was indulged in, touches of Oxford and Kest Treble Boh, and Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles being rung. The following towers were represented during the afternoon: East Grinstead, Crawley, Lindfield, Horley, Southover, together with the local band; and Messrs. Ewins, Holman and Clayton (Reigate); E. Dewey (Redhill); and —. Pike (London).

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday even-

ing, June 5th, at St. Mary's church, 720 New London Pleasure. H. Gladwell conductor, H. Crick, A. Hollocks, T. Reed, H. D. Poulson, H. Poulson.

STOCKSLEY.—On Tuesday, June 8th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. B. Bowes, W. Clarkson, A. C. Bowes, J. W. Whittle, H. H. Bowes, R. Newton. Also short touches of College Single and Oxford Bob Minor, specially arranged to meet Mr. Newton, from Manchester.

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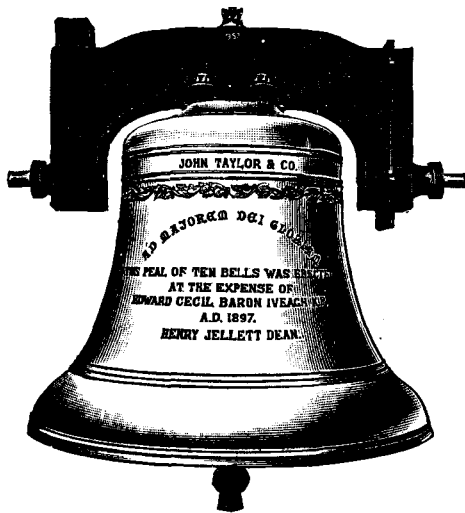
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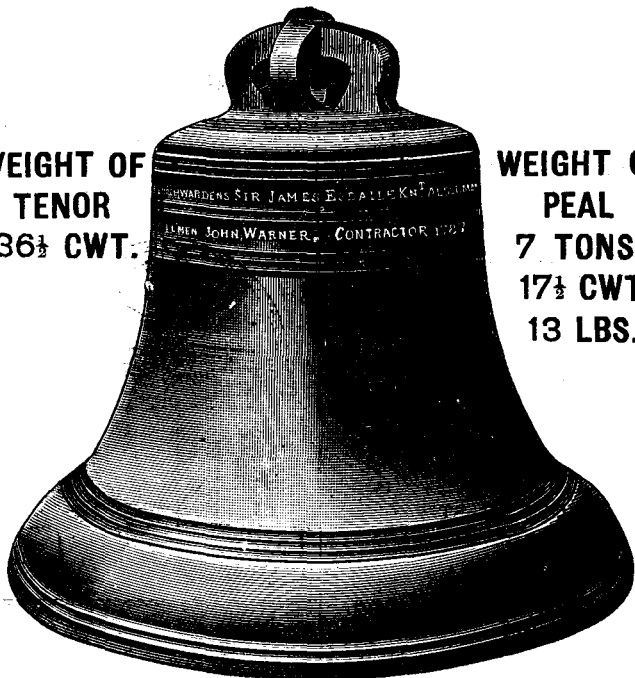
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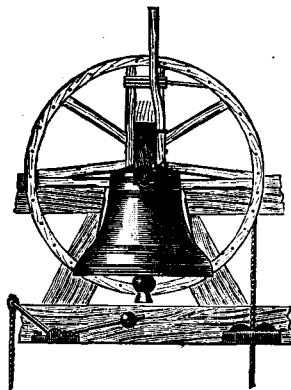
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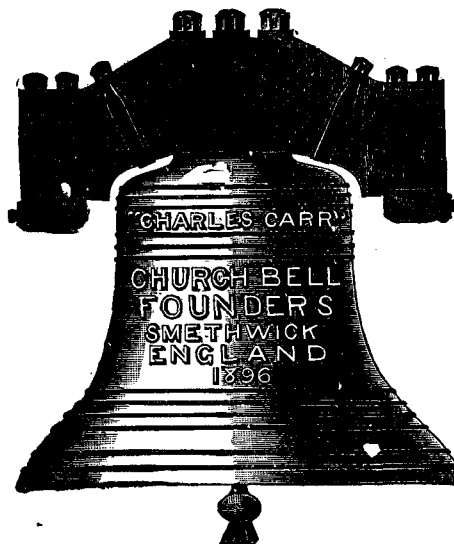
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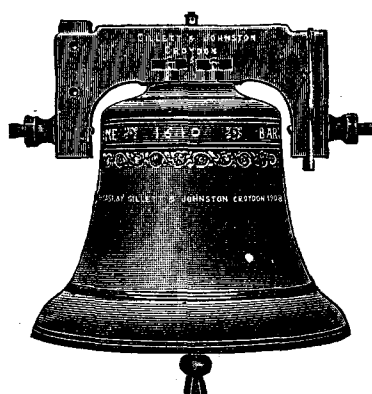
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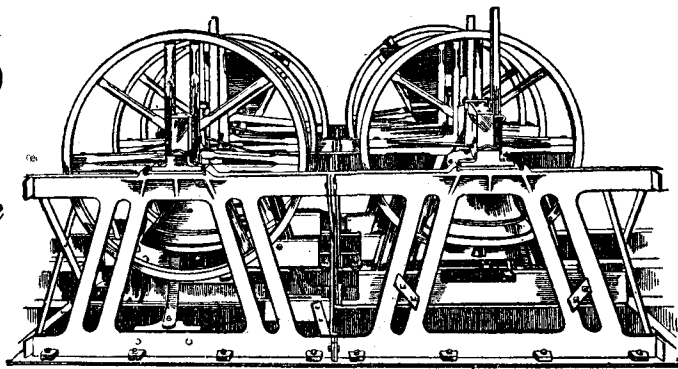
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GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

A dedication of a ring of eight bells has recently been performed at Gilmorton church by Archdeacon Stocks. The ceremony marks the successful completion of a scheme of church restoration and addition—so far as the bells are concerned—which has been for some time regarded as eminently desirable, and in some degree actually necessary, seeing that early in the present year the spire and bell-frame of the church were condemned as unsafe. About four years ago Mr. C. A. Bassett-Smith, architect, made a thorough examination of the spire, and his report was printed and circulated among the parishioners at the time. Since then some experts have been called in, and they confirmed, as practical workmen, the report of the architect. As to the bell-frame, it had long been known to be in a bad condition—being supposed to be about 250 years old. It was very much decayed at the mortises, owing to the rain and snow driving in through the louvres. Two persons were invited to inspect and send in estimates for the replacing of the old oak frame with an iron one, and the complete rehang of the five bells. These two very serious matters required urgent attention, as the south-west side of the spire outside and the bell-frame inside might give way at any time. For these two reasons it was lately considered advisable that the bells should not be rung at all, lest the strain on the frame and the vibration of the spire should be too great. Efforts have been made to take these two large matters in hand by rebuilding the spire, repairing the battlements of the tower, and inserting a new bell-frame. Several suggestions were made that the bells might be augmented to eight, but this depended upon the estimates sent in and the amount of money forthcoming. The appeal made has been so far successful that the ring is now complete. The three new bells are by Taylor, of Loughborough, the total weight of the bells is 50 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lbs., the tenor being 11 cwt. One of the new bells was given by the Blossom family, who have been resident in Gilmorton for about 300 years. The two others each tell that “Edmund Jackson, Rector, gave me.”

The dedication took place in the afternoon. The usual prayers were used, and also the final hymn—“Raise them gently in the steeple,” was sung. The Rector is an enthusiast in music and poetry, and selected for the initial hymn one so uncommon that a portion of it is well worth repeating:—

- “Like as in the olden ages, trumpets did Thy people call,
- “Bidding Israel assemble, in their numbers one and all.
- “So in such-like sacred office, we these bells do now install.

“In all times of joy and sorrow, with their voice of melody,
“Pealing forth their notes of gladness, or in mournful minstrelsy.

“JESU, LORD: they teach Thy lesson unto all—sweet sympathy.”

The music was of a very high order, and partook of the nature of the Mendelssohn Centenary. A great number of well-known musicians, vocal and instrumental, took part in the elaborate service.

At its conclusion the bells rang out for the first time in Stedman Triples by W. Willson (conductor). S. Cotton, G. Cleal, E. Jackson, J. George (Rugby), J. Buttery, J. Harris, J. Tomlinson. Also touches of Major and Grand-sire Triples, in which Messrs. F. Herbert, P. Wright, and W. Jones (Stoney Stanton) took part. The company was kindly entertained by the Rector to tea and supper, and courses of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on the lawn on handbells. Needless to say the bellfounder and bellhanger's work is excellently done.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of this Guild was held in the Cathedral city on Monday, June 21st. The central committee met at 11.0 a.m. at the St. Maurice's hall, the Master in the chair. At 2.0 p.m. the general meeting took place in the Guildhall, the President, J. P. Stilwell, esq., in the chair, supported by the Master (Rev. C. E. Matthews, Vicar of Titchfield), and the hon. sec. (Rev. W. E. Colchester, Rector of St. Maurice, Winchester). The report and balance-sheet were adopted, and the officers were all re-elected to their several positions, and returned thanks. Mr. T. W. Fairey of Camberley was elected recorder of peals for the guild, and Rule 9a was amended so as to provide for the election of an auditor for each of the districts, who must be a member of the guild.

The annual service was held the Cathedral at 4.0 p.m., when Purcell's anthem, “Rejoice in the Lord alway,” was charmingly rendered by the choir. The Rev. Francis E. Robinson (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild) preached the sermon from Joshua iv. 6: “What mean ye by these stones?” He said that the men of the past ages did their work in such noble buildings as this for the love of God. The various arts and crafts had been blessed by the Church, which had ever approved and appropriated the work of the architect, the organ-builder, the bellfounder, the artisan and the designer. The work of the bellringer had been definitely accepted by the Church, the revival of his office as a Churchworker was largely due to the great Oxford movement in the last century. Did all his brother-ringers recognise the duties and responsibilities of their high calling? They must be lively stones in God's great spiritual building. They must come to Christ—the source of all grace and strength. They must centre all their hopes on Him. Nothing else could give any comfort. Were they all lively stones, i.e. communicants? Unless

they consecrated their lives and work now, they could never expect to take their places as well-moulded stones in God's great temple, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens!

Over eighty members sat down to tea in the banqueting hall of the Guildhall at five o'clock, the Dean being in the chair, supported by the President and his wife and Canon Braithwaite.

By the kind permission of the Dean and Dr. Burge there was ringing throughout the day at the Cathedral and the College.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS. ASSOCIATION.

The annual gathering was held at Northampton on Whit-Monday last. During the day the bells were rung at All Saints' (eight), St. Sepulchre's (eight), St. Peter's (eight), and St. Edmund's (eight).

The annual service was held in St. Sepulchre's church, the preacher being the Rev. F. B. A. Williams, of Duston. Taking as his text Acts iii. 4, he pointed out that a real test of a man's character was the company he kept during his leisure—often only a small part of the whole—time. They knew of how the ringers spent some portion of that leisure, and he was glad to say things had changed in bellringing since the days when Walsworth bell was inscribed "Hark! d'ye hear? the clappers want beer." Nowadays the ringers were honest, upright men. They could test the ringers further by watching their regularity and punctuality, and how they rang their bells and looked on the work. They should realise they were doing part of the Church work and were in God's service, and that the principle of holy men for holy work applied to them just as it did to the preacher or the singer.

Lunch and the annual meeting followed at The George hotel. The Rev. E. C. Channer (Ravensthorpe), president, was in the chair, supported by a numerous body of the neighbouring clergy and the Association's officers. Over one hundred were present.

The hon. treasurer, in his statement of accounts, said the balance from last year was £25 15s. 4d., hon. members' subscriptions totalled £7 2s. 5d., ringing members' £11 9s. 6d., and out-county members' 7s. 6d. The total income was £50 4s. 3d., and the expenditure £22 7s. 1d., leaving a balance in hand of £27 17s. 2d. He said that he was afraid he must retire from the treasurership, as he was unable to keep into sufficiently close touch with the Association. He should retain his membership, for he felt it was doing splendid work, not only in the larger, but in the smaller churches, whom they encouraged greatly.

Alderman Tomes was pressed to take up the office of treasurer, but declined; and Mr. Owen Parker, Mayor of Higham Ferrers, is to be asked to act, the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell agreeing to act if Mr. Parker could not.

Mr. Wilford, in his secretarial report, noted that they had gained £2 1s. 10d. on the year, which was he thought, very satisfactory. In addition to the annual meeting, quarterly meetings have been held in the various districts, while there had been ten special ringing meetings, and the peals rung during the year totalled thirty-seven, which was not quite so many as last year. He made special mention of the peal rung at Kettering solely by the local company, which fact made it, he believed, a record; of the peal rang on the heavy Wellingborough bells, and two peals rung at Rushton and Cranford by the younger members. During the year seventeen ringing, three honorary, and three out-county members, and two bellfries had

joined the Association, making the figures 43 honorary, 67 out-county, 360 ringing members, and 47 bellfries. He voiced the thanks of the Association to the honorary members, and spoke regretfully of the death of Mr. T. Craddock, one of Wellingborough's oldest ringers.

The Rev. W. St. George Coldwell proposed thanks to the Vicars and churchwardens of those churches that had been open to the Association that day, and to the Rev. F. B. A. Williams for his sermon. He regretted that the number at the service was small compared with the number at lunch: it would be, he thought, a great help to their Society, which was one of the strongest in the country, if they could all come together at the service. He paid tribute to the sermon, and hoped it would be circulated in printed form.

Mr. J. Brown seconded, and the thanks were heartily accorded.

The Rev. F. B. A. Williams neatly replied, and said he was not a bellringer, but he had at Duston a splendid set of ringers, and all good Churchmen, and if they were a fair type, the Northants. Association were indeed doing a good work.

Alderman W. Tomes also replied, and said as a layman he was extremely delighted at that gathering, and at the strides the Association was making. He was keenly interested in bells, and was often hearing high praise of Northampton's work. The office of bellringer was an honourable and privileged one, and he hoped all would realise that.

The following new members were elected:—The Rev. T. L. Bridges (Barton Seagrave), honorary; Messrs. Chamberlin and Patrick (Barton Seagrave), G. Bassford (Bradden), W. Wilkinson (Greensnorton), and Frank W. Burgess (St. Sepulchre's, Northampton), ringing members. Northampton was selected as the place of next year's meeting.

After some discussion it was decided to give gold medals to members who rang 100 peals for the Association; members who have already qualified are to receive medals at the next annual meeting.

It was decided to make a grant of £1 to Cogenhoe's new bells, and the Rev. J. P. Friend, acknowledging, said they had almost got the funds, although they only started last October. They would have six bells, and he hoped the Association would visit them.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The annual meeting was held at Torquay on Whit-Monday, and members mustered in goodly numbers from all parts of the county notwithstanding the counter attractions of the West of England Agricultural Show at Exeter. Service was held at St. John's church at 11.45, an excellent address being given by Preb. Airy, who before coming to Torquay was a member of the Yorkshire Association. At 12.30 more than 130 members sat down to dinner, after which the business meeting was held. The Rev. M. Kelly presided, and supporting him were the Revs. H. Molineux (hon. sec.), C. E. Burkitt, H. L. Pigot, and Messrs. O. Brooksbank (organist of St. John's), E. Shepherd, W. H. Marsh, H. Stokes, F. Davey, and representatives of twenty companies. The president moved a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the church bells in Torquay and neighbourhood, and to Mr. Brooksbank for his services at the organ, and proposed his election as a hon. member of the Guild.

The hon. secretary then moved the adoption of the

report, and congratulated the members on the steady progress that was being made in extending the work of the Guild. The number of performing, associate, and honorary members now amounted to 471, an increase of 64 members on the preceding year. The number of peals, equalised only in 1903, amounted to 27, and were as follows: Stedman Caters 1, Grandsire Caters 4, Bob Major 3, Stedman Triples 2, Grandsire Triples 17. The visits of change-ringing bands to country districts was bearing fruit, and there had been numerous instances of the re-hanging of bells and renovation of bell frames, which had been mainly effected at the instigation of members of the Guild. The financial position of the Guild was satisfactory, a balance of £33 being carried forward.

The Rev. M. Kelly was re-elected President, the Rev. F. Molineux hon. secretary and treasurer; the Rev. H. L. Pigot and Messrs. E. Shepherd and W. Marsh assistant hon. secretaries.

Exmouth was selected as the place for the annual meeting in 1910.

The members afterwards dispersed to spend the rest of the day in visiting the rings of eight at Babbacombe, St. Mary Church, Upton, Paignton, Newton Abbot, and other towers in the neighbourhood.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

Owing to the fact that the date fixed for the summer quarterly meeting of this Association coincided with the annual meeting of the Staffordshire Association, and to the weather being very wet, the attendance at Stoke Prior on Saturday, June 26th, was very poor. The service was held in the church at 4 p.m., the address being given by the Vicar, the Rev. C. Stockdale, who, at one time, was himself a ringer.

At the meeting after the service, it was decided to hold the next meeting at the village of Hallow, and the quarterly peal was left in the hands of Mr. Oliver James. Several new members, including the ringers at St. Nicholas, Worcester, were re-elected.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar who presided, brought the meeting to a close; when a move was made to the tower, which contains a peal of eight, tenor 10 cwt., but which do not go by any means well, although rehung in 1887, and having had very little ringing done on them. Several of them will persist in casting rope, and the noise, which might easily be lessened by a matchboard ceiling, is very bad.

RINGERS' WEDDING.

On Monday, June 28th, the wedding took place at Chevening, Kent, of Mr. William Pickworth (of the Southgate band, and Assistant-Secretary of the Middlesex County Association), and Miss Pope, of Chipstead, Kent. The Southgate band met at Christ Church, Southgate, in the evening in honour of the occasion. The following touches were brought round—756 Stedman Triples and 336 Grandsire Triples. G. Bester, F. G. Tegg, S. Wade, N. A. Tomlinson, J. E. Miller, H. Miller, J. Armstrong, H. Armstrong, A. R. Glasscock, A. G. Crane, and R. W. Young.

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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A summer festival was held at Turvey on Saturday, June 26th, and was attended by a large number of members. Short touches in various methods were rung during the day. A cricket match between the Association and the Turvey Club was played, and resulted in a victory for the Turvey club by the narrow margin of 3 runs.

A service was held in the church at 5.30, and was very well attended. A most appropriate sermon was preached by the Rector of Turvey, the Rev. C. B. Hulton, who took for his text the words—"Be ye therefore perfect." The members of the Association are greatly indebted to the Rev. C. B. Hulton for his kindness in inviting them to Turvey, and for the excellent arrangements which he made for the festival.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Christchurch District was held at Lymington on Saturday, June 19th. Thirty-eight members attended from Bournemouth (St. Peter's), and St. John's, Christchurch, Ringwood, Lymington, North Stoneham, and Wimborne. The Vicar (Rev. C. Bostock) kindly granted the use of the vicarage grounds for the tea and meeting. The Vicar presided, and on behalf of the Lymington ringers presented the Rev. E. Dennett with a sardine server in honour of his approaching marriage. He then expressed regret at the absence of the Rev. W. G. Iremonger, who, he was sorry to say was in the hospital, and had undergone an operation in his knee; also for the absence of Mr. Churchwarden King, who being a magistrate was called on the duties of such; and also for Mr. Elliott, the captain of their band.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and it was decided to attempt the next quarterly peal at Christchurch, and to be Bob Royal, with Mr. Preston as conductor.

Mr. Elliott then on behalf of himself, his brother churchwarden, and clergy, in a very appropriate little speech, expressed the pleasure it gave them to welcome the members of the Guild to Lymington on such occasions.

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PEAL ANALYSIS AND PEAL VALUES.

Mr. A. T. King read the following as the Report of the Peals' Analysis Committee.

Your Committee beg to report that the Peal Analysis for 1908 was duly completed and delivered to the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS" on March 10th, 1909. Up to the time of writing this Report, however, the Analysis has not yet been published. Several questions arose in the compilation of the Analysis, necessitating a reference to the Points Committee, and the following letter was addressed to them by our chairman, asking for information and guidance.

Jan. 21st, 1909. 18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet, Herts.

Dear Mr. Story,

As chairman of the Analysis Committee, may I ask for information and guidance on the following points:—

1.—The Lancashire Association rang on May 17th, 10,080 changes in fourteen Surprise Methods, but in a letter published in "THE BELL NEWS" on June 27th, the Rev. H. Law James stated that 10,080 changes in fourteen Surprise Methods had yet to be rung, as Coventry, Ely and Chelsea Surprise (three of the methods rung), are stated by him *not* to be Surprise Methods, but "thirds place Delight" Methods. May I ask if any of the Rulings of the Council on Legitimate Methods bear on this matter, so that Mr. Law James's statement may be said to have the authority of the Council.

2.—Twice during the year, the Yorkshire Association have published Johnson's peal of Grandsire Triples, 5025 changes. Page 12 of the Rules and Decisions of the Council says that on seven bells, not less than 5040 changes (the extent), constitutes a peal. By this ruling the Analysis Committee would feel bound to exclude these peals; but we should be glad to hear if the Points Committee have anything to say in the matter.

3.—The Yorkshire Association have rung during the past year the first peal of "Original Major." We are assuming that the Points Committee would place this under Plain Methods, and we propose to give the performance eight points. If this is wrong, perhaps you would kindly let us know.

4.—The Chester Association have rung Double Bob Major and Double Oxford Bob Triples. We should give the Major (as a double method) 16 points; but we are doubtful how to treat the Double Oxford Bob Triples. In the absence of explicit directions, we should give the least number allowed for a double method—viz., sixteen points.

5.—Will you take the sense of your Committee as to the number of points to be given to Cambridge Surprise Maximus? If we have to wait till you have reported to the Central Council on the subject, might we not be furnished with an interim value, pending the decision of the Council, so that the publication of the Analysis may not be delayed?

It is hardly for me to suggest, but I cannot help thinking that this dealing with points "piecemeal," is getting a little chaotic as regards the relative value of different peals. For instance, we have no authority from the Council for giving 24 points to Shipway Major, though precedent has sanctioned it. "Forward" is put down among the Surprise methods, and 20 points assigned; but nothing is said as to what should be given for Major, Royal, and Maximus in this method, respectively.

Again, there is a sliding scale for Minor peals in Treble Bob methods or Surprise peals, making any peal of less than seven methods, in either of these, count only as so many plain methods, which seems a little anomalous. This will suffice to shew the force of my suggestion, that a general revision by the Points Committee of the whole subject of relative points would be advisable, in these days of rapid progress among our experts.

With my kind regards,

Believe me to be,

Yours very sincerely,

ARTHUR T. KING, Chairman of the Analysis Committee.
R. S. STORY, Esq.

The Analysis Committee having been favoured, after the first round of replies received from the Points Committee, with the views of its members, were enabled to make pro-

visional arrangements for dealing with the questions involved in the above communication.

1.—It was agreed that the 10,080 changes in fourteen Surprise Methods had yet to be rung, and that therefore we could only deal with the peal as having been rung in fourteen Treble Bob methods.

2.—It was agreed that the Johnson's peals of 5025 Triples must be excluded from the Analysis.

3.—It was agreed provisionally to treat Original Major as a plain method.

4.—It was agreed to award 16 points to Double Bob Major, and 14 points (double plain Triple points) to Double Oxford Triples.

5.—The points to be given for the splendid performance of Cambridge Maximus, we had considerable difficulty in formulating, from the various views of the Points Committee; but in the end, we decided to allot provisionally 60 points, so that the completion of the Analysis might not be delayed.

We do not propose to offer any observations on the general questions as to a general revision of points. We have little doubt that this matter will receive the attention of the Points Committee, if it has not already done so.

We have now discharged our duties as a Committee for the three years for which we were originally elected, and in conclusion we desire to thank the Central Council for the confidence reposed in us, and the Points Committee for their ready co-operation.

CHARLES E. BORRETT.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

ARTHUR T. KING.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

In moving the adoption of the report, he said the publication was out of the hands of the Committee. He should like to know what was to be done.

Mr. N. J. Pitstow seconded.

The Rev. H. L. James said he could not see the use of the Analysis. Two peals were omitted from the Lincoln Diocesan Guild Book, because no such peals had appeared in "THE BELL NEWS," although the copy had been sent. These two peals were rung in April 1908. The copy of one of the peals was sent again, and it appeared as having been rung in April 1909. What was the use of the Analysis under such circumstances?

Mr. J. Griffin said that no blame attached to the Committee.

The Rev. H. Law James asked if any steps could be taken to ensure the publication of peals sent to "THE BELL NEWS."

Mr. J. Griffin said he could not see how this could be done.

Mr. W. L. Catchpole said as one of the band that took part in the peal of Maximus, he thought it a peal which everyone concerned might well be proud of (hear, hear). He did not think that 60 points were enough for such a performance.

The President said this was the recommendation of the Points Committee. He was in sympathy with the Committee with respect to the publication of the Analysis. He should have thought that from a business point of view, just as a man in business looked after the requirements of his customers, the Analysis would have been published at the earliest opportunity.

The report was adopted.

On the proposition of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. N. J. Pitstow, Messrs. A. T. King, J. Griffin, and J. A. Trollope were re-elected on the Committee, and Mr. G. P. Burton was elected to fill the vacancy through the retirement of Mr. C. E. Borrett.

Dr. Carpenter said in the absence of Mr. R. S. Story, the Peals Values Committee had nothing beyond what Mr. King had read to submit to the Council.

On the proposition of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, Dr. Carpenter, R. S. Story, J. Carter, and H. Dains were re-elected on the Committee.

At this point the President decided that it would be well to take item No. 10 on the Agenda.

The Hon. Secretary said that some time ago it occurred to him that the present system of apportioning points for peals needed systematising. He had made an attempt in this direction, and hoped that his suggested scheme might possibly form the basis of such a plan. In the scale at present employed, and given on p. 28 of "Rules and Decisions," there were one or two obvious anomalies, such as for instance the allotment of an identical number of points to Stedman Triples

and Stedman Caters. Again, while Double Oxford and Double Norwich Major were given the same number of points, when it came to Royal, while the former had but eighteen points assigned to it, the latter had no less than twenty-eight. Further, was it fair that New Cumberland Major should have the same value as Superlative Major? In any attempt to classify methods, each one could have a certain value apportioned to it. There were many methods in the list in "Rules and Decisions" of which he could not pretend to any practical knowledge, but they could ultimately be valued as might appear right and fair. It was desirable, he thought, that some effort should be made to find some rule by which the value of a method might be calculated. In the table which he had prepared it would be seen that the values given to the methods were such as would bring the various apportionments into as close agreement as possible with the existing ones—in fact in Plain Methods and Alliance (classes 1 and 2) the agreement was exact, while nowhere throughout was the difference at all serious.

The Rev. H. Law James said classification of methods could not be carried out.

The President said the best course to adopt would be to refer the whole matter to the Points Committee, and the Committee could bring up a report at the next meeting. This would be but courteous on the part of the Council, and much more convenient. He suggested that the Hon. Secretary should be added to the Committee.

This was agreed to.

The following is the table referred to and placed before the meeting by the Hon. Secretary:—

No.	Method.	V.	Trip.	Maj.	Cat.	Roy	Cirg.	Max.
			7	8	9	10	11	12
1.	Plain Method ...	10	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
			10	12		12		14
2.	Alliance ...	12		(10)		(12)		(14)
				12		14		16
3.	T. B. Method ...	14		(11)		(14)		(17)
				16		18		20
4.	Double Method	18		(15)		(18)		(22)
				16		28		32
5.	Double Norwich	25		(20)		(25)		(30)
6.	Stedman and New		24	30	24		28	
	Cumberland...	30	(21)	(24)	(27)	(30)	(33)	(36)
				30				
7.	Superlative, etc.	40		(32)		(40)		(48)
				30		50		
8.	Cambridge, etc.	50		(40)		(50)		(60)
9.	London			50		68		
	(Stepney), etc.	64		(51)		(63)		(77)

(To be continued.)

YORKSHIRE RINGERS' VISIT TO LONDON.

In continuance of previous Whitsuntide excursions, two of which have been very successful, i.e., Stratford-on-Avon, 1907, and Chester, 1908, the memories of which will linger long in the minds of the happy participators, at the invitation of the worthy President, Mr. Maude, it was decided at a preliminary meeting held at Pudsey a few weeks ago to pay a visit to London this year, in view of the Central Council's meeting there (two of the party being delegates), and the arrangements were left in the hands of Mr. Maude, with Mr. Broadley as committee. The party consisted of Messrs. T. Maude and G. Bolland of Tong; J. Broadley and T. B. Kendall of Shipley; W. Popplewell and C. Pratt of Calverley; P. Johnson of Leeds; W. Idle of Dewsbury; J. McKell of Gargrave; F. W. Dixon of Guiseley; S. Hirst, J. S. Ambler, and J. Cotterell of Halifax.

Leaving home by the Friday midnight train, our only regret was the enforced absence of Mr. Bolland through illness, and his personality was missed during the whole of our holiday. The journey was enlivened by touches on the handbells, and lunch, which by Mrs. Maude's usual thoughtfulness had been provided for. Arriving at King's Cross, we made our way to our diggings for breakfast, where we were met by Mr. T. H. Taffender, who took us in hand, and we were soon being piloted on a voyage of sight-seeing occupying the whole of the

day, visiting various places, notably the Tower of London, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Houses of Parliament, and Shepherd's Bush Exhibition, which completed our first arduous day's pleasure.

Sunday morning found us at St. Paul's, where some took part in the ringing for service, then to Bow Church for a service touch, and a visit to Middlesex Street (Petticoat Lane), and a short touch after service at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East brought us to dinner time, which was served at Ye Old Coffee Pot. Another visit to St. Paul's for afternoon ringing, and a stroll along the Embankment passed time along until we were due to ring for evening service at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on a handy ring of ten, a final ring after service at St. George the Martyr completing the day's programme.

Monday morning again found us on the war path, with a visit to Hyde Park, Rotten Row, Albert Memorial, back to the National Art Gallery, Trafalgar Square, and to dinner; then to Bethnal Green to visit the veteran of 83, Matthew A. Wood, and attempt our only peal, which was successfully brought round in 3 hrs. 9 mins., recorded at the proper time in these columns. This is supposed to be the first peal in London by a complete band of Yorkshire men. Returning to the City a social evening was spent at Ye Old Coffee Pot, handbell ringing with social chat, and with an inspection of the records and treasures of the Ancient Society of College Youths, along with meeting a few of the notable lights of the Exercise, a very pleasant and restful evening was spent.

Tuesday, our day of departure for home, and break up of our party, began in earnest by visiting, before breakfast, High Holborn and Smithfield Market, and after satisfying the cravings of the inner man, we made tracks for the Central Council's meeting at Westminster, viewing the Scots Guards Parade, St. James's and Buckingham Palaces on the way. After dinner the major portion left for home, leaving the others to follow after being present at the Social at the Westminster Palace hotel. Thus ended another enjoyable ringing tour to live in memory for some time, to the success of which the party would here gratefully acknowledge, is due to the splendid arrangements made for us, and to the guidance of our friend Mr. Taffender. We would also tender our thanks to the Vicars and ringers who have so kindly granted the use of bells and have so agreeably met us, and should we be favoured by their paying us a visit, we can assure them of a right Yorkshire welcome.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide a new bell, a flat 6th, as an addition to the existing peal, and thus to form a light octave of the "middle eight" with the 9th bell (19 cwt.) as tenor. The tenor of the full peal of twelve (and, of course, of the back eight) weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £115.

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Further subscriptions may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; Mr. C. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

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."

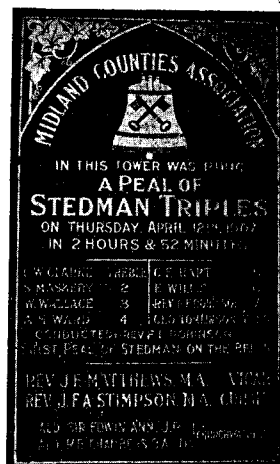
"CHELSEA SURPRISE."

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Jordan I was under the impression Chelsea Surprise had not been rung in the Guild before, hence the mistake. I must apologise to him, and also thank him for the information re Surprise in the "Clavis."

FRED. BENNETT,

Peal Tablets.

But the gem of these sets of rules is that of The



"Your work is quite an ornament to the porch of our Church."

Western Greencaps (MS. Rawl. D. 1089). These rules—twenty in number—are contained in a small quarto volume, and are dated March 25th, 1683. Their general tenor is much the same as those I have already mentioned, but expressed in much more compact and modern form. The officers at this time were Joseph Parsons (Master); R. Chandler and Thos. Lucas (Stewards); Samuel J. Hooper and William Pearle (Treasurers). This is the first instance I remember of the term "Treasurer" in connection with Ringing Societies, and it is curious to note that the duties of these Treasurers were somewhat reverse to those of their successors in London to-day. Their duty seems to have been to collect moneys due from members, and to account for them quarterly to the Masters and Stewards. Besides these names there are those of fifteen other members, which appear to be mainly autographs.

The rules provide for an annual meeting on Midsummer Day, for the election of the before-named officers, and also of a Warner. The usual provisions about monthly and quarterly peals find place; but here for the first time, so far as I am aware, is provision made in London Societies for a weekly peal. Of course this does not mean a 5000. The members were to meet every Wednesday evening from Lady Day to Michaelmas at six o'clock, and in winter at five. This would seem to shew that the members were their own masters; for though there were perhaps more holidays then than now, the hours of work on ordinary days were, I believe, later. There is a curious rule, which I do not recollect seeing elsewhere, that no member is to ring a bell too heavy for him, as he is not to hurt his body by heats. Every member is to attend funerals of deceased brethren, and there is a rule against bad language.

But the artistic interest of this little volume is what perhaps strikes one most in connection with it. The ornamental penmanship is of a very high order indeed. The rules are written in various styles of handwriting: one rule is written in the middle of each page in an ornamental framing. I will endeavour to give some description of this.

The title-page shews a scroll ornamented on each side with a Cupid supporting a bell. Every rule is in a frame, some more or less plain, as oval, square, or octagonal, others more enriched. Thus, rule 4 is included in a pen and ink drawing of a sort of double-headed spread eagle, holding quill pens in his claws. The next two rules are ornamented with well drawn human heads. Flying Cherubs support the frame of rule 7. There is a finely-executed Initial letter to rule 8. Rule 9 is written on a design like a monumental tablet, surrounded by a Cherub's head. Rule 10 is supported by Cherubs, and surmounted by a bust. Rule 13 has a remarkable design; two figures apparently of armed knights stand one on each side, an allegorical figure surmounts it, and a greyhound is crouching beneath. Rule 14 is ornamented with birds, and a cat is underneath it. Rules 18 and 19 have grotesque figures, and rule 20 has a coloured bust, presumably intended to represent the Greencap costume. I have never more regretted my inability to draw than when unable in any way to reproduce these excellent pen and ink designs.

R. A. DANIELL.

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HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN STOPFORD Treble.	TOM WILDE 5.
JOSEPH COOKE 2.	SAMUEL BOWKER 6.
ARTHUR HAUGHTON 3.	ALBERT HOUGH 7.
HARRY NORGROVE 4.	BENJAMIN THORPE Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and Conducted by B. THORPE.

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APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, June 18, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

ARTHUR WHITE Treble.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. 6.
ALBERT E. LOCK 2.	FREDERICK S. WHITE 7.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. 8.
EDGAR HUMFREY 4.	RICHARD WHITE 9.
FREDERICK WHITE 5.	RICHARD BENNETT Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE.

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

WILLIAM ROGERS Treble.	FRED WILFORD 5.
FRED HOPPER 2.	ARTHUR MOORE 6.
WILLIAM ROBERTS 3.	GEORGE FLAVELL 7.
THOMAS LAW 4.	† ALFRED BECKWORTH Tenor.

Conducted by F. HOPPER.

† First peal. * First peal on eight bells.

HARLOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE DENT Treble.	CHARLES FRENCH 5.
HENRY PERRIN 2.	THOMAS ELLIS 6.
BENJAMIN COPPING 3.	WALTER HOBBS 7.
WILLIAM WHEELER 4.	FREDERICK PALMER Tenor.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 24, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. 0 qrs. 16 lbs in G.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. .Treble.	FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	FREDERICK J. ROOPE .. 6.
CHARLES BAKER 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
ARTHUR ROOPE 4.	JOHN E. BURTON .. ..Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This is the Rev. W. C. Pearson's 150th peal.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 24, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

HARRY HALL* .. .. .Treble.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 5.
CHARLES FREDK. LING .. 2.	JAMES CROWE 6.
JOHN HALL 3.	WILLIAM BURGESS 7.
GEORGE STANNARD* .. 4.	DAVID COLLINS .. ..Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

*First peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 25, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

THOMAS RILEY .. .. .Treble.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 5.
JESSE MOSS 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 3.	JOHN FLINT 7.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 4.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE ..Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;
J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

LOUIS E. ALLEN* .. .. .Treble.	JOSIAH MORRIS 5.
GEORGE CLEAL 2.	ERNEST MORRIS 6.
T. HENRY HARDY 3.	ALFRED MARTIN 7.
FRED H. DEXTER 4.	*CHARLES LOCK .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

*First peal. The treble man was elected a member previous to starting.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 26, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;
WHITTLE'S VARIATION OF CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHARLES H. BIRD* .. .. .Treble.	EDWARD BROWN 5.
CHARLES KENNINGTON .. 2.	JOHN W. SEAMER 6.
PERCY C. LONG 3.	JOHN E. KENNINGTON .. 7.
WILLIAM H. HEYHOE .. 4.	CHARLES TAYLOR .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by PERCY C. LONG.

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

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CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 24½ cwt.

THOMAS W. GORE .. .. .Treble.	*GEORGE NAYLOR 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 2.	*WALTER ALLWOOD 6.
JOHN FLINT 3.	GEORGE W. MOSS 7.
JAMES COTTERALL 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ..Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method

COGENHOF, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

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

HERBERT RAINBOW .. .. .Treble.	THOMAS LAW 4.
FRED HOPPER 2.	WILLIAM ROGERS 5.
WILLIAM FAREY 3.	FRED WILFORD .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by F. WILFORD.

First peal on the bells, which have been hung by Messrs. Bowell and Son, the "go" being excellent.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

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

On Saturday, June 26, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES ;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM FAWCETT .. .. .Treble.	BENJAMIN GILL 5.
JAMES BOOTH 2.	SAMUEL BOOTH 6.
JAMES WOOD 3.	ALBERT ADAMS 7.
SAMUEL WOOD 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

This was H. Chapman's 250th peal.

STRANTON, WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

W. J. MITCHELL* .. .. .Treble.	J. G. HALL 5.
W. HOLMES† 2.	T. METCALFE 6.
J. BAXTER 3.	*S. T. WRIGHT 7.
J. BRETTILL 4.	A. SIMPSON .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by D. PRENTICE, and Conducted by A. SIMPSON.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major. †First peal of Treble Bob Major with a bob bell. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 26, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS .. .. .Treble.	SAMUEL J. BIRD 5.
CHARLES T. COLES 2.	SGT.-MAJOR A. PYE .. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3.	CHARLES WILKINS 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. .Tenor.

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

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1909, in Three Hours

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. Treble.	CHARLES DEAN 5.
JAMES D. DREWETT 2.	ALBERT CALVER 6.
DOUGLAS W. DREWETT .. 3.	JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. 7.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 4.	WILLIAM H. JOINER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

Rung to commemorate the fifty years' ministry of the Rev. D. F. Wilson as Vicar of Mitcham parish, 1859-1909, all the ringers sending their congratulations and good wishes to the Vicar. It was also Dr. Carpenter's 150th peal.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 26, 1909, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

ROBERT BISHOP* .. Treble.	GEORGE ESSEX 5.
RICHARD T. HIEBERT .. 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY.. .. 6.
CHARLES GILES 3.	HARRY SIMMONDS 7.
WALTER WEBB 4.	ERNEST W. MENDAY .. Tenor.

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

*First peal of Major.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF NORWICH SCHOLARS.

On Sunday, June 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD WARD .. Treble.	*ALFRED GOODRUM 5.
WILLIAM BLAKE* 2.	FREDK. H. KNIGHTS .. 6.
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN.. .. 3.	*GEORGE MOORE 7.
PEECY C. ARTIS.. .. 4.	FREDK. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by FREDERICK KNIGHTS.

*First peal in the method.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM DELLAR .. Treble.	WILLIAM WHEELER 5.
BENJAMIN COPPING 2.	JOHN SMITH.. .. 6.
HARRY BOTTRILL 3.	JOHN CORDELL 7.
GEORGE DENT 4.	FREDERICK PALMER .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by F. PALMER.

First peal in the method by all except the ringers of 3, 4 and tenor. First peal in the method by a local company in the parish of Harlow. Rung as a farewell to F. Palmer, who is leaving for Irthlingborough.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The name of the ringer of the 6th in the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Kidlington on June 15th, and reported in our last issue, was Frederick White, not Frank White.

Date Touches.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WESTBURY-ON-TYRM (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, June 5, a date touch of 1909 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 18 mins. A. Neal, J. Atherton, G. Bennett, T. Atherton, G. H. Gale (composer and conductor), J. Caple.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BECKENHAM.—On Wednesday, June 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. C. Terry, J. Town, G. W. Clarke, F. King, F. Terry, J. Lovell, G. Durling conductor, C. Austin. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Wm. Saw, a member of the company.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HESTON.—On Sunday, March 28th, for Divine Service in the morning, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. F. Ellingham, T. J. Barker, G. Gladman, C. S. Bird, H. C. Chandler, S. Carter conductor, C. I. Edwards, E. R. Gladman. On Sunday afternoon, June 6th, for Confirmation Service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 45 mins. W. F. Ellingham, E. R. Gladman, C. S. Bird, T. J. Barker, C. I. Edwards, S. Carter conductor, H. C. Chandler, W. J. Watson. On Sunday evening, June 13th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. E. R. Gladman, G. Gladman, H. W. Cowley, C. S. Bird conductor, T. J. Barker, C. I. Edwards, S. Carter, H. C. Chandler. The latter was rung on the occasion of the first anniversary of the rehanging of the bells by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

AYSGARTH.—On Tuesday, June 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Laverick, G. Pickering, F. Laverick, W. Rudd conductor, J. H. Jones.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On June 6th, at the parish church, 672 and 576 Superlative Surprise Major. M. Bradley, C. Laverick, J. H. Jones, F. Laverick, W. Pollard, J. Wedgewood, E. H. Blackiston, T. Lancaster. On June 8th, for practice, 1728 Kent Treble Bob Major. C. Laverick, W. J. Titchener, F. Laverick, J. H. Jones, J. Wedgewood, W. Pollard, J. H. Blackiston, T. Lancaster. On Tuesday, June 15th, 752 Double Norwich Major. C. Laverick, W. Titchener, W. Rudd, G. Pickering, W. Pollard, J. Wedgewood, J. H. Blackiston, T. Lancaster.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLACKMOOR (Hants).—On Whit Sunday, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles. E. Prior, G. Cozens, G. Chiverton, L. Norris, W. Read conductor, W. Norris. This is the first 720 on the bells by a local company, and reflects great credit on the whole band. It was only in October last that they were induced to join the Guild and to commence change-ringing. Mr. C. Edwards acted as instructor on behalf of the guild. On Monday, June 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. J. Read first 720 Treble Bob, C. Edwards, E. Newell, J. W. Russell, F. W. Elliott, W. Bashford conductor.

FARNHAM.—On Tuesday, June 22nd, for C.E.M.S. Service, 1056 Bob Major. C. Edwards conductor, G. Upshall, W. Bachford, W. Lowman, F. A. Barnett, J. W. Russell, F. W. Elliott, T. Upshall.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, February 7th, for evening service at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. F. Bacon, V. Pavier, A. G. Bennington, H. E. White, F. W. Richardson, J. Law, W. J. Jeffries (conductor), A. C. Macklin. On Sunday, February 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. S. T. White, F. W. Richardson, J. Law, H. E. White, A. G. Bennington conductor, W. J. Jeffries, A. E. Goddard, A. C. Macklin. On Sunday, February 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., with the bells muffled, in respect to the late Mr. T. Higgins. F. Bacon, V. Pavier, A. G. Bennington, H. E. White, F. W. Richardsen, A. E. Goddard, W. J. Jeffries conductor, A. C. Macklin.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE.—On Sunday, June 20th, at the parish church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins. J. P. Hyatt, H. Taylor, L. S. Griffiths conductor, L. Lewis, G. Preece, W. H. Young. The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea at the vicarage by the Rev. —. Ellwood.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on July 6th and 20th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 8th and 22nd; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 12th and 26th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 15th; St. Mary-le Bow, Cheap-side, on the 27th; all at 8 p.m.

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

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held to-day, Sat., July 3rd at the parish church of St. Leonard, Streatham, S.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.30 p.m. The business meeting will be held at The Leigham Arms, Sunnyhill Road, at 8 p.m. All ringers are heartily invited.
T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill.

The Royal Cumberland Youths.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Saturday, July 17th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Further particulars next week.

F. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*
3, Margaret Terrace, Haris Lane, New Cross.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst to-day, Sat., July 3rd. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea will be provided (free) at The George and Dragon inn at 5.45, followed by business meeting. By kind permission of the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon, the rectory grounds will be thrown open to members.

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

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Knebworth to-day, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30.

H. S. KEEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
4, Salisbury Square, Hatfield.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Kingsley on Saturday, July 3rd. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Service in church at 6.30 p.m.

REV. W. G. KEYWORTH, } *Hon. Secs.*
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Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Axbridge Deanery.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Winscombe to-day, Sat., July 3rd. Tea at 4 p.m. Meeting and service to follow.
ARTHUR H. DAVIES, *Branch Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Rayleigh on Saturday, July 10th. The Rector (Rev. A. G. Fryer), is kindly providing tea at the usual time. Those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than July 7th.

HENRY F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*
County Offices, Chelmsford.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held (by kind permission of the Rector, Rev. H. Wilson), at Harlington (6 bells), on Saturday,

July 10th. Ringing will commence at 4. Tea will be provided at a small charge in the Church Room at 6.30, the Rector presiding. All ringing friends heartily welcomed.

H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 10th. Bells ready at 4.30. Business important. WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*
3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chesterfield on Saturday, July 10th. The tower will be open from 2.0 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. excepting during the time of tea and meeting. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea at 4.30 (1s. each) on the vicarage lawn, if fine, or in the Victoria Schools, Vicar-lane, if wet. Will those who intend being present at the tea kindly notify Mr. A. Knights, Brunswick Street, Chesterfield, not later than the previous Thursday morning.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom on Saturday, July 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.
T. ROLLERSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Chipping Norton (Oxon) on Saturday, July 17th. Special train will leave Oxford at 10.28 a.m. Service in the parish church at 12 noon. Preacher—the Lord Bishop of Oxford, President of the Guild. Business meeting in parish church room at 12.45. Dinner in Town Hall at 1.45. Dinner tickets at 2s. each will be forwarded to those members only who send the money with the order, and their ringing qualifications to me on or before Saturday, July 10th. The whole amount will be refunded to change-ringing members, and 1s. each to probationers present at the dinner.

ALBERT E. REEVES, *Festival Secretary.*
5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The summer meeting will be held at Darlington on Saturday, July 24th, instead of the 31st.
C. TODD, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m., with an address by the Rev. M. C. Elphinstone, Vicar. Tea at the Vicarage for those who send me their names by the 21st, kindly provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Elphinstone. Half railway fares up to 2s. allowed.
T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

Halifax and District Association.—The annual meeting and eight-bell contest will be held at Sowerby on Saturday, July 24th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by July 19th.

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

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The Hon. Secretary of this division (R. J. Dawe), has removed to "Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford.

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HALLOW (Worcester).—On Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. C. Bowkett, W. Rouse, G. Checketts, A. Winterton, L. Clay, J. Batchelor, W. Page conductor, J. Pardoe.

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All further subscriptions will be gratefully received by Mr. E. Rivers and Mr. F. Rolfe, Sproughton, near Ipswich.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, June 20th, at St. Leonard's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Daniel, E. R. Dunk, H. Goldsmith, H. Pates, W. Ives, E. R. Miles, W. H. Joiner conductor, C. Wallace.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PULBOROUGH.—On Sunday evening, June 27th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. A. B. Carden, S. Stone, P. H. Doick, G. H. Lee, A. Greenfield, L. Stilwell composer and conductor, S. W. Corden, P. Knight.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WEARE (Somerset).—On Saturday, June 12th, at St. Gregory's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins. T.

Francis conductor, G. Standen, G. Gilling, G. Fisher, E. Fisher, T. Gill. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells, which have just been increased to a ring of six by the addition of a new treble, and was rung by the company from St. Andrew's church, Congresbury.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FRAMSDEN (Suffolk).—On June 7th, an attempt was made to ring a peal of London Surprise Major, which came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 40 mins. A. S. Wightman, G. Whiting, E. Lanman, W. Wightman, W. G. Crickmer, E. Poppy, F. R. Borrett, G. Wightman conductor.

EARL SOHAM (Suffolk).—On June 13th, 720 Oxford Bob. B. Buckle, H. Hall, W. G. Crickmer, J. Mallett, J. Hall conductor, G. Balls. On June 27th, 720 College Single. H. Hall, W. G. Crickmer con-

ductor, J. Hall, F. Stannard, J. Mallett, F. Balls.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

TITCHFIELD (Hants).—On Sunday, June 27th, for Divine Service, 360 Grandsire Doubles, and 360 Plain Bob. C. Bridge, D. Beer, L. Page conductor, G. Barton, E. A. Collins, W. Fielding.

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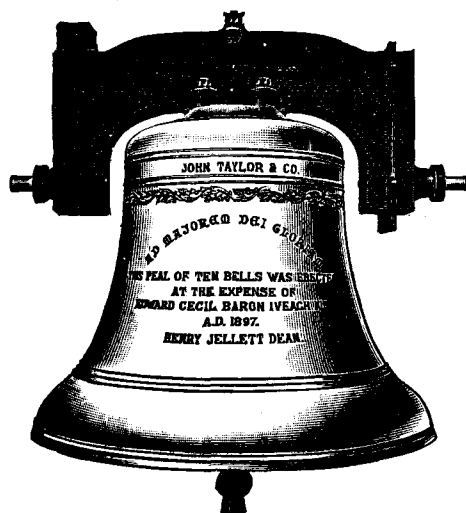
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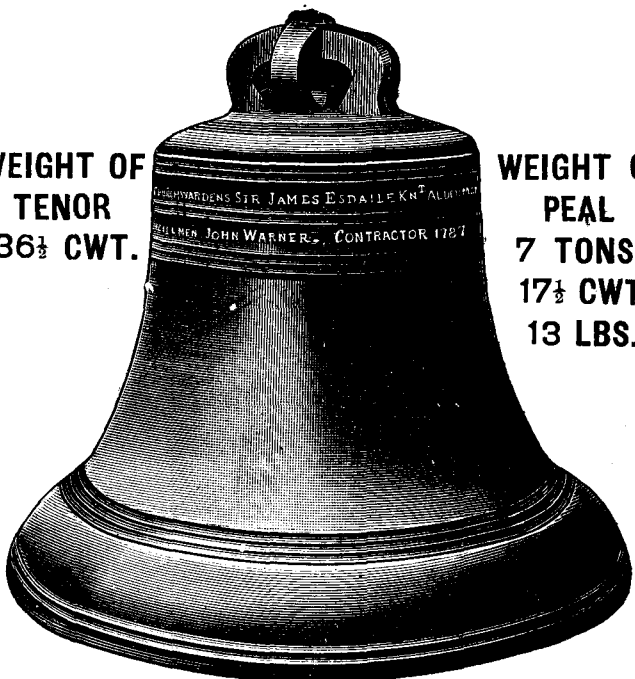
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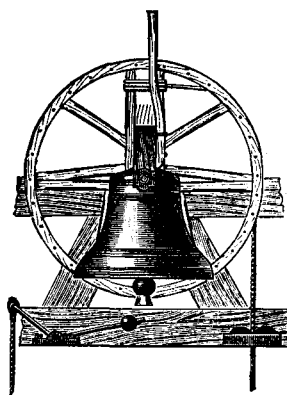
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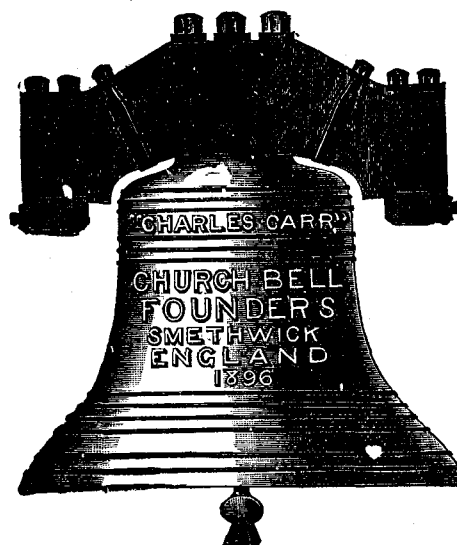
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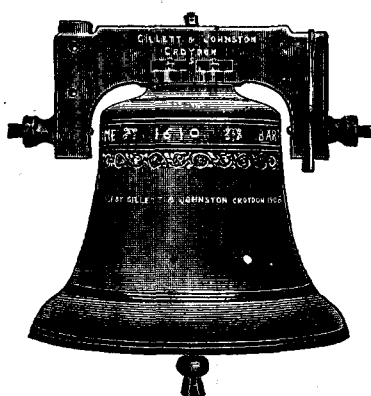
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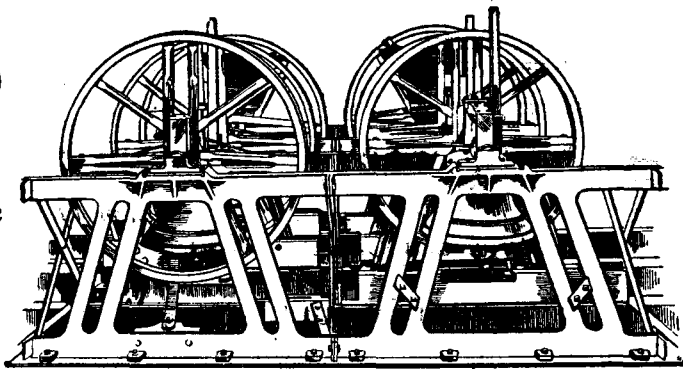
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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The members of the Chipping Norton branch of the above held their spring meeting on Saturday, May 22nd, at Ascott-under-Wychwood. This was the first occasion on which Ascott has been visited by the branch, the connection of this tower with the Guild not being of very long standing. The church of The Holy Trinity is of Norman and later styles, and its western tower is of the Transition period. It formerly contained five bells, but through the generosity of Mr. Vernon Watney, coupled with the energy of the Vicar of the parish (Rev. Charles Walford), and others, a 6th bell has been added, and the remainder have undergone restoration, so that Ascott now possesses a musical ring of six bells.

There was a good attendance at the service at the church at 4.30, which was conducted by the Vicar, the preacher being the Rev. W. C. Emeris, Vicar of Burford. His sermon was of an appropriate character, emphasis being laid upon the fact that the ringers, by their vocation, were rendering their service to the Church of Christ in the message which they proclaimed to all people.

At 5.30 a large company sat down to a meat tea in the school room. Following this the business meeting was held. In the regretted absence of the chairman of the branch through illness, the Master of the Guild (Rev. F. E. Robinson) was voted to the chair, and received the hearty congratulations of all present on his recovery from a serious illness. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from several branch members. The following towers were represented: Ascott, Chastleton, Chipping Norton, Enstone, Hook Norton, Leafield, Shipton, Todenham, etc. The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed, and it was announced that the balance in hand at the end of last year was £3 2s. 4d. Several new members were elected.

The chairman referred to the fact that the annual meeting of the Guild would be held this year at Chipping Norton on July 17th next. The occasion, he said, would be a special one, as the Bishop of Oxford had kindly consented to honour them with his presence, and would be the preacher at the service to be held in the church. He hoped the attendance would be large on that day, and that their branch would be especially well represented. Special railway facilities had been arranged by the secretary, so they would find no difficulty in that direction.

It was decided to accept the invitation from Hook Norton for the holding of the annual meeting of the branch.

The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Ascott for welcoming the branch to his parish; also to the organist and choir for the services they had rendered. The Rev. W. J. Palmer seconded, and the resolution was unanimously passed.

In reply the Rev. C. Walford expressed the pleasure he felt at entertaining the branch at Ascott. He was pleased that they possessed such a peal of bells as they did at the present time. They were deeply indebted to those through

whose instrumentality they had been able to secure them, especially to Mr. Watney, who had given them the 6th bell, and otherwise generously assisted in the work of restoration. He was sure that the visit of the branch had done much good in increasing the interest in ringing in the parish, and he was glad to say their own ringers had mastered a great deal of work in the belfry during the last few months. He was delighted to see the Master of the Guild present that day, and to know that he was in better health. These remarks were met with applause.

A vote of thanks to the chairman was unanimously passed on the proposition of the Rev. E. J. F. Johnson.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson, in reply, said it was a matter of great regret to him that on account of his illness he was obliged to remain for a time in abeyance. However, he was deeply grateful for the brotherly feeling which had been extended to him by ringers all over the country, and the many kind and helpful expressions of congratulation he had received on his recovery. Acting in accordance with his doctor's advice, he had been unable to take such a prominent part in ringing just recently, but even in spite of the medical man who had told him that he must ring no other than a dinner bell, he had taken part in several short peals. He wished to express his thanks to the deputy-Master for the help he had received in so many directions.

The Rev. W. J. Palmer referred to the annual meeting of the Guild, and expressed the hope that the members of the branch would make a special effort to secure a representative attendance.

POINTS FOR PEALS.

The Rev. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES writes:—

"In connection with my suggested table of points for various methods and on various numbers of bells brought forward at the Council meeting, and given at the conclusion (p. 233) of last week's instalment of the report of the meeting, I ought to explain that the numbers given in brackets opposite the different classes of methods are those produced by my suggested plan of calculation, the numbers immediately above the bracketed ones being those at present in force. The table, as handed round at the Council, had a note appended to it explaining the manner in which the numbers in the brackets were produced, viz.: multiply the 'value' of the method (given in the column headed v) by the number of bells, and divide the product by 10. In the case of Royal the number of points for a peal is always identical with the 'value' of the method. In Stepney 63 is a slip of mine, and should have been 64."

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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CHURCH PRESS COMMITTEE.

Mr. R. A. Daniell said that owing to illness and other circumstances, he had not been able to prepare a complete draft of the remaining portion of the catalogue to submit to his colleagues on the Committee. He had made considerable research, but there still remained some manuscripts he had not yet been able to see, but his draft was in a forward state, and he hoped to be able to present it to his colleagues before long, and, if they approved it, to transmit it to the Hon. Secretary. He recommended the re-appointment of his Committee.

The Committee which consists of Canon Papillon, the Revs. H. A. Cockey, and M. Kelly, with Messrs. H. Dains and R. A. Daniell, were re-appointed on the proposal of Mr. F. B. Tompkins, seconded by the Rev. C. E. Matthews.

LEGITIMATE METHODS.

The Rev. H. Law James said the Committee had succeeded in completing another stage, and it was hoped if the Council re-elected the Committee, that during the present year the whole of the work would be completed and submitted to the Council. It might be possible that some member of the Council would be willing to assist the Committee, if so, the Committee would give such member a welcome, and find him work to do.

On the proposition of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the Committee were re-appointed, viz., the Rev. H. Law James, Messrs. J. Carter, H. Dams, and J. A. Trollope.

THE EXTENSION OF STEDMAN FROM THE ORIGINAL SIX-SCORE.

The Rev. H. Law James said some few years ago he took the Council by surprise when giving a definition of a method, by stating that Stedman was not a Method but a Principle. He remembered the roars of laughter. There was not now a man to contradict him. He had a still further surprise for them to-day, for he had to tell Mr. Robinson that he had yet to ring a real peal of Stedman Triples (loud laughter). There had been congratulations to the band who rang the long peal on Easter Monday from more than one place, but he had to tell them that they had yet to ring Stedman. The same would apply to Stedman Cinques. He was fully aware that the Council would not take to it in a hurry, but such a theory had to come even if it was 100 years before it came. He did not wish the Council to be in a hurry; it would all come in the course of time. What he did hope was that members would give the matter their serious attention. The rev. gentleman has supplied the following re-statement of his case: parts of it have been modified or amplified, as the case may be, in consequence of the discussion which took place; it is published in response to a wish expressed by a very large number of members of the Council in order that the Exercise at large may be made acquainted with its contents, and then members themselves may have the facts before them, and so be enabled to form a sound judgment with a view to future action.

It is well known that Fabian Stedman produced a system of ringing changes upon five bells which has been called by his name, but it seems to have escaped notice that what he really produced was a 6-score, nothing more and nothing less. This 6-score consists of a course of sixty changes with a single thus—

1 3 2 5 4
1 3 2 4 5

in the middle of a quick six at the end of the course, another course like the first one and at a similar single at the end. Now when the principle was extended by some unknown person, probably in the city of Norwich, in the early part of the eighteenth century, this unknown person removed the single from the middle of the 6-score, and then made the great mistake of calling the course of sixty changes a plain course of Doubles, from this so-called plain course of Doubles he produced a so-called plain course of fourteen sixes of Triples, which has ever since been called the plain course of Stedman Triples; a very little careful inspection will show that these are not plain courses at all, and that if we want to ring real Stedman upon seven or more bells we must go to the original 6-score from it,

produce the plain course of Stedman Doubles, extend that plain course to Triples, and then produce peals of Triples from the plain course of Triples in a similar way to that in which the 6-scores of Doubles is produced from the plain course of Doubles. Now what is a plain course? Consider one division of any principle or one lead of any method; look at the coursing order of the working bells at the previous division-end or lead-end and compare it with the division-end or lead-end which follows it, and you will find that the two are related together in one of three possible ways. Either *a* the working bells are in the same course order, or *b* three working bells are altered in their course order, or *c* two working bells are altered in their course order. Now these three different results are natural results and not an arbitrary choice on our part. We may call them *a*, *b*, *c*, 1, 2, and 3 or anything we like; we do call them plain, bob, and single, and a plain course must consist of plain divisions only. Now consider the six-ends of Stedman Doubles.

23145	course order	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
34251	" "	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
34512	" "	1. 2. 5. 3. 4.

and it is immediately apparent that the quick six is really a bob six, that the Plain Course of Stedman Doubles really consists of slow sixes, and that Stedman's original six-score consists of Slow Sixes which are Plain, alternating with Quick Sixes which are bobs, in exactly the same way as the Plain Leads and Bobs alternate in the old Grandsire six-score. We have now arrived at five slow sixes as a Plain Course of Stedman Doubles with the Quick six as the bob of the Principle, and the single as Stedman originally wrote it, a whole pull on the lead—the bob place, the whole pull in 3rds—the plain place and the place between them, in the middle of a six. We now proceed to Triples, the Plain Course consists of seven slow sixes, a course which has been called Erin Triples, but which really proves to be the Plain Course of Stedman Triples, the bob is a quick six, and the single is to be made in front preferably where Stedman made it in the middle of the six, but not necessarily so for the following reasons.

Compare a slow six with a quick one:—

1 2 3	1 2 3	The slow six contains three thirds places and two whole pulls at lead, the quick six contains three whole pulls at lead, corresponding to the 3rds places of the above six, and two thirds places corresponding to the two whole pulls of the slow six, there are therefore really five bobs inside the quick six, one Q set is completely bobbed, and two members
2 1 3	1 3 2	
2 3 1	3 1 2	
3 2 1	3 2 1	
3 1 2	2 3 1	
1 3 2	2 1 3	

of another, and the third member of the other is not completed in the six, but acts as a bob across the parting of the sixes, consequently we may place the single anywhere we like in 1, 2, 3. Now by placing the single across the parting of the sixes, the peal of Triples is possible, and one will be found at the end of this article.

When we come to Caters the course consists of nine slow sixes, and in Cinques eleven slow sixes. The bells can be thrown into the tittums by calling the 7th in Caters in quick, or the 9th in Cinques, the peal can then be composed in courses of 9 or 11 sixes by letting 7, 8, 9 or 9 0 e go slow, or in short courses of 7 or 9 sixes, by calling them all quick, at the end of the composition let 7 go in slow, call 8 quick and 9 quick with a single, and the coursing order is 8, 9, 7, to come round at backstroke. On six, eight, ten, and twelve bells Stedman runs as a Double Principle with slow sixes in front and behind, one pair of bells in Major, two in Royal, and three in Maximus, dodging in between them. He would give a 720 of Minor at the end, and he believed that Mr. Dains has peals of Major, Royal, and Maximus. As these statements will be new to the Exercise, and will probably produce a considerable amount of criticism, he would ask the members of the Exercise to read them carefully, and not to rush into print in a hurry, as he was quite prepared to answer any reasonable objection, but did not want a useless discussion about mere words. In conclusion he did not anticipate the Council would be prepared to receive or even vote upon any resolution bearing upon the matter at present, but he was convinced that one day the Council would see the matter in the same light as that in which he had put it.

720 DOUBLE STEDMAN MINOR.

231564 F B

352164 -
 351264 - †
 523164 -
 521364 - †
 235164 -
 231456 -
 342156 -
 341625 -
 463125 -
 461532 -
 654132 -
 651243 -
 526143 -
 521643 - †
 265143 -
 261354 -
 632154 -
 631425 -
 346125 -
 341562 -

The Treble is making bobs throughout the 700, there its bobs need not be called, the other bells ring alternate quick and slow sixes except at the bobs marked with a †, when a quick six is substituted for a slow one behind.

Five times repeated, calling a s instead of the 3rd bob marked † in the 3rd and 6th parts, or in any other 2 corresponding parts.

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

2314567 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0
 6542173 - - - - -
 1246357 A SP - - - - O
 1246537 SB - - - - SP SB -
 4175263 - - - - -

Twenty times repeated.

A. In parts 1 and 2 call SB here, followed by six bobs at 2 and SP at 2, thus inserting 14 sixes.

A. In parts 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, call SB, here followed by s at 2, inverting two sixes.

H. LAW JAMES, June 7th, 1909.

The Plain is a slow six. The Bob is a quick six.

S thus— 1246357

1264537

If it is SB call single bob at the 6th (see example), goes quick, if it is SP call single at the 6th (see example) goes slow).

The President asked Mr. James if he had a resolution to move.

The Rev. H. Law James replied if so it would be that the Council refuses to recognise all peals hitherto rung and called Stedman Triples to be such. As he had already said he had no desire to press the matter to a vote, but was convinced the day would come when it would be seen in the same light as he had seen it in after a long study. However he would formally move such a resolution.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter seconded.

Mr. H. Dains said he had been to the British Museum and seen Stedman's book. It was clear that Stedman gave it as quick and slow sixes, and no doubt it was intended for the quick six to be a bob.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson asked if Stedman original six-score did not show a quick bell.

The Rev. H. Law James replied that to get the six-score you must call your bobs. The conductor calling the bob, a bell went in quick, the other two bells making way for it.

Mr. J. Carter said he thought Stedman intended to ring his six-score in twelves.

Dr. Carpenter said he thought the Council might rescind the clause in the Rules as to the coursing order.

The Hon. Secretary said he had regarded the same as a definition which was arbitrary without any foundation whatever.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said he was fully convinced that in 100 years time all would be agreed, in fact he did not think that the Exercise would have to wait so long. If one looked at Stedman as Stedman left it, they found that the single was made in the same place as a bob. That was how Stedman

gave it himself, but others had placed the single in 4-5, which was quite arbitrary.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said Stedman was a historic method, to introduce anything else would not be Stedman as the author left it.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett said he was opposed to what Mr. Law James had brought forward. Stedman only produced his method on five bells, but it had been extended and adopted by the Exercise for 200 years, and for ever would be known as Stedman. If Stedman had been called upon to extend the method to a larger number of bells, who could tell but what he would have done just the same as had been done by others. To make a call at every quick six would make the number very long. He had rung Stedman all his life and was pleased to do so, and he did not think any improvement could be made at the present day.

Mr. R. A. Daniell said Stedman's object was to obtain a six-score. Stedman did not trouble himself about more than five bells. This six-score it had been the custom to ring as Stedman. As to how the method developed to higher numbers he did not attempt to say, but he could not see that the Exercise could call the original six-score anything but Stedman.

After further discussion in which the Hon. Secretary and Messrs. H. Dains and J. A. Trollope took part,

The President asked if it was Mr. Law James's contention that all the peals hitherto rung as Stedman Triples were not Stedman at all. He had worked a good deal at the method himself, possibly more than most of those present, and though he was deeply interested in Mr. James's theory he was not prepared to accept it offhand. He was doubtful if Mr. Robinson would survive another year if Mr. Law James carried his point (laughter).

The Rev. H. Law James said he had at the commencement expressed an opinion that the Council was not at present ready to accept all he had advanced upon the matter, and he was therefore fully prepared to withdraw the resolution.

The President said he was sure the whole of the Council would recognise Mr. Law James's ability. Mr. Carter had said Stedman was in twelves. So it was. The late Mr. Bulwer and himself worked at it a long time, but they could not get at the root of the whole matter. Stedman was not only complicated but was also attractive to the ringer, because of its alternating movements. Mr. James spoke of four-bob sets as if the calls were always in fours, but in some of the best peals of Stedman Triples the four-bob sets were reduced to a minimum, and there might be further improvement made in this direction. With respect to the question of coursing order Mr. James said its continual change was irregular. What of Treble Bob? Take the bell in the slow. Did not this bell for a time depart from its coursing order? Going on to Stedman Caters, if four back bells were placed in the right position no better music could be obtained upon nine bells, in spite of the change of coursing order. It was the variety that Stedman had that gave its charm. Take a short course peal with 9-7-8 and 8-7-9 behind alternately; what better music could there possibly be? It was pure Stedman. He was with Mr. Law James in his scientific ideas, but against him in this attempt to disturb the existing method.

Mr. J. Griffin moved, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded, the previous question.

The Rev. H. Law James having remarked that in Thurstans' peal there were 800 bobs that were never called, with 240 calls that were not bobs, and two singles made behind (loud laughter) withdrew his resolution.

Marriage.

On June 28th, at St. Botolph's, Chevening, Kent, WILLIAM PICKWORTH, of North Ranceby, Lincolnshire, to ELLEN ELIZABETH POPE, of Chipstead, Chevening, Kent.

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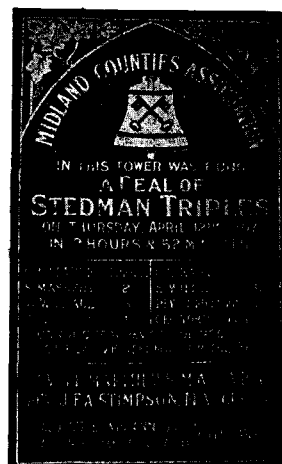
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SATURDAY, JULY 10, 1909.

THE talent and originality possessed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES has frequently been remarked upon, and almost every one agrees to refer to him as "clever." But more than once the opinions he has advanced before an audience has been received with no small degree of laughter, and really his rising to speak to a company is apt to provoke its risibility. Whether the majority of the readers of this paper, on perusing his last performance about Stedman will understand its meaning, is very doubtful. Many of them will be inclined to hilarity, we fear, and will regard it all as a joke.

The rev. gentleman, however, maintained his character for "cleverness" in this. He stuck to his guns, the laughter he met with affected him not the least. But he was wise enough to withdraw the resolution he would have liked to have passed; because it would not have been carried; talked (or laughed) out, perhaps.

Meanwhile we don't hear of the slightest inclination from any part of the country to avoid ringing Stedman as it has been rung for the past two hundred years, and we venture to say we never shall.

A CORRECTION.—Mr. Martin Bloxson, of Gilmorton, writes: "A slight correction is required in the admirable account in your paper of the 3rd inst. of the dedication of new bells at Gilmorton church. The family name of the donors of the 3rd bell is Bloxson, not Blossom. A member of the same family, viz., Martin Blocksom, was a churchwarden of Gilmorton in 1582-3."

The Provinces.**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.****THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 26, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s. each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES J. TYRELL* .. Treble.	WALTER W. BONHAM .. 4.
ALBERT J. GIBEN* 2.	*JOSEPH READ, SEN. 5.
JOSEPH E. READ, JUN.* .. 3.	CECIL A. VALENTINE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

*First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells and by the Association. The ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 5 are members of the local band. Messrs. Bonham and C. A. Valentine were proposed members previous to starting.

SPROUTON, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 26, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR S. BOAR Treble.	HARRY G. MEE 4.
GEORGE W. MEE 2.	EDGAR RIVERS 5.
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 3.	FRANK ROLFE Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 26, 1909, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble.	WILLIAM C. HART 6.
HENRY HODGETTS 2.	HENRY STALHAM 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 3.	JOHN JAY 8.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 4.	WILLIAM PALMER 9.
CHARLES PALMER 5.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by W. BOOTH, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

ST. WEONARD'S, HEREFORDSHIRE.**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

*On Sunday, June 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 11 cwt.

RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN .. Treble.	JAMES JONES 4.
THOMAS LEWIS 2.	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS .. 5.
ALBERT E. HURCOMBE .. 3.	HENRY J. TAYLOR .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells, and was rung for Divine Service.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, June 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

ARTHUR CATTERMOL* .. Treble.	GEORGE KEMP 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	ALPHAUS J. BERRY 5.
CHARLES NUNN 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOL* .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOL.

*First peal.

EYE, SUFFOLK.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, June 28, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR LINDER Treble.	WILLIAM ROOPE 5.
GEORGE ARCHER 2.	CHARLES ROOPE 6.
FREDERICK HORRETT 3.	JOHN SOUTER 7.
CLEMENT MORE 4.	ERNEST POPPY Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PISTOW, and Conducted by E. POPPY.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, June 29, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qrs. 16 lbs.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble.	CHARLES ROOPE 5.
CHARLES BAKER 2.	WILLIAM ROOPE 6.
ALFRED SMITH 3.	*GEORGE SNELLING 7.
JOHN SNELLING* 4.	FREDERICK ROOPE Tenor.

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wednesday, June 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.**

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs.

ALAN R. MACDONALD* .. Treble.	GEORGE SPENCER 5.
BERTHEAM PREWETT 2.	ROBERT E. STAVEST .. 6.
LEONARD STILWELL 3.	JAMES MERRICK 7.
EDGAR HANCOX 4.	ERNEST D. RIDGLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MERRICK.

*First peal of Stedman with a bob bell. First peal as conductor.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS.**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, June 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

G. TERRY Treble.	M. T. TUNE 4.
J. J. TUNE 2.	W. H. LAYCOCK 5.
A. HATFIELD 3.	REV. W. P. WRIGHT .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. W. P. WRIGHT.

First 5000 on the bells, which were augmented to six two years ago. First peal by all except the conductor. The band have joined the Cleveland Association, and rung this peal in honor of their Vicar, the Rev. W. P. Wright, having been elected the President of that Association.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, July 1, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART (No. 2).**

WM. ANDREWS, JUN. Treble.	FREDERICK NORMAN 5.
HENRY NORMAN 2.	ARCHIBALD J. ANDREWS .. 6.
ROBERT SCOTT 3.	WM. CHAPMAN 7.
EDWIN CHAPMAN 4.	CHARLES NORMAN Tenor.

Conducted by R. SCOTT.

First peal by C. Norman, who was made a member of the above Association previous to starting.

(Continuation of peals on page 248.)

TO VALUE IN POINTS.

Conductor's of four peals and upwards were
and William Keeble 33; Rev. F. E. Robinson
James E. Davis 20; Robert Matthews 19;
16; Benjamin A. Knights 15; John H. C.

F. TABULATED ACCORDING

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ding, so that publication may not be delayed. Whatever

as were thus distributed, viz.: Bedfordshire 5; Buckinghamshire 5; Gloucestershire 5; Hampshire 1; Herefordshire 1; Middlesex 3; Norfolk 2; Oxfordshire 1; Somersetshire 1; 1; Worcestershire 2. Total, 44.
was 10,192, viz., Bob Major rung by the Midland Counties Association on six bells by the Lancashire Association, one in which was incorrectly published as being rung in 14 Surprise changes; three contained over 6000 changes; and under

: the Kent Variation—Maximus 4; Royal 19; Major 126;
29.

Holt's Original 31; Holt's Six-Part 1; Holt's Ten-Part
Parker's Six-Part 12; Parker's Twelve-Part 64; Carter's
Vicars 6; Hollis's Five-Part 10; Rev. C. D. P. Davies's
4; Moorhouse's peals 4; Moore's peals 4; other peals 16;
of composition.

One-Part 7; Thurstan's Four-Part and Variations 201; Heywood's peals 2; J. J. Parker's peals 2; Washbrook's composed by J. O. Lancashire, J. J. B. Lates, G. Lindoff, J. W. was published without composer's name.

re:--William Pye 40; Frank Bennett 34; Clement Glenn 29; James Motts 27; Keith Hart 25; Bertram Prewett 21; William Short 18; Fredk. R. Borrett and George Williams 17; John and George N. Price 14; Charles F. Bailey, Arthur

Knights, and A. H. Pulling 13; Charles R. Lilley 12; William H. Barber and Edwin G. Buesden 11; Thomas T. Goston 10; Edwin Barnett, sen., Charles W. Clarke, Louis S. Griffiths, George Holifield, sen., Henry Moore, James Parker, and William Sawyer 9; John Austin, Will A. Cave, Robert J. Dawe, Joseph Griffin, Edwin H. Lewis, Thos. H. Taffender, Albert Walker, and William Willson 8; Samuel Groves, Fredk. G. May, and F. Watkinson 7; John W. Barker, Rev. A. T. Beeston, Arthur Edwards, David Elliott, William Fisher, E. C. Gobey, Thos. Groombridge, E. C. Lambert, E. W. Menday, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, and Bernard Wittnell 6; John Armstrong, George Bolland, David Brearley, R. T. Hibbert, Fredk. C. Lambert, John Larter, Arthur Latham, William Latter, Geo. R. Newton, Wm. T. Pegler, Geo. R. Pye, Jos. H. Ridyard, A. Shuffebotham, Fredk. Wilford, and H. W. Young 5; John Carter, Geo. Cattermole, Edward Chapman, C. Carew Cox, F. J. Davey, F. W. Dixon, John Flint, Jas. E. Groves, J. Hammond, G. F. Hoad, R. T. Holding, sen., Geo. Hughes, Rev. H. Law James, Wm. J. Jeffries, J. E. R. Keen, John W. Lake, Wm. H. Lawrence, Thos. Metcalfe, Geo. H. Myers, Fredk. J. Mynard, Wm. Overton, Edward Reader, Isaac Sidebotham, Wm. S. Smith, John Souter, Robert Sperring, Sam Thomas, Henry J. Tucker, Wm. Watts, and Geo. Wightman 4. In addition to these 42 persons conducted three peals each, 92 two peals, and 297 one peal, making a total of 528 persons who acted as conductors during the year, and one peal was published without a conductor's name Carter's odd bob peal of Stedman Triples, rung on February 21st, 1908. at Gateshead, was conducted by W. H. Barber blindfolded.

The number of peals on church bells was 1416; on handbells 58. The compositions of three peals were found to be false, after publication; one other was withdrawn by the conductor, and these are excluded from this Analysis, as are also two peals of Grandsire Triples rung by the Yorkshire Association. They contained only 5025 changes, and therefore fall short of the standard set up by the Central Council. Amongst noteworthy performances may be mentioned a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, the first Surprise peal on 12 bells, rung by the Norwich Association, 6591 Stedman Caters by the College Youths on handbells, and the first peals of Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major ever rung by a clerical band.

The following is a summary of the peals rung on handbells—

Siedman Caters	..	..	..	..	4
Siedman Triples	..	..	..	..	9
Grandsire Caters	..	..	..	..	5
Grandsire Triples	..	..	..	..	9
Kent Treble Bob Major	..	..	..	..	12
Oxford Treble Bob Major	..	..	..	..	2
Double Norwich Court Bob Major				..	5
Bob Major	9
Bob Royal	2
Minor Method	

Total	58
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The 1474 peals rung are 135 more than last year, and 45 less than the record year, 1905. They were rung in the following months—January 118; February 150; March 99; April 106; May 122; June 93; July 69; August 102; September 140; October 129; November 159; December 187.

NOTE.—In reckoning points for peals, those over 7000 and under 10,000 changes count as two peals; over 10,000 and under 12,000 count as three peals, and so forth.

The following table gives the first twenty Societies and their relative positions since 1896—

	1890	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908
Midland Counties Assoc.	3	8	6	6	13	11	13	10	5	5	5	4	1
Norwich Diocesan Assoc.	4	5	9	5	6	6	2	2	2	1	2	2	2
Middlesex County Assoc.	~	25	18	9	4	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	3
Kent County Assoc.	7	7	8	3	3	4	4	6	9	3	3	3	4
Yorkshire Association	6	9	11	8	14	12	12	9	3	4	4	7	5
Oxford Diocesan Guild	1	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	8	8	6	5	6
Sussex County Assoc.	2	1	1	2	5	3	7	3	7	7	17	10	7
Lancashire Association	10	4	5	7	7	8	14	19	22	9	8	6	8
Winchester Dioc. Guild	9	14	12	15	10	13	16	23	18	15	10	9	9
Durham and New. Assoc.	8	18	19	31	18	16	10	13	10	11	12	17	10
Essex Association	16	11	10	12	9	10	9	8	6	6	7	11	11
Gloucester & Bristol Ass.	13	12	7	11	11	9	6	7	11	14	13	22	12
Hereford County Assoc.	25	19	13	18	20	14	8	12	12	13	16	12	13
Worcester & Dist. Assoc.	12	6	3	10	15	18	21	20	23	17	14	8	14
St. Martin's Guild, Birm	21	13	20	16	8	7	11	11	15	12	19	15	15
Cent. Northants Assoc.	18	10	14	14	16	15	22	14	14	16	22	20	16
London County Assoc.	40	34	37	35	27	34	32	28	21	19	20	18	17
Soc. Archy. of Stafford	15	21	17	13	19	19	17	18	25	21	21	13	18
Chester Diocesan Guild	19	24	22	23	21	20	19	22	28	20	9	23	19
Royal Cumb. Youths	11	17	23	24	22	23	20	25	19	23	18	19	20

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The members of St. Ignatius the Martyr church bellringers Guild, Sunderland, having rung the extent of the Surprise Minor method, No. 25 in the Central Council Collection of Legitimate Methods, desire to name it "Wearmouth Surprise Minor," if it has not been named previously. On the 1st inst. members of the same Guild rang the extent of the Surprise Minor method, No. 23 in the Cen-

tral Council's list of Legitimate Methods. The occasion was the 20th Dedication Festival of the church; and in honour to Bishop Lightfoot (the founder of the church), it is suggested that the method be called "Lightfoot Surprise Minor," if it has not already been named.

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The number of peals rung annually since the publication of "THE BELL NEWS," are shown by the following Table.

1881	156	..	1886	556	..	1891	878	..	1896	791	..	1901	1194	..	1906	1313
1882	244	..	1887	646	..	1892	802	..	1897	905	..	1902	1313	..	1907	1339
1883	330	..	1888	759	..	1893	705	..	1898	1002	..	1903	1409	..	1908	1474
1884	419	..	1889	797	..	1894	859	..	1899	912	..	1904	1512	..		
1885	500	..	1890	699	..	1895	766	..	1900	914	..	1905	1519	..		

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 1, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN WILSON	Treble.	JAMES MOTTS	5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON ..	2.	JOHN SOUTER	6.
ERNEST POPPY	3.	WILLIAM ROOPE	7.
FREDERICK ROOPE	4.	FREDERICK BORRETT ..	Tenor.

Composed by N. J. FITSOW, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, July 3, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

JAMES MOTTS	Treble.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ..	5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	2.	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ..	6.
WILLIAM MOTTS	3.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE ..	7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ..	4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

LOCKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(NOTTINGHAM BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 3, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM HARDY*	Treble.	*EDWARD JOYCE	4.
JOHN BOOTH*	2.	*ALBERT JOYCE	5.
JOSEPH HALL	3.	REUBEN CLIFFORD	Tenor.

Conducted by REUBEN CLIFFORD.

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

HALLOW, WORCESTER.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 17 lbs.

GORDON CHECKETTS ..	Treble.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ..	5.
WILLIAM SHOOT	2.	WILLIAM PAGE	6.
JAMES R. NEWMAN ..	3.	JAMES DOWLER	7.
CHARLES F. WHITE ..	4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS ..	Tenor.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART, Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM BEARD	Treble.	GEORGE MILEHAM	5.
JOHN W. DAVIS	2.	GEORGE CONDICK	6.
JESSE GILLET	3.	JOHN AUSTIN	7.
WILLIAM C. JONES ..	4.	THOMAS NEWMAN	Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE MILEHAM.

First peal as conductor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ..	Treble.	RICHARD STREDWICK ..	5.
ALBERT D. STONE	2.	HENRY STALHAM	6.
CHARLES PALMER	3.	KEITH HART	7.
WILLIAM PALMER	4.	TRAYTON JEFFERY	Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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

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First peal in the method by all the band, and the first rung in Lancashire or any of the northern counties.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

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

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

*First peal. Rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. Gordon Roe, M.A., to the incumbency of Leiston-cum-Sizewell, vacant owing to the resignation of the Rev. Canon Raven.

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DAVID ELLIOTT	Treble.	JOHN SADLER	5.
ERNEST W. BECKWITH	2.	WALTER BURST	6.
WILLIAM SCILLITOR	3.	ERNEST NEWMAN	7.
FRANK CLAYDON	4.	ERNEST RIDGEWELL	Tenor.

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First peal in the method by the ringers of the 3rd, 4th, 6th, and tenor, and 50th peal as conductor by D. Elliott.

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(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

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JOHN RODEN*	Treble.	ARTHUR J. HOLMES	4.
CHARLES NEAVEYSON	2.	JOHN W. LAKE	5.
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Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

*First peal of Minor. †First peal in seven methods away from the treble. First peal in seven methods on the bells, and quickest peal on the bells.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Monday, July 5, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

SAMUEL REEVES	Treble.	JESSIE SCREEN	5.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN	2.	DANIEL JONES	6.
THOMAS HORTON	3.	JAMES E. GROVES	6.
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BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, July 5, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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JOHN BASS	Treble.	WALTER J. BRETHERTON	5.
THOMAS RICKETTS	2.	WILLIAM POTTER	6.
ROBERT MATTHEWS	3.	CHARLES F. WHITE	7.
WILLIAM NEWMAN*	4.	WILLIAM A. PUGH	Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal of Stedman.

Handbell Peals.**EYNESBURY, ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.****THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(THE ST. NEOTS SOCIETY.)

*On Tuesday, June 29, 1909, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,***IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.**

SIDNEY PECK†	1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN	5-6.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN	3-4.	*HERBERT FIELDS	7-8.

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Umpire—E. C. Chasty. †First handbell peal. *First handbell peal in the method.

Date Touches.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

FLEET (Lincolnshire).—On Friday, July 2nd, at the parish church, a date touch of Minor, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins., being 720 each of Double Court and Oxford Bob, and 469 Plain Bob. T. Copeland, Rev. C. J. Sturton, H. V. Fletcher, A. E. Campling, G. R. Truss, J. B. Hallifax conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Bartholomew Banks, esq., J.P., who was interred on that day in Gedney churchyard. One of the deceased's daughters has recently learnt to ring at Fleet, and is the first lady member to join the Eastern Counties branch of the Guild.

Miscellaneous**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

BUCKHORN WESTON (Dorset).—On Monday, July 5th, at the parish church, 1440 Grandsire Doubles. W. A. Hosmer, L. Read, Rev. F. L. Edwards, H. S. Parsons, W. Hughes D'Aeth conductor, H. Read. First quarter-peal on the bells by a local band.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OLD WINDSOR (Berks).—On Sunday, July 4th, at St. Peter's the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. S. Boare, A. Blake, F. Gutteridge, J. Guttridge, W. Ralph, L. Stilwell, W. Wellink conductor, F. Guttridge. Rung on the Dedication Festival of the church.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Tuesday, July 6th, for practice at St. Peter Mancroft, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 51 mins. H. J. Borrett, D. T. Potter, G. Harvey, F. H. Phillips, W. Freeman, C. E. Borrett, G. Mayers, G. P. Burton, J. E. Burton conductor, W. G. Cutbush. Tenor 43 cwt.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO.—On Saturday, June 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 42 mins. A. Rumble, L. Moore, S. Atherton, G. H. Gale conductor, J. Caple. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to G. Williams, who was a ringer for a number of years.

EDINBURGH.—On June 30th, at St. Mary's Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 54 mins. R. Whitson, Miss M. Sampson, W. C. Heathcote, T. E. Harwood conductor, W. Sampson, J. Robertson, C. C. Ellis, W. Lawson. Tenor 43 cwt. First quarter-peal by W. Lawson.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday evening, July 4th. 1280 Superlative Surprise Major. E. Harris, A. P. Heusman, J. White, H. Blundell, J. Heusman, H. Rainbow, W. Earey, W. J. Allen conductor.

UCKFIELD (Sussex).—On Saturday, June 26th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. F. Tester, A. J. Pierpoint, G. Izzard, T. Weddell, A. Cosham, jun., A. J. Turner, J. A. Hart conductor, A. Cosham, sen.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on July 20th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 22nd; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 12th and 26th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 15th; St. Mary-le Bow, Cheapside, on the 27th; all at 8 p.m.

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

The Royal Cumberland Youths.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Saturday, July 17th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 6 o'clock in the Church Room, 9d. each to those who inform me by the 16th inst.

F. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*
3, Margaret Terrace, Harts Lane, New Cross.

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Rayleigh to-day, Sat., July 10th. The Rector (Rev. A. G. Fryer), is kindly providing tea at the usual time.

HENRY F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*
County Offices, Chelmsford.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held (by kind permission of the Rector, Rev. H. Wilson), at Harlington (6 bells), to-day, Sat., July 10th. Ringing will commence at 4. Tea will be provided at a small charge in the Church Room at 6.30, the Rector presiding. All ringing friends heartily welcomed.

H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood to-day, Sat., July 10th. Bells ready at 4.30. Business important. WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chesterfield to-day, Sat., July 10th. The tower will be open from 2.0 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. excepting during the time of tea and meeting. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea at 4.30 (1s. each) on the vicarage lawn, if fine, or in the Victoria Schools, Vicar-lane, if wet.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom to-day, Sat., July 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

T. ROLLESON, *Branch Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Chipping Norton (Oxon) on Saturday, July 17th. Special train will leave Oxford at 10.28 a.m. Service in the parish church at 12 noon. Preacher—the Lord Bishop of Oxford, President of the Guild. Business meeting in parish church room at 12.45. Dinner in Town Hall at 1.45. Dinner tickets at 2s. each will be forwarded to those members only who send the money with the order, and their ringing qualifications to me on or before Saturday, July 10th. The whole amount will be refunded to change-ringing members, and 1s. each to probationers present at the dinner.

ALBERT E. REEVES, *Festival Secretary.*
5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

The North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at East Markham on Saturday, July 17th. Members intending to take tea are requested to inform Mr. W. Freeman, East Markham, Newark, by July 14th.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Moorside on Saturday, July 17th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested, as business is important.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

The Warwickshire Guild.—The annual general meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, July 17th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.15 p.m. Service at St. Mary's at 4.45 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at The Hare and Hounds hotel, followed by the business meeting of the Guild. All members and friends of the Guild will be welcome.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District. The next meeting of this district will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m., with an address by the Rev. M. C. Elphinstone, Vicar. Tea at the Vicarage for those who send me their names by the 21st, kindly provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Elphinstone. Half railway fares up to 2s. allowed.

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

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

Halifax and District Association.—The annual meeting and eight-bell contest will be held at Sowerby on Saturday, July 24th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by July 19th.

J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The summer meeting will be held at Darlington on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at The Bull's Head hotel, Market Place, at 5 p.m. Members 1s., non-members 1s. 6d. Members intending to be present please notify Secretary not later than July 21st.

CHAS. TODD, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*

92, Northgate, Darlington.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Alfriston (6 bells) on Saturday, July 24th. Ringing 3 to 8 p.m.; service at 5 p.m.; tea at 5.30, 6d. each to members letting me know by Tuesday, July 20th. Half rail fares up to 1s. Will Secretaries of bands please send on current subscriptions as soon as possible, otherwise members' expenses to meetings cannot be paid.

GEO. H. HOWSE, *Div. Hon. Sec.*

132, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, July 24th. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The White Swan hotel at 7.30 p.m.

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

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ashover (8 bells) on Saturday, July 24th. Ringing from 3.20 p.m.

A. H. WARD, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at the Church House, Solihull, on

Saturday, July 24th. Chair to be taken at 5 p.m. Solihull bells (ring of 10), have been kindly placed at the disposal of the members during the afternoon and evening. As this is the first meeting of the kind, the Executive of the Guild will be glad to arrange for a tea, if a sufficient number of members and friends will send their names as subscribers on or before Saturday—19th inst.—to the undersigned.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Hardsworth, Birmingham.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the members of the North and East district of this Association will be held on Saturday, July 24th, at St. Mary's church, Islington, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. C. J. Procter). The bells will be raised about 3.30 p.m., and evensong will be said at 5.30 p.m., which it is hoped that all ringers present will attend. Arrangements will be made for tea at 6 p.m., if a sufficient number will be good enough to intimate to the Hon. Secretary their intention to be present.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ashton-under-Lyne (12 bells), on Saturday, July 24th. Bells ready at 4.30. Business at 7. A good muster is requested to meet the committee.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Woodford parish church on Saturday July 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. The Rector has kindly offered to provide tea upon his lawn to as many members who shall notify me of their attendance by July 20th. Short service and address by the Rector at 5. Tea at 5.30. The Chigwell handbell ringers are expected.

G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*

7, Richmond Terrace, South Woodford.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The Hon. Secretary of this division (R. J. Dawe), has removed to "Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford.

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All further subscriptions will be gratefully received by Mr. E. Rivers and Mr. F. Rolfe, Spronghton, near Ipswich.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—W. H. B. Wilkins has removed from 76, Jefferson Road, Marine Town, Sheerness, to 3, Strode Crescent, Marine Town, Sheerness.

Obituary.**HENRY A. O. MACKENZIE.**

The death is announced, at the age of seventy, of the above-named gentleman. Though a ringer himself, he was hardly known as such, engaged as he chiefly was in his profession of engineer. He will be better remembered by the elders among the Exercise, as the last surviving partner of the firm of Moore, Holmes, and Mackenzie, of the bell foundry at Harleston, Norfolk. He was a man of great inventive genius, and it has been said that his discoveries in bell founding anticipated those of the late Canon Simpson. The establishment of Harleston foundry did not meet with success, the difficulties entering into such a business were too great, though Mr. Mackenzie worked very hard, and thought out many

schemes for the production of church bell and bellhanging. Iron frames were one of the specialties of this firm, at a time when they were looked upon with great disfavor. We believe that the plant eventually went to Whitechapel.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above Association was held at Llandudno on Easter Monday. Members attended from Bangor, Buckley, Dolgelly, Llandudno, Llangollen, Portmadoc, Rhyl, and Wrexham. At 2 p.m. a service was held in the church of The Holy Trinity, when an address was given by the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Vice-president of the Association, who took for his text the words: "Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord." Dwelling on the important position of ringers as church-workers, he said their

principal aim should be to attend the belfry for all service ringing. Ringers were often misunderstood by clergymen because they were kept busy by attending to their several duties. Laymen too, very often look upon ringing as just a necessary part of Church work. He, as a ringer of experience, said he knew of no other Art which did more for the moral and physical training of a man than the Art of bell-ringing.

Mr. C. Williams, of Portmadoc, presided at the organ, and the singing was of a hearty nature. The meeting followed, and one important new rule was passed, viz.: "That for all peals rung after January 1st, 1909, the cost of entering the same will be borne by the Association paying half, and the ringers of the peal the other half. Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob Major were the methods rung during the day.

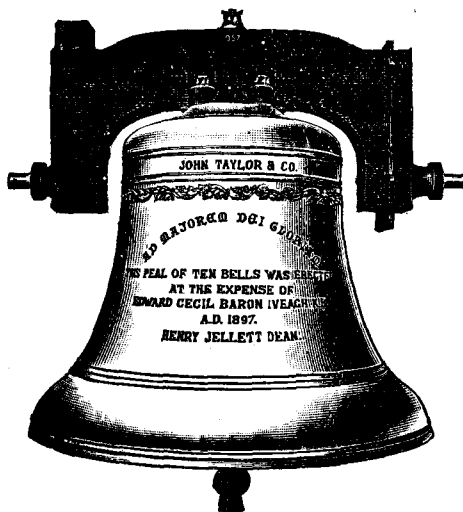
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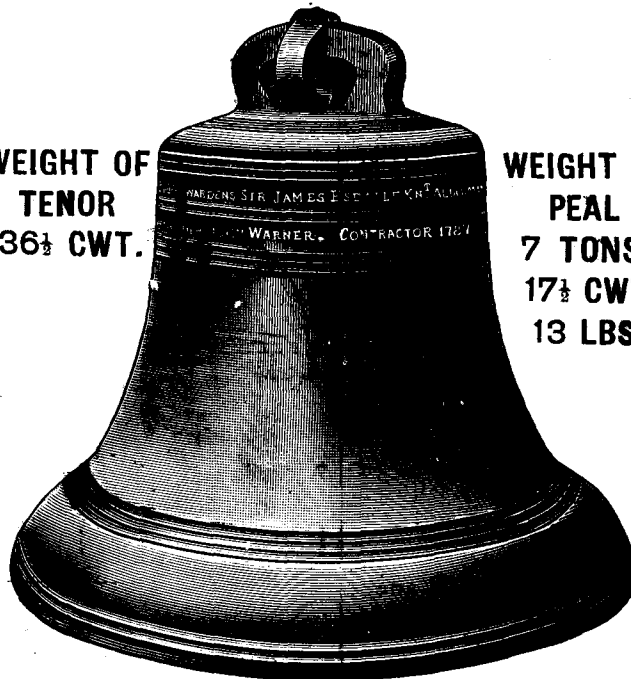
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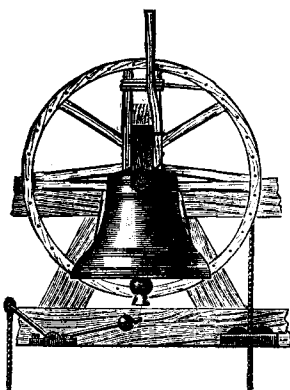
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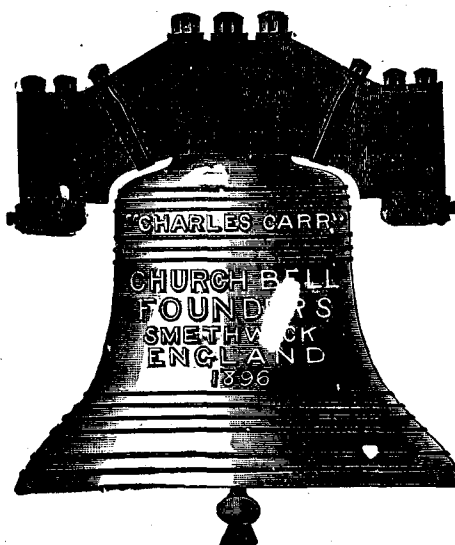
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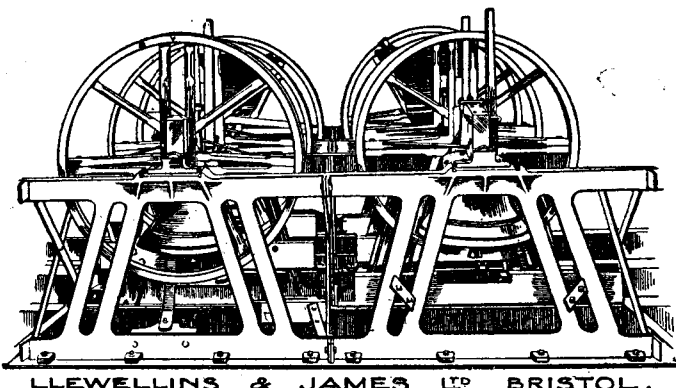
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT ECCLESFIELD, MAY 15TH, 1909.

The day opened fine, so, hieing me to the railway, a return ticket for the above-mentioned locality was requisitioned. "Where's that," said the man of many bookings, completely pulled up and puzzled. "Somewhere north of Sheffield," was my geographical and grandiloquent reply, for had not our Honorary Secretary happily stated it on the invitation circulars? Then followed sounds of a brain-racking consultation which suggested much delay and possible writing out of a special permit. But no; a reference to "the father" of the office—for it was a big one with three windows—enabled my first acquaintance to return with a real ticket, all printed and ready, but with one half so dust-stained that I handled it with superstitious awe, thinking that I was possibly the temporary possessor of a prehistoric railway curiosity.

Then was my heart glad within me, and I chortled as I pocketed my treasure, for was not I indeed and in truth going into the country—into a far country—almost unknown—practically unknown to the officials—what bliss!!!

Once in the train, away we flew, towns and villages left behind, even a wayside cathedral passed as a fleeting dream for were we not reading "The Bell," 1848, by Dr. Gatty, for many a long year Vicar of Ecclesfield. And has he not left behind—quite in his classical style—the mental conditions to which he was reduced by a prize-ringing! Quite one of the best things in the book. Here it is:—

"Reader, has it ever been thy lot to be within close ear-shot of a ringing-match, at which eight or ten sets of ringers contended for a silver cup, or a purse of gold? We were awoke at day-break one fine summer morning by a steady course of plain bobs (the Doctor was here swaggering some little knowledge methinks), which induced for a time a delicious reverie, in the midst of which we soon relapsed into sleep—a sleep broken nevertheless by sounds and not displeasing phantoms, as if the wand of Prospero had been waved over us. We rose early, determined to combine an enjoyment of what we ascertained was a ringing match with our usual study avocations: but we found that we were not steady as usual at our work, and as time went on we became less so. Two, three, four hours elapsed, and it was noon; and still those changes, without change, rang on. Another hour passed and we became nervous and irritable; and we resolved to ride far away into the woods, and to be at peace. With some difficulty the impression of the sound was removed; and we returned early in the evening in the hope that the match would have been over; but before the church was in sight, the peal was again audible; and when we were re-housed, even at long intervals there was only a short respite. Night came; but locks, bars, and shutters did not exclude the sound—bed curtains could not shut it out. No hope arose from enquiry, for the Darfield and the Silkstone sets had still to ring. The din became awful, the monotony insufferable—every sound in

the peal was like a fresh revolution of Ixion's wheel, or the return of the stone of Sisyphus. Our slumber, induced by exhaustion, was feverish, and often still conscious of the ringing; and when we awoke in the small hours and the bells had ceased, we could scarcely for a time realize the stillness. A little while and we had again relapsed into unconsciousness, but will it be credited that daylight had scarcely broken in the east, before the ringers were again at their task! From this point all dates and patience were lost, and it was only by a palatable mixture of entreaty and authority that we obtained a release from our nervous suffering before the following noon. This was indeed having "too much of a good thing" and we have resolved:—"

Here notice the kindness of the victim, he vowed no vengeance, threatened no reprisals, all he resolved to do was—"to go from home at the ringers' next jubilee."

Our train has run past Barnsley, the great coal centre of Yorkshire, and in a moment we dive into a leafy forest, skirting amongst wild flowers and ferns—when suddenly—What ho! a clearing and a coal pit! Now the picturesque side of what we may term our poetic imagination received a somewhat rude shock with this sudden transition, and we felt a little annoyed. But only for a moment, for the inestimable value of a warm fire on a winter's night, to say nothing of the advantages of being able to fry the potatoes of one's establishment the whole year round, soon brought us to see the economic side of the question. Beside, were not shady groves and coal pits a step in advance of the times when our forbears the Druids used their groves of oak as "beauty spots" for human sacrifices. (Central Council Committee, please notice this delicate compliment). After two or three of these variations, we were just settling down, when behold we were at our destination, in the open.

Arriving at the church we found the "Minster of the Moors," as it is locally designated, a very fine example of the Perpendicular period; especially fine, if we except the upper portion of the central tower, which suggests a later addition at a somewhat debased period. Strictly speaking, the district should be approached from the antiquarian point of view, for "Ecclesfelt" appears in the *Doomsday Book*. Also we learn that soon after the Conquest a religious house was erected here dependent on the foreign monastery of St. Wandrille. The priory acquired a predominant interest in the parish, but after various vicissitudes it fell into decay, although there are some remains of it near the church, and a small piece of ground moated round is said to have been an island in the swan-pool of the establishment. In modern times however the personality of the Gatty family seems to have overshadowed the place. To begin with, a tombstone on the north side of the church tells us that Dr. Scott, the father of Mrs. Gatty, sleeps there. He was chaplain to Lord Nelson on board H.M.S. *Victory*, and our naval hero died in his arms, at the battle of Trafalgar. Here also lie Mrs. Gatty and the veteran Dr. Gatty, her husband. In the south transept of the church is a beautiful ten light window in stained glass to Mrs. Gatty, author of "Parables from

Nature," inserted by her friends. Her daughters also made themselves names, and did space permit much more could be written of this gifted circle. Walking from the churchyard, just as you enter the vicarage grounds, you pass the graves of various dogs of this remarkable family, peacefully shadowed in the garden shrubbery. Here we are at once reminded of Scott-Gatty—one of the sons—and his "Little songs for little voices." Which of us, who have had the good fortune to be brought up in the country, but can remember the earnest way in which we arranged funeral rites for the remains of our pets; and standing here for a moment near the graves of these their "doggies" there comes back to us the words of the child's pathetic but business-like ditty:—

"Found in the garden, dead in its beauty,
Ab, that a linnet should die in the spring;
Bury him comrades in pitiful duty,
Muffle the dinner-bell, solemnly ring.

Bury him kindly, up in the corner,
Bird, beast and gold-fish lies sepulchred there,
Bid the black kitten march as chief mourner,
Waving her tail for a plume in the air.

Bury him nobly next to the donkey,
Fetch the old banner and wave it about,
Bury him deeply, think of the monkey,
Shallow his grave, and the dogs got him out."

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and so on, the last verse running—

"Farewell sweet singer, dead in thy beauty,
Silent through summer though other birds sing,
Bury his comrade in pitiful duty,
Muffle the dinner-bell, solemnly ring."

Gradually our child-reverie dissolves as a mist, and we forget Scott Gatty, for, rolling out above our heads, are the sounds of the merry bells of Ecclesfield, telling us of skilled men at the ropes, so we pass out amongst our friends and exchange many a handshake with those standing round the grand old pile.

After a substantial tea in the Council Hall, to which some 200 sat down, the business meeting was held in the same building under the presidency of Mr. Wm. Snowdon, who was supported by the Vicar, the Rev. F. W. Pawson, Mr. Churchwarden Green, and the bulk of the officers, including Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Mr. J. Cotterell, hon. treasurer, Mr. Clement Glenn, hon. secretary, etc., etc., the Rev. C. C. Marshall telegraphing his regret in being absent.

After the previous minutes had been read and passed, viz., those of the annual meeting at Bolton, his Grace the Archbishop of York was unanimously elected a patron, on the motion of the President, seconded by vice-president Hattersley.

In answer to a request to that effect, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake gave the latest details of the Selby Abbey Bell Fund of the Y.A.C.R., which was reported as having nearly reached £25, after which the President remarked that all were greatly indebted to Mr. Drake for his trouble, and for the fact that he was managing the fund without even charging postage, presenting this latter as a subscription to the fund.

Colonel C. J. Stoddart, of Rotherham, was unanimously elected an hon. member, on the motion of Mr. Glenn, seconded by Mr. C. H. Hattersley; the mover describing an interview which he and the seconder had had with the Colonel regarding a new ring of bells which he was presenting to a suburban church at Rotherham, stating that

they had secured a promise that they should be properly hung for change-ringing, about which there had previously been a doubt.

The place of next meeting was left in the hands of the Committee.

Due notice having been given, the chairman proposed the alteration of rule by which the annual meeting is to fall on the last Saturday in January, the others remaining as before on the third Saturdays of May and September. This was seconded by Mr. C. H. Hattersley, and carried unanimously.

The President then explained the cases of Mr. Fred Clayton, of Birstal, and Mr. J. E. Matthews, of Leeds, lapsed members, whose names were off the books: the Committee had investigated the facts, and were of an opinion that a general meeting (which alone has the power) might with advantage re-instate them. This was unanimously done on the motion of Mr. Abbishaw, seconded by Mr. Holgate.

On the motion of the chairman, a warm vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of his bells.

Mr. Pawson, in returning thanks, stated how glad he was to join in greeting the Association. He knew something of change-ringing—enough to make him acquainted with its many difficulties at any rate, and, he hoped, with many of its beauties. He wished its votaries would bear in mind the importance of raising to the highest standard all that was done in the belfry; of seeing that their doings as ringers—whether in or out of the tower—threw them in a good light as churchmen: and of refraining from all at which the finger of scorn could be pointed. In this way the supply of young ringers could be drawn from a purer fountain, and nothing but good could come to the church at which they laboured, for the members of the congregation would feel they were parts of themselves, and that all were working together for good.

Notice was given of a change of rule by which a member could attain a "one star" position in the future; proposed by Mr. Cotterell, and seconded by Mr. Glenn; to which was added—that, except as an auditor, no single star member shall hold any office; nor shall any such be entitled to voting papers except by special application to the Hon. Secretary, to whom an addressed and stamped envelope must be sent for the posting thereof. This matter will next be brought up at the September meeting.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Ecclesfield branch and their friends for their generous arrangements for their visitors' comfort; carried unanimously, with Mr. Glenn as seconder.

Mr. Churchwarden Green, acknowledging this on behalf of the local branch, spoke of the great interest that they all took at Ecclesfield in their bells, and hoped that this gathering would tend to strengthen the good feeling that existed amongst them, and that it would make those connected with the tower the more determined to have all things carried out in the best spirit, and in a manner creditable to all concerned.

Thanks to the chairman, on the motion of Mr. C. H. Hattersley, closed a very successful meeting.

The day, though somewhat chilly, was fine and dry, and the outing gave pleasure in every direction. Mr. Geo. Lewis acted as local hon. sec. with great enthusiasm, and one and all of the inviting branch, from Mr. Kitson downwards, did all in their power to make the gathering a success; and in this they were amply successful.

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After several days of very wet weather, Saturday, June 26th, proved to be fine, though not particularly bright. This was the day fixed for the annual meeting of the above society, when a good number of ringers and friends put in an appearance at Lichfield. The following places were represented: Birmingham, Bloxwich, Bradley, Burton-on-Trent, Coseley, Handsworth, Haughton, Lichfield, and other neighbouring places.

The bells were set going a little before three o'clock, and continued until four, when members attended service in the cathedral. The rendering of a sweet anthem by the choir, and the beautiful tone of the organ (which was undergoing alteration at the last annual meeting) were much appreciated.

Tea was provided in the schoolroom, where some 70 ringers and friends assembled. At the general meeting which followed the Rev. O. W. Steele (St. Michael's) took the chair, and gave the members a hearty welcome. The Rev. F. Tennison, who regretted his inability to be present, had intimated his desire to resign the clerical hon. secretaryship, and the Rev. E. V. Cox was elected in his stead. Mr. H. Knight and Mr. J. E. Groves were re-elected lay hon. secretary and ringing-master respectively. The Revs. O. W. Steele and W. Solly were re-elected on the clerical committee, with the Rev. F. Tennison in the room of the Rev. T. W. Wilkes. Several new ringing members were enrolled. It was proposed to alter the date of the annual meeting to that of a bank holiday, so that a full day might be taken advantage of instead of a half-day as has been the custom. Whit-Monday and the August bank holiday were submitted, but both overthrown in favour of Easter-Monday, which was eventually decided upon. Willenhall, Wolverhampton (St. Luke's), and Rugeley were chosen for the intervening meetings.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. F. Tennison for his valuable services in the past, with regret that he was unable to receive it personally; and one to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO.—On Saturday, June 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 42 mins. A. Rumble, L. Moore, S. Atherton, G. H. Gale conductor, J. Caple. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to G. Williams, who was a ringer for a number of years.

Correspondence.

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

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—I have already sent you copies of some letters written by the men who extended Stedman from five to seven bells. These I presume you will publish in due course, and I should advise your readers not to argue on the historical side of Mr. James's new theory till they have read them. Mr. James has promised to answer questions, and as he has always good ground for what he says it is only fair to him that we should try and keep an open mind till we have heard all he has to say. His theory

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is simple enough though his arguments in support of his theory may not be simple to the ordinary ringer. He says that when we ring Stedman we ought to ring slow sixes for the method and quick sixes for the bobs. That is that every bell should go slow unless a bob is called, and then it must go quick. To prove his case he must answer two questions. First—is it a legitimate method? and second—is it the proper extension from five bells? Of course no one disputes that a method consisting of the slow sixes of Stedman only would be a legitimate method. But granting that, what is the only proper bob? Unless I see very strong argument to the contrary I must hold that it is as follows:—

1 3 2 5 4 7 6

3 1 5 2 4 6 7

Mr. James says, not necessarily; a quick six of Stedman is a proper bob. At the Council meeting I pointed out that if you admit this you spread the operation of a bob over six changes, which is entirely novel, and I think illegitimate. A bob is not an alteration in the work of a method, it is a place where the bells which are ringing one course take up the work of another course. In other words you should be able to write out your method in separate courses, beginning from separate course-ends, then at the place where bobs are called, to cut the courses into pieces, and join them to other courses. This act of joining is the bob. This applies just the same to Stedman as to other methods, although you cannot write out sixty-two courses.

Since the Council meeting, and evidently to meet objections like the above, Mr. James tells us that the quick six is really a collection of bobs. That was what occurred to me, and I wrote him pointing out that not only were there five bobs, but that there were two kinds of bobs. I want to know how he gets over that difficulty. He can hardly ask the Exercise to go back on the improvements of the last century and sanction peals of Triples with three kinds of calls. He cannot get the quick six recognised as a legitimate bob without bringing in the greatest innovation in the laws of ringing since method-ringing was fully developed.

Now for his historical arguments. Stedman did not write his method in sixes, nor did he consider that it ran in sixes. The Norwich men, who extended the method to seven bells, say distinctly that it runs in twelves, BEGINNING AND ENDING WITH THE MIDDLE OF THE QUICK SIX, and they said that these twelve changes contain the whole method, and must not be altered throughout the peal. Mr. James shall see fully what the Norwich men have to say when their letters are printed. Meanwhile let him examine Stedman Doubles as they give it. He will find that this twelve is in every way perfect. Division lead and end are in proper coursing order; places balance each other; and the whole method is there. It was not till later on that our plan of dividing into sixes was adopted.

Again, there is no justification for Mr. James's statement that the Norwich men moved the single from 3-4 to 6-7. Both peals rung at Norwich contained only two "doubles," i.e. singles, and in at least one case, and probably in both, they were the Grandsire singles. Nor is it correct to say that they called Stedman's sixty changes a "course" of Stedman Doubles. The only use they had for the word was when they were speaking of the path or work of the bell, as when they quote Stedman as saying "every bell hath a course alike," which it would not have if Mr. James is right, and the quick six is a bob. So far as I can see the answer to Mr. James is this: Stedman Doubles, as its author left it, is a perfect method that runs in twelves and not in sixes; that if you insist on division leads in proper coursing order for all methods, then Stedman will not run as a legitimate method on seven, nine, and eleven bells; and conversely, if Stedman Triples is to

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be considered legitimate (as of course it must) then you cannot insist on proper coursing order for your division heads.

Again, Mr. James's plan of ringing Stedman is not Stedman, but may possibly be a legitimate variation of the method, but he must first give a justification for using a form of bob which is entirely contrary to the traditions of the Exercise.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Re TREBLE BOB COLLECTION.

SIR,—I note I am reported to say in "THE BELL NEWS" of June 26th, page 219 (that I did not approve publishing the whole collection); this is an error, as I fully agreed to publish the whole, but in two parts.

H. DAINS.

THE EXTENSION OF STEDMAN DOUBLES FROM THE ORIGINAL SIX-SCORE.

SIR,—Under this head I am reported in "THE BELL NEWS" of July 10th, page 243, as saying no doubt Stedman intended the quick six as a bob. I did not say this. How the error crept in I don't know. I don't agree with it; Mr. James's theory of this bob, etc. This he knows very well for some several months past, by my reply to his acknowledgment on receiving my Major method of this system given below, with the quick six as a bob six, which to the best of my knowledge is the first time such a use has been made of it, and I don't agree to hand over to our old master Stedman the credit (if any) of using the quick six as a bob. The fact that it may so be used is another question altogether. I sent this Major to Mr. H. L. James for the express purpose of and asking him to enter it in our Methods Report, which I understood was to be type written for presentation to the Westminster Council meeting, according to arrangement made at the Cambridge meeting last year. In his acknowledgment early last March, he propounded the theory almost identical with his motion or proposition he made under the above heading at the Westminster meeting last June. In my reply I told him why I did not agree that the book * he quoted from was no authority for such a proposition. This book is a revised edition of J. D. and C. M., and is dated 1703 or 1705. In it there is a memo. by the late Mr. W. Osborne, to say that this reprint is by the late celebrated G. Partrick. What Mr. James finds there is five slow sixes given as the thirty changes of Stedman), but nothing is said about the quick six being used as a bob six *.

I may be allowed now to say that for over twenty years I have been searching for something. The first outcome was Alliance, which did not satisfy. The next was the odd-bell method of this system. These I then looked upon as half-methods, and so let them go, not being successful to drop on the even-bell method of the system I subsequently found. Original principle was another outcome of these searches. This some said was not a method, but was useable as a principle. Stedman Major has been tabooed as illegitimate, but for a long time I could not properly place the three-bell work so to run into good even-bell methods. When I not long ago did so, I made use of the quick six as a bob six, that would also be a bob for the odd-bell methods I previously obtained years ago, thus completing the circuit of this system in which all bells go in and out, the work the same way, Minor and Maximus inclusive. Cinques to Doubles ditto, but the Doubles should not be added, although by bobbing the quick six there seems to be a relation of some sort or another. Here is one. In these Doubles there is double dodging only. This is a great quality of this new system; bobs do not prolong the dodging, which therefore is double throughout.

I was doubtful about composition in Minor and Triples, but Mr. James has set these doubts at rest by publishing his productions in this week's "BELL NEWS," and I compliment him thereon. In conclusion I may tell you I could not satisfy myself with a title, so I sent it to Mr. James without one. He at once pronounced it Double Stedman, and for want of a better I adopted the suggestion.

The following is the first six of the plain course of Major, containing forty-eight changes:—

Bob.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Single.
2 1 4 3 6	2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7	1 2 4 3 6
2 4 1	1 2 4 5 7 8	1 4 2
4 2 1	1 4 2 7 5 8	4 1 2

4 1 2
1 4 2
1 2 4 6 3

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

4 2 1
2 4 1
2 1 4 6 3

4 2 6 1 8 3 7 5

Side by side I give a touch of Doubles on this principle. I don't consider it to be Stedman, so I ask your readers for their opinion, as it is important. If not Stedman, then the five slow sixes Mr. James quoted at the meeting are not Stedman; but when the two are linked together alternately Stedman appears.

*The book I alluded to is in the British Museum.

1 2 3 4 5 bob

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

bob

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

bob

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

Single in place of either bob, and all repeated gives thirty-six changes.

H. DAINS.

P.S.—I note Double Stedman Minor by Mr. H. L. James in last week's issue, and wish to point out that it do not belong to the principle I have introduced, but that it is simply a reproduction of that given as Stedman Slow Course by Snowdon in his first edition of Standard Methods.

STEDMAN'S PRINCIPLE.

SIR.—A superficial reading of the argument of the Rev. H. Law James concerning the above, is enough to give one a fright, but very little study is required to shew that in the main the rev. gentleman is drawing largely upon his vivid imagination. In the first place he claims to have discovered that "Stedman" was not a method but a Principle! Seeing that every writer and every work upon ringing from the year 1752 has given it as "Stedman's Principle," I am afraid the honour will elude his grasp.

Fabian Stedman produced the system just as it has always been rung from his own time onward, and neither ingenuity nor casuistic argument will alter fact. Whether Stedman understood what he was producing does not matter. Apparently he did not, or he never would have spoilt the symmetry of the slow work by placing the single on 2-3, but the fact remains that the Stedman slow work is as it has always been, and it remains a Principle by reason of its alternate quick and slow sixes. Eliminate the alteration as suggested by the Rev. H. L. James and it reverts to a method again, and a very tame method too. While the mathematical argument is sound and beyond dispute, what the rev. gentleman deduces is not Stedman at all, but another method entirely, and is enough to make Fabian turn in his grave. He says "we have now arrived at five slow sixes as a plain course of Stedman Doubles." For the sake of argument let us examine this plain course:—

1 2 3 4 5

2 1 3 5 4 *
2 3 1 4 5

3 2 4 1 5

2 3 4

2 4 3

4 2 3

4 3 2

3 4 2 5 1
 4 3 5 2 1
 3 4 5
 3 5 4
 5 3 4
 5 4 3
 4 5 3 1 2
 5 4 1 3 2
 4 5 1
 4 1 5
 1 4 5
 1 5 4
 5 1 4 2 3
 1 5 2 4 3
 5 1 2
 5 2 1
 2 5 1
 2 1 5
 1 2 5 3 4
 2 1 3 5 4
 1 2 3 4 5
 1 3 2
 3 1 2
 3 2 1
 2 3 1 4 5 *

These are the five "all slow" sixes, and I prick them in full, in view of a question to be put directly. Does the Rev. H. Law James assert that these "all slow" sixes contain the slow work of Stedman? No bell is permitted to complete a whole turn or a half turn as we know it. It is Erin, but certainly not Stedman. Again, allowing that the bells may "go off" if necessary the first change of a slow six to get five complete sixes "all slow," it is a fact that original Stedman Doubles go off from rounds with the two odd changes. Now look at the course given, and the reader will see that the five all slow sixes do not run true, repeating in the last six. In fact you cannot go off from rounds as Stedman did, and ring five all slow sixes true, for the two odd changes are the last of a quick six. I may not understand the Rev. H. L. James aright, but I take it that he bases his argument viz.:—Fabian Stedman meant his method to be slow sixes plain with the quick six a bob. If that is the groundwork of his contention, I beg to ask what authority has he for the assertion? Has the rev. gentleman any documentary evidence to which the Exercise has no access? If so now is the time to produce it. The next book viz.: "The Gentleman's Tutor or School of Recreation" published in 1684, while Stedman lived, gives many methods, though not a line or figure of Stedman's work; but in "Campanologia Improved" first edition 1702, I find Stedman Doubles given under the name of "Crambo." The name of Stedman is not mentioned, although in subsequent editions it is called "Stedman's Principle." Now under "Crambo" the 120 of Stedman Doubles is pricked in full, but no sign nor word of a bob is made. This was long before the single was shifted from the front. The instructions run:—"There are two singles made after the same manner as in Grandsire. The first single is made the fifth time the treble comes to lead a whole pull, and the last single at the same distance as the first, 2 and 3 and 4 go the six changes on three bells, then another parting change by the 2nd parting the treble and 5th, and the 3rd, 4th and 5th go the six changes, and the treble and 2nd dodge (i.e. the next parting which course must be continued throughout the peal. And observe—that for six changes the bells cut compass before, and the other six they do not."

I wish to draw the reader's attention to the last sentence. To "cut compass before" obviously means a slow six when the bells "cut" at backstroke; "the other six they do not" is quick when bells lead whole pull right. Hence we get the alternate quick and slow sixes. Can the Rev. H. Law James explain that away? Fabian Stedman also invented "New Doubles" which contains a sort of reverse slow, but in this and all other methods the bobs are not only marked but written also. How comes it if Stedman meant something

different to what we understand it, that no hint or sign however vague is given? That the quick six is virtually a compound bob is immaterial. Stedman knew nothing about it evidently, and it may be asked—How can we place a construction over a silence of 200 years without new evidence? The Rev. H. Law James says "to ring real Stedman we must go to the original six-score." I beg to say we have never left the original six-score, and unless more proof is forthcoming, the Exercise of 100 years hence can safely be trusted to look after itself. Mr. Dains is also reported to have said that he had seen Stedman's book, that he gave it as quick and slow sixes and no doubt the quick six was meant to be a "bob." Why "no doubt"? If no doubt, then produce the proof. The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson also is reported to agree, and then goes on to say that "the single was made in the same place as a bob." That is only half true, for after the first change of a quick six, the rest are all bobs, but I think I have shewn by the quotation from "Crambo" that the single was placed there (on the 4th change of a quick six) because the treble came to lead in the first place, and in the second, because it then resembled a Grandsire single. In conclusion I beg to ask again, how is it that in all the old books every method except Stedman is given by the bobs, while not the slightest sign is made concerning Stedman Doubles except the singles?

W. WILLSON.

SIR,—Might we not have some way of distinguishing the two ways of pricking Stedman which were discussed at the Central Council? Thus the way in which it is now rung might be called (A) or the accepted form; while that which Mr. Law James says is the original form, might be called (P). Now it does not appear that the Rev. H. Law James considers Stedman (A) to be illegitimate, or that he does not consider it a good method or principle in itself. I suppose, however, that it will involve some modification or addition to the classification of methods. But would Mr. James give the figures of the correct Doubles form of this Stedman (A), and how it differs from that in Stedman's book? This would perhaps make the matter clearer to some of us.

H. DRAKE.

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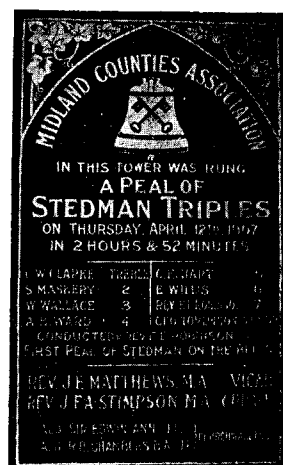
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On Saturday, July 10, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5568 CHANGES ;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM .. Treble.	FRANK HALL 5.
JOHN HARBOP 2.	SAMUEL HILL 6.
JOSEPH GODDARD 3.	CHARLES MARSLAND .. 7.
SAMUEL STOTT 4.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

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

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	J. W. DOUGHTY 5.
ALFRED BACON 2.	OLIVER STAINES 6.
SIDNEY STAINES 3.	EDWARD BARKER 7.
WILLIAM GOODRUM .. 4.	JOHN MARDELL Tenor.

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

First peal of Major on the bells for about 100 years.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

RICHARD STREDWICK .. Treble.	ALBERT D. STONE 5.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 2.	GEORGE ADES 6.
HENRY STALHAM 3.	KEITH HART 7.
CHARLES PALMER 4.	ALBERT W. WHEALE .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARGARET'S, LEISTON, SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 10, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First peal in the method.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, July 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

HARRY PIDDEN* Treble.	HENRY W. GARTON 4.
REGINALD GARDNER 2.	PEARL INSKIP 5.
CHARLES MORTIMER 3.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, July 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANK W. BUCKLAND .. Treble.	ARTHUR K. HOWARD .. 5.
WALTER BAILEY 2.	WILLIAM WELLING 6.
JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE 3.	RICHARD BUCKLAND 7.
HARRY HOWARD 4.	ROBERT H. YOUNG Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Saturday, July 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

LEWIS BENTLEY Treble.	*HENRY JONES 5.
GEORGE HUGHES 2.	EDWARD J. STAFFORD 6.
THOMAS HUGHES* 3.	JOSIAH ELTON 7.
JOHN C. ADAMS 4.	†FRANK EDWARDS Tenor.

Conducted by G. HUGHES.

*First peal. †Elected a member previous to starting.

NETLEY ABBEY, HANTS.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, July 10, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

GEORGE NOICE Treble.	EDWIN J. HARDING 5.
WILLIAM H. GEORGE 2.	†PERCIVAL E. MORFEE 6.
LIONEL H. PAGE* 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
HENRY W. WILKES 4.	*GUNNER G. DAGGITT .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal. †First peal of Stedman.

MORTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Sunday, July 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN MARVIN Treble.	ARTHUR J. HOLMES 4.
CHARLES NEAVERTON 2.	HERBERT REED 5.
WILLIAM T. JOHNSON* 3.	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. L. BAINBRIDGE.

*Elected a member previous to starting.

Miscellaneous.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

BRETORTON.—On Monday, July 12th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Cook conductor, E. Edwin, H. Jordan, F. Cook, jun., J. Hemming, F. Jordan. And 720 Oxford Bob. L. Sparrow, T. Edwin, J. Hemming, F. Jordan, H. Jordan, F. Cook conductor. Rung on the day of opening the bells after being rehung by Taylor, the "go" being excellent.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROYSTON.—On June 1st, 720 Primrose Surprise. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett. A. Wilkerson, S. Roberts, R. King conductor. On June 13th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. King. A. Wilkerson conductor, S. Roberts. On July 1st, 720 College Single. H. Wilkerson, W. Darlow, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, A. Wilkerson, R. King conductor. Also 720 Woodbine. H. Wilkerson, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson, S. Roberts, R. King conductor. On July 4th, for morning service 720 Violet. H. Wilkerson, W. Darlow, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, A. Wilkerson, conductor, R. King. For evening service, 720 New London, standing as above, conducted by A. Wilkerson. On July 6th, 720 London Surprise Minor. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, S. Roberts, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. First 720 of London Minor in the county by an entirely local band.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHWOLD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, July 10th, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Taylor, C. Bailey conductor, G. Berry, J. Bailey, F. Smith, E. Bailey, J. Button, N. Bailey. Also a course of London Surprise Major. J. Bailey, G. Berry, N. Bailey, F. Smith, E. Bailey, E. S. Bailey, C. Samson, C. F. Bailey.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ISHAM.—On June 14th, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 720 of Double Oxford, 360 Oxford, and 180 Plain Bob. G. Farby, G. Blaxley, F. Talbutt, W. C. Lewis, D. Mallett, E. M. Atkins conductor. Rung to celebrate the third anniversary of the opening of the bells. On Sunday, June 27th, 720 Double Court Minor. J. Farby, F. Andrew, W. Lewis, F. Talbutt, G. Blaxley, E. M. Atkins conductor. On July 4th (Feast Sunday), for early service, 720 Oxford Bob. And 720 Minor, composed of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford and Plain Bob. G. Farby, E. M. Atkins conductor, G. Blaxley, W. Wilson, M. Wilson, M. Norton, B. G. Saddington. This touch was rung before the Flower Service, at which a memorial brass to the late Mr. E. Wilson was unveiled. After the service 379 Grand-sire Doubles was rung with the bells half-muffled, A. Feist ringing the tenor. The odd number of changes constitute the age of the late churchwarden.

HOLCOMBE ROGUS (Devon).—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles called in ten different ways, conducted by T. Vickery, was rung on June 16th, in honour of the wedding of Mr. McLean to Miss Hamilton.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday, February 14th, 720 Imperial Treble Bob. J. Fell, C. H. Kerr, D. McLellan, J. Tipping, T. Allanson, E. Tipping conductor. First 720 in the method by all.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, July 6th, at the church of the Holy Trinity, 1280 Bob Major in 51 mins. Rung on the eve of the King's visit to Birmingham, and also for that occasion. H. Johnson, H. Hill, O. Pearson, W. Prestidge, A. Greenfield, W. Green, *H. Martin, †A. Prestidge conductor. †Longest touch in the method as conductor. *Longest touch in the method with a bob bell. The ringers of the 2nd, 4th, 5th, 7th and tenor are members of the Worcestershire Association.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on July 20th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 22nd; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 26th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 27th; all at 8 p.m.

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

The Royal Cumberland Youths—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, to-day, Sat., July 17th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m.

F. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*
3, Margaret Terrace, Harts Lane, New Cross.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Chipping Norton (Oxon) to-day, Sat., July 17th. Special train will leave Oxford at 10.28 a.m. Service in the parish church at 12 noon. Preacher—the Lord Bishop of Oxford, President of the Guild. Business meeting in parish church room at 12.45.

ALBERT F. RIVERS, *Festival Secretary.*
5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

The North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at East Markham to-day, Sat., July 17th.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Moorside to-day, Sat., July 17th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested, as business is important.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

The Warwickshire Guild.—The annual general meeting will be held at Warwick to-day, Sat., July 17th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.15 p.m. Service at St. Mary's at 4.45 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at The Hare and Hounds hotel, followed by the business meeting of the Guild. All members and friends of the Guild will be welcome.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association—Lewisham District. The next meeting of this district will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m., with an address by the Rev. M. C. Elphinstone, Vicar. Tea at the Vicarage for those who send me their names by the 21st, kindly provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Elphinstone. Half railway fares up to 2s allowed. Farningham bells will be available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and after the meeting.

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

Halifax and District Association.—The annual meeting and eight-bell contest will be held at Sowerby on Saturday, July 24th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by July 19th.

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

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The summer meeting will be held at Darlington on Saturday, July 24th. Bells

available from 2 p.m. Tea at The Bull's Head hotel, Market Place, at 5 p.m. Members 1s, non-members 1s. 6d. Members intending to be present please notify Secretary not later than July 21st.

CHAS. TODD, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*
92, Northgate, Darlington.

The Sussex County Association—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Alfriston (6 bells) on Saturday, July 24th. Ringing 3 to 8 p.m.; service at 5 p.m.; tea at 5.30, 6d. each to members letting me know by Tuesday, July 20th. Half rail fares up to 1s. Will Secretaries of bands please send on current subscriptions as soon as possible, otherwise members' expenses to meetings cannot be paid.

GEO. H. HOWSE, *Div. Hon. Sec.*
132, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, July 24th. Peel attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The White Swan hotel at 7.30 p.m.

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

The Midland Counties Association—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ashover (8 bells) on Saturday, July 24th. Ringing from 3.20 p.m.

A. H. WARD, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at the Church House, Solihull, on Saturday, July 24th. Chair to be taken at 5 p.m. Solihull bells (ring of 10), have been kindly placed at the disposal of the members during the afternoon and evening.

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

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the members of the North and East district of this Association will be held on Saturday, July 24th, at St. Mary's church, Islington, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. C. J. Procter). The bells will be raised about 3.30 p.m., and evensong will be said at 5.30 p.m., which it is hoped that all ringers present will attend. Arrangements will be made for tea at 6 p.m., if a sufficient number will be good enough to intimate to the Hon. Secretary their intention to be present.

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

The Lancashire Association—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ashton-under-Lyne (12 bells), on Saturday, July 24th. Bells ready at 4.30. Business at 7. A good muster is requested to meet the committee.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Essex Association—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Woodford parish church on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. The Rector has kindly offered to provide tea upon his lawn to as many members who shall notify me of their attendance by July 20th. Short service and address by the Rector at 5. Tea at 5.30. The Chigwell handbell ringers are expected.

G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*
7, Richmond Terrace, South Woodford.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will (p.v.) be held at Runcorn on Saturday, July 24th. The following towers will be open as stated on the circular; Runcorn (8); Frodsham (6); St. Paul, Widnes (8). Service at the parish church at 3.15, at which the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, of Bangor, will preach.

Tea at 4.15, price 9d. to members, and 1s. 6d. to hon and non-resident members and visitors. Tickets, for which early application is asked, can be obtained from the branch secretaries.

REV. A. T. BRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*
New Mills.

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchingley, Surrey, on Saturday, July 24th. Bells will (by kind permission of the Rev. A. H. de Fontaine) be available from 4 o'clock. There will be service in the church for ringers at 5.30, and tea will take place at 6 o'clock.

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*
59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Thrapstone on July 24th; Great Brington on August 14th; Cranford on August 21st; and Mears Ashby on August 28th. Usual arrangements.

F. WILFORD, *General Secretary.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Edenham (6 bells), on Saturday, July 31st. Bells available all day. All ringers welcome.

A. HOLMES.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The members of this society will hold their next quarterly meeting at Worsley on Saturday, July 31st. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWER, *Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Newport, Isle of Wight, on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. Bells available from mid-day at Newport and Carisbrooke. Tea at The Bedford at 5 o'clock. Meeting after Members requiring tea kindly let me know by July 27th.

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

The Sussex County Association—Central Division.—The Hon. Secretary of this division (R. J. Dawe), has removed to "Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford.

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The ringers from the Goole parish church went over on Saturday, July

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THE REV. H. DRAKE.—The friends of the Rev. Herbert Drake, Rector of Braisworth, Ely, will be sorry to hear that he is again laid aside by illness. He had not sufficiently recovered his strength from his dangerous accident at the end of last year, to do much in the way of ringing, and now has been

badly poisoned by something or other that he had eaten. It was very doubtful for some time whether he would pull through, but he is now convalescent, and able at any rate to write once more.

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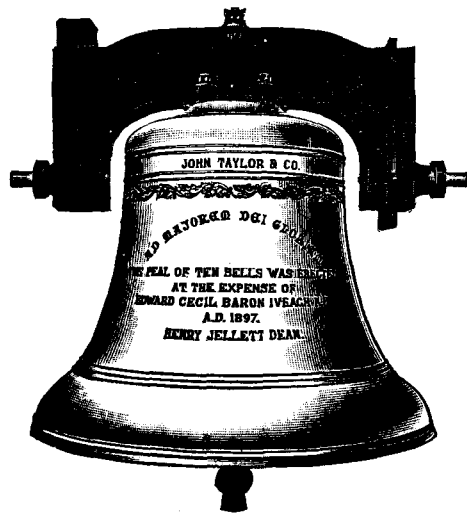
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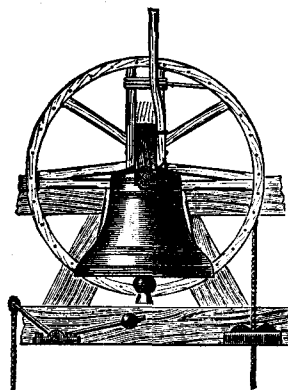
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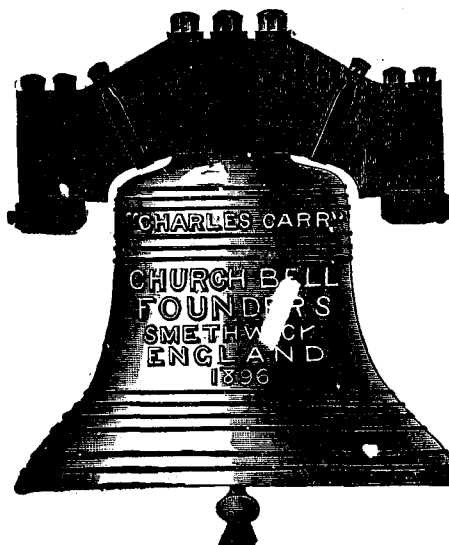
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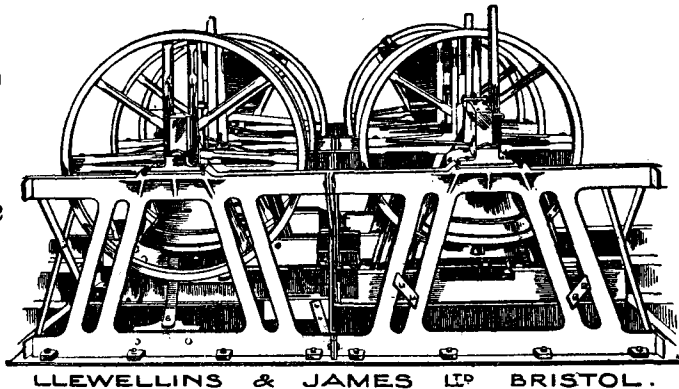
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MARDEN, KENT.

For over two years the bells of St. Michael's church, Marden, had been silent, but on Monday, June 28th, they rang out merrily, at the conclusion of the dedication service by the Bishop of Croydon. The day will long be remembered by the parishioners, as it was observed as a general holiday, all the shops being closed.

The fine old tower has been restored. The ringing-chamber has been moved from the ground floor to the first floor above, which is oak, and a new oak floor and match-lined ceiling put in between the ringing-chamber and the belfry. The old six bells which formerly hung there have been recast, and made into a ring of eight, the work having been done by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich. The bells are hung with steel headstocks, with phosphor bronze bearings and oak wheels, and are hung upon a steel frame built upon massive steel girders. The total cost of restoration is estimated to be about £550.

Long before the time fixed the church was filled. A good array of neighbouring clergy were present. The Bishop of Croydon preached an appropriate sermon on the subject of bells, and their uses in calling people together for praise and prayer. After the sermon the Vicar and churchwardens, with the sidesmen, attended the bishop to the bell-loft, where he dedicated the bells, and then returned to the sanctuary. While the offertory was proceeding a few rounds were rung by the local ringers. The service concluded with the recessional hymn—"Raise them from their silent stillness."

At the conclusion of the service the bells were rung by the many visiting ringers present in various standard methods. The bells are now a very musical peal. The excellent go of them was admitted by all, and their restoration and augmentation reflected great credit on the founder, Mr. A. Bowell, who took part in the ringing.

On the following Tuesday and Wednesday a bazaar and garden fete was held in the vicarage grounds, to lower the deficit, about £120 more being required. The total raised by this means was very close upon £200. Then after all expenses have been liquidated, a balance is found on the right side, and the bells will be rung free from debt.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was recently held at the Abbey Church House, Bath, following the annual dinner. The Rev. C. C. Parker, Vicar of Corston, Master of the Association, was in the chair, and there was a large gathering of members.

After dinner the usual loyal toasts were drunk. "The Church" was proposed by Mr. Boutflower (a former Master of the Association). He urged all ringers to work

for the Church, which at the present time was being attacked very violently in one quarter. As churchmen it should be their duty and their privilege to do all that they could to see that these attacks came to nought. He coupled with the toast the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill and the Rev. H. L. Maynard. Both rev. gentlemen replied.

Mr. G. Taylor proposed "Other Ringing Societies," remarking that he believed the Association had done good work both for the ringers and for the various churches. Mr. Boutflower seconded.

The Master then read the annual report of the Association, which stated that it was not possible to record so large an increase of membership as last year, but on the whole the position of the Association was satisfactory. Inclusive of life and hon. members, the Association numbered close on one thousand. Many new members had come from Wells, and the Association was now strongly represented in the cathedral city.

Mr. Burgess presented the financial statement, which showed that there remained a balance of £92 18s. 7½d., of which £50 was on deposit. During the year the income showed a decrease of £160. The reports having been adopted, Mr. Burgess gave an outline of the proceedings at the meeting of the Central Council.

It was agreed to hold meetings at Minehead and Yeovil in relation with Bath, Wells, and Taunton. Leigh-on-Mendip was selected as the place for the next quarterly meeting of the Association.

The members afterwards attended a special service at the Abbey, where a sermon was preached by the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill.

During the day the bells in the following towers were rung: The Abbey, St. Andrew's, St. Mary's, Twerton parish church, St. Mark's Weston, Newton St. Loe, Bath-easton, and Bathford.

PETERBOROUGH.

A society has been formed to promote the art of change-ringing in Peterborough and district, and it is hoped that a good many of the local ringers will join. At a meeting held on July 29th, with the Dean of Peterborough presiding, it was arranged that the annual meeting should be held at Peterborough on August bank holiday, when any ringers will be welcome.

The new Association is to be called "The Peterborough and District Association of Church Bell Ringers."

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The spring meeting of the Witney and Woodstock deaneries branch of the Guild was held at Bampton on Saturday, May 29th. Service was held in the parish church at 4.0 p.m., the sermon being preached by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Guild, and good indeed it was to listen once more to his excellent words of counsel and advice. The members present then adjourned to tea, after which the necessary business was transacted. At the close the branch president, the Rev. R. Freeborn, asked the Rev. F. E. Robinson to present to Mr. Harry Judge a purse containing £11, which had been subscribed for by some members of the Guild and other friends as a mark of appreciation of Mr. Judge and of all that he had done for his tower and the Guild, and which they asked him to accept at a time when they felt it would be especially valuable to him. Mr. Judge spoke his most grateful thanks, which he has also since expressed in our columns.

Some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung on the Bampton bells, and the impression created by those who listened was that the tone of this beautiful peal is, if anything, gaining in beauty as years go by.

On Saturday, June 5th, the annual service and meeting of the North Bucks. branch of the above Guild was held at Shenley. Fortunately the day, though sandwiched between two wet days, was quite fine and nice, and there were one hundred ringers present, besides many friends.

There was a special service at the parish church at 3 p.m., when the building was filled with a large and devout congregation. After the invocation, the Lord's Prayer and the Creed said kneeling, the quartet—"God is a Spirit," was well and feelingly sung by four members of the choir. This was immediately followed by a special hymn—"Set them nobly in the steeple." The Rev. J. Athawes, Rector of Soughton, read the lesson—I Chron. xvi. v. 1 to 36, which was followed by the well-known hymn—"Now thank we O our God." An able and inspiring sermon was preached by the Rev. Mackwood Stevens, Rector of Addington, who took for his theme the truth that the church bell ringer was indeed an evangelist. The service closed with the processional hymn—"Our sainted sires with pious ardour filled;" and as the large choir and the clergy, headed by the beautiful crucifix, the attendant symbolical tapers, and with the two banners belonging to the church, slowly filed out of the chancel, and proceeded down and up the nave, one hoped and trusted that it was not only an act of worship and solemn praise, but also illustrative of God's people "through the night of doubt and sorrow, singing songs of expectation—marching to the Promised Land."

There was a large number of visiting clergy, including the Rev. Leslie Norris, Vicar of Chesterton, and first president and founder of the branch. The blessing was pronounced by the present president, the Rev. J. R. Vincent, Rector of Shenley. The Master of the Guild—Rev. F. E. Robinson—was present at the service, and subsequently tea and meeting was held in the reading-room.

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The procession of the Archbishop with his assistant Bishops, the Bishop-designate, the churchwardens, the Proctor and Registrar, the Apparitor-General and Secretary, the lay-readers and the choir, from the west door to the chancel formed an impressive and stately scene; whilst the church was filled to overflowing with a congregation of a most representative character, including the High Sheriff of Surrey, the Mayor and Corporation, officers of the 4th battalion of The Queen's West Surrey Regiment, and members of the congregation.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. G. H. Rendall, headmaster of Charterhouse School, where Dr. Burrows was once a pupil. The preacher took for his text St. John xix. 10: "The wisdom of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy."

Croydon has always been closely connected with the ecclesiastical life; it has been the home of Archbishops, and four times before has it witnessed the consecration of a Bishop, the earliest probably being that of Richard Montague, who was Bishop of Chichester from 1628 to 1638. He briefly reviewed the Vicar's work since he came to Croydon some five years ago; how he laboured amongst rich and poor alike, and never in his opinion had a Bishop been consecrated there who had been so intimately connected with the people of Croydon. He would call out abundant blessing on him, who from their midst was called to the work and ministry of a Bishop.

After the actual consecration had taken place by the laying on of hands by the Archbishop and his assistant Bishops, the service of Holy Communion was resumed, and at the conclusion the procession left the church in the reverse order to which they had entered, the Archbishop preceding, with the Bishop of Lewes on his right hand.

Previous to the service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 50 mins. by R. Packham, C. F. Johnston conductor, E. Goss, H. Williams, W. States, A. T. Jones, W. Hills, J. Talbot.

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NEW STEDMAN.

SIR,—I was very pleased to read the correspondence in last week's issue on the above. Mr. Trollope's letter is I consider to the point for all methods that we ring at present. The bobs are made at one change only, and as the new fantastic bob is made in six changes I must at once say that it is an illegitimate bob. The method in itself is very old, but good, for when I first had written the method myself I thought what a good one I had discovered; and when I took the method to the late Mr. H. Johnson, in the year 1879, he at once told me to get a peal of it, for he had tried many times but could not see how to get one with a fifth's place bob. This told me at once that I had rediscovered an old method so I put it aside. A few years later I visited Welshpool, where Mr. T. Bratton then showed me the same method again, when I informed him what Mr. Johnson said in regard to a peal being obtained. After that I had another try, but soon got into a cloud; in fact I can now say that there has not been a peal of Triples composed in the method yet. I do hope that either Mr. James or Mr. Parker will discover how to get a 5040 with bobs and singles made on the three hindmost bells.

JOHN CARTER.

THE EXTENSION OF STEDMAN.

SIR,—This question is one which interests me greatly, but as the Rev. H. Law James says, it should be carefully considered, and therefore at present I do not intend to express an opinion on the main points. What I think is immediately open to objection is Mr. James's justification of the use of singles apparently not in agreement with his bob or bobs. If the whole of the quick six is to be regarded as the bob, then the single ought to be made within the limits of the quick six, and its natural position seems to be the middle. If instead we take the quick as containing five bobs, these do not seem to be any excuse for a single across the parting of the sixes, for the following reasons:—

The five bobs appear to form one Q set only, not two, because if one bob is introduced, they must all be used, for a quick six once begun admits of no variation in even changes. Further, there can be no bob across the parting of the sixes unless the seventh place is displaced. Where then is the remaining member of the alleged incomplete Q set bobbed?

Again, if there are five bobs, then three displace third's place by a whole pull at lead, and two displace a whole pull at lead by third's place. Are these bobs, differing from each other as they do, to be regarded as the same kind of call, or are they two different calls? If they are the latter, then a third call should not be introduced.

Again, if the plain place displaced by a bob is thirds, or if it is a whole pull at lead, it appears to me to be wrong to place the single where the plain place is sevenths.

I have no doubt Mr. James will explain these points for the benefit of others and myself.

It will be a sorry day for the Exercise when composers are allowed to use calls of their own, and neither influence or ingenuity ought to enable them to obtain the sanction of the powers that be for their use. Mr. James, wishing as he does that everything appertaining to ringing should be put upon a legitimate basis, will I am sure not desire this.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

[Others letter next week. Correspondents will oblige by being as brief as possible.]

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STEEPLEKEEPERS, THEIR DUTIES, AND FEES.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said he had been asked to bring forward the question of steeplekeepers, their duties, and fees. He thought the Council would agree with him when he said that there were some towers in which all did not go well when everything was left in the hands of the steeplekeeper. There appeared to be a general opinion that in many London towers steeple-keeping was by no means what it ought to be. He thought the very best plan was if possible to do without steeplekeepers. There were duties to be done in the tower which did not belong to the ringers, and so Church officials had to appoint some one to carry them out, but these duties, so far as could be arranged, were much better carried out by the ringers themselves, and if one of the band could do it so much the better. This was possible in the country, even if it were not in London, where many of the ringers lived a long distance from the tower at which they rang. It wanted to be in the hands of some one on the spot, and it was not often that there was amongst a London band any one who lived on the spot, or in other words there wanted to be what one might call a resident steeplekeeper. The parish authorities who had the appointment of steeplekeepers did not know anything about ringing; consequently it often happened that when a steeplekeeper was wanted, the right man was not appointed, and yet the Church authorities who knew nothing themselves about bells often appoint a man who has certain work to do, part of which is to look after the bells. Such a man has no connection with the ringers, and cannot be a representative of the ringers. He was however, generally speaking, a very different man if he was one of the ringers themselves, for ringers were above the average steeplekeeper. It often happened that a steeplekeeper, whether with a knowledge of bells or not, had to be the means of communication between the ringers and the clergy. Take for instance St. Margaret's, Westminster, he did not think that Canon Henson knew one of the ringers notwithstanding that the Canon and also the ringers had been there some years. Ringers had far better be in direct communication with the clergy rather than let the steeplekeeper be the medium of communication between them. If the steeplekeeper is not a ringer himself, he may be a nonentity. There were many places in which bells had been permitted to drop down into a state which was a disgrace. Again a steeplekeeper may be but a stoney ringer; if so, he may do all he can to keep out the science of change-ringing, and so retain things on his own level. By chance he may manage to ring the tenor to a touch of Grandsire, but to attempt Major is out of the question. It should not be in the power of the steeplekeeper to bar a man from entering a tower. Ringers should aim at getting in touch with the clergy, and not permit the steeplekeeper, whoever he may be, to become the boss of the show. Then there was the question of fees, both on practice nights and for peal ringing. In many of the London towers it was the custom to pay on practice-nights twopence per member. This should not be claimed as a matter of right, or paid as such, but if paid, it should be so because the steeplekeeper has done his work in an efficient manner. Whatever was paid should be as a reward for the trouble the steeplekeeper had taken on behalf of the ringers. Then came the question what ought to be paid when a band visited a tower in which it was not their custom to practise. It was said that the Middlesex Association was in the habit of paying the sum of 5s. If Mr. King could make a statement to disprove the assertion, well and good, there would be an end of the matter. He agreed with the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS" that steeplekeepers should be recognised as the servants, not the masters, of the ringers. When Church authorities recognised the ringers to be the controlling power in the belfry, some good would have been accomplished.

Mr. A. T. King said his conscience was perfectly clear. He objected to personalities, which could only lead to strife and defection. He could assure them one and all that he had nothing up his sleeve. So far as regarded the general body of steeplekeepers he had met, on the whole they were men who understood their business, and in all their actions courteous.

To say otherwise was a great mistake. He had never got the use of a tower through the steeplekeeper, but direct from the Clergy. He found steeplekeepers a body of men who knew their work and did it. Was it fair and just to such men, when a peal was attempted, that they should have to stand about for three-and-a-half hours and get twopence from each of the band? There ought not to be anyone who did not wish to pay a steeplekeeper for such services. Let them look into some of the work that the steeplekeeper who kept bells in proper order had to do, and to ask themselves if they would take on such work. They should remember that a steeplekeeper was well worth all he got paid, and there were some steeplekeepers who got paid precious little, and some did their work without any reward at all. Steeplekeepers were a body of men in whom the clergy put trust, for the work they did was for the church. When steeplekeepers were found to be sociable, courteous, and polite to all they had to do with he did not see that there was much to complain of. It was but fair that they should be paid for what they did. Steeplekeepers were paid by the church for the work that they did for the church, and not for the ringers. He had in some cases rewarded a steeplekeeper, and considered it but right to do so. He thought all such men deserved some recognition for their services whenever a band visited a tower.

The President said it appeared that the steeplekeepers whom Mr. King had met were all angels. The grievances that Mr. Trollope had brought forward were not confined to London, for complaints came from all parts of the country.

Mr. R. A. Daniell said it was not every ringer who had his pocket full of money. He took a different view of the matter to that expressed by Mr. King. It was a question as to how many who went to ring a peal could afford to put their hands in their pockets and pay for what little the steeplekeeper might have done. Steeplekeepers were paid for the services which they rendered for the church by the church authorities, some of whom were not in poverty by any means. Again, did steeplekeepers know their business when sometimes it would happen that a peal of bells, which were rehung, would in twelve months want doing again. This sometimes happened because men who were not fitted for the post were appointed, but when the right man was appointed, a man who understood what he was about, such a man did his duty, and there was no cause for complaint.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore said it appeared to him that one of the great difficulties in London was that some towers had no regular band of ringers, but a band of strollers would go from place to place just to ring. If something could be done to get a regular band appointed to each tower, he thought some good might be done (hear, hear).

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said the great difficulty was that men were appointed as steeplekeepers who were not fitted for looking after bells—where however there was a band of ringers, if one of the band was appointed, there was no difficulty. Take Westminster Abbey as an illustration—what was the condition of the tower twenty years ago? It was not for the want of means in that case. What was wanted was to get church authorities to take some interest in their bells, and to get a good band of ringers; to take an interest in their welfare, and a pride in their bells. This was not only wanted in London, but also in many parts of the country, and was work for the various Associations to take up.

The Rev. H. Law James suggested that the President should in the name of the Council write a letter to *The Guardian* upon the matter.

Mr. H. Dains said as an old London ringer of thirty-five years standing, he remembered that it was the custom to give 1s. to the steeplekeeper as a compliment for the extra trouble in meeting the ringers, and so it remained for a number of years. It had however been rumoured about that some steeplekeepers now had as much as 5s. paid them: He wrote himself to Mr. King who admitted that this was so, and he replied to Mr. King pointing out the disadvantage such a custom was to ringers who were not in a position to do the same. He did not blame the steeplekeepers for taking what they could get. There was a time when it was the custom to pay twopence on practice nights, and threepence when a peal was attempted, which was as much as the majority of ringers could well afford.

The President said the subject was one which wanted more time for discussion than could be given it that day, and it

would be as well to place it upon the agenda for another year. There were many other sides to the question which needed discussion. Steeplekeepers often acted as a kind of intermediary between clergy and ringers which sometimes led to friction. If the subject was placed upon the agenda for another year, the whole question could be thoroughly gone into.

TUNING OF CHURCH BELLS.

The President said it had been hoped that this subject would be introduced by an expert, but unfortunately the gentleman selected was not able to be with them that day. He hoped to secure his services another year. It was agreed to postpone the subject.

THE COMPENSATION ACT.

The President said he had received a letter a few weeks ago from a ringer in the west of England relating to the insurance of ringers. A ringer met with an accident in a place where the church authorities insured their officials. As he was paid only £1 per year he received 10s., which was not considered adequate, and the ringer in question asked him to bring it before the Council. He, the President, replied that it was a question of law, and explained that the object of the church authorities in the insuring of ringers was to safeguard themselves from being mulcted in heavy sums. He had himself been in the habit of paying in case of accident his workmen in full, but in order to safeguard himself from having to pay some £200 or £300 for a single case he had to insure each one, and they now received from the Insurance Company in case of accident 10s. 6d. weekly in place of the 21s. or so, which he used to allow them. In the case which he was asked about the church authorities, being insured, naturally referred the matter to the insurance company, who on business lines would get out of it as cheap as possible, and pay the man as little as they thought the law required.

Mr. G. J. Clarkson said a ringer who received a £1 per year from the church authorities might as a workman get a £1 per week in case of an accident. The question if he could not recover compensation to the extent of one half of his weekly wages should be tested in the law courts.

The President said if the insurance company were called upon to pay beyond the sum insured by the church authorities it would be a question for the law courts, and the insurance would be bound to pay according to the decision given.

Mr. H. White asked how he stood if he received £1 per year as a ringer, and the church authorities insure against an accident but his employer did not do so.

The President said in such a case there would be but a small sum payable from the Insurance Company, but Mr. White could sue his employers if he met with an accident in their service.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson said he would advise anyone entitled to compensation not to accept the sum at first sent; if so, it would be very small. He had to refuse in the case of one of his servants, and secured a larger sum eventually.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ANCIENT BUILDINGS.

The Rev. H. Law James called attention to the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings, and said that it was a great pity that this society, which was in many ways useful, should give advice about rehanging bells in the way that it did. He knew of a case where three old bells had been recast into five in the 17th century, and rehung on the mediæval frame; another bell had been added at the beginning of the 19th century, and also hung on the same old frame, which must have been worn out at least 200 years ago. The frame was then made fast to the walls at the top by bolting on beams and building them into the walls; these beams very naturally cracked the tower, and this Society was called in. They sent down an architect who repaired the tower most beautifully, and then cut away the beams from the top of this poor worn-out frame, and pronounced the bells ready for ringing. The ringers could not ring them, and he was asked to inspect the frame which moved several inches every time a bell was rung, and he was obliged to recommend a new frame entirely. He thought it would be well for the President to communicate with the Society, or in some way warn the clergy against advice of this sort.

The President said he would as soon approach Mr. Lloyd George and ask him to take off the extra 2d. of the income tax as go to the Society referred to by Mr. Law James (laughter). He happened to know a good deal about the Society, and was certain that it would be useless to approach them. He thought the best thing to do would be to endeavour to show architects that bellhanging had developed as a modern science, and was not what it was 300 years ago. As a science most architects knew little about it. Lord Grimthorpe had put the whole matter very strongly: but Lord Grimthorpe was a ringer and an architect, and knew what he was about, and did not hesitate to point out that the old system of hanging bells was wrong. What he, the President, would suggest was that Mr. James should try and get definite particulars of some case and bring it forward. Then some good might be done. Otherwise he thought that to make any attempt to approach the Society would be but a waste of paper.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said some good might be done if a circular could be drawn up and sent to the clergy, in which mention was made of cases where mischief had resulted through the recommendations of the Society.

The President said if he had the particulars of rings that had suffered through this Society's recommendations, he would be willing to write a letter to the Church Press upon the matter.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews said a case had come under his notice in which there was a frame 250 years old. The Society had done all it could to prevent it being taken out, but the authorities stood firm that the work should be done, and the Society gave way.

The Rev. H. Law James proposed, and the Rev. H. A. Cockey seconded, that the President be asked to write an official letter to the Church Press upon the matter, and the same was adopted.

The President said he would do this if he received from members such full particulars of definite cases as would warrant the Council's intervention.

SUGGESTED SCHEME OF AFFILIATION.

Mr. J. H. Banks submitted a scheme by which on payment of a fee of 5s. to the Hon. Secretary of the Council, any Performing Member of any Association affiliated to the Council would become a Life Performing Member of all other affiliated Associations. But that before anything could be done it would be necessary for the Associations to agree to the proposal. He said he considered that if some such scheme could be adopted, it would do good, for it would do away with a ringer subscribing to different Associations, and therefore release him from the responsibility of subscribing to all the Associations of which he was a member, and yet retain his membership. Under such a scheme those who went about ringing peals would be enabled to take part in the performances of other Associations.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee, who seconded, said the matter had been discussed, and it was thought best to bring the proposal under the notice of the Council, although it might be considered outside its province. Each Association would remain self-governing. It was impossible for every one to pay 5s. as a Life Member of the different Associations. This scheme might help some of the Associations; he thought it an idea worth consideration. It would be a great consideration to those ringers who travel and ring at various places.

Mr. R. A. Daniell said the man who goes running about the country on ringing tours should be made to become a member in the ordinary way, and should also be made to pay. There would be immense clerical work, and he could not for the life of himself see what good it would do. He considered it utterly impossible to attempt anything of the kind. He should like to know who would have the 5s.

Mr. H. Dains said the 5s. would be paid to the Council, and the ringer would cease to pay any contribution to his particular Association.

The Hon. Secretary said the whole scheme would be going outside the province of the Council, and he was confident would take up more time than he could personally give to the work. Some difficulty might arise, as some of the Associations might say—"If we are to be burdened with all these

members the sooner we are done with the Council the better." On the whole he did not see how the proposal could be worked.

Mr. A. T. King said if the various Associations became mixed up in the manner suggested, he feared loyalty to their own particular Association would be lost.

The President said he did not think the Associations would see the matter in the same light as the proposers. The Council should aim at securing the confidence of the Associations throughout the country, and try to be a body aiming at solving any difficulties which had to be solved. He was pleased to find that confidence in the Council was growing each year, and he hoped it would go on increasing.

Mr. J. Griffin having moved, and Mr. A. W. Searle having seconded the previous question, Mr. J. H. Banks withdrew the proposal.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson proposed, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded a vote of thanks to the President, which was carried with acclamation, and the Council rose.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 10th, a meeting of the South-Eastern district was held at Rayleigh, and amongst those present to meet the Rector (Rev. A. G. Fryer), were the churchwardens of Rayleigh, the Master and Secretary of the Association, the District Master and Secretary, and other well-known faces. Tea, which was given by the Rev. A. G. Fryer, should have been on the lawn, but owing to the inclement weather it was transferred to the Parish Room. Tea over, the minutes of the last meeting were read and passed, one new member and one re-election of a member was confirmed. Broomfield was selected as the place for the annual meeting. The District Secretary drew the attention of the ringers to the fact that only three meetings were held in the year, whereas he thought if an extra meeting could be arranged and some tower visited which was not in union with the Association, some good might become of such meetings. It was agreed to hold one at Rettendon in September.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre in a few well-spoken words thanked the Rev. A. G. Fryer for his kind hospitality. In reply this gentleman said it gave him great pleasure to entertain the Association, and urged that all young men wishing to learn the Art of Ringing should be given every opportunity to do so. He was afraid his time was past for learning it, but he would encourage it as far as he could by entertaining the ringers whenever they wished to hold their meetings at Rayleigh. He hoped to be able soon to have the bells rehung so that it would be a pleasure to ring them.

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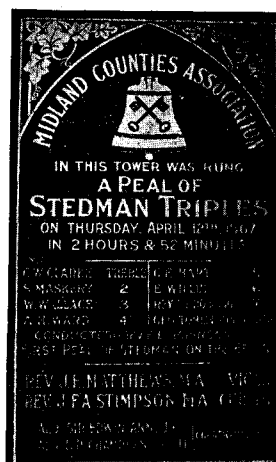
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THE debate on "steeplekeepers" at the Council meeting, reported elsewhere, will be read with interest. The part in connection with the subject which "THE BELL NEWS" has become identified was however but briefly referred to. The great evil of the day with regard to the office in question, lies in those cases where the individual "rules the roost," and defies better men than himself should they suggest any attempt at improvement or change. We hold to the deep conviction that no one having anything to do with the belfry should be absolute, whether he is sexton, clerk, expert change-ringer, or what-not. The ringing company should be the reigning authority, subject only to the incumbent or churchwardens. If the status of the ringers as Church officials, or as we are apt to say, "Church-workers," were recognised as they ought to be by the clergy in general, there would be no friction between the ringers and those church officials who arrogate to themselves the right to interfere and control matters which they have the assurance to meddle with. Verily Bumbledom is not extinct. We have heard of a sexton, whose duty it formerly was, and failing better arrangements is now, to provide the chiming for service, demand help in this work from the ringers in turn. Failure to comply evoked terrible threats from this worthy of stopping ringing practice, and other penalties. We have read of a document or writing of some sort being in existence intimating that "this tower is closed until further orders from me," this word implying the powerful individual in office. Many instances of overbearing

conduct could be particularized, but they are too well-known to be catalogued.

What is the remedy? it may be asked. The reply is the interference of the clergy and wardens. Either of them should appoint the ringer to his office under those legitimate conditions which most of us understand. Then the ringing company should from their number appoint one to look after the bells, who would be subordinate to them. The ringers should also elect an officer, who for convenience should be their Secretary, as an intermediary or representative between them and the incumbent. The evil at present in connection with what has been stated is great. The incumbent who fails to take an interest in his bells and ringers, and attempts to shirk his duty and responsibilities by allowing any jack-in-office to assume them, deserves admonishing.

We regret to hear that Mr. John Basden, Master of the Middlesex Association, and a member of many other ringing societies is, after a long and exhausting illness, in a condition calling for the sympathy of his ringing brethren. He is absolutely unable to obtain any kind of medical or other sustenance necessary to him. His friends therefore appeal to the Exercise on his behalf. He is highly respected by all who know him. It is hoped that some immediate relief may be obtained before he is beyond need of it. Mr. J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, Bucks., a life-long friend of John Basden, will be glad to receive any sums sent in response to this appeal.

The Metropolis.

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Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATORIX.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Amy Elizabeth White to Wilfred Lilley, esq.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, July 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt, in C.

FREDERICK DICKENS.. Treble.	*ALFRED DAVIES.. .. 7.
CHARLES DICKENS 2.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 8.
GEORGE F. SWANN 3.	ALF PADDON SMITH.. 9.
THOMAS RUSSAM 4.	THOMAS MILLER 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.	JAMES E. GROVES 11.
EDMUND J. HYLAND.. .. 6.	JOHN NEAL Tenor.

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

*First peal of Cinques.

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

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 14, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

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

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

Further reference elsewhere.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 15, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble.	*ARTHUR ROOPE 6.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
JOHN WILSON* 3.	WILLIAM STEBLE 8.
JOHN GODFREY* 4.	GEORGE MOY 9.
BERTIE HOWCHIN* 5.	JOHN MOY Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal on ten bells. First peal of Bob Royal by all.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, July 15, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN STOPFORD Treble.	TOM WILDE 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 2.	SAMUEL BOWKER 7.
ARTHUR HAUGHTON 3.	ALBERT HOUGH 7.
WILLIAM LOWERY 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by W. INGLESANT, and
Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 16, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

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

THOMAS MURRAY Treble.	WILLIAM B. SMITH 5.
SAMUEL BROWN 2.	DAVID BREARLEY 6.
JOHN B. JACKSON 3.	THOMAS M. THOMPSON .. 7.
JOSEPH BROADLEY 4.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by F. W. DIXON.

This peal was arranged for D. Brearley, who was attending a conference at Ilkley; also as a farewell peal to T. Murray, who is leaving the district.

BANBURY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN *Treble.	RICHARD W. BURROWS .. 5.
OSCAR GILBEY 2.	†REV. C. CAREW COX .. 6.
MAURICE SMITH 3.	EDWARD H. ADAMS 7.
FRANK HOPGOOD 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

*First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells, and the conductor's 399th. †Elected a member in the tower previous to starting. Rung on the eve of the annual festival at Chipping Norton.

SHENSTONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, July 17, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

FRANK FAY Treble.	GEORGE ROBERTS 5.
CHARLES DICKENS 2.	THOMAS BLOORE 6.
FREDERICK DICKENS .. 3.	BERTRAM G. LEEDEHAM .. 7.
GEORGE F. SWANN 4.	HARRY DICKENS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 5 lbs in F.

RICHARD POTTER Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
ERNEST NEWMAN 2.	ALFRED G. RIVERS 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
PERCY LANGSTON 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:
HEYWOOD'S TEN-PART (No. 6). Tenor 26½ cwt.

R. BAYLES Treble.	G. HALKSWORTH 5.
A. NAYLOR 2.	C. JACKSON 6.
J. COTTERELL 3.	W. PASMORE 7.
F. W. STOKES 4.	G. HARE Tenor.

Conducted by C. JACKSON.

Rung as a welcome to His Grace the Lord Archbishop of York. The ringers wish to thank the Rector, the Rev. J. Allan Pride, for the use of the bells.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 17, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHARLES PALMER Treble.	GEORGE ADES 5.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 2.	ALBERT D. STONE 6.
WILLIAM PALMER 3.	KEITH HART 7.
ERNEST GOWER 4.	ALFRED J. TURNER Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 17, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

JOSEPH W. PARKER Treble.	WM. SMALLWOOD 5.
WILLIAM NAISBY* 2.	ROBERT W. LOVIE 6.
RALPH A. LOVIE 3.	FRANK NAISBY 7.
GEORGE R. TAYLOR* .. 4.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON Tenor.

Composed by J. PLATT, and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

*First peal of Major. Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Frank Naisby, who leaves the town for Canada on Tuesday, the 20th inst.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL AND HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILDS.

On Saturday, July 17, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs.

HERBERT BAILEY† Treble.	FRANK S. DOWNING 5.
TOM DAY* 2.	*WM. JONES 6.
JAS. YORK 3.	WM. SAUNDERS 7.
JOSEPH DAY 4.	†HAROLD ASTON Tenor.

Conducted by WM. SAUNDERS.

†First peal. *First peal of Triples with a bob bell. First peal of Triples as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells by a local company. First peal by a local company for nineteen years. The average age of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th and tenor ringers is eighteen years.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 17, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First peal in the method. Rang to welcome the new curate, the Rev. S. Mead.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 19, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

JOHN E. BUCKLE* Treble.	HENRY W. WILKES 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	*C. RAYNBIRD GLADDIS 6.
PERCIVAL E. MORFEE 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 7.
WILLIAM T. TUCKER 4.	GEORGE NOICE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman, also first peal of Stedman on the bells.

Handbell Peals.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF F. R. KETTLEBORO,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES.

HARRY MOSS 1-2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO 3-4.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 7-8.

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

Umpire—Benjamin A. Knights. This is the first Surprise peal rung on handbells in any county north of London, and was rung at the third attempt. First by all the band except the conductor, and first by the Association. Previous to the peal the band met and brought round for practice 12,544 changes.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The ringer of the tenor in the peal at Netley Abbey on July 10th, should have read Master-Gunner Daggitt, R.G.A. It was also Mr. Page's first peal of Stedman, not first peal.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Bob Royal has been sent from Holbeck, Yorks, without any number of changes being mentioned.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL.—On Saturday, June 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Clarke, R. Bolton, J. J. Parker conductor, F. Bolton, R. Flaxman, J. Blackmore.

HORTON (Bucks).—On Saturday, July 10th, 720 Oxford Bob. F. Hooper, W. Henley, J. Blackmore, F. Bolton, G. Winkfield, C. Clarke conductor. 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Clarke, R. Bolton, J. J. Parker, F. Bolton, T. E. Glanville, J. Blackmore, 720 Grandsire Minor. C. Clarke, W. Henley, J. J. Parker, T. E. Glanville, G. Winkfield, J. Blackmore. And 480 Court Bob.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Sunday, June 27th, for evening service, and as a farewell touch to M. Bradley, who sailed on the following Friday for the United States, 1008 Bob Major. M. Bradley, C. Laverick, W. J. Titchener, J. H. Jones, W. Pollard, W. Rudd, J. H. Blakiston, T. Lancaster.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.—On July 7th, for practice, three courses of Superlative, five courses of Double Norwich, three courses of Bob Major, and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major, the following taking part: Messrs. Appleton, Blakiston, Barker, F. and C. Laverick, Laughton, Lancaster, Pollard, Pickering, Titchener, Wedgewood and Watson.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.—On Sunday evening, June 29th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 57 mins. W. R. Fyfe, *Miss Margery F. Sampson, E. Cowl, R. Whitson, W. B. Sampson, J. R. Robertson, C. C. Ellis, *J. McGacken. *First quarter-peal. This is also the first quarter-peal in Scotland in which a lady ringer has taken part. An attempt is to be made by the above Society at an early date for a peal on the old steeple bells at Dundee, in honour of Mr. Harwood, who is leaving Edinburgh.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HEATHFIELD (Sussex).—On Friday, July 9th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. J. Collins, W. Barrow, O. Collins, G. Taylor, J. Lavender, W. Booth conductor. First 720 on the bells by a local band, and first by all except the conductor.

HOLLOWAY (London).—On Sunday evening, July 18th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Thurlow, A. Hart, H. Brookes, H. Ranzetta conductor, R. G. Rice, W. Pateman, R. F. Deal, L. Perry. Composed by H. Franks.

ISLINGTON (London).—Recently at St. Mary's church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Hotten, H. Franks (composer), H. Ranzetta, J. Barry, A. D. Barker, J. Bullock, R. F. Deal conductor, A. Riley. Rung as a compliment to J. Bullock on his 19th anniversary, his fellow-ringers wishing him the usual compliments.

SOUTH HACKNEY (London).—On Sunday, June 11th, for evening service at the church of St. John of Jerusalem, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. J. Wrigley, H. C. Alford, R. W. Green, W. J. Kemp, J. Müller, R. Elliott, R. F. Deal conductor, J. H. Tucker. Composed by H. Franks. First quarter-peal by the tenor ringer, and longest length away from the treble by W. J. Kemp.

PETERBOROUGH.—After the inaugural meeting of the proposed Peterborough Association on the 29th ult., a 720 of Bob Minor was rung at St. Mary's church by F. Cooke, J. Jutson, sen. W. Cross, G. Jutson, jun., J. W. Jarvis, W. T. Johnson conductor. This is the first 720 since the formation of the Association, and the first 720 on tower bells by W. Cross.

CHURCH BELL ROPES.—The longest peal ever rung was at Loughborough, on Easter Monday. The ropes used were made by JOHN FRITCHARD, of Loughborough, whose bell-ropes are favorites of the Exercise for their non-stretching. Soft as silk; durable as steel.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 26th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 27th; all at 8 p.m.

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

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District. The next meeting of this district will be held at Eynsford to-day, Sat., July 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m., with an address by the Rev. M. C. Elphinstone, Vicar. Half railway fares up to 2s. allowed. Farningham bells will be available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and after the meeting.

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

Halifax and District Association.—The annual meeting and eight-bell contest will be held at Sowerby to-day, Sat., July 24th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m.

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

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The summer meeting will be held at Darlington to-day, Sat., July 24th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at The Bull's Head hotel, Market Place, at 5 p.m. Members 1s., non-members 1s. 6d.

CHAS. TODD, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*
92, Northgate, Darlington.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Alfriston (6 bells) to-day, Sat., July 24th. Ringing 3 to 8 p.m.; service at 5 p.m.; tea at 5.30, 6d. each to members letting me know by Tuesday, July 20th. Half rail fares up to 1s. Will Secretaries of bands please send on current subscriptions as soon as possible, otherwise members' expenses to meetings cannot be paid.

GEO. H. HOWSE, *Div. Hon. Sec.*
132, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Rothwell to-day, Sat., July 24th. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The White Swan hotel at 7.30 p.m.

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

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ashover (8 bells) to-day, Sat., July 24th. Ringing from 3.20 p.m.

A. H. WARD, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at the Church House, Solihull, to-day, Sat., July 24th. Chair to be taken at 5 p.m. Solihull bells (ring of 10), have been kindly placed at the disposal of the members during the afternoon and evening.

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

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the members of the North and East district of this Association will be held to-day, Sat., July 24th, at St. Mary's church, Islington, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. C. J.

Procter) The bells will be raised about 3.30 p.m., and evensong will be said at 5.30 p.m., which it is hoped that all ringers present will attend. Arrangements will be made for tea at 6 p.m., if a sufficient number will be good enough to intimate to the Hon. Secretary their intention to be present.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ashton-under-Lyne (12 bells), to-day, Sat., July 24th. Bells ready at 4.30. Business at 7. A good muster is requested to meet the committee.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Woodford parish church to-day Sat., July 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service and address by the Rector at 5. Tea at 5.30. The Chigwell handbell ringers are expected.

G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*
7, Richmond Terrace, South Woodford.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will (D.V.) be held at Runcorn to-day, Sat., July 24th. The following towers will be open as stated on the circular; Runcorn (8); Frodsham (6); St. Paul, Widnes (8). Service at the parish church at 3.15, at which the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, of Bangor, will preach. Tea at 4.15, price 9d. to members, and 1s. 6d. to hon. and non-resident members and visitors. Tickets can be obtained from the branch secretaries.

REV. A. T. BEESTON, *Hon. Sec.*
New Mills.

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Betchingley, Surrey, to-day, Sat., July 24th. Bells will (by kind permission of the Rev. A. H. de Fontaine) be available from 4 o'clock. There will be service in the church for ringers at 5.30, and tea will take place at 6 o'clock.

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*
59, Welleley Road, Croydon.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Thrapstone on July 24th; Great Brington on August 14th; Cranford on August 21st; and Mears Ashby on August 28th. Usual arrangements.

F. WILFORD, *General Secretary.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Edenham (6 bells), on Saturday, July 31st. Bells available all day. All ringers welcome.

A. HOLMES.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The members of this society will hold their next quarterly meeting at Worsley on Saturday, July 31st. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWER, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Goosnargh, on Saturday, July 31st. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Newport, Isle of Wight, on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. Bells available from mid-day at Newport and Carisbrooke. Tea at The Bedford at 5 o'clock. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by July 27th.

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

Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham.—Notice.—

The time of practice on Saturday evenings will be from 7 till 8 until further notice.

W. H. CARROD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The Hon. Secretary of this division (R. J. Dawe), has removed to "Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT PULHAM.—W. Roope's 100 Peals.—Bob Major 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major 37; Kent Treble Bob Major 4; Double Norwich Major 29; Superlative Surprise Major 24; Stedman Triples 2; Kent Treble Bob Royal 2.

STEDMAN CINQUES.

BY CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

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Round at 2, 13s, 15s.

In this peal the 5th and 6th are the only two bells in 5ths place without two sixes being called in succession, and with the least number of calls in the homing-course.

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EXETER RINGERS' CYCLING CLUB.

On Monday, July 5th, the belfry of St. David's church was the scene of a very interesting occasion, when the Vicar (Rev. C. J. V. French), and the churchwardens were asked by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, President of the the Devonshire Guild, to accept an oak peal-board, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on the bells on July 4th, 1908, in honour of the above Club Captain's birthday (Mr. John Richards). In making the presentation, the Rev. M. Kelly spoke of the usefulness the cyclist members had been to the Guild in visiting outlying parishes, especially the six-bell towers, and giving the local ringers the privi-

lege of hearing half-pull on their own bells. They had also done good work by being able to give useful advice on the condition of the bells and their "go."

The Rev. C. J. V. French in accepting, expressed his pleasure in doing so, remarking that the ringers were slowly decorating that part of the church, which was a token that they respected it.

The Rev. M. Kelly was then asked by the Secretary of the Club (Frank Davey), to present to the Captain (Mr. John Richards), an album suitably illuminated, containing all the peals he had taken part in while a member of the Guild and Captain of the Club, which had been subscribed for by all the members as a small

token of their respect for the many kindnesses shown, and use of club-room, and as originator of the Club,

In presenting the album, the Rev. M. Kelly said that nothing could have been more appropriate as a present than a record of Mr. Richardson's ringing. He was proud of the work the Club had done under the chairmanship of Mr. Richards, and the good fellowship existing amongst its members and ringers of the city.

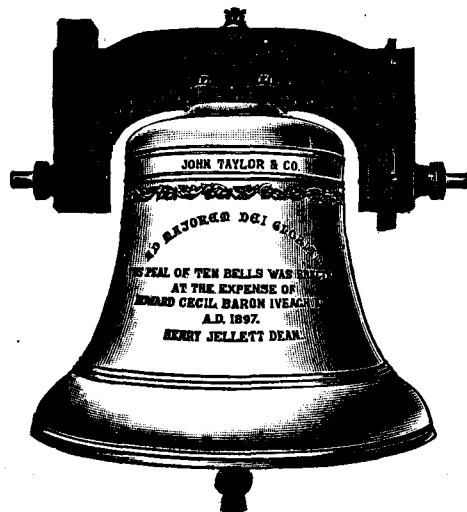
Mr. Richards returned thanks for the present, which would always be a valuable item among his ringing presents.

A hearty vote of thanks was recorded the Rev. M. Kelly for his presence that evening, which was at all times very helpful and cheering to the band with whom he spent a short time.

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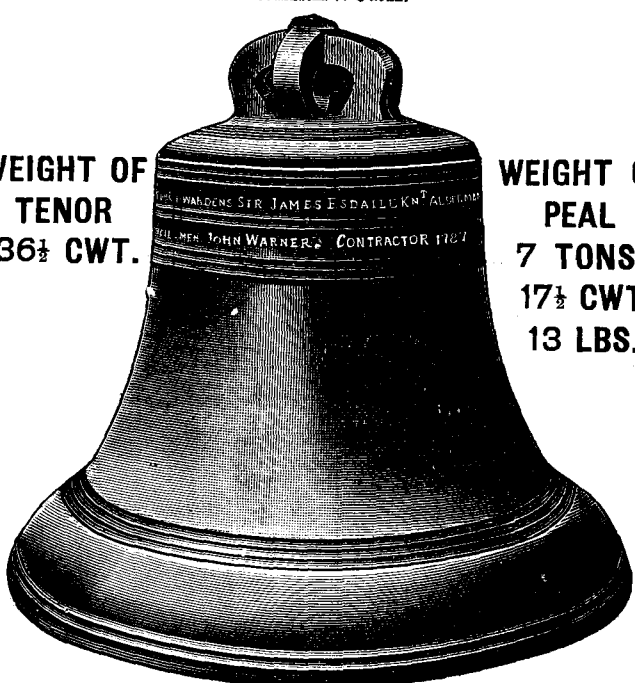
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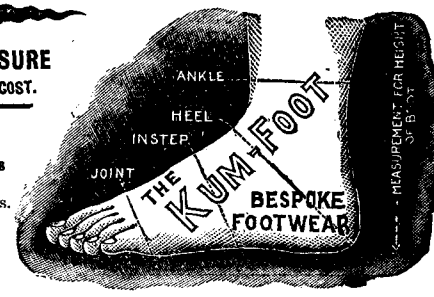
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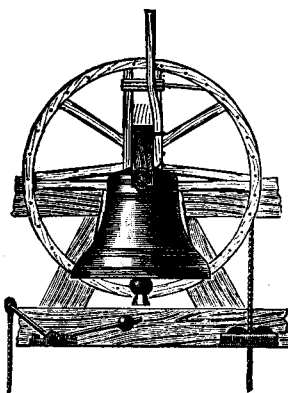
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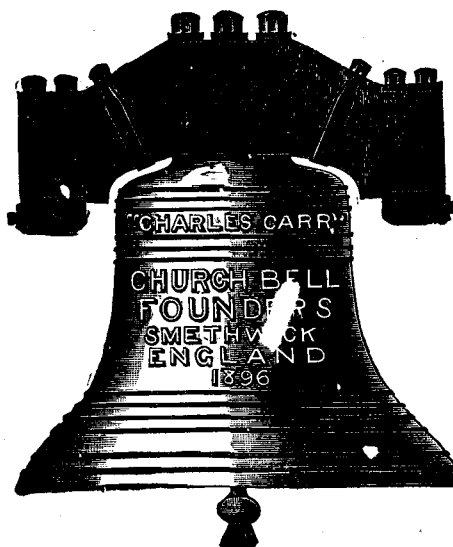
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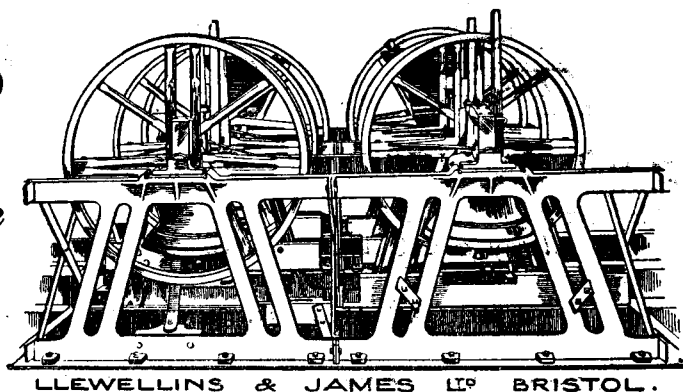
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FAWLEY, HANTS.

DEDICATION OF NEW TREBLES.

At the fine old parish church of All Saints, dating from the Norman period, the Archdeacon of Winchester dedicated two trebles on Wednesday, July 21st. The service commenced at 2.30 p.m., Evensong to the third collect being said by the Rector, the Rev. T. Gore Browne, the proper lessons being read by the Revs. F. Bowden Smith, and Charles E. Matthews, Vicar of Titchfield, and Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. The Archdeacon, Dr. Fearon, then said the dedicatory prayers, subsequently giving a brief address based upon Psalm cl. i. He said that the people of Fawley had a rich possession in their ancient and beautiful church—it was worth spending all they could afford upon it, and the restoration and addition of the bells added to the various steps in its long history. The sounds of bells awakened the best thoughts and called out the highest emotions in men, and it was almost a miracle given to man to produce sounds which thus spoke to hearts and souls. Bells were a creation of Christian religion, they were always identified with Church life and Church work, and might this restored peal always help the parishioners of Fawley to praise God.

Ringers attended from Fareham, Dibden, Winchester, and Titchfield, and no doubt others would have been present, if Fawley were less inaccessible. The first 720 of Bob Minor on the bells was brought round by G. Grahame, G. Clasby, J. W. Whiting, W. Chambers, W. Rawlings, H. Payne (conductor). The work of restoration, re-tuning, and providing two trebles has been well carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons. The original treble, now the 3rd, was cast by them in 1867, and is 30 inches in diameter. The back three have these inscriptions:—"GIVE GOD THE GLORY, R. B. 1603 (32 in.) R. F. x William Andrewes, Richard Coombes (Churchwardens, 1677 (34½ in.), and Richard Clark, Thomas Colchester, churchwardens, 1737 (36½ in.) Joshua Kipling fecit." The new trebles are 27 in. and 28½ inches across, and weigh respectively 4-2-19 and 5-0-7. The first bears the inscription—"Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound." The second is inscribed, "Given by A. C. Drummond, A.D. 1909. Ring out the false, ring in the true." It is a pity that the Rector's and churchwardens' names were not included in the casting. Messrs. Warner have supplied an iron frame and entirely new fittings, and the back three have been quarter-turned. The new trebles blend well with the rest, and are not unduly loud, and considering the weakness and flat tone of the tenor, and that the old bells had to be re-tuned on the spot, the

Cripplegate firm have certainly done their best. The Rev. W. E. Colchester, Hon. Secretary of the Diocesan Guild, was present. After the service the ringers were hospitably entertained to tea by the Rector. A chiming apparatus is being fitted.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of this Association held at Darlington on July 24th, proved one of the best of the summer meetings of recent years. During the afternoon touches of Treble Bob Major, and Stedman and Erin Triples were rung on the bells of the parish church (St. Cuthbert's), and St. John's; and London, York, and Cambridge Surprise Minor on the bells of Holy Trinity.

Forty-three members from Stockton, Newcastle, Bishop Auckland, Staindrop, Chester-le-Street, Hurworth, Sunderland, Shildon, Benwell, Ormesby, and Darlington, sat down to tea at The Bull's Head hotel, with the President (Mr. C. L. Routledge), in the chair, supported by Mr. W. Kingdon and Mr. J. W. Parker (Vice-presidents), and the Revs. H. S. T. Richardson, E. C. Hoskyns, A. W. Lister, and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. Todd. Letters of regret were read from the Vicar of Darlington (Rev. David Walker), the Rev. W. P. Mayor, the Rev. F. Peacock, and Mr. W. Story. A vote of thanks to the clergy of the three churches for the use of the bells was carried with acclamation.

IDEN, SUSSEX.

The six bells in the tower of the church of All Saints, Iden, have recently been rehung by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. Two years ago the tenor was rehung. Since then the necessary money has been raised for rehanging the other five bells, and Mr. Bowell was given the order to rehang the remaining five. The order has been executed, and on a recent Wednesday several ringers who reside in the district assembled together to inspect the work and test the bells. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung and several shorter touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. Everyone was of opinion the work had been done excellently, and the "go" of the bells was all that could be desired.

RANGEMORE, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

A large chiming clock has just been erected in the parish church here as a memorial to the late Lord Burton. It was formally started on Saturday, the 24th instant, by Lady Burton. It shows time on four large dials, and is fitted with all the latest improvements, being made generally to the designs of the late Lord Grimthorpe by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who made the Burton Town Hall clock for the late Lord Burton many years ago.

WITH THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The town of Bedford has many historical connections. Chief among them are its claims to John Howard, the prison reformer and philanthropist; and of course the immortal Bunyan. From a ringer's point of view, the county of Bedford is famous for Charley Clarke, Bunyan, and "Billy" Barker. I put them in this order advisedly. Anyone who picks up a "BELL NEWS" of twenty or twenty-five years ago, will find Bedford ringing and Charles W. Clarke synonymous terms. Bunyan has been passed on to posterity as having been a "ringer of a sort" at a time when ringing was very much like charity, etc., as was clearly shown in certain Danielese articles in this journal some years since. However, it was undeniably good for mankind that John Bunyan dropped his rope for the quill. When circumstances rendered it necessary for "C. W. C." to seek fresh fields and pastures new in search of work, the ringing at Bedford devolved upon W. J. Barker, one of Clarke's proteges, and William J. B. is very smart. Fortunately, Charles W. Clarke is back again in Bunyantown, and although ringing has been decadent there of late, if Clarke and Barker join hands again, a revival will occur. This by the way. On June 26th the Association held its summer festival at Turvey. Turvey is a quiet old-world village seven miles out. It possesses a fine church and as fine a parson. This is the Rev. C. B. Hulton, who is indeed like another but defunct "C.B."—a prime minister, for he is one of us and has rung peals in five Standard methods upon his own bells. These are a ring of eight, with a tenor of 19 cwt. The tenor is a peculiar bell—she has neither 3rds nor 5ths harmonic, and to quote the words of the late Tom Holmes, her tone is like "a stone thrown at a boiler." This is regrettable, for she was recast some few years ago. The hum-note is now indistinct, and ought to be taken in hand by a founder who knows how to do it. With this important exception the bells make a mellow ring. As I have said, Turvey is a demure and a peaceful place—just such a place that Dickens would look for that master of calisthenics, Mr. Turveydrop. With its almshouses and priory, it seems at peace with all the world. The great cross above the church is not by any means the only one. Farmhouses too, erect a huge cross on the gable-end, and these are rivalled by the numerous cottages that boasts a bible text over the doors instead of a house title!

Saturday, June 26th, commenced with a cricket match between the Turveyites v. all comers. Like England in the last test, the all comers got a basting, for the Rev. C. B. collared the demon bowler, and hit him all over the field, eventually winning by four runs.

Up in the tower the bells were merrily swinging to the tune of Stedman, Superlative, Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Double Norwich, ringers being present from Woburn, Irthlingborough, Bedford, Higham Ferrers, Bromham, and Kettering; while Mr. S. Wesley, of Nottingham, and Miss Lilian and W. Willson came from Leicester by invitation. All sat down in the garden of the local hotel for tea at 5.30, about seventy being present, but prior to this a service was held in the church of All Saints, when the Rector preached from the text—"Be ye perfect." Without hesitation the writer asserts that no finer exposition of a ringer's trials and difficulties could possibly be given. It was an ideal discourse by one who knows what occurs both in and out of a belfry.

After the tea the bells were again put in motion, and an exceptional interest was taken in a touch in which Mr. E.

Wilds rang the tenor. Mr. Wilds was one of Lieutenant Shackleton's crew who essayed the South Polar Expedition in the Nimrod, and it gave the writer a much-coveted interview with one of the men direct. It may be mentioned that on the following Monday evening, Mr. Wilds received along with Lieutenant Shackleton and the rest of the crew, their medals from the hands of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at the Albert Hall, London.

It appears that Turvey is the native place of Mr. S. Wesley, of Lenton, Notts., and his father was a ringer there before him, hence his visit brought many pleasant recollections. The place is a picturesque spot, and as the shadows deepened, the church and its huge cross became more and more indistinct, until the last red rays of the setting sun tipped the edge of the cross, and finally yielded place to night. From the rectory windows the music of the steeple was sweetened from the knowledge that we from a distance had dined wisely and well. "Bells at evening pealing" are always enhanced by such an event, and the Rectory at Turvey is Liberty Hall. To the Rector and Mrs. Hulton with her sister we salaam and say that a railway ride of 100 miles is naught when kindness and hospitality awaits. Everyone enjoyed the Bedfordshire Summer Festival, and not least he who inscribes his initials,

W. W.

EXETER RINGERS IN SOMERSET.

The memories of a visit which was paid to Exmoor last year by members of the St. Sidwell's Society, Exeter, were so pleasant that they decided to renew acquaintance on Saturday, June 26th, with the famous Somerset upland. The route selected was Dulverton by train, and then by road to Timberscombe, Dunster, Minehead and back. Ideal weather prevailed; there was no rain, and the air was neither too hot nor too cold. The showers of the preceding days had laid the dust, and freshened Nature, so that the country was seen under perfect condition in its most alluring garb.

The beautiful scenery of the valley of the Exe, the impressive outlines of Exmoor, as viewed from Wheddon Cross—1000 feet above sea-level, and the highest point on the road to Minehead—with Dunkerry Beacon, Exmoor's crowning glory, 1,700 feet high, a conspicuous feature in the landscape; the peaceful beauty of Timberscombe: the mediæval quaintness and unique natural charms of Dunster, and the primness of Dunster were all justly admired. Amid such entrancing surroundings there was little inclination and, indeed, small time for ringing. But the sweet-toned peal of six bells at Timberscombe, rehung two years ago, which were found to be in splendid condition: the eight at Dunster, rehung in 1875, noteworthy, for the second has been recast once, the treble and fifth twice, and the tenor thrice, for the want of tune and for the queerness of the "go" owing probably to the oscillation of the distinctive central tower; and the light but musical ten created at Minehead by the addition of two bells about three years ago, were handled, and welcomes extended by the local ringers. The members of the St. Sidwell's society wish to thank the Vicars of the respective churches for the use of the bells, and Mr. G. Stacey (Minehead), for making all the necessary arrangements for ringing.

At dinner at The Red Lion hotel, Dulverton, Mr. E. Shepherd (Ringing-Master), presided, and the healths of "The King," "the Rector of St. Sidwell's," "The Ringing-Master," and "The Hon. Secretary" were drunk,

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The tenth annual general meeting of this association was held at Ripon on Whit-Monday last, when members were present from Middleham, Stockton, Hemingbrough, Skelton, Sharow, Northallerton, Ormesby, West Hartlepool, Wath, and Pateley Bridge. The members met at The Black Bull hotel, where dinner was served. The Rev. W. P. Wright (Hemingbrough), vice-president of the association, presided, supported by Dr. Pauli and the Rev. R. Hodgson (hon. secretary). After dinner the business meeting was held.

The Chairman submitted the toast of "The King," which was pledged with enthusiasm.

Dr. Pauli proposed the health of the Bishop and clergy of the diocese, including thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Ripon Cathedral and the Vicar of Sharow for allowing the members the use of the bells of the Cathedral and Sharow parish church.

The Rev. R. Hodgson (hon. secretary) presented the eleventh annual report, and stated that the more he saw of the working of the Association the more was he convinced of its usefulness. He had to record twelve peals for the year. It was gratifying to record an increase in the membership of eleven—five hon. members and six performing members. He had been notified that Carlton Marske and Scarborough hoped to join the association during the year. The balance worked out favourably, the income for the year being £13 10s., and the expenditure £12 5s. 6d., leaving a balance on the year's working of £1 4s. 6d. The balance in the bank in favour of the association at the end of the year was £25 13s. 10d. Mr. Hodgson said as that was his last report, he wished to express his appreciation of the kindness and help given to him during the last four years. They all welcomed him most heartily, and had borne wonderfully with all his failings. He trusted that the association would continue to prosper, and that to his successor might be given that help and support which they extended to him.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report. It was a very good thing to hear that they were in a satisfactory state financially. There was £25 to their credit in the bank, and he hoped the Chancellor of the Exchequer would not hear of it. He asked the secretary at the committee meeting whether he had it invested in land, and he told him he had not. He thought they might authorise the secretary to keep that £25 out of land. Another satisfactory feature was the increase in membership, not a large one certainly, but still an increase which was in the right direction. He emphasised the appreciation of the members for the great kindness they received from the two places where new peals were instituted, particularly in the case of Carlton. In conclusion, Mr. Wright included a vote of thanks to Mr. Hodgson for his excellent services of the past four years.

Mr. T. Stephenson (Stockton) seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried.

The three places of meeting were fixed as follows: Annual meeting, Whit-Monday, Northallerton; September meeting, Middleham; Easter Monday, Carlton.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

The ringers at this historic church had their annual excursion on Saturday, July 17th, journeying by rail to Stourport-on-Severn. Arrangements were kindly made by the churchwardens—Messrs. James and Edwards—and

owing to their forethought, Mr. Dorsett, a friend of theirs, and with whom the ringers were previously acquainted, met the party at Stourport, and accompanied them in their rambles, pointing out the many objects of interest in the ideal river scenery of the district.

After an introduction and refreshments at The Bell hotel, Stourport, a fixture was made for a substantial repast later on, and the party then made its way to the delightful and picturesque village of Areley Kings on the other side of the river, and on high ground commanding an extensive view of the surrounding country. Here permission had been obtained for a pull on the light ring of six, but unfortunately disappointment was in store, as the Vicar was under the necessity of withdrawing such permission owing to the illness of his wife. Expressing his extreme regret at this untoward incident, he most courteously invited the company to a walk round his garden and grounds, showing them many objects of interest, and expressing a hope that he might see them and hear them ring on his bells on a future occasion.

On the road back to Stourport several of the company were shown over the boat house and club rooms by Mr. Dorsett, who we understand is considered the "father" of the Stourport Boat Club.

Again arriving at The Bell hotel, where the churchwardens had provided an ample and substantial tea, the company were soon feasting the inner man in that hearty manner for which members of the Exercise are generally noted.

At its conclusion Mr. W. H. Godden, in a short speech, expressed the pleasure felt by Mr. John Carter and himself in being invited to join the company that day, and apologised for the absence of another friend—Mr. Bradney. He called on the company to express in the heartiest manner they possibly could, their sense of gratitude to the churchwardens, and especially to Mr. Dorsett, who had added so much to their day's enjoyment.

Mr. Dorsett, who evidently took pleasure in his task of showing the company round, added a few words of welcome, and hoped that he might on a future occasion be able to do more in that way for any of his friends then present.

The company then repaired to the bowling green, some taking very keen pleasure in this old-fashioned sport, while others manipulated the handbells in tunes and courses of Triples and Doubles, much to the enjoyment of the neighbourhood. Much interest was evoked by Mr. J. Carter manipulating Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 in Grandsire Doubles, Mr. Laffin getting Nos. 5 and 6 in very judiciously.

Time for the return journey arrived only too quickly, and all again safely landed in Birmingham after a very enjoyable excursion.

We regret to hear that Mr. John Basden, Master of the Middlesex Association, and a member of many other ringing societies is, after a long and exhausting illness, in a condition calling for the sympathy of his ringing brethren. He is absolutely unable to obtain any kind of medical or other sustenance necessary to him. His friends therefore appeal to the Exercise on his behalf. He is highly respected by all who know him. It is hoped that some immediate relief may be obtained before he is beyond need of it. Mr. J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, Bucks., a life-long friend of John Basden, will be glad to receive any sums sent in response to this appeal. It is hoped that his many friends will rally to his help without delay.

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 EXTENSION OF STEDMAN FROM THE ORIGINAL SIX-SCORE.

SIR,—The four letters in last week's "BELL NEWS" are all interesting, and I will try to answer some of the questions raised, and first of all let me say what I have often said before; change-ringing is both an Art and a Science, and Mr. Willson in his letter is still confusing the two, and so has failed to follow my argument.

The Art of change-ringing originated with Fabian Stedman, but the Science was first brought forward by William Shipway, and what I am trying to do is to analyse Stedman's work from a scientific point of view, and not to state what Stedman himself thought about it, as I am quite certain that he never approached the subject from a scientific point of view at all.

Mr. Willson then falls into the mistake of thinking that the distinction between Principles and Methods is old, and also fails to understand what it is. If he will read the Report on Legitimate Methods given in the Rules and Decisions of the Council, he will there find it fully stated.

Next he has made a mistake in the course he gives, as the first three rows including rounds are part of a quick six, and not a slow one at all. The Plain course consists of five slow sixes, and is true.

Next of all I do assert that one slow six contains all the slow work of Stedman. Mr. Willson's description of the slow work is not scientific at all, but purely artistic, in fact it consists of the rules for ringing sixty changes of Stedman Doubles with five slow and five quick sixes alternating, quite regardless of the question as to the scientific nature of these sixes, and so it proves nothing to the point.

Now to the question of the bob. In Stedman's time I believe that the word bob was never used at all; they used to call "extreme," and the actual calling of the bobs is nothing to do with the question, because a silent peal of anything contains the bobs, although every man makes them in the course of the ringing without one of them being called.

Now analyse Stedman Doubles; you can split the sixty changes into ten sixes.

Analyse Grandsire Doubles; you can split the sixty changes into six tens. In each case case that is the limit.

Ring the sixty changes of each silent, are there bobs in Grandsire? Yes? because we alter the coursing order of three bells.

But the quick six in Stedman does just the same thing, therefore it is a bob; as a matter of fact whether you call it so or not.

I now turn for a moment to Mr. Trollope. Will he explain how his fifth-place bob will produce a six-score of Doubles from a Plain course of five slow sixes, and will he also kindly cut a six-score of Grandsire Doubles up into plain courses by eliminating bobs. I am bound to say that I cannot do it; moreover can Mr. Trollope produce a six-score from five slow sixes by means of any other bob except a quick six; lastly in dealing with Mr. Trollope, if he contends that we are absolutely tied to one bob and one single in a peal, then I would remind him that Thurstan's peal contains two singles, 240 5th place bobs, 840 3rds place bobs, and 1260 1st place bobs, so that from Mr. Trollope's point of view it is not to be sanctioned, and I am sorry to say that I cannot in this agree with him.

Now for Mr. Dains. He tells us that for over twenty years he has been searching for something, and at last has produced what he calls a new Major Principle. He sent it to me as he says, and I replied that it was Double Stedman Major. I should have thought that my reply was sufficient without going on to say that my brother gave it to me seventeen or eighteen years ago, and that my idea was not novel, as I have been working on this theory for several years, as several of my friends will tell him. I first called the quick six a bob, but I do not claim it as mine for that reason. If a man in my parish picks up a spade guinea and shows it to me, and I tell him what it is, that does not make it mine; and if the real owner can be found, the man must give it up to him. The real owner is Fabian Stedman.

Mr. Dains found it; I had seen it many years ago, and knew that it was Stedman's, and when I wrote to him and said that it was Double Stedman, I should have thought that the matter was settled. If Mr. Dains will study the 720 of Minor a little more carefully, he will find that it is Double Stedman with the treble making bobs at the time, and other bells doing so occasionally.

Turning to Mr. Drake I had thought of calling this Stedman, Original Variation, or Correct Variation, or Scientific Variation, and the other Norwich Variation, or Hudson Variation, or Thurstan Variation. Lastly, let me tell him that the well-known six-score with—

1 3 2 5 4 S
1 3 2 4 5

half-way and—

1 2 3 5 4 S
1 2 3 4 5

at the end is exactly as Stedman left it.

H. LAW JAMES.

SIR,—The Rev. H. L. James has very kindly presented you with his composition of Minor; I therefore consider it my duty to present you with the method belonging thereto. The following is the first six of the plain course containing thirty-six changes:—

1 2 3 4 5 6

2 1 4 3 6 5

Bob as given for Major, 1 2 4 3 5 6 Single, do. do.

1 4 2 5 3 6

4 1 2 5 6 3

4 2 1 6 5 3

2 4 1 6 3 5

4 2 6 1 5 3

Now, Sir, as the composition and method are practically useless without the calling, etc., I will now, with your permission, give a table of course-ends, which is applicable to all the methods of the system for both odd and even number of bells.

TABLE OF COURSE-ENDS.

Calling positions.	Course-ends	No. of courses and changes.			
1 2 7 8	1 2 3 4 5 6				In Major.
—	4 1 3 2 5 6	...	3	...	144
—	3 4 1 2 5 6	...	2	...	96
—	3 1 2 4 5 6	...	3	...	144
—	3 2 5 4 1 6	...	2	...	96
—	5 3 2 4 1 6	...	2	...	do.
—	3 1 5 2 4 6	...	2	...	do.
—	5 3 1 2 4 6	...	5	...	240
—	4 6 3 1 5 2	...	2	...	96
—	3 6 5 1 4 2	...	4	...	192
—	5 3 6 1 4 2	...	2	...	96
—	3 4 6 1 5 2	...	5	...	240
—	1 6 3 2 5 4	...	3	...	144
—	3 6 5 2 1 4	...	3	...	do.
—	5 3 6 2 1 4	...	4	...	192
—	3 1 6 2 5 4	...	5	...	240

The positions for calling in the course of each of the different methods will be the first and second sixes in each, viz., 1, 2, also the last two sixes of each method, viz., 7, 8 in Major, 8, 9 in Caters, etc. *This runs false in Minor. †This runs false in all odd methods, as for instance a casual observation will show. A bob called in 9 of plain course brings rounds at second change of that six of Caters, etc. In Caters and Cinques a bob on the big bells puts them in the tittums; a like operation brings up rounds, and a single in the same position puts them in handstroke home position at a course-end, while a similar call again brings them to rounds position, and so altogether some good musical compositions with double the number of course-ends, and the ordinary Caters may be had, and those who are fond of a dip into composition will find this system a very interesting field for study and amusement.

Permit me to apologise to the Rev. H. L. James, and to withdraw my P.S. to the last letter. My only objection to his

composition of Minor is that by the contiguous bobbing the same bell in alternate front and back sixes makes it become a plain hunt. My idea of a peal of Minor is one wherein each bell rings the method.

H. DAINS.

1 2 3 4 5 6

2 1 4 3 6 5

1 2 4 3 5 6

1 4 2 5 3 6

4 1 2 5 6 3

4 2 1 6 5 3

2 4 1 6 3 5

4 2 6 1 5 3

2 4 6 1 3 5

2 6 4 3 1 5

6 2 4 3 5 1

6 4 2 5 3 1

4 6 2 5 1 3

6 4 5 2 3 1

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1 3 2 5 4 6

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2 1 3 4 6 5

1 2 3 4 5 6

NEW STEDMAN.

SIR,—My friend Mr. W. H. Barber has informed me that the calls in "Erin" were made the same as in Stedman, so I beg to withdraw my statement in regard to the first composition, and I congratulate the ringing band highly on their successes, also the composer.

JOHN CARTER.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—While wishing every success to the above Association, may we not hope that it may be the means of creating enthusiasm among all in the district who are interested in bells and bellringing, and by its influence we may soon be able to hear once more a peal of ten in the grand old Cathedral.

FENMAN.

Obituary.

GEORGE THOMAS MARSHALL.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at Hull on July 13th aged 45. He had been a member of the Holy Trinity company for sixteen years. He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1891, and had taken part in forty peals. Two years ago he met with an accident to his arm, which gradually withered away. The funeral service was taken by the Rev. A. B. G. Lillingston, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Hull. A course of Grandsire Triples

was rung at the grave side. On Friday evening, with the bells half-muffled, 863 Grandsire Caters and 45 whole pull and stand was rung on the bells of Holy Trinity by C. Jackson conductor, T. Stockdale, A. Naylor, H. Rodmell, J. Highfield, W. Pasmore, J. Hodds, G. T. Miller, D. W. Brown, F. Morrison, H. Jenkins, L. Rodmell.

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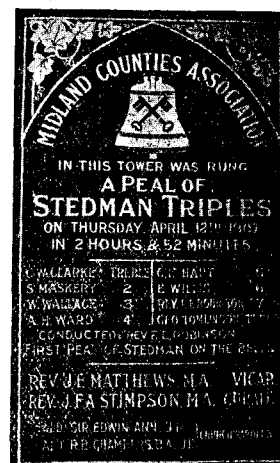
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The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Chesterfield on Saturday, July 10th. The tower was open from 2.30 p.m. until 9 p.m., except during the time occupied by tea and a short evening service. Some good ringing was done in various methods.

A very good tea was partaken of in the schoolroom at 4.30, when about forty members sat down. Tea was followed by a General Meeting, the vice-President, Mr. J. W. Taylor, taking the chair. There were also present the Rev. E. F. Crosse, Vicar of Chesterfield, the Rev. R. P. Farrow, of Ashover, the Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed. The chairman read a list of the peals rung since the last meeting, forty-eight in number, which brings the total for the year up to seventy-three. Commenting on the various peals and methods rung, he drew attention to the record peal of Stedman Caters, and said that as this was their first meeting since the ringing of the peal, he would like to congratulate the band on the very excellent performance, and he would also congratulate the Chesterfield men on having one of their members in the band.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Chesterfield for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and to the Chesterfield men who had made the arrangements for the day, on the proposition of the Rev. R. P. Farrow, seconded by Mr. G. W. Bemrose.

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HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN R. GREEN Treble.	WILLIAM HOULDEN 5.
ARTHUR MACKEARS 2.	CLEMENT GLENN 6.
JOHN T. HOLMES 3.	WILLIAM DICKINSON 7.
HERBERT P. NASH 4.	FREDK. WARRINGTON Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dickinson, who entertained the ringers to dinner. This was also the conductor's 200th peal; reference elsewhere.

EXETER, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.*On Saturday, July 17, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK T. SYMONDS .. Treble.	ADOLPHUS H. SNOW 5.
JULIUS A. SNOW 2.	REGINALD SNOW 6.
JOHN M. SKINNER 3.	JOHN R. HAYMAN 7.
FRED DIMOND* 4.	EDWARD G. STOCKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. A. Snow, his brother—strings wishing him many happy returns.

HERNHILL, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Tuesday, July 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM SPICE Treble.	EDWIN G. BUESDEN 5.
WILLIAM WENBAN 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN 6.
STANLEY B. DOBBIE 3.	CHARLES W. BRETT 7.
PERCY P. PAINE 4.	GEORGE WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. E. Foreman, the band wishing him many happy returns.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Tuesday, July 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of London, York, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

THOMAS BURGESS* Treble.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4.
WILLIAM LANCASTER* 2.	GEORGE A. ANDREWS 5.
ALFRED ANDREWS* 3.	GEORGE LANCASTER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE A. ANDREWS.

*First peal.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

*On Tuesday, July 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

H. SIMMONDS Treble.	G. IRVINE 5.
A. D. CULLUM* 2.	C. R. LILLEY 6.
J. HANDS 3.	R. T. HIBBERT 7.
G. ESSEX 4.	E. W. MENDAY Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by E. W. MENDAY.

*First peal of Superlative Rung with the bells half-muffled for the Vicar's father, the Rev. C. W. Cleaver, late of St. Leonard's, Sussex.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, July 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	FREDERICK ROOPE 5.
FREDERICK SURRIDGE 2.	WALTER MOBBS 6.
ARTHUR ROOPE 3.	FREDERICK SMITH 7.
WILLIAM ROOPE 4.	CHARLES ROOPE Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

*On Wednesday, July 21, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD .. Treble.	SAMUEL WESLEY 6.
FRANK JACOBS* 2.	WILLIAM H. PEABODY 7.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 3.	*JAMES PAGETT 8.
WILLIAM J. THYNG 4.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON 9.
JOHN P. TABLTON 5.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

*First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, July 21, 1909, in Three Hours,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR W. MANSFIELD .. Treble.	JAMES MERRICK 5.
WALTER S. INWOOD 2.	BETRAM PREWETT 6.
WILLIAM J. SIMPSON 3.	ROBERT E. STAVERT 7.
EDGAR HANCOX 4.	ALAN R. MACDONALD .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

First peal by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, and 3rd, who belong to the local company.

YATELEY, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 22, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART REVERSED.

GEORGE BUTLER† Treble.	*GEORGE BUNCH 5.
SYDNEY RIDDELL† 2.	JAMES BUNCH 6.
HAROLD TICE† 3.	WILLIAM HORNE 7.
FRANCIS HAGLEY† 4.	†BERT BUNCH Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY RIDDELL.

†First peal. †First peal as conductor. *First peal away from the tenor. This peal was rung by an entirely local band.

EDINBURGH.—THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Saturday, July 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

EDWARD COWE Treble.	WILLIAM B. SAMPSON .. 5.
MISS MARGERY SAMPSON .. 2.	JAMES R. ROBERTSON .. 6.
STAFF-SGT. T. J. ADES, R.B. 3.	C. CLEVELAND ELLIS .. 7.
DR. T. EUSTACE HARWOOD 4.	WILLIAM R. FYFE Tenor.

Conducted by DR. T. EUSTACE HARWOOD.

First peal by a lady in Scotland. Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, who is leaving Scotland.

RYE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lbs.

HAROLD F. COBON Treble.	CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 5.
JAMES LIVREMORE, JUN. .. 2.	GILBERT J. YOUNGS .. 6.
CHARLES TRIBE 3.	GEORGE BILLENNESS .. 7.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 4.	*THOMAS ASHENDEN Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by G. BILLENNESS.

*First peal.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lbs.

— CHARLESWORTH Treble.	JOHN HOLMAN 5.
CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY .. 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 3.	JOHN FLINT 7.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 4.	SAM THOMAS Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells. This is Mr. Hattersley's rooth peal in the Yorkshire Association.

DEVONPORT, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 24, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHAPEL H.M. DOCKYARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST W. MARSH Treble.	*CHARLES EALES 5.
HAROLD F. BENNETT .. 2.	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT .. 6.
REGINALD DOBSON 3.	WILLIAM FORD 7.
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 4.	WILLIAM HOBBS Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN.

*First peal with a bob bell.

BROMHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt.

JOSEPH CHURCH Treble.	WALTER T. FINEDON .. 4.
LEONARD HARLOW 2.	HENRY W. GAYTON .. 5.
PEARL INSKIP 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Isaac Hills, for many years Secretary of the Association.

BEESTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM CLIFFORD, SEN. Treble.	WILLIAM H. PEABODY .. 5.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2.	PERCY PRICE 6.
TOM A. BURNHAM 3.	FREDERICK S. PRICE .. 7.
ALBERT R. COPPOCK .. 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

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

HANBURY-ON-THE-HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Saturday, July 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM J. SMITH Treble.	FREDERICK J. COPE .. 5.
EDWARD I. STONE 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 6.
JOHN H. SWINFIELD .. 3.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. 7.
GEORGE ROBINSON 4.	JAMES H. GALLIMORE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES MOSS Treble.	REV. E. V. COX 5.
JOHN R. HAYMAN 2.	ADOLPHUS H. SNOW .. 6.
LEWIS GREEN 3.	FRANK J. DAVEY .. 7.
WILLIAM MOGRIDGE .. 4.	ALFRED MONELEY Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. E. V. COX.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.

On Saturday, July 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

FREDK. S. PASKINS Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
HENRY W. WILKES 2.	A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 6.
JOHN S. RUMMING 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 7.
GEORGE NOICE 4.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Double Norwich.

CHURCH BELL ROPES.—Ringers using the famous Yorkshire Bell Ropes, made by Messrs. WILLIAM SMITH AND SON, of Gomersal, Leeds, never have blisters throughout the longest peal. All give testimony to their soft handling.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 24, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

J. J. PARKER'S 12-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE Treble.	ARTHUR K. HOWARD 5
WALTER BAILEY 2.	ROBERT H. YOUNG 6.
REDBEN FLAXMAN 3.	RICHARD BUCKLAND 7.
HARRY HOWARD 4.	FRANK W. BUCKLAND Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD BUCKLAND.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION)

On Saturday, July 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM BIGGIN Treble.	CLEMENT GLENN 5
JOSEPH ATKIN 2.	HERBERT BEARDSHAW 6.
EDWIN JAMES 3.	JOHN THORPE 7.
ISAAC BIGGIN 4.	ROBERT MCKINLEY Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

*First peal.

Handbell Peal.**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, July 22, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT 2, VICARAGE LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

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

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Miscellaneous.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

WYMONDHAM.—On Thursday, July 22nd, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was lost after ringing 3400 changes. F. Borrett, Rev. W. C. Pearson, C. Baker, G. Howchin, J. E. Burton, J. Souter, J. Motts, W. Steele.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LYMINGTON.—On Tuesday, June 22nd, on the occasion of the Rev. E. Dennett's wedding, a touch of Grandsire Doubles. In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. E. Kerley, H. K. Clark, G. W. Arnold, J. Figgures, E. C. Elliott, conductor, H. F. Elliott, S. Clarke, A. Ayles.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Sunday, June 27th, for morning service, 288 Woodbine. H. Carter, A. Woolston, A. Carter, A. Phillips, F. Williams, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Tuesday, June 29th, 260 Kent. F. Williams conductor, W. H. Lawrence, A. Carter, A. Phillips, E. H. King, A. Woolston. And 360 City Delight. A. Carter, A. Woolston, F. Williams, B. Patman, E. H. King, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Tuesday, July 6th, 720 Plain Bob. W. H. Lawrence conductor, 1-2; H. Carter, A. Phillips, A. Carter, F. Williams. 360 Canterbury Minor. H. Carter, F. Williams, A. Carter, A. Phillips, W. H. Lawrence, A. Woolston conductor. On Sunday, July 25th, for morning service, 360 Woodbine. H. Carter, A. Woolston, A. Carter, A. Phillips, F. Williams, W. H. Lawrence conductor.

THE 'ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, June 6th, for morning

service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 52 mins. H. Cook, first quarter-peal on ten bells, E. Arthurton, C. Hunt, H. Lee, S. Collins, L. Attwater, A. Jones conductor, J. W. Driver, J. Herbert, H. Barrett, first quarter-peal on ten bells. On Sunday, June 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. A. S. Ough, E. Arthurton, A. Jones, H. Lee, S. J. Collins, L. Attwater conductor, J. Herbert, A. Jones, C. Charge, M. Smith. On Monday, June 14th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters. A. F. Shepherd, 1-2; G. Edser, 3-4; W. Shepherd, 5-6; L. Attwater, 7-8; J. W. Driver conductor, 9-10. On Sunday, June 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. B. Harvey, first quarter-peal, E. Arthurton, A. Jones conductor, L. Attwater, S. Collins, W. E. Judd, C. Charge, A. F. Hendy.

CHESTER.—On Sunday, June 27th, at the church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls, for Divine Service, 576 Superlative Surprise Major. J. Hatchwell, V. Cain, W. Sconce, J. Sconce, H. Dew conductor, E. Smith, J. Tomlinson, E. Channell. For evening service 1280 in the same method, standing as before.

CLAPTON.—On Sunday, July 24th, for evening service at St. Matthew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. H. T. Scarlett, A. W. Coles, J. C. Adams, H. Rumens conductor, R. Grimwood, W. J. Kemp, H. F. Hull, J. H. Tucker.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Sunday, June 27th, for evening service at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Lawrence, A. J. Walsom, E. Harris, J. Folkard, A. Harding, H. Browning, A. Tabor conductor, H. Winter.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Sunday, June 27th, for morning service, 503 Grandsire Caters. R. Christian, F. Pestel, J. J. Lamb, W. C. Matthews, H. Wright, W. Chapman, F. Hears, A. Hardy, D. Hayward conductor, H. Hammood.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, June 26th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Anker, C. Starkey, W. G. Ellis conductor, B. Starkey, R. Faux, T. Westwood, T. Verry, S. Danby. Rung on the 21st birthday of Edward Starkey, son of the ringers of the 4th. On Sunday morning, June 27th, for morning service, 896 Grandsire Triples. W. Anker, C. Starkey, G. A. Taylor, B. Starkey, W. G. Ellis conductor, R. Faux, T. Verry, S. Danby.

HOLLOWAY.—On Sunday evening, July 25th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. A. Riley, W. Turlow, H. F. Brookes, A. Hart, H. Ranzetta, W. Pateman, A. Turner conductor, L. Perry. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Stanley Magg, who was killed in an accident on Saturday, July 17th.

ILKESTON (Derbyshire).—On Thursday, July 17th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but a rope broke after ringing 3276 changes. C. J. Baker, E. Gobey, H. Fletcher, J. Hall, H. Harrison, H. George, R. Clifford conductor, A. T. Baker.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 25th, for evening service at the church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 39 mins. W. H. Taffender, S. B. Weatherston, T. H. Taffender conductor, G. F. Woodage, H. W. Hibbert, C. S. Burden, H. Langdon, S. F. Gowlett first quarter-peal. Rung on the anniversary of the conductor's birthday.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, May 29th, 672 Bob Major. C. Woodcock, S. H. Symonds conductor, W. Fayers, T. Reed, W. R. J. Poulson, W. Dent, T. Pryke, A. Symonds. Rung to celebrate the birthday of C. Woodcock, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. On Sunday morning, May 30th, for Divine Service, 560 Grandsire Triples. S. H. Symonds conductor, W. R. J. Poulson, F. Parker, W. Fayers, Dr. Carpenter, T. W. Garrard, T. Pryke, A. Symonds. For evening service 704 Bob Major. W. Dent, W. R. J. Poulson, F. Parker, Dr. Carpenter, T. W. Garrard, T. Pryke, A. Symonds conductor. On Thursday, June 10th, 1008 Grandsire Triples. A. Symonds, W. R. J. Poulson, F. Parker, W. Fayers, S. H. Symonds conductor, T. W. Garrard, T. Pryke, W. Dent. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Cordy S. Wolton, of Lavenham Hall.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on August 3rd and 17th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 5th and 19th; at St. John's, South Hackney on the 9th and 23rd; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 12th; and at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 24th; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgely 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, August 28th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, N., near Highbury Station. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.30. Tea will be provided at 6 o'clock in the Parochial Hall, Liverpool Road, to all those who notify me not later than the 25th. The business meeting will immediately follow. The tower will be again open for ringing after the business.

T. H. TAFFENDRE, Hon. Sec.

35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Edenham (6 bells), on Saturday, July 31st. Bells available all day. All ringers welcome.

A. HOLMES.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The members of this society will hold their next quarterly meeting at Worsley to-day, Sat., July 31st. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWER, Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Goosnargh, to-day, Sat., July 31st. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, Branch Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Newport, Isle of Wight, on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. Bells available from mid-day at Newport and Carisbrooke. Tea at The Bedford at 5 o'clock. Meeting after.

Fareham.

J. W. WHITING, Dis. Sec.

Notice.—The tower of St. Mary, Beddington, will be open for ringing on Bank Holiday at 2.30 p.m. Flower Show in the Park close by. Visitors are invited.

J. RUMBLE.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 14th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to

WALTER HUGHES, Sec.

3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham.—Notice.—The time of practice on Saturday evenings will be from 7 till 8 until further notice.

W. H. CARROD, Hon. Sec.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The Hon. Secretary of this division (R. J. Dawe), has removed to "Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford.

SILK WRAPS, HANDKERCHIEFS, and other Goods of original design for suitable Presents
W. Matthews, Change Ringer, Macclesfield.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT HECKINGTON.—C. Glenn's 200 Peals.—On tower bells.—3 Minor methods 1. conducted 1; 4 Minor methods 2. conducted 2; Bob Minor 3, conducted 2; Major 12, conducted 8; Royal 5, conducted 5; College Single Major 2; Kent Major including 6208 and 11,232) 13, conducted 2; Kent Royal 4, conducted 1; Oxford Royal 1; Grandsire Triples 15, conducted 13; Caters 11 conducted 11; Cinques 1; Double Norwich Major 4; Royal 2; Stedman Triples 40, conducted 26; Caters 12, conducted 3; Cinques 6; Yorkshire Major 1; Superlative Surprise 1.—Total 136; conducted 74. On handbells.—Bob Minor 1, conducted 1; Major 19, conducted 18; Royal 1, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples conducted 27; Caters 14, conducted 14; Stedman Triples 2, conducted 2.—Total 200; conducted 137. Rung in 45 towers and 7 counties.

TRIPS UP THE THAMES.—The popular saloon steamer "Queen Elizabeth" is now making daily trips (except Fridays) to Kew, Richmond, and Hampton Court, leaving Old Swan Pier, London Bridge, at 10 a.m., and Westminster 10.15. Although the weather so far, has been somewhat unpropitious large numbers of holiday-makers have already taken advantage of the opportunity afforded by this handsome and commodious steamer to view the beautiful upper reaches of the river. The vessel is splendidly fitted, and is lighted by electricity, whilst a capacious awning effectually protects passengers from the vagaries of our changeable climate. The catering on board is excellent, and the prices reasonable—in fact, it has been pronounced by competent judges to be the very best on the Thames. Tickets may be had from Messrs. Thomas Cook and Sons, Ludgate Circus, or at 104, Upper Thames Street, E.C., or on board the steamer.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Messrs. Josiah and Ernest Morris, of Gold Street, has removed to 3 Devonshire Street, Leicester.—The address of Mr. J. Jagger is The Beehive inn, Langley Green, near Birmingham, five minutes walk from Langley Green Station, G.W.R.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By JOHN HOWES, Kingston-on-Thames.

5040.

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63254 -
64235 -
65243 -
35642 -
32654 -
42356 -
46325 -
45362 -
54263 -
53246 -
56234 -

Four times repeated.

This is the first peal composed on the plan in the method without a bob at 1.

SITUATION wanted as Motor Driver. Experience with 60 horse power cars.—T. KEELER, 35, Garden Road, Folkestone.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

6048.

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25346 -
32546 -
54326 -
35426 -
43526 -

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On Thursday evening, July 1st, by permission of the Rev. Canon A. V. Baillie, the members of the above society met at the rectory for a farewell presentation to Mr. A. Dubber, who has recently been transferred from Rugby to Alcester.

The Rector in presenting a handsome Gladstone bag and pipe, regretted that they were losing such an experienced ringer who had done so much in helping on the general good proficiency of the St. Andrew's society, and said he would be much missed by the ringers, and wished him success in his new sphere of life.

A photographic view of all members was taken before parting, and afterwards Mr. Dubber was entertained to a farewell supper by his brother-ringers at The Bull Hotel. Mr. Coleman in proposing "Our Guest," said the duty whilst pleasing gave much sorrow to all at the prospect of not meeting him Sunday by Sunday in our belfry. Our guest was an experienced ringer, and those who had not seen his records of peals would be much surprised to know of their high quality and large percentage of the superior members rung; although they did not yet exceed 100, there was no great repetition of a large number of peals in the same method and composition so often noticeable in the records of ringers who have rung their

hundreds of peals. Mr. Dubber had been a member of the society for twelve years.

Mr. Watson endorsed Mr. Coleman's remarks, and referred to the excellent comradeship which had always existed between Mr. Dubber and his brother-ringers.

Mr. Dubber in thanking them all for their kindness and good fellowship, said he had not realized that he was held in such high esteem by them before. He much regretted leaving his friends in Rugby, and hoped some day to come back again, and still find them advancing in the Art of change-ringing.

The rest of the evening was spent in harmony, and songs were given by Messrs. C. Browning, J. Welch, W. Welch, and S. C. Small, the latter also presiding at the piano.

Skits in prose on the individual members were read by Mr. W. G. Murray, and courses of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Caters were rung on the handbells; also tunes on the handbells by Messrs. Fenton, Sear, and White.

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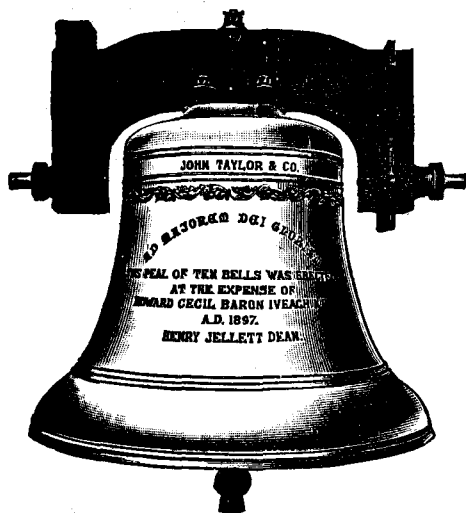
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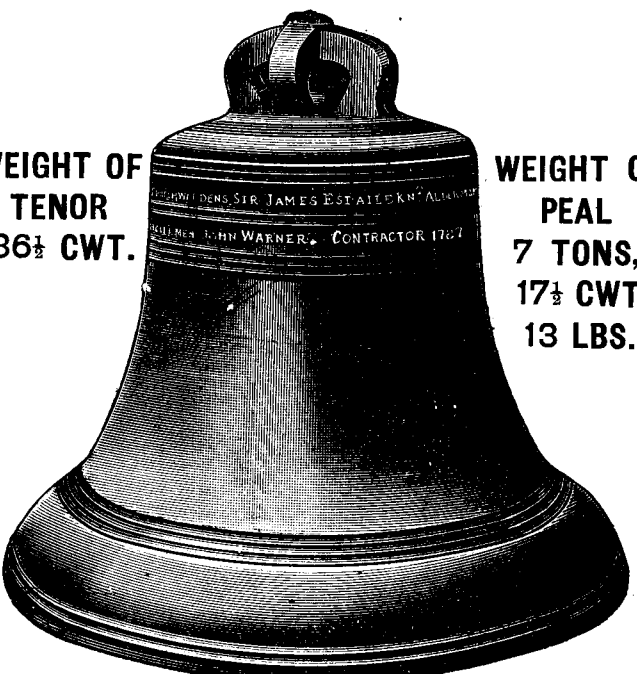
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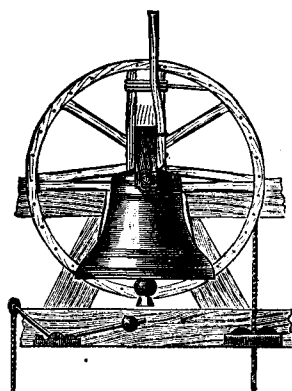
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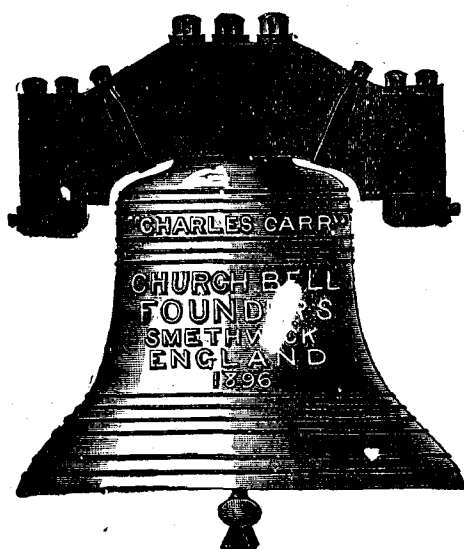
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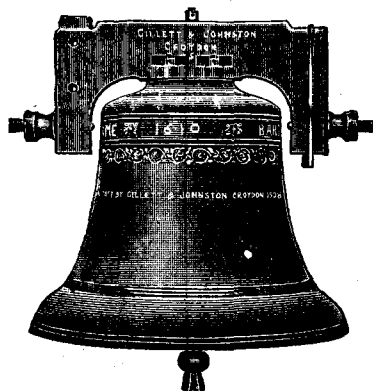
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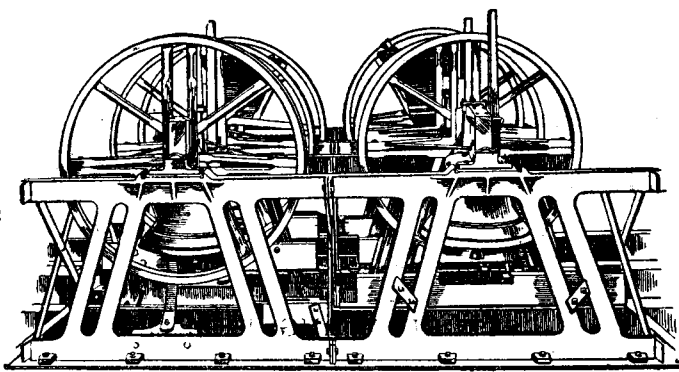
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ST. STEPHEN'S-IN-BRANNEL, CORNWALL.

The villago of St. Stephen's-in-Brannel, Grampound Road, was on fete on July 1st last, when new bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Truro. The church is a building of granite of the early decorated period, and consists of chancel, nave of four bays, south porch, and an embattled western tower. The ceremony of dedication took place in the tower, and the bishop gave an address. The arrangements for opening the bells were under the auspices of the Truro Diocesan Guild, and the efforts of the Rev. Canon Kempe, Vicar of St. Veryan, who is the secretary, and the Rev. H. Holroyd Mills, Rector of the parish, were well rewarded.

The number of bells have been increased from six to eight, and they now form a very pretty octave, the going being most excellent, and fares well for peal-ringing. The first four bells were cast in 1730, and two more were added in 1799.

Immediately after the service the Kea ringers opened out with Grandsire Triples, and in the evening a well-struck touch in the same method. A special band, composed of Messrs. F. Dunaway, E. W. Marsh, G. Stroud, G. H. Myers, W. Rundle, W. Ford, F. Hockaday, and R. Dobson, came from Plymouth, and they gave a good demonstration to the inhabitants of scientific ringing by touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples. Dr. Symons, of Penzance, a well-known change-ringer, rang in an excellent touch of Grandsire Triples with the Plymouth men. Ringers attended from all parts of the county, the following places sending complete bands: Kea, St. Austell, Ladock, Roche, and St. Veryan.

An excellent tea was provided for the ringers, and the villagers rallied together and made the visitors most welcome. The Rector, the Rev. H. Holroyd Mills, together with his wardens, Messrs. Jacob Olver and James Michell, were most energetic in their labours, and their services largely contributed toward the success of the festival.

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WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday afternoon, July 31st, at the parish church of St. Mark, the marriage took place of Miss Annie Ridyard, daughter of Mr. James H. Ridyard, to Mr. Herbert Berry, of Worsley. At the same time and place, the Ashton-under-Lyne society held its quarterly meeting, thus the double event made the pretty village have a lively aspect.

The ceremony over, the local ringers rung the wedding

party out of church, followed afterwards by the visitors, who rang touches of Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major. The newly-married pair, together with relatives and friends numbering upwards of fifty, repaired to the Court House to tea, followed by an evening's enjoyment in dancing, singing and handbell ringing, the festivities being kept up until a late hour.

Meanwhile the visiting ringers from Ashton, and other friends from Eccles, Swinton, Liverpool, etc., repaired to The Bridgwater hotel, where refreshments were provided by the bride's father, and during the evening several touches of Grandsire Triples, Major, and Caters were brought round on the handbells, interspersed with tune-playing.

On the motion of Mr. Samuel Wood, seconded by Mr. James Wood, and carried with acclamation, the company wished "Health, Wealth, and Prosperity to the bride and bridegroom," followed by a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local company for having everything in readiness.

Unfortunately the weather was miserably wet, otherwise a much better meeting would have been secured. However, those who did brave the elements spent a very enjoyable afternoon and evening.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the south-western division of the above took place at Woodford parish church on Saturday, July 24th. The opening of day came with ominous clouds and indications of rain, and before noon heavy showers descended, creating within us misgivings of the pleasures and success we anticipated. But as the day wore on signs of improvement in the weather mitigated our anxiety, and by the time of the rising of the bells at 3.30 the beautiful trees of the rectory grounds and churchyard had wiped away their tears in the genial glow of a bright summer's day. Soon a general stir was apparent within the precincts of this ancient edifice, and ringers from West Ham, Barking, Leytonstone, Wanstead, Walthamstow, and other places, were arriving to take part in the programme arranged.

The bells were soon sending their tones to the distant hills and Epping Forest, which wraps its luxurious mantle around this favoured locality. Various were the methods employed, and the ringing was generally good. A short service and an address by the Rector, the Rev. H. S. Sanders, followed. Those present will not easily forget the eloquence and earnestness of the preacher, nor the chorus of ringers' voices as they took up the hymnal refrain "Hear thou not these golden bells?"

At the conclusion of the service an *al fresco* tea awaited us on the rectory lawn. It was curious to observe how naturally every one, without guide, found their way through unknown gates and paths to the sumptuous table that gleamed in the sunlight beside the stately trees and shrubs where the Rector and Mrs. Sanders were waiting to see that we all found a seat around the festive board. Surely by instinct, or some unknown attractive force, we

were soon in touch with the refreshments at our disposal. The old tower, raising its head among the topmost trees, looked down upon us like an old sentinel guarding an ancient and sacred post while we took tea and allowed the bells to rest. Save for the distant rumbling of the great city we might well think we had at last reached Arcadia.

Now the tea is over, and preparations are made for the transaction of the general business, the Rector in the chair, supported by the Rev. H. T. Eyre and the Master, Mr. S. Hayes. The secretary reads the minutes, which are confirmed, and proposes seven new members, all being elected. The next place of meeting is then discussed, and Hornchurch is decided upon, a by-meeting at Dagenham intervening. The Rev. H. T. Eyre then proposes a vote of thanks to the Rector for his able and lucid address referring to the ancient use of bells, the hospitality extended to all on that occasion, the freedom and use of the bells, and the beautiful gardens around. This being seconded by Mr. Black, was carried unanimously. The Rector responded, informing us of the great pleasure it gave him of entertaining the ringers for the first time at Woodford. He enjoyed the music of the bells, and though some might complain of their noise, Mrs. Sanders nor himself ever found themselves particularly disturbed, even their baby-boy slept well through all of it. He trusted the ringers would again select Woodford for their meeting, and assured us of his hearty welcome in the future. The business being now concluded, the Chigwell ringers gave some capital selections on their handbells, which delighted all present.

We were now at liberty to roam at will, either to the tower for more ringing, or to inspect the grounds, to scent the sweet fragrance of flowers, and indulge in walks through shady and delightful groves. A band of efficient members soon broke the stillness of the evening by ringing various Surprise methods, and later less complex ones for the beginners.

The fading sunlight had now begun to give place to approaching night, and the shadows of costly but forgotten tombs lengthened upon the grass of the old burial ground. Like bells at evening pealing, we ceased them together in correct fashion, thus terminating our day's enjoyment with excellent finish. Though night may be the time for sadness with some, not so with us just then. We remembered with gratitude all those who had promoted the success of the meeting, and though we are now groping our way through the churchyard to the open street, we are reminded of the poet's advice to—

Rejoice, lest pleasureless ye die;
Within a little time must ye go by;
Stretch forth your open hands, and while ye live,
Take all the gifts that death and life can give.

G. F. M.

We regret to hear that Mr. John Basden, Master of the Middlesex Association, and a member of many other ringing societies is, after a long and exhausting illness, in a condition calling for the sympathy of his ringing brethren. He is absolutely unable to obtain any kind of medical or other sustenance necessary to him. His friends therefore appeal to the Exercise on his behalf. He is highly respected by all who know him. It is hoped that some immediate relief may be obtained before he is beyond need of it. Mr. J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, Bucks., a life-long friend of John Basden, will be glad to receive any sums sent in response to this appeal. It is hoped that his many friends will rally to his help without delay.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The annual meeting of this guild was held at Warwick on Saturday, July 17th. Evensong was sung at St. Mary's church at 4.15 p.m., at which a very interesting and instructive address was given by the Rev. H. C. A. Beck, Rector of Berkswell. Tea was had at The Hare and Hounds hotel at 5.30, followed by the business meeting, at which about forty-two members were present. The president, the Rev. Alan Williams, presided. The minutes of the last general meeting were read and confirmed. The hon. secretary read his report, which showed that the guild was in a very satisfactory condition. Quarterly meetings had been held at Solihull, Bedworth, and Nuneaton, and monthly meetings at Hatton, Stratford-on-Avon, and Allesley, the attendances at these meetings ranging from twenty-four to thirty-six members. The membership of the Guild had increased during the year, and the number now was 120. The hon. treasurer next submitted his report and balance-sheet, which was adopted, the balance-in-hand being £12 12s. 2d. The hon. secretary read letters of apology for absence from the Ven. Archdeacon of Coventry, the Rev. Canon Blyth, and Mr. Martineau. The officers were all re-elected, Mr. J. F. Smallwood taking the post of Master, in the room of Mr. Martineau (resigned). Mr. S. C. Small was elected hon. assistant secretary.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the chairman for presiding, to the Rev. H. C. A. Beck for his address, and to the officers and committee for their past services.

The towers of St. Mary, Warwick, and All Saints, Edmonscote, were open for ringing. Ten ringers were elected members of the Guild.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS. ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the Thrapston branch of the above was held at Thrapston on Saturday, July 24th, by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. S. Kingsford. Ringing in various methods took place on the handy ring of eight during the afternoon and evening. Tea was served on the lawn to a company numbering over thirty, Miss Kingsford receiving willing assistance from the wives of the local ringers. In the afternoon the business meeting was held, the Rector presiding, supported by Mr. F. Wilford, hon. sec., and Mr. F. Gilbert, dist. sec., the following belfries being represented: Raunds, Tichmarsh, Islip, Woodford, Addington, Cranford, Kettering, Irthlingborough, Keystone, and the local company. Two lady ringers were also present. The Rector and Mr. G. Eades (Thrapston) were elected members.

Mr. Gilbert, in moving that the next meeting be held at Tichmarsh, thought it might help in stimulating the authorities there to get their bells rehung. Mr. Nickerson seconded, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Wilford moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and the tea. He also included in the vote of thanks the ladies who had helped at the tables. This was carried with acclamation.

In responding, the chairman said that in Thrapston they had an admirable set of ringers, and he believed they were the first in the county to have ladies to assist them. Messrs. Nickerson and Redhead had brought them to a

CHURCH BELL ROPES.—Ringers using the famous Yorkshire Bell Ropes, made by Messrs. WILLIAM SMITH AND SON, of Gomersal, Leeds, never have blisters throughout the longest peal. All give testimony to their soft handling.

stage near perfection, whilst the belfry was kept most cleanly, both as regards the floor and the bells, for which they were indebted to the steepleman. He regretted that Mrs. Kingsford was unable to be present, owing to a sudden attack of sickness.

Mr. Nickerson, in responding for the ladies, said it was seven years since the last meeting was held at Thrapston, and he hoped all would have a pull that day.

The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the district secretary, and Mr. Gilbert's reply closed the meeting.

Ringling was kept going until 7.30 p.m., when Miss Kingsford gave a short organ recital, which brought to an end a very pleasant gathering.

RINGERS' MEETING AND CONTEST.

The annual meeting and eight-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held on Saturday last at Sowerby, where the bells of St. Peter's church and the schools had been placed at the society's disposal by the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. J. W. F. Walker.

A good number of ringers and friends attended considering the cold and unsettled weather, and five bands of ringers took part in the contest, viz.: Brighouse, Halifax, Lightcliffe, Lindley, and Low Moor, each company ringing a test piece of 640 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, preceded by a practice of 96 changes. The judges were Messrs. T. Haigh, of Huddersfield, and J. Smith and R. Normanton, of Sowerby.

The annual meeting of the Association was held in the schoolroom at the conclusion of the ringing, with the president, Mr. Drake, in the chair, supported by the Vicar and the officers of the association. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as read by the retiring secretary, Mr. J. Cotterell, and the balance-sheet for the past year was read and explained by the hon. treasurer, Mr. Whitaker, showing the income to have been £4 14s. 7d., with a credit balance of £13 2s. 7d. at the bank and in hand.

The annual election of officers resulted in the re-election of the president and hon. treasurer, the change of hon. secretary being effected by the appointment of Mr. Walter Smith, of Halifax.

The next contest (six bells) was proposed and carried to be held at Bradford, if it could be conveniently arranged.

Several alterations of the rules of which due notice had been given were next considered, viz.: the rule regarding the radius was altered to read—"That all ringers be eligible for membership, but that meetings shall only be held within a radius of ten miles from Halifax parish church, except by special permission to be granted at the discretion of the committee, and that members outside the radius of ten miles shall not be eligible to compete for the grant relating to peal-boards." The rule regarding peal-board grant for six-bell methods was altered to read—"that seven methods not previously rung by the association shall only be entitled to the peal-board grant."

The number of meetings each year was also altered to three in place of four. Each of the foregoing alterations was carried after being thoroughly discussed.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed from the chair to the Vicar for the use of his bells and schools, also to the local company. This was seconded by Mr. Lawson, and carried unanimously.

The result of the contest was given by Mr. Normanton as follows: Halifax, 384 faults; Brighouse, 400 faults;

Lightcliffe, 410 faults; Lindley, 364 faults; Low Moor, 561 faults. Lindley were declared the winners.

The Vicar, in responding to the vote of thanks, and in making the presentation, expressed his pleasure in welcoming the ringers to Sowerby. He hoped those who had not been successful would learn from their faults and be able to make amends. Referring to his last parish, where there was only one small bell, the ringer there invariably after calling others to church went away himself. This he hoped was not the practice of the ringers present. He had brought with him the original ms. of "Sottanstell's Campanalogy" for inspection by any ringers present who would like to examine it. The book is handsomely bound, and in good preservation. It was now the property of the church, and was carefully looked after and respected. He congratulated the Lindley company on their success, and presented the silver cup to Mr. Schofield, their conductor, remarking that he hoped the Sowerby ringers would be able to win it and bring it back on a future occasion, when he thought there was some tangible recognition promised for them.

Mr. Schofield, in responding, expressed his thanks for the cup, and if the Sowerby ringers won on a future occasion, he was sure it would be a very popular result. He had pleasure in moving a vote of thanks to the judges for their services. This was seconded and carried.

Mr. Haigh replied on the judges' behalf, which brought the business to a close, and ended another very pleasant gathering, the success of which was in no small measure due to the efforts of the Sowerby ringers and their untiring secretary, Mr. W. Sutcliffe.

WHITWICK RINGERS AT LICHFIELD.

On Sunday, July 11th, a party of ringers (members of the Whitwick Society), visited St. Chad's Cathedral, Lichfield, in order to carry out arrangements made with the authorities to ring for evensong at the Cathedral.

Accompanied by several friends the party reached Lichfield in time to attend morning service, which was attended in place of ringing at St. Mary's church. After service this magnificent Cathedral was inspected, which pleasure fully repays the visitor. A move was then made to The Goat's Head hotel, where dinner was served. At 2.55 the Cathedral belfry was visited, accompanied by Mr. F. G. Cope and the veteran captain of the Cathedral, Mr. E. Gallimore, a ringer seventy years of age.

These ring of bells, dated 1668, are hung in the southwest tower, and are the successors of an earlier peal which were destroyed by fire in 1315 A.D. They have twice been rehung; once by Messrs. Barwell, and also by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. The tenor is 30 cwt. On reaching the belfry the bells were at once raised, and ringing commenced. The bells were afterwards lowered in peal, and for the first time in the memory of the oldest local ringer, the Cathedral bells had been rung by a band of strange ringers for Sunday evening service.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Sunday, June 27th, for evening service at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Lawrence, A. J. Walsom, E. Harris, J. Folkard, A. Harding, H. Browning, A. Tabor conductor, H. Winter.

FAIRY BELLS.—Splendid sounding Instruments, just like a peal of Church Bells ringing. Every ringer should have one. Play any tune. Can be learnt in one half-hour.—Eight bells 6s. 6d.; Ten bells 7s. 6d. A few copies of music sent, Carriage 6d. extra.—ANDERSON, 2, Alpha Place, Coedteenmaer Pontypridd.

Correspondence.

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

TRURO CATHEDRAL.

SIR,—A visit to Truro last week showed the western towers completed, and spires wanting only 50-ft. of their full height—200-ft. I heard also that the ring of ten, tenor 35 cwt., are all cast at Taylors', and in October the enlargement of the bell-hole, and construction of ringing floor will be taken in hand. The latter will be just what I proposed in "THE BELL NEWS" two years ago—a floor inserted in the story below the vaulting of north-west tower, which the eminent architect put up close under the bell chamber. The peal should have been in the south-west tower, facing down the valley to the sea; but there the eminent architect provided no newell staircase. So far good. But there is a general wish in the diocese and county that the south-west tower should have a big hour bell in tune with the peal—like "Big Noll" of Beverley; and a leading member of the Chapter gave a distinct promise last year that the bell-hole should be enlarged to allow its passage up. Now however the Chapter are unfortunately disposed to wait for the coming of the big bell, which means that a work, inexpensive while the scaffolding is up, would be a very costly one if a scaffolding 70-ft. high had to be erected on purpose. I am assured that the large bell will be as readily subscribed for as was the ring of ten, if only facilities are given for hanging it. But it seems as if the Dean and Chapter, on receiving Mrs. Hawkins' great gift for the western towers and school, had dispensed with the building committee who had raised some £200,000 and built the Cathedral in twenty-five years. Being quite unconnected with the diocese and county, I can speak dispassionately.

I found the glorious ring at Exeter Cathedral silent until the new work in the tower has consolidated. "OLD RINGER."

CLERICAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR BELFRIES.

SIR,—In your comments upon the Central Council's debate upon steeple keepers you hint at an abuse which I trust is not now very common. viz., obstruction by some sexton or other irresponsible church official, who through neglect of the incumbent has arrogated authority to himself. The remedy, as you justly point out, lies with the clergy and wardens—or rather with the incumbent, to whom the law gives sole control over the belfry; and I agree with your last words, that "the incumbent who fails to take an interest in his bells and ringers, and attempts to shirk his duty and responsibilities by allowing any jack-in-office to assume them, deserves admonishing." Admonishing, yes—but by whom? I should say by his superior officer, the Rural Dean or Archdeacon, whose duty it is to visit every parish church and note shortcomings; but who only too seldom make enquiries about or visit the belfry. They could do much, if they would, to remedy that lack of interest and indifference on the part of the clergy, which is so potent a hindrance to progress in ringing, and even to decent administration of our belfries.

I could a tale unfold, were I at liberty to do so, of many curious things that have come under my notice in the past twenty years as the head of a large ringers' Association, who was often consulted in cases of difficulty. As an example, let me refer to a case outside my own district. The newly-made incumbent of a large parish with a fine ring of eight bells asked me to visit him and give advice about reorganizing the ringing. The foreman of the ringers, he told me, was a good change-ringer (as I knew), but complained that hardly any one would support him, with the result that it was only possible to have six bells rung. A few minutes' conversation, however, with this worthy, showed me that there was little hope from him; the fact being that he and five others had for some years divided the ringing money among their six selves, and had no intention of increasing the band to eight, and so reducing their shares! I said to my friend the Rector, "Unless you take the whole thing into your own hands, and risk the breaking up of the company, nothing will be done"; and nothing

was done. I have also in mind the case of a tower, in which, owing to the neglect of successive Rectors, the control passed into the hands of a body of call-change ringers, who of set purpose kept change-ringing at bay. Here, too, there was money in the case; here, too, there was a foreman, himself a good change-ringer, who professed to support a new Rector desirous of reform; here, too, I was obliged to say to the Rector, "Unless you get rid of the old band, and give up trusting to your foreman, nothing will be done,"—and, so far as I know, nothing was done.

These, Sir, are cases of obstruction, not by ignorant sextons, but by ringers who ought to have known better. They are examples of abuse due to payment of ringers without proper control or audit; the ultimate cause being the neglect or indifference of the clergy and church authorities in general. The clergy, however, are not always to blame. I know of one case in which an incumbent would like to have taken the extreme, but necessary, step of dismissing the existing ringers and forming a new company, for which, as it happened, there was good material in the place; but he could get no support from the wardens and other laity, and did not feel able to grapple single-handed with the row that would have been caused in the parish. I can testify from experience that indifference and neglect, however frequent and however fatal on the part of the clergy, are not confined to them; and I am not surprised that there are still cases of abuse such as those to which you refer. That there are not more of them, is I think to the credit of the efforts that have been made for the past thirty or forty years in the cause of change-ringing and of belfry reform.

T. L. PAPILLON,

*Late Master of the Essex Association of Change-Ringers.
St. Albans, August 3.*

STEDMAN.

SIR,—I give a quick six of Stedman, and I fail to see what any one can call it but a bob; it is certainly used as a bob in Grand-

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5 2 1 4 3

sire, and I should like to know why it is called by another name in Stedman, as it is just the same and takes the same effect there. I do not know which was brought to light first, Stedman or Grandsire, but evidently the same bob and single was used for the second, as the first to obtain the 6-score, as the old Grandsire 6-score and Fabian Stedman's 6-score are identical. And again, I do not see why Stedman should contain two kinds of sixes in a plain course any more than Grandsire should contain one kind of lead. I would prefer Stedman the way the Rev. H. Law James puts it to the present arrangement, as I object to the two bells dodging behind so long in Triples. Fancy two bells in that position for nearly or quite half a course; it's sickening and unmusical. If the so called quick six (which is nothing but the natural bob) is never to be allowed to be called the bob because Stedman did not call it so, why should this unnatural arrangement (5ths place in Triples) be allowed to continue, which is foreign to the principle, and Fabian Stedman knew nothing about? I for one feel grateful to the Rev. H. Law James for bringing forward the original, which I consider is a great improvement. H. ROBERTS.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST
DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the above Society was held at Sheffield on Saturday, May 1st. Doubtless owing to the inclemency of the weather, only a fair number of ringers attended this popular fixture. The bells of St. Marie's (8) and the parish church (12) were open for ringing during the afternoon. The business meeting was held in the presbytery room, Norfolk Row, Dean Dolan occupying the chair. The proceedings commenced with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, which were duly confirmed. The accounts,

showing a balance in hand of £11 4s. 6d., and a total membership of three honorary members and 229 ringing members were passed as read.

The Chairman, in giving a short address expressed his sorrow at not being able to stay very long owing to other important official duties, but at the same time he was pleased to be with them that evening and again meet the Society. Referring to bells, he said they would speak for themselves, and no one was more pleased to hear them than he, but owing to the close proximity of the various chapels, halls and theatres, he was afraid the bells of St. Marie's were not heard as often as the ringers would like. He knew his own ringers were at a great disadvantage at not having a regular weekly practice, but as they all knew, the various chapels and halls were nightly occupied nowadays with services and meetings, and it was impossible for the speakers to be heard when the bells were ringing. He had had innumerable complaints in the past, and rather than be antagonistic to the other religious bodies and the adjacent business houses, he could only allow the ringers the use of St. Marie's bells occasionally. He very much regretted this, and especially was he sorry for his own band of ringers, who he was sure did great credit to their beautiful bells. He assumed they were considered a nuisance by some people, but bells were made and erected as instruments of purpose and usefulness. This reminded him that some time ago, when on a visit to Bruges, the use of bells was very forcibly brought to his notice by the clanging and clashing of every bell in the place at 9 o'clock every morning, which created an enormous noise, and there was no excuse whatever for the inhabitants for forgetting to go to church. As they all knew, the bells of this country were used for the same purpose of calling the people to worship, but it was done in an improved and pleasing manner by scientific and melodious change-ringing, which had been helped forward by the formation of the various Associations such as their own, who were doing a good work for the Church. In conclusion the Dean stated he was very pleased to be with them, and hoped all would be spared to meet again another year.

The Society's silver cup and framed certificate was then presented by Dean Dolan to the winners of the Sunday service ringing competition for the best average attendance for Sunday service ringing, which this year was won by the Doncaster parish church company with a total per centage of 97.59. All Saints, Sheffield, and Walkley being the runners up. The Dean offered his congratulations on their splendid achievement. Mr. Geo. Halksworth, in accepting, suitably replied.

The Dean having expressed his desire to retire, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded in his favour for the use of the bells and room, and for his kind attendance that evening, the proposition being put by the President of the Society, who was very ably supported by Mr. C. H. Hattersley.

The President (Mr. Sam Thomas) then took the chair, and gave a resume of the year's work done by the Society. They had already heard there was a substantial balance in the bank, also a balance on the year's working, so the Society was on the right side financially. With regard to peal ringing he said it was gratifying to know that the past year had been a record one in every respect. The total number of peals rung amounted to 106, of which 75 were tower peals and 31 handbell peals. The number in each method was as follows: Stedman Cinques 1, Caters 2, Triples 8; Grandsire Caters 1, Triples 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal 7, Major 16; Oxford Treble Bob Royal 2, Major 5; Plain Bob Royal 1, Major 2; Double Norwich Royal 1, Major 9; Forward Royal 1, Major 1; College Single Major 1; New Cambridge Surprise Major 4, Superlative 12, and Original Major (the first true peal ever rung) 1. Total 75. The handbell peals consisted of Grandsire Caters 8, Triples 10, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Double Norwich Major 2, Plain Bob Royal 1, Major 8, Minor 1. Total 31. One very prominent and pleasing feature was the number of peals rung in the higher and advanced methods, whilst special notice should be taken of the great headway that had taken place in handbell ringing, all of which proved the Society was moving in the right direction. With regard to special performances, he was pleased to see amongst them one who had taken part in the recent record peal at Loughborough, and he considered it a compliment to the Society

for one of their members to be chosen to help accomplish this world's record. He referred to Mr. Benjamin A. Knights, and on behalf of the Society he offered him hearty congratulations.

On a motion by Mr. C. Glenn, seconded by Mr. C. H. Hattersley, it was unanimously resolved that an appreciation of his splendid performance be placed on the minutes.

Notice of motion having been previously given, it was unanimously resolved that in future the year shall end on December 31st, instead of April 30th as heretofore, therefore the ensuing year will consist of eight months only. It was also resolved that the members who are not attached to any tower in union shall be represented by one nomination on the committee, and it was eventually left to the executive to decide how and by what means the election shall take place. Next came the election of officers, and for the office of presidentship a nomination was handed in in favour of Mr. Edwin James, who was proposed by Mr. Clement Glenn and seconded by Mr. Geo. O. Dixon. It was also proposed by Mr. J. T. Tarlton, seconded by Mr. L. Charlesworth, that Mr. Sam Thomas be re-elected. On being put to the vote, a show of hands resulted in a tie, but as there were a number who did not vote, a further appeal was made with the same result. A decision however was arrived at by the vice-chairman giving his casting vote in favour of Mr. James.

The latter thanked the meeting for the honour conferred on him, and said it was one that any man should be proud of. He looked upon the man who was master in the art of change-ringing as an intelligent man and well able to judge good from bad, and to act up to that judgment. He was being called upon to take the place of a gentleman who had presided over their meetings from the formation of the Society, and he could say on behalf of himself and the majority of members, that during that time Mr. Thomas had worked hard for the Society, not only in attending the meetings, but in all other respects, and had also been a great help in advancing the higher standards of method ringing. He would try his best to work for the well being of the Society, and trusted it would go from strength to strength and prosper.

The remaining officers, Mr. J. A. Dixon, vice-president, Mr. D. Brearley, hon. treasurer, and Mr. S. Palmer, hon. secretary, were unanimously re-elected. Messrs. Glenn and Lewis were elected hon. auditors for the next annual meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks to the past officers brought the meeting to a close. An adjournment was then made to the meeting house, where the remainder of the evening was spent with the handbells and in conviviality.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday evening, July 19th, the bells of the church of St. George, Stockport, were rung deeply muffled out of respect for the death of Mrs. Astbury, wife of Mr. G. Astbury, one of the esteemed members of the above company. During the evening a 543 of Stedman Caters was brought round. A. Barnes, R. Davis, T. Jackson, H. Jackson, W. Jackson, J. Mottershead, H. Meakin conductor, G. D. Warburton, J. W. Bayley, G. Marshall. And 168 Stedman Triples. T. Jackson, A. Barnes, E. Gresty, first touch of Stedman, W. H. Idle, T. Smithson, G. D. Warburton, J. W. Bayley, R. Davis. A. Barnes and T. Smithson are from Reddish; R. Davis from Manchester; W. H. Idle from Rusholme. These are great friends of Mr. Astbury.

BLACKPOOL.

RINGERS and their friends will find good accommodation at Mr. JOHN SMITH'S, 3, Livingstone Road (off Hornby Road), Blackpool (late of Rawtenstall). Near Central Station and Sea. Piano. "THE BELL NEWS" taken. A good half-pull neighbourhood.

RINGERS and their friends will find good accommodation at Mr. GEO. HARDY'S, Grosvenor House, 71, Read's Road (off Central Drive), Blackpool. Late of Dewsbury. Near Central Station and Sea. Public and Private apartments. Piano.

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

On Saturday, July 31, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.**

WILLIAM PYE Treble.	GEORGE SPENCER 5.
JOHN J. LAME 2.	EDWARD J. WOOLLEY .. 6.
HENRY RUMENS 3.	*WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. 7.
CHARLES T. COLES 4.	EDWARD J. SAMPSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. NUDDS.

*First peal in the method as conductor.

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

On Monday, July 26, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT 19, OLD JEWRY, E.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. 1-2.	WILLIAM PYE 5-6.
ERNEST PYE 3-4.	GEORGE R. PYE 7-8.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 9-10.	

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires—R. E. Stavert, C. T. Coles, and A. T. KING.

The Provinces.**HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, July 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK G. BRETT .. Treble.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 5.
PERCY P. PAINE 2.	CHARLES W. BRETT 6.
WILLIAM WENEAN 3.	GEORGE J. JENEINS 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 4.	FREDERICK DAVISON .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. G. Buesden and J. E. Grensted, who is in Canada. Rev. F. J. O. Helmore's 150th peal.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 26, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW LITCHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt.**

W. E. CLARKE* Treble.	A. H. WARD 5.
F. S. W. BUTLER 2.	†B. MITCHELL 6.
J. C. TINKER 3.	S. MASEBEY 7.
C. E. HART 4.	*H. E. WARD Tenor.

Conducted by B. MITCHELL.

*First peal †First peal as conductor. Arranged for Messrs Butler and Tinker.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 29, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt.**

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5.
REV. W. C. PEARSON .. 2.	WILLIAM ROOPE 6.
ARTHUR ROOPE 3.	FREDERICK ROOPE 7.
BERTIE HOWCHIN* 4.	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 29, 1909, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 32 cwt.**

THOMAS H. COLEBURN .. Treble.	WILLIAM STATES 5.
CYRIL F. JOHNSTON 2.	ALFRED T. JONES 6.
LEONARD F. TAYLOR 3.	WILLIAM HILL 7.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 4.	ERNEST POPE Tenor.

Conducted by CYRIL F. JOHNSTON.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar of Croydon on his departure to take up his new duties as Bishop Suffragan of Lewes. First peal as conductor.

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

On Friday, July 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.**

ERNEST R. GLADMAN* .. Treble.	*GEORGE A. GLADMAN .. 5.
HENRY C. CHANDLER* .. 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. 6.
CHARLES I. EDWARDS .. 3.	JAMES MERRICK 7.
SYDNEY CARTER* 4.	ROBERT E. STAVERT .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, July 31, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Oxford Bob, and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.

ERNEST GEARY Treble.	T. HENRY HARDY 4.
VICTOR GEARY 2.	ERNEST MORRIS 5.
JOHN W. SPENCER 3.	EDWARD GEARY Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to the conductor.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 31, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

GEORGE W. MOSS Treble.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 5.
CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY .. 2.	JESSE MOSS 6.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 3.	JOHN FLINT 7.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4.	SAM THOMAS Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 31, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

GEORGE H. HOWSE .. Treble.	RICHARD STREDWICK .. 5.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 2.	*ALBERT D. STONE .. 6.
WILLIAM PALMER 3.	KEITH HART 7.
CHARLES PALMER 4.	TRAYTON JEFFERY .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

*100th peal, list elsewhere.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 31, 1909, in Three Hours

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

EVAN DAVIES Treble	FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES.. 5.
JOHN BUTLER 2.	JOHN W. JONES.. .. 6.
FREDERICK ATWELL 3.	LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.. .. 7.
ARTHUR E. MORGAN.. .. 4.	JOHN GODDARD Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by J. W. JONES.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 31, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES WILLSHIRE, JUN. Treble.	THOMAS PRICE 6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE 2.	*HENRY J. EWINS 7.
ALFRED H. WINCH 3.	HENRY S. GARPATH.. .. 8.
THOMAS F. COLBURN 4.	FRANK BLONDELL 9.
MAURICE SMITHER 5.	ALFRED H. POLLING .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

*First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble man. This composition is the first four-part extents obtained in this limited number.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 31, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF CHARITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM WOOD.. .. Treble.	STANLEY B. DOBBIE.. .. 5.
FREDK. J. STAINES 2.	FREDK. HUNT 6.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN 3.	ERNEST I. DOBBIE 7.
EDWARD TRENDALL 4.	GEORGE WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK HUNT.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY Treble.	CHARLES DRAPER 5.
REV. A. T. BRESTON 2.	SAMUEL MASKREY 6.
ALBERT H. WARD 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7.
WILLIAM J. THYNG 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

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

SWANAGE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES GOODENOUGH .. Treble.	WALTER KERLEY 5.
JOSIAH HARRIS 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6.
G. W. GRAINGER 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 4.	FREDK. S. BAYLEY Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is thought to be the first peal of Treble Bob in Dorset. Messrs. Bayley and Harris were nominated as members before attempting the peal.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 6.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2.	*WILLIAM H. PRABODY .. 7.
ALBERT H. WARD 3.	*SAMUEL MASKREY 8.
REV. ARTHUR T. BRESTON .. 4.	SAMUEL WESLEY 9.
WILLIAM J. THYNG 5.	*NORMAN DICKENS Tenor.

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

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.-THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 2, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

REUBEN FLAXMAN Treble.	WILLIAM WELLING 5.
WALTER BAILEY 2.	ROBERT H. YOUNG 6.
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
RICHARD BUCKLAND 4.	FRANK W. BUCKLAND .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THK SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, and

Conducted by KEITH HART.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM E. WHITE.. .. Treble.	CECIL J. BAKER 5.
THOMAS KIRBY* 2.	WALTER WHITE 6.
JOSEPH HALL 3.	THOMAS SQUIRES 7.
ARTHUR FREEMAN 4.	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

*First peal on eight bells.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 2, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

H. WALTERS Treble.	G. SPENCER.. .. 5.
A. WICKS 2.	J. PRESTON 6.
W. PARKER 3.	J. PHILLIPS.. .. 7.
E. CASSELL 4.	FRED RICHARDSON Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by F. RICHARDSON.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

REDDITCH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

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

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	SAMUEL GROVE.. .. 5.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK 2.	JAMES DOWLER 6.
FRANK WITHERS 3.	JOHN WITHERS 7.
ALFRED DAVIES 4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 3, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

ARTHUR CHAMBERS Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
ALFRED DAVIES 2.	SAMUEL GROVES 6.
JOHN BASS 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
FRANK WITHERS 4.	JOHN WITHERS Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal in the method.

Handbell Peal.

HOLBECK, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

WILLIAM O. TALBOT .. 1-2.	PERCY J. JOHNSON.. .. 5-6.
ALBERT S. MITCHELL .. 3-4.	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE .. 7-8.
JOSHUA WOODHEAD 9-10.	

Composed by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE, and
Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Referee—George A. Jowett. First peal of Bob Royal by all, and is believed to be the first handbell peal of Royal rung in Leeds.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, July 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT 2, VICARAGE LANE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 1-2.	WILLIAM J. THYNG .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4.	ALBERT C. FRANKLEY .. 7-8.
WALTER COATES 9-10.	

Composed and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 31, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT 2, VICARAGE LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

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

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

Umpire—W. Warburton.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Monday, August 2, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT 2, VICARAGE LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

JOHN THORPE 1-2.	GEORGE LEWIS 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4.	WALTER COATES 7-8.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

*First handbell peal away from the tenors.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The ringer of the treble in the peal at Dore on July 24th was Leonard Charlesworth.

Date Touches.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CONGRESBURY (Somerset).—On Sunday, July 24th, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 18 mins. T. Francis, G. Standen, G. Fisher, E. Fisher, G. H. Gale conductor, T. Gill. Tenor 38 cwt.

BURTON LATIMER (Northants).—On Tuesday, July 13th, a date touch 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins., being 360 Woodbine, 360 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 240 Double Court, 240 Double Oxford, 250 Oxford Bob, and 109 Plain Bob. W. Meadows, J. Pettit, J. Saddington, H. Meadows, J. Neal, G. Lines conductor. Rung as a farewell to J. Neal, who is leaving for Thirsk.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, July 11th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Giles, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Dormer, A. Harding, G. Wheeler, A. H. Burgess, C. Higgs, H. Purch, A. W. Osborne conductor, A. Durman. On Monday, July 12th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Osborne (aged 12), A. Harding, R. Bishop, R. Runham, G. Goodship, J. Swain, A. E. Reeves conductor, A. Durman.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL (EDINBURGH) SOCIETY.

DUNDEE (Forfarshire).—On Saturday, July 17th, at the old steeple, eight members of this society started for Parker's twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but a change-course in the 4th part brought the attempt to an untimely end. R. Whitson, Miss M. Sampson, E. Cowe, T. E. Harwood conductor, W. Sampson, J. Robertson, C. C. Ellis, J. McCracken, 546 Grandsire Triples were successfully brought round before the party returned to Auld Reekie.

EDINBURGH.—On Wednesday, July 21st, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Collinson, Miss M. Sampson, E. Cowe, T. E. Harwood conductor, T. J. Ades, J. Robertson, W. Sampson, W. Fyfe. First quarter-peal by A. Collinson.

CHURCH BELL ROPES.—The longest peal ever rung was a Loughborough, on Easter Monday. The ropes used were made by JOHN FRITCHARD, of Loughborough, whose bell-ropes are favorites of the Exercise for their non-stretching. Soft as silk; durable as steel.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on August 17th: at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 5th and 19th; at St. John's, South Hackney on the 9th and 23rd; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th; at St. Dunstan in-the-East on the 12th; and at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 24th; all at 8 p.m.

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

The London County Association. late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, August 28th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, N., near Highbury Station. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.30. Tea will be provided at 6 o'clock in the Parochial Hall, Liverpool Road, at 6d. per head, to all those who notify me not later than the 25th. The business meeting will immediately follow. The tower will be again open for ringing after the business.

T. H. TAFFENDRE, Hon. Sec.
35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 14th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to

WALTER HUGHES, Sec.
3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the South and West District will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. W. Russell), at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, August 21st. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 6d. each in the Parish Room at 5.30. Members and friends are heartily welcomed.

H. C. CHANDLER, Hon. Sec.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Berkhamstead on Saturday, August 21st. Bells available at 4. Tea. 6d. per head, at The Temperance hotel, Castle Street, at 5.45. All members and friends welcomed.

H. EDEN, Hon. Sec.

St. John's, Leytonstone.—This tower will be closed for ringing for a few months, owing to structural alterations to the church.

G. DAWSON.

Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham.—Notice.—The time of practice on Saturday evenings will be from 7 till 8 until further notice.

W. H. CARROD, Hon. Sec.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The Hon. Secretary of this division (R. J. Dawe), has removed to "Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT BRIGHTON. — A. D. Stone's 100 Peals.—Grandsire Caters 1; Triples 2; Stedman Caters 7; Triples 24; Bob Royal 3; Major 5; Kent Royal 6; Major 18; Oxford Major 1; Double Norwich Major 9; Superlative 7; Cambridge 7; New Cumberland 1; London 1; Bristol 1; Treble to Surprise 7. Total—100.

STEDMAN CATERS.

By FREDK. HY. DEXTER, Leicester.

5216 or 5 00.

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561432978 x
163452 - - -
563214 - - -
361254 - - -
564231 - - -
463251 - - -
561243 - - -
164253 - - -
564312 - - -
461352 - - -
56234 - - -
264351 - - -
561324 - - -
162354 - - -
562413 - - -
261453 - - -
563421 - - -
362451 - - -
562134 - - -
263154 - - -
564123 - - -
462153 - - -
563142 - - -
364152 - - -

Repeat the above twenty-four courses, calling the first 4 5 16s for 361452. Round by 3, 5, 8. If 3, 6, 10s, 11, 14 is called, the 3rd course-end is brought up, and rounds for 5000. *Quick six from rounds, and 3, 6, 7, 8, 10s, 11, 14.

This peal has the 5th in a treble and 5th place alternately.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By W. H. INGLESANT.

5024.

23456 B M W H

56423 5ths & 4ths -
45623 - - -
64523 - - -
64235 x - - -
26435 - - -
42635 - - -
63425 - - -
46325 - - -
53624 - - -
62534 - - -
56234 - - -
25634 - - -
63254 - - -
42356 - - -
35426 - - -
43526 - - -
54326 - - -
32546 - - -
53246 - - -
24536 - - -
52436 - - -
45236 - - -
23456 - - -

This is believed to be the first 5024 of Superlative in twenty-three courses only.

SILK WRAPS, HANDKERCHIEFS, and other Goods of original design for suitable Presents W. Matthews, Change Ringer, Macclesfield.

DOUBLE NORWICH.

By JAMES PAGETT, Derby.

5168.

23456

42635 5
64523 5
56342 5
*63542 6
56234 5
25463 5
42356 5
34625 5
46325 6
63425 6
46532 5
54263 5
25346 5
53246 6
25634 5
62453 5
24653 6
62345 5
36524 5
65324 6
53624 6
65432 5
46253 5
24365 5
43265 6
24536 5
52643 5
26543 6

Repeat the above; substituting single for bob * produces 24356; calling a single at 6 next course completes the peal. Produced with one call only in each course.

GRANDSIRE CINQUES.

By J. W. MOORHOUSE, Wakefield.

5103.

23456

32564 2, 4, 11, 13s, 17s, 21
53264 8th in and three
46352 11th in and two
34652 8th in and three
63452 8th in and three
43256 10 11
24356 8th in and three
32456 8th in and three

Three times repeated; calling first course 10 11. Single for bob at 10 11 in the sixth course of the 2nd and 4th parts produces 42365. Brought round by bobs at 1, 1s, 11.

SCARBOROUGH (Yorks.)—On Friday, July 19th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Milner, H. Gibson, W. R. Small, H. Coates, W. Newell, H. Ferguson, J. Dixey, F. Davison.

SITUATION wanted as Motor Driver. Experience with 60 horse power cars.—T. KEELER, 35, Garden Road, Folkestone.

YOUNG MAN (aged 23), seeks situation as Under Gardener. Six years' present place. Excellent characters. Change-ringer on 6, 8, and 10 bells. Apply—EDWARD H. KING, 34, Bengoe Street, Hertford.

RINGERS' OUTING.

THE SCARBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.—On Wednesday, June 9th, the members of this society had their annual outing. Leaving Scarborough by the 10 a.m. train, Kirbymoorside was reached at 8 o'clock. After partaking of breakfast, a move was then made for the church, where there is a nice little ring of six bells, tenor 7½ cwt., by Mears and Stainbank, dated 1803. After ringing 120 each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, a start was made for 720 Bob Minor, but owing to the tenor-rope slipping the wheel, this came to grief just before the finish. As time would not permit of another attempt being made, the bells were lowered in peal, and tracks made for the station. Helmsley was the next place on the programme. Here we were joined by our senior curate, the Rev. E. G. Hutchings, and the senior ringer, Mr. T. Cole, who had come on by

a later train. Here is a ring of eight by Pack and Chapman, dated 1770, the tenor 13 cwt., being recast by Mears and Stainbank in 1868. The 7th was badly cracked some years ago, but it has lately been filled up, and some repairs done locally, so that they go considerably better than they did when the writer was last there. After raising the bells, a start was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, which was successfully brought round in 46 mins. T. Cole, H. Ferguson, H. Milner, A. Coates, H. Gibson, J. R. Barton, J. Dixey conductor, F. Davison. After being "snapped" by the camera man in the churchyard, an adjournment was made to The Black Swan hotel, where an excellent dinner was in readiness, to which full justice was done. After dinner a look round the castle and park, and a short time spent at the local cricket match, and once more our journey was resumed, the next stopping-place being the pretty

village of Hovingham, where there is another ring of six by Taylor, tenor 12½ cwt. These were raised in peal, and 120 Grandsire Doubles were rung. Once more the inner man claimed attention, and a good Yorkshire ham tea was partaken of at The Malt Shovel. A 720 Bob Minor was then rung. H. Milner, A. Coates, H. Gibson, J. R. Barton, J. Dixey, H. Ferguson conductor. Then the semi-final stage of the trip was taken to Malton, which was reached just in time to ring for evening service. A 504 of Grandsire Triples was tapped off in fine style, the ringers being highly complimented by the Vicar and churchwardens. T. Cole, H. Ferguson, H. Milner, A. Coates, H. Gibson, J. R. Barton, J. Dixey, F. Davison. After service another 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung by the same band with J. R. Barton as conductor. These two touches were the treat of the day. The bells are a musical ring, tenor 15 cwt., and have just been thoroughly overhauled and rehung by Mears and Stainbank, and they certainly have made a good job of them, every bell going like a top. It is interesting to note that although the Vicar, the Rev. A. Barclay, has only been there about four years, he has made extensions and alterations costing upwards of £1,700, crowning his efforts by his generous attention to the bells, which have been in a deplorable condition for very many years. Having still an hour to wait, the band adjourned to a neighbouring house, and Scarborough was reached at midnight, all having spent an enjoyable outing. B.

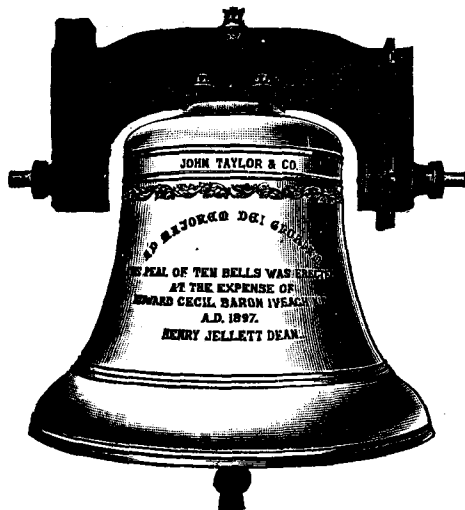
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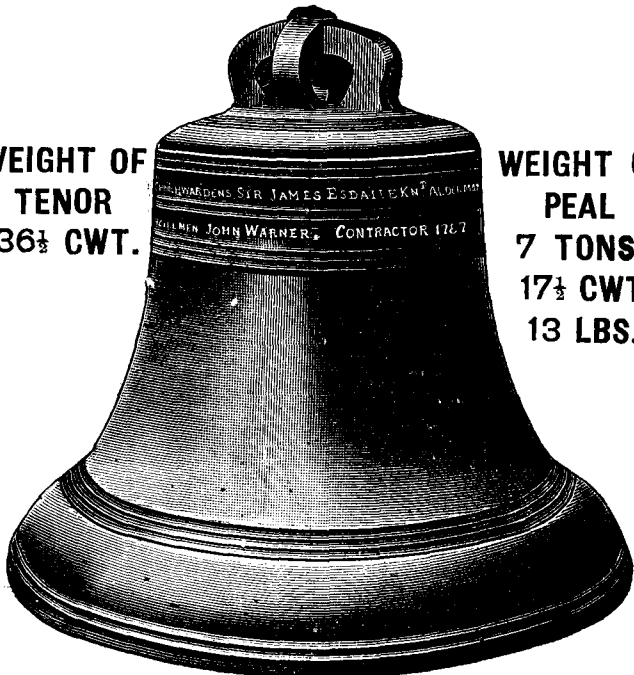
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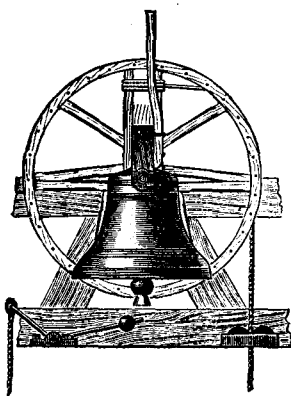
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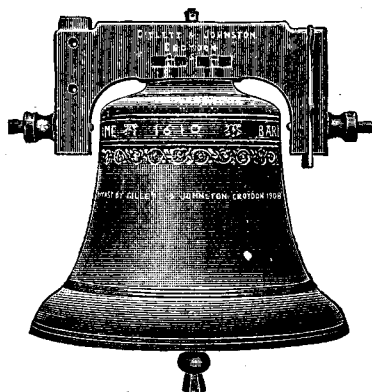
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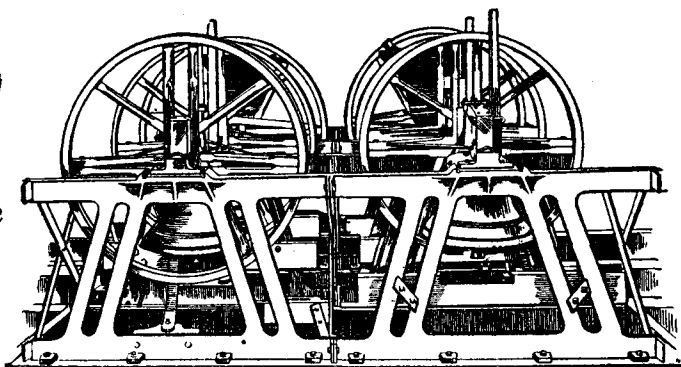
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At the last annual Easter vestry meeting, the subject of the rehangng of the bells of the above church was brought forward, and after some discussion it was decided that the tender of Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, be thoroughly gone into by a committee appointed from the vestry.

This committee soon became quite convinced of both the pressing need for the work to be carried out, and the fairness of the estimate. As a consequence, within a few days the pleasing announcement was made that Mrs. Dan Brewer had kindly volunteered to defray the whole of the cost, and that the work would be commenced forthwith. Such good progress was made that the formal opening of the bells took place on Tuesday afternoon, a special service being held for the purpose, the Rev. R. Churchill preaching a most appropriate sermon.

The bells were rung by the Ilfracombe Holy Trinity. Morthoe, Berrynarbor, and SS. Philip and James's companies, all who participated in the ringing being loud in their praises of the admirable manner in which the work had been carried out.

By kind invitation of Mr. F. Vickery (sidesman), the clergy, wardens, sidesmen, ringers, choir, and friends, to the number of about seventy, afterwards adjourned to the Fore Street restaurant, and partook of the bountiful tea so thoughtfully provided.

At the close, congratulatory speeches were made by the Rev. H. M. Johnson, Vicar of Ilfracombe; Rev. H. L. Pigot, Vicar of Westdown; Rev. R. Churchill, Vicar of Berrynarbor; Rev. E. A. Lane; Mr. M. W. Tattam, and Messrs. F. H. Thomas and T. Slocombe (churchwardens).

On the proposition of Mr. F. H. Thomas and the Vicar, hearty votes of thanks were passed to Mrs. Dan Brewer for her great generosity, and to Mr. and to Mrs. Vickery for their hospitality.

The ringers afterwards returned to the belfry, where much more ringing was done.

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Sunday, the 8th of August, will be long remembered by the residents of the parish of Stockton, that being the day on which their bells were re-opened after restoration.

A few months ago W. H. Foster, esq., of Apley Park, paid a visit to the fine old church which stands on his estate, and finding the bells in a deplorable condition, he without delay gave instructions that they should be restored. The order for this work fell into the hands of Messrs. Taylor, and within eight weeks from the time when the bells were taken away they were back in the

tower awaiting their dedication. This ceremony was performed by the Rev. Noel Hill, Rector, who delivered a good sermon appropriate to the occasion.

The bells were raised in peal by the Shifnal ringers, under the guidance of Mr. J. Bradney. Some 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were then rung, the ringers pronouncing the go of the bells to be absolutely perfect. The Rector very kindly entertained the Shifnal ringers to luncheon.

Early in the afternoon ringers from Malinslee, Dawley, Coalbrookdale (a full band), and three from Bridgnorth, arrived. The bells were soon a-ringing, a 700 of Grandsire being tapped off for evening service. All the visitors highly enjoyed themselves, and were much pleased with the excellent go of the bells.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

"Meet at Poole at 6.0 p.m. for peal on July 31st," was the order for a week-end in this district arranged by Messrs. Stewart and Goodenough. Owing to lateness of trains, etc., the last of the party did not arrive till close on eight o'clock, too late for peal attempt. However, a well-struck quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 47 mins. Sunday morning at 9.30 at St. Peter's, Bournemouth—Bob Major for morning service, Miss Phillips ringing the treble: Sunday evening at St. John's—touches of Bob Major and Stedman Triples, some of the locals taking part in the Bob Major.

Monday, 9.0 a.m.—Steamer to Swanage, the weather being delightful. On landing were met by Mr. Bastable, foreman of the local band, who piloted us to the church of St. Mary, where exactly twenty years ago (August bank holiday, 1889) the first peals of Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung in the county of Dorset by the Salisbury St. Martin's company, assisted by the renowned J. W. Washbrook, Mr. Gifford, who was with the present company, being the only one of the party who took part in the peals twenty years previous. After a lot of quibbling as to what method should be rung, and being given to understand that a peal of Treble Bob had not yet been rung in Dorsetshire, a peal in this method was started for, and in 3 hrs. 18 mins. from the call of "go" the first peal of Treble Bob in the county was no longer a matter of doubt.

After refreshment we were soon on board the "Stirling Castle" again, en route for Bournemouth pier, where at 5 p.m. we dispersed to our various destinations, a second peal at St. John's having to be abandoned for want of time. Thanks to all who helped to make the journey such a successful one.

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"MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA,

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"DEAR SIR,—The following account of a visit of three Melbourne ringers to Sydney may be of interest to your readers in England, and may show that we try to keep our end up in matters campanalogical at this end of the world, although we cannot boast of any great achievements as yet.

"The writer and Mr. Fitzgerald had decided to have a trip together to Sydney, and at the last moment Mr. Murray found that he could also join us, so being all ringers we notified our friends in Sydney of our proposed visit.

"We left Melbourne on Easter Saturday by the s.s. 'Kanowna,' and duly arrived at Sydney on Monday afternoon after a most pleasant trip. We found the Sydney men anxiously waiting, and the first salute was—'We want you to start for a peal at once,' which rather took us by surprise, as although we expected some ringing we did not anticipate having to start so soon. However, we took our baggage to the tower, and at 3.45 started for Holt's Original at St. Mary's Cathedral, the only ringable eight in Sydney, and a splendid ring of bells. The band consisted of E. McDonald, J. Adams, A. Fitzgerald, J. L. Murray, R. McDonald, A. E. Barnes, C. W. Porter, H. Bennett. Everything went nicely till over the half-way, when the tenor was inclined to close in a bit, a little gentle abjuration, however, soon put him in his place, and he went very well for another hour, when he again showed unmistakable signs of distress. We again cheered him on with 'stick to her, Bennett, not much further to go;' and Bennett nobly responded, but, alas! it was his last effort. After ringing 3½ hrs., being only eight leads from the end, down came the tenor into the middle of us! and the first peal on St. Mary's bells has still to be rung.

"However, we accepted the misfortune calmly, especially when we found that Bennett had been at the tower since 9 in the morning, and started to ring a 25 cwt. bell on an empty stomach. If we had known that such was the case beforehand we could have remedied the omission, but as he said nothing why we knew nothing.

"We then made our way to our respective domiciles, and met later at Mr. McDonald's house, and finished up the evening with handbells. Tuesday was devoted to visiting, and in the evening we again met at St. Mary's, but a mis-call put an end to the attempt after 1400 changes had been rung. On Thursday night we paid a visit to St. Jude's, Randwick, where is a set of eight steel bells, which have the reputation of being heard best at a distance, in fact distance is a great factor in the appreciation. A more distressful set of camp ovens the writer never heard. We banged out a 504 of Grandsire Triples, the first on them, conducted by Mr. McDonald, also a 434 conducted by Mr. Murray, and we finished with a 6-score of Stedman Doubles on the back six, the first on them.

"On Friday night we were again allowed, by the kind permission of the Rev. Dean O'Hara, to visit St. Mary's, and another attempt was made for a peal, but after 1200 changes had been rung, a change-course occurred, and the conductor called the bells round. This concluded our tower exploits. During our stay several touches were rung on handbells, including a 504 Grandsire Triples by R. McDonald (conductor), 1-2: J. Adams, 3-4: J. L. Murray, 5-6; C. W. Porter, 7-8. Also 252 Stedman Triples, by

A. Fitzgerald, 1-2; J. L. Murray, 3-4; A. E. Barnes (conductor), 5-6; C. W. Porter, 7-8. Both a record on handbells for Sydney.

"Mr. Murray prolonged his visit till the following Tuesday, but the other two visitors boarded the ss. 'Cooma' on Saturday for the return trip home, which was safely reached on Monday morning.

"We all wish to acknowledge the kindness and sociability of our Sydney friends, who certainly did all they possibly could to make our visit enjoyable, and especially we thank Messrs. Porter and McDonald for their hospitality during our stay.

"Yours sincerely,
A. E. BARNES."

STRATTON, CORNWALL.

On Monday, August 2nd, a pleasing ceremony took place in the belfry of the above parish church, when the Rev. Canon Bevan accepted and dedicated an oak peal-board, surmounted by the shield and emblem of the Devonshire Guild, and neatly lettered in black and gold, giving the particulars of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on the bells on August 3rd, 1908, by members of the Exeter Ringers' Cycling Club. He expressed his pleasure in accepting such a record for his belfry, and trusted his ringers would endeavour to score another such a peal.

Mr. F. J. Davey, hon. secretary of the club who made the presentation, expressed the club's thanks for the kindness always shewn them; and hoped the members of the local band would persevere and master the difficulties of half-pull ringing.

A convivial was indulged in with the local men, who can ring Grandsire Doubles.

The Rev. Maitland Keliy, with two of his ringers from Kelly, who had by this time arrived, joined with two from Holsworthy, and the contingent from Exeter, thus forming a representative party of the Devonshire Guild, had a little excursion to Kilkhamptou, Launcells, and Marham churches, where very pleasant rings were had. The visit to these churches, which contain many old and interesting relics of the past, was very enjoyable.

The thanks of the visitors a due to the several incumbents for the use of their bells, also to Messrs. W. Yeo and J. Jordan, who made the local arrangements.

We regret to hear that Mr. John Basden, Master of the Middlesex Association, and a member of many other ringing societies is, after a long and exhausting illness, in a condition calling for the sympathy of his ringing brethren. He is absolutely unable to obtain any kind of medical or other sustenance necessary to him. His friends therefore appeal to the Exercise on his behalf. He is highly respected by all who know him. It is hoped that some immediate relief may be obtained before he is beyond need of it. Mr. J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, Bucks., a life-long friend of John Basden, will be glad to receive any sums sent in response to this appeal. It is hoped that his many friends will rally to his help without delay.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Sunday, June 27th, for evening service at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Lawrence, A. J. Walsom, E. Harris, J. Folkard, A. Harding, H. Browning, A. Tabor conductor, H. Winter.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth district was held on August bank holiday, at Newport, Isle of Wight, when considering the many attractions, a very fair number turned up, the weather fortunately turning out excellent for visitors to the island. The bells at Carisbrooke and Newport were at the disposal of the visitors during the day, and we are glad to note that several members rang their first touch of Grandsire Triples, which fact is very encouraging.

Mr. J. Harper presided at the business meeting, supported by the very able hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Whiting, who presented the minutes of the last meeting. Miss W. Carden and Miss S. A. Moss were elected full members from Titchfield, and six probationary members of Newport were also elected.

The best thanks of the meeting were accorded the Vicar of Newport for the use of the bells, and to the several members who so kindly helped with the arrangements for the day, everyone feeling satisfied with a good day in the island.

THE HEAVITREE SOCIETY, DEVON.

This society had their annual excursion on Saturday, July 24th. Taking the first train to Crediton, where a well-horsed break was in waiting to convey the party to Witheridge, it was not long before some of the steep hills, for which the district is noted, were encountered, and a couple of sharp showers served to cool the heated climbers.

On a suitable eminence a welcome halt was called for lunch, which was enjoyed in bright sunshine, and all traces of external moisture disappeared.

It was intended to stop at Thelbridge, but pending a formal opening of this recently-augmented ring, this was omitted. On arrival at Witheridge the fine-toned ring of eight there were set going to Grandsire; the frame and hanging here, however, leave much to be desired. Dinner over, at which the Vicar presided, a move was made for West Worlington, where is a musical ring of six under a wood-shingled steeple, several 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman being rung. Morchard Bishop was the next stop, but a long detour to avoid hills left no time to ring here, so the journey was continued to Crediton. Very little in the way of change-ringing could be done here, the services of a competent bellhanger being sadly needed; the fine tone of the tenor, however, came in for admiration. After inspecting the grand old church, the party reassembled at the station, and so terminated another delightful day in the society's annals.

The English Church Union is organising a campaign of opposition to the proposal emanating from the Lower House of the Convocation of Canterbury to remove from the Prayer Book the rubric ordering the use of Quicunque Vult, or Athanasian Creed. This proposal the Union is determined to oppose, and during the autumn special services will be preached all over the country.

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ANNE BOLEYN MASQUE.

In aid of the fund for the restoration of Erpingham church tower, the masque of Anne Boleyn will be performed at Blickling, Aylsham, Norfolk, to-day (Thursday, August 12th), at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

The masque is a pageant play specially composed and written for the occasion by Mrs. Bertram Talbot, of Blickling, and by Mr. Nugent Monck, the director of the late Norwich historical tableaux. Mr. Monck is the stage manager and producer of the masque. The masque is based on history, though it may not be true in every detail, for instance, it is not certain that either Wolsey or King Henry VIII. ever visited Blickling. The supposition is that both came to Blickling, and the authors of the masque have described what may have happened during their visit.

The Blickling school children will dance maypole and morris dances, and Mr. Gilbert, the Rector of Horstead, will be in charge of the chorus of 100 voices.

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."

"MODERN BELLHANGING AND THE SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ANCIENT BUILDINGS."

SIR,—As the above subject was discussed at the last Central Council meeting, it may interest those members who were present to know that in the issue of "Country Life" of July 24th appeared an article, profusely illustrated, by one Albert Hartshorne, apparently written to bolster up the ridiculous ideas of this Society. Views are given of many well known steeples and bell chambers, including St. Peter Mancroft, but for combined virulence and crass ignorance the article would be hard to beat. After attacking steel girders and modern fittings, the writer goes on in this fashion: "Sundays observe" (says the saintly George Herbert) "and think when bells do chime 'tis angels' music. How his poetic spirit would have recoiled from modern change-ringing, as it is called, with its grotesque terms of its variations, its 'hunting,' 'dodging,' 'snapping,' 'grandsires,' 'bobs,' and 'Majors,' culled from the vocabulary of late Georgian wig-makers. What would Herbert have thought of these vulgar aids to reverence and of the hammering crash for so many hours and so many minutes, according to the chalked figures upon tablets on tower walls like scores in a pot-house? But let us be just to the 30,000 modern change-ringers dispersed throughout the country. It is difficult to believe that any one member would knowingly lend himself to a process which must ultimately shatter the fabrics of which all should be proud. But drastic changes are easily and mysteriously effected up above the vulgar Christians, otherwise it is conceivable that public clamour would have been raised against the deadly modern practice of replacing the sound oak frames by iron ones, thus varying the music and deliberately mutilating the bells."

This is the strain of "Albert Hartshorne" from beginning to end. It describes modern bellhanging as comic engineering, but in such descriptive language that will carry conviction to church authorities unless the article is answered. As it stands it is a splendid advertisement for the above-mentioned Society, which is lauded to the skies. I have been asked to reply to it, but it would come better from the press committee of the C.C. The attack upon peals and change-ringing is too insidious to be allowed to pass unnoticed.

WILLIAM WILLSON.

SIR,—I should like to call your attention to an article on "Church Bells" appearing in "Country Life" for July 24th, written by a Mr. Hartshorne, which from beginning to end is of a grumbling and discourteous character.

As a rule ringers are pretty thick-skinned, but really they seem to be always "in for it," and possibly there are multitudes

of grumblers anxiously awaiting the dog days of the newspapers so that they can restart their snapping.

In many cases, of course, these people have some genuine cause for complaint, but this last seems to be one long general unprovoked attack. After going for church restorers as a preliminary, he drags up the time honoured description of ringers of a bygone generation with their "vulgar rustic jokes, pipes and beer." Although I cannot say to what extent this kind of thing obtained, it is evident that the story never loses much by the re-telling.

Later on the reader is introduced to a few terms used in the modern? scientific change-ringing with its "Grandsires," "bobs" and "Majors," all "vulgar aids to reverence," and observe further "a hammering crash for so many hours and so many minutes is recorded by being chalked upon tablets on the tower walls like scores in a pothouse." Being unacquainted with pothouses I must concede to him the credit of accuracy of comparison resulting from familiarity therewith, though at the same time it follows that the pothouses deserve congratulation for the artistic merits of the said score-boards.

Now, Sir, it appears to me that the title of his article is a misnomer, and should have been "An attack on change-ringing for the preservation of the towers." Instead of chiming, these "modern perspiring devotees" of change-ringing "tear away at the bells hour after hour and make the worst possible use of them."

Far be it from Mr. Hartshorne to suggest that any one of the 30,000 modern bellringers would knowingly help to shatter our English church towers, but, he points out, they are very muscular and very frenzied. Now I claim that the modern change-ringers are not the thoughtless, careless and soul-less men he imagines, and very few companies are without good, serious, practical men, always watching for any little defect, and giving time and labour for the upkeep of their towers.

Further, in conclusion, I am of the opinion that the author of the article would have shewn better acquaintance with the subject had he acknowledged the regard shewn by ringers for their towers, bell frames, and bells, instead of inferring that they cared nothing so long as they could get their ringing in comparative safety.

ROBERT TALL.

THE EXTENSION OF STEDMAN.

SIR,—It is a pity that the Rev. H. L. James is with his theory two hundred years too late, for it becomes more engrossing the more it is studied. Had he simply said: "If we consider all slow sixes to be the method, the quick six can be utilised for a bob and so dispense with the orthodox shunt;" no one who understands the functions of bob-making could possibly contradict or wish to minimise the credit of a great discovery; but when he says emphatically that his theory is the method and the quick six is the bob, he at once assumes a false position. This question is not altogether a scientific one, nor whether the component parts of the slow work having been dissected shall be re-moulded in a newer form with its newly-discovered capabilities; but whether the present extension from Doubles to Cinques is strictly upon the lines laid down by the author. I assert that it is, and that the alternate quick and slow constitute the principle. In this I ignore (for the present) the alternate quick six as a bob. Of course I knew the all-slow course I gave went off from a quick six, and stated so, but I thought Mr. James would have seen the drift of it, without necessitating my being more explicit. However, here is a test. Let Mr. James produce a 6-score of Doubles on his own plan if he can. He may use any combination of slow and quick sixes he likes, *providing they do not run alternately*. If he can produce a 6-score other than Stedman's original (or half of it in-course) he will have proved the right to extend the all-slow system to Triples, Caters, and Cinques, but not until then.

I will gladly become a disciple to Mr. James's theory when another 6-score of Stedman is composed, but I think it is quite logical to argue that if no other 120 is possible except the one left us by Stedman, with its alternate slow and quick sixes, that ALTERNATION was, is, and must be always the foundation of the extension to the higher number of bells. Mr. James's reference and comparison to silent ringing is not very apt, for in silent ringing all the bobs are of course previously located, whereas there is not an atom of evidence in the oldest books that the quick six was ever located as a bob. It would be in-

teresting to read the old Norwich letters referred to by Mr. Trollope, for as the "all-slow course" only appeared in the London Scholars' book 3rd edition, 1705 (after Stedman's decease), and was immediately expunged from subsequent editions, there can be only one inference—that an unwarrantable liberty had been taken with the Stedman slow work, a liberty resented by the ringers of that day; and in this respect history appears to repeat itself.

W. WILLSON.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. James, the fact that the 5ths place bob will not produce a 6-score of Doubles proves nothing. The ordinary Stedman bob will not produce a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. Is it therefore not the right bob? In Erin Triples the 5ths place bob is used, which is I think correct. Also I did not pretend that you could cut up Grandsire Doubles into plain courses by eliminating bobs. My reference to Stedman Triples shews that. I do say that any composition consists of whole courses or parts of courses in which there is no deviation from the strict method, and that bobs consist of the joining together of these pieces and nothing else. Again it is not I who have said that two kinds of calls only are permissible, it is the Central Council and the whole Exercise. As for Thurstans's peal let me say this, that from a purely scientific point of view I do not consider Stedman Triples a legitimate method, but that it would be the wildest folly to press this ultra scientific view in this case. That being so we must accept the method as it stands, and all references to bobs in the interior of the method are beside the mark. The method is, and must be, a law to itself. Finally Mr. James utterly ignores the point that Mr. Carter first mentioned, and which I have explained, that Stedman Doubles is in every way a perfectly legitimate method, and needs none of Mr. James's explanations to make it one. Until he has fully answered this point his whole case is gone. I am not unwilling to accept Mr. James's new bob as legitimate, but he must first give us a full justification and an explanation as to how similar bobs would work in other methods, and I think he ought to get the Council to formally sanction what is, say what you will, entirely contrary to the usage and traditions of the Exercise.

Weymouth.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on August 17th: at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 19th; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 23rd; and at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 24th; all at 8 p.m.

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

The London County Association. late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, August 28th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, N, near Highbury Station. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.30. Tea will be provided at 6 o'clock in the Parochial Hall, Liverpool Road, at 6d. per head, to all those who notify me not later than the 25th. The business meeting will immediately follow. The tower will be again open for ringing after the business.
T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale today, Sat., August 14th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to
WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*
3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the South and West District will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. W. Russell), at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, August 21st. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 6d. each in the Parish Room at 5.30. Members and friends are heartily welcomed.
H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Berkhamstead on Saturday, August 21st. Bells available at 4. Tea, 6d. per head, at The Temperance hotel, Castle Street, at 5.45. All members and friends welcomed.
H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, August 21st. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7.
W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Leatherhead District.—There will be a quarterly meeting at Leatherhead on Saturday, August 21st, for practice in various methods. All members of the Guild are cordially invited to be at the belfry at 7.30.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the parish church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 28th. Bells (10) will be available from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.
J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Penwortham, on Saturday, August 28th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.
R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting

will be held at Darley Dale, near Matlock, on Saturday, August 28th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m.
A. H. WARD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the members of this Association will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, August 28th. The bells will be raised about 4.30 p.m., and it is hoped that those members and friends who can conveniently attend, will do so.

As a preliminary announcement, members are informed that the annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, September 25th, at Hillingdon West, Uxbridge. Further particulars will be announced in due course.

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

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Rawtenstall on Saturday, September 25th. All ringing reports up to the 30th inst. to be sent to the Ringing Secretary. All notices for any proposed alteration of rules, etc., and nominations for vice-president, ringing secretary, and two auditors, must be in the hands of the general secretary not later than Monday, September 6th. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*
4, Helena Street, Irlams O' Th' Height, Manchester.
J. H. BANKS, *Ringing Secretary.*
462, Helmsford Road, Helmsford.

St. John's, Leytonstone.—This tower will be closed for ringing for a few months, owing to structural alterations to the church.
G. DAWSON.

Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham.—Notice.—The time of practice on Saturday evenings will be from 7 till 8 until further notice.
W. H. CARROD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The Hon. Secretary of this division (R. J. Dawe), has removed to "Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT RIPLEY.—H. Day's 50 Peals.—Bob Minor 1; Major 14, conducted 1; Grandshire Triples 17, conducted 4; Caters 1; Stedman Triples 3; Kent Major 11; Royal 2; Oxford Major 1.

THE PEAL AT GREAT YARMOUTH.—Mr. Arthur R. Aldham who was formerly a prominent member of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, now of Barwell, near Hinckley, Leicestershire, is having his holidays within his native town of Ipswich and district. J. H. Cheesman hails from Greenhithe, Kent; the other members were selected from the two counties of Norfolk and Suffolk.

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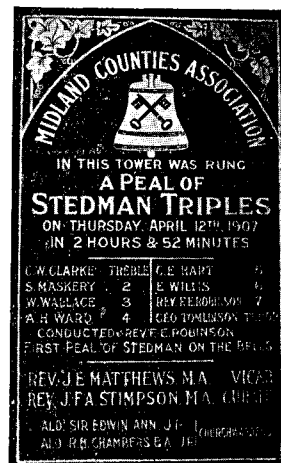
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 1909.

THE Exercise at large has from time to time been greatly concerned with the prospect of a ring of bells in one of the towers of the new cathedral at Truro, in Cornwall. It will be remembered that some time ago a correspondent of this paper, who was naturally filled with honest indignation, pointed out that the architect had made no provision for the reception of bells in either of the two towers. This oversight has, however, been remedied somehow, and a pious and generous churchwoman then came forward with necessary funds for a ring of ten bells, and also a large hour-bell. The ring of ten, we were told last week, has been cast. But there is some unaccountable delay with regard to the great hour-bell. The scaffolding and hoisting tackle is in position, and immediate advantage should be taken of this fact, for its re-erection when again required will be costly. With all due deference, we would urge the Capitular body to strongly oppose the postponement of the completion of this grand scheme. Delay with such a project is highly dangerous. We hear that some influential residents in the county, who are anxious that their Cathedral should have its complete equipment in every particular, are chafing at the bare idea of delay. Let the Dean and Chapter proceed to complete the grand work in its entirety NOW, by erecting the large hour-bell, thus giving delight to Cornish churchmen.

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 Friday, August 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE, GREENWICH,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****REV. C. D. DAVIES'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 25 cwt.**

ARTHUR BEER* Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	HARRY BARRETT 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7.
WILLIAM FOREMAN 4.	WILLIAM BERRY Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY).*On Saturday, August 7, 1909, in Three Hours***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE WATKIN Treble.	WILLIAM HEWETT 5.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS 2.	ALFRED G. GRIMES 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
FREDK. G. PERRIE 4.	HARRY MANCE Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by H. MANCE.

The Provinces.**HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, July 31, 1909, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.**

JOHN T. HOLMES Treble.	JOHN W. WOOD 5.
REV. H. LAW JAMES 2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 6.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO 3.	*WILLIAM DICKENSON 7.
HARRY MOSS 4.	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method. The 4th, 6th and tenor ringers were elected members previous to starting.

WEARE, SOMERSET.**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, July 31, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES; Being forty-two 6-scores called ten different ways.**

Tenor 17 cwt.

T. FRANCIS Treble.	E. FISHER 4.
G. STANDEN 2.	G. H. GALE 5.
A. T. ATHERTON 3.	T. GILL Tenor.

Conducted by G. H. GALE.

First peal on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, July 31, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.**

Tenor 30½ cwt.

GEORGE A. SMITH Treble.	JAMES GEORGE 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	JAMES MERRICK 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	HORACE W. ABBOTT 8.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	EDWARD READER 9.
ERNEST PYE 5.	ROBERT E. STAVERT Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung to commemorate the coming of age of Mr. Thursby Pitts, son of the Rector of Loughborough.

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, August 1, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs.**

ALAN R. MACDONALD .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
GEORGE A. SMITH 2.	EDWARD READER 6.
ROBERT E. STAVERT 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	BERTRAM PREWETT Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, August 2, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.**

JAMES MERRICK Treble.	ERNEST PYE 5.
GEORGE A. SMITH 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT 7.
ROBERT E. STAVERT* 4.	JAMES GEORGE Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Monday, August 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.**

ROBERT BISHOP Treble.	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE 5.
OSCAR GILBEY 2.	ARTHUR W. PIKE 6.
CHARLES STONE 3.	CHARLES GILES 7.
WALTER WEBB 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Rang as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Osborne, wife of the steeplekeeper.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, August 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,****A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES.**

Tenor 30 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 7.
ARTHUR R. ALDHAM 2.	ARTHUR MARKWELL 8.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 9.
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 4.	DENISON HAYWARD 10.
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER 5.	WILLIAM STEELE 11.
JOHN W. SEDGLEY 6.	FREDERICK WATLING Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Reference elsewhere.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, August 2, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.**

CHARLES TRIBE* Treble.	ISAAC EMERY 5.
CHAS. J. NORTH 2.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 6.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE 3.	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL 7.
WILLIAM HEWITT 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by J. HUNT, and Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

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

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DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 3, 1909, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lbs.

ARTHUR LEEDER Treble.	WILLIAM ROOPE 5.
WILLIAM STEELE 2.	CHARLES ROOPE 6.
CLEMENT MORE 3.	JOHN SOUTER 7.
GEORGE ARCHER 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

TODENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHIPPING NORTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 2, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

S. LUCKET Treble.	J. SKELCHER 4.
W. CODEMAN 2.	W. LABGE 5.
J. GARDNER 3.	W. SKELCHER Tenor.
	G. LARGE 5.

Conducted by W. LARGE.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss A. Large to Mr. J. Roberts.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 3, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

ARTHUR G. NEWMAN .. Treble.	REV. E. V. COX 5.
ALBERT S. NEWMAN .. 2.	JAMES JARVIS 6.
DANIEL G. COOMBS .. 3.	*J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN .. 7.
WILLIAM GIBBS 4.	FREDERICK CANDY .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. E. V. COX.

*First peal in the method.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 3, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.
Tenor 36 cwt.

FRED G. MAY Treble.	CHARLES DOWNING 6.
JESSE TYLER 2.	SAMUEL PHILLIPS 7.
ALBERT STOWELL 3.	HENRY T. HOWELL 8.
REV. C. CAREW COX .. 4.	ISAAC LONG 9.
WILLIAM STOWELL 5.	UBIAH BRAVEN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by F. G. MAY.

Arranged for the Rev. C. Carew Cox, and was rung muffled owing to the death of a parishioner, who was buried on this date.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(RIPLEY BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, August 3, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANCIS H. KAY Treble.	EDWARD C. GOBBY 5.
HERBERT DAY 2.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 6.
ARTHUR BOWMER* 3.	FREDERICK WATKINSON .. 7.
FRANK HILL 4.	HENRY GEORGE Tenor.

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

*First peal with a bob bell.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(RIPLEY BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, August 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS STIMPSON* .. Treble.	EDWARD C. GOBBY 5.
HERBERT DAY† 2.	WILLIAM H. FROST 6.
FREDERICK WATKINSON .. 3.	HENRY GEORGE 7.
JOSEPH BOURNE 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method. †Fiftieth peal; a list of which appears elsewhere.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 4, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER .. Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 5.
CHARLES PALMER 2.	CHARLES PAGE 6.
JOHN T. RICKMAN, M.A. .. 3.	KEITH HART 7.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 4.	WILLIAM STEYNING .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 16cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

ERNEST LINCOLN .. Treble.	CHARLES ROOPE 5.
ARTHUR ROOPE 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE 6.
ALFRED SMITH 3.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. 7.
WILLIAM ROOPE 4.	WILLIAM STEELE .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 5, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 25 lbs.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE .. Treble.	JAMES MERRICK 5.
EDGAR HANCOX 2.	WILLIAM G. FOWLER .. 6.
GEORGE A. SMITH 3.	*ROBERT E. STAVERT .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT E. STAVERT.

*First peal as conductor. This is the 50th peal by both of the "Inseparables,"—Bob Stavert and Jim Merrick—twenty-nine of which they have rung together.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 5, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

WILLIAM C. HART .. Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 5.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 2.	CHARLES PAGE 6.
WILLIAM PALMER 3.	HENRY F. COOPER 7.
CHARLES PALMER 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

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

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 5, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5.
CHARLES BAKER 2.	FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 6.
ALFRED SMITH 3.	ERNEST F. POPPY 7.
WILLIAM ROOFE, JUN. .. 4.	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.
First peal in the method on the bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES WILLSHIRE, JUN. Treble.	HENRY L. GARFATH 5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE 2.	JAMES HUNT 6.
MAURICE SMITHER 3.	FRANK BLONDELL 7.
CHARLES HAZELDEN† .. 4.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
†First peal of Superlative.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, August 7, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lbs. in G.

DAVID GOLLINS Treble.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2.	EDWARD EVANS 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.
This is the first peal in this method upon the bells.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 2.	RICHARD STREDWICK .. 6.
CHARLES PALMER 3.	ALBERT D. STONE 7.
HENRY STALHAM 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6.
FRANK WITHERS† 2.	JOHN WITHERS 7.
WILLIAM PALMER† 3.	JAMES DOWLER 8.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK† .. 4.	CHARLES F. WHITE 9.
OLIVER JAMES 5.	SAMUEL GROVE Tenor.

Composed by G. HAYWARD, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal of Caters. †First peal of Grandsire Caters. This is the quarterly peal for the Association.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

WILLIAM WILLSON Treble.	THOMAS BOTTRILL 5.
EDWARD JACKSON 2.	R. HENRY BARTRAM .. 6.
ALBERT MASON 3.	JAMES HARRIS 7.
DANIEL RICHARDS 4.	EDWARD READER Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 31, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

JOHN J. JACKSON Treble.	EDWARD JACKSON 5.
ALBERT MASON 2.	THOMAS BOTTRILL .. 6.
ALEX BRAMLEY 3.	JAMES HARRIS 7.
DANIEL RICHARDS 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

This peal in fourteen courses, has the 4th and 5th their extent home, and the 6th her extent both ways. It is now rung for the first time.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

THOMAS BOTTRILL Treble.	R. HENRY BARTRAM .. 5.
DANIEL RICHARDS 2.	FRED. W. HERBERT .. 6.
EDWARD JACKSON 3.	JAMES HARRIS 7.
ALBERT MASON 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Composed by J. FLEMING, and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 25½ cwt.

JAMES HARRIS* Treble.	THOMAS BOTTRILL 6.
GEO. W. MEAKINS* 2.	FRED. W. HERBERT .. 7.
DANIEL RICHARDS* 3.	RICHARD MOUNT 8.
ALBERT MASON* 4.	R. HENRY BARTRAM .. 9.
EDWARD JACKSON* 5.	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

*First peal of Royal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 3, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.
Tenor 31 cwt.

WILLIAM PERVIN Treble.	THOMAS BOTTRILL 6.
EDWARD JACKSON 2.	FRANK PERVIN 7.
DANIEL RICHARDS 3.	JAMES HARRIS 8.
SAMUEL WESLEY 4.	WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 9.
ALBERT MASON 5.	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

S. Wesley hails from Lenton, Notts. Rung after meeting short for Treble Ten.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, August 7, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE Treble.	JAMES MERRICK.. .. 5.
ALAN R. MACDONALD .. 2.	CHARLES T. COLES .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	JAMES HUNT 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE.. .. 4.	ALFRED H. WINCH .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Double Norwich rang at East Tytherley on July 24th, and recorded in our issue of July 31st, should have been credited to the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

Miscellaneous.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIDGNORTH (Shropshire).—On Sunday morning, August 8th, for Divine Service at St. Leonard's church, 444 Stedman Triples. For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. F. S. Wilson, A. Baker, J. Elcock, J. Overton, B. Head. W. Overton conductor, H. W. Overton, E. Foxall. The above ringing was arranged for F. S. Wilson of Ludlow.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRIMSBY (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday evening, July 25th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major. A. W. Long, W. Dickinson, J. T. Ladd, W. C. Meffin, R. S. Long, J. W. Seamer conductor, P. C. Long, G. Wilson. First quarter-peal in the method by W. Dickinson.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SIMPSON (Bucks).—On Sunday, August 1st, at the parish church, 960 Grandsire Doubles. W. Meadows, J. Higgins conductor, C. W. Smlth, W. Pether, J. Meadows. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. A. J. Cox, who at one time acted as churchwarden.

CHOLSEY (Berks).—Recently at St. Mary's church for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 40 mins. W. Kimber, R. Finch, A. Finch, G. Higgs, G. Caudwell conductor, A. Strange.

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HURWORTH-ON-TEES (Durham).—On Sunday evening, June 20th, for Divine Service at All Saints church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. W. Bell, C. Hodgson, G. W. Park, G. J. Lungley, R. Thomas, T. Newton conductor.

HEIGHINGTON (Durham).—On Sunday evening, June 27th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 720 York Surprise Minor. E. Cox, G. Park, W. Wookey, G. J. Lengley, W. H. Porter, G. W. Park conductor. Also 240 Grandsire, with G. J. Lungley conducting.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On Thursday, July 8th, at The Holy Trinity, 504 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, and 240 Chelsea, by F. Atkinson, R. Gay, G. Park, R. B. Wilson, G. W. Park, W. H. Porter, and G. J. Lungley.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANGIBBY (Monmouthshire).—On Tuesday, July 20th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. C. Davies, M. Lewis, M. Selby, F. Charles. E. Davies, J. W. Jones, A. E. Morgan conductor, A. Williams.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, July 13th, for practice, a

quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. J. Parsons, W. Weatherstone, A. James, J. Town, G. Durling, A. Humphrey, G. Huxley conductor, A. Bygrave.

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RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Tuesday, July 27th, at the church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. C. Stainer, P. S. Parker, G. H. Coombes, P. Long, E. Hatcher, F. Hayes conductor, A. Coombes, W. Kemp.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

EARLS COLNE (Essex).—On Monday, July 26th, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 48 mins., and 1248 Double Norwich in 57 mins. W. Clark, J. Fleuty, W. Scillitoe, F. Claydon, S. Fleuty, W. Burst, J. French, E. Ridgwell conductor.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BURTON LATIMER (Northants).—On Sunday, June 27th, 720 Woodbine. J. Neal, J. Pettit, A. Pettit, W. Meadows, G. Lines, F. Sturman conductor.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY (Herts).—On Sunday evening, July 11th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triplex in 44 mins. R. E. Stavert, B. Prewett, J. Allen, F. A. Smith, W. Oakley, W. G. Whitehead, F. Edwards conductor, A. Maynard.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

STOKE-COVENTRY.—On Friday, July 30th, for practice, 1260 Grandsire Triples. W. Maund, S. Hope, A. Flowers, F. Broston, E. Johnson, J. Smallwood conductor, F. Pervin, A. Roberts. And 336 Bob Major. F. Brassington, E. Johnson, A. Flowers, S. Hope, W. Maund, A. Roberts conductor, J. Smallwood, F. Pervin.

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NEWPORT PAGNELL (Bucks).—On Sunday morning, July 4th, for Divine Service, 1260 Grandsire Triples. P. Inskip, H. Sear conductor, H. Gayton, C. Mortimer, J. Church, F. Sear, C. W. Clarke, G. Harvey. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BILLINGBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Friday, July 16th, a quarter-peal of Bob and Grandsire Doubles. W. Dickinson, A. Andrews, J. T. Holmes, W. Houldea, C. Glenn conductor. First quarter-peal on the bells.

CHESTERTON (Cambs).—On Thursday, August 5th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob (thirty-two bobs and two singles). A. T. Shelton, R. Rayner, E. Andrews, H. Mansfield, F. Brown, W. Eusden conductor. Composed by J. F. Penning.

CRICH (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, July 23th, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 30 mins. W. Piggin, G. Holmes, G. Brown, H. Allwood, W. Drake conductor, W. Piggin. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to John Harrison, who was a ringer for forty years.

HALE, NEAR LIVERPOOL.—On June 28th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Young, H. Ashton, F. Woodward, W. Woodward, F. J. Hancock conductor, J. Houghton.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, August 8th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Withers, C. F. Johnston conductor, J. Withers, J. E. Groves, J. Dowler, E. Wellington, H. Withers, W. Palmer.

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King's Head hotel, Mr. J. Souter, of Diss, joining us, and a capital spread was provided, every one being in readiness, the course-ends being very quickly brought up. Dinner over, we were obliged to be on the move, and a pleasant drive of ten miles brought us to Stradbroke about five o'clock. We at once made a move for the tower, and rang several touches on the bells with Mr. Ruth, of Wingfield. Our next stay was at Horham, where we rang a course of Bob Major and three leads of Treble Bob. Then on to Worlingworth, where we were met by Mr. D. Collins, and at once partook of tea, when a move was made for the church, and touches of Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise, and Stedman Triples were brought round on

the bells, which are a very handy ring of eight. This concluded the ringing for the day, and after having some refreshment the time arrived to start for home, which was reached about 11.30, and brought to a close one of the best outings the society have ever had, every one having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They wish to thank the incumbents of the different parishes for granting permission to ring; also Mr. F. Day (Eye); J. Souter (Diss); Moore (Palgrave); Bayles and Ruth (Stradbroke); and Collins (Worlingworth), for having the bells in readiness, thus helping to make the outing such an enjoyable one. W. G.

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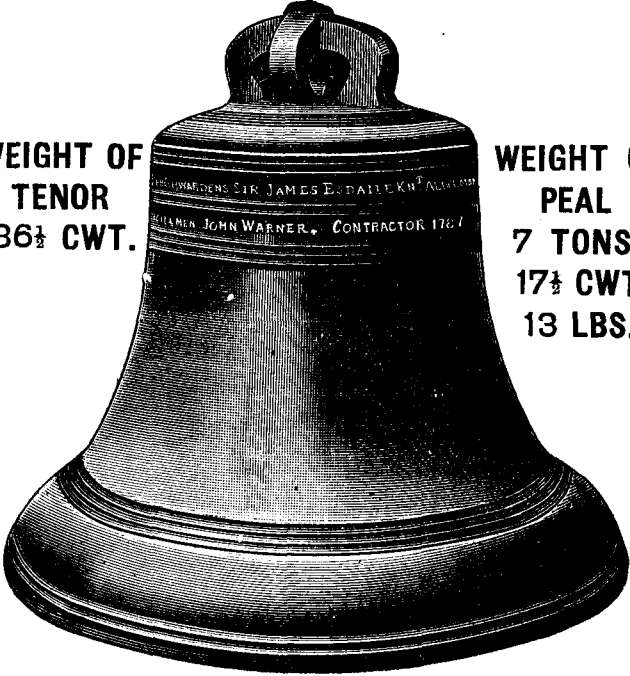
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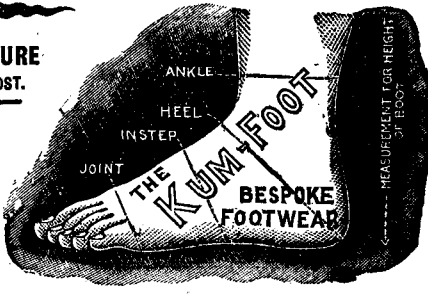
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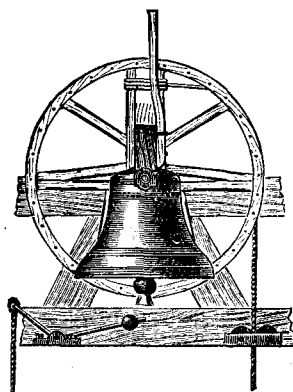
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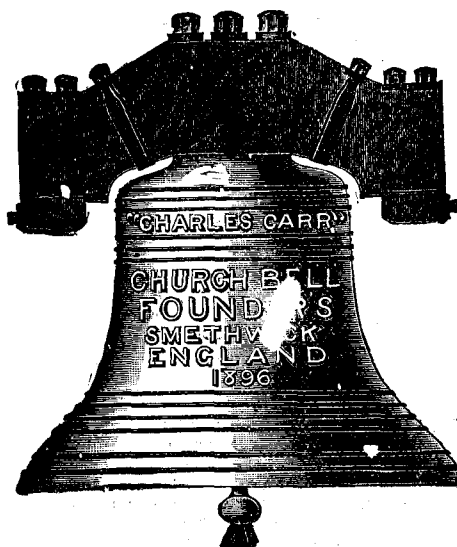
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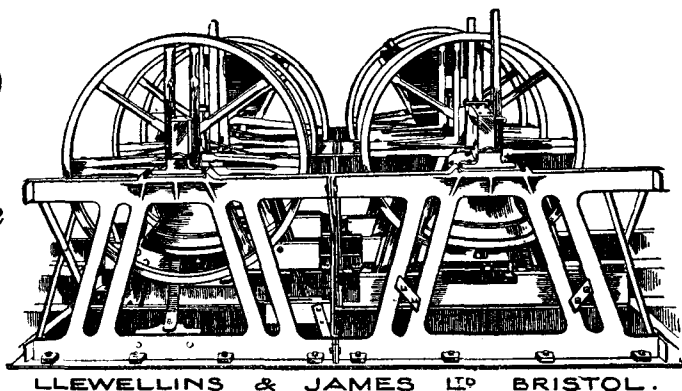
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The annual festival of the above Guild was held at Chipping Norton on Saturday, July 27th. The proceedings were fortunately favoured with fine weather, a fact which greatly added to the pleasure of those who took part in this interesting event. It is fifteen years since the annual festival was last held in the town, and the visit this year might be considered not only an honour to the local deanery branch, but also to the town of Chipping Norton, and the welcome extended to the members was a cordial one in every respect. There was a large attendance of members from various parishes in the diocese.

A special service was held in the parish church, when the sermon was preached by the Bishop of Oxford. There was a large body of ringers present. At the conclusion of the service the Bishop proceeded to the porch, where he shook hands with every member of the Guild, and wished him good speed in his work.

The annual business meeting was held after the service, in the parish room, the respected Master of the Guild, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, presiding, supported by the deputy-Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis (hon. secretary and treasurer), and Mr. A. E. Reeves (assistant-secretary). Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from the Archdeacon of Oxford and several other clergymen. The minutes of the last general meeting and committee meeting having been read and confirmed, the business of the election of officers was proceeded with.

The Chairman said he did not suppose it would do for him to pose as a specimen of senile decay, but they would all recognise he had not now the strength he once had, and he was afraid he never would recover it. Under these circumstances of course it did not become him to ask men to stand in for peals with him, because he never knew whether he would be able to go through with them, so his services, if they did him the honour of re-electing him to the post he now held, would be very limited. Although he could no longer take such an active part in conducting peals, a great many younger men were coming on successfully, the result being that in the first half of the past year as many as fifty-nine peals had been rung in their Guild, which was a larger number than the average peals rung in a whole year previously.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn moved the re-election of the Rev. F. E. Robinson as Master, and the resolution was carried with enthusiasm, all present standing to show their appreciation of the worthy Master. In returning thanks the Rev. F. E. Robinson proposed the re-election of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn as deputy-Master of the Guild. He said he was greatly indebted to Mr. Jenkyn for the great assistance he had rendered. Through his efforts either the one or the other had attended every branch meeting throughout the diocese during the past year. The deputy-Master, in returning thanks, expressed his pleasure in accepting office for two reasons. First, because he was only too glad to do anything in his power to assist their worthy and respected Master, and secondly,

because he was doing something for them as members of the Guild.

On the proposition of Mr. J. F. Barlow, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. A. E. Reeves was re-appointed assistant-secretary. The committee were re-appointed, with the exception of the Rev. W. Collingwood Carter, elected in the place of the Rev. Canon Blagdon.

Mr. Barlow moved that an alteration should be made in rule xiii., viz.: to strike out the words "time and place to be fixed by the committee," and substitute "place to be fixed by the members in general meeting assembled," the rest of the rule to run "but the time and arrangements for a service in church shall be left in the hands of the committee." The Rev. W. J. Palmer seconded.

Mr. Wright hoped Mr. Barlow's proposition would not be passed. When they considered they had 1500 members, and that the attendance at the annual guild meeting was never more than 200, they could not claim that the guild would settle things under those conditions. The committee at present numbered forty-seven members, which included representatives of each branch. Surely this committee was qualified to decide the place of meeting.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis said the custom had always been to select the place of meeting at the annual meeting, even although the rule did not strictly rule thus. Mr. Barlow's motion was passed by a large majority. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Wantage.

The recommendation of the committee to make a grant of £3 to Loughton tower was agreed to; the question of a similar grant to Woodeaton was deferred. A new rule was added as follows: "Notices of motion must reach the hon. secretary for guild meetings at least ten days, and for the annual festival at least twenty-eight days, before the date of meeting." Other slight alterations to the rules were agreed upon.

The hon. secretary presented the financial statement, which showed a balance in hand at the present time of £22 7s. 6d., which by the end of the present year it was anticipated would reach £32. This was slightly less than the amount with which the present year was commenced.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, the Dean of Windsor and the Dean of Christchurch were added to the list of vice-Presidents.

The dinner was held subsequently at the town hall. The Mayor of Chipping Norton presided. He proposed "The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers." Not knowing anything of ringing, he would not in his remarks make any attempt at using technical terms such as "grandsire or superlative surprises." Until recently he was quite innocent of the existence of the Guild, and had merely arrived at the conclusion that the bells were

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rung by a band of enthusiastic gentlemen whose inclinations led them that way. He was pleased to find things on a much more substantial basis. Their Guild had long passed the stage of an untried society. It was established, he found, in 1881, with a membership of 314. At the end of 1908 they possessed a membership of 1815; he was sure this was something to be proud of. In the year 1881 only two peals were rung; in 1908 eighty-three peals had been accomplished. In passing, it would not be out of place to mention the objects of the Guild. The first was the recognition of the true position of ringers as church officers. Personally, he thought they were important officers, and performed a useful service. The second object of the Guild was to cultivate the art of change-ringing. With regard to this he might say if a thing was worth doing at all it was worth doing well. The third object was the reform of the belfry. He could not help, as he looked round the room, thinking that this object had been attained by the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The unseemly scenes of past years had now passed away. The ringers were well in touch with the clergy, and the clergy with the belfry. He would certainly like to become an hon. member of the Chipping Norton branch. He was indebted to the secretary of that branch for the information which had been kindly given him. With regard to their officers they were in the fortunate position of having the Bishop of Oxford as their president, and their worthy Master the Rev. F. E. Robinson. Mr. Barlow had lent him a little work by their Master, "Among the Bells," which was a work full of interest. He coupled with the toast the name of their respected Master.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson, in response, thanked them for the kind way in which his name had been mentioned, and for re-electing him as Master of the Guild. The new members elected in their branch that day brought up their membership to 1900, and he believed they were at the present time the largest society except one. Let them try to do still better, and all work heartily together for the prosperity of the Guild.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge said they had all enjoyed the privilege of coming to Chipping Norton, having a beautiful church to worship in, listening to the annual sermon, and joining in the service of prayer and praise. He congratulated the Vicar of Chipping Norton that they were summoned by that old Bidding Prayer which was read before the sermon, and which was familiar to many of them in their undergraduate days at Oxford. He wished to thank the Vicar for welcoming them to the town, also the choir and organist, not forgetting the organ-blower. He thanked also the churchwardens, who had such a beautiful fabric under their care in such beautiful preservation. When he saw magnificent churches, organs, and peals of bells, he sometimes questioned how much the churchwardens realised the value of these two great musical instruments in their church. He was sometimes inclined to ask the question—Did they take as great care of the peal of bells as of the organ? Church bells were heard much farther than the organ, and being of such intrinsic and moral value to the inhabitants it was essential that an infinite amount of care and trouble should be expended on what he considered was a most valuable asset in Church work. On behalf of the Guild he thanked the Vicar for his kindness in providing the service, the churchwardens for the seating arrangements, the choir and organist for their services, and the visitors who had graced the proceedings with their presence that day.

The Rev. G. A. Littledale, in responding, said he would

like to thank the Guild especially for coming to this north-west corner of the diocese for their annual gathering. Here in Chipping Norton they were rather out of touch with the great centres of Church life in this interesting diocese, and he could assure them it appealed to them very much, and did them more good than they perhaps realised when they had the sympathy shown by the presence of such an important body as the members of the Guild. Therefore he hoped that if they found this place a little bit out of the way, they would not feel that their time had been in any way lost or thrown away. Their visit inspired them in a variety of ways. With regard to the remarks of the last speaker as to the care of the bells, they all knew that in Chipping Norton up aloft in the steeple they were all in perfect order, whilst at the east end their organ happened to be practically breaking down. He only wished he had the opportunity of appealing to an Oxford diocesan guild of organists. In spite of what the Guild had done for Chipping Norton, they had never contributed towards the bells, and they were proud to remember that they had sufficient local support to enable them to realise the £400 necessary for recasting and rehanging the bells without appealing to the Guild. If they did not give cash they gave character, and made them do what they never would have done without the sympathy and support of the Guild. He would like to add that the Bishop was extremely sorry he had to go away after service at church. They were very grateful to him, not only for his kind words in the pulpit, but also his very strong evidence of sympathy in the porch.

Mr. Donnelly also returned thanks on behalf of the churchwardens. He said that his senior colleague, Mr. Rawlinson, should be there to respond to such remarks. The parish was immensely indebted to Mr. Rawlinson, and no words could describe what the church owed to him. Personally he was pleased to do anything to uphold the cause of the Church.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis proposed the health of the chairman. He said it was always a pleasure to unite Church and State. The members of the Guild were, he knew, pleased to come to Chipping Norton. The first time they visited it was 1894. He thanked the Mayor for his attendance. The Mayor replied.

During the day the tower at Chipping Norton was in full use, and various bands took part in short touches on the excellent bells. Other towers in the neighbourhood were also open for the occasion, including Enstone, Great Tew, Great Rollright, Hook Norton, Chadlington, Spelsbury, Charlbury, Shipton, and Churchill.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

RUGBY.—On the 19th inst., 672 Superlative Surprise Major, in 29 mins. W. Malins, S. C. Small, H. O. White, J. B. Fenton conductor, C. W. Wheeler, G. W. Murray, W. Fisher, F. Sear. First touch in the method on the bells, and first touch by all except the ringers of the 4th and 7th.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Tuesday, August 17th, at the residence of Mr. R. K. Knight, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (lapped) on handbells. Mrs. J. K. Knight, R. Maynard, jun., composer and conductor, Mrs. F. A. Maynard, R. K. Knight, Miss M. Hill. Miss Mona Hill, aged 15, is the daughter of the Rev. Oscar Hill, Rector of Gundy, N.S.W., Australia.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham district was held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 24th. Ringing commenced about 3.30, and the bells were kept busily going in various methods. Divine service was held in the church at 5.30 p.m., to which about sixty attended, including the Rev. L. A. Williams, Vicar of Farningham, and an hon. member. The prayers and lesson were read by the Rev. H. F. Wigram (curate), and an interesting and instructive address was delivered by the Rev. M. C. Elphinstone (Vicar), both hon. members.

After the service the members adjourned to the Institute where a sumptuous tea was provided by the Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Elphinstone, to which about seventy sat down. This was to have been partaken of in the vicarage garden, but owing to the downpour of rain early in the afternoon, it was thought advisable to be under cover. They were here joined by another hon. member, E. D. Till, esq., of Eynsford Priory, who was very instrumental in obtaining the two trebles to complete the octave.

The business meeting was held in the garden, the Vicar presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. Messrs. F. A. Smetham (Chislehurst), F. Gates (Eynsford), and J. Austin (Farningham), were elected members.

St. Nicholas, Deptford, was selected as the place of the annual district meeting on the last Saturday in October.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and Mrs. Elphinstone for providing such a splendid tea, and to the Vicar for his address and the use of the bells.

The Vicar in reply said it had been a great pleasure to meet them, and he hoped all had enjoyed themselves.

The tower was again visited till 9 p.m.; also several visited Farningham, which had been placed at their disposal, and thus ended a very pleasant and successful meeting.

Once more it is a pleasure to record a very enjoyable three days' ringing by a few cycling members of the above Association. Leaving London on Saturday morning, July 21st, the party met at Goudhurst, where a peal of Double Norwich had to be abandoned owing to the bad "go" of the 7th. However, two courses in the same method, and three of Stedman Triples were successfully brought round. After a satisfactory visit to a local tea-shop, a ramble through the village (made all the more enjoyable by the attentions of some of the party bestowed on a well-stocked fruit garden) was indulged in before retiring to our respective abodes for the night.

Sunday morning, after 7 o'clock breakfast, found us on the road to St. Mary's church, Horsmonden (6 bells), where a capital 720 and 240 Kent Treble Bob was rung for morning service. After puncture troubles were effected, we were soon making tracks for Biddenden, where a first-rate lunch was prepared and enjoyed, and after receiving a hearty welcome from the local ringers, well-struck Double Norwich and Stedman Triples were rung for afternoon service, but the general opinion was that it would not be an ideal place for a long peal attempt. After a very pleasant ride we found ourselves at St. Mary's, Frittenden, a light musical ring of eight. Here Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Bob Major and Stedman Triples were recorded for evening service, one of the local band ringing his first touch, and with every assurance from the resident ringers to push along with change-ringing. We were all quite ready for the splendid tea arranged for us. We then returned to Biddenden, where we stabled our old

iron friends, and spent the evening in a stroll through the neighbouring woods, previous to partaking of a substantial supper prepared by our host, during which we were duly visited by one of His Majesty's representatives, who after being satisfied that we came within the meaning of the Act, departed, and left us in peace.

Monday morning we had a spin of sixteen miles to St. Mary's, Rolvenden, where a peal of Double Norwich was successfully brought round, and which has been duly recorded in the proper place. We then made our last outward trip, viz., St. George's, Benenden, which contains a very fine peal of eight, but which were soon found unpealable, the four courses of Double Norwich which was rung being quite sufficient to satisfy all our ambition, especially when we began to think of the sixty miles between us and home. With the exception of the writer (who gave it best at Sevenoaks), the remainder reached their respective destinations safely, after having spent a real good time, and they hereby tender their very best thanks to the clergy of the various churches for kindly granting them the use of the bells, and to all the members of the Exercise who so kindly helped to make the short visit such a success.

The following took part in the several touches recorded: Messrs. J. E. Davis, T. Groombridge, sen., W. Hewett, H. J. Blackwell, I. Emery, E. C. Lambert, E. Lambert, W. H. Lambert, F. Butcher, C. Tribe, F. Burden, and Chas. J. North.

We regret to hear that Mr. John Basden, Master of the Middlesex Association, and a member of many other ringing societies is, after a long and exhausting illness, in a condition calling for the sympathy of his ringing brethren. He is absolutely unable to obtain any kind of medical or other sustenance necessary to him. His friends therefore appeal to the Exercise on his behalf. He is highly respected by all who know him. It is hoped that some immediate relief may be obtained before he is beyond need of it. Mr. J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, Bucks., a life-long friend of John Basden, will be glad to receive any sums sent in response to this appeal. It is hoped that his many friends will rally to his help without delay.

LATE NOTICE.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—ASHFORD DISTRICT.—The Annual Meeting of the above will be held at Hythe on Saturday next, August 28th. The bells will be available at 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided at The Wilberforce Temperance hotel at 1s. each for all those who require the same, by notifying me on or before Tuesday, August 24th. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea. A travelling allowance of one penny per mile for single journey (maximum two shillings) will be paid to each member attending the business meeting. C. TRIBE, Hon. Dis. Sec. British School Villas, Tenterden

HALE, NEAR LIVERPOOL.—On June 28th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Young, H. Ashton, F. Woodward, W. Woodward, F. J. Hancock conductor, J. Houghton.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, August 8th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Withers, C. F. Johnston conductor, J. Withers, J. E. Groves, J. Dowler, E. Wellington, H. Withers, W. Palmer.

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A WEEK END

IN SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE & NORTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday and Sunday, July 3rd and 4th, what proved a very enjoyable though short outing took place as above. Proceedings commenced with a peal of Double Norwich at Hallow on Saturday evening, which was duly recorded in its proper place. Afterwards lodgings were visited and cycles stored, some partaking of tea, others having other inclination, the day winding up about 10.30 with a good example from the shepherd of the flock. Ordinary means of a bath not being forthcoming, and the river too far away, the somewhat novel method of pump, bucket, and willing hands were utilised. "Another bucketful, Jim?" "Another? No thank you." Breakfast early next morning, and a six o'clock meet at the Cathedral gates, where ten men turned up, three having cycled from Selly Oak and Northfield, twenty-two miles, the eleventh man being handicapped five minutes. A very pleasant run of fifty minutes brought the party to Ripple, where a good ring of six was found, Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor being indulged in, short touches being the order of the day. The Vicar very kindly offered light refreshment, which was gratefully accepted. The interior of this fine old church with its misere stalls was greatly admired. Gloucester was the next order, and at 10 a.m. the journey was continued in ideal weather, a halt being made at Tewkesbury to arrange for dinner on the return journey. Arriving at Gloucester they were welcomed by the St. Michael's company. Here a course of Superlative, four courses of Forward Royal and two courses of Stedman Caters were rung. After a few minutes' chat the return journey was commenced, Tewkesbury being reached at 12.15, where dinner was partaken of. A strange stillness took place of the usual chatter, all being bent upon putting a greater distance between the front and back of waistcoats. One o'clock saw the party at the Abbey, two more friends joining them. This very fine ring of eight being raised and admired, two courses of Stedman Triples and a course of London Surprise was rung, probably the first London on the bells. Time pressing, the bells were lowered, and Bushley, the next place of call, was reached. Here a light ring of six was found and touches of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Bob Minor was rung. Then on to Longdon, where Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Double Court was indulged in. The Vicar very kindly entertained the party to tea, which was much appreciated. Another spin of three miles brought the party to Upton-on-Severn, Cambridge and London Surprise and Double Norwich being rung, being the first in all methods on the bells. This completed the ringing, and tracks were made for Worcester, which was reached at 7.15. It was agreed that the outing had been a very enjoyable one. The various good-byes having been said tracks were made for home, the long distance men still having some twenty-two miles to travel, making for them about 105 miles in the day. It was commented upon as being very usual to see a band of London Surprise ringers out cycling, especially in this neighbourhood. The company consisted of J. H. Shepherd, Wolverhampton; R. Matthews and C. F. White, Stourbridge; F. Withers and J. Withers, Northfield; J. R. Newman, W. Page, G. Checketts, Worcester; H. Street, S. Jessop, Birmingham; W. Short, Clent; J. Dowler and H. G. Witty, Selly Oak.

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SOCIETY, LEYTONSTONE.

July 10th and 11th was fixed for the above company's annual outing, and on that date nine met at Liverpool Street (including Mr. T. Faulkner, of Barking, and Mr. G. Cornell, of Wanstead), ready to start by the 5.5 a.m. train en route for Eye, Suffolk. The weather was anything but cheerful, but armed with overcoats, umbrellas, etc., we meant having a good time if possible. Once in the train London was soon left behind, and we were enjoying the green fields, which we seldom get the chance to look at, and different ones of our company pointed out the old church towers in which they at some time have been ringing. Time soon passed away, and at 8 o'clock we arrived at Eye, and waiting to greet us was Mr. F. Day, who conducted us to our headquarters—The Cherry Tree hotel. Our host, Mr. C. Hayward, having breakfast ready for us, we soon put our usual foundation, to start on our day's ringing. Punctual at 8.45 a.m. we were seated in a good pair-horse brake, and with Mr. G. Day as pilot, we commenced on our journey round. A pleasant drive of three miles brought us to Palgrave, where we were glad to see Mr. C. More had everything ready to ring on a nice little ring of eight, tenor just under 8 cwt. Very soon "go, Superlative" was called, but things soon went wrong, and Mr. C. More was asked to take the treble, which he did, and a good touch was brought round. While the ringing was in progress, Mr. J. Souter, of Diss, put in an appearance, and after a few kindly greetings at meeting old friends, he took a rope and some touches of Bob Major and Stedman were tapped off. This over we called for a few minutes at The Swan inn (Mr. C. More being the proprietor), for light refreshment. Then good-bye to old friends, and we were on our way to Redgrave. We soon obtained the key to the belfry (one which not be carried away without knowing it), and having raised the bells (a handy ring of six), "go, Chelsea Surprise" was called, but sad to relate, all well went till into the last course, when a slight trip occurred, and Chelsea was doomed. While this was in progress some of the company viewed the ancient monuments and interesting relics of by-gone days, of which this old church is particularly rich with. A good 720 of Wells was rung, then a touch of Treble Bob, and then it was time to be on the move again. Rickingham was next on the list, reaching there at 12.30 p.m. We found that host Bryant, of The White Horse, had dinner ready for us in the real Suffolk style, and needless to say our appetites had by this time got into such fine trim that ample justice was done to the roast meat provided for us. This over we made tracks for the parish church, where we were met by the Rev. C. F. Blyth, M.A., himself a good ringer, who soon invited us to try his handy ring of six, recently rehung, and a 720 of Lincoln Surprise was rung. Here we were joined by Mr. T. Fitzjohn and Mr. W. Radley, who had cycled over from Thetford, and remained with us till Sunday afternoon, when touches of Treble Bob were rung in which the rev. gentleman took part. Then a little friendly chat, and Mr. Doran bade his last good-bye to one of his old ringing friends of forty years ago. By this time we were ready to start again, Gillingham being next on the list. The Rev. D. Bennett met us, and invited us to try his grand ring of six, tenor 18 cwt. Here the services of the bellhanger are greatly needed, and it was thought advisable not to try a 720 here, so 240 of York Surprise was rung and sounded well on these grand old bells, and a short touch of Plain Bob.

Our next place was Wickham Skeith, where we reached in time to partake of tea, provided by Mr. Baker, of The Swan hotel. This over, we made tracks for the parish church through wet meadows, which would have been very enjoyable had the sun chosen to shine on us. Here was Mr. G. Kemp, of the local company, and the bells, a peal of six, ready for us, and soon a 720 of Surprise was rung. Touches of Treble Bob brought the ringing here to a close, and in the meantime the Vicar, the Rev. T. Closs, M.A., had arrived. He said how pleased he was to hear us ringing, and hoped at some future date we should be paying another visit. Time on these occasions flies far too quick, and we soon had to depart from newly-made friends; this time it was Yaxley, which was the last on the list for Saturday. Arriving there we were kindly received by the Vicar, the Rev. C. Bernard Nash, M.A., who soon shewed us to his belfry, where hangs another handy ring of six. Once inside they were soon going to that musical method, York Surprise, and a good 720 was rung. A touch or two of Treble Bob with some of the

local men in, then some of our band tried their hands at falling the bells in peal; sorry to say there was room for improvement in that direction. A pleasant drive of three miles brought us to headquarters in schedule time, 9 o'clock. A pleasant hour was spent with the local ringers in handbell ringing and talking, which brought supper time, and then we retired for the night.

Sunday saw us early astir, and we were enjoying a quiet walk round before breakfast, which was ready for us at 7.30 a.m. This over we were once more seated in our brake for a seven-mile to Stradbroke. This old country village possesses a beautiful church and a lofty tower, which contains a peal of eight bells, tenor about 24 cwt. Some of our older brethren experienced some difficulty in reaching the ringing-room, which is a long way up, and had to take a rest before having a pull. The bells go rather heavily, but some good touches of Double Norwich, Grandsire, and Stedman was rung. On our way back we called at the old church of Horham, which in a way is very interesting. We were met by the Rector, the Rev. J. E. Soden, who expressed his pleasure at meeting us, and invited us to try his ring of eight bells. These bells are believed to be the oldest ring of eight in the county, and hang in a peculiar manner, namely, 1, 5, 6, 4, 3, 2, 7, 8. After ringing a few rounds, "go, Superlative" was called, and this is believed to be the first touch of Surprise on the bells. After this several touches of Treble Bob were rung till it was time to return for dinner. Dinner over we were invited by Mr. Day to look round his premises, and before leaving we sampled some of Mr. Day's home-brewed beer and cider, which was greatly appreciated by all. And now for our last pull of the tour. The beautiful peal of bells in the grand old church of SS. Peter and Paul, Eye, had been placed at our disposal during the afternoon through the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. J. F. S. Pritchett, and soon we were climbing the lofty tower. A course of Double Norwich was first rung with Messrs. Fitzjohn and Radley, who had to leave us to start on their wet journey to Thetford. Then 448 Superlative Surprise, and a short touch of Plain Bob, brought our ringing to a successful close. We made our way back to tea, which was soon over, and we had to bid good-bye to all our friends, then started a three-mile drive through driving rain and eventually arrived at Mellis Station, wet outwardly, but inwardly we had all spent another very successful outing.

The company now wish through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank all the rev. gentlemen who so readily granted us permission to ring on their respective bells; all the local ringers who so kindly got the bells ready for us, and last but not least, to Mr. and Mrs. Hayward, of The Cherry Tree hotel, who so ably catered and looked after us during our visit. G. D.

An account of the touches rung will be found in their proper place.

EAST GRINSTEAD (Sussex).—On Sunday, July 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. S. Huggett, E. Bish, J. Wren, H. Bish, H. C. Castle, A. Gravett conductor, J. Parsons, F. Day.

GESTINGTHORPE.—Recently, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Turner, H. Cansell, A. Catterwell, O. Boyd, W. Nice, G. Pannell conductor.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—Recently, for morning service, 672 Bob Major. A. Symonds conductor, O. Boyd, A. Cattermole, J. Poulson, H. Smith, T. Garrod, F. Fryke, G. Pannell.

OSSETT (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, July 25th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, seventy leads of Bob Minor, with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. G. Crawshaw, for thirty years a ringer at the above church, who died in his 70th year. W. Illingworth, F. Sykes, A. Audsley, J. R. Wilby, E. Marsden, J. Bennett, F. Cole, H. Gee.

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

NEW STEDMAN.

SIR,—The above name, as suggested by Mr. John Carter, seems better than any of our other suggestions for describing Mr. Law James' adaptation of Stedman Triples to higher methods. Those who admire it can say that new means improved; while those who prefer can still keep to the old way.

I am afraid—owing to illness, which is but slowly departing—I did not express my former request to Mr. Law James properly. As Grandsire Doubles admits of various callings, all of which have been shown diagrammatically by Jasper Snowdon to make the six-score, would he not give us the different ways in which "New Stedman" may similarly be called? Or can there be no alteration from the six-score as Stedman left it?

With regard to Mr. Roberts' doubt as to whether Stedman or Grandsire is the older, I have not any of my books at hand, but to the best of my recollection Stedman is the older: at any rate it has more affinity with the older methods, especially looked at from Mr. Law James' new standpoint. Therefore I think that historically, his contention is the more correct. Grandsire, I take it, was a development from Stedman in the pursuit of what we now consider to be simplicity. H. DRAKE.

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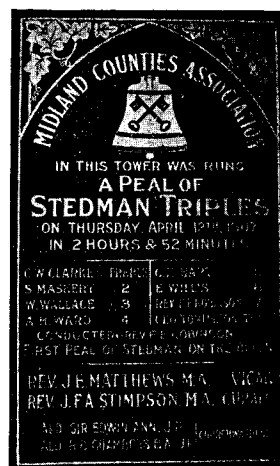
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 1909.

THE PROPOSED LARGE HOUR BELL FOR TRURO CATHEDRAL.

Our correspondent, "Old Ringer," who has so worthily interested himself in the Truro Cathedral bells, sends the following letter for publication:—

"SIR,—There is a slight error in your leader in yesterday's issue. Mrs. Hawkins's generous benefaction was confined to the completion of western towers and spires, and the new choir school. When it was proved that a peal of bells could be hung (for which I may take some credit), nine out of ten were promised by individuals, whereupon Mrs. Hawkins gave the 35 cwt. tenor. There is at present no fund in hand to provide for the great bell of five-and-three-quarter tons. But I am assured that if the Cathedral Chapter will only provide room to hoist it up, the money will soon be forthcoming. I understand the Building Committee, after their twenty-five years' labour, were never consulted about the western towers or the choir school; nor called together for two years! it is said because they disapproved of site chosen for the school by the Chapter, where it obstructs the only side of the Cathedral which afforded a good view of it; and which also is very low ground. "OLD RINGER."

This letter makes the way clearer for the Chapter. All they have to do is to signify their desire for the great hour bell, and money for it will flow in immediately.

WILLIAM PYE.—We have a letter for you. Send your address and it shall be forwarded.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION.

A delightful afternoon was spent at Alfriston on July 24th last, when about thirty members turned up for the first quarterly meeting in this division.

The following parishes were represented: Boughton, Burgess Hill, St. Leonard's-on-sea, Blacklands (Hastings), Fastbourne (Christ Church), Waldron, Uckfield, Southover, Mayfield, Hellingly, Heathfield and Seaford.

The Vicar of Alfriston, (Rev. R. Doughty) and Messrs. Marchant and Wood, members of the local company, were present to welcome the Association, the Vicar expressing the wish that some time or other his ringers may join the Sussex County Association.

Ringling commenced about three o'clock, and continued up till five, when shortened Evensong took place, and at which a brief but practical address was given by the Vicar.

Service over, an adjournment was made to the Cross House, where a bountiful tea was provided, which, it is needless to add, had full justice done to it. The Vicar presided, and also at the business meeting which followed.

The minutes of the previous meeting, held at Rotherfield, having been read and confirmed, it was decided to attempt the next quarterly peal (Stedman) at Eastbourne (Christ Church), Mr. J. Sharp to be the conductor.

Mr. G. Watson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, his excellent address, and his kindness in presiding over the tea and meeting. This was carried with acclamation.

The Vicar, in responding, thanked the members present for their kind vote. Although not a bellringer himself, nothing gave him greater pleasure than to hear bells well rung. The meeting then closed.

Further ringing followed the meeting, after which the bells were lowered.

During the afternoon touches in the following methods were rung: Bob Doubles and Minor; Grandsire Doubles and Minor; Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor; Stedman Doubles.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The first annual meeting of the above association was held on bank holiday, August 2nd, when ringers were present from Whittlesea, Castor, Glington, Higham Ferrers, Rushden, Finedon, Cranford, Irthlingborough, Peterborough (St. Mary's and St. John's), also Mr. Sentance (of London), formerly of Braintree. The bells of St. Mary's, Peterborough (six) were kept going continuously from 10.0 a.m. to 8.30 p.m., during which time touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford, Double Court, College Single, and Plain Bob were rung; also Grandsire and Bob Doubles.

A tea was held at The Fitzwilliam, to which twenty-one sat down, the Vicar presiding. After tea the meeting was held, when the minutes were read and adopted. Several new members were admitted. Afterwards in St. Mary's schoolroom touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Minor were rung on the handbells. It is proposed to hold the next meeting at Whittlesea on Saturday, October 23rd.

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 Thursday, August 12, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt.

HARRY BARRETT Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS 5.
THOMAS G. DEAL 2.	HARRY WARNETT 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7.
ERNEST W. MARSH 4.	† WILLIAM R. OXLEY Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal.

The Provinces.

GLASBURY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 22, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR G. ARNOLD* .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 4.
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 2.	*HUBERT SMITH 5.
LEONARD LEWIS† 3.	*LOUIS WHITMORE Tenor.

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the back six.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 31, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble.	WILLIAM ROGERS 5.
TOM TEBBUTT 2.	TOM HAYNES 6.
ARTHUR MOORE 3.	FRED HOPPER 7.
BERT SODEN 4.	FRED WILFORD Tenor.

Composed by J. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by F. WILFORD.

WOOTTON COURTENAY, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

J. DALE Treble.	B. STAVENS 4.
J. FARMER 2.	W. HOYLE 5.
J. SULLY 3.	H. MOORE Tenor.

Conducted by H. MOORE.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 2, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs. in G.

DR. J. SYMONS Treble.	*FRANCIS HALL 5.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 2.	*PETER A. HARFOOT 6.
JOHN T. DUNSTAN* 3.	*WILLIAM G. SANDERCOCK 7.
REGINALD DOBSON 4.	FRANK HOCKADAY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

*First peal. First peal on the bells. G. F. Williams, R. Dobson and F. Hockaday were elected members of the above Guild.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD*On Monday, August 2, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt 1 qr.

JOHN HALL* Treble.	REGINALD DOBSON 5.
FRANK DUNAWAY 2.	*JOHN THOMAS 6.
FRANK HOCKADAY 3.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 7.
HEBER C. HARRIS* 4.	*EDGAR HAM Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

*First peal. The above two peals are the first by the Guild in which members resident in the Diocese have taken part.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.***On Tuesday, August 3, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27½ cwt.

SAMUEL WOOD Treble.	BEN. GILL 7.
ALFRED BARNES* 2.	SAMUEL BOOTH 8.
EDWARD CASH 3.	ALBERT EDWARD WREAKS 9.
GEORGE GARNETT* 4.	ALBERT ADAMS 10.
JAMES WOOD 5.	*WILLIAM DAVIES 11.
WALTER W. WOOLSTENCROFT 6.	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

*First peal of Treble Bob Maximus.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, August 5, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

REUBEN SANDERS* Treble.	WILLIAM ROGERS 4.
ARTHUR MOORE 2.	*THOMAS LAW 5.
FRED WILFORD 3.	FRED HOPPER Tenor.

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

*First peal in seven methods.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, August 9, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK MORRIS* Treble.	FRED ABBOTT 5.
THOMAS PEERS 2.	TITUS BARLOW 6.
JOHN MOSCROP 3.	*JOHN PARKINSON 7.
RICHARD HEALD 4.	*RICHARD BARLOW Tenor.

Composed by J. ASPINWALL, and Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

*First peal.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.*On Monday, August 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

FREDERICK PRESTALL* .. Treble.	*ERNEST HERBERT 6.
HARRY WRIGHT* 2.	FRANK C. NEWMAN 7.
CYRIL HERBERT* 3.	*GEORGE ORFORD 8.
HENRY E. PARKER* 4.	THOMAS FAULKNER 9.
ROBERT CHRISTIAN 5.	HARRY HAMMOND Tenor.

Composed by JOHN P. BRADLEY, and Conducted by T. FAULKNER.

*First peal of Caters. Rung on the anniversary of His Majesty's Coronation.

PENGE, SURREY.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Tuesday, August 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs.

WILLIAM GEORGE Treble.	H. BROWN 4.
EDWIN PUBGER* 2.	EDWARD WIGG 5.
H. D. READER 3.	GEORGE WICKENS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WICKENS.

*First peal, age 63 First peal rung on the bells by an Association band since the bells were first hung in September, 1876.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.**THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.***On Friday, August 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM MAUND Treble.	†EDWARD H. JOHNSON .. 5.
STEPHEN J. HOPE 2.	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 6.
ARTHUR W. FLOWERS .. 3.	FRANK PERVIN 7.
FRANK BRASSINGTON* .. 4.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Tenor.

Conducted by J. F. SMALLWOOD.

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

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Friday, August 13, 1909, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. Treble.	THOMAS LINCOLN 5.
ERNEST W. MARSH 2.	ARTHUR EDWARDS 6.
HENRY F. COOPER 3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM* 4.	FREDERICK G. RADLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

*Fiftieth peal and first peal of Stedman. Arranged for Messrs G. F. Williams and E. W. Marsh.

THAXTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, August 14, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

HARRY BOWERS Treble.	HARRY SMITH 5.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 2.	WALTER SMITH 6.
ERNEST W. MARSH 3.	ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 7.
HARRY P. EMERY 4.	EDWARD CLAYDON Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells since being rehung.

STEBBING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, August 16, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ALFRED BAKER Treble.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 4.
EDWARD HYND* 2.	J. THOMAS BAKER 5.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 3.	EDWARD CLAYDON Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD CLAYDON.

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THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 14, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 30 cwt.

JOHN C. DICKEN Treble.	*FREDERICK WHITE 5.
HENRY HODGETTS 2.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 6.
HUBERT EDEN 3.	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE 4.	EDWARD WHITEREAD .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

*First peal in the method.

PEAL CORRECTION.—In the peal of Stedman rung at Epsom on August 7th, the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd should change places and read J. George, Treble; J. J. Lamb, 2; A. R. Macdonald, 3.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Saturday, July 3rd, Mr. James George, of Rugby, on his way to Great Yarmouth, stayed for an hour, and two short touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. W. Rowland, sen., W. Rowland, jun., W. Newman, F. Gill, A. Head, B. S. Thompson, J. George, H. F. Cooper, H. R. Rolfe. Conducted by J. George and H. F. Cooper. On Sunday, July 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. Rowland, sen., A. Speller, A. Whight, C. Waskett, H. R. Dawson, H. Richell, H. F. Cooper conductor, H. R. Rolfe. Rung after meeting short for Caters.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENTRE (Wales).—On Sunday, June 20th, for morning service at St. Peter's church, 546 Grandsire Triples. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins., taken from Holt's ten-part. On June 29th, being St. Peter's Day, a touch of 1358 Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. G. Cross, T. Page conductor, H. Page, W. Page, J. Cross, G. Wines, T. Hamlin, H. Crabbe.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

LYNTON (Devon).—On Wednesday, July 7th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. S. Laramy, Rev. C. A. Phillips, W. Richards, J. Blackmore, W. Widden, C. Widden. This is the first 720 on the bells by a local company, and represents long, steady, patient work, in spite of several losses and changes since change-ringing was first introduced by the Rector, the Rev. W. E. Cox, after the rebanging and enlargement of the bells by Mears and Stainbank in 1902. On Monday, July 12th, in honour of an American wedding, a touch of Doubles. C. Widden, Rev. C. A. Phillips, W. Richards, J. Blackmore, W. Widden, S. Laramy. On Wednesday, July 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins. S. Laramy, Rev. C. A. Phillips, W. Richards, J. Blackmore, W. Widden, C. Widden.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEE (Kent).—On Wednesday, July 28th, at the parish church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. J. Paine, W. Weatherstone conductor, G. R. Simmonds, T. Taylor, T. G. Deal, E. E. Richards, A. E. Goddard, C. A. Chappell.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON.—On Thursday, July 22nd, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. J. Routley, S. Wyatt, J. Fowler, J. Maddock, F. Sadd, P. Merson conductor, E. Wyatt, H. Reed. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells.

BURGESS HILL (Sussex).—On Sunday, June 20th, for evening service, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Honey, T. Stringer, E. Bish, A. Gravett conductor, H. Bish,

J. Parsons, H. C. Castle, F. Day. On July 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Morley, W. Ashdown, G. Hart, H. Gravett, T. Stringer, G. Tomsett conductor, A. Gravett, J. Parsons.

HERSHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, July 20th, for morning and evening service, on the occasion of the visit of Mr. Ferris Shepherd, from Ireland, to visit his three sons, 312 and 252 Stedman Triples, and 352 and 464 Bob Major. The following took part: G. Edser, sen., J. Emery, A. Woodrow, G. Woodiss, J. B. Hessey, A. F. Shepherd, W. Shepherd, F. J. Shepherd, F. Shepherd. On handbells, 168 and 252 Stedman Triples, 352 Bob Major, 504, 518 and a half peal of Grandsire Triples by Mr. Shepherd and his three sons.

GARVESTON (Norfolk).—On Thursday, July 29th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. F. Squires, S. Kiddle, H. Riddle conductor, A. Barker, H. Beckett, H. Holland. 360 Bob Minor. L. Beckett, G. Riddle, H. Riddle, A. Barker, H. Beckett, F. Squires conductor. 108 Bob Minor. F. Squires conductor, G. Riddle, H. Riddle, A. Barker, H. Beckett, H. Holland. 240 Bob Minor. L. Beckett, G. Kiddle, H. Beckett, A. Barker, F. Squires conductor, H. Holland. A course of Double Court. F. Squires, A. Barker, S. Kiddle, H. Beckett, H. Kiddle, H. Holland.

The following touches were rung by the Leytonstone Company on their annual outing to Eye and district on July 10th and 11th, 1909.

PALGRAVE.—On Saturday, July 10th, at St. Peter's church, 448 Superlative Surprise. C. More, W. Doran, S. Hayes, W. Miller conductor, S. Bird, J. Moule, T. Faulkner, H. Torble. 240 Bob Major. S. Bird, C. More, J. Souter, G. Cornell, J. Moule, G. Dawson, T. Faulkner conductor, W. Miller. And a touch of Stedman Triples.

REDGRAVE.—720 Wells Surprise. W. Doran, G. Dawson, H. Torble, S. Bird, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule. And a touch of Kent Treble Bob.

RICKINGHALL.—At St. Mary's church 720 Lincoln Surprise. T. Faulkner, G. Dawson, S. Hayes, S. Bird, W. Miller conductor, H. Torble. And touches of Treble Bob.

GISLINGHAM.—240 York Surprise. W. Doran, S. Hayes, G. Dawson, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule, H. Torble. And a touch of Plain Bob.

WICKHAM SKEITH.—720 London Surprise. J. Moule, T. Faulkner, W. Doran, G. Dawson, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule. And touches of Treble Bob.

YAXLEY.—720 York Surprise. W. Doran, S. Hayes, G. Dawson, H. Torble, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule. And touches of Treble Bob.

STRADBROKE. 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Doran conductor, H. Torble, W. Radley, G. Cornell, W. Miller, T. Fitzjohn, T. Faulkner, G. Dawson. 216 Double Norwich. W. Doran, S. Hayes, F. Day, S. Bird, W. Miller, J. Moule, T. Faulkner conductor, H. Torble. And a touch of Bob Major.

HORHAM.—448 Superlative Surprise. F. Day, W. Doran, S. Hayes, W. Miller conductor, S. Bird, T. Faulkner, J. Moule, H. Torble. This is believed to be the first Surprise on the bells. 160 Bob Major. G. Cornell, W. Radley, T. Faulkner conductor, W. Miller, T. Fitzjohn, G. Dawson, S. Bird, S. Hayes.

EYE (Suffolk).—A course of Double Norwich. W. Doran, W. Radley, T. Fitzjohn, S. Hayes, S. Bird, H. Torble, J. Moule, T. Faulkner. 448 Superlative Surprise. F. Day, W. Doran, W. Miller conductor, S. Hayes, J. Moule, H. Torble, T. Faulkner. And two courses of Bob Major.

HETHERSETT (Norfolk).—On Sunday morning, August 1st, for Divine Service, 360 and a course of Plain Bob Minor. R. Blake, G. Ringer, G. Moore, W. Graveling, A. Goodrum, F. Squires conductor, F. Yull. Tenor covering.

CHURCH BELL ROPES.—The longest peal ever rung was at Loughborough, on Easter Monday. The ropes used were made by JOHN FRITCHARD, of Loughborough, whose bell-ropes are favorites of the Exercise for their non-stretching. Soft as silk; durable as steel.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 23rd; and at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 24th; all at 8 p.m.

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

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, August 28th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, N., near Highbury Station. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.30. Tea will be provided at 6 o'clock in the Parochial Hall, Liverpool Road, at 6d. per head, to all those who notify me not later than the 25th. The business meeting will immediately follow. The tower will be again open for ringing after the business.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the South and West District will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. W. Russell), at Sunbury-on-Thames to-day, Sat., August 21st. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 6d. each in the Parish Room at 5.30. Members and friends are heartily welcomed.

H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Berkhamstead to-day, Sat., August 21st. Bells available at 4. Tea, 6d. per head, at The Temperance hotel, Castle Street, at 5.45. All members and friends welcomed.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish to-day, Sat., August 21st. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Leatherhead District.—There will be a quarterly meeting at Leatherhead to-day, Sat., August 21st, for practice in various methods. All members of the Guild are cordially invited to be at the belfry at 7.30.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the parish church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 28th. Bells (10) will be available from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Penwortham, on Saturday, August 28th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Darley Dale, near Matlock, on Saturday, August 28th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m.

A. H. WARD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the members of this Association will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, August 28th. The bells will be raised about 4.30 p.m., and it is

hoped that those members and friends who can conveniently attend, will do so.

As a preliminary announcement, members are informed that the annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, September 25th, at Hillingdon West, Uxbridge. Further particulars will be announced in due course.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch, Eastern Division.—Next quarterly meeting at New Mills on Saturday, August 28th.

REV. A. T. BEKSTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—A meeting will be held at Horsell on Saturday, August 28th. Bells available after 3 o'clock.

GEORGE EDSEY, *Dis. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.

—The August meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, August 28th. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Thornhill Arms at 7.30 p.m.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, August 28th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.

T. ROLLERSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stockbridge on Saturday, August 28th. Belfry open at 2.30. The Rector kindly invites members to tea at the rectory at 5 o'clock. I shall be obliged if members intending to be present will let me know by August 25th.

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

3, Culver Villas, Winchester.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual district meeting will be held at Borden on Saturday, September 11th. Particulars next week.

A. B. ROBSON, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Rawtenstall on Saturday, September 25th. All ringing reports up to the 30th inst. to be sent to the Ringing Secretary. All notices for any proposed alteration of rules, etc., and nominations for vice-president, ringing secretary, and two auditors, must be in the hands of the general secretary not later than Monday, September 6th. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*

4, Helena Street, Irlams O' Th' Height, Manchester.

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St. John's, Leytonstone.—This tower will be closed for ringing for a few months, owing to structural alterations to the church.

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On Thursday, July 1st, the members of St. Peter's belfry, Petersfield, Hants, paid a visit to the Rev. C. T. P. Edwards, Rector of Mottisfont. They left Petersfield at 7.10 a.m., accompanied by their captain, the Rev. H. Green. They arrived at Romsey at 9.45, where they were joined by their late captain and Mr. W. Wilkinson, of Stubbington, who was one of their number for many years. No time was lost in getting to the Abbey, and after raising the bells (and oh what a peal! well might the Komsonians be proud of them). A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung. After a good look round the famous old abbey and town, the party again took train for Mottis-

font, which was reached at 1.45, where they met with a hearty reception from the Rector's wife, and were soon seated to a splendid dinner. After full justice had been done, they found plenty to occupy their time; some indulged in a game of bowls, while others were content with looking round the beautiful grounds of the rectory. The five small bells received attention as well. After tea the party were shown over Mottisfont Abbey and grounds (by kind permission of Lady Barker Mills), a sight which proved very interesting to all. The time had now come to return home. The captain on behalf of the members thanked the Rector and Mrs. Edwards for their kindness, assuring them how heartily they had enjoyed their visit.

The Rector, in acknowledging, said if it only gave the members as much pleasure to come as it did him to have them there, he was perfectly satisfied, as he always looked forward to their visit to see so many old friends with him. After joining hands and singing Auld Lang Syne, they departed for Mottisfont station, the Rector seeing the party off. Petersfield was reached at 11.40 p.m., every one declaring it had been one of the most enjoyable outings they had ever spent.

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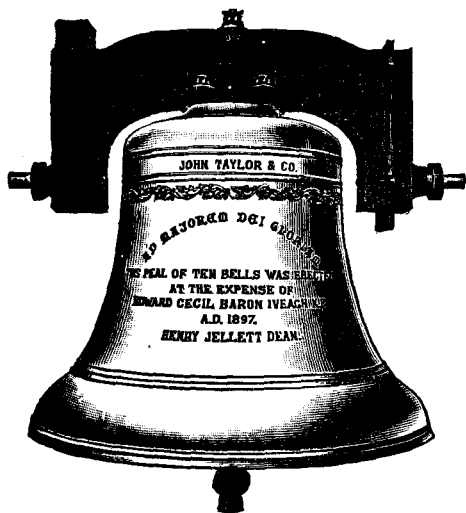
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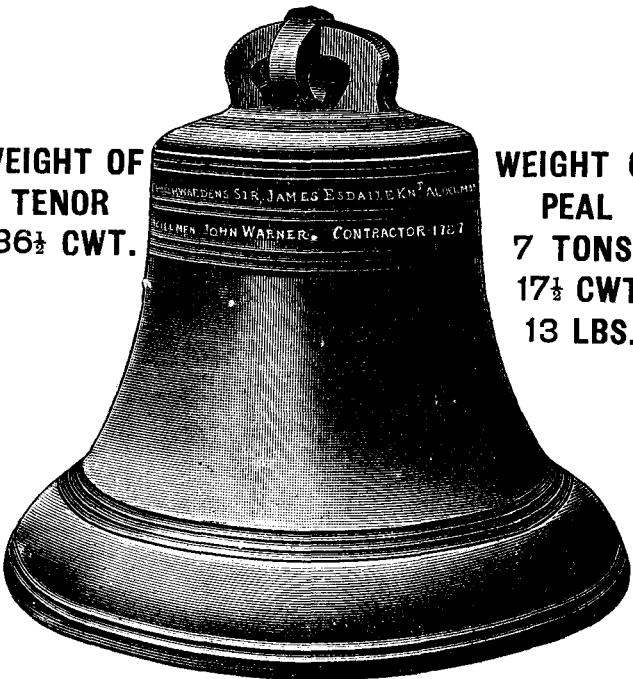
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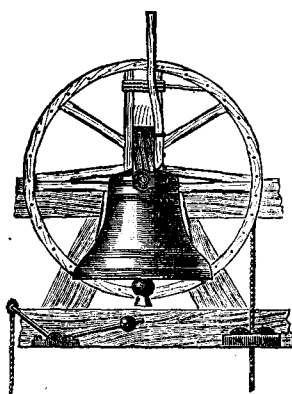
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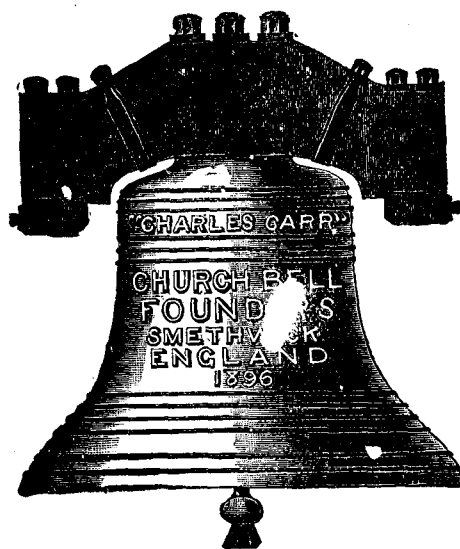
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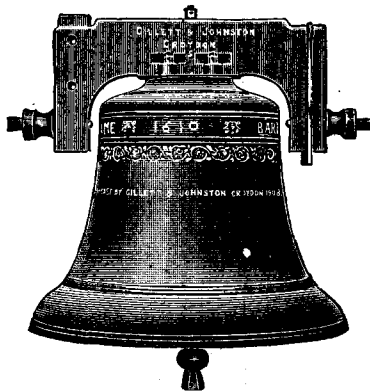
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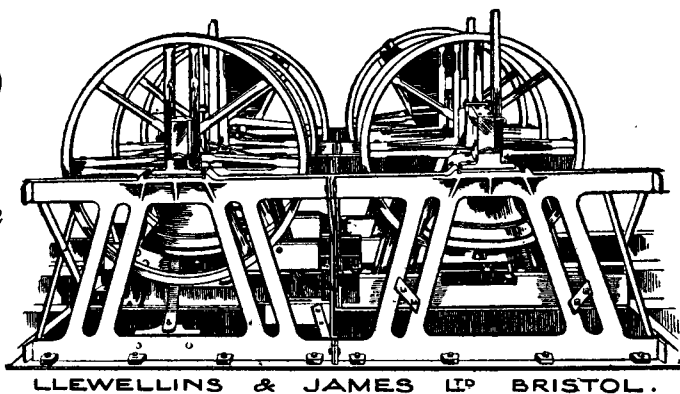
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THE OLD NORWICH RINGERS AND STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

During the early years of the eighteenth century, when change-ringing was in its infancy, and Fabian Stedman and the men before him, who saw the rise and development of the old Plain changes, but lately gathered to their fathers, there existed at Norwich the earliest of the long line of famous bands which have made ringing history. They rang at St. Peter Mancroft, then as now the principal church of the city, but not on the present glorious ring of twelve. They were cast sixty or seventy years later in 1775. Our band had the old bells to ring on—a peal of eight, tenor 23 cwt. A peal of five in the fourteenth century, they were increased to six in 1602, and to eight about 1675. Later on they were made ten, and were finally dispersed to make room for the present ring, some to the melting pot, and some to other churches, but none of the old metal is in the tower to-day. One or two notable peals were rung on this ten, including one of Court Bob and 12,603 Grandsire Caters,

The leader of this band which laid the foundations of Norwich ringing was John Garthon. Of him I have little to tell. The materials do not exist. He and his band first earned fame by ringing the first true 5000 ever rung in any method. The tablet recording this still exists, and is as follows:—

“SONANT CANORE.

“LOVE AS BRETHREN.

“May the 2d. 1715 Here was Rung by the Ringers called Norwich Scholars that most Incomparable Peal call'd Gransir Bob Triples it being the 3d whole peal that they have Rung; but the first whole Peal that ever was Rung to the truth by any Ringers whatsoever It has been Studied by the most Acute Ringers in England (but to no effect) ever since Triple Changes were first Rung: but now at last its found out to the truth By JOHN GARTHON one of the said Society and Rung by him and the rest of the Society in 3 hours 18 minutes which is about 1550 in an hour the whole Peal being 5040 Changes and not one Bell misplac'd or out of Course The Names of which Ringers are underwritten against their Respective Bells as they Rung.

“John Garthon 1st; Isaac Pearce 2d; John Briggs 3d; James Brooke 4th; Davd. Sanneville 5th; Tho: Gardiner 6th; William Dixon 7th; Robert Woodcock 8th.”

Owing to extreme age and the action of the sun this tablet and the two others that I have to refer to had some years ago become very much decayed. The wood work was rotten, and the painting likely to disappear. Mr. Bulwer interested himself in the matter, and through his influence the two tablets in the worst condition were re-

paired and repainted. Unfortunately the work was done with more zeal than discretion. No doubt to restore the old painting would have been a costly job, and perhaps the only alternatives were to let things be as they were and to repaint the board. At the best the records are preserved for many years; at the worst the antiquarian value of the tablets is gone for ever. Let us hope that it may be found possible to deal with the remaining and better-preserved tablet in a more conservative spirit.

The language of this and most of the early records sound to our ears very inflated, but we must remember that this was the style of the times. You will find the same in practically every contemporary memorial tablet.

Was the composition true? We cannot say; but as Garthon's second peal, Grandsire Triples, has survived, and is true, we may surely conclude that the first was not false. Garthon evidently was a man of no little intellectual powers. It is easy enough nowadays to compose true peals, for we have all been taught the way by the men who went before us. But it is quite another thing when you start with absolutely nobody's experience to guide you. How this composition survived, and how Jasper Snowdon discovered it and gave it again to the Exercise, you may read in his “Grandsire.” I give the wording of the tablet below, for it is interesting to compare the names with those of the men who rang in the other peals we are to deal with:—

“On the 26th of August 1718 was rung that Harmonious Peal called Grandsire Triples which have been ye study of ye most ingenious men of the Age who delight in ye art of Variations but all their proteccions have proved errors until it was understood by JOHN GARTHON who with long study and Practice have perfectly discovered those Intricate methods which were hidden from the eyes of all the ringers of England; the extent of this peal being 5040 changes have oftimes been rung with changes alike, but the first time that ever it was rung true was in three hours and a half without any changes alike or a bell out of course by these men whose names are underwritten against their bells as they rung:—

“James Brook treble; John Briggs 2nd; William Palmer 3rd; Robert Crane 4th; Henry Howard 5th; Wm. Callow 6th; Tho Melchoir 7th; Tho Barrett tenor.”

Garthon did not ring in the peal. Perhaps, as no conductor is mentioned, he sat in the tower and called from manuscript, as John Holt did later on. Perhaps he was unable to ring through illness, for very shortly after he was dead. He left a very good band behind him, and evidently his place as captain was taken by Thomas Melchoir, who rang the 7th in the peal, and may have called it. Another of the band was Robert Crane, whose two sons, or it may be younger brothers, Edward and Thomas, joined the company and became expert ringers,

The next peal on record was rung at St. Michael's Coslany, and was one of Oxford Treble Bob Major—"a remarkable peal called the Quarter Peal of Oxford Treble Bob, all eight in or the Union Bob consisting of 10,080 changes"—in 6 hours 28 minutes, on April 1st, 1727. Melchoir rang the 2nd, Edward and Robert Crane rang the 7th and tenor. Again there is no mention of a conductor. This peal was one of the very earliest, and until 1800 the longest in the method.

Having rung the three standard methods—Plain Bob, Grandsire, and Treble Bob, the Norwich men turned their attention to Stedman, and now a heated dispute arose. Edward Crane had been coming on as a ringer and composer, and now appears to have tried to supersede Melchoir as captain. The result was a split in the company, half going with Melchoir and half with Crane. Melchoir's band continued to ring at St. Peter's, Crane and his party went to St. Michael's. There were enough good ringers in the city to make up two first-class bands, and each did their level best to ring the first 5040 of Stedman Triples. The Mancroft men were the earliest to accomplish the task, but the others were not very long behind them. Each strictly maintained that they alone had really rung true Stedman Triples, and that the other peal was false, and the dispute gave rise to the following newspaper correspondence, which will be read to-day, two hundred years later, with no little interest.

The prelude is the following advertisement, which appeared in the *Norwich Gazette* for Saturday, October 31st, 1731.

"NOTWITHSTANDING the Pretensions of several ingenious Ringers in this City and elsewhere, who would bear the World in Hand that they have composed that most intricate peal of STEDMAN'S TRIPLES; this is therefore to satisfy all Lovers of that ingenious Art that Thomas Melchoir has composed it to Truth with Two Doubles, being the First that ever was composed all perfect Stedman, consisting of 5040 changes: And was rung by him and 7 more on Monday the 25th of October, 1731 at St. Peter's of Mancroft in Norwich, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes; and never a Bell out of Course, nor changes alike: by us whose names are here subscribed viz.:

"Thomas Melchoir treble; Thomas Blofield 2d; Wm. Palmer 3rd; Thomas Ather 4th; John Gardiner 5th; John Forster 6; Christopher Booty 7th; William Porter tenor.

"NOTE.—If any of the Curious be desirous, they may see the Peal at John Forster's at the sign of the Eight Bells, in St. Peter's of Mancroft aforesaid, and satisfy themselves without laying any Wager."

The "several ingenious Ringers in this City" are of course Crane and the St. Michael's band, but unless it is merely a rhetorical touch the reference to "elsewhere" seems to show that Stedman had been composed and rung on higher numbers than five in other places than Norwich. There exists no record of any peal of Triples outside Norwich till 1799, when the Junior Cumberlands rang Noonan's peal at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, but it may be that other bands found out before ringing a 5000 that composition of Stedman Triples is not so easy a thing as Crane

and Melchoir imagined it to be. The tablet in St. Peter's belfry is a repetition of the advertisement, but the poetically-inclined may enjoy the way in which Mr. William Scott did elegantly sing. The board is painted and lettered in a similar style to the two older ones, and reads as follows:—

"On the 25th of October, 1731 here was rung that Mysterious Peal called Stedman's Triples; the discovery thereof has been the Study of several Ingenious Ringers though to no effect, until this intricate Peal, which differs from all other Methods of tripples, as being every bell a like course was perfectly discovered by Tho. Melchoir who first completed the Peal of Perfect Stedman Triples with only two Doubles, and no alteration the extent being 5040 changes, was compleatly rung by us in 3 hours and 40 minutes, on which occasion Willm. Scott in his remarks upon the ringing this Peal did elegantly sing viz.:

As for the sweet and pleasant Treble she
By Melchior well was rung that bell, and called the bobs so free;
Blofield the 2nd; Palmer the 3rd did ring,
Ather rung 4th, and was not loath, but made her for to sing;
Gardener the 5th did sway, Forster the 6th did play.
The 7th round Chris Booty bound, and made her to obey;
The tenor fine and neat, brave Porter so compleat
Did ring her out and turned about that Cymbal loud and great.

The Coslany men did not at all intend to accept this defeat. They first tried to get a copy of the figures, and Thomas Crane and another were sent as a deputation to get them. Apparently Melchoir was not very willing to let them have them, for they had to stay up all night and pay half-a-crown apiece before they got their way, and then it seems that it was not the peal actually rung, but another with fourteen doubles, possibly one of the earlier attempts of Melchoir to get a true 5040. Thomas Crane and Rice Greene (another of the Coslany band) were deputed to listen to the peal, and of course they found fault with it. Crane apparently met some of the Mancroft men at the Eight Bells, and charged them with ringing only 4860 changes, which brought forth the following from Melchoir in the *Gazette* of November 20th, 1731:—

"WHEREAS Thomas Crane did assert on Saturday before last, that that Master of Art (as he pleased to call me) rung 4860 changes, and no more, on Monday, the 28th of October last, I will acquaint the World with his accurate Proceedings.

"First he placed himself in a Publick House, where People were often coming in and going out: by and by in a yard, and oftentimes walking backwards and forwards, telling the strokes of the Tenor; which is the method he took to prove the truth of our Performance, as he himself confessed before the justice. Now I appeal to the World whether or no this Man could be a proper judge of it? He also asserted that we rung but 3 Hours and a half, and likewise that we rung 180 changes too short: notwithstanding we rung 3 Hours and 40 Minutes, not only by Mr. William Riches's Watch, but by many others in St. Peter's of Mancroft in Norwich; and that the Peal contained 5040 changes, John Webster (whom they supposed to be the prompter) will firmly assert. And for the satisfaction of the Publick, I, Thomas Melchoir, who composed that most intricate peal of Stedman's Triples with two Doubles and no Alteration, and the rest of the company who compleatly rung it in the aforesaid Time, do offer a Wager, Two to One, as far as Ten Guineas go, that

Edward Crane's Peal (if it be the same they oftentimes endeavoured to ring at St. Michael's of Coslany) is not proper Stedman's Triples. Proof as before, which we will prove before any reasonable Judge; but to challenge them to ring is beneath us: for we know that if we perform our parts to Truth, we may be sworn out of it. Therefore we leave them, as false malicious Brethren, not thinking it worth our while to answer their base, scurrilous and scandalous calumnies for the Future.

"We take leave to tell the Aylesham Ringers that we do not believe that they rung 5040 changes at once pulling down, any more than they believe that we have pricked or rung Stedman's Triples; but for their further satisfaction, on the 28th December, 1719, we rung 5040 Triple changes (Two Doubles excepted) in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes, at Peter's of Mancroft. Thomas Barrett rung the 6th; Thomas Melchoir the 7th: John Webster the tenor, the other bells my Domestick Adversaries rung, who tho' now at Variance with me, yet I hope they have so much Honesty left, as to justifie me in what I here assert.

"THOMAS MELCHOIR."

Certainly this method of judging the truth of a peal is not one that we should rely much on, and it is of little value in showing whether the Mancroft peal was rung true or not. Melchoir evidently was a bit of a sporting character, and thought that when he offered to back his words to the tune of Two to One he had done more to carry conviction to the outside mind than any affidavit could do. The time the peal took to ring is remarkable. Three hours and forty minutes for a 5000 of Triples on a 23 cwt. tenor is nowadays almost an impossibility. It shews the great improvement that has taken place in hanging bells, and helps us to better estimate the value of the long lengths rung under the old conditions.

The Aylsham men do not appear to have taken up the challenge as to the truth of this peal, and whether they rang it or not I do not know. No record exists. But the Coslany men entered into the newspaper war with eagerness, and in the Gazette for December 4th the following appears:—

"WHEREAS Thomas Melchoir did assert in the News on the 27th past that Thomas Crane did place himself in a Publick House where there were People coming in and going out, this to tell him that Mr. Will. Aburu does here justifie that he was in a room of his, and that there was nobody with him all the Time of their ringing, but Two of his company, till he had proved the Truth of their Peal; But this is just like offering to swear that their Advertisement was true; but when Thomas Crane went and made Affidavit before one of our Magistrates that they rung but 4860 changes, and that we put John Webster upon his Oath, he then cunningly said it was not the peal they rung, but it was the Peal upon his Paper he would swear was true: Then we asked him why they advertised but 8 men, when he was fain to relieve the 6th man? He said they did not count the tenor man. Then why was he in the News? We asked him how many times their 5 fore bells struck together in one part of their Peal? He owned 5 times. Then how could this peal be rung true without Bells out of course? Mr. Melchoir was pleased likewise to say that the Peal we rung in St. Michael's of Coslany is not Stedman. I am very sorry he should show his Ignorance to both City and Country. I will appeal to any Man of his Art, whether or no they ever knew the

6th and 7th Bells were turned Half the Peal one way and Half the other way, as theirs now do. I must tell him that he never pricked a Peal upon 7 bells with only Two Doubles, if he had, he would have known how the great Bells should have come Home at their proper Places; and not to have taken himself to a Peal of 5 Bells, and fled to STEDMAN for assistance; because the Peal of 5 Bells will work many ways, and so will Grandsire on 5 Bells as well as Stedman. Then I pray let any man that is a judge in this Art tell me, Why Stedman on 7 bells should not work as GRANDSIRE on 7 bells, and bring their Great Bells Home at their Quarter, Half, Three Quarter, and Whole Peal's End? Likewise STEDMAN'S on 6 Bells, why they work proper, and bring their great Bells Home at their proper time? And so do other Peals on 5, 6, 7 and 8. But, alas! Mr. Melchoir, if you desire to keep to your credit you must go into St. Gregory's Churchyard, and call up John Garthan to do the work for you. Pray be not affronted because I tell you the Truth.

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(To be continued.)

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINC'S.

On Tuesday, August 24th, the Fleet ringers paid a visit to this tower with a view to ringing the first peal on the sweet-toned little ring of six bells, which were recently cast and hung there by Messrs. Taylor, and which were opened last Whit-Monday by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Unfortunately, the attempt was not crowned with success, as, after ringing two 720s each of Double Court, Double Oxford, and Oxford Bob, a trip occurred when nearly mid-way in the last 720 of Plain Bob, which, much to the regret of all, brought the ringing to a sudden conclusion. H. V. Fletcher, jun., 1, Rev. C. J. Sturton 2, H. V. Fletcher, sen., 3, A. E. Campling 4, A. J. Farr 5, J. B. Hallifax conductor. The ringers desire to thank the Rev. W. M. Benson for the use of the bells, and for providing refreshment after the attempt.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

On August 19th, an old and esteemed member of the local society was laid to rest in the cemetery. He was 74 years of age, and had rung regularly on Sundays up till five weeks of his death. As a last token of respect his brother-ringers rang 720 Bob Major, with the bells half-muffled. F. Adcock, jun., B. Hammond, C. Bloy, B. J. Whiteside, J. Wells, H. Secker, W. Miller, F. W. Adcock conductor.

VANCOUVER (British Columbia).—On Sunday, May 2nd, at the Roman Catholic church, two plain courses of Grandsire Triples. H. W. Harpur, A. C. Limpus, J. B. Cherry, R. J. Carrier, G. W. Foster, J. H. Maskell, F. M. Bressey, F. J. Cell-away. On Tuesday, May 11th, at the residence of E. J. Cashmore, on handbells, 97 Grandsire Triples. R. J. Carrier, 1-2; F. M. Bressey, 3-4; G. W. Foster (conductor), 5-6; E. J. Cashmore, 7-8. Also the same touch with A. C. Limpus 7-8. And a course of Grandsire Major by the same band. This is the first change-ringing on the eight bells in this tower.

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

THE EXTENSION OF STEDMAN FROM THE ORIGINAL SIX-SCORE.

SIR,—I have waited several weeks before writing another letter, in order that I might be able to answer several questions at once, and so save your valuable space. I turn first to Mr. Parker ("B.N." July 24th.)

If he will look at the 720 of Minor he will find the single in the middle of the six exactly as Stedman used it in Doubles, and I agree with him in thinking that to be the most desirable place, but unfortunately so far I have not been able to produce a peal of Triples with any single in 1, 2, 3, except across the parting of the sixes, and I shall be very pleased if Mr. Parker can produce one.

Mr. Parker then asks for the remaining member of the Q set, which he says is missing. It consists of the first and last rows of the six, and if made causes an immediate repeat.

Mr. Parker's objection to two kinds of bobs in the quick six are of course quite valid; but if we are to uphold that objection then we must give up the original 6-score, because it contains these two kinds of bobs, no matter what we choose to call them.

I come next to a question raised by Mr. Carter, Sir Arthur Heywood, and Mr. Trollope, and now again in your issue of August 14th by Mr. Willson, who all wish us to believe that Stedman runs in twelves. Now I have already dealt with this point in my last letter ("B.N." July 31st) beginning at "Now analyse Stedman Doubles, etc. . . . call it so or not. But it seems that people have not drawn the obvious inference from it. That what applies to Stedman must necessarily apply to Grandsire.

Grandsire Doubles runs sixty changes alternate B and P; Stedman Doubles runs sixty changes alternate Q and S. No other possible arrangement of B and P in Grandsire will give the sixty changes except this alternate arrangement, and no other arrangement of Q and S in Stedman will give the sixty changes except the same alternate arrangement.

Therefore if the alternate arrangement of Stedman is the essence of the system, it must also be the essence of Grandsire, and the sixty changes must be the plain course of Grandsire. Therefore the plain course of Grandsire Triples is eight leads alternate B and P, which is absurd.

Lastly, whatever Mr. Willson's opinions may be, or anybody else's opinions, this question is purely scientific, and is more-over scientifically correct, and Mr. Willson and others who think that it is not are in the same position exactly as the few remaining persons who still believe that the world is flat and that the sun moves across the sky,

H. LAW JAMES.

SIR,—In your issue for July 31st, the Rev. H. L. James says "In Stedman's time he don't believe the word bob was ever used at all. They used to call extreme, etc." The following quotation are culled from the pages of "Tintinnologia," printed for Fabian Stedman, A.D. 1668.

BOBS AND BOB CALLERS.

Extract from page 92, under heading Grandsire Bob on Six (Bob Minor). In ringing this peal there is a rule observed, whereby the person that does ring the quarter hunt, may give notice of the bobs before they come to be made, without which it were impossible to ring it. The rule is this, etc. And on the same page it goes on to say: "He that does ring the quarter hunt, may give notice of every bob change by saying 'bob' when the whole hunt is going to lead, which is the change next before the bob is to be made." Here Sir, we have not only bobs but bob callers clearly indicated, and so J. D. and C. M. books are hardly reliable. Extract from pages 39 and 40.

WHOLE PULLS AND HALF PULLS.

"The whole hunt is the easiest bell to ring in any changes, and the half hunt is more plain and easier to ring than an extreme bell." And on the same page it goes on to say—"Whole pulls is to ring two rounds in one change, that is fore-stroke and back-stroke, and in a change; so that every time you pull down the bells at sally, you make a new change differing from

that at the back-stroke next before; this whole-pull was altogether practised in former time, but of late there is a more quick and ready way practised, called half-pulls, which is only once round in a change, that is, one change made at the fore-stroke, and another at the back-stroke, which way is now altogether in use (unless it be at some great bells, which are too weighty to be managed up so high a compass at the back-stroke, as half-pulls requires), it being now a common thing in London to ring the 720 changes, trebles and Doubles, and Grandsire Bob, half-pulls (which is commonly rang with so round and quick a compass, that in the space of half an hour, or a little more, the 720 changes are rung out from the beginning to the end.) And also the six-scores, Doubles and Singles, Old Doubles, Grandsire, and many other cross peals on five bells, are commonly rang half-pulls."

BEGINNING OF CHANGES.

Extract from page 1. "But for the Art of Ringing it is admirable to conceive in how short a time it hath increased, that the very depth of its intricacy is found out; for within these fifty or sixty years last past changes were not known or thought possible to be rung. Then were invented the sixes, being the very foundation of the six-score; then the twenty and twenty-four, with several other changes, etc."

In reply to the Rev. H. Drake in your last issue, please let me say Grandsire Doubles was published in the year 1668, Stedman's Principle Doubles in the year 1677; but I believe Grandsire is much older than date here given.

H. DAINS.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—An acquaintance of mine who has lately called a good many touches of Stedman Triples, is contemplating an attempt for a peal, but, preferring to ring a light bell rather than the 7th, intends to take the 4th and make that bell the observation. The first blow from rounds will therefore be a bob (of the pair 3-4) and, after the final single, two extra sixes will have to be hunted before rounds come up. Having some regard for the properties I have, to the best of my ability, pointed out that the 7th is the observation, and must have its course undisturbed. I am bound to admit however that, further than this I can lay down no valid reason—no law which says clearly "this shall not be;" and when my friend claims that this peal will still be true, will still be Thurstans's or a variation thereof, and points out that in Holt's ten-part any bell may be, and frequently is, taken as a observation instead of the 2nd, and asks me why therefore this may not be in the case above stated, I feel somewhat taken down, and for want of further argument have to get quietly into my corner. It is in the hope, that you, Mr. Editor, or some other of standing in the world of Stedman, will be able to give some reason why my friend will be right in using the 4th, or that I am right in saying that the 7th only may be the observation, that I am troubling you with this letter. It will be easily seen that such a query could only come from

A COUNTRYMAN.

THE CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, WANSTEAD.

A very full programme had been arranged on the occasion of the annual outing of this Society, which took place on July 3rd. The weather from start to finish was beautifully fine, and the day an ideal one for driving in the country. Messrs. Lebbon, Squires, S. Marks, J. B. Marks, Cornell, and Bodger, representing the Wanstead ringers, together with Mr. S. Hayes, Master of one of the branches of the Essex Association, Mr. Hughes, of the firm of Mears and Stainbank, who recently undertook the repair of the Christ Church ring, and the Rev. B. H. R. Stower, formed the party. Leaving Wanstead shortly after 6 a.m. they were met at Colchester by Mr. Nevard, of Great Bentley, whose interest in ringing is too well known in Essex to need remarking upon, and who had kindly undertaken the whole organisation of the outing, and a start was made for Great Bromley, which was reached at 9.15. Here Mr. Hughes entertained the party to breakfast at the village inn. This ended, the next step was to the church, which nestling among the trees, and approached by a finely carved old lich-gate, is an extremely beautiful one. Not least interesting are three old silk hats, nailed some thirty feet from the ground in the tower, and visible from the west.

end of the church. These ancient relics were once the property of bygone ringers, who thus quaintly and impressively left these mementoes of their devotion to the church. Here there is a nice ring of six, which were soon set going, 120 Grandsire Doubles being brought round by H. Bodger, J. Marks, G. Cornell, W. J. Nevard conductor, J. B. Marks, A. Hughes; followed by 240 Kent Treble Bob. E. A. Lebbon, S. Hayes, G. Cornell, J. Marks, F. Squires, J. B. Marks conductor. Tendring, some six miles away, was the next goal, which was reached at 11.15, and after ringing 360 Bob Minor by H. Bodger, E. A. Lebbon, G. Cornell, J. Marks, F. Squires conductor, J. B. Marks. And 120 Grandsire Doubles by A. Hughes, S. Hayes, G. Cornell, J. Marks, F. Squires, J. B. Marks conductor, the party proceeded to Great Bentley. Here they found a ring of eight awaiting them, to which unfortunately they were not accustomed, but the following succeeded in ringing a course of Grandsire Triples: F. Squires, S. Hayes, G. Cornell, J. Marks, A. Hughes, W. J. Nevard, J. B. Marks E. A. Lebbon. And 720 Bob Minor. H. Bodger, S. Hayes, G. Cornell, F. Squires, J. Marks, J. B. Marks conductor. This was followed by lunch at the village inn, at which the party enjoyed the unexpected but nevertheless pleasing hospitality of Mr. Nevard. At three o'clock the brake was again under weigh for St. Osyth's, where after ringing 216 Bob Minor by H. Bodger, E. A. Lebbon, G. Cornell, J. Marks, J. B. Marks, F. Squires conductor, and a course of Oxford Treble Bob by G. Cornell, S. Hayes, J. B. Marks, J. Marks, F. Squires, W. J. Nevard, all repaired to the magnificent old Priory. There is curiously no belfry at St. Osyth's, and the ringers, but for a screen of curtains, could be seen by those in the church at work at the ropes. This is also the case at Great Bentley, with the exception that a platform has been built in the tower, and the space below utilised for a choir vestry. From St. Osyth's the homeward journey was begun by way of Thorvington. Here tea was served at the little village inn. Before adjourning Mr. Lebbon, Hon. Secretary of the Christ Church Society, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Hughes and Mr. Nevard for their quite unlooked for, but still much appreciated kindness in entertaining the party to breakfast and lunch. He especially referred to Mr. Nevard's kindness in relieving him of almost all the responsibilities in arranging the day's programme, and concluded by also thanking Mr. Hayes, whose genial presence had contributed to the pleasure of the outing, and those who, although not members of the Wanstead Society, had shewn their interest by coming.

The Rev. B. H. R. Stower in seconding the vote of thanks, which was heartily accorded, said he had much pleasure in doing so. For his part he wished to say that he needed no thanks for being present. The day had been not only a thoroughly enjoyable one to him, but also a most instructive one, and he felt particularly pleased as a new comer to the parish, to feel that he had been, not only among friends, but also church workers. He wished especially to emphasise the last point, for in the past, although he was glad to say it was many years ago, the bellringers had been overlooked in regard to the position they held in the Church, and had not been given their place as church workers. This was not the case to day. Whether they worked in the belfry or in the chancel all were churchworkers, and he felt that he was not saying more than he should when he affirmed that they, when by time their duties in the tower must cease, would follow the example of their bygone comrades of Great Bromley, and nail their hats up within the walls of the church.

The ringers then adjourned to the church, where they had the pleasure of meeting several local ringers. 120 Grandsire Doubles. G. Cornell, J. B. Marks, A. Hughes, W. J. Nevard conductor, J. Marks, F. Squires. 240 Bob Minor. H. Bodger, E. A. Lebbon, G. Cornell, J. Marks, J. B. Marks conductor, F. Squires. Courses of Cambridge Surprise by F. Squires, J. B. Marks, A. Andrews, S. Hayes, G. A. Andrews, W. J. Nevard. A course of London Surprise. F. Squires, S. Hayes, W. Lancaster, A. Andrews, G. A. Andrews, G. Lancaster. The last visit of the day was to Wivenhoe church. Here was rang touches of Grandsire Doubles by E. Lebbon, S. Hayes, G. Cornell, J. B. Marks, J. Marks, F. Squires. And 216 Kent Treble Bob. G. Cornell, S. Hayes conductor, W. J. Nevard, J. B. Marks, J. Marks, F. Squires. From Wivenhoe the brake proceeded to Colchester, which was reached at half past eight,

and Wanstead was reached a little before midnight. Our thanks are due to the various clergy and steeplekeepers whose churches were visited for allowing the use of their bells, and also to those who so kindly assisted in making the day one of the most enjoyable ever spent by the company.

TWO PEALS OF BOB MAJOR.

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5040.				6048.			
23456	W	H	M	23456	W	M	H
64325	S	-	-	64325	S	-	-
36425	-	-	-	36425	-	-	-
23465	-	-	-	23465	-	-	-
54236	-	-	-	42536	-	-	-
25436	-	-	-	53426	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-	25436	-	-	-
42635	S	-	-	32456	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-	42635	S	-	-
26435	-	-	-	63425	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-	26435	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-	32465	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-	46325	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-	34625	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-	62345	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-	36245	-	-	-
				43265	-	-	-
				64235	-	-	-
				23645	-	-	-

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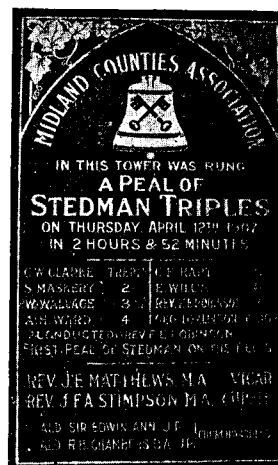
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1909.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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Conducted by FRANK SKEVINGTON.

*First peal Rang as a farewell peal for A. H. Whittington, who is leaving for Monte Carlo.

The Provinces.**CHARLWOOD, SURREY.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, July 24, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR KNAPP* Treble.	OLIVER SIPPETTS 4.
JOHN RICE 2.	FREDERICK W. RICE 5.
JOHN AKEHURST 3.	ALBERT ELLIS Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT ELLIS.

*First peal. †First peal in seven Treble Bob methods. Arthur Knapp was elected a member before starting.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, August 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

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CHARLES T. COLES 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

*First peal, aged 17 years.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, August 19, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

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CARTER'S No. 30.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

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WILLIAM H. GODDEN 3.	SAMUEL GROVE 7.
WILLIAM PALMER 4.	JAMES DOWLER Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.**THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.***On Saturday, August 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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JOSEPH H. WHITE 4.	EDWARD H. JOHNSTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

First peal of Stedman by the above Guild. First peal of Stedman Triples by Messrs. Smallwood, White, and Johnston. First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, August 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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HERBERT WILLIAMSON* 2.	*JOHN W. HARTLEY 5.
HARRY LANGLEY* 3.	REV. A. T. BREESTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

*First peal of Treble Bob. The first four methods are numbered 5, 4, 7 and 2 respectively in the Central Council's Collection of Legitimate methods.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSETSHIRE.**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, August 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS FRANCIS Treble.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 4.
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Conducted by T. FRANCIS.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, August 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Lincoln.

SHENSTONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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Conducted by the Rev. E. V. Cox.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt.

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Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 21, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE A. HAYES Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	CHARLES WILKINS .. 6.
CHARLES T. COLES 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 7½ cwt.

DUDLEY PHILLIPS* Treble.	FREDERICK DERRICK .. 4.
WILLIAM DAVIS* 2.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. 5.
THOMAS WYATT 3.	*FREDERICK HILL Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS WYATT.

*First peal. Rung in honour of the home-coming of the Rector, the Rev. W. Horne, his wife, and daughter.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHIPPING NORTON BRANCH.)

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Tenor 9 cwt.

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W. COLEMAN 2.	S. LUCKET 5.
W. LARGE 3.	W. SKELCHER Tenor.

Conducted by W. LARGE.

First peal on the bells.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE RANMOOR SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 21, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RANMOOR,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED H. WARD Treble.	MAURICE WARD 5.
JOSEPH OSGUTHORPE .. 2.	FRANCIS WARD 6.
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First peal of Oxford on the bells, and by all the band except the conductor. First peal by an entirely local band for twelve years.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.
Tenor 20 cwt.

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PEAL CORRECTION.—The ringer of the treble in the peal at Penge, reported last week, was William George, sen.

Date Touches.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

FLEET.—On Tuesday, August 3rd, at the parish church, a date touch of Minor, 1909 changes, being 720 each of Double Oxford and Double Court, 560 Oxford Bob, and 169 Plain Bob. in 1 hr. 10 mins. T. Copeland, Rev. C. J. Sturton, H. V. Fletcher, A. Campling, G. Truss, J. B. Hallifax conductor. Rung as a welcome to Dr. Frederick Sanger, on his return from China, where for the last ten years he has been working under the C.M.S. as a medical missionary.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUTTON (Yorks).—On Friday, August 13th, at the parish church, a date touch of Minor, being 460 Bob Miner, and 720 each of Oxford and Kent. T. Stockdale, C. Jackson conductor, W. H. Pasmore, J. Heckingbottom, A. E. West. L. Rodmell.

Miscellaneous.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CRANFORD (Northants).—On Friday, June 24th, for evening service, 720 Double Court. O. S. Judd, F. Lewin, J. Lewin, J. Judd, B. J. Saddington, J. Saddington conductor. On Sunday, June 26th, at 7 a.m., 720 Oxford Bob. B. J. Saddington, F. Andrew, F. Lewin, W. C. Lewis, J. Saddington, J. Lewin conductor. Also 216 Plain Bob. For evening service 720 Plain Bob. O. S. Judd, F. Lewin, J. Lewin, J. Saddington, B. J. Saddington, J. Judd conductor. And 360 Kent Treble Bob. B. Saddington, B. J. Saddington, B. Ball, J. Judd, J. Lewin, J. Saddington conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DAGENHAM (Essex).—On Sunday morning, July 4th, for Divine

Service, 720 College Single. D. Chaplin, E. Hawkins, J. Dale, A. Chaplin, G. Playle conductor, F. Freestone. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Playle, E. Hawkins, J. Dale, A. Chaplin, G. Playle, R. Miles conductor. In the afternoon for the Flower Service, 720 Plain Bob. J. Hawkins, A. Playle, E. Hawkins, G. Playle, R. Miles conductor, F. Freestone. For evening service 720 Grandsire Doubles. C. Rochester, A. Playle, E. Hawkins, R. Miles, G. Playle conductor, A. Sparrow. And 720 Plain Bob. G. Playle, A. Playle, E. Hawkins, C. Rochester, R. Miles conductor, F. Freestone. After service 720 Plain Bob. D. Chaplin, A. Playle, G. Playle, C. Rochester, A. Chaplin conductor, R. Miles. Another 720 of Plain Bob. A. Playle, C. Rochester, E. Hawkins, A. Chaplin, G. Playle conductor, F. Freestone.

NORTH WEALD (Essex).—On Wednesday, August 18th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Dagenham ringers visited this place, and rang 720 Plain Bob. A. Playle, C. Rochester, R. Miles, A. Chaplin, G. Playle conductor, F. Freestone. Another 720. D. Chaplin, A. Playle, C. Rochester, G. Playle, R. Miles conductor, F. Freestone. And touches of Double Oxford and Grandsire, finishing up with a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. A. Playle, A. Chaplin, G. Dent, F. Palmer, G. Playle conductor, R. Miles.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

LYNTON (Devon).—On Wednesday, July 7th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 25 mins. S. Laramy, Rev. C. A. Phillips, W. Richards, J. Blackmore, W. Widden, C. Widden. This is the first 720 on the bells by the local company.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EYNSFORD (Kent).—On Friday, June 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Bates, T. Booker, R. G. Dutling, I. Emery, R. Baldwin, T. Groombridge conductor. And a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Groombridge, T. Bookes, F. Gates, A. Bates, R. Baldwin, I. Emery conductor, G. Durling, W. West.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday evening, July 17th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor in 48 mins. J. Bartram, G. R. Winter, J. C. Tinker, P. Ballance, J. T. Ladd, H. Haigh conductor, H. Warburton, W. Whelpton. First quarter-peal of Major by Messrs. Whelpton, Bartram, and Ballance.

GREAT HALE.—On Sunday, August 1st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Wood, W. Lambert, F. Kettleboro, T. Wood, H. Moss, W. Keeble conductor.

EWERBY.—On Sunday evening, August 1st, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 648 Grandsire Caters. — Skinner, W. Lambert, F. R. Kettleboro, H. Moss, J. Wood, W. Keeble con— Wilson, J. Holmes, W. Dickenson, F. Warrington.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

UTTOXETER.—On Sunday evening, July 25th, after Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. S. J. Kynnersley conductor, G. Ball, H. Willisford, P. Cope, J. Richardson, C. Smith, W. Lunn, W. Walters. Rung as a tribute to the Vicar, the Rev. A. B. Parry-Evans, and as a token of the esteem and respect in which he was held by the ringers, on the occasion of his farewell, prior to his taking up the vicariate of Sittingbourne.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WITHERIDGE (Devon).—On Saturday, July 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 53 mins. H. Hobbs, C. Parkhouse, H. Holloway, T. Newbury, W. A. Hawkins, G. Sloman, G. H. Fisher conductor, J. Parkhouse. First quarter-peal on the bells.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROTHERWICK.—On Saturday, July 17th, on the occasion of the dedication of the new tenor bell 120 Grandsire Doubles. W. Duncan, F. Hansford, J. Ward, G. Gasson, E. Newell, H. White conductor. 120 Stedman Doubles. Miss A. White, F. Hansford, J. Ward, E. Newell, H. White conductor, G. Gasson.

720 Bob Minoe. Miss A. White, F. Hansford, H. White conductor, J. Ward, G. Gasson, E. Newell.

TITCHFIELD (Hants).—On Wednesday, August 5th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. C. Uridge, J. W. Whiting, G. Barton, D. Beer, E. Collins, L. H. Page conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EUSTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, July 25th, for Divine Service, 360 Grandsire Doubles. W. Lambert, W. Radley, J. Davey, G. Blatt, T. Fitzjohn conductor. After service a 240. W. Radley conductor, W. Lambert, J. Davey, T. Fitzjohn, G. Flatt. Als a 120. M. Cobb, H. Rivers, J. Davey, T. Fitzjohn, G. Flatt conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OLD WINDSOR (Berks).—On Thursday, August 12th, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Andrews, L. Stilwell, E. Harwood, T. Gosling, A. Blake conductor, W. Welling, W. Ralph. First quarter-peal as conductor.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HARPENDEN (Herts).—On Sunday, 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. C. Dellar, H. Burgess, H. Day, E. Bolton. D. Dellar, B. Jarman conductor, L. Pearce, S. Barns.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENTRE.—On Sunday evening, July 11th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 1078 Grandsire Triples. On Thursday, July 15th, for practice, 2520 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 2 mins. G. Cross, F. Page conductor, H. Page, W. Page, J. Cross, G. Wines, T. Hamlin, H. Crabbe.

BEDFORD (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, June 23rd, on the occasion of the twenty-eighth anniversary of the opening of the bells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. A. Friend, H. Chandler, G. Gladman, S. Carter, E. Gladman, T. Beadle, J. Merriek conductor, W. Watson. On Sunday, July 11th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. G. Hurst, E. Ridgley, J. Howes, A. Denford conductor, J. Lock, J. Merrick, A. Macdonald, J. Edwards.

FENTON (Staffordshire).—On Friday, July 9th, 2520 Stedman Triples. J. Woodward, A. Painter, G. Woods, F. Page, A. Shufflebotham, S. Churton conductor, C. Page, H. Austin.

HILPERTON (Wilts).—On Sunday evening, June 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 35 mins. S. J. Hector, G. H. Harding, S. Hillier conductor, W. McCaffrey. F. Green, *F. Francis. *First quarter-peal.

LONDON.—On Sunday, June 23th, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 1251 Grandsire Caters. F. Edwards, H. G. Miles conductor, J. Hayward, G. Frayne, A. Bradley, A. Bennett, A. A. Selby, W. E. Garrard, A. Harris, J. R. Mackman. On Sunday, July 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Danbney, G. Frayne, J. Hayward, A. Selby, A. Cutmore, A. F. Harris, W. E. Garrard, J. R. Mackman.

MOTTISFONT (Hants).—On Sunday, July 1st, at St. Andrew's church, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Wilkinson, A. Butler, G. Barnes, J. Arthur, W. J. Read.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Sunday, July 1st, at the Abbey church, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. Rev. C. Edwards, W. Butler, A. Butler, G. Barges, W. Wilkinson. W. J. Read conductor, J. Arthur, H. Mells.

RYE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, June 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. H. F. Cobon, W. Bennet, V. D. Laurence, C. Price, H. Welham, A. Bowell, G. Billenness conductor, F. Asbenden. Composed by G. Watson.

STONE-IN-OXNEY (Kent).—On Saturday, July 3rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Dunster, E. C. Lambert conductor, C. W. Player, A. Bowell, H. Bowell, G. Billenness. First 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor by R. Dunster.

THORVERTON (Devon).—On Tuesday, July 13th, 1008 Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. F. J. Davey conductor, H. Cory, J. A. Martin, E. J. Ridler, F. J. Milford, J. Ridler, J. Ferris, R. Ford.

Notices.

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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., August 28th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, N., near Highbury Station. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.30. Tea will be provided at 6 o'clock in the Parochial Hall. Business meeting will immediately follow. The tower will be again open for ringing after the business. T. H. TAFFENDR, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the parish church, Blackburn, to-day, Sat., August 28th. Bells (10) will be available from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Penwortham, to-day, Sat., August 28th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Darley Dale, near Matlock, to-day, Sat., August 28th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. A. H. WARD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the members of this Association will be held at Stanmore to-day, Sat., August 28th. The bells will be raised about 4.30 p.m., and it is hoped that those members and friends who can conveniently attend, will do so.

As a preliminary announcement, members are informed that the annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, September 25th, at Hillingdon West, Uxbridge. Further particulars will be announced in due course.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—A meeting will be held at Horsell to-day, Sat., August 28th. Bells available after 3 o'clock.

GEORGE EDGER, *Dis. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The August meeting will be held at Calverley to-day, Sat., August 28th. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Thornhill Arms at 7.30 p.m.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, to-day, Sat., August 28th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. T. ROLLERSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stockbridge to-day, Sat., August 28th. Belfry open at 2.30. The Rector kindly invites members to tea at the rectory at 5 o'clock.

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

3, Culver Villas, Winchester.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Hythe, to-day, Sat., August 28th. The bells will be available at 3 o'clock.

Tea will be provided at The Wilberforce Temperance hotel at 1s. each. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea. A travelling allowance of one penny per mile for single journey (maximum two shillings) will be paid to each member attending the business meeting. C. TRIBE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sberington, Bucks., on Saturday, September 4th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Christchurch District.—A meeting will be held at Lyndhurst on Saturday, September 4th. Bells available from 4 o'clock.

G. PRESTON, *Dis. Sec.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wootton Bassett on Saturday, September 4th. Bells available after 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.

G. H. HARDING, *Branch Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, September 4th. The bells will be ready at 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting after. All members, friends, and visitors will be heartily welcomed.

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

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Borden on Saturday, September 11th. The following important business will be dealt with: the election of a new district secretary, owing to my removal out of the district. The tea, for which 3d. will be charged, will be preceded by a short service in the church at 5 o'clock. Members desiring tea must let me know not later than Tuesday, September 7th. Secretaries please note my new address—

A. B. ROBSON, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

47, Kingsnorth Road, Faversham.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brierley Hill on Saturday, September 11th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5 o'clock.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, on Saturday, September 11th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. prompt. A good attendance is requested.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, September 11th, at Great Wymondley. Bells (6) ready at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. St. Ippolyts (6) will also be available in the evening.

H. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Burton, near Carnforth, on Saturday, September 11th. Meeting at 5 o'clock. Bells (6) available at any time during the day. W. ROBINSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, September 11th. Bells ready at 4.30. Members intending being present please send word to

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Bridlington on Saturday, September 18th. For particulars see Association circulars.

CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*

40, Percy Street Rotherham.

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Rawtenstall on Saturday, September 25th. All ringing reports up to the 30th inst. to be sent to the Ringing Secretary. All notices for any proposed alteration of rules, etc., and nominations for president, ringing secretary, and two auditors, must be in the hands of the general secretary not later than Monday, September 6th. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*

4, Helena Street, Islams O'rh Height, Manchester.
J. H. BANKS, *Ringing Secretary.*
462, Helmsshore Road, Helmsshore.

St. John's, Leytonstone.—This tower will be closed for ringing for a few months, owing to structural alterations to the church.

G. DAWSON.

Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham.—Notice.—The time of practice on Saturday evenings will be from 7 till 8 until further notice.

W. H. CARROD, *Hon. Sec.*

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All further subscriptions will be gratefully received by Mr. E. Rivers and Mr. F. Rolfe, Sproughton, near Ipswich.

DENTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday, August 1st, for Flower Service at St. Anne's church, 720 Duke of York. For evening service 720 Woodbine. E. Walters, E. Marshall, J. Pollett, E. Sidebotham, W. Wright, J. Heckingbottom conductor.

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On Saturday, July 17th, the ringers of St. Andrew's Church had their annual outing, the places visited being Devonport, Saltash, and Plymouth. On arriving at North Road the party made for Devonport, where a capital dinner awaited them at Mr. J. Day's Restaurant, Marlborough Street. After doing ample justice to the good things provided a move was made to the Dockyard church. After being shown over the church the belfry was visited, and some touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the fine peal of bells, after which the party took steamer from North Passage to Saltash, a trip which was much enjoyed. Some touches of Grandsire Doubles

were rung on the bells of the fine old parish church, Saltash. After a brief stay the party took train for Millbay, Plymouth, and had a capital tea at Messrs. H. Matthews and Sons, Bedford Street Restaurant, after which a move was made for the Charles church, and some touches were rung on that fine peal of ten bells. It was the general expression of the ringers that we should like to stay longer here, but as time was on the wing we had to be satisfied with short touches. The ringers wish to thank the clergy, ringers and others concerned for their kindness in granting permission for the use of the bells. At 7.10 the party left North Road Station for home, Burnham being reached soon after eleven o'clock.

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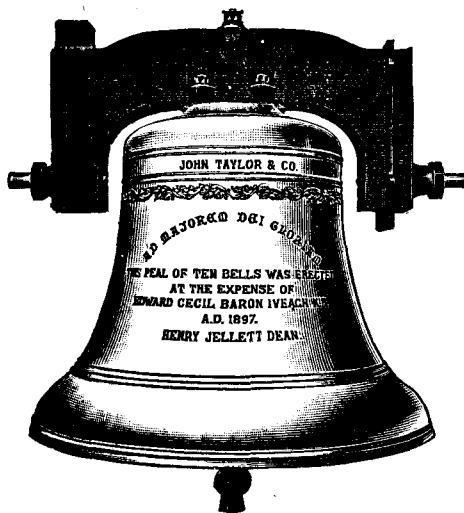
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On Saturday, July 14th, the members of St. Peter's Ringing Association, Stoke-on-Trent, had their annual outing, and went by brake to Barthomley, a pretty little village in Cheshire, about four miles from Crewe, where the Rector, the Rev. G. W. Skene, kindly gave permission for them to ring. The weather was everything that could be desired, and the drive was very much enjoyed. On arriving at the church we were met by Mr. A. Allman, the leader. The bells were soon set going to Grandsire Triples, after which Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, and Bob Major was rung, assisted by two or three of the local ringers. The bells had lately been augmented from 6 to 8 by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and the go of them was excellent. The Stoke ringers wish to thank the Rev. G. W. Skene for his kindness in allowing them the use of the bells, and also to Mr. A. Allman for having everything in readiness.

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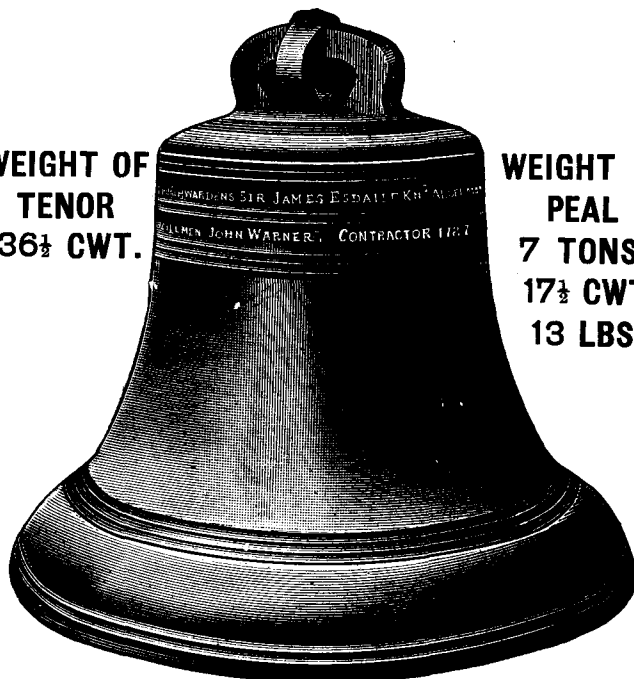
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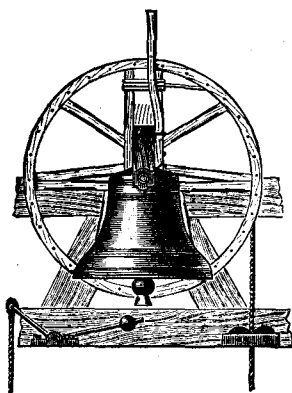
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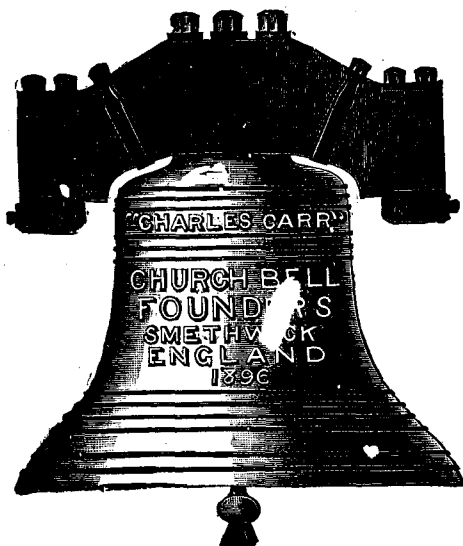
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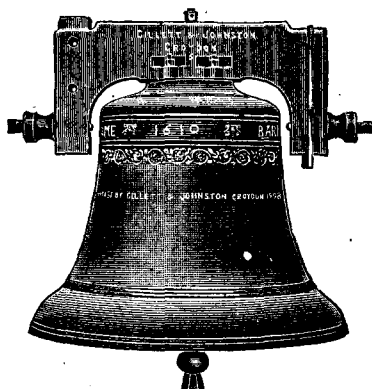
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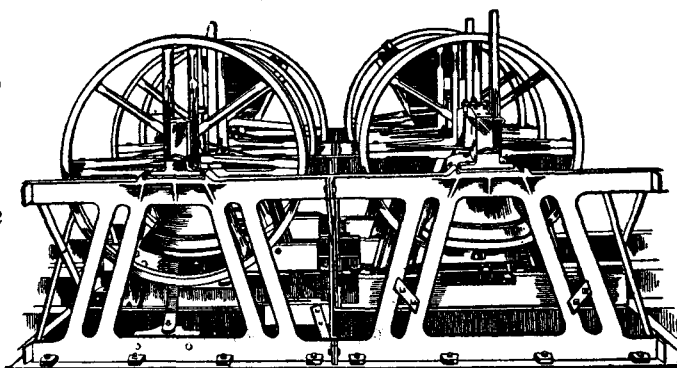
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THE OLD NORWICH RINGERS AND STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(Continued from page 327.)

We closed last week with a letter from "Edward Crane and his company."

This lets a good deal of light into the way the peal was rung. Apparently John Webster was in the tower as referee, and the 6th, rung by John Forster, the host of the Eight Bells, going bad, or the ringer being out of condition, he had to give a hand, and then when taxed with it got out of the difficulty with a quibble.

Melchoir had a pretty wit, and being rather cornered by the revelations of Crane's last letter, he forgot his lofty resolve not to "answer the base, scurrilous, and scandalous calumnies for the Future," and returned to the fray in a spirit of raillery. On Saturday, December 11th, the following appears:—

"WHEREAS Thomas Crane in the last week's Paper did pretend that Mr. Aburn would justify that he was in a Room of his all the Time that we were ringing, and that there was Nobody in the Room but Two of his company: Be it known that Mr. Aburn informed us, that at their first coming they went into the yard, where they sat and heard us ring for some Time; but finding it too cold, they went into the room; but he going in some Time after, found only One Man there: Doubtless they had no discourse, for honest Tom was so brisk in telling the strokes of the tenor, that he could hardly spare time to bid RICE GREEN go and be — because he would stay no longer. Tom methinks has an excellent Memory, and ears as long as an ass, that he could not be put out of his Reckoning by any Noise the People made by going in and out. This indeed to me seems wonderful, for I have often mistook in telling Twelve Strokes of the Clock by some Interruption or other. But Tom was earnest in proving what he knew nothing of, for whenever the landlord came in to see what he wanted, he clinched his fist, shut his Hard Mouth, and grinned at him; all this could not put infallible Tom out, but he went on telling the Strokes of the Tenor for Three Hours and a Half together, in which time he told 4860 Strokes, as he asserted. Methinks this infallible Man ought to be knighted for this grand exploit. I would almost envy his great skill in proving peals. I durst have sworn by the paper we had with us, in which were set down the bobs and their distances taken from the original, that we rung 5040 changes, and not Two Bells out of Course, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes. I think I know what I wrote; and John Webster remarkt every Bob that I called, and will take an Oath that I called every Bob neither more nor less; yet honest Tom, by his unerring Rule of telling the strokes of the tenor, has sworn that we wanted Nine Score changes. Likewise this Honest Man told John Webster 'that he never spoke that Word

his Life, but he would swear to the Truth of it.' Let this be allowed him. But alas! I am sorry for poor Ned Crane, finding him void of all knowledge of Stedman's Triples. If the peal we pricked and rung be not proper Stedman's Triples, Why does he not accept the Wager Two to One proffered in our last? I tell you, Ned, I am of Opinion, that you would rather have made your Peal without Alteration than with, had you known how. You have owned that I was the first Man that ever turned the Sixth and Seventh; but let me tell you, they are All turned as well as those, else they would not be every Bell a Course alike, which takes away all Pretension of keeping your bells as in Grandsire. If your Peal had been without alteration, we would have owned it, but as it is it must be called Ned Crane's Triples, and not Stedman's. I tell that Wise Gentleman who was your prompter, before you found that nice way of nailing your Paper against the Wall to call your bobs by (though to no effect) that if John Garthan had been alive, he would have laughed at your Ignorance, for assigning Hunts to Stedman's Triples, whereas Stedman says every bell has a Course alike.

"THOMAS MELCHOIR by the consent of his company."

The picture of Thomas Crane counting the strokes of the tenor is decidedly good. So too is the reference to calling from MS. When the Council condemned the practice some years ago there were many who said it was an innovation that the old ringers would have scorned, and here we find it done as early as 1731. Meanwhile the Coslany men had been trying hard to get this peal. After a good many failures they succeeded on December 6th, 1731. The tablet recording it is as follows:—

"In this steeple on the sixth of December 1731 Was Rung that most Incomparable as well as Intricate Peal of Stedman Tripples which has long been ye Study of many well skilled in the Art of Ringing, but without success, till Edward Crane, one of the company, with much pains and application, brought it to Perfection with two Doubles. This Peal contains 5040 Triple changes 2 Doubles only excepted, and is allowed by all judges of the Art to be the most Ingenious Peal that till now has been composed. The Bobs were called by Edward Crane before mentioned and was rung and compleated in 3 hours 18 minutes by us whose names are underwritten: Richard Barnham 1, Edward Crane 2, Jno. Harvey 3, Robt. Nockall 4, Wm. Pettinghill 5, Thos. Crane 6, Rice Greene 7, R. Crane 8."

The tenor at St. Michael's is 14 cwt. which will account for the difference between the time and that of the Mancroft peal. Although much quicker than the latter, we should think it very slow.

The peal was not rung without incident, for the Mancroft band evidently did their level best, not only to discredit the ringers, but actually to prevent their ringing, as the following from the Gazette will shew;—

"WHEREAS Mr. Melchoir did advertise on the 11th instant, by the consent of his company, a kind of Banter

upon St. Michael's company; but not one Word of Truth, unless it was that honest Tom has ears as long as an ass. Truth indeed, but it is such asses as themselves; but that is not all. Whereas on Monday the 6th of this instant December was rung at St. Michael's that ingenious Peal called Stedman's Triples, which contains 5040 changes (being the first time that ever it was rung), notwithstanding some of St. Peter's company did employ a Bell-Man to cry about the Streets the following scandalous Verses, just before we began to ring, viz. :—

This is to give Notice to all Sorts of People,
That the Ringers that practice at St. Michael's Steeple
Have craz'd their Brains, by setting forth false Pretences,
That it is to be fear'd, they have quite lost their senses,
Therefore let 'em repair to JOHN FOSTER's, and 'tis plain,
There's those that can help them to their senses again.

And a little before the peal was ended, they had the impudence to swear we should not ring it out; and so did fling stones up the Church Leads, and against the Doors, and did cause the Boys in the Street to cry Huzzas; nay, one of them was so impertinent, as to open the Window of the church to get in; but was prevented by the People that stood to hear the Peal come out, and were sent home to their Shame with bloody Noses; all this some hundreds of People saw, who stood to hear the Peal: this is good Credit for St. Peter's Ringers. Mr. Melchior was pleased to say, that the peal we rung was not Stedman Triples. I will meet him before any gentleman who is a proper judge of the Art, and belongs to neither company, and I will lay down my Peal at Length, and he shall do the same and let us dispute it out which is the properest Peal according to Stedman's own Rule on Five Bells. Mr. Melchior: You are pleased to say that in Stedman every Bell has its Course alike; but Stedman is mistaken, and so are you. These are the Names of the Men that rang the Peal on Monday the 6th instant aforesaid viz. :—

"Richard Barnham treble; Edward Crane 2nd; John Harvey 3rd; Robert Nockold 4th; William Pettingall 5th; Thomas Crane 6th; Rice Greene 7th; Robert Crane tenor."

Melchior was properly offended that any one should think his band would do such things, and replied with much scorn as follows:—

"WHEREAS Mr. Edward Crane (not Sir Thomas) did in the public News on the 24th of December, 1731, charge St. Peter's Ringers with many base and scandalous Actions, which they are ashamed to hear of, much more to act; for I must tell you that St. Peter's Ringers Scorn to act or encourage any such thing; neither can you bring any one Person of those Hundreds that you mention, that can prove they did any one of those Things you charge them withal; if you could you would have set down the Name. Perhaps you thought that Every Body had long Ears and a foul Tongue, that would swear to that they knew nothing of; but you are mistaken as well as others of your company, who pretending to Justify it, heard it all denied to their faces by their own Neighbours. As for a Bell-Man's being employed, you may lay that to whom you will; but the Intent of it (as I am informed) was to animate your fearful Hearts at the dreadful approach of your alterations. For who could have thought that the Sight of those dismal changes could have defeated such old Veteran ringers, and put them out 11 Times together, as you have lately been at St. Michael's; where you likewise say that you rung 5040 Stedman's Triples. But it was rung no otherwise than with changes alike; Witness

your 4th Bell dodging Behind with the 3rd 2d and 7th Back Stroke, instead of 2, 4. These things are not to be found in your Peal as you prickt it, yet you all inserted your Names that you rung it; much akin to your former Assertions. Likewise you say Stedman and I are mistaken, by saying every Bell has a Course alike. As you accused us in Publick, it is reason you should dispute us in Publick; and in your next let me know your Opinion, if these Figures in the Margin be the proper Form and Grounds of STEDMAN'S DOUBLES? And whether they, by being wrought 5 times over, in an expressible denominative Course, do not produce 60 Changes every Bell a Course alike? and whether your whole Peal begins from every 12th Change throughout your 5040, as mine and this Peal in the Margin successively do through the 120?

"THOMAS MELCHIOR."

The correspondence continued for two more letters, and then closed as all these controversies do, each side the more convinced that he is right, and the other a knave when he is not a fool.

"WHEREAS Mr. Melchior refuseth to meet me before any Man that belongs to neither Company, and that is a judge in the Art of Ringing, but desires that I should dispute with him in Publick: As long as he can deny the Truth in the publick Prints he will go on with his base and scandalous Actions; for he would make the World believe, that he is a very great Man, and exceeds all in that Art. But, Mr. Melchior, you call me to an Account for saying STEDMAN is mistaken, and so are you; but if I be right, it is so: STEDMAN in Page 129 says, That all the Bells have a like Course: But if it be so, then tell me why there is Two Alterations in STEDMAN on Five Bells? For the 2nd and 3rd Change Places, therefore every Bell hath not a course alike; if they had, every Bell would have changed as well as they. But STEDMAN in Page 130 says, 'Whatsoever Two Bells be dodging Behind, at the First Extreame; the same Two Bells coming together again Behind, is certaine Warning for the second Extreame to be made': But I must tell you that in my Peal of 5040, when the Doubles are made, the same Bells dodge Behind at the first and second Extreame, or Alterations as you are pleased to call them. But, to the End the Publick may not be imposed on, I have prickt the first Twelve Changes as STEDMAN did himself, and the rest by Quick Hunt; and I would have the World take Notice, that the first Time Mr. Melchior makes his Two Doubles with the same Two Bells dodging as STEDMAN does on Five Bells, I will give him a Bowl of Punch of 10s to cheer up his drooping Heart. For I design to answer no more of his base and scandalous Advertisements, but rather advise him to keep his Money; and to give every Man his Half Crown again, that he had for his Peal of STEDMAN TTIPLES with 14 Doubles and 21 Alterations.

"EDWARD CRANE."

The reference in the next letter to Fabian Stedman as

"Head of a College in the University" is very curious, but can hardly be correct, though one would have thought that the Norwich men would have known the truth, as Stedman was not long dead. I believe that it was almost an impossibility for a man not in Holy Orders to be Head of any College, and Stedman certainly was not a parson. Nor is there any evidence that he was in any way connected with the University.

Who is Doleman who is bracketed with Stedman as an authority on the Method? Is he the J.D. of J.D. and C.M.? Perhaps Mr. Daniell can throw some light on these questions.

"MR. CRANE, I expected that such an ingenious and compleat Ringer as you have stiled yourself, could have found an Answer to Two such easie Question as I proposed in my last; and not have shifted them off with a false Notion, that I refuse to dispute you before any Man that belongs to neither Company: these are scandalous Actions indeed in such a Man as you, who know nothing but how to carp and cavail at another Man's Works, as at the Extream of Stedman; where you say the 2d and 3d change Places, therefore every Bell hath not a course alike: But you are mistaken, and not Stedman; for if the first 60 Changes be every Bell a like Course, so have the last 60: for they do not change Courses, but 'only Places; for the Courses are entire Whole throughout the Peal, beginning 21354 from every 12th change which 12th changes are the real true Course and Grounds of the Whole Work. And Doleman in Page 46 says: 'In this Peal every Bell hath one and the same course, there being no proper Hunt or Half Hunt thereon.' Now if Stedman be mistaken (who was Master of a College in the University, and a learned Mathematician) with Doleman and others, why need I take amiss Mr. Crane's saying I am mistaken too? for he is a Learned Man and knows *Omnia Bene* in his own Conceit. However he may look unto Stedman, Page 90, and he may see why there are two Alterations in Stedman on 5 Bells.

"And in Pages 129 and 130 it is said 'Every Bell that comes Behind dodges 6 changes with one Bell, and 6 with another; and then in Course the parting Change brings it down 16, cuts compass, the next doth not, and so by Turns successively,' for which you cannot shew throughout your 5040: For at your Quarters' Peal's End your Bells come thus, as in the Margin, it being your Alteration; where there are 3 Parting Changes out of 7, instead of 1 in 6. Likewise the Treble is turned out of a quick Course into a slow one, which should have led a whole Pull. By this may be seen, who is willing to impose on the Publick; not I nor on you neither; For if Sir Thomas and another Gentleman had not kept up all night, you had never had the peal with 14 Doubles, but they persuaded me to sell it; and if they had not bought it, you had never known the proportionable Parts of it; for you cannot divide the Number of your Fingers, by the Rule of Arithmetick. You know you had your Bargain, but you shamefully unman yourself to cry for your money again,

"However, I will take your advice, and in a short time will send you word who shall be your judge, and where I will dispute you in private, as you desire."

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Whether Melchoir's invitation to a private discussion was accepted or not we do not know, but by some means or other the breach was healed. After St. Peter's eight were made ten a peal of Grandsire Caters, 12,603 changes, was rung there on March the 8th, 1737, "to the entire satisfaction, surprise and amazement of thousands of hearers, and no fewer than eight of the band had rung in one or other of the two peals of Stedman. Appropriately enough, the former enemies stood alternately one from S. Michael's and one from S. Peter's.

These records will shew what a very fine band the old Norwich men were. They left successors worthy of themselves, and with very few intervals Norwich has never lacked men fit to take their place among the best ringers of the country.

(To be continued.)

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Chiddingfold on Saturday, August 28th, and was attended by members from Farnham, Haslemere. Guildford, Clandon, Ewhurst, Shalford, Dunsfold, etc. A very practical address was given at the service by the Rev. G. H. Aitken, Rector of Haslemere. At the tea, held at The Swan hotel, the chair was taken, in the absence of Canon Hunter, by the Rev. Knowlton H. Hampshire, curate of Chiddingfold, who is himself a ringer. Two peals of Grandsire had been rung on handbells, and one each of Stedman Triples and Superlative Surprise Major on tower bells since the last meeting. The question of one peal for eight bells, and one for six each quarter, was referred to the annual meeting. The bells were kept going in Triples and Major during the afternoon and evening, and greatly added to the enjoyment of a very pleasant meeting.

RINGERS' WEDDING.

On Monday, August 23rd, the wedding took place at the parish church Winchmore Hill, Middlesex, of Mr H. Miller, of the Southgate band, and Miss Humphreys, of Winchmore Hill. The Southgate band met at Christ Church, Southgate, in the evening, and in honour of the occasion brought round two touches of Bob Minor with 6-8 covering, 456 and 360 changes.

RYE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, June 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. H. F. Cobon, W. Bennet, V. D. Laurence, C. Price, H. Welham, A. Howell, G. Billenness conductor, F. Ashenden. Composed by G. Watson.

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

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—Mr. James first assumes that a six-score of Stedman and a six-score of Grandsire are identical in character, and on that assumption bases his whole case. If I could admit that there is an identity I could accept his arguments. But that is what I cannot do. Any argument based on any similarity is utterly precluded by the fact that a six-score of Stedman is a course which fulfils every possible condition you can require, and is fully recognised by the method report. While you cannot make a six-score of Grandsire anything but sixty changes produced by mixed plain and bobbed leads, any resemblance between the two seems to me purely accidental just as in the case instanced by another correspondent who put a quick six of Stedman alongside a Grandsire bob, with two rows from the method before it and four after it, and then asked us to admit that the two are the same. I should have thought that Mr. James would have been the first to have seen the danger of arguing from apparent similarity between Principles used as Methods and Methods founded on Principles. The whole point of the question lies in this: What is the correct division of Stedman Doubles, and to clear up this I am going to ask Mr. James a few questions which I want him to answer yes or no, without qualification. And as they are questions of fact and not of opinion, I think I may fairly ask this.

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

These are the first twelve changes of Stedman Doubles as Stedman gave them. Crane and Melchoir quote them as the equivalent of a lead in other methods. Leave out of consideration the clauses in the Method Report which deal with methods with a quick and slow hunt.

1. Is this a perfect division of a method, according to the findings of the Method Report?

2. Has it not in addition its head and end in proper coursing order?

3. Was not the impossibility of dealing effectively with the coursing order of the bells in Principles used as Methods the greatest defect of the Method Report?

4. Will any other number of rows form a "division" of Stedman Doubles according to the Method Report?

5. If this be a perfect "division" was Thomas Melchoir right when he said that on seven bells these twelve changes must be rung without alteration from beginning to end?

6. If these twelve changes gave on seven, nine, and eleven bells the same coursing order that they do on five, would not the method so got be perfect in every way?

7. In which case would there be any necessity or likelihood of any one suggesting the use of the quick six as a bob?

8. Is it not the fact that the slow and quick hunts and the division of the method into sixes are merely incidents in the internal working of the bells equal to, but of no more constructional value than the full work before of Double Norwich or the 6-5-6 of London Surprise?

9. If you assume that there are five bobs in the quick six, is it not equally certain that there are internal bobs or singles in every other method save Original, Plain Bob, and Grandsire?

10. Otherwise you would have to assume that the slow six is the method, which would be arguing in a circle?

11. Bearing in mind the example of London Royal, would the fact that a "division" will not produce a perfect method on

seven bells prevent it from being the correct division for five bells?

12. Would not the correct inference be that you have a method that runs perfectly on five bells, but does not run perfectly on seven, and cannot be made to do so, and you had better face the fact?

J. A. TROLLOPE.

P.S.—Your correspondent's friend may start his peal of Stedman where he likes at any row of the six, with any bell as observation-bell, provided he does not depart from the method in any way.

REPLY TO COUNTRYMAN.

SIR,—In reply to "A Countryman," any bell may be taken as the observation in the peal he mentions. Thurstans's four-part is occasionally transposed and called in the manner his acquaintance suggests, and is of course quite true. Naturally 6-7 do not then come together with the same regularity they do in the original. Apparently from your correspondent's letter his friend intends starting with a slow six direct from rounds. This however is not necessary, and the peal may be commenced in the usual way. The first bob would then be made at the third row. The treble would work with the 4th the same way as the 6th does with the 7th in the original peal, and the 3rd be the other bell affected by the singles. Rounds would come up at the fourth row of the third six after the final single. It would have caused no great surprise had the enquiry come from a townsman.

ANOTHER YOKEL.

THE PEAL AT DARESBUURY.

SIR,—I should be glad if any of your readers would say whether this is the first peal of "legitimate" Plain Minor.

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

A BIRTHDAY PEAL.

On a fair morning in August last I was booked to take part in a birthday peal at Bishops Stortford. The hero of nearly two hundred peals, many himself conducted, wished to thank God for his creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life on the ten bells of his native church. Aurora had already painted the eastern sky with various hues to tell of her coming as I remembered the occasion, and various thoughts took possession of my mind as the day wore on and before I donned myself in cycling garb. I could not determine whether it was a wise thing or not to rejoice for birthdays, for did not Job lament the day he came forth into a world of trouble? I had also read that the Mexican's salute their new-born infants in this manner: "Child, thou art come into the world to suffer; Endure and hold thy peace."

What were my own opinions or conclusions? Should I agree with Sir John Lubbock that "life is a glorious inheritance," or with Schopenhauer, that "life was an unprofitable episode, disturbing the blessed calm of non-existence?"

I decided to adopt the middle course of reasoning on so deep and subtle a subject, for, though I had experienced some of the ills that flesh is heir to, yet how many joys and pleasures could I count in the years that had gone. To-day would be one of them I trusted, for cycling and change-ringing are capital antidotes to any pessimism that sometimes lurk within the pensive mind.

"Come forth, my gallant and noble steed," said I, in the best of spirits, to my fifteen-year old bicycle. "I require you for a journey to Bishops Stortford to-day where I am to ring in a birthday peal."

"What! More peals!" he seemingly and sullenly exclaimed. "At your time of life I should think you had done with so much exertion of body and mind. And besides," he continued fretfully, "Do you imagine I belong to the immortals?"

The old bike certainly presented a sorry spectacle, and my anticipation of ringing a birthday peal sank to zero. He had a curvature of the spine, the result of a kick he received some long time ago from a spirited horse, when we were both thrown headlong into a ditch. One of his internals protruded through a rent in his epidermis. He required a new set of teeth to his cogs, and his whole demeanour raised the problem of sending him at once either to the surgeon or knacker. For many years

it had not been necessary to carry a padlock and chain to secure him from theft, and he and I have been in some of the funniest places imaginable. On our first acquaintance he had many admirers, but now we both have to run the gauntlet in being called "old iron."

"Come along," said I encouragingly, as I turned him upside down to examine his parts. "Let's see if I can put you on your legs again."

"I'll be blowed first!" he stubbornly persisted, as he toppled over in helplessness.

"You want more than blowing up," I regretfully muttered. "I think I shall survive you yet."

In an hour or two I had done wonders in his improvement and appearance, and my old charger once more expanded his chest with pride as I mounted the saddle; so off we were to ring in the birthday peal. As we passed through Chigwell the five old bells were being removed from their ancient quarters for the foundry, there to be cast into a more perfect mould, with the addition of another treble.

We were soon bowling along the peaceful lanes and hedges that skirt the sleepy farms of Abridge, where the husbandmen were anxiously endeavouring to get the grain safely in, though the summer rains had already worked havoc among the corn. Through the forest glades of Loughton and Epping we dashed as the rain once more enveloped the scenery in mist and gloom. On to Harlow Common, to remind me of the successes achieved at St. Mary Magdalene, and picturesque Sawbridgeworth, with its dainty little cottages and sequestered church. Soon now the high hills of Bishops Stortford were in view, and the tapering spire of its noble church seated on a majestic and lofty eminence told of our near approach to the scene of action.

"Well, how are you?" said my friend the conductor as he scrutinized my damp garments. "Got wet much? That's a fine old jigger of yours," said he, casting a sly glance at my bike.

"Yes," said I. "He wants some beating for his age. But let me at once wish you many happy returns of the day. I hope we shall get the peal to-night."

"Don't see why we shouldn't," he replied assuringly. "I have chosen Grandsire Caters for the safety of getting the peal, you know. Come along," he added, "let's introduce you to my wife."

"Ah! the daughter of Mr. S. Hayes," said I, "our esteemed Master of the South Western Division of the Essex Association," I continued, as she proceeded to give me welcome. Having found a stable for my iron horse and a table for myself, by and by we were on our way to the church, where we found Mr. Springham had arranged everything in readiness within the tower, and soon some of the most famous ringers of that part of Essex were amongst us, the brothers Prior and Jordans, Mr. Tarling, and the two brothers Watts, of sterling merit, made up the band. "Go, Grandsire Caters," came from the conductor, and away we plunged into all the mazes and labyrinths of changes of sound, bringing up some of the best music obtainable on bells. Three or four courses had just been rung, when down came the 5th rope. Would time allow another attempt? Yes. The rope was knotted, and for the second time we tried our luck. Gradually the sombre windows of the old belfry became darker and the gas-lights more bright. The view of the distant and glimmering landscape faded from our sight, and the twilight deepened into night. The clock's hourly thud and the rounding of the course-ends marked the periods of our progress. Now and then our conductor, with almost feverish impatience, would awake some of us from the naps and dreams into which we had fallen. Then anon the recurring imperfect and deceiving back change would come up to throw us off our guard, thinking we were nearing the finish. Then a bob or single would send us like comets darting into unknown depths of circuitous positions and separation. As the clock struck ten, with hand-stroke we reached our original position after ringing three hours and twenty minutes, or four hours, including the breakdown, and we rejoiced in knowing we had rung the birthday peal. Over the way we found a courteous host, who administered to our comfort in the last hour for refreshments. Then his face gradually wore an anxious expression as he politely reminded us with "Time, gentlemen." Out went the

lights and we also, giving the landlord some relief that he had duly conformed to the Act, and that we were outside the boundary of his jurisdiction and responsibility.

The next morning I took leave of my good friends at Bishop's Stortford. Before getting on the road home I was shown the King's cottages. They are models of excellence, and the rents would very well suit me—sixpence a week—and should I shuffle off this mortal coil what a delicious cemetery there is for your burial! There the flowers bloom in profusion, and the acacia trees wave and murmur a requiem above your grave within sound of the old bells that had in life so often told the tale of youth and home and the revered past.

It was with pleasure that I found my old bike none the worse for his previous day's excursion, and soon with a final handshake and good-bye, we were out of sight of our friends, on the way home.

Pleasant are the remembrances of that visit and, though I may have wearied the reader in so long a description, and encroached upon the Editor in asking so much space to my pen, I venture to think there will be found some who may find a lively interest in knowing how I managed to take a part in the birthday peal. G. F. M.

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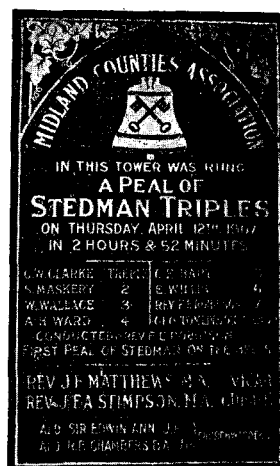
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1909.

THE tower of the new church at Bishopstoke, Hampshire, is nearing completion, we are told; but with regard to the bells things are being made difficult for the Rector by a few parishioners. There are three bells in the old church tower, which is half a mile away from the new tower. A faculty was applied for and granted by the Chancellor at the Consistory Court of Winchester, with a stay of fourteen days. This Faculty was for the removal of the clock and the three bells to the new tower. Unfortunately an appeal has been lodged by aggrieved parishioners, which has to be heard by the Court of Arches next month. These bells date back to 1589, 1598, and 1600, but the church and tower were only built in 1825. We are told that those who are in opposition to the Rector are, as usual, quite ignorant of bells and bell-ringing. The majority of the parishioners wish the Rector success with his scheme, being without bells here.

The new tower is to be named "The Keppell Memorial tower." The late Admiral Keppell lived at Bishopstone, and it is with the consent of his family that the new tower has been so named.

Our informant adds: "We often hear people talk of Hampshire hogs: some of them seem to be in residence at Bishopstoke." The opposition to the Vicar's proposals certainly appear to be as frivolous as it is vexatious.

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P.S.—Beccles ringers have subscribed about £30.

The Metropolis.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, August 28, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

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WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.	HERBERT LANGDON Tenor.

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

*First peal of Royal.

The Provinces.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

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WILLIAM KEEBLE 4.	HARRY MOSS Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by Wm. KEEBLE.

*First peal in the method. †Fiftieth peal; reference elsewhere.
Arranged for W. E. White.

SHOREHAM, KENT.

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First peal of Major on the bells.

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Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

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On Wednesday, August 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

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Conducted by SAMUEL WESLEY.

*Fiftieth peal.

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On Thursday, August 26, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 25½ cwt.

TOM STOCKDALE Treble.	JOHN HODDS 5.
ALFRED NAYLOR 2.	CHARLES JACKSON 6.
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THOMAS WHITFIELD 4.	GEORGE HARE Tenor.

Conducted by C. JACKSON.

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Conducted by ALBERT P. WAKLEY.

*First peal. †First peal in the method.

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Conducted by KEITH HART.

Arranged for J. Puplett, of Hoddesdon.

SHIFNAL, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, August 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN OVERTON Treble.	BERTRAM HEAD 5.
ALBERT T. BAKER 2.	WILFRED OVERTON 6.
JOHN ELCOCK 3.	HORACE W. OVERTON 7.
ERNEST FOXALL 4.	HARRY JONES Tenor.

Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

HARROLD, BEDS

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR CHAPMAN* .. Treble.	HENRY W. GAYTON .. 4.
WALTER T. FINEDON .. 2.	PEARL INSKIP .. 5.
FREDK. J. MYNARD .. 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

*First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs 6 lbs.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	CHARLES BAKER .. 5.
JAMES BETTS 2.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. 6.
WILLIAM WISKENS 3.	*WALTER RADLEY .. 7.
ARTHUR LEEDER 4.	GEORGE APCHEER .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ROBERT KNOWLES .. Treble.	CHARLES F. WHITE .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	GORDON CHECKETTS .. 6.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. 3.	WILLIAM PAGE .. 7.
ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 4.	JAMES R. NEWMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 28, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM BIGGIN .. Treble.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 5.
TOM O'HARA 2.	GEORGE LEWIS .. 6.
EDWIN JAMES 3.	GEORGE O. DIXON .. 7.
GEORGE HALSWORTH .. 4.	CLEMENT GLENN .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 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 KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PHILIP ALLFREY .. Treble.	ERNEST GOWER .. 5.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. 6.
CHARLES PALMER .. 3.	ALBERT D. STONE .. 7.
JESSE PUPLETT .. 4.	KEITH HART .. Tenor.

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

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM WILLSON .. Treble.	ALBERT MASON .. 5.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 2.	THOMAS BOTTRILL .. 6.
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 3.	JAMES HARRIS .. 7.
DANIEL RICHARDS .. 4.	EDWARD READER .. Tenor.

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

E. M. Atkins hails from Isham rectory, near Kettering; Willson from Leicester; Inglesant and Reader from Loughborough; the remainder belong to the Anstey branch of the Association.

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

On Sunday, August 29, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. Treble.	HARRY HOPKINS .. 5.
ERNEST HERBERT .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. 6.
CECIL A. VALENTINE .. 3.	HARRY SEAR .. 7.
ROBERT E. STAVERT .. 4.	VALENTINE SEAR .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Handbell Peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 5, 1909, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

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

JAMES HUNT 1-2.	MAURICE SMITHERS .. 5-6.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. 3-4.	FRANK BLONDELL .. 7-8.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire—Charles Willshire, sen. This was F. Blondell's 100th peal.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, August 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT 2, VICARAGE LANE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

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

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—W. Warburton.

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.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Friday, August 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At 33, HOLLY STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

JOHN THORPE.. .. 1-2. | CLEMENT GLENN 5-6.
SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 3-4. | GEORGE LEWIS 7-8.

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—R. W. Collier. Quickest handbell peal of Bob Major by all.

PEAL CORRECTION.—In the report of the peal of Superlative rang at Romford on August 17th, and published in our last issue, the name of the ringer of the 2nd should read George Buggs and not George Briggs as stated.

Date Touches.

HARROLD (Beds.).—On Tuesday, August 2nd, a date touch, 1909 changes, being 720 Oxford Bob, and 720, 360, and 109 of Plain Bob, in 58 mins. W. Stock, J. Magrath, G. Thew, H. W. Gayton, H. Robinson, P. Inskip conductor.

Miscellaneous.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

CADBURY (Devon.)—On Saturday, August 28th, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins., being the first Minor ever rung on the bells, augmented to six on the occasion of the Jubilee of the late Vicar, the Rev. F. J. Coleridge, four years ago. A. Monkley, A. W. Searle, L. Green, T. Laver, F. Davey, Rev. G. F. Coleridge conductor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The following touches were arranged for Miss Alice White, of Basingstoke, during a fortnight's visit in the neighbourhood of Farnham:—

FRENESHAM (Surrey.)—On Sunday evening, August 15th, for Divine Service, several 120s of Grandsire with H. Mills, H. Randell, W. Deadman, A. Chaffy, and E. Garbett taking part. A 720 Bob Minor. H. Randell, Miss A. White, W. Bashford, E. Newell, E. Garbett, C. Edwards conductor.

FROYLE (Hants.)—On Monday, August 16th, 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Miss A. White, W. Bashford, J. W. Russell, F. W. Elliott, E. Newell, C. Edwards conductor, First Treble Bob on the bells.

FARNHAM (Surrey.)—On Tuesday, August 17th, for practice, touches of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, and 210 Oxford Bob Triples, being Miss White's first attempt in this method.

CRONDALL (Hants.)—On Friday, August 20th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Kandell, Miss White, J. W. Russell, C. Edwards. W. Bashford, F. W. Elliott conductor.

BLACKMOOR (Hants.)—On Monday, August 23rd, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. E. Prior, Miss White, C. Edwards, E. Newell, F. W. Elliott, J. W. Russell conductor. First in the method on the bells. First 720 of Minor by the ringer of the treble; also Miss White's first 720 in the method. Also 120s of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles with the local men taking part.

BINSTED (Hants.)—On Thursday, August 26th, a 720 Kent Bob. G. Upshall, E. Newell, Miss White (first 720 of Treble Bob with a bob bell), F. W. Elliott, T. Upshall, C. Edwards conductor. Also 240 Grandsire Doubles with G. Clements ringing the tenor; and 120 with Mr. T. Strand ringing the treble. And 120 Stedman.

PUTTENHAM (Surrey.)—On Friday, August 27th, several 120s of Grandsire with A. Chaffy and E. Garbett; and courses of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob with E. Garbett, G. Upshall, E. Weatherly, F. Elliott, C. Edwards, W. Bashford, E. Newell,

and J. W. Russell taking part. A 720 Oxford Treble Bob was attempted, but was lost in the last course. C. Edwards, Miss White, E. Newell, J. W. Russell, F. W. Elliott conductor. First in the method with a bob bell by Miss A. White. This was the only 720 attempted and not brought round during the visits to the different towers. All those taking part in the above ringing wish to tender their heartiest thanks to both incumbents and ringers for so readily granting permission, and for having everything in readiness.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SELWORTHY.—Recently a quarter-peal in 43 mins. E. E. Burgess, W. Creech, J. Kent conductor, E. Kent, G. Court, E. Rowe.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GARGRAVE (Yorks.)—On Sunday evening, August 22nd, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Hogg, J. Langstroth, J. Lofthouse conductor, W. Bradley, E. F. Coles, J. McKell, J. Wane, H. Birtwistle. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. Keen regret was felt that no better method could be attempted, holidays playing havoc with the attendance of members.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire.)—On Sunday afternoon, July 18th, on the occasion of the Sunday School Sermons, a quarter-peal of Bob Major. W. Massey, H. Hill, W. Micklewright conductor, W. Prestidge, H. Hubble, C. Rolinson, A. Greenfield, A. Prestidge. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. W. Massey, H. Hill, W. Micklewright conductor, W. Prestidge, H. Hubble, A. Greenfield, A. Prestidge, J. Massey. After evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Massey, W. Prestidge, W. Micklewright, H. Hill, A. Greenfield, H. Hubble, A. Prestidge conductor, J. Massey.

HOLLOWAY.—On Saturday, August 28th, at St. Mary Magdalen, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Bullock, A. Hart, T. H. Taffender, H. Ranzetta conductor, A. Turner, E. J. Webb, R. F. Deal, L. Porry.

SOUTH HACKNEY.—On Sunday, August 22nd, at St. John of Jerusalem, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Riley, W. J. Kemp, T. J. Wrigley, J. C. Adams, H. Alford, R. Elliott, R. F. Deal conductor, J. H. Tucker. Rung on the birthday of the tenor-ringer. On Sunday evening, August 29th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. J. Wrigley, G. Gains, R. Elliott, W. J. Kemp, J. C. Adams, R. Green, R. F. Deal conductor, J. H. Tucker.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex.)—On Sunday, June 20th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Rickwood, G. Kilby, G. Chalkley, B. Maxim, T. Langdon, H. Kilby conductor. On Sunday, July 4th, 720 Double Oxford Minor. G. Kilby, T. Langdon, G. Chalkley, B. Maxim, H. Kilby conductor, A. Hill. On Sunday, July 11th, 720 Plain Bob. L. B. Porter, T. Rickwood, T. Langdon, B. Maxim, H. Kilby con-A. Hill. On Sunday, July 25th, 720 Plain Bob. T. Rickwood, G. Kilby, G. Chalkley, B. Maxim, H. Kilby conductor, A. Hill. On Sunday, August 8th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Rickwood, T. Langdon, G. Chalkley, B. Maxim, A. Hill, H. Kilby conductor. On Monday, August 9th, 720 Plain Bob. T. Langdon, G. Kilby, G. Chalkley, B. Maxim, H. Kilby, A. Hill conductor. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob. T. Langdon, T. Rickwood, G. Chalkley, B. Maxim, H. Kilby, A. Hill conductor. Rung on the anniversary of the Coronation. On Sunday, August 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Rickwood, T. Langdon, G. Chalkley, W. G. Matthews, H. Kilby conductor, A. Jacob.

WITHYCOMBE (Devon.)—On Thursday, August 26th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. E. Stocker, G. England, J. Snow, F. Dimond, J. Skinner, R. Snow, W. H. George conductor, A. Snow. Tenor 18 cwt.

CHURCH BELL ROPES.—The longest peal ever rung was at Loughborough, on Easter Monday. The ropes used were made by JOHN PRITCHARD, of Loughborough, whose bell-ropes are favorites of the Exercise for their non-stretching. Soft as silk; durable as steel.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on September 6th and 20th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 7th and 21st; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 7th; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 9th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 16th and 30th; and at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 21st, all at 8 p.m. The annual dinner will be held on November 13th.

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

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, September 25th, at St. Andrew's church, Hillingdon, near Uxbridge. It is hoped that members will do their utmost to attend, and that they will be good enough to signify their intention to the Hon. Sec. in order that proper provision may be made. Early payment of outstanding subscriptions would be much appreciated. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Canon Duckworth, D.D., Sub-Dean of Westminster. Other particulars will be announced in due course.

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

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sherrington, Bucks., to-day, Sat., September 4th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Christchurch District.—A meeting will be held at Lyndhurst to-day, Saturday, September 4th. Bells available from 4 o'clock.

G. PRESTON, *Dis. Sec.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wootton Bassett to-day, Sat, September 4th. Bells available after 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.

G. H. HARDING, *Branch Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth to-day, Sat, September 4th. The bells will be ready at 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting after. All members, friends, and visitors will be heartily welcomed.

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

Exeter.—Practice at the Cathedral second Wednesday in the month, 7.30 p.m., commencing September 8th.

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

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Borden on Saturday, September 11th. The following important business will be dealt with: the election of a new district secretary, owing to my removal out of the district. The tea, for which 3d. will be charged, will be preceded by a short service in the church at 5 o'clock. Members desiring tea must let me know not later than Tuesday, September 7th. Secretaries please note my new address—

A. B. ROBSON, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
47, Kingsnorth Road, Faversham.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brierley

Hill on Saturday, September 11th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5 o'clock.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, on Saturday, September 11th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. prompt. A good attendance is requested.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, September 11th, at Great Wymondley. Bells (6) ready at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. St. Ippolyts (6) will also be available in the evening.

H. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Burton, near Carnforth, on Saturday, September 11th. Meeting at 5 o'clock. Bells (6) available at any time during the day. W. ROBINSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, September 11th. Bells ready at 4.30. Members intending being present please send word to

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Kelvedon on Saturday, September 11th. A free tea will be provided for all those giving at least three days' notice.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
Coggeshall.

The Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Bridlington on Saturday, September 18th. For particulars see Association circulars.

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

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Norwood Green, near Southall (six bells), on Saturday, September 18th. Bells ready at 4. Tea will be provided on the usual terms at 5.30. Members and friends will be cordially welcomed.

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

Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, September 18th. The towers at Nuneaton and Chilvers Coton will be open for ringing as usual. Committee meeting at 4.15. Tea (1s. each) at 5, both in the parish room, Newdigate Place. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. T. W. Chapman, 19, Glebe Road, Nuneaton, not later than the 17th inst., so that convenient arrangements may be made. Members whose subscriptions have not been paid for the current year are respectfully asked to pay them in at once

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

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The next meeting will be held at Rugeley on Saturday, September 18th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service in church at 5. Tea (1s. each) in Parish Room at 6. Excursion leaves Wolverhampton at 12.35 and 2.35. Reports will be ready.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich on Saturday, September 18th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above branch will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, September 25th. Peal attempt at 10.30. For further particulars see circulars.

J. W. SRAMER, *Hon. Sec.*
99, Legsby Avenue, Grimsby.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Leigh-on-Mendip on Saturday, September 25th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 5. Business meeting to follow. Service in parish church at 6. A brake will meet the 2.10 p.m. train from Bristol at Radstock. Notice should be sent to Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, Leigh-on-Mendip, not later than September 20th.

E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*
Greenway Avenue, Tannaton.

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Rawtenstall on Saturday, September 25th. All ringing reports up to the 30th inst. to be sent to the Ringing Secretary. All notices for any proposed alteration of rules, etc., and nominations for vice-president, ringing secretary, and two auditors, must be in the hands of the general secretary not later than Monday, September 6th. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*

4, Helena Street, Irlams O' Th' Height, Manchester.
J. H. BANKS, *Ringing Secretary,*
462, Helmsford Road, Helmsford.

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—A special (social) meeting will be held at Reittendon on Saturday, September 18. Bells at 4. Tea will be provided, 6d. each. Members, friends, and young men wishing to learn ringing specially invited.

HENRY F. COOPER.
County Offices, Chelmsford.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT BOLSOVER.—F. R. Kettleboro's 50 peals.

	Hand	Tower
Kent Treble Royal	3	
Oxford Treble Royal	1	
Caters	1	
London Surprise Major	5	
Cambridge Surprise Major ..	2	
Superlative Surprise Major ..	1	4
Double Norwich	3	8
Kent Treble Bob Major	3	4
Oxford Treble Bob Major....	1	1
Bob Major	6	4
Stedman Triples		1
7 Treble Bob Minor Methods	1	
Bob Minor	1	
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RINGERS' OUTINGS.

The members of the St. Paul's Guild, Hammersmith, held their annual outing on July 24th, the town visited being Stratford-on-Avon. The party journeyed from Marylebone by the 6.50 a.m. train, arriving at their destination about 10.30 a.m., where they were met by their old friend the Rev. C. Carew Cox, who acted as guide, pointing out the historical and interesting features of the town. Their chaplain, the Rev. G. N. Walsh, arrived by the 12.30 p.m. train when all adjourned to The Black Swan where lunch was waiting. Full justice was done to the good things provided, all having partaken of an early breakfast. The church (Holy Trinity) was then visited under the guidance of Mr. Cox, who

pointed out the many items of interest. An ascent was then made to the tower and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major were rung. The time for tea had now arrived, which was partaken of at The Black Swan. This over the chaplain, on behalf of the Guild, tendered his thanks to Mr. Cox for the trouble he had taken in making the arrangements for their comfort and enjoyment during the day, also a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells. Mr. Cox suitably replied. A final stroll round the town brought the time for leaving only too soon. The return was made at 7.25 p.m. and Hammersmith reached at 11.0 p.m., all having spent a most enjoyable day, all wishing when the time for the outing again arrives it will be as good.

KNARESBOROUGH, YORKS.

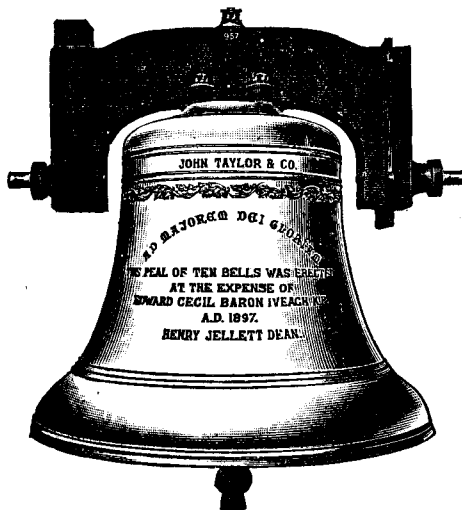
The members of this Society held their annual outing at Richmond. On arrival at 10 o'clock the bells were placed at their disposal by Canon Leigh, who gave them a hearty welcome. Several touches of Grandsire were rung till dinner time, which was served at The Black Lion hotel, host Allison providing an excellent repast. After dinner an hour was spent in Richmond viewing the beautiful scenery. Then a grand ten miles drive to Keith was enjoyed, where tea was served at the Victoria restaurant. Leaving there about six o'clock, Richmond was reached in nice time to catch the train for home, which was reached about 10.30, everyone being highly satisfied.

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SIR,—May I through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" thank all who have contributed to the above fund. I have received many kind letters, but would like to give one instance; of a church, who although £1000 in debt for their own bells and tower, yet the ringers send a subscription.

I would ask anyone who still intends to give any sum, to send it to Mr. W. Snowdon, 24, Basinghall Street, Leeds, since I am giving up the post of Hon. Treasurer.

B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE.

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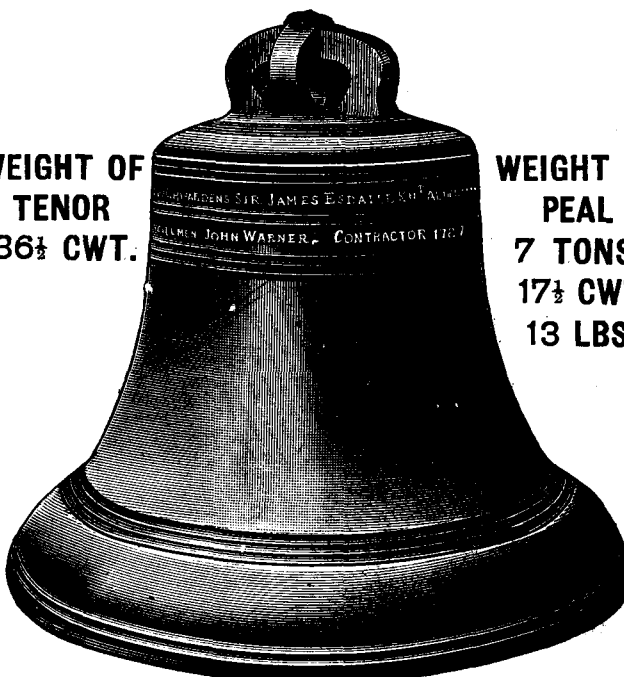
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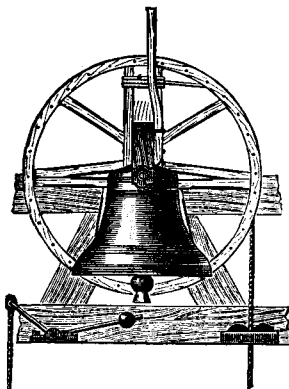
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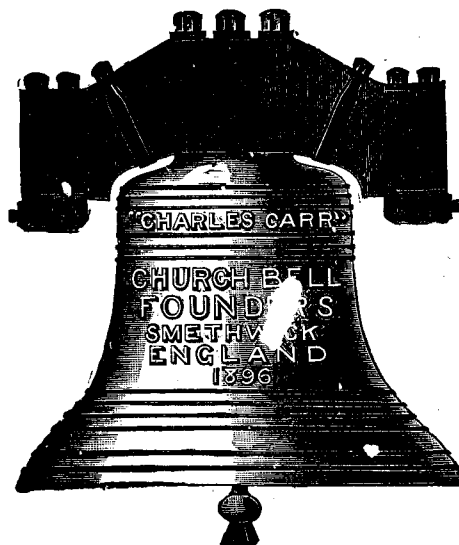
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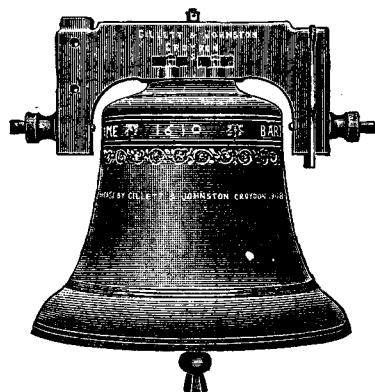
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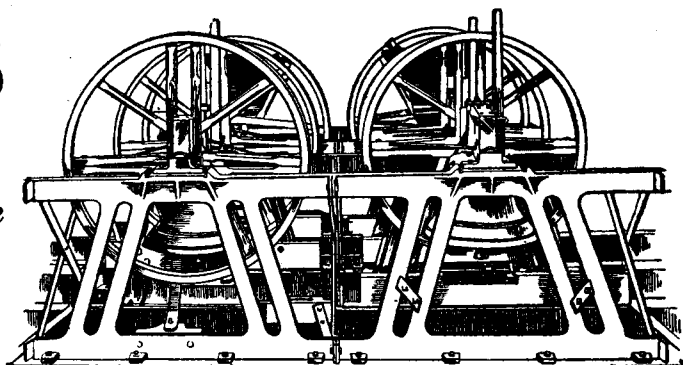
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THE OLD NORWICH RINGERS AND STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(Concluded.)

The letters previously given furnish the only evidence we have as to the nature and truth of the two peals of Stedman Triples. What a pity it is that neither Crane nor Melchoir published his figures in the Gazette, or at least gave us what they considered the proper method on seven bells. We do not even know how they made their bobs. I think we may gather from what they say that Crane's peal was built on the lines of Garthon's 5040 Grandsire Triples, with the large bells coming home at regular intervals. His reference to Hunts shews this. I may explain that in the language of the old ringing books a whole hunt is a bell that does its work throughout without any alteration by bobs, or in some cases without any alteration by dodges. The treble in Bob Major is a whole hunt. A half-hunt is the bell that does its work with the smallest possible amount of variation. The tenors in Bob Major are half-hunts. A quarter-hunt is the bell that comes home at the next smallest interval; and so on. If you will examine any of the earliest compositions you will find that they are all built on this plan. Compare for instance, Vicars's and Taylor's peals of Grandsire Triples and Annable's peal of Bob Major and Holt's variation of it. The old 720 of Bob Minor is another example. This plan of composition is the natural extension of the plan on which the older Plain Changes were rung. Crane says: "pray let any Man that is a judge of this Art tell me why Stedman on 7 bells should not work as proper as Grandsire on 7 bells, and bring their great Bells Home at their Quarter, Half, Three Quarter, and Whole Peal's End? and so do other peals on 5, 6, 7, and 8;" and goes on to refer to Garthon, whose peal he evidently took as a model. His use of the word "proper" seems to show that he considered that it was as important for the composition to be regular as for the method to be regular, and he probably would not have allowed any of our modern peals of Stedman to be Stedman at all.

On the other hand, Melchoir held that it is the very nature of Stedman that there should be no hunts. "Every Bell hath one and the same course, there being no proper hunts or half-hunts therein." He gives as the foundation of the method the first twelve rows of Doubles, starting at the middle of the quick six, and seems to maintain that in all numbers these twelve rows must be intact. The "whole Peal begins from every 12th change throughout your 5040 as mine, and this Peal in the Margin successively do through the 120." If this be so then he did not make his

bobs at the parting of the sixes as we do, but at the middle of the quick six. This is the place that Stedman made his single in the Doubles, and as that is the Grandsire single it is possible that these early peals of Triples had the nearest approach possible to the Grandsire Bob, which would be—

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

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

We must not however press this too far, for it was one of the chief things that Melchoir brought against Crane's peal that he made "alterations," and turned the treble out of a quick course into a slow one. If we might assume that Melchoir meant what he said about his peal beginning at every 12th change throughout the 5040 to refer to the first five bells only, and that he made his bobs as we do, on the hinder bells at the parting of the sixes, and take in addition Crane's taunt that he had "taken himself to a Peal of 5 Bells and fled to Stedman for assistance," we might assume that his peal was on the multi-bob plan. In this plan, which is that of the oldest peals of Stedman Triples we have any figures of, the front five bells work as in Stedman Doubles, and the two back bells dodge for the best part of every course. This would agree with his statement that there were no hunts in his peal, and that every bell had a course alike. In this case the peal might possibly have been true, but if Crane used the ordinary fifths place bob and had hunts, there can be little doubt that his peal was false, as it was not till very many years afterwards that Hudson discovered how to get sixty true courses in the method. It is rather strange that although each of the rivals had the other's figures, he was not able to say that it contained repetition of changes. Each had something to say about the way the peals were rung: Crane that the Mancroft men rang only 4860 changes, and Melchoir that the Coslany band had a shift. "It was rung no otherwise than with changes alike; witness your 4th Bell dodging Behind with the 3rd, 2nd, and 7th Back-Stroke instead of 2, 4." But not a word about the figures being false. "These Things are not to be found in your Peal as you prick it." And Crane could only say that "we put John Webster on his Oath," and "he then cunningly said it was not the peal they rung, but it was the peal upon his paper he would swear was true;" which Crane did not question.

This John Webster, the referee of the Mancroft peal, appears to have died suddenly while ringing at St. Giles's. A tablet in that tower reads as follows, and may be the composition of the Ingenious Mr. Scott:—

"Near to this place John Webster fell,
Beloved by all who knew him well;
A most ingenious noted Ringer,
Saint Giles sixth bell around did bring her;
He closed the Peal, struck well his Bell,
Ceasing the same down dead he fell."

For the last two hundred years ringers have been practising Stedman Triples, and now Mr. James tells us that they have been wrong all the time. Stedman says he left a perfect five-bell method which he never extended to seven bells. It was the Norwich men who made the Triples, and they and everybody else who followed them quite misunderstood the method. Put briefly his argument is this: The slow six is the method, and the quick six is the hob. So that what you have to do when you want to compose a peal is to mix slow and quick sixes in different orders. He bases his argument on the fact that a slow six produces a row with the bells in proper coursing order, and a quick six produces a row with the bells altered as a bob would alter them, and he supports this by a comparison of the ways the six-scores of Stedman and Grandsire were originally given. I am not now going to deal with his theory. I must await his more detailed arguments first. But I should like to point out what light these letters throw on the matter. In the first place though each company was seeking any and every argument to show that the other's peals was not Stedman, and they apparently knew of the attempts of other bands to extend the method, it did not occur to either to alter the regular succession of quick and slow bells. Secondly, Mr. John Carter pointed out at the Council meeting that Stedman Doubles runs not in sixes but in twelves, and the division is not as we draw it between the pairs, but at the middle of the quick six.

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

5 3 4 1 2

If you do so you get a division that contains the whole method, that reverses true to itself, and that has division heads and ends with the bells in correct coursing order. This is exactly how Melchoir and Crane both give the method, and explains why Stedman began his Principle as he did. It is not, as we write it, in the middle of a six, it is the perfectly correct start of the perfect division of the method. It is really wonderful how true to scientific principles the earliest composers were. This seems to cut away all the historical ground from Mr. James's feet, however much he may be able to justify his theory on scientific lines.

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Last year we rang the first clerical peal of Major (Kent), and two clerical peals in one day. This year three days' work produced the first clerical peal of Double Norwich—not less enjoyed because hardly won. And we could not regret our failures, because through them the peal came to be rung at Drayton, the most appropriate tower in England. There, on his own bells, the Rev. F. E. Robinson called the first clerical peal years ago, and also the first University peal (Oxford University Society), both of them being Stedman Triples.

We also rang a peal of Stedman Triples at Kidlington. But though there were many failures, the Guild's ringing was helped forward much by the week's work. The two peals scored were good and even.

It was delightful to visit such towers as Drayton, Appleton, and Kidlington, and Christ Church, Oxford, among others. We carry away with us pleasant memories of kindness received from incumbents and from ringers here and there; not to mention the amusing incidents which always occur.

As we could only muster nine parsons, clerical ten had to stand over for a time.

We scatter to our various local Associations again, with many plans for more ringing to follow.

H. S. T. R.

P.S.—As Stedman has been mentioned, we may add that the old Norwich variation is meant, which at present usurps the name. Readers of "B.N." may be assured that this familiar variation will still be rung, though its monopoly is doomed. But we will not be controversial here. [This note is not written by the Rev. H. L. J.]

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WINDSOR (Berks.)—On Sunday, August 1st, for Divine Service at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. T. Smith, R. Flaxman, J. Edwards, R. Buckland, W. Welling conductor, R. Young, M. Macdonald, J. Nicholls,

Review.

"AMONG THE BELLS."—Simpkin, Marshall & Co., Paternoster Row, London.—This publication, which has been referred to more than once in these columns, is stated to be "the RINGING CAREER of the Rev. FRANCIS EDWARD ROBINSON, M.A., sometime Vicar of Drayton, Oxfordshire, and Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Change-Ringers from its foundation. It is also said that it is edited by the Rev. Canon PAPILLON, till lately Vicar of Writtle, Chelmsford, but now Canon of St. Albans. The work comprises twenty numbers, which appeared periodically, and now the whole of these are bound in a very durable cloth cover with plenty of gilt lettering, with its elaborate gilt edges, forming the handsomest volume ever placed before the Exercise. From the title-page to the end the work comprises no less than 637 pages. The author has very appropriately dedicated the volume to SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., President of the Central Council. There is a brief introduction, also a postscript from the pen of the Rev. T. L. Papillon. The work is furnished with a copious index; a list of towers in which Mr. Robinson has rung peals; added to which are the Names of the various Bell-Founders who have cast one or more bells on which "the Master" has rung peals. The price of publication is 10s. 6d.

This volume, from the first page to the last, teems with interest not only to the bellringer, but to all readers who may be looking for a relief from the ordinary works of literature. It has been written that "there is no other publication in existence, and perhaps there never will be, by which ringers are enabled to possess views of churches which are centres of change-ringing." To this quotation may be added that we know of no book ever published which has such a unique singularity as "Among the Bells." This very fact would recommend its perusal by reading people as being most enjoyable and interesting. No publication has ever been found to contain such a collection of photographs of churches as the volume now lying before us. The collection of pictures is charming. The various, and in some instances, extraordinary, styles of church architecture are shown, examinations of which teach the observer much that he never knew before with respect to ecclesiastical buildings. Ringers will not fail to notice the serious faults and omissions of many of the church builders, ancient and modern; the ringing-chamber without light, the pinched-up belfry space, the long draught of rope, and other miscellaneous defects for which church designers are wholly responsible, can be very well imagined by glancing at these photographs.

Facing the title-page we find the portrait of "the Master" himself. This is evidently how he is to-day, and gives him a more venerable appearance than is depicted in other parts of the work. Then we have a picture of a ring of bells raised for ringing. Following is a very good photograph of Mr. Frederick White, the well-known Church bell-hanger of Appleton, Berks., who taught Mr. Robinson the rudiments of the Art. In a page or two we drop upon the portrait of Charles Hounslow (the accomplished siffleur) of Oxford, then facing each other are photos of the late Henry Johnson (Birmingham), and Matthew Wood (Bethnal Green, London). So the pages continue: now the photograph of a church whereat "the Master" has rung one peal or more, and anon the portrait of some distinguished ringer, or group of ringers. Page by page we have all this illustrative matter, and full particulars of the bells, their weights, diameters, and founders, accompanied by the peal record. There is a photograph of Mrs. Robinson (wife of "the Master") and a peaceful picture of Drayton Vicarage. Beside the pursuit of

bell-ringing, "the Master" would appear to have another hobby, for we find a photograph of the front of the organ-case and choir stalls at Drayton church. This work is beautifully carved, the east side of the former being most elaborate. Both these are Mr. Robinson's own work, and the two illustrations portraying them form another very interesting feature.

It would be impossible to enumerate at length the illustrations which this extraordinary volume contains. The photos. of many clerical ringers are to be found both singly and amid the several groups of bands who took part in the peals. More than once that distinguished ringer who has been frequently described as a veritable son of Anak—the Rev. G. F. Coleridge—appears. There is the Rev. President of the Lancashire Association—Rev. H. J. Elsee; the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, the Rev. the Master of the Devonshire Guild; the Rev. J. F. Hastings, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (a finely-executed portrait), the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and one who is frequently distinguishing himself—the Rev. H. Law James. Portraits also appear of the President of the Council, and the late Squire Proctor. "The Master" is of course among the various groups.

It would be wrong to imagine that the book only describes mere matters of detail such as peal-records, etc. Here and there are choice humorous bits such as the following: When the first peal of Stedman was rung at a place called Stow-on-the-Wold, in Gloucestershire, one of the natives in talking of the performance said "there was a terrible big parson (Mr. Coleridge), a very nice young gent. (Mr. Jenkyn), and an old gent. as took all his clothes off." At page 54 there is a picture of "the Master" in ringing costume in the Drayton ringing-chamber, in the act of pulling off at handstroke. The description beneath the picture is "The old gent. as took all his clothes off." A tour in the Isle of Wight brought the company to Brading, and among the particulars we read: "That antique machine for punishing drunkards known as the stocks, in a good state of preservation, is just beneath the tower, two of Brading's ringers having attempted to give away the brotherhood by sitting in them for a pictorial postcard view, which sells readily in the town. We usually associate bells with stocks, but ringers with stocks is quite a new order. Immediately in front of our headquarters—The Wheatsheaf, kept by host Harris—may still be found the actual bull-ring, a gentle reminder of savage baiting days. The writer's knowledge of the higher methods does not include ringing the bull, although he made the bull's eye ring." More extracts of a similar character could be given. But we must refrain, for fear of diminishing the reader's interest when he comes to read the book.

Not only in peal-ringing has "the Master" been busy. Many times has he occupied the pulpit, and preached to his ringing brethren at Guild or other meetings in various parts of the country. The places he has visited to give practical advice to clergy and churchwardens respecting their bells, are numerous. The various incidents of travel record some remarkable particulars. In one of them we read that when journeying to ring a peal, he was thrown out of a trap owing to the erratic conduct of the horse, and this accident prevented him from ringing the peal.

"Among the Bells" will certainly become in the near future a ringers' classic. Our unborn successors in the Art will peruse the volume with deep interest and enthusiasm. It should occupy a high place in every ringer's library, and be a favorite with all. It has been said of the immortal *Pickwick* that if it is opened at haphazard, something is immediately seen to interest or amuse. The same may be said of the work under review. It is within the "pocket" reach of every ringer, for the parts may be had separately at the nominal charge of sixpence.

The value of this publication as affecting the fortunes of

change-ringing must be incalculably great. Mr. Robinson has been heard to say that the editor of this paper has done as much, or more, than other man towards the promotion of the Art. After the publication of his book, such a statement requires wholesale modification. "His personality—and also his pertinacity—has been the means in an extraordinary degree of establishing the practice of change-ringing at many churches where it had hitherto been unknown." "Among the Bells" will attract enormous attention from those whom all ringers desire to see in their ranks. The pleasing surprise which will affect many who peruse the work, must be the means of popularising bellringing in a greater measure than ever.

In conclusion may be given the following information, which will interest all of us. It follows the Rev. Canon Papillon's preface to the work:—

"FRANCIS EDWARD ROBINSON was born at Begbrook, Oxon., in 1833. He was educated at Winchester College and Exeter College, Oxford, taking his B.A. degree (Hon. Fourth Class in Mathematics in 1853, and proceeding to his M.A. in 1857. From 1853 to 1867 he was a clerk and partner in the Old Bank, Oxford.

"Having decided to take Holy Orders, Mr. Robinson was, in 1868, ordained deacon to the curacy of Tubney, Berks., and in the following year priest, by Bishop Wilberforce, of Oxford. In 1878 he was presented by Lord Wantage to the vicarage of Drayton. He also filled, 1872 to 1902, the office of Diocesan Inspector of Schools, and he was a J.P. for the county of Berks. from 1864 till 1892, when he retired, finding the duties of a J.P. incompatible with those of a parochial clergyman."

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 EXTENSION OF STEDMAN.

SIR,—Mr. James having now replied to my questions, I should like, with your permission, to give my opinions on the whole matter. I may say at the outset that my views are not favourable to Mr. James, and have been arrived at after a careful study of the subject as set forth in your columns.

Mr. James's case appears to rest entirely upon the quick six being admitted as a bobbed division, and all he has said in support of this centres round an alleged change in the coursing order, and a comparison with Grandsire. With regard to the coursing order, I believe, with others, that the method is in divisions of twelve, commencing in the middle of a quick six, when there is no change in the coursing order. This, in my opinion, has not been replied to, except by inference. If such a division is wrong it may be shown to be so by a plain statement. Does Mr. James consider, without any reference to the quick six as a bob, that Stedman divided into twelves, as shown by Mr. Trollope, is not a legitimate method, and that five such divisions do not constitute a plain course? If not, why?

In the comparison with Grandsire I take it that Mr. James's point is, that if the alternate arrangement is the essence of Stedman, a plain course ought also to result from the application of the same arrangement to Grandsire. Well, let us see what is the result when the arrangement is correctly applied to each.

Take the divisions of each method, which are in themselves round blocks, those of Grandsire being plain courses of Original. It will be found that each may take two different forms. Those of Stedman may commence with thirds place or a whole pull at lead, and those of Grandsire with a whole pull at lead or fifths place. In either case they remain the same divisions, the rows comprising each being unchanged, the last mentioned in both cases being the reverse of the first. Now having at the end of a division of Stedman made fifths place to connect it to the next, the division obtained may be rung in either form. Mr. James says if it is rung direct it is plain, if in retrograde form it is bobbed. This reversing of the division may be also applied to Grandsire after a division is connected to the next by thirds

place, and if the change is made in alternate divisions the result will be the same, the bells will come round at the end of ten divisions, giving us a plain course of Stedman in both cases. That given by the Grandsire divisions being a principle of Double Stedman on five bells, which is not true within itself, as it contains 100 changes in the course. If we apply the Grandsire arrangement to Stedman, i.e., one bob place in alternate divisions, the divisions remaining unchanged in any way except for this bob place, we find it again produces the same result, six divisions being connected into one round block.

This result is got in Stedman by displacing any place within a division by fifths place, where it does not produce an immediate repeat. This shows that the comparison with Grandsire is an argument against Mr. James, for exactly the same treatment in both cases produces the same effect. It also shows that if the reversed division is considered a Stedman bob, it may by the same reasoning be shown to be a Grandsire bob.

Mr. James is not correct in his contention that the change in the order of places brought about by the reversing of the division constitutes a succession of bobs. A bob is a connection between rows of different divisions, but in a quick six there is no break in the plain connections, the order of the rows being merely reversed.

Dealing with these as bobs and in reply to my question as to where the remaining member of his Q set is bobbed, Mr. James says it consists of the first and last rows of the six, and is not bobbed. If this were true, I might refer Mr. James to the Glossary for the definition of a Q set. However the statement that the third member of the Q set must not be bobbed, or it will cause an immediate repeat, is not strictly correct, for it implies that it is plained. As a matter of fact it cannot be plained, the bob being one of three displacing a whole pull at lead by thirds place, for if a whole pull at lead (the plain place) is made after the last row, the proceeding row is produced. How then does Mr. James get over this difficulty? He does so by introducing a fifths place bob instead of thirds place, thus bringing in a third kind, and we now find that to obtain the extent of the method we must use four kinds of calls. This cannot be met by the statement that fifths is the plain place connecting the divisions, for looked at in that way it is a different bob, for it is thirds displacing fifths, and even if not used, from a scientific point of view it is permissible. This being granted, then the bob across the divisions on the higher numbers, being made two places distant from the plain place, may be regarded as also permissible.

What then would be the position if we were to allow that all the arguments brought forward by Mr. James are correct? That not one of them supports the resolution which he desires the Central Council to accept, i.e., "That the Council refuses to recognise all peals hitherto rung and called Stedman Triples to be such." Why, Sir, the modern peals are all pure Stedman, even according to Mr. James's theory. They are produced by quick and slow sixes with the addition of two other kinds of call, and Mr. James only makes this four kinds in all. Even if he still asserts that he only needs three, he himself has removed the restriction, and can have no valid objection to Thurstans using four.

Mr. James admits that two kinds of bob are objectionable, then if he is convinced that not even a touch can be obtained without two kinds, he ought to have the courage of his convictions and declare that the method is objectionable, and should not be considered as legitimate. Instead of this he is endeavouring to persuade the Exercise to accept a second variation with the same objectionable feature. It is safe to add that it is not scientific to say that two wrongs make a right.

Mr. James says he would like me to compose a peal with singles within the six. With the object of discovering what peals are possible on his plan, I have been working at it for some time. My investigations lead me to think that for Triples the plan is valueless for ringing purposes. I have succeeded in getting true five-part blocks and seven-part blocks, both of which connect by singles in the middle of a quick six, the extent of the operations of these singles is so limited, however, that they will not form the blocks into one. The five-part, however, has a serviceable connection by a single in the middle of a slow six, and a peal obtained by means of these will be published in another issue of the paper, if the Editor thinks it of

sufficient interest to the Exercise. With regard to blocks having one bell doing regular work throughout, I have been very thorough in my search, and believe that the five-part mentioned are the only ones possible, and these require at least thirty-eight singles to obtain the extent.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

SIR,—The correspondent in your last issue is not, of course, compelled to believe the quick six in Stedman Doubles and the Grandsire bob are alike, but the same six is used in Grandsire, and it is called a bob. Also if it is used alternately will bring round the sixty changes of Stedman Doubles or Grandsire. Anything that does not fit in with his side of the argument we are to take, I suppose, as "purely accidental." He says in your last issue—"While you cannot make a 6-score of Grandsire anything but sixty changes," etc. I always understood that a score was twenty, but now here is an expert trying to make us believe that six score are only sixty. This must be "purely accidental." He also gives figures which he tries to make us believe are the first twelve changes of Stedman Doubles, but I fail to see but eleven changes. This must also be "purely accidental," I presume. I must say I cannot fall in with his views so long as there is so much of the "purely accidental" attached to them.

H. ROBERTS.

"A BIRTHDAY PEAL."

SIR,—Your correspondent "G. F. M." may rest assured that one at any rate read his account with very great interest. I not only read it once but two or three times, so as to be able to repeat it to my own company when next we meet. I wish to thank G. F. M. very much for it hoping to have some more before long. At the same time let me wish the conductor many happy returns, also to congratulate the band who took part in the peal, most of whom myself and my poor old bike have met in our travels.

P. W.

Obituary.

JOHN BOBY.

It is our melancholy duty to announce the death of the above-named ringer who passed peacefully away on the evening of August 12th, at his residence Church Street, Lavenham, within three months of attaining the age of ninety-four years, as he first saw the light of day on November 9th, 1815. Deceased had known little ill-health, and was only confined to his bed five weeks, which time he bore his sufferings with fortitude. He was a ringer at Lavenham church for over half a century. His one and only peal was rung on the evening of December 12th, 1853, which was a 5600 of Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hrs. 45 mins., and was the last survivor of the band, which was Charles King (Lavenham), *Treble*; John Pettitt (Hadleigh), 2; Robert Perry (Glensford), 3; John Edwards (Bildeston), 4. John Boby (Lavenham), 5; Edward Boutell (Kersey), 6; William Snell (Preston), 7; Henry Hobart (conductor). *Tenor*. The peal is recorded on a fine tablet in the ringing-room. Deceased's father rang the same bell to Marven's 6000 of Bob Major in December 20d, 1813; also to a 5024 of Oxford Treble Bob on May 29th, 1820. Deceased's last complete touch was rung on the evening of December 2nd—1008 of Bob Major—to celebrate the 6000 performance. W. Boby, C. Fisk, H. Smith, J. Boby, T. King, W. Snell, A. Symonds conductor, W. Moore. On August 1st, 1904, he rang the tenor to a course of Major on handbells, which completed all his ringing. He was parish clerk and sexton for a great number of years, serving under four Rector's, viz., Rev. R. Johnson, M.A., Rev. J. M. Croker, M.A., Rev. Canon Scott, M.A., and the Rev. A. Tweedie, M.A. His son William carries on the duties under the incumbency of the Rev. W. B. L. Hopkins, who conducted the interment on the 17th. Mr. C. Corbetta (organist),—deceased's old friend—played appropriate music, and Psalm xc., and the hymn "Rock of Ages," were sung by adult members of the choir. His remains were laid to rest in the cemetery in the same grave as his wife who pre-deceased him four years ago in her eightieth year. It is most certain at the time of his ringing he could claim to be the oldest ringer in Suffolk.

Deceased leaves five sons and three daughters to mourn his loss. Shortly after the interment, out of respect, the ringers rang touches of Bob Major and Grandsire with the bells deeply muffled, conducted by A. and S. H. Symonds, the final touch being conducted by Mr. J. P. Bradley, late of West Ham, who only a few days previous sent to the writer to ask if Mr. Boby was still alive, as in a few days he was coming to Lavenham for a pull on the grand old peal and see Mr. Boby. May he rest in peace.

A. S.

FUNERAL OF MASTER LEONARD WILFORD.—An obituary notice in another column records the untimely death of this young lad, by which his parents are prostrated by the most acute grief, and in which they will have the genuine sympathy of the whole Exercise. There were many signs of deepest sympathy at the funeral which took place on Tuesday, August 31st, of Leonard Frederick Wilford, aged 15, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilford, of 55, Luttreworth road, Northampton. Mr. Wilford is the well-known Secretary of the Northamptonshire Association. The family mourners were Mr. and Mrs. F. Wilford (mother and father), Mr. and Mrs. L. Wilford (grandfather and grandmother), Mr. and Mrs. G. Wilford, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Tomalin, Mrs. J. B. Tomalin, Mrs. E. Quartermain, Mr. J. W. Curtis, and Mr. A. Curtis (uncles and aunts.) There were also present Mr. McMain (teacher), and Masters Horace Becke and C. Chaffe, schoolfellows at Barry Road. The service was conducted at St. Giles' church by the Rev. W. E. Chadwick, D.D., B.S.C., and the Rev. E. E. Farquharson, in the presence of a large congregation. The robed choir were present, and Mr. A. C. Tysoe, F.R.C.O., presided at the organ. The choir boys walked beside the hearse to the Northampton General Cemetery, and sang "Brief life is here our portion" at the graveside, the Rev. E. E. Farquharson offering the committal prayers. Beautiful wreaths were sent by his parents and grandparents; scholars and teachers of St. Giles's senior boys' Sunday School; Barry Road Schools; Mr. Henry Bowles; neighbours and friends; Uncle Walter and family; Uncle Robert, Charlie, and Annie Sear; Mr. and Mrs. E. Warner; Uncle Josh and Aunt Lottie; Cousins at Wellingborough; Uncle Albert and Aunts Ann and Ada; Aunt Edith; Uncle John, Aunt Rose and family; Eric and Rose; Mrs. Albert Curtis; Tommy and Connie; Mr. and Mrs. Merriman; Mrs. Allen and Elsie; Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Pratt. We shall all hope that the bereaved parents have in some measure had their grief assuaged by a recollection of that sentence in our Burial Service—"In sure and certain hope of a joyful resurrection to eternal life."

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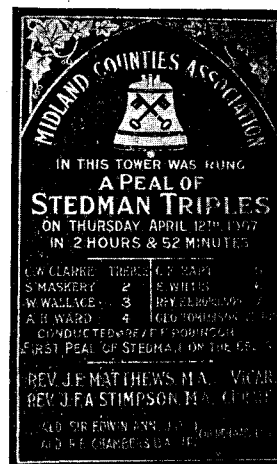
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THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held in the parish room, Cockermouth, on a recent Saturday afternoon. The Rev. W. H. Parker, Vicar of Cockermouth, presided, and the meeting was well attended by members from Cockermouth, Keswick, Workington, Aspatria, and Arlecdon belfries, with Mr. J. D. Baxter as secretary.

Letters of apology were read from the Rev. W. H. Spurrier, the Rev. Canon Rawsley, and the Rev. R. H. Snape, who were unable to attend.

The minutes of the meeting held at St. Bees, the statement of accounts, and an interesting report by the secretary were, after a few questions had been answered, unanimously adopted.

The Rev. W. H. Spurrier, of Irton, was re-elected president, and the vice-presidents were all re-elected with the addition of the Rev. W. H. Parker, the Rev. James Cropper (Penrith), and the Rev. Walter Hartley (St. Bees).

The next business was the appointment of secretary, and Mr. Baxter somewhat alarmed the meeting by saying he wished to retire. He was urged to accept re-appointment, but he was unable to do so on account of business calls, and Mr. Thomas Rimmer, of Crosthwaite, late of Broughton-in-Furness, was elected.

The next competition was fixed for the Saturday before Easter, March 26th, 1910, at Crosthwaite (Keswick) belfry, a touch to be rung in the case of six bells of 720 changes, and eight bells of 576 changes, the last year's

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winners to be debarred from a plain method. It was decided to allow the winning band to have the option of choosing any form of prize of equal value of the medals, and to allow competitors the usual half, or excursion fares, in travelling to the competition.

Mr. Rimmer moved that an entry be made in the minutes recording the appreciation of Mr. Baxter's services to the Association during the twenty years he had been a member, sixteen of which he had acted as secretary. This was seconded by the chairman, who eulogised the work Mr. Baxter had done for the Association, and said it was with great regret they had to release him from his duties. Mr. Tickle (Cockermouth), Mr. Sanderson (Workington), and Mr. Telford (Crosthwaite) suitably supported the resolution, which was carried by acclamation. Mr. Baxter was unanimously appointed a life member of the Association.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a very successful meeting. The chairman, in responding, asked the members of belfries to render all the assistance they could to their respective clergymen.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

FRANK BENNETT Treble.	ARTHUR N. HARDY 6.
ARTHUR J. NEALE 2.	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7.
EDWARD F. COLE 3.	FRANK SMITH 8.
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN 4.	THOMAS CARD 9.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS 5.	THOMAS JAKEMAN Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, September 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES W. DRIVER Treble.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD 6.
LOUIS ATTWATER 2.	JOSEPH HERBERT 7.
SIDLEY J. COLLINS 3.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 8.
JOHN HOWES 4.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 9.
ARTHUR JONES 5.	JOHN G. GREEN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 4, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

CHARLES H. WALKER .. Treble.	EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 5.
THOMAS G. DEAL 2.	HARRY BARRETT 6.
THOMAS TAYLOR 3.	HARRY WARNETT 7.
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON* .. 4.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. Tenor.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and Conducted by H. WARNETT.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. H. Walker, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

FAIRY BELLS.—Splendid sounding Instruments, just like a peal of Church Bells ringing. Every ringer should have one. Play any tune. Can be learnt in one half-hour.—Eight bells 6s. 6d.; Ten bells 7s. 6d. A few copies of music sent. Carriage 6d. extra.—ANDERSON, 2, Alpha Place, Coeddeanmaer, Pontypridd.

The Provinces.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN C. DICKEN Treble.	*HORACE GOODENOUGH .. 5.
GEORGE H. HOWSE 2.	*LEWIS GOODENOUGH .. 6.
THOMAS BLOW* 3.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. 7.
ERNEST GOWER 4.	*HARRY HOLLICK Tenor.

Conducted by E. WHITBREAD.

*First peal. Messrs. Howse and Gower were elected members before starting for the peal; the others are members of the St. Albans Cathedral Society, and were spending the week-end at Eastbourne.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 31, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5008 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
ISAAC EMERY 2.	HUBBET J. BLACKWELL .. 6.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN* 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
WALTER SMITH 4.	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor.

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

*First peal of Double Norwich.

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 1, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Being seven 720s.

JAMES WATTS Treble.	ERNEST PARKER 4.
WILLIAM HOYLE 2.	WILLIAM BENNETT 5.
GEORGE STACEY 3.	*HENRY MOORE Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY MOORE.

*Seventieth peal.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 1, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5040 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt.

REV. H. S. RICHARDSON Treble.	REV. B. TYRWHITT-DRAKE 5.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES .. 2.	REV. C. A. CLEMENTS .. 6.
REV. H. J. ELSEE 3.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 7.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

First clerical peal of Double Norwich, and fourth clerical peal ever rung. Further reference elsewhere.

PENDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lbs. in E flat.

GEORGE HARRIS Treble.	ALFRED CROSS 5.
REV. C. J. STURTON 2.	HARRY CHAPMAN 6.*
WILLIAM HOLBROOK 3.	ALBERT E. WREAKS 7.
JOHN R. PRITCHARD 4.	ROBERT DAVIES Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. WREAKS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, September 3, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Treble.	REV. H. J. ELSEK .. 5.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY .. 2.	REV. H. S. RICHARDSON .. 6.
REV. W. W. C. BAKER .. 3.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 7.
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. 4.	REV TYRWHITT-DRAKE .. Tenor.

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

Reference elsewhere.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 3, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of Stedman, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. Tenor 21 cwt.

A. T. ATHERTON .. Treble.	LEWIS MOORE .. 4.
G. BENNETT .. 2.	G. H. GALE .. 5.
J. ATHERTON .. 3.	J. CAPLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. GALE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. This is the first peal of mixed Doubles by all the band, and the first peal in the Chew deanery branch.

CLAPHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 3, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor about 5½ cwt.

CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Treble.	WALTER T. FINEDON .. 4.
HENRY W. GAYTON .. 2.	PEARL INSKIP .. 5.
CHARLES MORTIMER .. 3.	FREDERICK MORTIMER .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells, which are the lightest ring of six in the county.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 4, 1909, in Three Hours One and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt.

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

Conducted by KEITH HART.

TRING, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 4, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

HUBERT EDEN .. Treble.	JOHN C. DICEN .. 5.
HENRY HODGETTS .. 2.	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 6.
CHARLES N. LEMAN .. 3.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. 4.	FREDERICK WHITE .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD WHITBREAD.

CHURCH BELL ROPES.—The longest peal ever rung was at Loughborough, on Easter Monday. The ropes used were made by JOHN FRITCHARD, of Loughborough, whose bell-ropes are favorites of the Exercise for their non-stretching. Soft as silk; durable as steel.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 4, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

LESLIE WILLIAMS* .. Treble.	FRED W. HERBERT .. 5.
THOMAS BOTTRILL .. 2.	JAMES HARRIS .. 6.
DANIEL RICHARDS .. 3.	†JOHN CLARKE .. 7.
ALBERT MASON .. 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. Tenor.

Composed by A. E. RIDGWAY, and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON

*First peal, aged 14. †First peal of Major.

HODDESDON, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 4, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

WILLIAM PYE .. Treble.	SAMUEL BIRD .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. 2.	REUBEN SANDERS .. 6.
CHARLES T. COLES .. 3.	ROBERT E. STAVEBT .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 4.	HENRY G. ROWE .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT E. STAVEBT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Henry G. Rowe.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 4, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

O. BAYES .. Treble.	W. H. NEWELL .. 5.
C. GOLDING .. 2.	B. JARMAN .. 6.
H. GOLDING .. 3.	G. WARNER .. 7.
WILLIAM J. NEWELL .. 4.	F. NORRIS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. NEWELL.

ECCLESTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 4, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Horsham New Bob, London New Bob, Oxford Single Bob, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

JOHN W. FITCHIE .. Treble.	ROGER MARTIN .. 4.
JAMES ARMSTRONG .. 2.	EDWARD ARMSTRONG .. 5.
ROBERT SANDERSON .. 3.	ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. FITCHIE.

First peal on the bells.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 4, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, GRASSENDAL, E.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Violet and two 720s of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent, each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS JENNIONS .. Treble.	THOMAS J. MORRIS .. 4.
RICHARD H. GREEN .. 2.	JOHN TURNER .. 5.
GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 3.	JOHN ALLAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

First peal on the bells. First peal by all except the conductor. Rung in honour of the weddings of Mr. R. Lloyd More, organist of the above church, to Miss Isabel Curphey, of Grassendale Park; and Mr. Wallace Mellor to Miss Emily Allan, daughter of the tenor-ringer, and tower-keeper of the above church.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 4, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, Double Court; and three 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

A. ANDREWS Treble.	HERBERT REED 4.
JOHN W. LAKE 2.	JAMES OSBORNE 5.
ARTHUR J. HOLMES 3.	GEORGE H. SENTANCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

*First peal, and was proposed a member previous to starting. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

GARGRAVE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES:
IN THE KENT VARIATION Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN B. JACKSON Treble.	JOHN MCKELL 5.
WILLIAM TOWNSON 2.	FRED W. DIXON 6.
ARTHUR R. JONES 3.	EDWIN WHEATER 7.
HENRY BIETWHISTLE .. 4.	JOHN PERFECT Tenor.

Composed by WM. MALLINSON, and Conducted by E. WHEATER.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The weight of the tenor at Shifnal should be 19½ cwt., not 10½ as published in last week's number.—The peal rung at Burton-on-Trent on August 26th, was Grandsire Triples, not Stedman Triples as published.

Miscellaneous.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THRAPSTON (Northants).—On Tuesday, July 27th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. J. Nickerson conductor, L. Wyman, Miss Linda Kingsford, F. Arnold, D. Redhead, T. Jervis, G. Eads, J. Coleman. First quarter-peal by all except the treble and 7th ringers. First as conductor.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

BROADCLYST (Devon).—On Saturday, July 31st, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples which came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 15 mins., and not being sufficient time to make the second attempt the band visited Poltimore and rang two 720s of Bob Minor. L. Green, J. Skinner, W. Mogridge, F. Davey, A. Monkley, A. D. Cullum, Rev. E. V. Cox.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ORSETT (Essex).—On Monday, August 3rd, 720 Plain Bob. H. Chinnery, R. Miles, F. Ottley, A. Shelly, A. Keeling, R. Ward conductor. Also 180 and 120. This is the first 720 that has been rung on these bells for several years. And several 120s of Grandsire and Bob Doubles.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SCUNTHORPE.—On Monday, August 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Clarke, F. Tate, C. W. King, M. Tate. T. Smith, J. Swingle, H. Ludkin conductor, J. Smith.

HATFIELD.—On Monday, August 2nd, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Clarke, F. Tate, C. W. King, M. Tate, T. Smith, J. Swingle, H. Dudkin conductor, J. Smith.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD (Herts).—On Sunday, September 8th, for Hospital Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. H. Floyd, W. H. Newell, W. Floyd, W. J. Shepherd, J. Floyd, G. Greenhill conductor, H. Golding, G. Sells.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SEAFORD (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, August 8th, for Divine Service, 1400 Grandsire Triples. J. Fears, J. Morling, C. Morling, H. Clark, A. Simmons, G. Piper, R. J. Dawe conductor, A. Banks.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, August 3rd, for practice, 576 London Surprise. J. M. Bailey, G. Berry, N. R. Bailey, F. J. Smith, E. H. Bailey, E. S. Bailey, C. Samson, C. F. Bailey conductor. On Tuesday, August 10th, for practice, 672 New Cambridge Surprise. J. M. Button, J. M. Bailey, E. H. Bailey, C. F. Bailey conductor, C. Samson, F. J. Smith, N. R. Bailey, E. S. Bailey. On Sunday morning, August 15th, for Divine Service, 704 Oxford. F. Youngman, E. H. Bailey, C. Samson, J. M. Bailey, E. S. Bailey, C. F. Bailey, F. J. Smith, N. R. Bailey conductor. For evening service 336 Bob Major. F. W. Bailey, C. F. Bailey, F. Youngman, E. S. Bailey, J. M. Bailey, N. R. Bailey, E. H. Bailey, F. J. Smith.

BOSHAM (Sussex).—On Sunday, August 1st, 720 Grandsire Doubles. H. Duke, W. Ticehurst, J. H. Blake conductor, F. Terry, G. Brown, F. G. Kearbell. Also three 120s. H. Duke, F. Kearbell, W. Ticehurst, F. Terry, J. H. Blake, G. Marshall. Rung in honour of a visit of Mr. F. Terry, of Beckenham, Kent.

GESTINGTHORPE.—On Monday, August 9th, 720 Bob Minor. E. Turner, D. Gridley conductor, H. Cansell, A. Catterwell, O. Broyd, W. Nice. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Broyd, D. Gridley, H. Cansell, A. Catterwell, W. Nice, G. Pannell conductor.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, August 1st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. T. Verry, C. Starkey, G. Taylor, B. Starkey, R. Faux, T. Westwood conductor, W. G. Ellis' W. Anker.

HARLOW COMMON (Essex).—On Sunday, August 1st, for Divine Service at St. Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob in 43 mins. G. Dent, W. Deller, B. Coppin, J. D. Deacon, W. Wheeler, J. Smith, J. Caudell, H. Bottrill conductor.

HIGHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, July 25th, for Divine Service at St. Anne's church, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Miles, E. Bonfield, J. Nixon, F. Smith conductor, A. Brightman, J. Bullock, E. Chapman, J. Baker. Rung at the request of James Nixon, to celebrate the anniversary of the "James's" rang at Clerkenwell on July 25th, 1889, in which performance he took part.

LONG SUTTON (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, July 29th, on the occasion of the annual Sunday School Festival at Long Sutton, the Fleet ringers paid a visit to St. Mary's church in the evening and rang two 720s of Minor in honour of the event, being a 720 of Double Court, and one of Double Oxford. T. Copeland, Rev. C. J. Sturton, H. V. Fletcher, A. E. Campling, G. R. Truss, J. B. Hallifax conductor.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, August 8th, for Divine Service at St. Edward's church, 1280 Superlative Surprise Major. H. Catterwell, G. Buggs (first quarter-peal), G. Jaye, A. J. Perkins, A. Carter, G. R. Pye conductor, E. Pye, W. Watson.

BLACKPOOL.

RINGERS and their friends will find good accommodation at Mr. JOHN SMITH'S, 3, Livingstone Road (off Hornby Road), Blackpool (late of Rawtenstall). Near Central Station and Sea. Piano. "THE BELL NEWS" taken. A good half-pull neighbourhood.

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on September 20th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 21st; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 16th and 30th; and at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 21st, all at 8 p.m. The annual dinner will be held on November 13th.

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, October 2nd, at the church of St. Mary, Willesden, N.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Business meeting in the parish room adjoining the church at 7.30, where the members will be welcomed by the Rector. A social will afterwards take place at The White Hart hotel. All ringers will be made welcome.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The seventh annual grand Bohemian Concert will be held on Saturday, October 9th, at The Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, City. Doors open at 7.15 p.m.; commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission only by programme, price sixpence reserved seats 1s., to be obtained from the following officers and committee; Messrs. W. C. Matthews, C. F. Winney, R. A. Daniell, H. S. Ellis, F. A. Smith, H. W. Hibbert, R. Bevan, J. E. Davis, F. J. Hairs, G. E. Iles, H. Mance, F. G. Perrin, A. Turner, and others, also from

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, September 25th, at St. Andrew's church, Hillingdon, near Uxbridge. It is hoped that members will do their utmost to attend, and that they will be good enough to signify their intention to the Hon. Sec. in order that proper provision may be made. Early payment of outstanding subscriptions would be much appreciated. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Canon Duckworth, D.D., Sub-Dean of Westminster. Other particulars will be announced in due course.

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

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Borden to-day, Sat., September 11th. The following important business will be dealt with: the election of a new district secretary, owing to my removal out of the district. The tea, for which 3d. will be charged, will be preceded by a short service in the church at 5 o'clock. Secretaries please note my new address—

A. B. ROBSON, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
47, Kingsnorth Road, Faversham.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brierley Hill to-day, Sat., September 11th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5 o'clock.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, to-day, Sat., September 11th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. prompt. A good attendance is requested.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held to-day, Sat., September 11th, at Great Wymondley. Bells (6) ready at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. St. Ippolyts (6) will also be available in the evening.

H. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Burton, near Carnforth, to-day, Sat., September 11th. Meeting at 5 o'clock. Bells (6) available at any time during the day. W. ROBINSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight to-day, Sat., September 11th. Bells ready at 4.30. Members intending being present please send word to

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*
3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Kelvedon to-day, Sat., September 11th.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
Coggeshall.

The Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Bridlington on Saturday, September 18th. For particulars see Association circulars.

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

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Norwood Green, near Southall (six bells), on Saturday, September 18th. Bells ready at 4. Tea will be provided on the usual terms at 5.30. Members and friends will be cordially welcomed.

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

Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, September 18th. The towers at Nuneaton and Chilvers Coton will be open for ringing as usual. Committee meeting at 4.15. Tea (1s. each) at 5, both in the parish room, Newdigate Place. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. T. W. Chapman, 19, Glebe Road, Nuneaton, not later than the 17th inst., so that convenient arrangements may be made. Members whose subscriptions have not been paid for the current year are respectfully asked to pay them in at once.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich on Saturday, September 18th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llantrisant (Glamorgan), on Saturday, September 18th, at 4.30. Tea will be provided.

REV. CONNOP I. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*

J. W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

"Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport."

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The next meeting will be held at Rugeley on Saturday, September 18th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service in church at 5. Tea (1s. each) in Parish Room at 6. Excursion leaves Wolverhampton at 12.35 and 2.35. Reports will be ready. Those intending being present should notify me not later than the

13th inst. Colwich tower will also be open from 2 o'clock.

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

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hunstspill on Saturday, September 18th. Tea—free to members—in the schoolroom (close to church) at 5 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. A. E. COLES, *Bridgwater.*

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—A special social meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, September 18. Bells at 4. Tea will be provided, 6d. each. Members, friends, and young men wishing to learn ringing specially invited.

HENRY F. COOPER.

County Offices, Chelmsford.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above branch will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, September 25th. Peal attempt at 10.30. For further particulars see circulars.

J. W. SEAMER, *Hon. Sec.*

99, Legsby Avenue, Grimsby.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Leigh-on-Mendip on Saturday, September 25th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 5. Business meeting to follow. Service in parish church at 6. A brake will meet the 2.10 p.m. train from Bristol at Radstock. Notice should be sent to Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, Leigh-on-Mendip, not later than September 20th.

E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Rawtenstall on Saturday, September 25th. All ringing reports up to the 30th inst. to be sent to the Ringing Secretary. All notices for any proposed alteration of rules, etc., and nominations for vice-president, ringing secretary, and two auditors, must be in the hands of the general secretary not later than Monday, September 6th. Further particulars by circular.

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Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sackley on Saturday, September 25th. Service in the church at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. The bells (6) will be available. A free tea will be provided for all those sending me their names before Wednesday, September 22nd. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid by this meeting.

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

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The September meeting will be held at Holbeck on Saturday, September 25th. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in Parochial Room (rear of church) at 7.30 p.m.

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

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, September 25th. Tower open from 3 to 8.30. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Those intending to be present at tea should let me know by Tuesday, September 21st.

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RINGERS' OUTINGS.

The members of the St. Mary Abbots Guild, Kensington, went for their annual outing on Monday, August 2nd, Bristol being the place selected. The party met at Paddington at 7 a.m., much regretting the unavoidable absence of many of the members, and also of Mr. R. A. Daniell. After a somewhat long journey Bristol was reached at 11 o'clock. At the station we were met by Mr. Howell, who acted as guide for the remainder of the day. After the first greetings were over, steps were taken to the church of St. Nicholas, where we were delighted to meet an honorary member of the Guild, namely Dr. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A. The bells were set going to Grandsire and Stedman Caters, their

tone being much admired by all. An adjournment was made to The Admiral Duncan, where a good dinner was served by Mrs. Walker. After dinner a visit was paid to the grand old church of St. Mary Redcliffe, where the verger showed us all the things of interest. The window dedicated to Handel was of special interest, seeing that that great man composed some of his music upon that same organ. After this a walk was taken to the pretty church of St. Stephen, where unfortunately no ringing could be done owing to a death in the neighbourhood. Returning to St. Mary Redcliffe, the bells were raised and set going to Stedman Caters, and then, time not permitting a very long stay, a few rounds were rung on the

twelve. An adjournment was again made to The Admiral Duncan, where a very good and well served tea was partaken of. After tea, some of the party went for a drive round the town, while others preferred a visit to the suspension bridge. The scenery from here was picturesque in the extreme, and was much admired by all. Finding time rather short tracks were at once made to the station, where we found a compartment awaiting us. A pleasant journey home ended all too soon, a very enjoyable day and one to be remembered by all the party. We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. C. A. Gordon for the excellent arrangements which he made on our behalf, and also Mr. Howell, who very kindly gave up the whole day for our benefit, and also the local ringers for meeting us.

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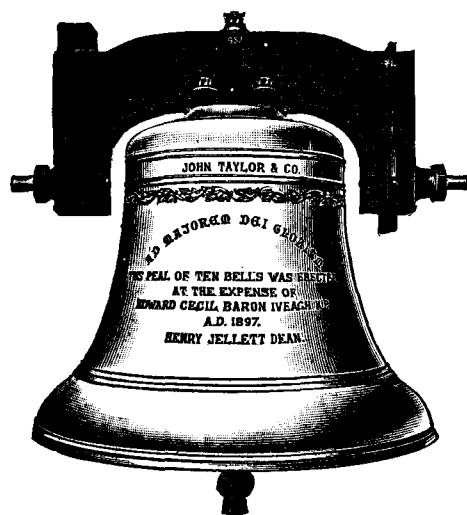
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Death.

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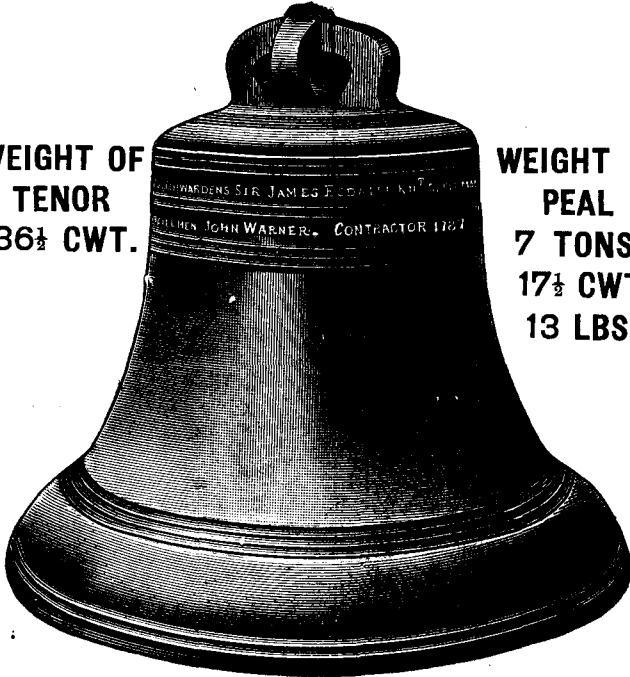
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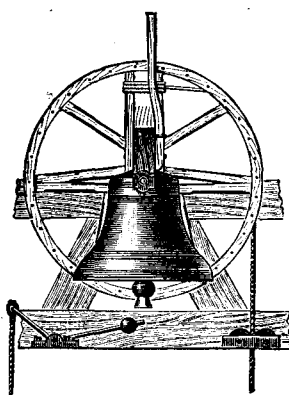
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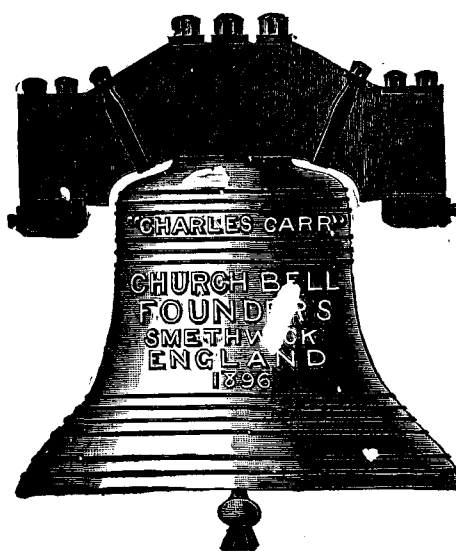
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WEMBURY, SOUTH DEVON.

Situated right on the edge of the coast of South Devon, and about five miles from Plymouth, Wembury church serves as a landmark for all shipping going up channel. Until recently there were only three bells there, and these were unringable, as the salt spray, which in rough weather reaches far over the tower, had rusted the bearings, and the bells were only clocked for service. Recently instructions were given to recast the old three, and augment the ring to five. The casting was entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and now a very good toned ring of five bells is the result. The bells (tenor 8 cwt.) go exceedingly well.

On Wednesday, September 1st, a band from Plymouth rang some excellent touches of Stedman, Grandsire, and Bob Doubles. All the ringers expressed the opinion that both the tone and go of the bells were perfect, and convinced the locals that the addition of another treble would make a fine ring of six. They will now endeavour to raise the necessary sum required for the new bell, and by their enthusiasm which they shewed for half-pull ringing, they will endeavour to learn it.

The following were the visitors from Plymouth: G. F. Williams, W. G. Hiscott, G. Stroud, F. Hockaday, W. H. Marsh, E. W. Marsh, F. Dunaway, R. Hornbrook, G. Parish, V. J. J. Hobbs.

BALHAM, SURREY.

A wedding of great interest to ringers will take place on Tuesday next, the 21st instant, when the Rev. Herbert Drake will be married to Miss Catherine Maude Scarfe, at the church of St. John the Divine, Balham, s.w., at 11 a.m. Unfortunately there are no bells at this church, but doubtless ringers in several other churches will make up for the local deficiency. We understand the honeymoon is to be spent at Ventnor. We may hope that under the now circumstances of his life, Mr. Drake will before long be quite restored to his former health and strength.

CITY CLOCK IN A HURRY.

The erratic behaviour of the clock over the Royal Exchange caused some amusement in the City the other day. For some time it continuously chimed the hours, and the bells performed tunes that were not due for some days to come. By half-past three the clock had reached an item on its daily programme that in the ordinary course of events would not have been heard until Thursday next.

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RINGING TOUR IN EAST DEVON.

The annuals of the St. David's Society (Exeter) and the Exeter Ringers' Cycling Club took the form, this year, of a combined tour in East Devon. Those participating were the Revs. C. J. Valpy French (president of the St. David's society), G. F. Molineux (Vicar of Colyton, and hon. secretary of the Devonshire Guild), Messrs. H. B. Kindersley, C. Carter, F. J. Davey (hon. secretary of the cycling club), F. Gardner, L. Green, J. Richards (captain of the cycling club and hon. secretary of the St. David's society), W. Richardson, A. W. and A. E. Searle, T. J. Stokes, J. Vanstone, W. H. Webber (all of Exeter), and J. Ridler (Thorverton).

The programme, which had been drawn up by Messrs. Richards and Davey, had a twofold object—the covering of a selected area, and demonstration of the art of change-ringing in out-of-the-way parishes, where scientific principles are little understood, and rarely practised. The Exeter contingent of the party left Queen-street station on Saturday morning, and detrained at Honiton, where the heavy ring of six, with a tenor reputed to be 23 cwt., at St. Michael's-on-the-Hill, was soon in motion with Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, which methods were repeated at practically all the towers subsequently visited. The party was here joined by the Rev. G. Molineux, and proceeded in a pair-horse break to Monkton—six bells, three of which are mediæval, and were cast by Robert Norton, of Exeter, while three, which were added in 1868, were the gift of the Gard family, which formerly resided at Rougemont Castle, Exeter. The ring is light and musical, the tenor being only 7 cwt.

Upottery was the next objective of the party. There is here a capital of six, tenor 19 cwt, and in good going order. The party came across a double-tufted rope, there being sallies at both hand and backstroke. Many of the visitors were delighted to renew acquaintance with an old ringing friend in the person of Mr. J. Bromfield, who is a walking storehouse of bell lore, and takes the keenest interest in the bells of Upottery. A little of their history has been preserved; in most places it is difficult to learn anything about church bells. The Upottery peal, prior to 1818, consisted of four bells, two of which got split. About the year mentioned the parish decided to have a fresh peal. This consisted of five bells, and probably included the metal of the old four. They were cast at the Whitechapel foundry, now carried on by Messrs Mears and Stainbank, and shipped in May, 1818, to Bridport, whence they were conveyed to Upottery. The transport took longer than was anticipated, and the delay threatened to put a damper on the rejoicings connected with an auspicious event in the parish—the marriage of Mr. J. Darby, who was then one of the churchwardens. But the people of Upottery proved equal to the emergency. The bells were placed mouths upward in the churchyard. A man was paid 2s. for watching them during the night, and to make doubly sure, apparently that no one tampered with the tenor, his son slept in it on some straw. Grandison, the monster tenor of the Exeter cathedral peal, might enable a man of small bulk—such a man, for instance, as the "constable"

of the St. Peter's band—to obtain a night's rest within its orifice without much inconvenience. But the Uppottery watcher's son, whether boy or man, curled and cramped in a comparatively puny bell, must have suffered discomforts which can only excite profound sympathy. However, on Mr. Churchwarden Darby's wedding day the bells were sounded by means of hammers—it is a mercy that they were not cracked in consequence. A treble was added in 1897, and the whole peal is now a credit to the parish.

At Yarcombe, the fourth place on the list, Mr. Pitfield Chapple, of Axminster (a former hon. secretary of the Devon Guild), and a friend, Mr. Maxwell Adams (who was for several years prominently identified with archaeology in Devon), joined the party. The tower has five bells—tenor 17 cwt. in F. There was an alarming oscillation when the bells were in motion; the bells seemed to have been very indifferently hung, and it was impossible to get good striking. The visitors, however, found ample solace in a substantial and well-served dinner at the Yarcombe Inn. The Rev. C. J. Valpy French presided, but had to leave the party at the close of the dinner to return to Exeter for parish duty. The tour was continued during the afternoon to Stockland, where the Rev. E. V. Cox (son of the Vicar) made a vigorous effort some time ago to instal change-ringing, but owing to the constant migration of young men from the village to the towns, it proved futile. There is a good ring of six, tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp, but it would be improved by a few inexpensive adjustments.

Membury, the fifth tower visited, has a remarkably fine peal. It consists of five bells, tenor 18 cwt. in D sharp. The go is fairly satisfactory, the tone is splendid, and if the treble was attuned to the rest the ring would be, from a musical point of view, perfect. An effort should be certainly made to increase the number to six, and if possible, to eight bells, for it would not be excelled, weight for weight by any peal in the county. It is somewhat remarkable that Membury, which is only a chapelry of Axminster, had five bells as far back as 1568, when only thirty-four other churches in Devon had so many. The belfry contains some mementoes, skilfully carved, from the oak of the cage taken out of the tower when the peal was restored by Mr. Stokes, of Woodbury, about eight or nine years ago. The belfry door was also made from timber of the old frame, at the expense of Mr. Calmady Hamlyn, of Bridestowe, whose ancestor, Sir Shilston Calmady Hamlyn, was killed in an engagement in the parish during the Civil War. There is a memorial to Sir Shilston in the church, and in connection with it are preserved two cannon balls and a prodigious bullet, which were found in the parish at places where Sir Shilston and another soldier are known to have met their deaths.

Axminster, the last place on Saturday's programme, was reached about half-past six. Quarters, which proved very comfortable, had been secured at The George hotel, and after discarding waterlogged garments the party had an excellent tea. The chief feature of the visit to the town of carpet fame, but where not a single "Axminster" is now manufactured, was the unveiling of a framed oak board, inscribed with details of the first peal ever rung on the existing ring of eight at the famous minster church of St. Mary. The bells date from 1898, and were obtained by melting down an older peal of eight of poor quality—the 5th alone being saved—and adding fresh metal. The restoration was mainly due to the instrumentality of Mr. Pitfield Chapple. The tenor is in D, and is 25½ cwt. against the 21 cwt. of the previous tenor. The old 5th

has a history. She was cast in 1647. Fifteen years later she was rung by one John Brocas, when the rope looped, fell around his neck, and he was strangled. It is possible that the wheel above threw the rope, but it is also likely that poor John paid a terrible penalty for ringing with a slack end. The king claimed the bell as a deodand, because by the act of God it had caused the death of a subject, and therefore liable to be sold for the benefit of pious purposes or applied to alms. The judges differed in opinion, the bell was allowed to remain, and now hangs by itself in solemn loneliness over the new peal.

The unveiling of the peal-board was performed by the Rev. G. F. Molineux. It recorded a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on Easter Monday, 1906. The board was accepted on behalf of the church by Mr. W. A. L. Paul, one of the churchwardens. The visitors had a few touches on the bells, the local ringers joined in, and the proceedings passed off very pleasantly. The visitors then repaired to the residence of Mr. Chapple, where a couple of convivial hours were spent, and where hearty thanks were tendered to him and his sisters for the hospitality they invariably extend to change-ringers. Some of the party—Messrs. Molineux, Ridler, and Kindersley—had to return home, but Mr. W. Richardson, of Exeter, helped to recruit the ranks for the second day of the tour.

Sunday's itinerary opened with Kilminster, a handy ring of six, tenor 11 cwt., in capital order. Then came Musbury, where, at Ashe House, now a farm, the great Duke of Marlborough was born. Change-ringing has lately been taken up at Musbury, and there was a numerous company of local ringers, who had a fine exposition of half-pull methods provided for them by the visitors. There are six bells, tenor 14 cwt. in G. Colyton, the town by the hazel brook, and the home of the secretary of the Devon Guild, was reached in good time for morning service, which all the members attended, and appreciated the Vicar's plea for earnestness and thoroughness in all branches of church and daily work. Then, after walking and meditating in the vicarage gardens after the manner possibly of a former Vicar, one Dr. Brerewode, and being photographed, the visitors, who had been joined by Mr. Milford, of Thorverton, repaired to the belfry of the central tower of the church. The belfry could only be reached by negotiating the usual winding staircase and an unusual balcony immediately underneath the roof at the end of one of the aisles. The balcony is so close, indeed, to the roof as to necessitate the tilting of heads and shoulders, and awakens thoughts of being deposited into the church as unceremoniously as an unfortunate churchwarden is related to have fallen into the mausoleum of the Yorges when speaking at a vestry meeting which was being held above it. The floor, in fact, of the vestry was the arched roof of the mausoleum.

The peal at Colyton was the most ponderous of any encountered during the tour. It comprises but six bells, yet there is a tenor of 36 cwt. in E flat. The 3rd is noteworthy as having been cast by Robert Wiseman, who is represented in Devon by only one other bell, a member of the peal at Woodleigh. The Colyton peal is of course a fine one, but unnecessarily heavy, and the visitors had all their work cut out to ring the bells in Grandsire and Stedman. But they had the satisfaction of ringing the first 6-score in the latter method ever rung on the bells, and of reflecting credit upon their all round ability. An excellent dinner was served in The Colcombe Castle hotel, and under the genial presidency of Mr. Molineux, was enjoyed.

Shute, with its ring of five, tenor 8 cwt. in A, supplied a

a great contrast to Colyton. The church itself, which is crueiform, is quite out of the ordinary run of Devonshire fabrics as regards style, while the ringers have to stand immediately in front of the chancel in full view of the congregation. This is unique in this part of the country, although the writer knows of a similar case at Britford, near Salisbury. At Ottery the ringers stand in one of the transepts, and the belfries at Fremington and Burrington open into the church close to the chancel. There can be no backsliding, surely, in the matter of church attendance among the ringers of Shute, for if they ring for service they cannot leave without black listing by every member of the congregation. What a mild sensation there would be among many bands of ringers in the county if they had to perform their office in a similar situation.

The visitors were cordially welcomed at Shute by the Rev. S. M. Nourse, but the stay there, as well as at Dalwood—a ring of six, tenor 8 cwt. in A sharp—and of Widworthy, the last tower visited—where there is a ring of five, tenor 8 cwt. in A—was very limited, owing to exigencies of time and train service. It was found at some of the towers, and especially at Widworthy, that the local ringers were in the habit of ringing the bells so low that it was difficult, when the bells were rung high, which is necessary for change-ringing, to get such good striking as could be desired. It would certainly be an advantage if all the bells were rung reasonably high, because the full merits of peals are brought out much better than when the bells are rung at about stock level. The weather throughout the day was beautifully fine, and the visitors were enabled to enjoy the lovely scenery of the East Devon vales. Honiton was reached shortly after seven o'clock, and Exeter was regained by the 8.5 motor. The arrangements throughout worked admirably, and the tour will rank as one of the pleasantest in the memories of all who had the fortune to take part in it.

A MISSING LETTER.

Mr. Samuel Slater, of Glemsford, writes:—

"I have read with much interest the papers that have appeared in 'THE BELL NEWS' by Mr. J. A. Trollope on Stedman Triples and the Norwich Ringers, but was surprised to find that Mr. Trollope had omitted the first letter of the controversy in the *Norwich Gazette*. I herewith enclose a copy of the letter of September 11th, 1731, for insertion in 'THE BELL NEWS,' so that the matter may be complete. I should have sent it to Mr. Trollope, but did not know his address: so I hope he will pardon me sending it direct to you."

'Whereas that most Noted and harmonious Peal on 7 Bells called Stedmans Triples which has so long lain hid in Darkness from the knowledge of the World, and although so many ingenious Ringers have pricked so many Thousand Sheets of paper and could never bring it to truth, but have thought it impossible to be done. This is therefore to acquaint all Ringers and Lovers of that art that it is now brought to Light and truth with two Doubles, and is pricked at Length which contains 5040 Changes, by that ingenious and Compleat Ringer EDWARD CRANE.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The following touches were arranged for Miss Alice White, of Basigstoke, the premier lady ringer of the world, who was spending a few days' holiday in Guildford.

At Shalford on September 1st, with Messrs. Lucas and Elston taking part, a touch of Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor was rung.

At Holy Trinity, Guildford, she rang the treble to some touches of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich on October 30th.

On Sunday, September 5th, at the church of St. Nicolas, she rang in 252 Stedman Triples, and also in a touch of Grandsire Caters. On Wednesday, September 8th, she rang 7-8 to a peal of Grandsire Triples in hand. And on September 9th, at the church of St. Nicolas, she took part in 514 Stedman Caters. C. Willshire, jun., S. Radford, G. W. Brion, Miss Alice White, C. Hazelden, M. Smither, F. Blondell, C. Willshire, J. Hunt conductor, W. Loader. H.

Obituary.

WILLIAM MARSHALL.

We regret to have to record the death of the above-named ringer, of Hull, Yorkshire, which occurred after a short illness, on September 5th, at the age of 61 years. He had been a ringer for the last twenty years at St. James's church. He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1890, and had rung in two peals. A number of ringers attended the funeral, when the service was read by the Rev. D. K. Moore, Vicar of St. James's. A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung at the graveside by D. W. Brown, W. H. Pasmore, C. Jackson, T. Stockdale. In the evening a muffled peal on the bells of St. James's was rung.

HATFIELD.—On Monday, August 2nd, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Clarke, F. Tate, C. W. King, M. Tate, T. Smith, J. Swingler, H. Dudkin conductor, J. Smith.

THRAPSTON (Northants).—On Tuesday, July 27th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. J. Nickerson conductor, L. Wyman, Miss Linda Kingsford, F. Arnold, D. Redhead, T. Jervis, G. Eads, J. Coleman. First quarter-peal by all except the treble and 7th ringers. First as conductor.

BROADCLYST (Devon).—On Saturday, July 31st, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples which came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 15 mins., and not being sufficient time to make the second attempt the band visited Poltimore and rang two 720s of Bob Minor. L. Green, J. Skinner, W. Mogridge, F. Davey, A. Monkley, A. D. Cullum, Rev. E. V. Cox.

ORSETT (Essex).—On Monday, August 3rd, 720 Plain Bob. H. Chinnery, R. Miles, F. Ottley, A. Shelly, A. Keeling, R. Ward conductor. Also 180 and 120. This is the first 720 that has been rung on these bells for several years. And several 120s of Grandsire and Bob Doubles.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD (Herts).—On Sunday, September 8th, for Hospital Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. H. Floyd, W. H. Newell, W. Floyd, W. J. Shepherd, J. Floyd, G. Greenhill conductor, H. Golding, G. Sells.

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123456	1	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	14
516324	-											
254613	-											
261453	-	s	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
453126			-	-	-	-	-	-	-		s	
654321	-										s	-
162435			-	-	-	-	-	-	-			-
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Four times repeated with a bob at 14 instead of the single at 13 in the last course of the last part produces:—

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234156		s									s	-

These five courses four times repeated, omitting the single at 13 and bob at 14 in the last course of last part completes the peal. Has all 6-7s at backstroke.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

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SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

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5024.

Known as No. 2 on the plan.

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
5 6 4 2 3	5ths & 4ths		-
4 5 6 2 3			-
3 6 5 2 4	-		-
5 3 6 2 4			-
4 6 3 2 5	-		-
3 4 6 2 5			-
6 2 3 4 5		-	-
3 6 2 4 5			-
2 3 6 4 5			-
6 4 2 3 5		-	-
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4 3 5 2 6			-
2 4 5 3 6		-	-
5 3 2 4 6			-
4 5 2 3 6		-	-
2 3 4 5 6		-	-

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SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By HENRY DAINS.

5056.

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

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

5056.

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

This peal has the 4th and 6th their extent in 6ths place, without the 2nd or 3rd being there. Composed 1889.

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Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

Umpire—S. Radford. This peal was arranged for Miss White, who was spending a short holiday in the neighbourhood, and this is her first peal on handbells.

Miscellaneous.**THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, September 13th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 50 mins. J. A. Fenton (first quarter-peal), R. Watson, W. Malins, H. O. White, C. W. Wheeler, G. W. Murray, S. C. Small, J. B. Fenton conductor.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Sunday, August 15th, at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. *S. E. Townsend, H. Rumens, G. B. Lucas, jun., C. Grimwood, W. J. E. Jones, E. D. Lillywhite, H. F. Hull conductor, *H. Hanbury. *First quarter-peal.

CLAPTON (Middlesex).—On Saturday, August 21st, at St. Matthew's church, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. H. J. King, H. T. Scarlett conductor, J. C. Adams, H. F. Hull, W. J. Kemp, H. Rumens, H. A. Alford, J. H. Tucker. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. H. Tucker, after an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples which came to grief after ringing 42 mins. Longest length by the ringer of the treble, who was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting.

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BEDFORD.—On Sunday, August 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Paul's church, 1167 Stedman Caters. W. J. Bowden, J. W. Barker, C. Freeman, W. J. Davison, C. Mortimer, H. L. Harlow, C. Chasty, F. Webb conductor, H. Tysoe, G. Harvey.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The following ringing in the Tendring Hundred was arranged for the Master of the Association, and conducted by him.

GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).—On Sunday morning, August 15th, for Divine Service, 560 Bob Major. W. J. Nevard, G. Lancaster, G. Andrews, W. Lancaster, C. H. Howard, F. Eley, J. Bowell, S. J. Roper. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob, with A. Andrews, 4; the rest as before. 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Burgess, 1; W. J. Nevard, 7; the rest as before.

TENDRING (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, August 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (15 bobs). G. Lancaster, W. Lancaster, C. H. Howard, F. Eley, S. Roper, W. J. Nevard.

GREAT BROMLEY (Essex).—On Sunday evening, August 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Taylor, W. J. Nevard, J. Bowell, F. Eley, G. Lancaster, C. H. Howard.

THORINGTON (Essex).—On Sunday evening, August 15th, after Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. W. J. Nevard, P. Roper, S. Roper, S. Eley, G. Andrews, C. H. Howard. 120 Cambridge Surprise. T. Burgess, W. Lancaster, W. J. Nevard, G. Lancaster, G. Andrews, C. H. Howard.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OLD WINDSOR (Berks).—On Thursday, August 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Smith, Dr. Harwood conductor, T. Gosling, A. Blake, W. Welling, S. Stillwell, J. Guttridge, A. Pether.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday morning, August 23rd, for Divine service at the parish church, 768 Kent Treble Bob. C. H. Howard conductor, W. Hammond, F. Webb, H. E. Hammond, S. R. Roper, G. B. Lucas, H. Coote, H. J. Collins.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).—On Sunday, August 29th, at the church of St. Margaret, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. A. Lambert, C. Dean, F. Butchers, J. Beach, F. Lambert, E. Lambert, E. C. Lambert conductor.

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WRAYSLEY (Bucks).—On Wednesday, August 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Smith, H. V. Cox, Dr. Harwood, W. Welling, L. Stilwell conductor, A. Blake, J. Guttridge, A. Pether.

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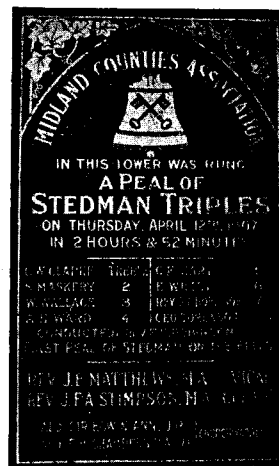
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1909.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

All being well, five members of the Yorkshire Association will attempt a handbell peal of 13,409 Grandsire Caters, at 38, Percy Street, Rotherham, on Saturday, September 25th, starting at 2 p.m.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
(THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.)

On Saturday, September 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED B. PECK Treble.	JAMES WILLSHIRE 5.
FREDERICK DENCH 2.	HARRY R. PASMORE 6.
HENRY S. ELLIS 3.	JOHN W. GOLDING 7.
HENRY R. NEWTON 4.	JOHN N. OXBORROW Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by A. B. PECK.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN, GOSPEL OAK,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Violet, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

NEWLAND ALDERMAN .. Treble.	RICHARD BEVAN 4.
ERNEST BONFIELD 2.	FRANK SMITH 5.
ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN .. 3.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. NUDDS.

First peal on the bells in seven Treble Bob Minor methods, and by all the band.

The Provinces.**DEVYNOK, BRECONSHIRE.****THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD***On Wednesday, February 3, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST CYNOG,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

CHARLES POWELL Treble	JOHN MORGAN 4.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	WILLIAM EVANS 5.
HARRIS PAGE 3.	HUBERT PRICE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal on the bells. First peal by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th, and tenor.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, March 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s each called differently.

WILLIAM PRITCHARD .. Treble	WILLIAM EVANS .. 4.
ARTHUR J. GRIFFITHS .. 2.	WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

OSPRINGE, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, August 28, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

PRECY JOHN SPICE* .. Treble	EDWARD TRENDALL .. 5.
ERNEST J. DOBBIE† .. 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 6.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 3.	†STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. 7.
WILLIAM WENBAN† .. 4.	WILLIAM SPICE .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by W. SPICE.

*First peal. †First in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. For calling see K.C.A. Report for 1905.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND LAWRENCE,***A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2.	JOHN FLINT 6.
JOHN HOLMAN 3.	HARRY MOSS 7.
JESSE MOSS 4.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by Wm. KEEBLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 4th, 6th, and 7th.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, September 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qrs. 6 lbs.

GEORGE ARCHER .. Treble	ARTHUR LEEDER .. 5.
THOMAS FORD, JUN. .. 2.	THOMAS FORD, SEN. .. 6.
CHARLES MILLS 3.	HARRY CATTERMOLB .. 7.
WILLIAM CHENERY 4.	JOHN SOUTER .. Tenor.

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

First peal in the method by the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd. The ringer of the 2nd is only 13 years of age.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, September 7, 1909, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION Tenor 18½ cwt.

J. G. HALL .. Treble	J. W. WHITTLE .. 5.
W. HOLMES 2.	A. SIMPSON 6.
G. F. ALEXANDER 3.	REV. W. P. WRIGHT .. 7.
A. MACFARLANE 4.	T. METCALFE .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by T. METCALFE.

This is the first peal on the bells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, September 7, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD .. Treble	GEORGE ROBINSON .. 5.
HARRY KENDRICK* .. 2.	FRANK SHEPHERD .. 6.
WILLIAM J. SMITH .. 3.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. 7.
THOMAS DICKEN .. 4.	*CECIL A. BRELIS .. Tenor.

Conducted by LEONARD BULLOCK.

*First peal.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, September 8, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

HUGH W. GREGORY .. Treble	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE .. 5.
HENRY GREGORY 2.	*EDWIN BLACKWELL .. 6.
HUGH GREGORY 3.	WILLIAM TAYLOR .. 7.
FREDK. TRAVIS 4.	THOMAS WHITE .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

*First peal. Rung in honour of the marriage of A. C. Wright, one of the local company.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

*On Wednesday, September 8, 1909, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 24½ cwt.

FRANK JACOBS* .. Treble	*WILLIAM H. PEABODY .. 5.
THOMAS W. GORE† .. 2.	WALTER ALLWOOD .. 6.
JOHN FLINT 3.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 7.
THOMAS RILEY 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Riley.

PLYMOUTH.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.*On Wednesday, September 8, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,**AT CHARLES CHURCH,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILLIAM JAMES* .. Treble	GEORGE R. STROUD .. 5.
WALTER H. MARSH .. 2.	ERNEST W. MARSH .. 6.
REGINALD DOBSON .. 3.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 7.
FRANK HOCKADAY .. 4.	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. H. A. Fleetwood, Vicar of Creting St. Mary, Suffolk, a former curate at this church, on the first anniversary of his wedding-day. First peal by the ringer of the treble, who is a son of the donor of the two trebles at the above church, and a brother-in-law of the Rev. H. A. Fleetwood. Quickest peal on the bells.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 8, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob and Canterbury, and
two 720s each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT DAKIN* Treble.	ROBERT MATTHEWS 4.
MISS M. GILBANKS 2.	WALTER J. BRETHERTON .. 5.
JOHN BASS 3.	CHARLES F. WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal. The above was rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. J. Moore, one of the local ringers.

HULL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 9, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. H. THOMPSON'S ONE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

A. NAYLOR Treble.	J. HODDS 5.
T. STOCKDALE 2.	C. JACKSON 6.
F. MOULSON 3.	W. H. PASMORE 7.
F. MERRISON 4.	*A. STARKS Tenor.

Conducted by C. JACKSON.

This peal has two fifths place bobs, all triple changes. *First peal. Rung with the bells muffled to the memory of the late William Marshall, who for the past twenty years had been one of the company at the above church, and was interred that day at the Western Cemetery, Hull.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and Conducted by Wm WATTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the brothers Prior, the band wishing them many happy returns. This is the first peal in the method by a local company.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, September 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK DICKENS .. Treble.	GEORGE ROBERTS 5.
GEORGE F. SWANN 2.	THOMAS BLOORE 6.
CHARLES DICKENS 3.	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM .. 7.
JOHN NEAL 4.	SIDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

HOLBECK, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN MOGERT Treble.	JOSHUA WOODHEAD 5.
FRANK R. CUNDALE* .. 2.	ALBERT S. MITCHELL .. 6.
GEORGE A. JOWETT 3.	PERCY J. JOHNSON 7.
RICHARD H. HOWLAND .. 4.	DAVID YORKE Tenor.

Composed by E. A. RIDGEWAY, and Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

First peal on the bells by an entirely local band since 1885.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING .. Treble.	THOMAS NEWELL 5.
SAMUEL JONES* 2.	JAMES MORGAN 6.
HARRY MOORE† 3.	HARRY GIBSON 7.
EDWARD ROWLANDS .. 4.	SAMUEL MEDDOWS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

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

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 11, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD H. JOHNSON* .. Treble	*J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 5.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 2.	*REV. E. V. COX 6.
FRANK PERVIN 3.	HARRY ARGYLE 7.
JOSEPH H. WHITE* 4.	*REV. C. CAREW COX Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

First peal of Treble Bob by the Guild. *First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt.

JOHN M. BUTTON .. Treble.	EDGAR H. BAILEY 5.
REV. W. C. PEARSON .. 2.	FREDERICK J. SMITH .. 6.
JAMES M. BAILEY 3.	NORMAN R. BAILEY 7.
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor.

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

HERTFORD.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR WRIGHT .. Treble.	†FRED ELLIOTT 6.
GEORGE RADLEY* 2.	†CHARLES EDWARDS 7.
GEORGE H. BARKER 3.	HENRY J. TUCKER 8.
WALTER PRIOR 4.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 9.
WILLIAM PRIOR 5.	FREDERICK WILLIAMS Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY J. TUCKER.

†First peal on ten bells. *First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Arranged for F. Elliott and C. Edwards, of Frensham, Surrey.

WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE JONES .. Treble.	RICHARD JONES 4.
ROBERT SPERRING* .. 2.	JAMES MORGAN 5.
WALTER THOMAS 3.	*JAMES V. WRIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

*First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. These bells have lately been rehung and two new trebles added by Taylor, of Loughborough, the "go" and splice being excellent.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 6-scores each of New Doubles, St. Simon's, Stedman Slow Course, Canterbury, Chase, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, St. Dunstan's; three 6-scores of London, and seven 6-scores of Grand-sire, each 6-score called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE HENRY PATRICK* <i>Treble.</i>	ARTHUR ROBINSON 3.
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2.	VICTOR CLARKE 4.
†BERNARD J. SADDINGTON .. ..	.. .. <i>Tenor.</i>

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

*First peal. †First peal in ten methods.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE <i>Treble.</i>	GEORGE GATLAND 5.
ERNEST GOWER 2.	ARTHUR HUTCHINGS 6.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 3.	KEITH HART 7.
GEORGE PAYNE 4.	PHILIP ALLFREY <i>Tenor.</i>

Conducted by KEITH HART.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

HERBERT MILLNER* <i>Treble.</i>	HENRY FERGUSON 5.
EDWARD RICKITT 2.	CHARLES JACKSON 6.
JOHN R. BARTON 3.	THOMAS HAIGH 7.
ABRAHAM HAIGH 4.	†ARTHUR E. WEST <i>Tenor.</i>

Composed by W. H. THOMPSON, and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

This peal has two 5ths place bobs, all Triple changes. *First peal. †First peal on eight bells.

GAWSWORTH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'. Tenor 16 cwt.

J. LOMAS* <i>Treble.</i>	*P. BAILEY 5.
F. STONELEY 2.	A. B. LOMAS 6.
J. M. DAVENPORT 3.	T. MOTTERSHEAD 7.
H. DAVENPORT 4.	†A. LOMAS <i>Tenor.</i>

Conducted by A. B. LOMAS.

*First peal. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and his generosity towards the ringers.

ARKLOW, IRELAND.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

HUBERT HOYLE <i>Treble.</i>	WALTER R. WASHBROOK .. 5.
HARRY WASHBROOK 2.	FERRIS SHEPHERD 6.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 3-4.	JAS. W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 7.
RALPH PRESTAGE .. ..	.. .. <i>Tenor.</i>

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

First peal by H. Hoyle and H. Washbrook (aged 12). Rang with the bells muffled in memory of the Earl of Carysfort, the donor of these bells, who was buried at Elton, Hunts., on September 9th. He was a kind and Christian gentleman, and spent upwards of £40,000 on Arklow church.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Friday, September 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Plain Bob, College Single, Oxford, Woodbine, Kent and Merchants Return. Tenor 8½ cwt.

RUPERT CALCROFT* <i>Treble.</i>	FRED HOLT 4.
WILLIAM LOWBRY 2.	*HAROLD S. L. SLATER .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3.	*CHARLIE WHITTAKER .. <i>Tenor.</i>

Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

*First peal.

STANDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM L. DARLOW <i>Treble.</i>	FREDERICK WILLIAMS .. 4.
CHARLES EDWARDS 2.	FRED ELLIOTT 5.
ROBERT H. KING 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. <i>Tenor.</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

This peal was arranged for F. Elliott and C. Edwards, who hail from Frensham, Surrey.

The following three peals were arranged for the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, of Cambridge.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT <i>Treble.</i>	WILLIAM H. ALLFREY .. 5.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY .. 2.	D'OYLEY S. SIMONS .. 6.
JOHN T. RICKMAN, M.A. .. 3.	KEITH HART 7.
CHARLES PALMER 4.	WILLIAM STENNING .. <i>Tenor.</i>

Conducted by KEITH HART.

D. S. Simons hails from Barking, Essex.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 8, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE <i>Treble.</i>	GEORGE H. HOWSE 6.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY .. 2.	ERNEST GOWER 7.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 2.	D'OYLEY S. SIMONS .. 8.
JOHN T. RICKMAN, M.A. .. 4.	ALFRED J. TURNER 9.
CHARLES PALMER 5.	KEITH HART <i>Tenor.</i>

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

*Fiftieth peal; reference elsewhere.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 9, 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.

WILLIAM PALMER <i>Treble.</i>	D'OYLEY S. SIMONS .. 5.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 2.	WILLIAM C. HART 6.
CHARLES PALMER 3.	ALBERT D. STONE 7.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY .. 4.	KEITH HART <i>Tenor.</i>

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

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on September 20th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 21st; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 30th; and at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 21st, all at 8 p.m. The annual dinner will be held on November 13th.

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, October 2nd, at the church of St. Mary, Willesden, N.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Business meeting in the parish room adjoining the church at 7.30, where the members will be welcomed by the Rector. A social will afterwards take place at The White Hart hotel. All ringers will be made welcome.

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

35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The seventh annual grand Bohemian Concert will be held on Saturday, October 9th, at The Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, City. Doors open at 7.15 p.m.; commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission only by programme, price sixpence reserved seats 1s., to be obtained from the following officers and committee; Messrs. W. C. Matthews, C. F. Winney, R. A. Daniell, H. S. Ellis, F. A. Smith, H. W. Hibbert, R. Bevan, J. E. Davis, F. J. Hairs, G. E. Iles, H. Mance, F. G. Perrin, A. Turner, and others, also from

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

35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, September 25th, at St. Andrew's church, Hillingdon, near Uxbridge. The bells will be available from 2.30 p.m., and it is hoped that the bells of St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, may be available some time during the afternoon. There will be a service at St. Andrew's church at 5 p.m. at which the Rev. Canon Duckworth will preach. This service will be followed by tea, and a business meeting in the schoolroom. The tea will be a substantial one, at the usual price of 1s., and the Hon. Secretary would be glad if names of those desiring provision to be made for them could reach him early next week. Routes to Uxbridge, by Baker Street, or Paddington, 1s. 6d. return.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Bridlington to-day, Sat., September 18th. For particulars see Association circulars.

CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*

40, Percy Street Rotherham.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Norwood Green, near Southall (six bells), to-day, Sat., September 18th. Bells ready at 4. Tea will be provided on the usual terms at

5.30. Members and friends will be cordially welcomed. H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*
Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Nuneaton to-day, Sat., September 18th. The towers at Nuneaton and Chilvers Coton will be open for ringing as usual. Committee meeting at 4.15. Tea (1s. each) at 5, both in the parish room, Newdigate Place. Members whose subscriptions have not been paid for the current year are respectfully asked to pay them in at once.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich to-day, Sat., September 18th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llantrisant (Glamorgan), to-day, Sat., September 18th, at 4.30. Tea will be provided.

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Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The next meeting will be held at Rugeley to-day, Sat., September 18th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service in church at 5. Tea (1s. each) in Parish Room at 6. Excursion leaves Wolverhampton at 12.35 and 2.35. Reports will be ready. Colwich tower will also be open from 2 o'clock.

H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

38, Leicester Street, Wolverhampton.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Huntspill to-day, Sat., September 18th. Tea—free to members—in the schoolroom (close to church) at 4 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. A. E. COLES, *Bridgwater.*

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—A special (social) meeting will be held at Retendon to-day, Sat., September 18. Bells at 4. Tea will be provided, 6d. each. Members, friends, and young men wishing to learn ringing specially invited.

HENRY F. COOPER.

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Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above branch will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, September 25th. Peal attempt at 10.30. For further particulars see circulars.

J. W. SHAMER, *Hon. Sec.*

99, Legsby Avenue, Grimsby.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Leigh-on-Mendip on Saturday, September 25th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 5. Business meeting to follow. Service in parish church at 6. A brake will meet the 2.10 p.m. train from Bristol at Radstock. Notice should be sent to Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, Leigh-on-Mendip, not later than September 20th.

E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Rawtenstall on Saturday, September 25th. All ringing reports up to the 30th inst. to be sent to the Ringing Secretary. All notices for any proposed alteration of rules, etc., and nominations for vice-president, ringing secretary, and two auditors, must be in the hands of the general secretary not later than Monday, Sep-

tember 6th. Further particulars by circular. A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary*
4, Helena Street, Islams O' Th' Height, Manchester.
J. H. BANKS, *Ringing Secretary*,
462, Helmsshore Road, Helmsshore.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Suckley on Saturday, September 25th. Service in the church at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. The bells (6) will be available. A free tea will be provided for all those sending me their names before Wednesday, September 22nd. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid by this meeting.

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

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The September meeting will be held at Holbeck on Saturday, September 25th. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in Parochial Room (rear of church) at 7.30 p.m.

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

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, September 25th. Tower open from 3 to 8.30. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Those intending to be present at tea should let me know by Tuesday, September 21st.

R. J. DAWK, *Hon. Sec.*

"Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford.

The Lixerpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Ormskirk on Saturday, September 25th. Full particulars by circular.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
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The North Wales Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Machynlleth on Saturday, September 25th. Bells available from 12 o'clock.

S. A. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, September 25th, at Elton (5 bells), and Winster (5 bells), near Darley Dale. Ringing from 2.30 p.m.

A. H. WARD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Warwickshire Guild.—The September monthly meeting will be held at Stoke-in-Coventry on Saturday, September 25th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify to the Hon. Secretary on or before the 23rd inst.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Bedfordshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Elstow on Saturday, October 2nd.

The Essex Association.—North-Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishops Stortford on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells ready at 3. Tea at 5.30 at The Chequers hotel, 6d. to members who notify me by Wednesday, September 29th.

JOHN F. PENNING, *Hon. Sec.*

Saffron Walden.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Donington on Saturday, October 9th. Divine Service at the parish church at 12 p.m. Dinner at The Red Cow hotel, tickets 2s. 6d. each. Further particulars from the Secretary, Mr. W. G. Cross, 16, St. James's Road, King's Lynn.

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RINGERS' OUTINGS.

On Saturday, August 28th, the members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, held their annual outing, the place selected being Coggeshall and district. Having availed themselves of travelling at a reduced fare granted by the Great Eastern Railway Company, fifteen members of the above Society travelled by the 6.40 a.m. train to Kelvedon, where they were met by Mr. Ernest W. Beckwith, the district secretary of Coggeshall, who had previously arranged for the breakfast, which was partaken of at 8 a.m., at The Sun inn, Feering Hill, Kelvedon, Essex. The members, including Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, then started upon their outward journey by way of Kelvedon church, and rang

upon the ring of six bells, tenor 21 cwt. Then on to Great Tey, and rang some Double Norwich Major. Then on to Earls Colne where various touches were rang. The next place visited was Colne Engaine, a ring of six bells. Then on to Halstead, a ring of eight bells, where they were met by Mr. W. Cooper, parish clerk, who welcomed us there. Continuing our journey to Bocking, the birthplace of that revered and good church bell-ringer, the late Ezra Carter, the members secured one course of London Surprise Major upon the ring of eight bells at this church, after which the members who took part in it eventually arrived at Braintree, where they were met by Mr. Charles H. Howard, churchwarden, and also Master of the

Essex Association, who after ringing at the church, kindly entertained the party to light refreshments. They then made the return journey to Coggeshall, where Mr. Beckwith had a capital spread awaiting us, consisting of hot roast beef and boiled mutton, etc. It is worthy of note that two veterans accompanied the party during the day, and rang at each tower: Mr. Henry Bowell, who is just completing his 80th year; and Mr. Edward Reeve, who is in his 72nd year, and saw the formation of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society in 1866. The members wish through the medium of this paper, to thank the various clergy and steeple-keepers for such excellent arrangements. M.

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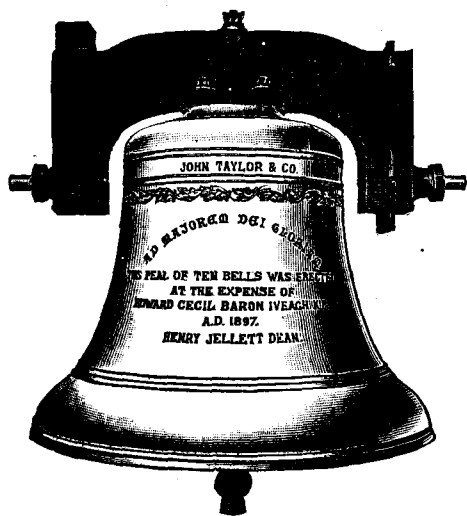
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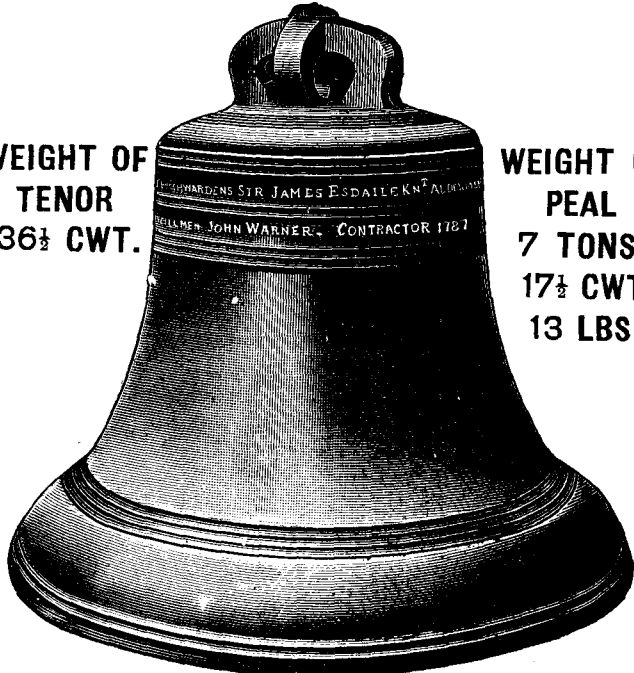
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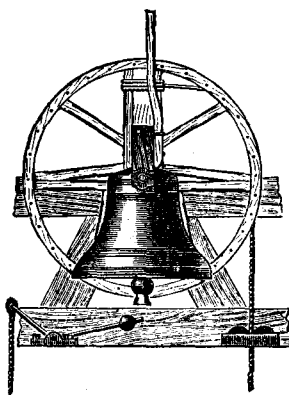
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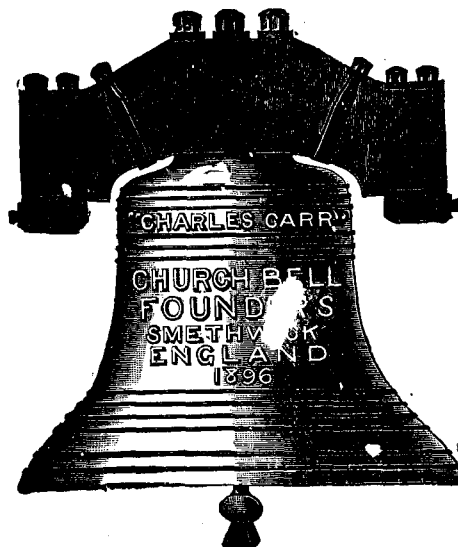
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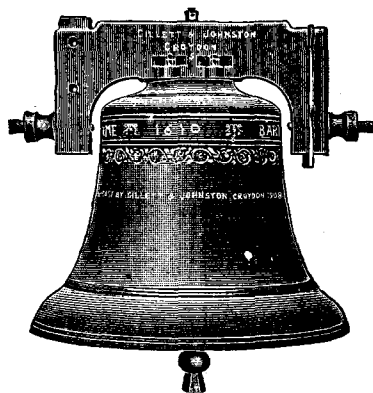
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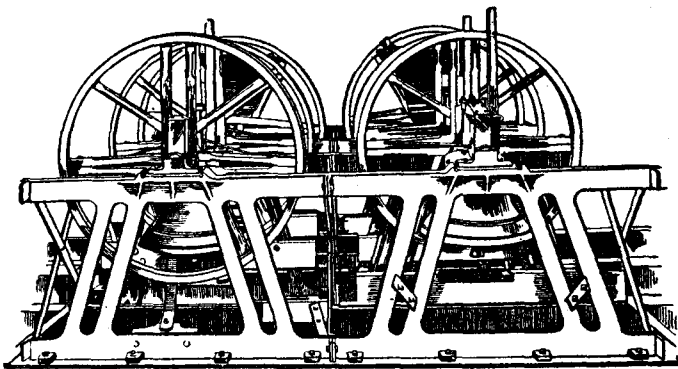
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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The second quarterly meeting of the year was held at Nuneaton on Saturday, September 18th, members attending from Barwell, Birmingham, Burton, Cotgrave, Coventry, Derby, Loughborough, Nuneaton, and other places.

The bells at Nuneaton (eight) and Chilvers Coton (eight) were available for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and were rung in touches of London, Superlative, Duffield, Double Norwich, Stedman, Grandsire, etc.

The Committee meeting was held at 4.15 in the parish room. Tea was laid at five o'clock, and was in turn followed by the general meeting, at which the vice-President (Mr. J. W. Taylor) took the chair, and was supported by Messrs. W. C. Wakley (hon. treasurer), W. E. White (hon. secretary), E. D. Taylor, and others, about thirty-five members being present.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were passed and signed. The chairman, reviewing the peal record for the past quarter, congratulated the Association on its progress, 102 peals having been rung since December 1st, and especially mentioned the peal of Superlative rung on handbells at Bolsover. This, he said, was the first peal in the method rung double-handed north of London.

Speaking of the coming reports, which were to be ordered by January next, he announced that efforts were being made to bring together again the band who rung the long peal at Loughborough, in order that a photograph might be taken. If it were brought about a block would be obtained, and a copy of such photograph inserted in each report.

The hon. secretary gave notice of his intention to move an alteration of rule iv., substituting "one year's subscription" for "two years' subscription," at the next annual meeting.

One life and eight ringing members were unanimously admitted.

Mr. White having left the room, Mr. J. W. Taylor said he had a very important matter to bring before the meeting, which concerned the office of secretary. He said that no one who was not behind the scenes had any idea of the enormous amount of routine work entailed in the duties. It was a very big slice out of any man's time even if he were a man of leisure, to perform the duties which were essential to the carrying on of the work. Mr. White had intimated that he found it too great a tax on his time, and had said that he did not desire to be again nominated for the office. The Committee thought it possible that arrangements could be made by which an honorarium should be passed yearly to the secretary, and his services thereby retained. A long discussion followed, and finally,

on the proposition of Mr. Argyle, seconded by Mr. Griffin, the committee were instructed to approach Mr. White and ascertain if such an agreement could be arrived at.

Mr. Griffin proposed, and Mr. E. D. Taylor seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicars of Nuneaton and Chilvers Coton for the use of the bells, and to the Nuneaton ringers for the excellent arrangements they had made for the meeting and tea. Mr. Argyle, in replying, apologised for the absence of his Vicar and the wardens, who were unfortunately unable to attend.

A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, proposed by Mr. Griffin, and seconded by Mr. Pervin, closed the meeting.

It may be mentioned that copies of the report will be sold to ordinary members at sixpence each, and to life members and non-members at one shilling each. Prepaid orders to be sent in by January next.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Llantrissant on Saturday, September 18th, and was well attended. Proceedings commenced with a short service in the church, at the conclusion of which the members adjourned to the town hall, where the business meeting was held, presided over by the Vicar of the parish (Rev. D. S. Griffiths). The first item on the agenda was the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, which were accepted as correct and signed.

The place for the next Glamorgan meeting was discussed, and it was decided to leave it over until the annual meeting, which is to be held at Newport on the 26th of December next.

Instructors' reports were next dealt with, good progress being reported from Cefn, Llantwit Major, and Whitchurch.

Two new towers, viz.: Marshfield and Rumney, joined the Association. These towers, whose bells have only recently been put in order, made application for instruction, and this was acceded to.

New members were proposed and subscriptions taken, which brought the meeting to a close.

Invitation was then given to all present to tea, where in an adjoining room an excellent one was awaiting. Tea over, the bells were kept going during the evening, thus concluding a very pleasant meeting.

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ORMESBY TOWER, YORKS.

Through the kindness of the Vicar and churchwardens, members of the above tower had a very enjoyable outing to Sharow and Ripon on Saturday, September 4th. On arriving at 10.56, the party went straight to Sharow, and several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. Returning to Ripon, full justice was done to a good dinner at The Black Bull hotel. Afterwards the whole party drove to Studley Royal, and an interesting and enjoyable afternoon was spent in the Park and Fountains Abbey. Tea was partaken of upon arrival at Ripon, and then a visit was made to the Cathedral, where touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. The members, with visitors from Sharow tower, made a tour of the town, finally leaving for home at 9.40. The arrangements at Sharow were made by Mr. W. Pick, and at Ripon by Mr. W. Gibson.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

It having come to our knowledge that there was a band of learners at Prestwich, we decided to hold our monthly Manchester Branch meeting there, and was agreeably surprised to find them so far advanced and willing to learn more. With a bit of coaching, several of them rang the tenor to some Grandsire Doubles. Those who were early enough were conducted to the schools, where there was a spread of bread and cheese. This over, a 360 of Bob Minor was rung for the service by J. Gratrix, W. E. Ryder, R. Fiddies, W. J. Moss, W. H. Shuker, H. Chapman conductor. Service over, more ringing was indulged in. A 720 of Bob Minor was brought round in 28 mins. by the same members except G. Harris on the 2nd, and with several 120s of Grandsire, brought the ringing to a close. We then adjourned to the school for more bread and cheese, during which a short business meeting was held, and presided over by the Rev. —. McIntosh, one of the learners, in the absence of the Rector, who was away from home, the party breaking up at 10.30. The one regret expressed by all, was the scarcity of members, only Bolton, Rusholme, Pendleton, Stretford, and the local company. They told us that they hoped to have two more bells in the near future to complete the octave. They decided to hold the next meeting at Flixton if convenient.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A bye-meeting of the south-eastern district was held at Rettendon on Saturday, September 18th. Members from Baddow, Boreham, Chelmsford, Maldon, and Rayleigh attended. The bells, a handy ring of six, tenor 9 cwt., commenced ringing soon after four o'clock. Tea was served in the reading room, fourteen sitting down. The object of this meeting was to introduce change-ringing into the district. Mr. Brown (churchwarden) and Mr. Freeman (sexton) are very anxious for it, and promised to do their best to induce young men to take up the art. After tea one new member from Pritlewell was enrolled, and 504 Grandsire Triples rung on handbells.

The ringers then repaired to the tower and rang touches of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent, Cambridge, Grandsire, and Stedman Doubles, three locals taking part in the Grandsire. The bells were lowered about 9 p.m., every one being satisfied that their visit to Rettendon had not been altogether fruitless.

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THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at Brierley Hill, on Saturday, September 11th. Service was held in Church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. H. Dibben, who gave an appropriate address from Psalm cxxii. verse 1: "I was glad when they said unto me we will go into the house of the Lord."

After the service the members adjourned to the belfry to hold the business meeting, the Vicar regretting that he could not preside owing to pressure of meetings being held in his district. Mr. A. Whatmore kindly officiated in his stead. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, two new members were added to the roll, Dudley being the place selected for the next meeting. The Secretary asked the Chairman, Mr. A. Whatmore, to accept two books presented by the Vicar of Netherton, Rev. S. J. Marriott, to the Brierley Hill company, for ringing the most peals and gaining the greatest number of points during the last year. Mr. Whatmore suitably responded. Various touches were rung on the tower bells during the afternoon and evening.

BRIXTON, SURREY.

A daily paper informs its readers that the clock and chimes for the tower of Lambeth town hall, were formally presented on Thursday last to the Mayor, Aldermen, and councillors of the borough, by the donor, Mr. Edwin Jones, J.P. The cost of the gift is about £1000. The total weight of the bells is 67 cwt., but the account does give the name of the firm who made the clock, or who cast the bells.

THE WEST HAM (ESSEX) SOCIETY.

The members and friends of this society had their annual ringing excursion on Saturday, August 28th, and journeyed to Hertford. Arriving there they were met by their kind friend, Mr. A. Creasy, who at once conducted them to Bengoe, where some touches of Treble Bob, and 700 London Surprise was rung by the following members:—A. Sanders, T. Cranfield, G. Hayden, S. Bird, G. Moule (conductor), and H. Torble. This is believed to be the first on the bells. A touch of Cambridge with one of the local men, and then a little chat with the sexton, and on to St. Andrew's, Hertford, where Mr. Creasy had the bells ready, and here the following touches were rung:—123 of Grandsire Triples, conducted by T. Cranfield; 252 of Stedman Triples, and 224 of Double Norwich, conducted by W. Doran. The next peal on the roll was a capital meat tea in St. Nicholas' Hall, where fifteen sat down and heartily enjoyed themselves. Tea over, a short walk brought the party to All Saints' Church, where is one of the best peals of bells for miles around, and are a credit to the founders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The ringing here consisted of 575 Grandsire Caters, and three leads of Treble Bob Royal. An attempt was also made to ring 434 Stedman Caters, but this was lost in the last course. The next move was to The Green Dragon hotel, to spend an hour with some Hertford friends, including that well known Hertfordshire ringer, Mr. W. H. Lawrence, who took part in the Stedman Caters at All Saints. The time having now arrived

CHURCH BELL ROPES.—Ringers using the famous Yorkshire Bell Ropes, made by Messrs. WILLIAM SMITH AND SON, of Gomersal, Leeds, never have blisters throughout the longest peal. All give testimony to their soft handling.

to be getting to the station, the visitors bid all goodbye and made tracks, arriving home at 11.30 p.m. all well; and they wish to thank the incumbents of the three churches, and also Mr. H. Baker, for the use of the bells. Then special thanks are due to Mr. Creasy for his kindness in making our arrangements.

W. H. D.

WEDDING.

On Wednesday, September 15th, Mr. Benjamin S. Thompson (Noisy Bennie) and Miss Amy Fenton, both of Chelmsford, tied the nuptial knot at St. Mary's Church. Great interest was taken in the event. The bridegroom is employed at the railway station and the bride has been nurse at the Isolated Hospital. Quarter to one was the hour, and punctually to time Bennie was at his post (for once) waiting for his lady love, who was not far behind time, looking very sweet in her navy blue and hat to match. The matron of the hospital very appropriately gave her late charge to the future keeping of Mr. Thompson. While in the vestry writing the last contract signature his fellow ringers ascended the tower (the bells had previously been raised silent) and on the word being given that the happy pair were leaving the following set the bells going to 350 Grandsire Triples:—W. Rowland (sen.), A. Speller, W. Rowland (jun.), W. Newman, A. Whight, F. Gill, H. F. Cooper (con.), H. R. Rolfe. The party proceeded to the hospital, where the matron had kindly provided breakfast, and later in the day the happy couple left for Yarmouth. At the station, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson came in for a hearty reception, his fellow comrades seeing the job through properly. Old shoes were attached outside and in the reserved carriage. Labels on the doors, neat parcels of old shoes and dolls thrown in, both were nearly choked with confetti, and last, but not least, as the train steamed off was a loud report, the wedding gun had been fired by the wheel of the carriage they travelled in. The ringers of the district here wish to express their best wishes for the future happiness and prosperity of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Thompson.

X. Y. Z.

CASTING A BELL.

[From *The Daily Mail*.]

Ninety-two hundredweight of fiery metal, which glowed like liquid gold, was allowed to escape from a huge furnace along clay gutters into carefully prepared underground moulds at Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's Whitechapel Bell Foundry on Saturday morning, under the superintendence of Mr. Hughes, the head of the firm.

Within two or three weeks the fiery stream, now transformed into the shape of sweet-toned bells, will be forming part of the peal of twelve in the belfry of the parish church of High Wycombe. The process of casting the six bells, three of which are for Wycombe, was watched by the vicar, the Rev. E. D. Shaw, several of the ringers of the parish and their wives, and ringers representing other famous peals, including that of St. Paul's Cathedral.

The three bells were the fifth (weighing 7 cwt.), the ninth (12 cwt.), and the tenor (32 cwt.). With the exception of the cathedral church of St. Mary's, Oxford, High Wycombe will be the only town in the diocese with a full peal of twelve. It is an interesting fact that the fifth and the ninth bells, which were recast on Saturday in view of the changing of the peal from ten to twelve bells, were originally cast in the same furnace in 1902.

The Whitechapel Bell Foundry, which is said to be the oldest established business of any kind in the country, was founded in 1570, and during its long history it has sent out famous peals of bells to all the civilised countries of the world.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GARGRAVE.—On Tuesday evening, September 21st, for the weekly practice, 1260 Stedman Triples, being the first quarter-peal in that method on the bells. J. Hogg 1, J. Langstroth, H. J. Lofthouse (conductor), W. Bradley, W. Townson, C. Langstroth, J. McKell, H. Birtwhistle. On Saturday, September 18th,

1008 Grandsire Triples, also touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Treble Bob Major. These touches were rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Mary E. McKell, of Gargrave, which took place at the English church in Boston, U.S.A., on the above day. The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea at the Swan Hotel to further celebrate the event.

Correspondence.

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

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

A DISCLAIMER.

SIR,—Since sending you the peal of Superlative, published for me in your last issue, which is a variation of an old peal I thought was mine, but which I now see belong to our old friend, J. W. Washbrook, therefore, I wish to relinquish all claim to that composition.

While upon the subject please let me compliment Mr. J.W.W. upon the accomplishment of the Arklow performance with the junior members of his family.

J. DAINS.

RINGERS AT THE CHURCH CONGRESS.

SIR,—For the benefit of any of the Clergy Ringers who may be attending the Church Congress, which opens at Swansea on October 3rd next, there are two splendid rings of eight available, viz., Swansea and Sketty.

J. HOARE.

55, Rhondda Street, Swansea.

LADY RINGERS.

SIR,—I suppose every ringer has watched with intense interest the performance of our much esteemed Premier Lady Ringer of the world, and I hope these reports may lead to more ladies taking up such a healthy and beautiful occupation. I know what a help ladies are to a band, and what a change for good comes over the whole company by their help and interest.

We have four ladies in our band. Two of them seldom miss a practice, and ring twice every Sunday. These two ladies can ring Stedman, have rung in several Quarter Peals of Grandsire Triples, and can take two inside hand bells each in Caters. One of these ladies has conducted three Quarter Peals in different towers in the Diocese.

If Winchester's Lady Ringer is the Premier of the World, I suppose ours can only be Premier of the Bath and Wells Diocese.

WILLIAM GILLINGHAM.

OLD FOUNDERS.

SIR,—In 1907 I wrote to "THE BELL NEWS," stating that there were bells at Snargate Church, Kent, made by John Hodson, in 1673; and at Brookland and Dymchurch, Kent, the bells were also by the same maker in 1683. I asked for information as to who John Hudson was, and Mr. A. T. King kindly furnished through your paper the information that "John Hodson began to cast bells about 1653, and was succeeded by Christopher Hodson, and that the bells at Coulsdon, Surrey, are dated 1675, and bear the initials of cloth founders; also that the second bell at Addington, dated 1683, has the initials of Christopher Hodson."

Mr. King mentioned that "if the bells at Brookland are dated 1685, they would probably bear the initials C. H. alone."

I wrote a reply to the effect that I had carefully examined the bells and found they bore the following:—"John Hodson made mee 1685."

On September 8th of this year I visited Lydd Church, in Kent, and on examining the bells there, I found that one of them had the following around it:—John Hodson made me 1693.

I should be pleased if I could gain any information respecting these makers, if, as Mr. King states, that John Hodson was succeeded by Christopher, whether the business was carried on in

CHURCH BELL ROPES.—The longest peal ever rung was at Loughborough, on Easter Monday. The ropes used were made by JOHN FRITCHARD, of Loughborough, whose bell-ropes are favorites of the Exercise for their non-stretching. Soft as silk; durable as steel,

the name of John Hodson, and his name put on the bells, or if there was another John Hodson who succeeded Christopher Hodson.

V. D. LAURENCE.

THE EXTENSION OF STEDMAN FROM THE ORIGINAL SIX-SCORE.

SIR,—I am sorry that Mr. Trollope has not read my arguments with more care before rushing into print and has consequently misrepresented me; if he will read them again he will find that the whole theory is founded upon the nature of the quick and slow six and that what I have said about Grandsire was merely used as an illustration. I now come to Mr. Trollope's questions: After giving twelve changes beginning from rounds in the middle of quick six he asks—

1. Is this a perfect division of the method according to the findings of the Method Report?—No.

2. Has it not in addition its head and end in proper course order?—No; it has two heads and two ends embedded in at its different coursing order.

3. Was not the impossibility of dealing effectively with the coursing order of the bells in Principles used as Methods the greatest defect of the Method's Report?—No. The only defect is (c) (1) (c) which Mr. Trollope wanted and which will have to come out again.

4. Will any other number of rows form a "division" of Stedman Doubles according to the Method Report?—Yes; a slow six.

5. If this be a perfect "division" was Thomas Melchoir right when he said that on seven bells these twelve changes must be rung without alteration from beginning to end?—It is not a perfect division and Thomas Melchoir was wrong.

6. If these twelve changes gave on seven, nine, and eleven bells the same coursing order that they do on five, would not the method so got be perfect in every way?—No. It would still be a touch.

7. In which case would there be any necessity or likelihood of anyone suggesting the use of the quick six as a bob?—The quick six is a bob.

8. Is it not the fact that the slow and quick hunts and the division of the method into sixes are merely incidents in the internal working of the bells equal to but of no more constructional value than the full work before of Double Norwich or the 6-5-6 of London Surprise?—No.

9. If you assume that there are five bobs in a quick six, is it not equally certain that there are internal bobs or singles in every other method save Original, Plain Bob, and Grandsire?—Yes. I shall deal with this presently.

10. Otherwise you would have to assume that the slow six is the method, which would be arguing in a circle?—I cannot answer this, as it is not a question, but a false assumption.

11. Bearing in mind the example of London Royal, would the fact that a "division" will not produce a perfect method on seven bells prevent it from being the correct division for five bells?—No. But this has nothing to do with the case.

12. Would not the correct inference be that you have a method which runs perfectly on five bells, but does not run perfectly on seven bells, and cannot be made to do so, and you had better face the fact?—No. If this were the correct inference then Stedman would be illegitimate, which it is not.

I go back now to question 9 in order to try to explain the Method Report to Mr. Trollope, who after undertaking to rearrange my original draft in order to make it clear to other people evidently does not yet understand it himself.

Please read Definition (A), page 18, Rules and Decisions 1891-1903. Examine the two following half leads:—

DOUBLE BOB.

Course order.

123456 24653
214365 ...
241635 ...
426153 ...
462513 ...
645231 ...
462531 ...

DOUBLE COURT.

Course order.

123436 24653
214365 ...
241356 24365 } bob
423165 ...
243615 24653 } bob
426351
462531

In Double Court there are two bobs which are complimentary and produce in the half-lead the same effect as the bob place (5th) in Double Bob and are equal to it. I would recommend anyone who wants to understand a plain lead to analyze

London Surprise in the same way. The plain lead of minor contains four bobs, two singles and eight four bell's shifts with one plain place and one bob's place, and all these are complimentary and equal to four bob places.

Now consider Stedman in the same way, and we arrive at the true solution of the question. The slow six contains 3 bobs which are complimentary, and so it is a plain six; the quick six contains only two bobs which are not complimentary, and so it is a bob six.

Course Order.

23145 51234 ...
32415 51234 } bob.
23451 51423 }
24315 51423 } bob.
42351 51342 }
43215 51342 } bob.
34251 51234 }

Course Order.

23145 51234
32415 51234
34251 51234 } bob.
43215 51342 }
42351 51342 } bob.
24315 51423 }
23451 51423 }

H. LAW JAMES.

P.S.—If the twelve changes are the correct division of Stedman Doubles then by the same rule the 48 changes (A) are an equally correct division of Reverse Bob Minor, and we might even argue that a seven-part peal of Bob Major, with the bells properly arranged, to get the place symmetrical was a plain course; but we know that the peal and touch are divisible into leads, and so also the course of Stedman Doubles is divided into sixes and to get the correct division we must divide into the smallest parts possible, so that the sixty changes are really a touch.

But even if we admit that the twelve changes of Stedman Doubles are the correct division, then we get Triples, Caters and Cinques as follows:—

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 o e
2 1 3 5 4 7 6 9 8 e o
2 3 1 4 5 6 7 8 9 o e
3 2 4 1 5 7 6 9 8 e o
2 3 4 5 1 6 7 8 9 o e
2 4 3 1 5 7 6 9 8 e o
4 2 3 5 1 6 7 8 9 o e
4 3 2 1 5 7 6 9 8 e o
3 4 2 5 1 6 7 8 9 o e
4 3 5 2 1 7 6 9 8 e o
4 5 3 1 2 6 7 8 9 o e
5 4 3 2 1 7 6 9 8 e o

4 5 2 3 7 1 6 9 6 8 e 8 o

Or Stedman is five bell and not three bell work.

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

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Handbell Peal.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY)

On Saturday, September 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At 33, HOLLY STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

GEORGE LEWIS 1-2. | SIDNEY PALMER 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4. | JOHN THORPE 7-8.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

Quickest handbell peal of Major by all.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

At 2, VICARAGE LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by C. GLENN.

*Fiftieth handbell peal.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Hertford, and reported last week, was composed by W. T. Elson, of Fulham.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLEWER.—On September 18th, 600 and a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. J. J. Parker, F. Botten, J. Elderfield, W. Henley, G. Winkfield, J. Blackmore conductor. And 720 Grandsire, W. Smith ringing the treble and C. Clarke the tenor. And 360 Kent Treble Bob.

SLOUGH (Bucks).—On Sunday, September 19th, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples, in 43 mins. A. Leader, A. C. Fussell, J. J. Parker conductor, L. Stilwell, F. Hooper, C. Clarke, W. Welling, W. Purdoe.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, August 15th, for evening service, 576 Treble Bob Major. S. Sargent, A. Shuffebotham, E. W. Marsh, H. Bowers, F. Warren, C. Bearman, W. Grimwade, G. F. Williams conductor.

WRITTLE.—On Wednesday, August 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. H. F. Cooper, F. W. Edwards, R. Wood, G. R. V. Crush first quarter-peal of Stedman, G. B. Lucas, sen., F. G. Radley, W. Lincoln conductor, T. Lincoln. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On August 26th, at the parish church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. A. Edwards conductor, S. R. Roper, H. E. Hammond, H. F. Cooper, H. J. Collins, F. Rudkin, C. H. Howard, H. Coote.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HARLESTONE.—On Saturday, August 14th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Luck first 720, F. Rollings, B. J. Saddington, T. Law, J. W. Craddock, W. Rogers conductor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Sunday, August 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung as a farewell to W. J. Thyng, who has now left the town for Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire. G. Davies, T. Gore, F. Jacobs, B. A. Knights conductor, W. J. Thyng, A. Knights, G. A. Thompson, D. Farthing.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, August 22nd, for

Divine Service, 504 and 168 Grandsire Triples. H. J. Dewey, E. Dewey, R. Sippetts, A. Mitchell, J. Price, G. W. Stokes, R. J. Dawe conductor, A. W. Thornton.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

RAINFORD.—On Thursday evening, August 26th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor, tenor covering. H. Hesketh, M. Harris, T. Ellard, S. Cadwallender, R. Smith, J. W. Hall conductor, A. Jones. First 720 of Minor by a local band.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CONGRESBURY (Somerset).—On Sunday, August 15th, at St. Andrew's church, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 52 mins. T. Francis conductor, G. Standen, G. Fisher, E. Fisher, J. H. B. Hesse, T. Gill.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, August 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. Parsons, A. Poole, A. Humphrey, A. James, G. Durling conductor, G. Huxley, G. Kite, A. Bygrave. Rung as a farewell to A. Bygrave, who has left the district for Shoreham, Sussex.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Sunday, August 15th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 719 Grandsire Caters. R. Christian, H. Wright, C. Herbert, H. E. Parker, D. Hayward, A. Daynes, E. Herbert, H. J. Tucker, T. Faulkner conductor, H. Hammond. A course of Grandsire Cinques. F. Pestell, H. Wright, R. Christian, H. E. Parker, C. Herbert, H. J. Tucker, A. Daynes, D. Hayward, E. Herbert, C. Fenn, T. Faulkner, H. Hammond.

HASKETON (Suffolk).—At the church of St. Andrew on Wednesday, August 11th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (forty-two singles). W. King, H. Burch, H. Hawes, J. C. G. Haggard, C. King conductor. And 360 of Plain Doubles. C. Crapnell, H. Burch, W. King conductor, H. Hawes, J. C. G. Haggard, J. Crapnell. 720 Grandsire Doubles. L. Last, J. Last, J. C. G. Haggard, H. Hawes, C. King conductor, J. Crapnell.

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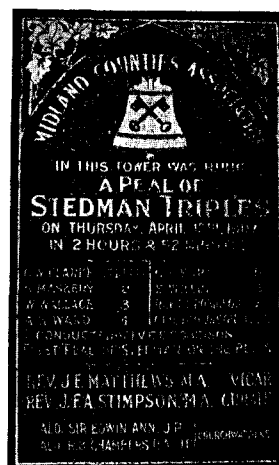
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LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

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The Metropolis.

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

On Tuesday, September 14, 1909, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WATERLOO ROAD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

REV. E. W. POYNTON .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
ALFRED GRIMES 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 3.	EDWARD J. WOOLLEY .. 7.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 4.	CHARLES J. NORTH Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 16, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

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

HAROLD W. CLARE* .. Treble.	FRANK C. NEWMAN 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 6.
ARTHUR J. NEALE 3.	REUBEN SANDERS 7.
THOMAS CRANFIELD 4.	DALBY HODGSON Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

*First peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE, GREENWICH,

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

ISAAC EMERY Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
HARRY HOSKINS 2.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
WILLIAM HEWETT 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

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

On Tuesday, September 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE,

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

ERNEST YOUNG Treble.	ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN .. 5.
ERNEST BONFIELD 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 3.	REV. CYBIL W. O. JENKYN 7.
RICHARD BEVAN 4.	FRANK SMITH Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

The Provinces.

CLEWER, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 9, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS SMITH Treble.	GEORGE ASHLEY 4.
ARTHUR E. WEBB 2.	ALBERT E. REEVES 5.
JOHN NICHOLLS 3.	*ALFRED PETHER Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. REEVES.

*First peal. First peal on the bells.

BLAKENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

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

JOHN C. ADAMS* Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
GEORGE HUGHES* 2.	*JOHN BASS 6.
GEORGE PIGOTT* 3.	*ALFRED DAVIES 7.
HERBERT KNIGHT* 4.	†ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal in the method †First in the method as conductor.
First in the method on the bells, and in the borough of Wolverhampton. The band desire to thank Mr. D. Jones for kindly getting permission, and having everything in readiness.

EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. Treble.	ALBERT H. WHITTINGHAM 5.
GEORGE EDGER, JUN. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 6.
EDWARD T. GROVE 3.	ARTHUR DEAN 7.
FREDK. G. WOODISS .. 4.	CHARLES E. READ Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Rung as birthday compliments to the ringers of the 4th, 6th and tenor, the tenor-ringer's taking place on the 6th inst., and the other two on the 7th.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	CHARLES BAKER 5.
ERNEST LINCOLN 2.	WALTER MOBBS 6.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
FRANK DAVEY* 4.	*BERTIE HOWCHIN Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qrs.

GEORGE W. T. SMITH .. Treble.	ALBERT W. WEBB 5.
CHARLES GILES 2.	JOSEPH HANDS 6.
THOMAS PRICE 3.	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE .. 7.
HERBERT COX 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Rang as a wedding compliment to H. Runham, of the St. Laurence's society, Reading.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 30 cwt.

FRANK L. WHITEMAN* .. Treble.	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 5.
REV. B. TYRWITT-DRAKE 2.	JOHN C. DICKEN 6.
THOMAS A. BLOW 3.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. 7.
LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH .. 4.	HARRY D. HOLLICK Tenor.

Conducted by E. WHITBREAD.

*First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman by the Cathedral Society. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, who sails for South Africa.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.
Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE .. Treble.	*CHARLES DELL 5.
JOHN HOWES 2.	†THOMAS BEADLE 6.
FREDK. G. GODDAED .. 3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7.
ALLEN H. TABER 4.	GEORGE SPENCER Tenor.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major with a bob bell.

STONE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	ROBERT MATTHEWS 4.
THOMAS J. SALTER 2.	WILLIAM PAGE 5.
JOHN BASS 3.	CHARLES F. WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Quickest peal on tower bells on record.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Conducted by ARTHUR WALKER.

*First peal on eight bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Edward Pearson (a new homesteader in Manitoba, W. Pearson's eldest son), who attained his majority on the above date.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 15, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART (No. II).

ARTHUR BLAKE* Treble.	*WILLIAM WELLING 5.
LEONARD STILWELL* 2.	*CHARLES EDWARDS 6.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 3.	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 4.	WILLIAM RALPH Tenor.

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

*First peal in the method. Arranged for C. Edwards, who hails from Farnham, Surrey.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 15, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

H. J. TUCKER Treble.	WILLIAM WHEELER 5.
WILLIAM DELLAR* 2.	WALTER HOBBS 6.
ISAAC CAVILL 3.	JOHN CORDELL 7.
HARRY BOTTRILL 4.	FREDERICK PALMER Tenor.

Composed by D. PRENTICE, and Conducted by F. PALMER.

*First peal away from the treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Palmer.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 15, 1909, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

CHARLES DRAPER* Treble.	JOHN H. SWINFELD 5.
REV. E. V. COX* 2.	†VINCENT SHEPHERD 6.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. 3.	*WALTER WALLACE 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 4.	JAMES PAGETT Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

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

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM HUTTON Treble.	GORDON CAUDWELL 5.
JOHN BOWLER 2.	RICHARD G. RICE 6.
HENRY COBB 3.	EDMUND BANNISTER .. 7.
EDGAR HUMFREY 4.	FREDK. W. WOODWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD G. RICE.

For figures see "BELL NEWS" for August 10th, 1907

NOTTINGHAM—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 16, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WHITTLE'S VARIATION OF CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM FLINDERS Treble.	FRANK JOHNSON 5.
WILLIAM WAGSTAFFE .. 2.	JOSEPH WOOLLEY 6.
HARRY WHITTLE 3.	ERNEST J. OLIVER 7.
THOMAS ROLAND FLINT .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, September 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. Treble.	GEORGE PARSONS 5.
HARRY DICKENS 2.	GEORGE ROBERTS 6.
GEORGE SALTER 3.	BERTRAM J. LEEDHAM .. 7.
CHARLES DICKENS 4.	JACOB SEABORNE Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Arranged for G. Salter, who hails from Waterford, Ireland.

HERNHILL, KENT—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5072 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS 5.
EDWARD TRENBELL 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. 4.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Saturday, September 18, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL,

5040 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JESSE B. TYLER* Treble.	CHARLES H. GORDON .. 6.
HERBERT H. TUCKER* .. 2.	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7.
JOHN THOMAS 3.	*CHARLES H. HORTON .. 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.

*First peal of Cambridge Royal. Rung with the bells muffled, as a tribute of respect to the founder of the above Guild, William James Hinton, who died on Thursday, September 16th.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, September 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 10. Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

**WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, September 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lbs.

VICTOR GEARY Treble.	WILLIAM SMITH 4.
ERNEST MORRIS.. .. 2.	EDWARD GEARY.. .. 5.
GEORGE H. GEARY 3.	T. HENRY HARDY Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also the towerkeeper for having everything in readiness.

The following peals are the result of a week's ringing in Ireland by members of the Irish Association:—

DUBLIN.

On Monday, September 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble.	ROBERT E. STAVERT 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7.
ERNEST PYE 3.	JOHN FLINT.. .. 8.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 4.	JAMES GEORGE 9.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 5.	BERTRAM PREWETT Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

LURGAN, COUNTY ARMAGH.

On Tuesday, September 14, 1909, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt.**

JOHN H. CHEESMAN.. .. Treble.	JOHN FLINT.. .. 5.
ERNEST PYE 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 7.
GEORGE DENT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Bristol rung out of England.

HILLSBOROUGH, COUNTY DOWN.

On Wednesday, September 15, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MALACHIUS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.**

ROBERT E. STAVERT ..Treble.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE.. .. 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON.. .. 3.	JOHN FLINT 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

BELFAST, COUNTY ANTRIM.

On Wednesday, September 15, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt. 9 lbs.**

JAMES GEORGE Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN.. .. 2.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 6.
JOHN FLINT.. .. 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7.
GEORGE DENT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BANGOR, COUNTY DOWN.

On Thursday, September 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COMGALL,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lbs.**

GEORGE DENT Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5.
JOHN FLINT 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
First peal on the bells.

ARKLOW, COUNTY WICKLOW.

On Friday, September 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs.**

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble.	*ROBERT E. STAVERT 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN.. .. 6.
GEORGE DENT 3.	JAMES GEORGE 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS. ..Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method.

ARKLOW, COUNTY WICKLOW.

On Friday, September 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs.**

JAMES GEORGE Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 2.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 6.
JOHN FLINT.. .. 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN.. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells. This and the preceding peal were rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Earl of Carysfort, donor of the church and bells.

BRAY, COUNTY WICKLOW.

On Saturday, September 18, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 30 cwt.**

ROBERT E. STAVERT ..Treble.	JOHN FLINT 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN.. .. 6.
GEORGE DENT 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal of Cambridge rung in Ireland.

DUBLIN.

On Saturday, September 18, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.**

WILLIAM PYE Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5.
JOHN CHEESMAN 2.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ROBERT E. STAVERT 4.	JAMES GEORGE Tenor.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 30th, at 8 p.m. The annual dinner will be held on November 13th.

WILLIAM T. COCKRILL, *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, October 2nd, at the church of St. Mary, Willesden, N.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Business meeting in the parish room adjoining the church at 7.30, where the members will be welcomed by the Rector. A social will afterwards take place at The White Hart hotel. All ringers will be made welcome.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The seventh annual grand Bohemian Concert will be held on Saturday, October 9th, at The Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, City. Doors open at 7.15 p.m.; commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission only by programme, price sixpence reserved seats 1s., to be obtained from the following officers and committee: Messrs. W. C. Matthews, C. F. Winney, R. A. Daniell, H. S. Ellis, F. A. Smith, H. W. Hibbert, R. Bevan, J. E. Davis, F. J. Hairs, G. E. Iles, H. Mance, F. G. Perrin, A. Turner, and others, also from

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the above Association will be held to-day, Sat., September 25th, at St. Andrew's church, Hillingdon, near Uxbridge. The bells will be available from 2.30 p.m., and it is hoped that the bells of St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, may be available some time during the afternoon. There will be a service at St. Andrew's church at 5 p.m., at which the Rev. Canon Duckworth will preach. This service will be followed by tea, and a business meeting in the school-room. Routes to Uxbridge, by Baker Street, or Paddington, 1s. 6d. return.

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

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above branch will be held at Gainsborough to-day, Sat., September 25th. Peal attempt at 10.30. For further particulars see circulars.

J. W. SEAMER, *Hon. Sec.*
99, Legaby Avenue, Grimsby.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Leigh-on-Mendip to-day, Sat., September 25th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 5. Business meeting to follow. Service in parish church at 6. A brake will meet the 2.10 p.m. train from Bristol at Radstock.

E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*
Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Rawtenstall to-

day, Sat., September 25th. All ringing reports up to the 30th inst. to be sent to the Ringing Secretary. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary*
4, Helena Street, 17, Lams O' Th' Height, Manchester.
J. H. BANKS, *Ringing Secretary*
462, Helmsford Road, Helmsford.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Suckley to-day, Sat., September 25th. Service in the church at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. The bells (6) will be available. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid by this meeting.

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

The Sussex County Association—Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at Uckfield to-day, Sat., September 25th. Tower open from 3 to 8.30. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Those intending to be present at tea should let me know by Tuesday, September 21st.

R. I. DAWE, *Hon. Sec.*
"Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Ormskirk to-day, Sat., September 25th. Full particulars by circular.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
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The North Wales Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Machynlleth to-day, Sat., September 25th. Bells available from 12 o'clock.

S. A. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held to-day, Sat., September 25th, at Elton (5 bells), and Winstanley (5 bells), near Darley Dale. Ringing from 2.30 p.m.

A. H. WARD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Warwickshire Guild.—The September monthly meeting will be held at Stoke-in-Covertry to-day, Sat., September 25th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The Holbeck meeting will be held on Saturday, October 2nd, a week later than first advertised. Other arrangements as before.

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

The Bedfordshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Elstow on Saturday, October 2nd.

The Essex Association.—North-Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishops Stortford on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells ready at 3. Tea at 5.30 at The Chequers hotel, 6d. to members who notify me by Wednesday, September 29th.

JOHN F. PENNING, *Hon. Sec.*
Saffron Walden.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will take place at Kirtton on Saturday, October 2nd. Dinner at The King's Head at 2.15, 2s. each. Service in the church at 3.30. Members wishing to attend please send their name to me on or before Tuesday, September 28th.

E. SELLERS, *Hon. Sec.*
Gedney House, Kirtton, Boston, Lincoln.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Rogate on Saturday, October 2nd. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30; business to follow. Half railway fares not exceeding 1s.

will be allowed to members. Those intending to be present please notify the undersigned by Thursday, September 30th.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Waldron (8 bells), on Saturday, October 9th. Ringing from 3 to 8 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. W. J. Humble-Crofts, M.A. Members wishing to be present must let me know by October 5th.

GEO. H. HOWSE, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
132, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Donington on Saturday, October 9th. Divine Service at the parish church at 12 p.m. Dinner at The Red Cow hotel, tickets 2s. 6d. each. Further particulars from the Secretary, Mr. W. G. Cross, 16, St. James's Road, King's Lynn.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The district meeting will be held at Harrietsham on Saturday, October 9th. Belfry open at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Business meeting after the service will be held in the vestry. Half fares up to 2s. will be allowed at this meeting.

A. F. ASHMAN, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the church of St. Lawrence, Chorley, on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8), ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting in the belfry at 5.30. Members please note charge of branch secretary.

E. R. MARTIN, *Branch Sec.*
90, Victoria Road, Walton-le-dale, Preston.

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—A special for members of this Guild will be held on Saturday, October 16th, at Birmingham parish church (St. Martin's), at 4.30 p.m., when the Lord Bishop of the Diocese will deliver an address. Clergymen, churchwardens and others interested in ringing, as well as ringers and their friends are cordially invited. The usual quarterly meeting will be held at the Church House (corner of Moor Street), immediately after this service, when the Bishop will preside.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
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RINGERS' OUTINGS.

On Wednesday, September 1st, the Newhall company held their outing at Lichfield. They were met by Mr. F. J. Cope, who conducted them to St. Mary's tower, where the back six were raised in peal and a 720 Bob Minor was rung by F. J. Cope, F. Godfrey, H. Hurdman, D. Cotton, G. Baseley, J. Hough conductor. Afterwards an excellent tea was served at The Minster Cafe, to which full justice was done. Mr. Cope then led the way to St. Michael's, where touches of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung, O. Slack and H. Brearley taking part. A look round the city and the magnificent Cathedral brought to a close a very enjoyable outing. The visitors wish to thank

the clergy for the use of the bells, and especially Mr. Cope for making all the arrangements.

THE HANDSWORTH SOCIETY.

The ringers of St. Mary's church had their annual outing on Saturday, September 4th, journeying by tram to Boldmere. On arrival at St. Michael's church the band was met by a company of friends. An visit was then made to the tower, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, the bells being in fine trim. The time for tea had now arrived, which was partaken of at Ye Olde Gate inn, and good justice was done to the good things provided. The company then visited the green, and a few games of

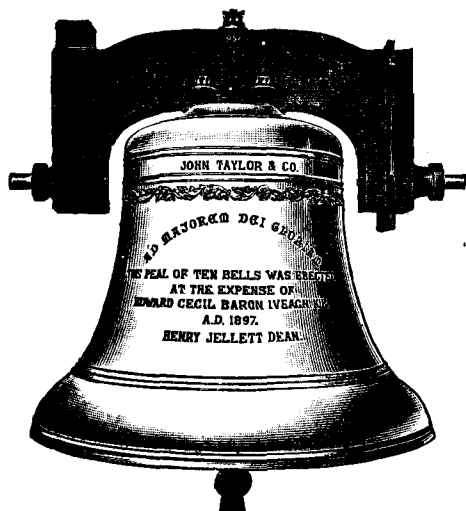
bowls was played, but owing to the rain the party had to adjourn to the smoke-room, where the handbells were brought into action in tunes and courses of Triples, much to the enjoyment of the neighbourhood. Much merriment was caused by Mr. Thomas Miller with his much admired song "Bob Major." A few songs were given by the party, accompanied by Mr. G. Statham on the piano. Just before leaving for home, the host, Mr. J. Hinks, came round with cigars, and hoped he would have the pleasure of meeting us on future occasions. The absence of Mr. W. H. Godden, T. Russam, J. Groves, and other friends, who at the last moment could not attend, was much regretted by all. The members all tendered their thanks to Mr. R. Faux for the trouble he had taken in making the arrangements for their comfort and enjoyment; also a vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. R. Bevis Thompson), for the use of the bells, and the towerkeeper for having all things ready. Handsworth was reached about 11.30 p.m., all having spent a most enjoyable time, and all wishing when the time for the outing again arrives, it will be as good. A.

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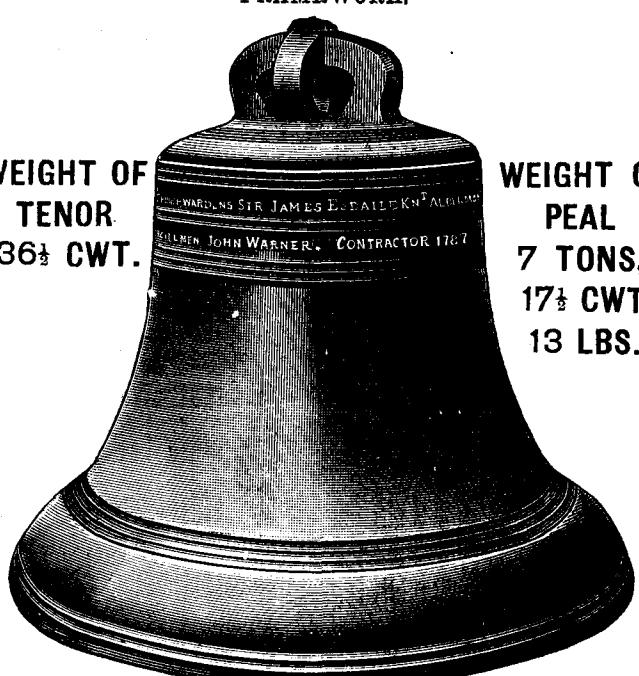
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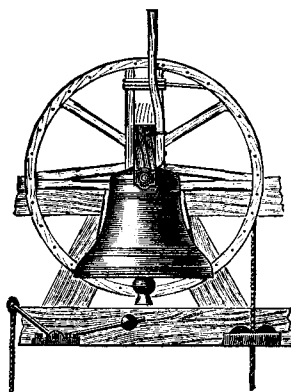
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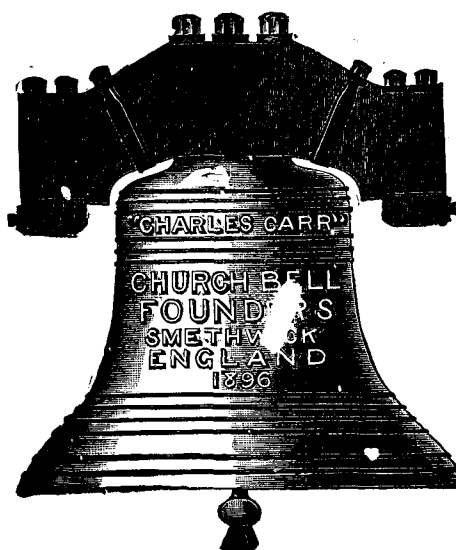
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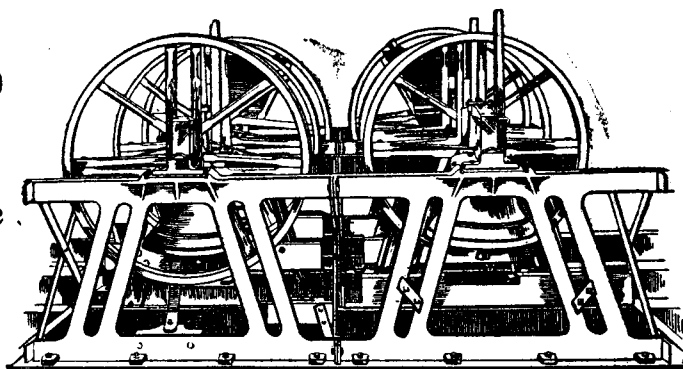
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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The usual quarterly meeting of the central division was held at Uckfield on Saturday, September 25th, but it was rather poorly attended, owing no doubt to the somewhat showery weather, which must have kept many of the cyclists away. The bells were raised soon after three o'clock, and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung till five o'clock, when a special service was held, the Rector (Rev. Canon Sanderson) delivering a capital address to those present, pointing out with great earnestness the necessity of being united. Another special feature was the hymn-sheet specially printed for the ringers' service. At the close a move was made to the rectory to tea, kindly provided by the Rector.

At the short meeting which followed the Rector presided. Mr. Bannister, the churchwarden, who was present, had to leave as soon as the tea was over owing to business matters, and the Rector, in thanking him for attending, remarked that it was mainly due to Mr. Bannister that the present nice ring of six bells was at Uckfield.

The minutes of the previous meeting being read and passed, Mr. H. Challen and Mr. Ellman Brown (of Shoreham), and Mr. E. J. Pannett (of Lewes), were elected independent members. It was then proposed by Mr. J. A. Hart, seconded by Mr. A. J. Turner, that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Uckfield, which was carried. Mr. Rickman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of Uckfield for allowing the use of the bells, for providing the tea, and conducting such a pleasing and edifying service. Thanks were also accorded to the organist, Mr. Reveley, for his services, for he had put off another engagement to attend that afternoon at a ringers' service. The Rector, in replying, said that it was a great pleasure to have so many ringers about him, and he hoped they would soon visit Uckfield again.

After wishing the Rector good-night the tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob Major, were rung until about 8.30. The following towers were represented during the afternoon: Brighton (St. Peter's), Burgess Hill, Linfield, East Grinstead, Southover, Seaford, and Rotherfield, together with the local men.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

Owing, no doubt, to the parish of Suckley being situated so very much on the one side of the county, and to the inconvenience of the train service, the attendance at the quarterly meeting of this association, held there on Saturday, September 25th, was not so good as one would have wished, for the welcome extended to those who did attend left nothing to be desired.

The Vicar, the Rev. R. N. Kane, kindly conducted the service, and gave a helpful address, opening his remarks by noticing the difference between the state of belfries and the conduct of those using them now, to what it was when he entered that living twenty-seven years ago, and men-

tioned what he found in the belfry of that church soon after his induction. He said he happened to enter the belfry on one occasion, and found the following: the belfry was full of tobacco-smoke, the ringers had a large jar of cider from which they were drinking, and a concertina was being played. He was glad to find that all that sort of thing had entirely disappeared, and in closing his remarks he urged all ringers to remember that the belfry was part of the church, and their work was part of the service.

At the business meeting Brierley Hill was selected for the next meeting, and the quarterly peal was arranged to be attempted at Suckley, the secretary to be the conductor. The auditors, Messrs. W. C. Jones and G. Checketts, were re-elected, and several new members were welcomed, including the chairman, the Rev. R. N. Kane, and among the performing members the ringers at Salwarpe, near Droitwich. Mr. G. Checketts was appointed instructor to the Ombersley company during the winter months. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman and Mr. W. Ranford for making the arrangements brought the meeting to a close.

Between the service and meeting, those present had the pleasure of partaking of a most enjoyable tea, kindly supplied by the Vicar, and to which full justice was done. During the evening touches and courses of various Minor methods, including Cambridge Surprise, were rung on the bells, a pretty peal of six by Rudhall. A two-mile walk to the station brought an end to an enjoyable meeting.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Rugeley on Saturday, September 18th, and proved to be a success, particularly so as it is a somewhat out-of-the-way place to get at. The bells at Colwich near by, situate in a pretty part of the county, were also at the disposal of the members during the afternoon, upon which various methods were rung, as was also the case at Rugeley. A service was also held in the latter church, when an address was delivered by the Rev. W. R. Wigram, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar. He (the Vicar) however, arrived later at the meeting, and gave the members a warm welcome; and through his influence the Rugeley band were all enrolled members of the society. It is hoped that ere long the Colwich band will do likewise.

Votes of thanks were passed to the incumbents of both churches for the use of the bells, to the Rev. W. R. Wigram for his address, and to the organist and choir for their assistance at the service.

BRIXTON, SURREY.

The clock and chimes presented to the borough of Lambeth by Mr. Edwin Jones, J.P. (referred to last week), were set in motion on Thursday, the 23rd ult., by Mrs. Jones, there being a special gathering for the occasion of members of the council and their friends.

The clock will be a boon to the whole of that busy dis-

trict of which the new Lambeth town hall forms a centre. The town hall occupies a commanding position on the corner of Acre-lane, and its fine tower constitutes an important landmark. The tower has now been crowned by a clock, the work of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, which can be seen well and heard well, and which must be greatly appreciated by the inhabitants of the district.

The clock is fitted with an attachment by means of which it automatically switches on the electric light every evening at dusk, thus illuminating the dials, and switches it off at sunrise. The pendulum, which beats a second and a half each way, and has a bob weighing a hundred-weight and a half, is compensated in the latest and most accurate manner to enable it to keep exact time irrespective of variations in the temperature, and the makers guarantee that the error of the clock shall not exceed three seconds in the week. The quarter-chimes are automatically silenced at eleven o'clock at night until six in the morning by a small lever connected with the wheel which controls the electric switch. The weights which drive the clock weigh a ton and a half. Each dial is six feet in diameter, the dials being of cast iron glazed with white opal glass. The bells are hung on a steel framework. The hour bell is five feet in diameter, and is struck by a hammer weighing seventy-five pounds. The bells are tuned on the late Canon Simpson's method, and are perfectly in tune. The hour bell has an inscription commemorating the gift.

The Mayor of Lambeth presided at the function, and in calling on Mrs. Jones to set the clock in motion remarked that the gift was the result of a suggestion made by Mr. Jones a year ago that the borough needed a clock for the new town hall.

Mrs. Jones set the clock in motion by pressing a button on the table in the ante-room of the council chamber. This little ceremony was performed at a quarter to five, and the melodious quality of the chimes as the three-quarters pealed out evoked cordial applause.

A vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Jones was adopted on the proposition of Ald. Gibbs (chairman of the General Purposes Committee), seconded by Ald. Howlett, who remarked that any one who did not appreciate the beauty of the chimes must be very hard to please.

Mr. Jones, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, said they had got a good reliable clock.

Mr. A. A. Johnston (head of the firm of Gillett and Johnston) then presented Mr. Jones with a charming little memento of the occasion in the form of a table bell, cast from the "frets" of the large bell, silvered and engraved. In presenting Mr. Jones with the bell, Mr. Johnston said it was not only a memento of that happy occasion, but was a souvenir of the happy and generous commercial relations which had existed between Mr. Jones and himself for a period approaching twelve months. Mr. Jones thanked Mr. Johnston, and said it came as a delightful surprise to him.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

The First Session of the Seventh Council (19th Annual Meeting), was held in the Small Hall of the Church House, Dean's yard, Westminster, on Whitsun-Tuesday, June 1st, 1909, at 11 o'clock a.m., when there was present 66 out of 96 representative members, and 9 out of 11 honorary members.

The Hon. Secretary having given notice that only one nomination for the office of President had been received, called upon Rev. F. E. Robinson, who proposed that Sir Arthur Heywood,

Bart., be re-elected to the office of President. This having been seconded by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, was carried with acclamation. The President then took the chair and thanked those present for his re-election.

The President then announced that only one nomination had been received for the combined offices of Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, Rev. C. D. P. Davies being nominated for the post. Rev. F. J. O. Helmore having proposed, and Mr. S. Reeves having seconded the re-election of Mr. Davies, the proposal was carried unanimously, and Mr. Davies said a few words in warm appreciation of the confidence reposed in him, coupled with an expression of the pleasure that it afforded him to work for the Council.

The Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were passed unanimously and duly signed.

The Annual Statement of Accounts was then presented by the Hon. Treasurer and read in detail, the following being a brief summary:—Balance last year, £33 7s. 6d.; affiliation fees, £12; publications sold—at last year's meeting, 2s.—per Messrs. Bemrose, £4 7s. 7d.; making a total of £49 17s. 1d. Against this there had been—Expenses of last year's meeting, £2 14s. 6d.; printing, £2 17s. 10d.; stationery and postage, 19s. 4d., and expenses of committees, 5s. 1d., leaving in hand a balance of £43 0s. 4d. To this might be added £133 7s. 2d., the estimated nett value of publications in the hands of Messrs. Bemrose, making the total nett assets of the Council to be £176 7s. 6d. The detailed statement by Messrs. Bemrose of their sale of the Council's publications during the year having been also read, the accounts were unanimously passed on the proposal of Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by Rev. G. F. Coleridge.

It was proposed by Mr. J. Griffin, and seconded by Dr. A. B. Carpenter, that Mr. John Carter, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies and Messrs. J. Pettit, J. S. Pritchett, J. A. Trollope, and G. Williams, being the retiring Honorary Members, should be re-elected, and the proposal was unanimously carried. It was further proposed by Mr. J. S. Pritchett, seconded by Mr. H. Dains, and Messrs. J. Pettit, J. S. Pritchett, J. A. Trollope, and G. Williams, being the retiring Honorary Members, should be re-elected, and the proposal was unanimously carried.

It was further proposed by Mr. J. S. Pritchett, seconded by Mr. H. Dains, and carried unanimously, that Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower be elected an Honorary Member.

The following new Members were formally introduced to the President and took their seats on the Council:—Of the College Youths, Messrs. F. Dench and J. W. Rowbotham; of the Royal Cumberlands, Mr. F. Bennett; of the Chester Guild, Messrs. J. Norbury and F. T. Spence; of the Durham and Newcastle Association, Mr. W. Story; of the Ely Association, Rev. J. M. Clarkson; of Gloucester and Bristol Association, Messrs. J. Austin and W. A. Cave; of Kent Association, Mr. T. Groombridge; of Lancashire Association, Mr. J. H. Banks; of Leeds and District Society, Mr. J. Broadley; of Lincoln Guild, Mr. J. W. Seamer; of London County Association, Mr. T. H. Taffender; of Middlesex County Association, Messrs. W. Pickworth and J. R. Sharman; of Norwich Association, Mr. G. P. Burton; of Sussex Association, Messrs. R. J. Dawe and G. H. Howse; of Worcestershire Association, Mr. J. R. Newman; and of Yorkshire Association, Mr. C. Glenn.

The Hon. Secretary having announced that he had received letters of regret for absence from Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, Mr. C. E. Borrett, Mr. A. L. Coleman, Rev. Canon Papillon, and Mr. W. Snowdon,

The Council proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee. It was proposed by Dr. A. B. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. N. J. Pitstow, and carried unanimously, that the Committee be re-elected as follows:—The President and Hon. Secretary, Revs. H. A. Cockey, G. F. Coleridge, and F. E. Robinson, with Messrs. H. Dains, R. A. Daniell, J. Griffin, R. S. Story, and W. Snowdon.

It was proposed by Mr. H. Dains and seconded by Mr. R. A. Daniell, that Mr. W. T. Cockerill be added to the Committee; and it was further proposed by Mr. H. Dains and seconded by Mr. J. A. Trollope, that Rev. H. Law James be also added to the Committee, both propositions being unanimously carried.

Mr. J. A. Trollope gave a full and circumstantial report of the work of the Peal Collection Committee, now engaged with Treble Bob, of which he stated that the Collection would be

very voluminous. He was followed by Dr. A. B. Carpenter (who seconded the Report), and by many other speakers, the discussion lasting for fully an hour, and issuing in the two following resolutions: The first, proposed by Mr. J. S. Pritchett and seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, "That the Committee have instructions to publish the Section of Treble Bob Peals in instalments," being adopted with unanimity. The second, "That the Council is of opinion that all peals published in its name should be carefully proved before publication," was moved by Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, and seconded by Mr. J. W. Taylor, and was carried by 26 votes to 9. On the motion of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, seconded by Mr. A. T. King, the Committee, consisting of Dr. A. B. Carpenter, Messrs. H. Dains, J. A. Trollope, and the Hon. Secretary, were re-elected; the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson being added thereto on the proposal of Dr. A. B. Carpenter, seconded by Rev. F. E. Robinson.

Mr. R. A. Daniell reported progress on behalf of the Church Press Committee in the matter of the Catalogue of Literature on the subject of Bells and Ringing, and the Committee, consisting of Rev. Canon Papillon and Revs. H. A. Cockey and M. Kelly, with Messrs. H. Dains and R. A. Daniell were re-elected on the motion of Mr. F. B. Tompkins, seconded by Rev. C. E. Matthews.

On behalf of the Legitimate Methods Committee, Rev. H. Law James reported the completion of a further stage in the work of the Collection of Methods, coupled with an expression of the hope that the whole might be finished within the forthcoming year. On the motion of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the Committee, consisting of Rev. H. Law James, and Messrs. J. Carter, H. Dains, and J. A. Trollope, was re-elected.

For the Peals' Analysis Committee Mr. A. T. King reported that the Analysis for 1908 had been duly completed and forwarded to the Editor of *Bell News* for publication in March, 1909. He also read a correspondence that had passed between this Committee and the Peal Values' Committee, in which the latter gave it as their opinion that (1) 10080 changes in 14 Surprise Methods had not yet been rung; (2) That Johnson's "peals" of 5025 Triples should be excluded from the Analysis; (3) That Original Major be treated as a Plain Method; (4) That 16 points be awarded to Double Bob Major, and 14 points to Double Oxford Triples; and (5) that 60 points be awarded to Cambridge Maximus. He moved the adoption of the Report, which was seconded by Mr. N. J. Pitstow and carried; and on the motion of Rev. E. W. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. N. J. Pitstow, the Committee, consisting of Messrs. J. Griffin, A. T. King and J. A. Trollope, were re-elected, Mr. G. P. Burton at same time replacing Mr. C. E. Borrett, who had intimated his desire to resign.

Dr. A. B. Carpenter, in reporting for the Peal Values' Committee, said that the Committee had nothing to add to that which Mr. King had already read. The President having decided that it would be well at this point to take item No. 10 on the Agenda, in which notice had been given, to initiate a discussion on the present system of apportioning points for peals, the Hon. Secretary brought the subject forward. On the motion of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, the matter was referred to the Committee, whose report was adopted, and who were re-elected as follows: Dr. A. B. Carpenter, Messrs. H. Dains, J. Carter and R. S. Story, the Hon. Secretary being added in place of Mr. Attree.

The Rev. H. L. James, after explaining the views which a historical study of Stedman's Principle had led him to entertain with respect to the true and original nature of that method, proposed that "the Council refuses to recognise all peals hitherto rung and called Stedman Triples to be such." This was seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, but after a long discussion was withdrawn, no resolution on the subject being passed.

Mr. J. A. Trollope, in a thoughtful speech, introduced the subject of steeplekeepers and their fees. In the interesting discussion that followed several members took part, the matter, on the recommendation of the President being reserved for fuller discussion on some future occasion.

In the unavoidable absence of the gentleman who had been invited to speak on the question of the tuning of Church Bells, the President took the opportunity to explain the legal aspect

of compensation for injuries as paid by the Insurance companies, with special reference to the case of ringers insured by the church authorities, and replied to questions addressed to him by various members.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee proposed, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded, that the meeting next year be held at Manchester. This was carried unanimously.

The Rev. H. Law James called attention to the questionable action of the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings in connection with towers and bells, and moved that the President be requested to write to the Church Press on the subject. This having been seconded by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, was carried, the President replying that he should be prepared to do so provided that he received full particulars of a number of definite cases sufficient to warrant the Council's intervention.

Mr. J. H. Banks explained and proposed a scheme by which on payment of a fee of 5s. to the Hon. Secretary of the Council any performing member of any Association affiliated to the Council would become a life performing member of all the other affiliated Associations. This was seconded by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, but after discussion the resolution was withdrawn.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson proposed, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded, a vote of thanks to the President, which was carried with acclamation.

Obituary.

JAMES YOUNG.

It is with deep regret we have this week to announce the death of the above ringer, of Boreham, Essex, which occurred on Tuesday, September 21st, after a few days' illness, at the ripe age of 87, on the 5th of October, but alas! he is called to rest after many years of toil. He had filled the duties of clerk at St. Andrew's, Boreham, for thirty-seven years, and had been one of the ringers for a great number of years. Although he has not taken an active part in the ringing since 1904, owing to failing health, he had always listened to the bells with much interest whenever able. His genial happy face, outspoken open disposition, has already been much missed in the belfry, and now will be more so. He was one of the few that delighted in good time, always there and ready at the appointed minute. The writer does not remember even one instance when he was late. He had been a member of the Essex Association since its formation, being one of the few at its first meeting at Writtle. He was an excellent ringer of Minor, his only 5040 arranged and rung on his 81st birthday, in which he rang the 2nd in five Minor methods, and I think without a trip, or at least a very slight one, not worth mentioning. On Monday afternoon, amidst many tokens of respect, he was laid to rest in Boreham churchyard, leaving several daughters to mourn his loss. For the funeral a 360 of Bob Minor with the bells deeply muffled was rung, and at the close of the service an 120. Later in the evening a 720 in the same method was rung with the bells half-muffled. L. Crow, F. W. Allen, A. Church, P. Letch, J. Wood, J. Walden, A. Edwards. May he rest in peace. A. E.

RAINFORD.—On Thursday evening, August 26th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor, tenor covering. H. Hesketh, M. Harris, T. Ellard, S. Cadwallender, R. Smith, J. W. Hall conductor, A. Jones. First 720 of Minor by a local band.

HASKETON (Suffolk).—At the church of St. Andrew on Wednesday, August 11th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (forty-two singles). W. King, H. Burch, H. Hawes, J. C. G. Haggar, C. King conductor. And 360 of Plain Doubles. C. Crapnell, H. Burch, W. King conductor, H. Hawes, J. C. G. Haggar, J. Crapnell. 720 Grandsire Doubles. L. Last, J. Last, J. C. G. Haggar, H. Hawes, C. King conductor, J. Crapnell.

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Bob.

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Divisions Heads.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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5008.

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These last nine courses twice repeated, and only calling the bob at H in the first course produces:—

3 6 5 2 1 4

1 5 4 3 2 6 X
 3 1 4 5 2 6 I
 4 3 2 1 5 6 I I

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

These last five courses seven times repeated with calling

extra bobs at 1 in the second course of the following second and fifth parts only.

This peal has only 4 5 6 in 6ths place at the course-ends, and the 6th forty-five times at home.

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2 3 1 4 5 6 7 S H L Q (2 5 7 3 1 6) S L single at 14
 2 5 7 3 1 6 4 X I 5 6 3 2 7 omit L

5 3 6 7 2 1 single at 2
 3 7 5 2 6 1 X X X
 7 3 5 2 1 6 X 3 2 6 5 7 1

7 2 6 3 1 5 2 5 3 7 6 1
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5 1 7 2 3 6 call L 5 7 6 2 1 3
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7 5 1 3 6 2

5 7 1 3 2 6

Round in ten changes.

In the above transposition it will be observed the 4th is the observation bell, while the 6th is retained as the part, or division bell, and the 7th is the sub-observation bell, the bell that makes 5ths at the first single, and 6ths at the half-way single, and is undisturbed by the extras and omits. In the divisions where the calling is not given Thurstan's standard calling is used. In this peal each division has an equal number of the 4-6s.

First rung at Chester on September 18th, 1909, conducted by R. Sperring.

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.

Handbell Peal.**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)*On Friday, September 17, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT 2, VICARAGE LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

JOHN THORPE 1-2.	WALTER COATES 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 7-8.

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by C. GLENN.

Umpire—G. Oakes.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)*On Sunday, September 19, 1909, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

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

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)*On Sunday, September 19, 1909, in One Hour and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT 2, VICARAGE LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

GEORGE LEWIS 1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN 5-6.
ALBERT NASH 3-4.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 7-8.

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—Walter Coates. This is the quickest peal of Major ever rung. The composition, now rung for the first time, is a one-part, containing the full combination of 4, 5, 6 in 5-6 in the minimum number of changes, with the 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The name of the ringer of the 6th in the peal of Superlative rung at Duffield on September 15th, was James H Shepherd, not Vincent Shepherd.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Minor has been sent from Cogenhoe, Northants., without any date being mentioned.

Date Touches.**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

WHITBY (Yorks).—On Sunday, September 26th, at the church of St. Mary, a date touch of Bob Triples, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins. T. Steel, W. Breckson, Frank Hodgson, F. Hodgson, W. Knaggs, G. F. Alexander, J. W. Lowther, G. Hill. Arranged and conducted by G. F. Alexander. This is the longest length by the company.

Miscellaneous.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

SOUTH WIGSTON.—On Tuesday, August 31st, at the church of St. Thomas, 1008 Double Norwich. J. Clarke, E. Jackson, A. Mason, D. Richards, F. W. Herbert, T. Bottrill, J. Harris, W. Willson conductor. Longest length by all except the conductor.

ANSTEY.—On Thursday, September 9th, at St. Mary's church, 896 Double Norwich. J. J. Jackson, A. Mason, *L. Bramley, D. Richards, E. Jackson, T. Bottrill, J. Harris, W. Willson conductor. *Longest touch in the method. On Thursday, September 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. W. Willson conductor, E. Jackson, A. Bramley, D. Richards, A. Mason, T. Bottrill, J. Harris, A. Gelsthorpe. First quarter-peal of Stedman by all except the conductor.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

ACTON (Middlesex).—On Thursday, September 23rd, the following touches were rung in honour of the silver wedding of the Rector (Rev. G. S de Saumarez) and Mrs. Saumarez. 335 Stedman Triples. A. Harding, A. R. Macdonald, R. Sanders, B. Prewett conductor, J. Merrick, G. Spencer, R. E. Stavert, F. G. Winter. 336 Bob Major. A. R. Macdonald, R. Sanders, W. Lawrence, B. Prewett conductor, G. Spencer, J. Merrick, A. Harding, R. E. Stavert. 280 Grandsire Triples. A. Harding, R. Sanders, W. Lawrence, A. Macdonald, F. G. Winter, B. Prewett, G. Spencer conductor, J. Merrick. 288 Stedman Triples. K. Sanders, B. Prewett conductor, W. Lawrence, A. Harding, J. Merrick, R. E. Stavert, G. Spencer, F. G. Winter. 224 Bob Major. J. Merrick, K. Sanders, A. R. Macdonald, W. Lawrence, B. Prewett, R. E. Stavert, A. Harding, G. Spencer conductor.

CLAPHAM.—On Sunday, July 11th, at St. Mary's (R.C.) church a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. J. W. Chapman, J. Lee, F. A. Smith, F. J. Hairs, C. Luery, I. J. Attwater, L. Attwater conductor, A. Fluck.

DORKING (Surrey).—On Sunday, September 19th, at the church of St. Martin, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Tarling, G. Marriner, H. Boxall, A. Jones, A. Winch, E. Hull, A. Dean conductor, W. Lynch.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, September 19th, for Divine Service, 1259 Grandsire Caters. A. Otway, G. Marriner, A. Winch conductor, W. Otway, H. Wood, A. Jones, E. Boniface, A. Dean, E. Hull, W. Crockford.

WORCESTER.—On Thursday evening, September 23rd, eight members of the Cathedral Guild met at St. Helen's church and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late W. J. Hinton, of Bristol. B. S. Hill, I. Lane, J. Morris, J. H. Hill, W. C. Jones, H. T. Wilkes conductor, A. Hill, E. Watkins. Afterwards the whole pull and stand, denoting the age of the deceased was rung, the ringers standing as before.

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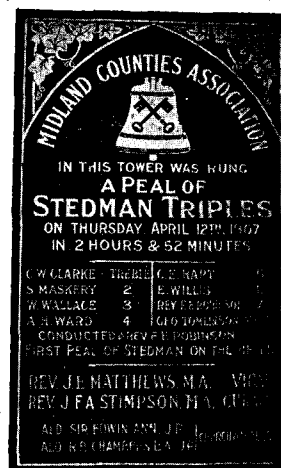
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

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A meeting of the Worcestershire Association has just been held at a village named Suckley, situate in the county. During his address to the members the Vicar alluded to the condition of affairs in the belfry soon after he came into residence: anything but proper and reverent behaviour by the ringers. No one who reads of such conduct will hesitate to condemn it in the strongest language possible. At the same time, it is as well to look at these episodes in a practical and sensible manner. Previous to the present Vicar's appearance upon the scene the benefice of Suckley was held by a clergyman who was a very popular man in the county, a magistrate, a great man at quarter-sessions, and one who was to the front in any public movement. And yet he appears to have had not the slightest in the bells of his church or those who rung them. Therefore he, and other clergy similarly disinterested, are the blameable parties, not the ringers.

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ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, September 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.**

CHARLES F. WHITE.. ..Treble.	ROBERT MATTHEWS.. .. 5.
JOHN BASS 2.	ALFRED DAVIES.. .. 6.
GEORGE HUGHES 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
GEORGE PIGOTT.. .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. ..Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by J. E. GROVES.

This is the conductor's 300th peal, 150 of them being rung for the Stafford Association. First peal in the method as conductor. List of peals next week.

BIRMINGHAM.**THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.***On Tuesday, September 14, 1909, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5023 CHANGES.**

Tenor 36 cwt.

FREDERICK DICKENS.. ..Treble.	*REV. C. CAREW COX .. 7.
GEORGE F. SWANN 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN.. .. 8.
GEORGE PIGOTT.. .. 3.	JOHN NEAL.. .. 9.
THOMAS H. REEVES.. .. 4.	ALF PADDON SMITH.. .. 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.	JAMES E. GROVES 11.
EDMUND J. HYLAND.. .. 6.	SIDNEY JESSOP .. ..Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal on twelve bells. This composition, now rung for the first time, has the 6th at home the full twenty-four courses in the tittums, and fourteen courses in the handstroke home position, and has all the 5-6-7-8s with the treble at home, and is the first ever composed on this plan.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE ISHAM BAND.)***On Thursday, September 16, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRANK H. TALBUTT.. ..Treble.	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY .. 4.
FRANK ANDREW 2.	WALTER T. WILSON .. 5.
WILLIAM C. LEWIS 3.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

First peal in seven methods by all except ringers of treble and tenor, and first peal on the bells by an entirely local band. The band wish to take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to Mr. Edward Chapman (of Kettering), who has been their able instructor for the past two years.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, September 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.**

GEORGE MARRINER .. ..Treble.	HENRY BOXALL 6.
ARTHUR C. OTWAY 2.	JOHN WHITE 7.
ALFRED H. WINCH 3.	JOHN HOYLE 8.
ARTHUR JONES 4.	ARTHUR DEAN 9.
JOHN WYATT 5.	WILLIAM LYNCH .. ..Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM MARKS, and Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 18, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt.**

ARTHUR ROBINSON† .. ..Treble.	CHARLES W. BIRD 5.
E. MAURICE ATKINS† 2.	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT .. 6.
EDWARD CHAPMAN 3.	HERBERT J. JULIAN 7.
BERNARD J. SADDINGTON† .. 4.	DAVID J. NICHOLS .. ..Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

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

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.****(ASTON BRANCH.)***On Saturday, September 18, 1909 in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF ASTON MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.**

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES JONES .. ..Treble.	PETER LAFLIN 5.
PERCY O. LAFLIN 2.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 6.
EDMUND J. HYLAND.. .. 3.	JOHN JENNINGS 7.
ALFRED T. HYLAND.. .. 4.	JOHN CARTER .. ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

First peal ever rung in the method. Rang as a centenary peal to Matthew Boulton, of Handsworth, the great engineer.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, September 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALLS,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.**

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE JONES .. ..Treble.	FRANK MILTON 5.
JAMES V. WRIGHT 2.	*THOMAS NEWALL 6.
GEORGE R. NEWTON.. .. 3.	*RICHARD JONES.. .. 7.
ROBERT SPERRING 4.	JAMES MORGAN .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

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

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, September 18, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt 3 qrs. 5 lbs. in F.**

PERCY LANGSTON .. ..Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
JAMES FLEUTY 2.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
FRANK CLAYDON 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT .. ..Tenor.

Composed by the REV H. EARLE BULWER, and Conducted by D. ELLIOTT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Sadler.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 18, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT.. ..Treble.	JOHN DOUGHTY 5.
ALFRED BACON 2.	OLIVER STAINES 6.
SIDNEY STAINES 3.	JOHN MARDELL 7.
WILLIAM GOODRUM 4.	ALFRED FERGUSON .. ..Tenor.

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

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ROBERT H. HAYWARD .. Treble.	FREDERICK J. SMITH .. 5.
GORDON F. THOMPSON .. 2.	NORMAN R. BAILEY .. 6.
JAMES M. BAILEY .. 3.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. 7.
ERNEST S. BAILEY .. 4.	EDGAR H. BAILEY .. Tenor.

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

BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS .. Treble.	BERTRAM HEAD .. 5.
JOHN ELCOCK .. 2.	WILFRED OVERTON .. 6.
JOHN OVERTON .. 3.	HORACE W. OVERTON .. 7.
ERNEST FOXALL .. 4.	*WILLIAM SAUNDERS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

*First peal in the method. Arranged for Messrs. Griffiths and Saunders, of Talgarth and Coalbrookdale respectively

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

JOHN BRASSINGTON .. Treble.	JAMES HENRY RIDING .. 5.
IRWIN MASSEY .. 2.	WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT .. 6.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. 3.	ARTHUR ALLMAN .. 7.
GEORGE CRAWLEY .. 4.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by R. T. HOLDING, SEN.

*First peal of Major. Further reference next week.

SELLING, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 19, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 5.
FRANK BENNETT .. 2.	WILLIAM SPICE .. 6.
EDWIN G. BURSDEEN .. 3.	STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. 7.
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

GARSTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, September 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS WILKINSON .. Treble.	HENRY FYLES .. 5.
JAMES W. BELL .. 2.	WALTER HUGHES .. 6.
JAMES GILMOUR .. 3.	JAMES MARTIN .. 7.
EDWARD CAUNCE .. 4.	WILLIAM DAVIES .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by W. HUGHES.

T. Wilkinson was proposed a member before starting.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:
CARTER'S No. 31. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

HARRY WITHERS .. Treble.	HORACE F. STREET .. 5.
LOUIS J. GRIFFITHS .. 2.	JAMES DOWLER .. 6.
WILLIAM SHORT .. 3.	SAMUEL GROVE .. 7.
WILLIAM PALMER .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

This composition is now rung for the first time. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs Painter and Dowler, the band wishing them many happy returns.

MALDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Double Court and Plain Bob, two of Cambridge Surprise, 1080 of Kent and 1080 of Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 22, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

HERBERT MILLNER .. Treble.	HARRY GIBSON .. 5.
CYRIL F. JOHNSTON .. 2.	HENRY FERGUSON .. 6.
JOHN R. BARTON .. 3.	JAMES DIXEY .. 7.
CHARLES JACKSON .. 4.	THOMAS COLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CYRIL F. JOHNSTON.

Rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. G. D. Barker, of York, and Miss Helen Mary Atkinson, daughter of Mr. W. F. Atkinson, Oriel Crescent, Scarborough.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS THE MARTYR.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of London, York, Lightfoot (No. 23), Wearmouth (No. 25), Durham, Wells, and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES AYERS .. Treble.	JOSEPH W. PARKER .. 4.
GEO. S. TAYLOR .. 2.	R. H. BLAKEY .. 5.
MICHAEL F. HARRISON .. 3.	ROBERT L. PATTERSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

*First peal. First peal of Surprise Minor by all.

SHILDON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 23, 1909, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES:
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lbs.

EDWARD HIND .. Treble.	WALTER H. METCALFE .. 5.
THOMAS J. BROWN .. 2.	EDWIN J. TITT .. 6.
JACKSON PALLISTER .. 3.	ROBERT B. ROBINSON .. 7.
GEORGE W. FEVERELL .. 4.	JOHN H. LENTON .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN H. LENTON.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 24, 1909 in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs.

HENRY W. WILDE Treble.	FREDERICK W. HILL 5.
ROBERT SPERREING 2.	JAMES MORGAN 6.
GEORGE JONES 3.	†EDWARD ALLEN 7.
ARTHUR BOWMER 4.	HENRY GEORGE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE

First peal in the method as conductor. †First peal of Major. This peal was arranged for Messrs. Bowmer, Hill and George, of Ripley, Derbyshire, who were proposed members of the above Guild previous to the commencement of the peal.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 24, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE HAYRS Treble.	WILLIAM LANE 5.
WILLIAM HARPER 2.	CORPORAL F. A. HOLDEN .. 6.
JOHN WHEADON 3.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 7.
FREDK. J. RING 4.	ALFRED THOMPSON Tenor.

Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

GOOLE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

DAVID CARMICHAEL Treble.	THOMAS SMITH 5.
JAMES CLARKE 2.	CHARLES W. KING 6.
FRED W. GREENWOOD* .. 3.	FREDERICK TATE 7.
MARK TATE 4.	HERBERT LUDKIN Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNALE, and Conducted by HERBERT LUDKIN.

*First peal. First peal of Major by all. First peal in the method on the bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, September 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH LANE* Treble.	ALFRED FALLON 5.
DANIEL JONES 2.	HENRY FARLOW 6.
HERBERT KNIGHT 3.	ROBERT PICKERING 7.
ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 4.	*WILLIAM H. LAWLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT PICKERING.

*First peal. The conductor has now called this peal from every bell in their consecutive order.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, September 24, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

F. BRASSINGTON* Treble.	*E. JOHNSON 5.
A. ROBERTS 2.	*J. F. SMALLWOOD 4.
S. HOPE* 3.	F. PERVIN Tenor.

Conducted by F. PERVIN.

*First peal in the method.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, September 24, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

LEWIS J. BENTLEY Treble.	REV. E. V. COX 5.
EDWARD J. STAFFORD .. 2.	THOMAS J. ELTON 6.
WALTER R. HUGHES .. 3.	JOSIAH ELTON 7.
JOHN C. ADAMS 4.	FRANK EDWARDS Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. E. V. Cox.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

CHARLES ALDIS* Treble.	CHARLES ROOPE 5.
WILLIAM STEELE 2.	WILLIAM ROOPE 6.
ALFRED SMITH 3.	*JOHN WILSON 7.
FREDERICK ROOPE 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by F. BARRETT.

*First peal in the method.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1909, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 23½ cwt.

ROBERT STONE* Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
DAVID WRIGHT* 2.	FREDK. A. HOLDEN 6.
ISAAC EMERY 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
WILLIAM HEWETT 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in a Surprise method; also on the bells. Rung after meeting short for Cambridge.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

JOHN J. JACKSON Treble.	FRED W. HERBERT 5.
EDWARD JACKSON 2.	THOMAS BOTTRILL 6.
ALBERT MASON 3.	JAMES HARRIS 7.
DANIEL RICHARDS 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

First peal in the method by all the band excepting the conductor. First in the method on the bells. Rung as a wedding tribute to G. E. Dexter and Emma W. Wright. This peal has the 4th and 6th only in 6ths place in two equal parts.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Monday, September 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

EDGAR PEMBERTON Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 2.	EDWARD EVANS 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor.

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on October 4th and 18th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 5th and 19th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 5th; at St. Magnus, on the 14th and 28th; at St. Giles's, Cripplegate, on the 19th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 25th: all at 8 p.m. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**
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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—The 272nd anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel on Saturday, November 13th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, Burden, E. A. Davies, Fardon, Garrard, Golding, Harman, Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, A. Jones, H. Langdon, O'Meara, Newton, Peck, Pettit, Price, Prime, Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, Winny, Wood, or

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The London County Association late the St. James's Society—Established 1824.—The seventh annual grand Bohemian Concert will be held on Saturday, October 9th, at The Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, City. Doors open at 7.15 p.m.; commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission only by programme, price sixpence reserved seats 1s., to be obtained from the following officers and committee; Messrs. W. C. Matthews, C. F. Winney, R. A. Daniell, H. S. Ellis, F. A. Smith, H. W. Hibbert, R. Bevan, J. E. Davis, F. J. Hairs, G. E. Iles, H. Mance, F. G. Perrin, A. Turner, and others, also from

T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.

35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society—The Holbeck meeting will be held to-day, Sat., October 2nd, a week later than first advertised. Other arrangements as before.

GEO. W. SLACK, Hon. Sec.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Elstow to-day, Sat., October 2nd.

The Essex Association.—North-Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishops Stortford to-day, Sat., October 2nd. Bells ready at 3.

JOHN F. PENNING, Hon. Sec.

Safron Walden.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild—Eastern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will take place at Kirton to-day, Sat., October 2nd. Dinner at The King's Head at 2.15, 2s. each. Service in the church at 3.30.

E. SELLERS, Hon. Sec.

Gedney House, Kirton, Boston, Lincoln.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Rogate to-day, Sat., October 2nd. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30; business to follow. Hali railway fares not exceeding 1s. will be allowed to members.

H. EVANS, Hon. Div. Sec.

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be

held at Waldron (8 bells), on Saturday, October 9th. Ringing from 3 to 8 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. W. J. Humble-Crofts, M.A. Members wishing to be present must let me know by October 5th.

GEO. H. HOWSE, Hon. Div. Sec.

132, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Donington on Saturday, October 9th. Divine Service at the parish church at 12 p.m. Dinner at The Red Cow hotel, tickets 2s. 6d. each. Farther particulars from the Secretary, Mr. W. G. Cross, 16, St. James's Road, King's Lynn.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The district meeting will be held at Harrietsham on Saturday, October 9th. Belfry open at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Business meeting after the service will be held in the vestry. Half fares up to 2s. will be allowed at this meeting.

A. F. ASHMAN, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Lancashire Association—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the church of St. Lawrence, Chorley, on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8), ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting in the belfry at 5.30. Members please note change of branch secretary.

E. R. MARTIN, Branch Sec.

90, Victoria Road, Walton-le-dale, Preston.

The North Notts. Association—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Misson (Bawtry Station) on Saturday, October 9th. Members intending to take tea should inform Mr. S. Law, Misson, Bawtry, by October 6th.

B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, October 9th. The tower will be opened at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, October 6th. All members are cordially invited to attend, owing to very important business to be transacted at this meeting.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

8, Wilmcote Place, Oxford Street, Dudley.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Alban's church, Rochdale, on Saturday, October 9th. Bells at liberty from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m., prompt. A good attendance requested.

JAS. JACQUES, Sec.

The Salop Archidiaconal Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, October 9th. Ringing at St. Chad's at 2.30 p.m. Meeting at St. Alkmund's room at 4 p.m. Service in St. Alkmund's church at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m.

R. M. COLE-HAMILTON, Hon. Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Fenton on Saturday, October 9th. Please notify Mr. E. A. Sherratt, 11, Blarnton Road, Fenton, how many intend to be present from your tower not later than the 6th inst.

**REV. W. G. KEYWORTH, } Hon. Secs.
J. JOHNSON,**

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Wednesday, October 13th. Special service at St. Mary-le-Tower at 12.45 p.m. Address by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Suffolk. Dinner at St. Lawrence's Parish Hall at 1.30 p.m.

Members intending to be present at dinner must notify me by October 11th. All the rings in the town will be available. For particulars see notice cards sent to Masters of companies.

CHAS. E. BORRETT, Hon. Sec.

10, Chester Street, Norwich.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—A special service for members of this Guild will be held on Saturday, October 16th, at Birmingham parish church (St. Martin's), at 4.30 p.m., when the Lord Bishop of the Diocese will deliver an address. Clergymen, churchwardens and others interested in ringing as well as ringers and their friends are cordially invited. The usual quarterly meeting will be held at the Church House (corner of Moor Street), immediately after this service, when the Bishop will preside.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—There will be a bye-meeting at Dagenham on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available after 3 p.m. All ringers heartily invited.

G. F. MARGETSON, Hon. Sec.

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, October 16th. Bells will, by kind permission of the Vicar, be available from 3 to 9 p.m. Service in church at 5.45. Tea in the Church Room at 6 o'clock, and meeting after

CHAS. DEAN, Hon. Sec.

59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

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THE BECKENHAM GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 11th, the members of this Guild had their annual outing. Leaving Beckenham at 5.30, the party journeyed by brake to Croydon, then by train to Portsmouth, Mr. Blake joining the party at Chichester. After a hearty breakfast we spent several hours looking round the dockyard, a special permit having been obtained from the Admiralty previous to our visit. Our next trip was to Southsea, then by boat to Ryde, where we were fortunate in getting a pull on the fine-toned peal at All Saints, our thanks being due to Mr. Long, who, in the absence of the Vicar, gave us the necessary permission. It was now time to take the boat back to Portsmouth, and on arriving we made our

way to Speedwell's hotel, where an excellent dinner was ready for us. This over, we had to make tracks to the station for the return journey. Leaving Portsmouth at 9 o'clock, we arrived at Beckenham at 1.15 a.m., having enjoyed a very happy and most successful day. W. S.

ST. THOMAS, PENDLETON.

On Saturday afternoon, September 4th, a few of the members of the above and friends, paid a visit to the pretty village of New Mills, Derbyshire. Leaving Manchester at 2.20 p.m., the party arrived at their destination at 3.20. and enjoyed very much the beautiful scenery en route. On arrival a move was at once made to the parish

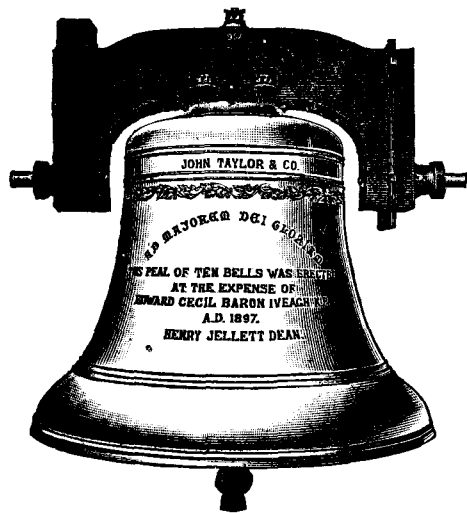
church, which contains a very pretty little peal of eight, tenor 13 cwt. by Taylor. On the way the party were met by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, who accompanied the ringers to the belfry, and the bells being raised, a touch of Superlative Surprise Major was rung. The rev. gentleman having another engagement, then left us, and a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major was then rung. The inner man here began to revolt, so a move was made to satisfy that part of the anatomy. A very well laid and substantial meat tea was done ample justice to, and then a pleasant walk through the village, up hill and down dale, brought the visitors again to the Church. Here two of the local ringers were seen, and two touches of Stedman Triples and one of Superlative Surprise Major were rung, the local ringers taking part. The bells were then lowered in peal and the visitors had a mutually convivial hour, being now joined again by the Rev. A. T. Beeston.

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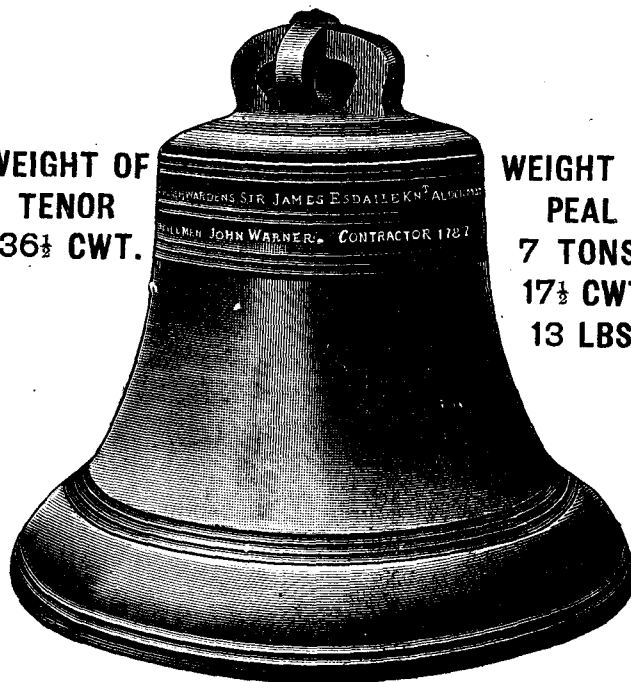
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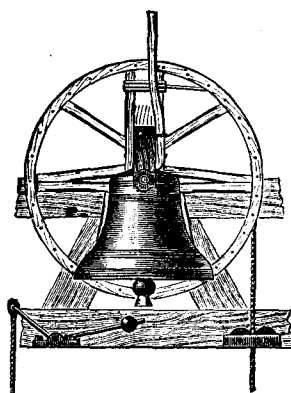
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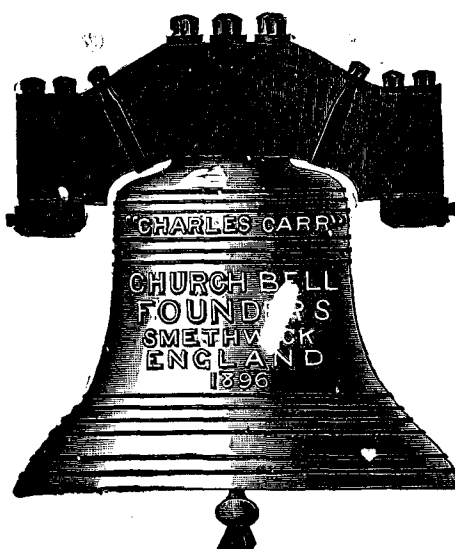
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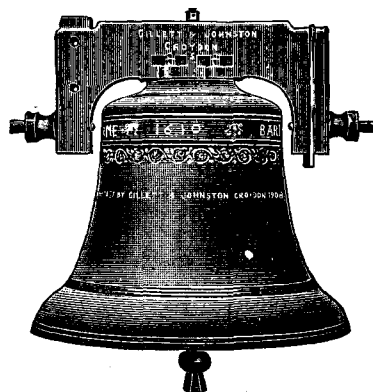
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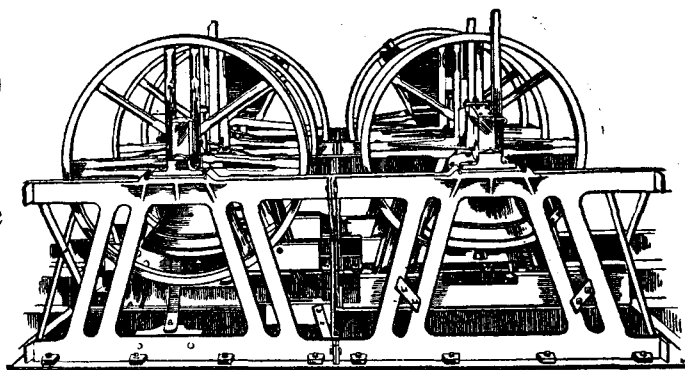
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THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly meeting of the above was held at Machynlleth on Saturday, September the 25th. Members attended from Bangor, Portmadoc, and Machynlleth. The muster was not quite so good as was expected, but was good considering the distance and train service, the nearest tower being about thirty miles.

The business meeting was held in the National Schools, The Rev. R. P. Hughes (curate) was voted to the chair. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. One honorary and one ringing member was made. Mr. W. T. Pegler (ringing master) observed that great strides were being made at Machynlleth by the local band, and in the course of a few kind remarks, said that he hoped the day was not far distant when two more bells would be added to the already nice little ring of six, as a greater interest would be taken by the majority of ringers when there would be a ring of eight bells to go to.

Mr. C. Williams, supporting the ringing master, said it would be a great incentive for visiting ringers in general if the tower contained a ring of eight bells, as the increased scope would be far more effective, especially on such an occasion as the present one, to ringers in general, as well as to the local company, who were now making such rapid progress in the Art.

Mr. Blaney, in proposing a vote of thanks to the visitors said that it was a big sacrifice for them, as the time there was so short. Mr. Davies seconded.

It was suggested for discussion at the next annual meeting that a badge of membership be provided, and a quantity should be secured by the Association and retailed to the members, so that recognition of members at meetings, etc., would be made more easy. Suggested by Mr. Wakefield (Portmadoc), supported by Mr. Williams.

Mr. W. T. Pegler proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for kindly presiding. Mr. J. Owen seconded.

The members then adjourned to The Glyndwr hotel, where a splendid repast was awaiting them. All were warmly welcomed by the hostess, Mr. Sadleir. The Rev. R. P. Hughes again presided, and the courses were tapped off in fine style, and full justice was done by all concerned to the excellent catering of Mrs. Sadleir, whose good husband, by the way, is an enthusiastic ringer, and was the first to introduce scientific change-ringing at Machynlleth. At the conclusion Mr. F. Hobb (Bangor) proposed a vote of thanks to the Machynlleth ringers for their kindness and hospitality during the day. Mr. A. J. Hughes, in seconding the vote, said that the only regrettable thing of the day was that more did not avail themselves of such an excellent opportunity of visiting Machynlleth, and having a ring on the nice little peal of six, which he hoped would soon be augmented to eight, there being more than eight ringers already.

Mr. Evans (local secretary) thanked them all for the kind remarks, etc., and heartily welcomed the visitors to Machynlleth in the name of the Vicar, who was unavoidably absent, and in the course of his remarks he said that the Vicar told him to see that they (the visitors) were properly looked after.

The Bangor visitors had to make a bee-line to the station to catch the 4.30 p.m. train, and were accompanied by a few of the local ringers, who gave them a hearty send-off. The ringing done during the day comprised Stedman Doubles, Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire Minor, and Grandsire Doubles.

The meeting was in all points very successful, and thanks are due to the Vicar for kindly allowing the use of the bells, etc., and to the local secretary (Mr. Evans), also to the local ringers for having everything in readiness, and so willingly assisting to show the visitors the church, bells, etc. It will be a meeting to be looked back to in years to come, when we notice the improved condition of things in general. The advent of two new bells, for instance, would mark an epoch in the life of all Machynlleth ringers, and if it were only to be known as a real requirement, there would no doubt be forthcoming numerous donors, who have the Church at heart, and would be pleased and anxious to have the pleasure of subscribing in aid of such a grand cause. It behoves the local ringers to put their heads together and see if they can find one who by so doing thereby ensures not only the pleasure of rendering assistance, but the knowledge that his or her name would be handed down in the annals of the Church to posterity.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A general meeting of the above Association was held at Middleham on Saturday, September 25th. This Meeting was a record one in the annals of the Association as regards attendance and number of towers represented, thirty-three members sitting down to dinner, and over eighty to tea.

The local authorities had thrown their whole energy into the determination to make this gathering an unqualified success, and the result exceeded their expectations. Dr. H. C. Pauli, Vice-President of the Association, was the leading spirit in it all, and he was most ably backed up by a large and enthusiastic band of helpers, including the Rector, the Rev. H. G. Topham and Mrs. Topham, Mrs. Pauli, and a host of others too numerous to mention. The local ringers and many other Middleham parishioners had most kindly undertaken to provide a free dinner and tea and free conveyances to and from Leyburn Station for all members who had notified the secretary of their intention to be present, and most royally it was done.

Middleham lies in a remote and rather inaccessible valley in beautiful Wensleydale, nevertheless it is a place of great historic interest, its castle having been the house of the Nevilles and of the celebrated "King Maker."

Its church, too, held a high position in ecclesiastical matters, having been once collegiate and possessing a Dean and Chapter; indeed, its Rector held the title of Dean until so late as 1845, it being a Royal Peculiar. But it was rather to things present than past that visitors turned their attention on this visit. The church possesses

a nice ring of six bells, and a most enthusiastic band of ringers, who are bent on seeing eight bells in their belfry before long, and this visit of the Association, coupled with a "Bell Festival" on the following Sunday, at which there was a collection for this object, was made the occasion for creating local interest in the scheme.

The bells were kept going all day in the methods of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford, Woodbine, and London Surprise, etc.

The President of the Association (Rev. W. P. Wright, Vicar of Hemingbrough), took the chair at tea, supported by the Rector (Rev. H. G. Topham), Dr. H. C. Pauli (Vice-president), and Mr. T. Metcalfe, the energetic Secretary. There were also present Mrs. Topham, Mrs. Pauli, and several other ladies.

After singing the National Anthem, the Rector in a very happy speech welcomed the Association to Middleham, saying how much pleasure it gave them to have this meeting there.

After alluding to the past glories of the place, he said that their chief interests now lay in the harvest, and in the training of race-horses, and yet even his own ringers might perhaps not know that they once had a poet amongst them, who had handed down some verses about the bells, though the author's name was unknown. To the amusement of the company, he proceeded to quote some of them, as follows:

Oh, Middleham is a pleasant place,
And seated near a moor,
Where they train horses for to race,
As never raced afoor.

But in the weary winter time
'Tis somewhat cold and dreary,
But now they have six bells to chime,
Put up by Mister Breare.

Resounding up all Wensleydale
As far as Bolton Hall,
Then to the left and back again
From Aysgarth Water Fall.

(Cheers and laughter.)

The Rector concluded by saying he hoped before long those six bells would receive the addition of two more, and that the next time the Association came, members would have the pleasure of ringing the full octave.

The President, in moving a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, Dr. Pauli, the local ringers, and all other friends who had so kindly helped to make the meeting such a success, said that so long as the Association could muster a gathering like this, there was not only no fear of its dying out, but rather every token of its growing strength. He drew attention to the fact that it was in the Report for 1903 that the Middleham band was first mentioned, and the local secretary's report in that year's Report was, "A new band struggling against lack of enthusiasm." Then turning to the Report for 1909 he read that "the local band had during the last year rung two 5000s of Minor in five methods."

Some change must have come over the scene during that time, and he ventured to think it was very largely due to Dr. Pauli's enthusiasm and efforts ably seconded by a kind and sympathetic Rector and willing co-workers.

During the afternoon several bands visited East Witton and rang several 720s on the light ring there. About sixteen new members were elected. The following towers were represented: Darlington (St. Cuthbert's, St. John's, Holy Trinity); Pateley Bridge, Ormesby, Stockton, Stranton, Richmond, Carlton, Sharow, Ripon, Shildon, East Witton, Thirsk, Northallerton, Hemingbrough, Guis-

brough, Wath, and Grinton, from latter which place some enthusiastic learners cycled a distance of twelve miles to attend the meeting, and who it is hoped will soon become members.

This report is already too long; but it must not close without a reference to the beautiful services on the Sunday following, for which the ringers rang at 7 a.m., 9 a.m., and 5 p.m., and after the evening service, to mark their "Bell Festival" Sunday.

The Rector preached in the morning with special reference to bells and ringers, and by invitation the President of the Association occupied the pulpit in the evening. At both services the local band rang courses of Triples in a masterly style. Thus ended another most successful meeting.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT BRIERLEY HILL (reported last week).—J. E. GROVES'S 300 peals.—Grandsire Triples 78 conducted 58; Stedman Triples 46 conducted 14; Plain Bob Triples 2 conducted 1; Darlaston Bob Triples 8 conducted 4; Oxford Bob Triples 1 conducted 1; Bob Major 21 conducted 15; Grandsire Major 6 conducted 6; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 2; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 13 conducted 5; Canterbury Pleasure Major 1; Forward Major 2 conducted 1; Superlative Surprise Major 5 conducted 1; Plain Bob Caters 1; Grandsire Caters 49 conducted 25; Stedman Caters 12 conducted 5; Bob Royal 2; Grandsire Royal 1; Forward Royal 2; Kent Treble Bob Royal 4 conducted 1; Grandsire Cinques 3; Stedman Cinques 25 conducted 4; Forward Maximus 1; Kent Treble Bob Maximus 2; Minor 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7 methods 7 conducted 2; 42 Six-scores 5 conducted 1. Total rung 300—conducted 144. The Grandsire Triples contain 4 rung and conducted on handbells. The Grandsire Caters contain one 8009 record muffle peal, one 7019, and one 11,500, both conducted. The Stedman Cinques 11,111 record. Rung in 83 towers and 16 counties for one peal (Grandsire Triples). He rang the 3rd and 4th, and conducted the peal, the first time this has been accomplished on two church bells in Great Britain.

THE PEAL AT CHESTERFIELD (reported last week).—B. A. KNIGHTS' 200 peals.—Grandsire Triples 4; Grandsire Caters 5; Stedman Triples 7 conducted 2; Stedman Caters 15 conducted 6; Plain Bob Major 6 conducted 1; Plain Bob Royal 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 33 conducted 11; Kent Treble Bob Royal 23 conducted 9; Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major 11 conducted 4; Oxford Treble Bob Royal 4 conducted 2; Forward Major 1 conducted 1; Forward Royal 1 conducted 1; Double Norwich Major 26 conducted 4; Double Norwich Royal 4 conducted 1; Superlative Surprise Major 33 conducted 9; Cambridge Surprise Major 1; New Cambridge Surprise Major 5; Yorkshire Surprise Major 7 conducted 1; London Surprise Major 7; Bristol Surprise Major 3; Peterborough Surprise Major 2, both rung on the treble. Total rung 200—conducted 51, including an 18,027 Stedman Caters (record).

THE PEAL AT BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE (reported last week).—This is the first peal of Major on the bells, which were opened for ringing on September 25th, 1908 (after the addition of two trebles and complete restoration by Messrs. Taylor and Co.), with a peal of Grandsire Triples, in which 4 of the present company took part. The band represented 4 towers in the Crewe branch—namely, 1st and 6th are local men, 2nd from Lawton, 3, 4, 5 and tenor from Crewe, and the 6th from Alsager.

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HANDBELL CONTEST AT BELLE VUE.

After helping in the formation of a second band of bell ringers, Crossland Moor United had the remarkable experience at Belle Vue, Manchester, on Monday, September 27th, of being beaten by the new organisation.

By the rules of the competition a band is debarred for one year from the competition after winning the first prize three years in succession. Crossland Moor United won in 1905, 1906, and 1907, and were unable to enter for last year's competition. They gave every assistance, however, to the formation of another band in the village, the members being mostly boys and youths. The coaching was so excellent, that the youngsters, under the name of Crossland Moor United Juniors, were placed first. It is even stated that the older organisation lent their bells.

Elated by their success, the junior band planned an ambitious programme, but the original band tried to stop them playing in the same competitions as themselves. This was too much for the Juniors, and they threw off the yoke of the United. They purchased their own bells, and practised hard. Both teams entered for the contest. The rivalry between them has excited so much excitement in the Yorkshire village, which is near Huddersfield, that a large number of the inhabitants came to cheer their favourites.

The younger team, who are now Crossland Moor Public, played the test piece, a selection from the "Bohemian Girl," very well, and it was no surprise when they were found at the top of the list in the awards. The United had to be content with fifth place. The result was received with much applause, but there was some counter-cheering. The following is the prize list:—

Crosland Moor Public	1
Birstall St. Saviour's.....	2
Clifton (Brighouse)	3
Dewsbury.....	4
Crosland Moor United.....	5

The following were awarded consolation prizes: Pendlebury, Thurlstone, Aldmondbury (Huddersfield), and Clifton Junior (near Brighouse). The judges were Mr. G. Pritchard (London), and Mr. Frank Owen, L.L.C.M., Manchester). Thirteen bands competed, of which eleven came from Yorkshire, and two from Lancashire.

In connection with this annual contest it is a remarkable fact that for the past twelve successive years the first prize has gone to bands using handbells cast at the Whitechapel Foundry; for eleven out of the twelve the second prize also, and this year the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes have been secured by companies using bells cast at the same old foundry of Mears and Stainbank. This is really worth mentioning, as it is a wonderful record.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch of the above Guild was held at Gainsborough on Saturday, September 25th. Thirty-one members were present from various parts of the district. A peal was attempted in the morning by a mixed band, which unfortunately came to grief, a well-struck quarter-peal of Bob Major being afterwards rung. Visitors arriving, the bells were kept going to Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire, and Treble Bob until 4.15 p.m., when a special service was held in the church, the Rev. J. T. Tull giving a most excellent address. At the close a move was made to the Coffee Palace to partake of an excellent tea.

At the meeting which followed, held in the choir vestry

of the parish church, the President, Mr. F. F. Linley, presided, supported by the Rev. J. T. Tull (curate) and the Rev. Reginald Bond, hon. secretary of the guild.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and passed, several new members were elected.

On the motion of the President a vote of sympathy was extended to the relatives and friends of the late Rev. Clark, of Cruston Ferry, who had been buried that day.

Votes of thanks having been accorded the Rector, the Rev. Canon Standen, for granting the use of the bells and the vestry for the meeting, the Rev. J. T. Tull for his excellent address; to the organist and choir boys for their attendance at the service, concluded the meeting.

Afterwards ringing was indulged in until train time arrived, causing us to part to our various destinations.

J. W. S.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North-Eastern District was held recently at Kelvedon at the kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. E. F. Hay, to try the go of the tenor and fifth bells, which had been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and which were found to be much more regular in striking and easy running than before. A party of 25 sat down to tea in the parish hall, including Rev. E. F. Hay, Vicar, Messrs. R. Galpin and W. Siggers, churchwardens, Mr. C. Howard, Master of the Association, and the District Master and Secretary. After the tea Mr. Galpin, for the Vicar and churchwardens, expressed the pleasure it gave them to see so many present, and to hear their grand old peal of bells ringing again. Mr. Howard proposed thanks to the Vicar for the beautiful tea provided, to which the rev. gentleman responded, and humorously suggesting that the ringers themselves add two trebles to complete the octave. Some capital ringing was accomplished during the afternoon and evening on this grand old ring of bells, the tenor of which is 21 cwt, in E, by Miles Graye.

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CHURCH BELL ROPES.—The longest peal ever rung was at Loughborough, on Easter Monday. The ropes used were made by JOHN PRITCHARD, of Loughborough, whose bell-ropes are favorites of the Exercise for their non-stretching. Soft as silk; durable as steel.

Correspondence.

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

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

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—It is not fair on Mr. James's part to say that I have misrepresented him or that I do not understand his arguments. I am trying with an open mind to test thoroughly his new theory and see if there is any truth in it. If it will hold water the novelty of it will not frighten me, but I certainly am not prepared to accept it merely on the dictum of Mr. James or any one else. This thing at least is certain, that he has very much developed his argument and shifted his ground since the discussion began, and seeing the prominent part the six-score of Grandsire held in at least his early letters and the stress he laid on it, it is his own fault if I and others thought he was using the similarity between a six-score of Grandsire and a six-score of Stedman as an argument. Apparently now he was not, so that we are justified in leaving out of account the greatest part of what he said at the Central Council and almost everything he has since written in "THE BELL NEWS." Mr. James's reference to the Method Report and myself are scarcely, shall we say, in good taste. Let me remind him that his original draft of that Report and its amended versions were all rejected—I have some of them now—and the present report was an entirely new thing drafted by myself and accepted by all the Committee, including Mr. James himself. I do claim to understand that report, and I do most emphatically object to Mr. James trying to read into it any meaning that the words do not bear on their surface, and which was not in the mind of the Committee which signed it.

I asked Mr. James twelve questions to find out clearly his position. The first was this—Is this a perfect division of a method according to the findings of the Method Report? And Mr. James answered "No." All I can say is that I am perfectly astonished at that answer. The Method Report may be right or may be wrong, but this thing admits of no dispute that its definition of a Principle used as a Method was intended to cover and does cover a case like this. Let Mr. James point out one clause, nay one single word in that definition with which this division does not agree. He cannot; and because he cannot his whole theory collapses.

J. ARMIGER TROLOPE.

THE EXTENSION OF STEDMAN FROM THE SIX-SCORE.

SIR,—With your permission I should just like a word or two on this subject before you apply the closure.

Stedman on the higher numbers is being condemned because the sixes or twelve ends do not run in coursing order, and a host of different excuses more or less plausible have been made to account for it; the first, and the cause of all the controversy, being that the quick six is a bob.

Now a brief examination of all the plain methods without internal places will not only show the coursing order at the lead ends, but in every change until a bob is called. In plain Bob 2nds place is made at the lead end over the treble, and as the treble is a fixed bell, this does not alter the coursing order. The same thing happens with Grandsire with 3rds place over two fixed bells, thus keeping every row in coursing order. Now if 2nds or 3rds or any other internal place be made at any other row but these you alter the coursing order, and consequently make a bob, as will be seen in a Grandsire bob by 3rds being made a blow earlier.

In Kent T.B. you have all the bells in coursing order, when the places are not being made, with the well known exception of the slow bell. This bell is entirely shifted from between its proper pair of bells and is placed between each pair of bells as they come to lead. Now I maintain that every time the slow bell makes 2nds she makes a bob.

It very conveniently happens that 3rds and 4ths place are made twice as these are clearly two singles and has the effect of putting the bells back in their order. If two internal bells lay together they invariably make a single, as a brief examination

of the various singles used will testify. I consider this the reason why the extent of Minor can be got with bobs only as otherwise the law of the in and out of courses would make this impossible. In Double Norwich bobs are made at the 2nd, 4th and 6th rows, and this leaves the bells in their natural coursing order, which they retain until the treble leaves behind when the bobbing commences again. Now I maintain that it is not possible to make any internal place except 2nds over the treble, or 7ths when she is behind without you make a bob, and this applies not only to Stedman but to every method, and if two internal places are made it has the effect of a single.

If the above reasoning is applied to Stedman it clearly shows more bobs in a slow six than a quick, and the controversy is fast getting to nothing more or less than the old Bob Major lead ends.

In bellringing, the path of a bell to the ringers is of infinitely more importance than the rows and all that is really admirable in Stedman is the alternating character of the work. I for one always thought that the real and only reason for calling Stedman a Principle was that it did not adapt itself to divisional lead-ends. I now find that a struggle is being made to convert it to a method.

While I am writing I wish to draw the attention of the Exercise to another very important matter in connection with methods, viz.: the length of the courses—Grandsire, with 5 working bells, give 70 changes; Plain Bob Triples, with 6 working bells, give 84, and to get the full number of a course with 7 working bells a course should go 98 changes. In Major, with 8 working bells, a full course should go 128 changes. Stedman Triples, as we ring it, is 14 changes short of her full course and if some expert can supply these he will do the Exercise some service, but when we find a new method with 8 working bells giving a course of only 48 changes I think it is about time that we commenced ringing nothing else but the lead-ends.

J. H. BANKS.

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

SIR,—Having received the figures of the date touch of Grandsire Doubles rung at Swanwick, June 19th, 1909, composed by Mr. Frank Key, I beg to say it is *False*.

J. PAGETT.

OLD BELL FOUNDERS.

SIR,—The reply to Mr. V. D. Laurence would appear to be as under:—Christopher Hodson did not *succeed* his father John Hodson, but was *contemporary* with him. On some of the early "John Hodson" bells we find, in addition to the founder's name, the initials W. H. These are evidently the initials of William Hull, who acted as foreman to John Hodson for some 16 years—probably from 1654 to 1669—when we find on a bell at West Wickham, Kent, the further initials of C. H., which are those of Christopher, the son of John Hodson. From this date Hull's initials disappear, being replaced by the C. H., which would seem to indicate that Christopher was now his father's foreman. In 1675 as find (Halling, Kent) Christopher putting his full name after his father's, and a year later (at Woodnesborough, Kent) his name stands before that of John. It is evident that father and son were now in partnership, but probably for but a short time, since we find in 1680 Christopher is at Oxford casting the Merton College peal of eight and other bells in that district. He evidently returned to St. Mary Cray (where he had a foundry) and there cast bells for Addington (1683) and several other Kent churches, the latest known date being 1687, the approximate date of his death.

After the dissolution of partnership John Hodson continued to cast bells at his London foundry for some years, among these being the Brookland and Dymchurch bells (1685 referred to by Mr. Laurence). The latest known bells of his are two dated 1692, so he apparently survived his son by some five years.

Mr. Stahlschmidt supposed John Hodson to have been succeeded by William Wightman, whose name first appears on bells in 1693.

F. R. THOMAS.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sturwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

Handbell Peals.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, September 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT 10, WELLGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

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

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by C. GLENN.

Umpire—J. W. J. Cottam.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, September 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT 33, HOLLY STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

JOHN THORPE ..	1-2.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY ..	5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN ..	3-4.	WALTER COATES ..	7-8.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—R. W. Collier.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Friday, September 24, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT 2, VICARAGE LANE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.

ALBERT NASH ..	1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN ..	5-6.
GEORGE LEWIS ..	3-4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER ..	7-8.
		WALTER COATES ..	9-10.

Composed and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

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ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
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On Saturday, September 25, 1909, in One Hour and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT 40, PERCY STREET,

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

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

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—Walter Coates. This is the quickest peal of Triples ever rung. It is also the conductor's 200th peal in the Yorkshire Association, he being the first member to attain that total.

Date Touches.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Wednesday, January 20th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Preston, W. Hartwell, W. J. Meers conductor, T. Russam, G. Garrison, T. Wells, G. Parsons, C. Storer.

HEMPSTEAD (Gloucestershire).—Recently at Swithin's church, a date touch, 1909 changes, in three methods, viz., Grandsire, Plain Bob, and St. Dunstons, in 1 hr. W. Beard, W. Sevier conductor, T. Baldwin, C. Mileham, H. Mitchell, A. Ward. Tenor 14 cwt.

Miscellaneous.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

ROMSEY (Hants.)—On Wednesday, July 21st, at the monthly practice at the Abbey, 896 Double Norwich. F. Paskins, W.

W. Gifford, J. Rumming, W. T. Tucker, H. W. Wilkes, W. H. George, G. Williams conductor, W. G. Fowler. Tenor 25 cwt.

STOCKBRIDGE (Hants.)—On Saturday, August 28th, 720 Bob Minor. W. H. George, W. Rowe, C. J. Fray conductor, Rev. W. E. Colchester (first 720), W. T. Tucker, W. G. Fowler. 120 Stedman Doubles. W. H. George, W. T. Tucker, C. J. Fray, Rev. W. E. Colchester, W. Andrews, W. Payne. 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Paskins, C. J. Fray, W. Rowe, W. H. George, G. Williams conductor, W. T. Tucker. First 720 on the bells. Also a few rounds with Canon Braithwaite ringing the 4th. Tenor 7½ cwt.

NORTH STONEHAM (Hants.)—On Sunday morning, August 29th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. W. G. Rowe, A. Marks, W. Rowe, W. H. George, C. Fray, W. T. Tucker. For evening service 360 as before, On Thursday, August 5th, 240 each of College Pleasure, College Exercise, and London Scholars. W. Rowe, A. Marks, G. Williams conductor, W. H. George, W. Rowe, W. T. Tucker. On Sunday morning, August 22nd, 504 Oxford Treble Bob. W. G. Rowe, G. Williams, W. Rowe, C. J. Fray, W. Rowe, W. T. Tucker conductor. For evening service 360 Bob Minor, conducted by C. Fray. These bells have been augmented to eight by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham, by the addition of a new treble and tenor bell.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WEST TOFTS (Norfolk).—On Sunday, August 29th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Radley, T. Fitzjohn, A. Macro, W. Smith, K. Shinn, G. Flatt conductor. Also 72 changes by Miss Ebsworth. R. Skipper, T. Fitzjohn, W. Smith, R. Shinn, G. Flatt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

EARLS COLNE (Essex).—On Tuesday, August 24th, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise on the back six. W. Clarke, J. Fleuty, S. Fleuty, F. Claydon, J. French, W. Scillitoe conductor. First 720 in the method by an entirely local company. Also 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. W. Clarke, J. Fleuty, S. Fleuty, F. Claydon, J. French, W. Scillitoe conductor, C. Carter, A. Friend. And 120 Bob Minor. C. Carter, W. Clarke, S. Fleuty, F. Claydon, W. Scillitoe, J. French conductor.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED (Herts.)—On Sunday evening, August 29th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. F. Norris, H. Golding, O. Bayes, W. H. Newell, W. J. Newell, W. Shepherd, G. Warner, W. Charge. Conducted by W. H. Newell.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EASTON IN GORDANO (Somerset).—On Saturday, September 4th, 240 Kent Treble Bob. J. Atherton, G. Gale, L. Moore, E. Knight, G. Thomas, J. Thomas conductor. Also 720 Bob Minor. J. Cople, J. Atherton, L. Moore, J. Thomas conductor, G. Thomas, E. W. Knight.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, September 5th, at Bishop Ryder's church for Divine Service, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. Coley, A. T. Scriven, J. Collett, E. Large, J. T. Perry conductor, W. Webb, G. Taylor, G. Rastall.

CHRISTCHURCH (New Zealand).—On Tuesday evening, July 27th, for practice, three courses of Stedman Triples. W. Whiting, F. Page, L. Clark, F. Woods, W. Saunders, W. Wraight, T. Biddle, W. Jones. This is the first touch of Stedman Triples rung in New Zealand. The band have just commenced the study of this most interesting method, and capital progress is being made.

CLAPHAM.—On Sunday, August 15th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Hairs, J. Lee, G. W. Clarke, F. Smith, F. J. Hairs, J. W. Chapman conductor, A. Hardy, A. Fluck.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday, September 5th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. G. Bloor, F. Page conductor, J. Woodward, G. Woods, A. Painter, S. Churton, C. Page, J. Simester.

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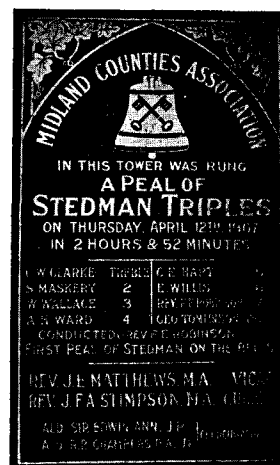
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The Metropolis.

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On Saturday, October 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt

HARRY FLANDERS Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 6.
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S. RYDER	Treble.	J. PALLISTER	5.
C. C. RYDER	2.	I. H. LENTON	6.
G. H. TAYLOR	3.	W. KINGDON	7.
T. J. BROWN	4.	GEO. W. PEVERELL	Tenor.

Conducted by GEO. W. PEVERELL

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LYMINGE, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 25, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURGA,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18 cwt.**

ERNEST FISHER.. .. .	Treble.	HARRY BARTON	5.
WILLIAM H. WOOD	2.	ALFRED G. KEDWELL	6.
LOUIS HEAD	3.	WILLIAM SEELEY	7.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN	4.	LIONEL TAYLOR.. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

First peal by the treble and tenor men (aged 19).

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.****(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)***On Saturday, September 25, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5163 CHANGES.****Tenor 24½ cwt.**

WALTER ALLWOOD	Treble.	JOHN HOLMAN	6.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	2.	WILLIAM H. PEABODY	7.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE	3.	*GEORGE A. THOMPSON	8.
WILLIAM LAMBERT	4.	JOHN FLINT	9.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	5.	*HARRY MOSS	Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method. This was the conductor's 200th peal.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Saturday, September 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.**

THOMAS TAYLOR	Treble.	JAMES CULWICK	5.
ALBERT MILLS	2.	WILLIAM PEART	6.
FREDERICK BENDALL	3.	ELIJAH PAGET	7.
GEORGE GRIFFITHS	4.	HERBERT PAGET	Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT MILLS.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George Griffiths, who for the past twenty-five years has been a ringer at this church; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Peart.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, September 25, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,****A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.**

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to T. J. Watts, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE,**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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WILLIAM THORNLEY*	Treble.	ARTHUR FREEMAN	4.
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Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

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

GREENSNORTON, NORTHANTS**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being forty-two 6-scores each called differently.

JAMES SLARKE*	Treble.	ARTHUR MOORE.. .. .	4.
FRANK ROLLINGS	2.	FRED HOPPER	5.
WILLIAM ROGERS	3.	*WILLIAM W. WILKINSON	Tenor.

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

*First peal. Minor was intended to have been rung, but meeting one short the above was rung instead.

TURVEY, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, September 25, 1909, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.****Tenor 18 cwt.**

GEORGE ALLEN	Treble.	REV. C. B. HULTON	5.
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WALTER J. BOWDEN.. .. .	3.	ARTHUR CHAPMAN	7.
FREDERICK J. MYNARD	4.	*HENRY STAPLETON	Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by J. W. BARKER.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Chapman.

MALTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, September 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****HOLT'S TEN-PART.**

HERBERT MILLNER	Treble.	LEO WOODCOCK	5.
CYRIL F. JOHNSTON	2.	ABRAHAM HAIGH	6.
EDWARD RICKITT	3.	JAMES DIXEY	7.
THOMAS HAIGH	4.	HARRY GIBSON	Tenor.

Conducted by CYRIL F. JOHNSTON.

First peal on the bells since their restoration.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 25, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

WALTER PERKINS	Treble.	WALTER GERMAN	5.
ALFRED EVERETT	2.	WALTER GREY	6.
CHARLIE KELLER	3.	WILLIAM V. NEWMAN	7.
HUBERT HERN	4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER	Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHMAN, and Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

This composition is a curiosity, being obtained without a bob. All the calls are singles, and it is now rung for the first time Rung on the eve of the Harvest Festival.

HEENE, WORTHING. SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

JOHN SMART Treble.	ALFRED W. GROVES .. 5.
GEORGE GATLAND 2.	GEORGE H. LEE 6.
HARRY EVANS 3.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. 7.
BENJAMIN BASSETT .. 4.	*ERNEST BOOKER Tenor.

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Bassett, Evans and Smart.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

WILLIAM S. SMITH .. Treble.	ALBERT CALVER 5.
JAMES D. DREWETT .. 2.	THOMAS STEERS 6.
DOUGLAS W. DREWETT .. 3.	JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. 7.
ALFRED J. TRAPPIST .. 4.	CALEB DANIELS Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BULWER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERNARD MOODY .. Treble.	JOHN FRYER 5.
WILLIAM BROOK 2.	FRANCIS BARRER 6.
FRED MOODY 3.	THOMAS M. BARKER .. 7.
WILLIAM PEARSON .. 4.	ARTHUR GILL Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS M. BARKER.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qrs. 6 lbs.

GEORGE ARCHER .. Treble.	WILLIAM CHENERY .. 5.
THOMAS FORD, JUN. .. 2.	ARTHUR LEEDER 6.
CHARLES MILLS 3.	ABEL HART 7.
JOHN SOUTER 4.	CLEMENT MORE Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

Taken from Snowdon's Treble Bob, Part II., page 20.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. MYNARD .. Treble.	JOHN LOVELL 4.
WILLIAM SHARP 2.	EDWIN S. MYNARD .. 5.
ERNEST G. MYNARD .. 3.	FREDERICK W. BOOTH .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. MYNARD.

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

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 28, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5132 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs.

GEORGE W. BRESLEY* .. Treble.	†THOMAS BULL 5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 2.	†HARRY MILES 6.
ALBERT BROOKS* .. 3.	†THOMAS PAYNE 7.
WILLIAM C. HEDGES* .. 4.	JOHN MONK Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

*First peal of Major. †First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

HELMSHORE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY J. STEFF .. Treble.	ROBERT WALLWORK .. 5.
THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD .. 2.	WILBY J. HAZELL .. 6.
JOHN MCWILTON .. 3.	JOSEPH E. SYKES .. 7.
THOMAS WALLWORK .. 4.	JAMES H. BANKS .. Tenor.

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

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

RICHARD MONCASTER .. Treble.	JAMES BAXTER 5.
RONALD W. GAY* .. 2.	WILLIAM H. PORTER .. 6.
WILLIAM PATTON† .. 3.	THOMAS CLARK 7.
WILLIAM D. LISTER .. 4.	WILLIAM BROADLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. PORTER.

*First peal. †First peal in the method.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 29, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM OSTLER .. Treble.	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5.
WILLIAM FLORY .. 2.	DAVID COLLINS 6.
HORACE C. HOWLETT .. 3.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by J. Cox, and Conducted by E. WIGHTMAN.

Rung to celebrate the restoration of Framlingham church, the chancel end of which has been out of repair for a number of years.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE RANMOOR SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, September 29, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RANMOOR,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED H. WARD .. Treble.	MAURICE WARD 5.
ARTHUR WARD 2.	FRANCIS WARD 6.
FREDERICK WARD .. 3.	SAM THOMAS 7.
LEONARD CHARLESWORTH 4.	CHARLES HAYNES .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

CHURCH BELL ROPES.—Ringers using the famous Yorkshire Bell Ropes, made by Messrs. WILLIAM SMITH AND SON, of Gomersal, Leeds, never have blisters throughout the longest peal. All give testimony to their soft handling.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 29, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5072 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt.

JOHN GOODENOUGH* Treble.	*CHARLES COX 5.
CHARLES GILES 2.	JOHN SWAIN 6.
ALBERT E. REEVES 3.	*ALFRED WATMORE 7.
WALTER A. WEBB 4.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, and Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

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

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 29, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

WILLIAM SHEPHERD Treble.	GEORGE SPENCER 5.
HENRY C. CHANDLER 2.	ALBERT W. COLES 6.
REUBEN SANDERS 3.	REV. C. CAREW COX 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	ROBERT E. STAVEET .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by the REV. C. C. COX.

Rung as a compliment to the Rector (Rev. G. S. de Saumarez), on the occasion of his silver wedding.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Norman R. Bailey, the band wishing him many happy returns.

RICHMOND, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES Treble.	*CHARLES DELL 5.
JAMES MERRICK 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT 6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 3.	ROBERT E. STAVEET 7.
GEORGE SPENCER 4.	†FREDERICK A. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

†First peal. *First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur T. King, esq., I.S.O., Hon. Secretary of the Association.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 1, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

HENRY W. COWLEY* .. Treble.	REUBEN SANDERS 5.
CHARLES I. EDWARDS .. 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT 6.
HENRY C. CHANDLER .. 3.	JAMES MERRICK 7.
SYDNEY CARTER 4.	ROBERT E. STAVEET .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal.

KELSEALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 1, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

GORDON F. THOMPSON .. Treble.	FREDK. J. SMITH 5.
ERNEST S. BAYLEY 2.	GEORGE N. PRICE 6.
GEORGE BERRY 3.	EDGAR H. BAILEY 7.
NORMAN R. BAILEY 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

GUISELEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND
DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 2, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED WINDSOR Treble.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD 5.
JOHN B. JACKSON 2.	FREDERICK W. DIXON 6.
EDWIN WHEATER 3.	*THOMAS M. THOMPSON .. 7.
WILLIAM B. SMITH* 4.	*ALBERT JAGGER Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

*First peal of Stedman.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

G. H. CRAWLEY Treble.	RICHARD LANGFORD 5.
THOS. W. PEARE 2.	WM. WEATHERBY 6.
WM. F. HARTSHORNE .. 3.	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7.
ERNEST WEATHERBY* .. 4.	GEORGE HALL Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WEATHERBY.

*First peal as conductor.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 2, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by D. BREARLEY.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 26 cwt.

HARRY JUDGE Treble.	FRED WEBB 5.
GEORGE W. BEESLEY 2.	HARRY MILES 6.
WILLIAM JUDGE 3.	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN 7.
THOMAS PAYNE 4.	WILLIAM STONE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by HARRY JUDGE.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on October 18th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 19th; at St. Magnus, on the 14th and 28th; at St. Giles's, Cripplegate, on the 19th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 25th: all at 8 p.m. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—The 272nd anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel on Saturday, November 13th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley Burden, E. A. Davies, Fardon, Garrard, Golding, Harman, Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, A. Jones, H. Langdon, O'Meara, Newton, Peck, Pettit, Price, Prime, Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, Winny, Wood, or

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society—Established 1824.—The seventh annual grand Bohemian Concert will be held to-day, Sat., October 9th, at The Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, City. Doors open at 7.15 p.m.; commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission only by programme, price sixpence.

T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.

55, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Waldron (8 bells), on Saturday, October 9th. Ringing from 3 to 8 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. W. J. Humble-Crofts, M.A.

GEO. H. HOWSE, Hon. Div. Sec.

132, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Donington to-day, Saturday, October 9th. Divine Service at the parish church at 12 p.m. Dinner at The Red Cow hotel, tickets 2s. 6d. each.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The district meeting will be held at Harrietsbam to-day, Sat., October 9th. Belfry open at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Business meeting after the service will be held in the vestry. Half fares up to 2s. will be allowed at this meeting.

A. F. ASHMAN, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Lancashire Association—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the church of St. Lawrence, Chorley, to-day, Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8), ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting in the belfry at 5.30.

E. R. MARTIN, Branch Sec.

90, Victoria Road, Walton-le-dale, Preston.

The North Notts. Association—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Misson (Bawtry Station) to-day, Saturday, October 9th.

B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dudley to-day, Sat., October 9th. The tower will be opened at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock. All members are cordially in-

vited to attend, owing to very important business to be transacted at this meeting.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

8, Wilmcote Place, Oxford Street, Dudley.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Alban's church, Rochdale, to-day, Saturday, October 9th. Bells at liberty from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m., prompt. A good attendance requested.

JAS. JACQUES, Sec.

The Salop Archidiaconal Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury to-day, Sat., October 9th. Ringing at St. Chad's at 2.30 p.m. Meeting at St. Alkmund's room at 4 p.m. Service in St. Alkmund's church at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m.

R. M. COLE-HAMILTON, Hon. Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Fenton to-day, Saturday, October 9th.

REV. W. G. KEYWORTH, Hon. Secs.

J. JOHNSON,

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Wednesday, October 13th. Special service at St. Mary-le-Tower at 12.45 p.m. Address by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Suffolk. Dinner at St. Lawrence's Parish Hall at 1.30 p.m. Members intending to be present at dinner must notify me by October 11th. All the rings in the town will be available. For particulars see notice cards sent to Masters of companies

CHAS. E. BORRITT, Sec.

10, Chester Street, Norwich.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—A special service for members of this Guild will be held on Saturday, October 16th, at Birmingham parish church (St. Martin's), at 4.30 p.m., when the Lord Bishop of the Diocese will deliver an address. Clergymen, churchwardens and others interested in ringing, as well as ringers and their friends are cordially invited. The usual quarterly meeting will be held at the Church House (corner of Moor Street), immediately after this service, when the Bishop will preside.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—There will be a bye-meeting at Dagenham on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available after 3 p.m. All ringers heartily invited.

G. F. MARGETSON, Hon. Sec.

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, October 16th. Bells will, by kind permission of the Vicar, be available from 3 to 9 p.m. Service in church at 5.45. Tea in the Church Room at 6 o'clock, and meeting after

CHAS. DEAN, Hon. Sec.

59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Fulbourn on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Tea at 5 o'clock, all ringers welcomed.

P. WEBB, Dis. Sec.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Bentley (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 23rd, a peal will be attempted at 12 o'clock. Tea will be provided free at five o'clock at The Lion inn for those sending notice by the 20th. The peal of 6 bells at Thorington will also be available.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Coggeshall.

Peterborough and District Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Whittle-

sea on Saturday, October 23rd. St. Mary's and St. Andrew's bells available. Service at St. Andrew's church at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.30 and meeting after.

W. T. JOHNSON, Hon. Sec.

80, Princes Street, Peterborough.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District. A meeting will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, October 23rd. The bells of both Lyminge and Elham will be available at 3 p.m. The usual travelling allowances will be paid to members present. Teas can be obtained near the church, Lyminge.

E. TRENDLELL, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Boughton, Faversham.

The Warwickshire Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells will be ready at 3.30.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, Hon. Sec.

1, Bilton Road, Rugby.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints, Fulham, on Saturday, October 30, to which members and friends are cordially invited. Further particulars next week. There will be a practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Wednesday, October 13th at eight o'clock, when all members are earnestly invited to attend.

F. BENNETT, Hon. Sec.

3, Hart's Lane, New Cross.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the South and West District will be held at All Saints, Isleworth, on Saturday, October 30. The tower will be open for ringing at 4 o'clock. The tower will be open for ringing at 4 o'clock. The Vicar (Rev. J. H. Champion McGill) will entertain the members to tea in the Hartland Road Mission Room at 5.30, and the business meeting will be held afterwards. Members and friends are cordially invited, and it is hoped that a special effort will be made to attend. Will members kindly note that subscriptions for 1909 should now be paid, and the hon. sec. will be pleased to receive the same by the date of the meeting.

H. C. CHANDLER, Hon. Sec.

Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

SELBY ABBEY BELL FUND.

SIR,—May I through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" thank all who have contributed to the above fund. I have received many kind letters, but would like to give one instance; of a church, who although £1000 in debt for their own bells and tower, yet the ringers send a subscription.

I would ask anyone who still intends to give any sum, to send it to Mr. W. Snowdon, 24, Basinghall Street, Leeds, since I am giving up the post of Hon. Treasurer.

B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Messrs. A. Walker and W. Truss have removed from 135, Amity Road to 98 Amity Road, West Ham, E.

JOINER seeks situation. Estate preferred. Age 33. Change-ringer. Apply—F. COOKE, Gilling, Richmond, Yorks.

WANTED, a Steady and Reliable Man, used to horses, deliver goods, etc. Good references required. State age, wages, etc.—G. DENT, Grocer and Draper, Harlow, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The ringers of St. James's church, Birch-in-Rusholme, had their annual pic-nic on Monday, September 5th. Lawton was the place selected, and the party made their way by rail to Harecastle, and were met by a few of the Lawton ringers. From there a vehicle was taken to Church Lawton. The church has a fine peal of eight bells, and after being photographed by one of the ringers, 504 Grandsire Triples was tapped off in fine style, followed by 224 in the same method. Dinner was the next consideration, which was served at The Wolf hotel, and after tapping off two courses for the benefit of the inner man, the brake was again boarded. Barthomley was next reached. The peal of bells

here has just been in the hands of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. The "go" and tone are splendid. Here 504 Grandsire Triples, 432 Bob Major, and another 504 of Grandsire Triples were rung. After driving back to Church Lawton, another touch, consisting of a substantial tea, was gone through. The party next adjourned to the smoke-room for a sing-song and chat. Then the brake was once more requisitioned to reach the station. In the train a vote of thanks was passed to the Rector (Rev. F. G. Buller), the churchwardens, and congregation, for the kind liberal way in which they had subscribed the necessary funds.

SILK WRAPS, HANDKERCHIEFS, and other Goods of original design for suitable Presents to W. Matthews, Chance Ringer, Macclesfield

JOHN TAYLOR & CO., Bell Founders, LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.

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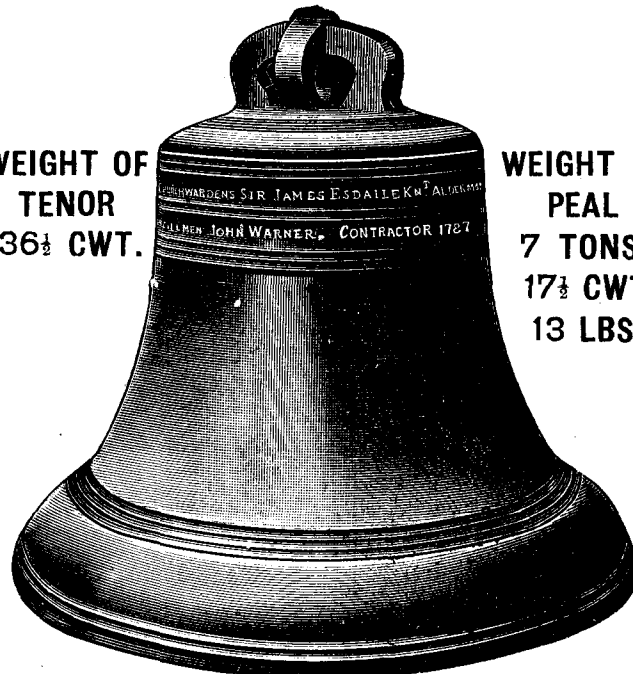
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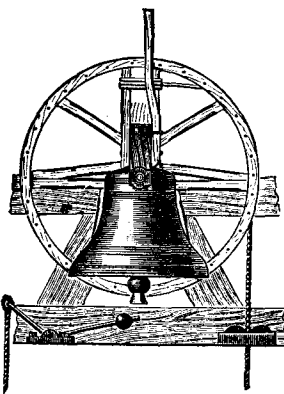
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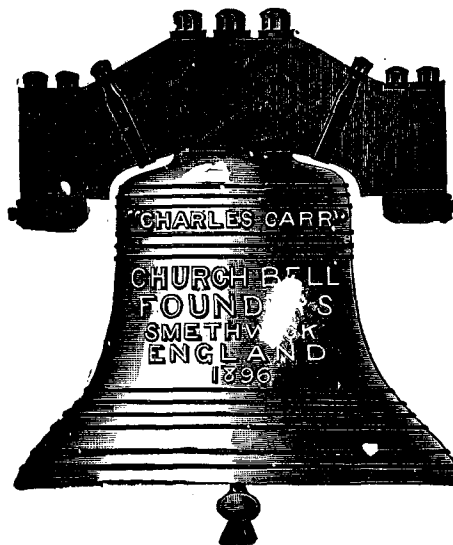
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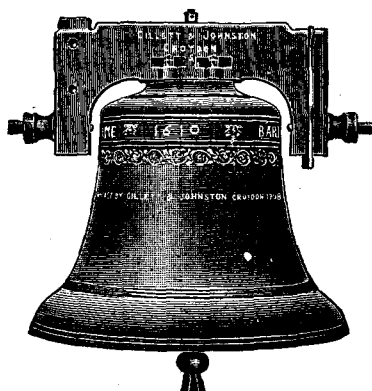
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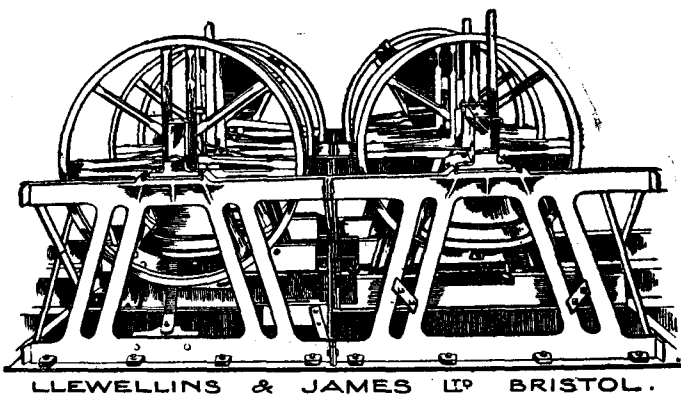
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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25th, the annual meeting of this Association was held at Rawtenstall. In addition to the bells at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, the following towers were at the disposal of the ringers: St. James, Haslingden, St. Nicholas, Newchurch, St. Saviour, Bacup, and St. James, Waterfoot. A large number of ringers from different parts of the county put in an appearance, and all the above bells were well occupied until the time appointed for service. This was fixed for 4 p.m., and punctually at this time the services began with a good average number of ringers and their friends present. Knowing that ringers at these gatherings usually forget to bring their prayer books, the authorities had a shortened evensong provided in leaflet form, and thus all were enabled to join heartily in the service. The presence of the choir, and the selection of well known hymns and chants, greatly improved the musical part of the service.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee, president of the association, took part in the service, and the Vicar of Rawtenstall (Rev. W. H. Finney) was the preacher. The lesson read was the 25th of Leviticus, and without choosing any particular text, the preacher took this chapter for his sermon.

After kindly welcoming the association to the Rossendale valley, the preacher said that bells as we now found them had their origin subsequent to Bible history, but even in the earliest times worshippers have always had some instrument by which they could express their rejoicings. In the chapter they had heard read that afternoon a description was given of the great Jubilee, and again and again we find mention of the silver trumpet, and he took it that our bells fill the same post in our modern times that these trumpets did in the Mosaic period. He was not a ringer himself, but from the occasional visits to his tower he could see that bellringing was an art that required persistent and prolonged practice to attain proficiency. To his mind there were two different ways of doing any kind of work: one was just doing what was required in a commonplace mechanical way; and the other the way in which all true artists do their work; putting their whole heart and soul in whatever they undertook to do. He earnestly wanted to impress this thought on that great gathering of ringers. The bells were heard by plenty of people who never habitually attend God's service, and if your ringing of the bells is done with your whole heart and soul in your work, you little know what kindly thoughts and remembrances you may awaken in this class of people. It is not too much to say that in England there is scarcely a place from which church bells cannot be heard, and our festivities, our marriages, and even our last funeral rites are often associated with the bells. The sound of the trumpet of the Jubilee must have been a time of great rejoicing, every slave was made free, and at liberty to return to his own family, every man regained possession of his own property, and every debtor was freed from his creditors when the Jubilee was sounded on these silver trumpets. Though we could

not say that our bells proclaimed definite blessings such as these, yet their wonderful tones and the scale of harmony that echoed from the bells still sends the gospel message of peace to all. Again all who took part in proclaiming the Jubilee were people of undoubted purity. Absolute cleanliness was insisted upon when the sacrifices were prepared, and was it too much to expect that all our ringers should be men of unblemished character, belonging to, and regular attendants of our Church?

The service over, tea in the schoolroom was next on the programme, and the provisions and accommodation proved equal to the appetites. The business meeting followed, with the Rev. H. J. Elsee in the chair, supported by the two secretaries and treasurer. The agenda read as follows: president's address, committee's report, balance-sheet, election of officers, notices of motion, new members, place of next meeting, votes of thanks.

The president said he was pleased to see so large a number present, especially so because Rawtenstall was not so very convenient to reach from many parts of the county. He was also particularly pleased that so many had been present at the service, but still he should like to see at their annual gatherings a still larger proportion of the members present. Reviewing the year's peal records, the members had rung fifty-eight peals of over 5000 changes, a number falling short of those in recent years, but still a decent record. In quality, however, the wide variety of methods rung shewed that they were mastering all the intricate methods. He was proud of the fact that the bells in nearly all the towers in the county were rung for divine service, and he hoped that nothing but our very best ringing would be done for this purpose. By the printed balance-sheet they would notice that the year's receipts were £46 15s. 5d., and the expenditure was £48 18s. 3d., which meant a loss during the year of £2 2s. 10d., but the accounts from one of the branches arrived too late to be included, or the year's loss would have been a smaller amount. The total worth of the Association was, however, no less than £104 7s. 5½d. He believed the small loss this year was owing to the committee meetings being held at the extreme ends of the county, and this was only incidental, and would not occur every year. He hoped they would do their best to give the members of the Central Council a very hearty welcome to Lancashire next year, as they should doubtless have a greater number of ringers at that meeting than they ever before had in the county, and he had no doubt that they would all try to make the gathering a success.

The committee's report and balance-sheet was unanimously adopted; and the retiring officers were all re-elected. The place for the next meeting was keenly contested, seven different spots being voted for, the final resting between Blackpool and Burnley, the latter eventually winning. The usual votes of thanks concluded a lengthy business meeting, and ringing and meeting old friends, and making new ones, continued till a late hour.

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The annual meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, September 25th, at St. Andrew's church, Hillingdon West, Uxbridge. About eighty ringers attended the service, the sermon being preached by the Rev. Canon Duckworth, D.D., sub-dean of Westminster Abbey, from the text: "And I said, should such a man as I flee? and who is there, that being as I am, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in." (Neh. vi. 11.)

The character of Nehemiah, said the preacher, is well worth study. He was always the right man in the right place—not exactly a genius, but a sensible wide awake man of business: and he rendered a notable service to his country. These are qualities which it is good for us to contemplate. But after all, the gift we possess, whatever it may be, is nothing, unless we consecrate it to God; and the Church will not perform her work, until she has enlisted in her service men who are prepared to thus consecrate whatever gifts they possess. Nehemiah was the King's cup bearer, a respected official in the Persian Court, and it was the consecration of his ordinary gifts to God which gave him an honoured name. He possessed also a courage which refused to be cowed when duty called. In spite of opponents threatening, in spite of the indifference of his own countrymen, nothing daunted him; and as he laboured at his patriotic task, he repeated but one simple prayer—"O God! help us!" The story of Nehemiah shews also by sharp contrast what a base creature Shemiah was. It was an impious act to trespass in the Temple, and the effort to persuade Nehemiah to do it was happily in vain, who saw through the misleading influence of this cunning informer. There was but one answer to all such temptations to play the coward, and it was this: "Should such a man as I flee?" Faith in God and a consecrated feeling of duty lifted him up, for a man who is absolutely sure that he is carrying out God's will, is sure of himself.

Courage is a quality which commands universal homage. We admire it in others, and we covet it for ourselves; but there are two kinds of courage. There is the courage of hot blood—a dare devil recklessness—which is admirable on the battlefield. True courage, however, is far nobler than this, and it is that of a man, who sees the risk he is running and deliberately faces it. St. Paul shewed it, for when bonds and afflictions were foreshadowed for him, he replied "none of these things move me." This is a true kind of courage, not blind, but open-eyed, and without it no character can be either strong or trustworthy. The historian Carlyle has defined this sort of courage as the power of saying "No." To be able to say "No" is to master a priceless lesson. It is extremely difficult for those who are soft hearted to say "No"; for fault finding is never popular, and yet, if we are fearful of inflicting pain, we may do infinite harm; but before a man can say "No" to others, he must be able to say "No" to himself. How many a man has lost ground in his first encounter with temptation, by his inability to say "No" to himself! Any prison chaplain will tell you that you have only to ask this criminal or that felon what has brought him to his present position, and the answer will be—Oh! if only I had had the courage to say "No" at first, I should not have been here.

How supreme is the importance of character. Take the disciplined man, the man of principle, the man to be depended on. Such a man, because true to himself, is a power whom all delight to honour, for he carries an atmosphere of goodness about him, wherever he goes, and helps to strengthen every man with whom he associates.

In conclusion, the preacher reminded the ringers that they too as Church-workers were charged with duties and responsibilities, and exhorted them to be careful to avoid playing the coward at the call of duty, to be right-minded and courageous among their fellows, and to boldly say "No" in the time of temptation, keeping ever in mind the outspoken answer of Nehemiah to his cunning detractor—"Should such a man as I flee?"

After the service, an excellent tea was partaken of in

the girls' school, the arrangements being undertaken by Mrs. Bird, and a large band of willing helpers. There was a large gathering at the annual meeting which followed, and it might well have been a record attendance but for the inclemency of the weather, which kept away many who had notified their intention of being present. The Rev. H. G. Bird, president of the association, occupied the chair, supported by the Rev. Canon Duckworth and the officers of the association.

The hon. secretary, as an old worker in the parish of St. Mark, Hamilton-terrace, in the time of the incumbency of the Rev. Canon Duckworth, proposed a vote of thanks to the Canon for coming amongst them, and giving them the benefit of so practical and eloquent an address. He recalled the happy days of parochial work under the guidance of his former Vicar, and added that though some 35 years had elapsed since his first connection with him, he had always found the Canon to be one of his truest and most sympathetic friends, in spite of his long absence in another parish, and amid other surroundings. The president added a few words of welcome, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed with much enthusiasm. The Canon replied with much feeling reference to all that the hon. secretary had done in days gone by in his former parish, and congratulated the ringers upon having secured the services of an hon. secretary whom he felt sure had given a zealous and whole-hearted attention to the great work in which he had been for so many years engaged.

The Hon. Secretary then read a portion of the annual Report, the remainder being taken as read, to save time. He said that between the date of last year's meeting at Fulham and the present time they had rung eighty peals, viz.:-

	No. of Peals.
Kent Treble Bob Major	1
Grandsire Doubles	1
Grandsire Triples	11
Grandsire Caters.. .. .	1
Bob Major.. .. .	3
Double Norwich	1
Bristol Surprise	2
London Surprise	9
Cambridge Surprise	1
Superlative Surprise	11
Stedman Triples	22
Stedman Caters	13
Stedman Cinques.. .. .	4

Total—80.

of which there were rung on handbells:—

Stedman Triples	1
Stedman Caters	3
	4

As regards performances on tower bells, thirty-two had rung their first peal in a new method; twenty-one their first peal in any method; and two, their first peals as conductors. In the higher methods, two had rung their first peals of Bristol Surprise; three, their first peals of London Surprise; two their first peals of Superlative; and eight their first peal of Cambridge Surprise: while two members of the Fulham Society had also rung their first peals of Stedman Caters on handbells. No fewer than 172 individual members had taken part in peals since the date of the last annual meeting.

The accounts were passed subject to audit; and the officers of the Association were re-elected, with sympathetic reference to the continued illness of Mr. John

Basden, and the expression of many regrets that he was unable to be among them that day.

The meeting closed with thanks to the President for his welcome; to the organist and choir for their services; and lastly, to the ladies who so liberally dispensed hospitality.

It was somewhat unfortunate that the ringing had to be confined to the bells of St. Andrew's, the bells of St. John's, Hillingdon, and St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, not being available; but during the afternoon and after the meeting the bells of St. Andrew's church were kept going, and though the one belfry was at times congested, the greatest good feeling prevailed, and all agreed that it was a most enjoyable meeting.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2nd, the above Association met at Elstow for the autumn meeting. Members attended from various parts of the county, and the bells were kept going all the afternoon and evening. At 5 p.m. the members adjourned to the vicarage, and sat down to tea, which was kindly provided for the occasion by the Rev. C. F. B. and Mrs. Hawkins. Business followed the tea, and seven ringers, members of the Elstow company, were elected as performing members of the society, the proposer mentioning incidentally that until quite recently the good old times of John Bunyan, *i.e.* beer, tobacco, and coke fire had been kept up in the belfry. Owing to the influence of the Vicar the society had come on the scene. The local ringers had met it in true spirit, and a reformed belfry was the result. On the proposition of the Hon. Secretary (Rev. A. Rust), the Rev. C. F. B. Hawkins, M.A. was then elected an honorary member. Mr. J. W. Barker then introduced a discussion *re* "The Isaac Hills Memorial," stating that scientific change-ringing was introduced into the county by Woburn members under the leadership of that enthusiastic gentleman, Mr. Charles Herbert. The Bedford ringers soon took it up under rather exceptional difficulties.

Mr. Hills was a self-educated man, and thirty years ago his learning and knowledge were not up to that very advanced stage as in the latter part of his life. When the Bedford ringers took up ringing, Mr. Hills took up the conducting, and when practising Minor upon handbells, had to keep one hand behind him and count with his fingers the number of parts that had been rung; but perseverance carried the band through; with perseverance came knowledge, and the same enthusiasm that Mr. Hills displayed at that time he carried throughout his ringing career, and throughout his life. He was one of the small company of enthusiasts that formed the society, and up to his death he took a leading and active part in its management. It was proposed to erect a permanent memorial in St. Paul's belfry, Bedford, and an appeal will be made to his ringing friends for subscriptions: what was required afterwards would be made up by the congregation of St. Paul's church.

The Rev. A. Rust then heartily supported the suggestion. He considered, and it was now fully agreed, that his friends of St. Paul's company should act officially in the matter. As a co-secretary of his late friend, he knew of the hard work and energy that Mr. Hills had displayed in the interests of the society. He also knew of his great personal qualities, and the first time they met he felt drawn towards him. He was sure that the society would give its heartiest support. He then proposed a vote of

thanks to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells, and for his generosity in providing tea for the members.

Mr. E. Herbert seconded, remarking that "good things had been provided, and the members had done a good thing by them."

The Vicar expressed the pleasure it gave Mrs. Hawkins and himself to receive the society, and hoped that it would not be long before he received another visit.

A short demonstration of handbell ringing was then given. Afterwards the tower bells were kept going to various methods. The conclusion of all was that the meeting was most enjoyable, and very instructive.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

The following extract from the Bucknall Parish Magazine will no doubt be read with some interest by those who remember the unfortunate breaking up of the band of six-bell ringers of whom the late Mr. W. Twigg was the leader.

[EXTRACT.]

"The old ringers,' as they are affectionately called, returned to the belfry on Tuesday evening, September 7th, which will henceforth be a red-letter day in the annals of the tower. The new leader, Mr. Daniel Preston, was welcomed by Mr. Rushton, who had been compelled to resign the position owing to the serious accident to his arm. Mr. Preston made a felicitous speech, in which he alluded to the successful efforts of Mrs. G. Birch to bring about this happy reunion. Mrs. Birch, in reply, expressed her great pleasure in seeing the 'old ringers' back again. Mr. Enoch Wheeldon, the leader of the Norton ringers, said a few words of encouragement, which evidently came from his heart. The Rector, in wishing the ringers God-speed, referred to the confidence he felt in their new leader. Sympathetic allusion was made by different speakers to the late Mr. W. Twigg, the former leader. The Doxology was heartily sung. The dedication festival on the following Sunday was a specially joyful one, a well-known churchman describing the evening service as being 'like a harvest home.' The churchwardens welcomed the ringers after the service."

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A number of the members of the North Western District of the above Association visited Bishops Stortford on Saturday, October 2nd, and rang on the bells of St. Michael's parish church. The annual meeting of the district was also held at The Chequers hotel, when Mr. F. Pitstow presided. There were also present Mr. C. H. Howard, Master; the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec.; Mr. J. F. Penning, district hon. sec.; Mr. H. J. Tucker, Master of the St. Michael's (Bishops Stortford) Society; and ringers from Cambridge, Harlow, Harlow Common, London, Matching, Little Munden, Royston, Saffron Walden, Sawbridgeworth, Stanstead and Ware.

The Chairman extended a welcome to the Master, Mr. Howard, and said this was the first occasion upon which the Master and Hon. Secretary had attended a district meeting together, and he looked upon it as a good sign for the future of the Association.

The nominations of Mr. R. G. King, of Royston, and Mr. Walter Wilkinson, of Bishops Stortford, as non-resident life members, were received and both were elected.

Mr. F. Pitstow was unanimously re-elected Master, and Mr. J. F. Penning Hon. Secretary. It was decided that the next meeting of the district should be held at Stansted.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. Penning) brought up for discussion the subject of the annual meeting of the Association always being held at Chelmsford. He stated that he mentioned the matter at the last annual meeting, and the chairman, the Bishop of St. Albans, said it should be ventilated and discussed by the districts. That the annual gathering should be fixed at Chelmsford was not best for everybody. The county was now so sub-divided that it was necessary each district should have the opportunity of welcoming the Association. At the last meeting at Chelmsford they could have no ringing because the Assize Court was being held. He gave notice of his intention to move that the meeting should in future be a movable one.

Mr. Howard said he had previously brought forward this question, and was strongly of opinion that all the districts should be visited in turn. Ringers in the most remote parts of the county would then have an opportunity of attending the annual meeting. Again, it was not generally known among the clergy that this was the only day in the year when a special service was arranged for the ringers, and he was sure if this were made known they would receive a welcome from many towns.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre said a strong argument in favour of Chelmsford was that it was most central in the matter of train service, and there were so many towers round there.

Mr. Howard said the numbers attending at Chelmsford had fallen from 120 to 70, showing that an alteration was necessary. There were also plenty of towers in other districts with rings of eight or ten, as for instance Bishops Stortford, Braintree, Barking and Colchester. These towers could give all the ringing that was wanted, and many old friends would be met there. At Chelmsford they did not get the cream of the ringers to attend. He would support Mr. Penning in his motion.

The Rev. H. T. Lane, Vicar of Bishops Stortford, was thanked for lending St. Michael's tower, and Mr. H. J. Tucker and Mr. P. Springham received thanks for their help in arranging for the meeting, whilst similar compliments were passed to the district Master and Secretary.

Mr. Penning suggested a benefit society for ringers, Mr. Howard agreed that a benevolent fund would

supply a want, but thought the Central Council should take the initiative.

Mr. Penning said the North Western District might adopt it on its own, and if any members would agree to pay an extra subscription he would receive it and start the fund.

Both before and after the meeting the bells were rung at St. Michael's church in London, Cambridge, Superlative, etc., and Mr. W. H. Lawrence, of Little Munden, performed the feat of ringing two bells in Grandsire Caters. The ringers afterwards partook of tea at The Chequers hotel.

OLD BRADWELL, BUCKS.

The ancient and charmingly-situated parish church of St. Lawrence, Old Bradwell, was crowded to excess on Sunday afternoon, September 12th, the occasion being the dedication to the service of God of two new bells. So large was the assembly who desired to join in the unique and interesting service that additional seats had to be provided, and even then many were unable to obtain admission. Hitherto the church had but four bells, one of these being badly cracked. In 1907 Mr. Charles Baily, nephew of the Rev. K. C. Bailey, the beloved Vicar of the parish, very generously bore the expense of recasting this bell, and now he has shown his interest in the church by bearing the cost of a 5th bell, and also with a new tenor to the memory of his late father, Mr. Joseph Baily, who was buried early in the present year in the peaceful God's acre at Old Bradwell. The work of casting and hanging was entrusted to Mr. A. Bowell, bellfounder, of Ipswich, who has carried it out to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The service of dedication opened with the hymn, "Now thank we all our God." The prayers for evensong were said by the Rev. T. Athawes, Rector of Loughton. The lessons, particularly appropriate, were taken from Numbers x. and Revelation viii. That beautiful hymn—"Glorious things of Thee are spoken," was sung at the conclusion of the collect for aid against all perils, and the Rev. J. T. Athawes having read the remaining prayers, the Rev. K. C. Baily took up a position in the belfry and read the prayers which dedicated the bells to the service of God and the Church. Following the dedicatory prayers the bells were rung for a few moments, the congregation standing meanwhile. Then followed the hymn, "When morning gilds the sky."

The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. T. Athawes. He chose no text, but his remarks traced in plain and homely language the message which the bells should teach to a Christian community. It was a homily which pointed the dwellers in this quiet little village to the importance of a reverent faith in God, and further it imparted a lesson to the ringers themselves which if followed can but work for good.

The offertory was taken during the singing of the hymn, "O praise ye the Lord," at the conclusion of which the Rev. J. T. Athawes pronounced the Benediction, and the interesting service ended.

A 700 of Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob were rung by mixed bands.

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On Saturday, September 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

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**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
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GEORGE WOODISS 1-2.	GEORGE EDGER, JUN. .. 5-6.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 3-4.	JOHN B. HESSEY 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE EDGER, JUN.

Umpires—G. Edger, sen., and R. J. Polley.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)***On Friday, September 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT 2, VICARAGE LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

JOHN THORPE 1-2.	ALBERT NASH 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4.	*R. WILFRED COLLIER .. 7-8.

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by C. GLENN.

Umpire—Walter Coates. *First peal on handbells.

Date Touches.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

BRATHAY.—On Sunday evening, September 5th, for Divine Service, a date touch of Minor, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 1 min., being 469 Duke of York, 720 Cambridge Surprise, and 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Backhouse conductor, W. Nevinson, F. Woodend, W. Sharpe, J. Holmes, A. W. Brighton.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ISHAM (Northants).—On Sunday, October 10th, a date touch, 1909 changes, being 360 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Double Oxford, and 180 each of Double Court, Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob Minor, and 107 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 4 mins. J. Farby, F. Andrews, F. Talbutt, G. Blaxley, W. Wilson, E. M. Atkins conductor. Rung as a farewell touch to the conductor, who has since gone into residence at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge.

Miscellaneous.**CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

ISHAM (Northants).—On Sunday, September 26th, being the Harvest Festival, for early service, 720 Oxford Bob. E. M. Atkins composer and conductor, W. Wilson, F. Talbutt, W. Lewis, G. Blaxley, F. Andrew. For children's service in the afternoon 720 Double Oxford Bob. J. Farby, G. Blaxley, T. Butler, F. Talbutt, W. Wilson, E. M. Atkins conductor. For evening service 720 Plain Bob. E. M. Atkins, W. Wilson, W. Lewis, F. Talbutt, G. Blaxley, F. Andrew (first 720 as conductor).

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

KESWICK.—On Sunday evening, September 19th, for Divine Service at St. Kentigern, Crosthwaite, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. W. Brighton conductor, W. Postlethwaite, J. Bell, T. Wilson, F. Postlethwaite, T. Rimmer, W. Campbell, W. Telford. Tenor 16 cwt. First in the method by all except the conductor.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOOTTON BASSETT (Wilts).—On Saturday, September 4th, on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the above, the following touches were rung at All Saints church: 756 Stedman

Triplets. O. W. Layng, C. J. Gardiner, G. Townsend, G. H. Harding, L. A. Wilson, R. Wells, H. Roberts conductor, T. Ricketts. 350 Grandsire Triplets. Rev. J. H. Burn, T. Ricketts, L. A. Wilson, G. Townsend, C. J. Gardiner, R. Wells. G. H. Harding conductor, a local man tenor.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, September 14th, 1168 Double Norwich Major. D. Thompson, W. J. Bowden, C. Mortimer, F. Mortimer, J. W. Barker conductor, C. Freeman, C. Chasty, F. Tysoe.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRECON.—On Wednesday, May 26th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triplets in 48 mins. S. Watkins, G. Giblin, S. Brooks, F. Stedman, W. Hargest, G. Hardwick, W. Evans conductor, D. Price. On Sunday, June 6th, another quarter-peal (Thurstans's) in 45 mins. W. Hargest, S. Brooks, G. Giblin, G. Hardwick, P. Stedman, S. Watkins, W. Evans conductor, D. Wood. On Sunday, August 1st, another quarter-peal (Haley's) in 45 mins. A. Matthews, S. Brooks, G. Giblin, S. Watkins, G. Hardwick, W. Hargest, W. Evans conductor, D. Price.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HEENE (Sussex).—On Sunday, August 29th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triplets in 40 mins. J. Matthews, J. Paice, A. Arnell, G. Norriss, B. Bassett, H. Lee, E. H. Lindup conductor, E. Booker.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, August 31st, for practice at St. Michael's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Flory conductor, J. Self, E. Cooper, H. Smith, C. Cook, W. E. Maulden. Recently for practice 720 Bob Minor. W. Ostler, S. Bonney, W. E. Maulden, H. Bonney, C. Cook, J. Self conductor.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, September 4th, for practice, 784 Bob Major. A. Symonds, H. Smith, W. Dent, Rev. E. J. Teesdale, S. H. Symonds conductor, T. Garrard, W. R. Poulson, T. Pryke. On Sunday morning, September 5th, before Divine Service, 1050 Grandsire Triplets. A. Symonds, S. H. Symonds conductor, W. Fayers, H. Smith, W. R. Poulson, T. Garrard, T. Pryke, W. Dent. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Fayers, who attained the age of 20 years, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Tuesday, September 7th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triplets in 43 mins. G. Thompson, A. Jarvis, P. Spice, A. Barden, W. Smith, W. Latter, S. Perkins, S. Hardy. This is the first quarter-peal by P. Spice and A. Barden.

WIDNES (Lancashire).—On Thursday, September 5th, on the occasion of the second anniversary of the opening of the bells of St. Paul's church, 720 Bob Minor with 7-8 covering. R. Leather, R. Dagnall, J. Calland, F. Hayes, F. J. Hancock conductor, R. Cartwright, G. Sant, G. Aspey. On Friday, September 6th, 720 Bob Minor on the back six. A. Carrington, R. Cartwright, J. Calland, G. Sant, F. Hayes, F. J. Hancock conductor.

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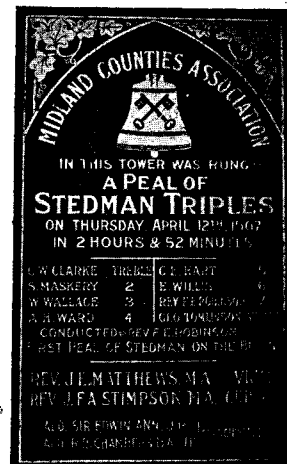
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The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

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The Province.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 28, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES.

WILLIAM LANSDOWN .. Treble.	CHARLES DOWNING 6.
CHARLES H. GORDON 2.	SAMUEL PHILLIPS 7.
FRED G. MAY 3.	HENRY T. HOWELL 8.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS 4.	WILLIAM STOWELL 9.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS 5.	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

The above was rung muffled, to the memory of the late James Hinton, who was buried on Sunday, September 26th. The above band was composed of members belonging to five different towers in Bristol.

SHILDON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 16 cwt, 1 qr. 8 lbs.

EDWARD HIND Treble.	WALTER H. METCALFE 5.
JOHN H. LENTON 2.	EDWIN J. TITT 6.
JACKSON PALLISTER 3.	THOMAS WICK 7.
GEORGE W. PEVERELL 4.	ROBERT B. ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Composed by J. FLEMING, and Conducted by R. B. ROBINSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th, the band wishing him many happy returns.

BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, September 29, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5220 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM CRANE, SEN. .. Treble.	*ALBERT J. HUGHES 5.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES 2.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 6.
WILLIAM CRANE, JUN. 3.	*JAMES H. MIDWINTER 7.
MORRIS J. MORRIS* 4.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS, and Conducted by WM. T. PEGLER.

*First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method ever rang in Wales by a local band. This composition is now rung for the first time.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT G. WARNES .. Treble.	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 5.
FRANK H. DAVY 2.	GEORGE SNELLING 6.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 3.	JOHN A. WYMER 7.
FREDERICK MIDDLETON 4.	JOHN SNELLING Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

BOURTON-ON-THE-HILL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thursday, September 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

N. BRION Treble	R. LYDIATT 4.
F. A. CASE 2.	W. LARGE 5.
S. GREEN 3.	F. WALTON Tenor.

Conducted by W. LARGE.

First peal on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the dedication of a stained glass window by the Lord Bishop.

ROYSTON.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F. sharp.

HERBERT G. WILKERSON Treble.	ALBERT GILBERT 4.
ERNEST BONNETT 2.	WILLIAM L. DARLOW 5.
ABRAHAM WILKERSON 3.	ROBERT G. KING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM L. DARLOW.

First peal as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Hilda Hoy, of Royston, to Mr. W. Turney, of Buckland, Herts. Also before the Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES BRUNDELL* .. Treble.	CHARLES L. JENKINSON 5.
WILLIAM G. MAYERS* 2.	FREDK. J. CROSS 6.
GEORGE H. CROSS* 3.	JOHN FREEMAN 7.
WILLIAM W. GOODBOURN 4.	CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by C. E. BORRETT.

*First peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. A. C. Tyrell, a member of the band, which took place on the same day and at the same church.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, September 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 26 cwt.

ALBERT P. WAKLEY .. Treble.	EDWARD I. STONE 5.
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 6.
GEORGE A. TUDOR* 3.	HARRY WAKLEY 7.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY 4.	GEORGE BULL Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WAKLEY.

*First peal on eight bells. Rung to celebrate the 20th birthday of A. P. Wakley, which occurred on the above date.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

On Saturday, October 2, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

H. G. THOMPSON .. Treble.	H. TORBLE 5.
F. C. FERRIN 2.	W. A. ALPS 6.
E. WALLAGE 3.	E. HALL 7.
H. G. ROWE 4.	T. ADAMS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by W. A. ALPS,

The above are all members of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows. Rung in commemoration of the appointment of Past Grand J. W. Hanchet, of the Ancient Abbey Lodge, as Provincial Grand Master of the Waltham Abbey District.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

GORDON THOMPSON Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
WILLIAM J. GROOM* 2.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 6.
WILLIAM C. RUMSKY 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 4.	JAMES G. RUMSKY Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.
*First peal in the method. Arranged to oblige the conductor who is on a tour in the neighbourhood.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 2, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

FRANK JACOBS Treble.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 5.
HERBERT DAY* 2.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON 6.
EDWARD C. GOBEY* 3.	WALTER ALLWOOD 7.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 4.	JOHN FLINT Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.
*First peal in the method.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN GUESS Treble.	FRED GILBERT 4.
REGINALD LOVEDAY 2.	RICHARD DUNKLEY 5.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.)

On Saturday, October 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

TOM GEORGE BARTLETT .. Treble.	EDMUND SARGENT 5.
EDWIN SHEPHERD 2.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON 6.
WILLIAM MOGRIDGE 3.	JAMES MOSS 7.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE 4.	WILLIAM ACREMAN Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR W. SEARLE.

A quarter of a century has elapsed since the St. Sidwell's society rang the first peal on the bells. The ringers were entertained by the Vicar (Rev. H. Clark), at the close of the peal.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 2, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

DANIEL JONES Treble.	REV. E. V. COX 5.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN 2.	ROBERT PICKERING 6.
THOMAS H. REEVES 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT 7.
JOHN C. ADAMS 4.	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Quickest peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Godden; also instead of Treble Bob, through being one short.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 2.	*WILLIAM FISHER 6.
EDWIN BENNETT, JUN. .. 3.	CHARLES WILKINS 7.
WILLIAM HEWETT 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in the method, and was elected a member previous to starting.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

GEORGE H. STATHAM* .. Treble.	JOHN JENNINGS 5.
CHARLES STARKEY 2.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 6.
WILLIAM H. JONES† 3.	THOMAS VERRY 7.
JAMES JONES 4.	*WILLIAM G. ANKER Tenor.

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

*First peal, and were elected members previous to starting. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. E. Burns, who is leaving to take up the living of Halifax, Yorkshire.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	ARTHUR ROOPE 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE 6.
EDWIN WHITING 3.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE 7.
CHARLES BAKER 4.	JAMES SOUTER Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by G. N. PRICE.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, October 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

THOMAS W. GORE Treble.	SAMUEL WESLEY 6.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7.
TOM A. BURNHAM* 3.	CLEMENT GLENN 8.
WILLIAM H. PRABODY .. 4.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON 9.
FRANK JACOBS 5.	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor.

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

*First peal on ten bells.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS WHITE* Treble.	*HUGH GREGORY 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 2.	WILLIAM FOX 6.
HENRY GREGORY* 3.	*JOHN W. DERREYSHIRE .. 7.
FRANK TRAVIS* 4.	WILLIAM TAYLOR Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by the Rev. A. T. BEESTON.

*First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN AND THE SALOP GUILDS.

On Wednesday, October 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	WILLIAM JONES 5.
FRANK DOWNING 2.	*WALTER LAGO 6.
TOM DAY 3.	WILLIAM SAUNDRES 7.
JOSEPH DAY 4.	HAROLD ASTON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal.

The following peals were rung by members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild during the Dorsetshire Ringing Tour, September 18-25, 1909:—

SALISBURY, WILTS.

On Saturday, September 18, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs. in F sharp.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
HENRY HODGETTS 2.	ERNEST BISHOP 6.
JOHN S. RUMMING 3.	WILLIAM GIFFORD 7.
JAMES PARKER 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS,

MILBORNE PORT, SOMERSETSHIRE.

On Sunday, September 19, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qrs. 25 lbs. in D.

ERNEST BISHOP Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
HENRY HODGETTS 2.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6.
JAMES PARKER 3.	KEITH HART 7.
MARTIN STEWART 4.	WILLIAM GIFFORD Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

First peal on the bells, recently restored after a silence of nearly forty years.

CHARLTON HORETHORNE, SOMERSETSHIRE.

On Monday, September 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt. in E flat.

ERNEST BISHOP Treble.	JAMES PARKER 5.
MARTIN STEWART 2.	KEITH HART 6.
HENRY HODGETTS 3.	WILLIAM GIFFORD 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells, and believed to be the first peal in the method in the county.

BEAMINSTER, DORSETSHIRE.

On Tuesday, September 21, 1909, in Three Hours Sixteen and a ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

HENRY HODGETTS Treble.	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 2.	WILLIAM GIFFORD 6.
MARTIN STEWART 3.	KEITH HART 7.
JOHN THOMAS 4.	JAMES PARKER Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

WYKE REGIS, NEAR WEYMOUTH, DORSET.

On Wednesday, September 22, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs in E.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble.	MARTIN STEWART 5.
HENRY HODGETTS 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 4.	JOHN THOMAS Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Major on the bells, and the first in the method in the county.

MILTON ABBEY, NEAR DORCHESTER, DORSET.

On Thursday, September 22, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp,

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.
KEITH HART 2.	HENRY HODGETTS 6.
JAMES PARKER 3.	WILLIAM GIFFORD 7.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 4.	JOHN THOMAS Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

The first peal on the bells, and the first peal of Surprise in the county.

DORCHESTER, DORSETSHIRE.

On Thursday, September 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
HENRY HODGETTS 2.	JOHN THOMAS 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON* 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

First peal of Major on the bells, and the first in the method in the county. *First peal of Cambridge.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.

On Saturday, September 25, 1909, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, KINSON,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble.	JOHN THOMAS 5.
HENRY HODGETTS 2.	KEITH HART 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

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

First peal of Major on the bells, and first in the method in the county of Dorset. The church is only a few yards from the Hampshire boundary.

POOLE, DORSETSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 25, 1909, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble.	FREDK. W. TOWNSEND .. 5.
WILLIAM G. GRANGER 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3.	KEITH HART 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4.	CHAS. W. GOODENOUGH .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CHURCH BELL ROPES.—The longest peal ever rung was at Loughborough, on Easter Monday. The ropes used were made by JOHN FRITCHARD, of Loughborough, whose bell-ropes are favorites of the Exercise for their non-stretching. Soft as silk; durable as steel.

Notices.

The charge or 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, South Hackney, on October 18th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 19th; at St. Magnus, on the 28th; at St. Giles's, Cripplegate, on the 19th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 25th: all at 8 p.m. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—The 272nd anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel on Saturday, November 13th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, Burden, E. A. Davies, Fardon, Garrard, Golding, Harman, Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, A. Jones, H. Langdon, O'Meara, Newton, Peck, Pettit, Price, Prime, Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, Winny, Wood, or

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

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints, Fulham, on Saturday, October 30, to which members and friends are cordially invited. Further particulars next week.
F. BENNETT, Hon. Sec.
3, Hart's Lane, New Cross.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the South and West District will be held at All Saints, Isleworth, on Saturday, October 30. The tower will be open for ringing at 4 o'clock. The tower will be open for ringing at 4 o'clock. The Vicar (Rev. J. H. Champion McGill) will entertain the members to tea in the Hartland Road Mission Room at 5.30, and the business meeting will be held afterwards. Members and friends are cordially invited, and it is hoped that a special effort will be made to attend. Will members kindly note that subscriptions for 1909 should now be paid, and the hon. sec. will be pleased to receive the same by the date of the meeting.
H. C. CHANDLER, Hon. Sec.
Church-Road, Heston, Hounslow.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—A special service for members of this Guild will be held to-day, Sat., October 16th, at Birmingham parish church (St. Martin's), at 4.30 p.m., when the Lord Bishop of the Diocese will deliver an address. Clergymen, churchwardens and others interested in ringing, as well as ringers and their friends are cordially invited. The usual quarterly meeting will be held at the Church House (corner of Moor Street), immediately after this service, when the Bishop will preside.
W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—There will be a bye-meeting at Dagenham to day, Sat., October 16th. Bells available after 3 p.m. All ringers heartily invited.
G. F. MARGETSON, Hon. Sec.

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ewell to-day, Sat., October 16th. Bells will, by kind permission of the Vicar, be available from 3 to 9 p.m.

Service in church at 5.45. Tea in the Church Room at 6 o'clock, and meeting after
CHAS. DEAN, Hon. Sec.
59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Fulbourn on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Tea at 5 o'clock, all ringers welcomed.
P. WEBB, Dis. Sec.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Bentley (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 23rd, a peal will be attempted at 12 o'clock. Tea will be provided free at five o'clock at The Lion Inn for those sending notice by the 20th. The peal of 6 bells at Thorington will also be available.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, Hon. Dis. Sec.
Coggeshall.

Peterborough and District Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Whittlesea on Saturday, October 23rd. St. Mary's and St. Andrew's bells available. Service at St. Andrew's church at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.30 and meeting after.

W. T. JOHNSON, Hon. Sec.
80, Princes Street, Peterborough.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, October 23rd. The bells of both Lyminge and Elham will be available at 3 p.m. The usual travelling allowances will be paid to members present. Teas can be obtained near the church, Lyminge.
E. TRENDLELL, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Boughton, Faversham.

The Warwickshire Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells will be ready at 3.30.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James's church, Accrington, on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells ready at 2.45. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested.
J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Titchmarsh on October 23rd; November 26th at Warkton; November 13th at Dallington; November 27th at Earls Barton. Usual arrangements.
F. WILFORD, General Sec.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting for united practice in the higher methods will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Wednesday, October 27th, at 7.15. Members invited to attend.
H. C. CHANDLER, Hon. Sec.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, October 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 6 o'clock at The Angel, Sun Street. Will those intending so be present notify Mr. J. F. Foster, 82, Grove Road, Hitchin, not later than Friday morning, October 29th.
H. S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The members of this society will hold their next quarterly meeting at St. George's church, Mossley, on Saturday, October 30th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited.
CHAS. BOWEN, Sec.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The annual festival will be held at

Durham on Saturday, October 30th. Committee meeting at 12 noon at The County hotel. Service in the Cathedral at 1 p.m. Dinner at The County hotel at 2 p.m. The bells of the Cathedral, St. Nicholas and St. Oswald will be available. Members intending to be present please notify

CHAS. TODD, Hon. Sec. pro tem.
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The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting will be held at Lamberhurst on Saturday, October 30th. Tower open at 4 o'clock.

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The members of this Association paid a visit to St. Peter's, Congleton, on September 18th. The Vicar, the Rev. T. T. Higgins, very kindly gave permission for the use of the bells, and touches of Grandsire, Treble Bob, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung during the afternoon. It was also the occasion of erecting a peal-board recording the first peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells, which was presented by Mr. H. Lawton, of this town.

Tea was served in the schoolroom, and was very much enjoyed, after which Mr. Johnson, the Secretary, on behalf of the Association, thanked the Vicar for the use of the tower and

bells: also Mr. Lawton for his generosity in giving the peal-board, it being the second time this tower had been the recipient of his kindness.

Mr. Page, in supporting, said it was a great pleasure to him to meet a gentleman who was so interested in ringing, not being a ringer himself, and it ought to be an inducement to the local ringers to learn the Art.

It was unanimously resolved that Mr. Lawton be made a honorary member of the Association.

Mr. Lawton, in responding, said it was a great pleasure to him to meet the Stoke Association at Congleton. Though not a practical ringer, he had for some years taken a deep interest in peal ringing, which he thought was one of the highest arts requiring ability

and perseverance. He was always pleased to encourage the ringers, and promised to give another tablet to match the others, providing five of the local ringers took part in a peal.

The ringers then adjourned and took part in evening service, at which the Rev. T. T. Higgins gave an eloquent address.

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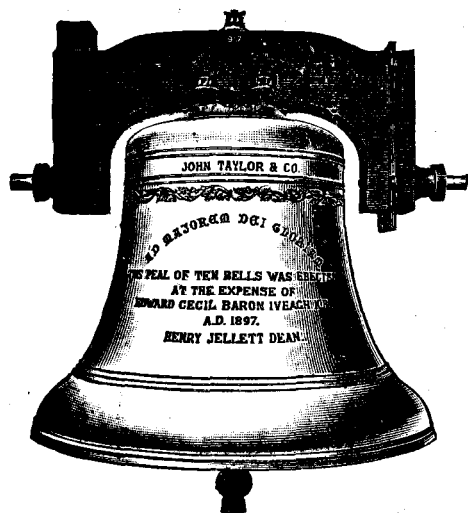
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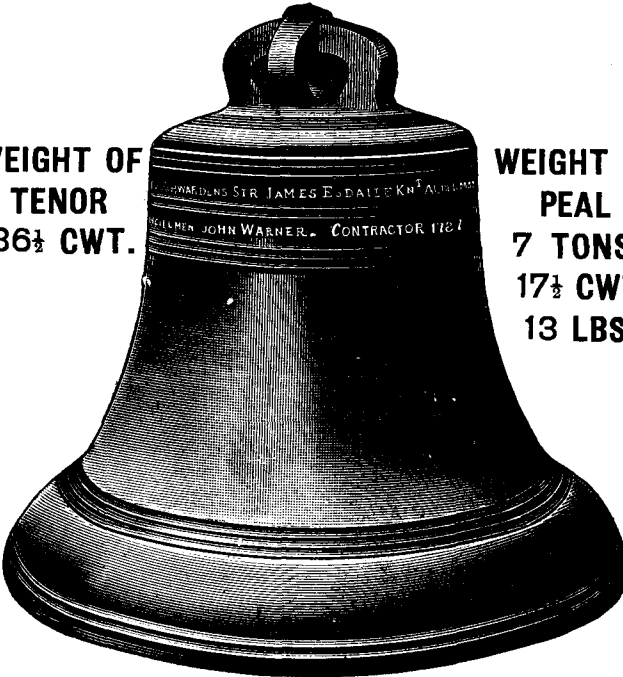
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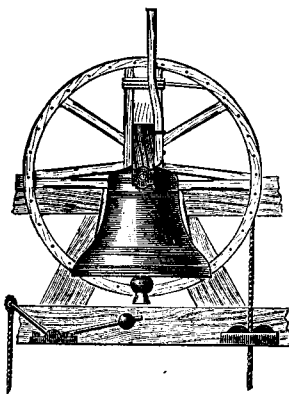
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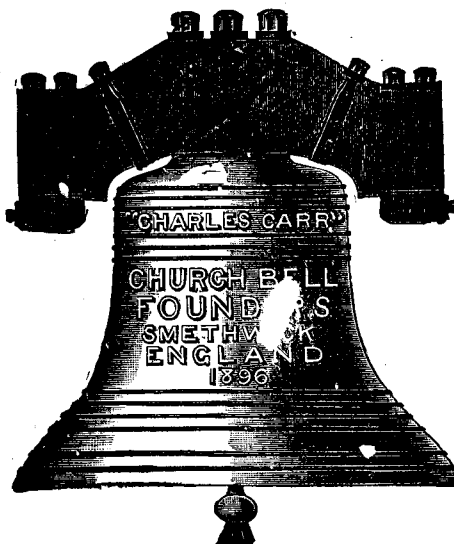
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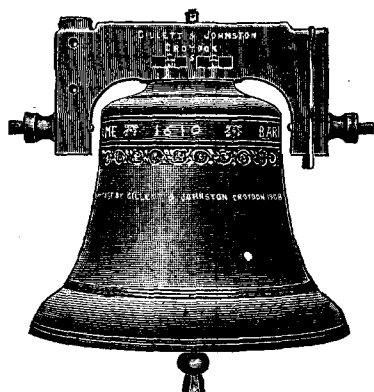
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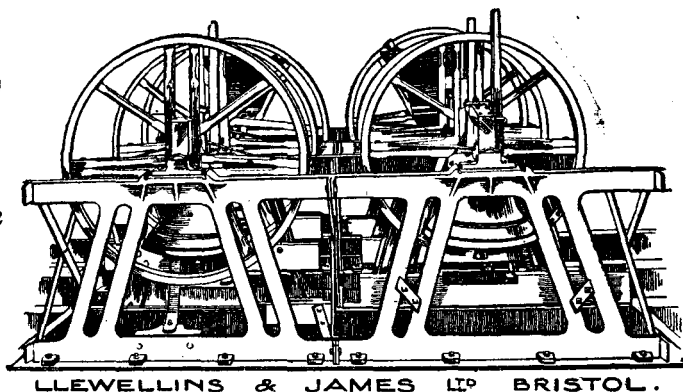
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THE BELLS OF BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

For many years past the bells at the church of St. Leonard, Bilston, have been unpealable, but at last they have been broken up and recast into a musical peal.

The ring was originally one of five, cast by Henry Bagley in 1745. On the treble was inscribed the following:—

Unconstant fickle men, who love through all the scenes to range,
Their own example to approve as taught us bells to change;
First this, then that, then to'ther leads, the fourth then shows
the way,
Then the fifth succeeds, and all come into play.
Just like at Court, men move about, all eager in the chase,
Hustle by, turn each other out, and step into his place.

H.B. 1745.

And on another:—

Be it known to all who hear us sing,
That Henry Bagley, of Chloscombe made this ring.

The peal was augmented to eight in the year 1826, by John Rudhall.

The work of casting the new peal was entrusted to Messrs. Barwell, of Great Hampton Street, Birmingham, and hung by them on the old frame, with new fittings. In order to test the tone and go of them, eight members of the Archdeaconry of Stafford society met on Saturday, October 9th, and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major, freely expressing the opinion that the new peal is a credit to the firm, both tone and "go" being excellent.

The ringing company above mentioned, with eight of the Bilston ringers, were, through the kindness of the Rev. G. E. and Mrs. Ford, entertained to tea at the vicarage, together with Messrs. Lee and Robert Rogers, churchwardens. The Vicar gave the visitors a warm welcome, and complimented Messrs. Barwell on the excellent way in which the work of casting and rehangings had been carried out. Mr. Rogers endorsed the Vicar's remarks, and expressed the hope that as they now possessed a fine ring of bells, hung on the most approved modern principle, they should also have a band of change-ringers to correspond with them.

The dedication service took place during morning prayer on Sunday, September 11th, and for the evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung. The weight of the tenor is 11 cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the western division was held at Rogate on Saturday, October 2nd. This being the first meeting of the association held here, owing to a case of serious illness close to the church, it has been delayed. Being situated near the borders of the county, and a long

distance from the station, not many ringers were present. The only towers represented were Midhurst and Rogate. Ringing commenced at four o'clock, and touches of Bob Doubles and Minor were rung until 5.30, the Vicar (Rev. A. H. Simpson) taking part in the ringing. Tea was had at the hotel near the church, kindly provided by the Vicar, who was also present, and presided, the party numbering about a dozen. This over, the usual business meeting followed. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed. Mr. G. Braden was elected a member of the West Tarring branch. Mr. Stroud proposed that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Rogate, which was carried; it being left to him to arrange the band.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar was proposed for kindly entertaining the members to tea and presiding. The secretary here mentioned that he was sorry he must then leave them, as it took him over four hours to get to Rogate by rail, and it would take him about the same time to get home again. The ringers afterwards returned the tower for more ringing.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A by-meeting took place at Dagenham on Saturday, October 16th. A more unfavourable day could not well have been chosen for such an occasion, though in spite of the weather many put in an appearance from the surrounding districts, including Barking, West Ham, Leytonstone, Wanstead, and South Weald.

It is at Dagenham we find the survival of the earlier ringing days, where the present members are mostly employed on the land, whose chief recreation lies in the music of the village bells, with few other attractions to lead or entice them from their fascinating art of change-ringing. These ringers are in that happy state of innocence and contentment, when novelty of the different methods lends a charm and zest to their achievements in the belfry, for as yet the topmost peak of excellence is far ahead, and their delight lies in urging on their Pegasus to that point where ambition gives way to apathy and neglect which we observe in so many of our once active and enthusiastic brother-strings.

The church is extremely interesting, possessing some rare and unique monuments and relics. Through the courtesy of the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Harrison), we were enabled to learn of him much of their history. The present tower and spire, we were informed, succeeded the old steeple which came down one Sunday morning in 1803 with a crash, just previous to the assembling of worshippers. The fabric became a heap of ruins, from which has since emerged the handsome edifice we now behold. There is an exquisite monument in good preservation on the north wall to the memory of a Roman Catholic magistrate and his wife, of James I. period, also an old altar of pre-Reformation times, dug from beneath one of the floors, used now as the communion-table.

After thanking the Vicar for his clear and intelligent information, we returned to the bells, when ringing was continued until six o'clock. Some of us, having only

obtained ticket of leave from home, took early trains. Some there were of more robust and independent temperament, who essayed to stay on in spite of domestic excommunication, which sometimes happens to those who keep late hours.

To The Cross Keys opposite some eight of us made our way, where within a cosy corner of this ancient hostelry we espied the glitter of teacups, at once obliterating all memories of the evil weather without. A superb piano stood ready for our use after tea, and though we had amongst us a brilliant young artist and an elderly vocalist who often sings of his "sweetheart when a boy," their services were never requisitioned. The music of the bells satisfied the company's highest aspirations, and to the belfry we made our way once more, where ringing was maintained throughout the remaining hours until nine o'clock.

Various were the conjectures why so many members, who lived in the adjoining parishes, had not put in an appearance. Some hints at a football match accounted for their absence. Another that the Middlesex Association claimed their especial regard. One member arrived late. He had unfortunately been floundering in Dagenham dock without his leggings, but being tall, reached terra firma and the cabbage fields. The conducting was shared by Messrs. Warner, Playle, Cranfield, Torble, C. Fenn, and Chaplin.

We sadly missed the genial presence of our esteemed Master, Mr. S. Hayes, who, we regret to say, is confined to home with a serious illness. His ringing career has been a prolonged and ardent devotion, not only to change-ringing, but to all members with whom he has been connected. May he soon be amongst us again.

After a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Playle for his unremitting attention to our enjoyment, came the time for separation.

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast," and we trust the next gathering at Old Dagenham will prove more successful, though it must be confessed, even under adverse circumstances, we all spent an enjoyable time, the memories of which will not soon pass away. G.F.M.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Counties Branch was held on Saturday, October 9th, at the picturesque village of Donington, celebrated for its magnificent embattled tower and stone spire, about 240 feet high, and its excellent Grammar School.

Divine Service was held at the parish church at twelve o'clock, but the attendance was rather small. The Rev. E. Freeman, Vicar, gave a very helpful address to the ringers assembled.

At the conclusion of the service an adjournment was made to The Red Cow hotel, where mine host had prepared an excellent dinner, to which, needless to say, full justice was done. The President (Rev. F. F. Wayett), occupied the chair, and was supported by the Vicar of Moulton (Rev. J. S. Ward); W. S. Royce, Esq., the prospective candidate for the Spalding division of Lincolnshire; and J. N. Worman, esq., head-master of the Grammar School; the vice-chair being occupied by the Vicar, supported by the Rev. H. Law James, R. Mackman, and others.

Dinner over, the chairman gave the usual toast of "Church and King," which was drunk with musical honours. The business meeting followed. The retiring

officers—Rev. F. F. Wayett (President), and R. Mackman (Treasurer), were re-elected; but it is deeply to be regretted that their old and esteemed Secretary was not asked to stand for election, through no fault of his, and this after twenty-two years' of hard work, having piloted this branch through many storms of adversity. He was supplanted by Mr. Geo. Ladd, whom it is feared will have a most difficult task to follow in the footsteps of so excellent a Secretary.

Complaints were received from one or two captains that they had not received notices calling the meeting, but the Secretary pointed out that they were posted all on one day, and advertisements had appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" for the past three weeks. One was obliged to admit that he had received his, and had quite forgotten to send it to his members. The other had failed to pay his members subscriptions, but knew about the meeting. If this paragraph should meet the eye of any of the other laggards, may they be reminded that "THE BELL NEWS" is only 1d. Get a copy, and your men will be enlightened for the future.

A suggestion to have monthly ringing meetings for practice was carried, the first to be held at Long Sutton, due notice of which will be given.

Reference was made to absent friends, especially Mr. J. S. Wright, Spalding's excellent old captain, who had met with a bad accident a short time ago.

The next meeting of this branch will be held at Moulton on the Saturday before Ash Wednesday, 1910. A vote of thanks to the President terminated the meeting.

The ringers then adjourned to the tower where some two or three 720s were brought round, but the striking was very inferior indeed. The bells are a fine ring of six, recently rehung, and the new treble is in excellent tune.

ANTONY, CORNWALL.

On Wednesday, September 23rd, the Plymouth branch of the Devonshire Guild journeyed to Antony, about four miles from Plymouth, with the idea of giving some of the local ringers some idea of what half-pull ringing is like. The bells were found to go fairly well except the tenor, which by the way is a very poor bell and flat. We started with 120 of Grandsire and 120 of Stedman Doubles, which pleased the local ringers. We then rang 720 of Treble Bob Minor, and 720 of Bob Minor, but they could not understand the tenor changing. A 6-score of Grandsire finished a good evening's ringing.

There are very few half-pull bands in Cornwall, but the place is alive with stoney ringers, and undoubtedly they can ring in their way exceedingly well. They rise and fall the bells like clockwork, and therefore they are very stubborn when the merits of half-pull are pointed out to them. However we left a very good impression, and during the coming winter we hope to visit more of the Cornish towers. The following members went: Messrs. Hiscott, Marsh Williams, Rundle, Webb, Hockaday, Bennett, Hobbs, and Lane. M.

WOOTTON BASSETT (Wilts.)—On Saturday, September 4th, on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the above, the following touches were rung at All Saints church: 756 Stedman

JUST PUBLISHED. "KILLARNEY." Arranged for three octaves of handbells in the Chromatic Scale from C 22 to C 1. No. 325, Catalogue Price 1s. 6d., from WM. GORDON, 44, Celtic Street, Webb Lane, Stockport.

DOLGELLY, MERIONETHSHIRE.

While making researches in the beautiful little ms. book, containing the peals rung in the early part of last century by the renowned Samuel Lawrence, of Shifnal, and which book is now preserved in the reference library at Shrewsbury, it occurred to a present day resident of Shifnal—Mr. John Bradney—to set on foot some enquiries as to the ring of eight bells at Dolgelly, on which two opening peals were rung in September, 1809, by mixed bands, among whom his native county of Shropshire was so well represented.

Ascertaining that the bells were supposed to be in fairly good order, although no peals had been rung on them since those just referred to, it was decided to make an effort to get a band together for a further attempt at a centenary peal or peals.

A small detachment going in advance of the general body carried a few borrowed ropes, and after some amount of splicing, screwing up and oiling, all was considered in readiness and a move was made to meet the main body. A somewhat lengthy railway journey through superb scenery found every one ready for a little refreshment, after which a move was made to the tower, and "go" cried for a 5040 of Stedman Triples, which came round after 2 hrs. and 56 minutes of excellent striking on what is undoubtedly a fine sample of a musical ring in F with 15 cwt. tenor.

The morning found every one again ready to ring for the English service when the band were complimented on their previous evening's performance, and to judge by appearances the inhabitants who were about in force were highly delighted with what was to them such unusual music. The service appealed to the ringers as a very hearty one, in which a great feature was the excellent congregational singing.

Between the services in the afternoon a start was made for another peal, but alas! the ropes were unequal to the strain, so that after several breakages the time became too short.

On the Monday morning the band returned to their various avocations, having had a most enjoyable time, thanks to the excellent arrangements of the organiser—Mr. Bradney—and the hearty welcome received from the Rector and his churchwardens. Below are the records:—

DOLGELLY, MERIONETHSHIRE.

On Sunday, September 25, 1809, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

SAMUEL LAWRENCE Treble.	JOHN KINTS 5.
JAMES DOVEY 2.	CHARLES BIGG 6.
RICHARD WILDING 3.	THOMAS PARKER 7.
H. ROTHWELL 4.	JOSEPH DOODY Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN KINTS.

This was the opening peal on the bells, and the second true peal rung in the Principality. S. Lawrence belongs to Shifnal; Dovey and Doody to Stourbridge; Wilding, Bigg and Parker to Shrewsbury; Rothwell to Liverpool; Kints to London.

DOLGELLY, MERIONETHSHIRE.

On Monday, September 26, 1809, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

RICHARD CROSS Treble.	THOMAS PARKER 5.
JAMES DOVEY 2.	CHARLES BIGG 6.
RICHARD WILDING 3.	W. JEAGER 7.
J. HOLDSWORTH 4.	SAMUEL LAWRENCE Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD CROSS.

Messrs. Cross, Wilding, Parker and Bigg belong to Shrewsbury; Dovey to Stourbridge; Holdsworth to London; Jeager to Liverpool; Lawrence to Shifnal.

CHURCH BELL ROPES.—The longest peal ever rung was at Loughborough, on Easter Monday. The ropes used were made by JOHN PRITCHARD, of Loughborough, whose bell-ropes are favorites of the Exercise for their non-stretching. Soft as silk; durable as steel.

DOLGELLY, MERIONETHSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S No. 39.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 5.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN 2.	JOHN BRADNEY 6.
MORRIS J. MORRIS 3.	JAMES E. GROVES 7.
JOHN CARTER 4.	HERBERT KNIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

W. Short belongs to Clent; Godden and Groves to Handsworth; Morris to Bangor; Carter to Birmingham; Shepherd and Knight to Wolverhampton; Bradney to Shifnal. For note to this peal see previous column.

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 EXTENSION OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, ETC.

SIR,—The following is the Author's own description of his principle, pages 129 to 132 inclusive, the figures (omitted here) are given on page 131, contains no mark or sign of any kind except the word extream. These are sixty changes apart.

CAMPANALOGIA, PUBLISHED A.D., 1677.—STEDMAN'S PRINCIPLE.

The changes are all doubles, two singles excepted. One double is made on the two first and two last bells. The next on the four last, and so by turns successively, excepting every sixth change, which is double on the four first bells, and for distinction is called a parting change. All bells have a like course. The general method is this: The three first bells go the six changes, and the two hind bells in the meantime dodge. Then a parting change is made which parts the two hind bells, moving that in the fourths place down into the 3rd, and that in the 3rds up into the 4ths, and then the three first bells go the sixes again. The two hind bells in the meantime dodge as before, and then another parting change is made, and so successively on. Every bell that comes behind continue their dodging six changes with one bell, and six with another, and then in course the parting change brings it down. One six cut compass, the next doth not, and so by turns successively. In the six which cut compass, the two first bells of the three make the first change of it; but in the other the two last of the three. By this method the peal will go sixty changes, and to carry it on further extreams must be made. An extream is made by the lying still of two bells. When in course they should make a change as before. I have shown more fully in the Introduction and page 90, but withall observing that whenever in this peal the bells have all a like course. Therefore they may all be termed extream bells, and consequently the extream to be made according to this general rule, viz: The first extream may be made by any two bells that are in course to make a change within the compass of the first sixty changes of the peal; and the second extream must be made, according to this rule. Whatever two bells are dodging behind at the first extream, when the same two bells come to dodge there again is a certain warning for the second extream to be then made, and observe how many changes the first extream is made from the parting change. So many likewise must the last extream be made after a parting change also, and the single and the extream comes in course, each of them to be made in the same place and by the same bells as the last extream as they were at the first. Here the single is made behind and the extream in 2nd and 3rds places; and as the 4th and 5th bells do dodge behind in the first extream so likewise when they come to dodge there again, the second extream is then made, the treble leading at both of them, as appeareth in the peal here pricked. The first parting change is here made the third change from the beginning, and that six cut compass. In all the several ways of ringing this peal, if the parting changes are made at the forestroke, as in course they are in this here pricked, the cutting compass is

always in the same six, as in this peal, but when the parting changes are made at the backstroke, then the contrary six always cut compass to what doth here.

DOUBLE STEDMAN MAJOR.

5280.	5040.
123456 1 7 8	123456 1 7 8
531246 - - -	341256 - - -
53246 - - -	513426 - - -
315246 - - -	235146 - - -
523146 - - -	452316 - - -
352146 - - -	124536 - - -
213546 - - -	451236 - - -
321546 - - -	
132546 - - -	
251346 - - -	
125346 - - -	
451236 - - -	

Call the above courses for any one part of the peal and reduce changes to above number.

Nine times repeated; single for bob at half peal ends.

DOUBLE STEDMAN ROYAL.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7 0 9
1 2 4 6 3 8 5 7 9 0
1 4 2 3 6 5 8 9 7 0
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3 1 5 2 7 4 9 6 0 8
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

This is the first six changes of the plain course of Royal, followed by the first and last changes (or head and tail) of each six changes of the course.

For Major method see "The Bell News" for July 17th ult., bobs and singles as there given. H. DAINS.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—May I be spared a little space to correct a slight error in the letter of Mr. F. R. Thomas. He says the latest known bells of John Hodson are dated 1692. The old tenor bell of Marden, Kent (lately recast in the peal of eight) was one of John Hodson's bells, and dated 1693, and I think I saw in your paper only a few weeks ago that there is also a bell of his at Lydd bearing the same date. This carries his foundry one year later. F. SHARP.

MESSES. DAINS AND PATES.—Next week.

G. MAY —The matter is being attended to.

THE DORSETSHIRE RINGING TOUR.

BY MEMBERS OF THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

If we refer to the recently published analysis of peals rung by our leading societies, it will be found that one of our earliest formations, the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, occupies a place at the lower end of the list, quite out of character with the extent of its geographical area, the number of fine rings of bells within its boundaries, and the architectural and ecclesiastical importance of its Cathedral. It is to be hoped that the Society in question will not be content in the future to occupy a position amongst the last half dozen, in a total of nearly forty ringing societies in Great Britain; for such I regret to say has been the case for upwards of a dozen years past or more.

There are two names which we always associate with Salisbury—Jerram and Gifford—and I have since made the acquaintance of other ringers in the county of Dorset, as well as Wilts., who, in conjunction with the present excellent officers of the Guild, would do all in their power to further its interests, but success for the S. D. G. can only be secured by the hearty co-operation of every change-ringer in the diocese, without any undue regard to the method or number of bells employed.

A remnant of the old Sussex team thought it advisable to look into a new district for their annual pealing holiday in 1909, and accordingly Mr. Martin Stewart, of Wimborne, soon set to work planning and organising a most tempting round of metal in and adjoining the diocese, as well as the rail, coach, and steamboat services allowed. As the strength of the rope depends upon the resistance of each fibre, so will the success of a week's ringing depend upon the support of the Clergy and steeplekeepers of the towers visited, and in the present instance I may say that the co-operation of these gentlemen was splendid throughout the eight days, no less than nine peals were well rung and seven others attempted.

The programme comprised the following towers, and their order was rigidly adhered to, notwithstanding sundry efforts to vary it, four counties were invaded, new records being set up for two of them, while a good bundle of "firsts" were collected, including Cambridge for one of its "grads.," all of which are duly recorded in the H. S. T. R. of peals in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS": Salisbury, September 18th; Milbourne Port, 19th; Charlton Horethorne and Yeovil, 20th; Crewkerne and Beaminster, 21st; Bridport and Wyke Regis, 22nd; Milton Abbey and Dorchester, 23rd; Wareham and Poole, 24th; Swanage and Bournemouth, 25th.

Proceedings opened at Salisbury on Saturday, and most of the arrivals, from three directions, were met at the station about 4.5 p.m., by Mr. Gifford, who had provided tea at his residence in Mill Road previous to our peal No. 1 at St. Martin's church, in which tower was also rung the first peal in the City of Sarum. Mine host of The Bull inn, Exeter Street, comfortably accommodated most of our party for their brief stay, and as this house is near the Cathedral, we were able to get a good survey of this mighty building (early in the morning) with its most lofty central tower and spire. The want of a ring of weighty bells for this Cathedral appears to coincide with the apathy which, generally speaking, appears to pervade most of the authorities in charge of ringing affairs in this district. Shall we some day afar off, hear perhaps, a ring of twelve sonorous bells at Old Sarum, including sallies, with a covering tenor weighing say something over two tons? W. H. F.

(To be continued.)

Thanks are due for a gift of a well finished and handsomely framed record of the peal of Stedman Triples rung on March 23rd at Hillingdon (on the occasion of the anniversary of a fiftieth birthday). It is desired that the donors should know that their kindness in making the gift is greatly appreciated. W. L.

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.

Handbell Peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 8, 1909, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT 11, KITCHENER ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

ERNEST S. BAILEY .. 1-2.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. 5-6.
NORMAN R. BAILEY .. 3-4.	JAMES M. BAILEY .. 7-8.

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS, and Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Umpire—F. J. Smith.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Bob Major rung at Bishop Auckland on September 22d, should have been credited to the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Minor has been sent from Bramley, Yorks., without any time being mentioned.

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

LONDON.—On Tuesday, October 19th, at St. Giles's Cripplegate, the whole pull and stand funeral peal was rung as a last mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. W. J. Hinton, for many years a highly esteemed member of this Society, and who, during his long residence in Bristol, has done excellent work in the promotion of change-ringing in that city. C. F. Winney conductor, E. Horrex, W. Truss, A. E. Walker, G. R. Fardon, E. Richards, H. R. Pasmore, A. A. Hughes, R. F. Deal, A. B. Peck, E. P. O'Meara, W. T. Cockerill. Afterwards two courses of Stedman Cinques were rung, in which Messrs. A. Hughes and E. Brett took part.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABINGDON.—On Monday, October 11th, at St. Helen's church, a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in memory of Mr. F. White, of Appleton, who was laid to rest on the above date. E. Langford, F. Juggins, J. Brown, G. Blay, W. Holfield, J. Juggins conductor, A. Fawdry, W. Absalom.

LINSLADE (Bucks).—On August 29th, for morning service at St. Barnabas church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. F. Hawks, W. Jeffs, C. Mayne conductor, A. Vickers, C. White, W. Neale. For afternoon service 720 Bob Minor. J. Nash, W. Jeffs, J. Nicholls, C. Mayne, W. Webb, F. Vickers. For evening service two six-score of Grandsire Doubles, 4-6-8 behind. F. Hawks, F. Vickers, C. Mayne conductor, W. Neale, A. Vickers, G. Wright, C. White, P. C. Boswell.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, May 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Bacon, A. E. Goddard, A. G. Bennington, B. Miller, W. J. J. Jeffries, J. Law, F. W. Richardson conductor, A. C. Macklin. Composed by J. George. On Thursday, June 24th, after an unsuccessful attempt for Holt's Original, a quarter-peal from the Original, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the late W. Jefferies, sen. J. Rose, E. E. Richards, J. Law, W. Weatherstone, F. W. Richardson conductor, A. E. Goddard, J. E. Davis, C. D. Letzer. On Sunday, March 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. A. G. Bennington, W. J. Jeffries, F. Bacon, H. E. White, F. W. Richardson conductor, J. Law, A. E. Goddard, A. C. Macklin. On Tuesday, May 18th, for Confirmation, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Bacon, A. G. Bennington, F. W. Richards, H. E. White, W. J. Jeffries conductor, J. Law, A. E. Goddard, A. C. Macklin.

CHURCH BELL ROPES.—Ringers using the famous Yorkshire Bell Ropes, made by Messrs. WILLIAM SMITH AND SON, of Gomersal, Leeds, never have blisters throughout the longest peal. All give testimony to their soft handling.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ISHAM (Northants).—On Sunday, October 10th, a date touch, 1909 changes, being 360 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Double Oxford, and 180 each of Double Court, Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob Minor, and 107 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 4 mins. J. Farby, F. Andrews, F. Talbutt, G. Blaxley, W. Wilson, E. M. Atkins conductor. Rung as a farewell touch to the conductor, who has since gone into residence at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PORTISHEAD.—Recently, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Nisbet, E. Goldstone, F. May, Miss N. Gillingham conductor, A. Watts, H. Heywood, W. Gillingham, C. F. Mitchell.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WENHASTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 12th, at the parish church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Eastaugh, J. Larter conductor, T. King, J. Walker, J. Spencer, E. Lincoln.

SUTTON COLDFIELD (Warwickshire).—On Sunday evening, October 10th, for Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity church, a quarter peal of Bob Major, in 48 mins., composed by James George. J. Jennings conductor, W. Ellis, P. Laflin, B. Claydon, G. Claydon, W. Allsop, G. Roberts, B. Leedham.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Monday, October 11th, with the bells half muffled in memory of Mr. F. White, who was laid to rest in Appleton churchyard on that day, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples, H. Hollis, A. Brooks, F. Pounds, H. Brooks, T. Bull, J. Monk, J. Brooks, G. Brooks.

ISHAM (Northants).—On Sunday, September 26th, being the Harvest Festival, for early service, 720 Oxford Bob. E. M. Atkins composer and conductor, W. Wilson, F. Talbutt, W. Lewis, G. Blaxley, F. Andrew. For children's service in the afternoon 720 Double Oxford Bob. J. Farby, G. Blaxley, T. Butler, F. Talbutt, W. Wilson, E. M. Atkins conductor. For evening service 720 Plain Bob. E. M. Atkins, W. Wilson, W. Lewis, F. Talbutt, G. Blaxley, F. Andrew (first 720 as conductor).

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The object of this fund is to provide a new bell, a flat 6th, as an addition to the existing peal, and thus to form a light octave of the "middle eight" with the 9th bell (19 cwt.) as tenor. The tenor of the full peal of twelve (and, of course, of the back eight) weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £115.

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Mr. H. Hopson (Beccles) ...	0	5	0

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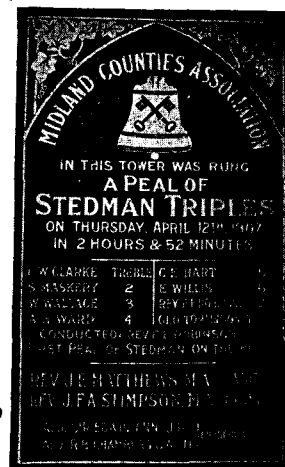
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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES W. DRIVER Treble.	SEDLEY J. COLLINS 6.
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Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by J. W. DRIVER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the composer.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble.	REUBEN SAUNDERS 6.
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(St. ALKLEDA'S GUILD.)*On Thursday, October 7, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKLEDA,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Violet, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.

SQUIRE CROFT Treble.	HENRY PARRISH 4.
WILLIAM SYKES 2.	CHRISTOPHER CLARKSON .. 5.
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Conducted by DR. H. PAULI

First peal in seven methods on the bells, first by the Guild, and by the Association.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, October 7, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.**

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

FREDERICK COBB* Treble.	ERNEST POPPY 5.
THOMAS FORD, JUN.† .. 2.	GEORGE N. PRICE 6.
GEORGE ARCHER 3.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. 7.
CLEMENT MORE 4.	JOHN SOUTER Tenor.

Composed by J. TANN, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal. †First peal in the method, aged 14 next November.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, October 7, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 13 lbs.

ARTHUR CHAMBERS Treble.	CHARLES DICKENS 5.
HARRY WITHERS 2.	THOMAS BLOORE 6.
JOHN WITHERS 3.	JAMEL DOWLER 7.
WILLIAM PALMER 4.	ARTHUR GARDNER Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WITHERS.

WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, October 7, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,****A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s each called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALYC WHITE* Treble.	HARRISON SMITH 4.
SIDNEY WALTER 2.	FITZROY LAKE 5.
WILLIAM WOOD 3.	STANLEY WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by STANLEY WHITE.

*First peal.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Friday, October 8, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS SMITH Treble.	WILLIAM WELLINE 5.
JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE 2.	LEONARD STILWELL 6.
ALFRED ANDREWS 3.	ROBERT H. YOUNG 7.
ARTHUR W. G. BLAKE .. 4.	WILLIAM RALPH Tenor.

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. W. Carden.

PULHAM NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	HENRY GARNHAM 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE 2.	GEORGE SNELLING 6.
JOHN SNELLING 3.	FREDERICK ROOPE 7.
CHARLES BAKER 4.	CHARLES ROOPE Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

BRISTOL.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,****A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 21 cwt. 10 E.

JESSE B. TYLER Treble.	HENRY PRING 6.
THOMAS BALDWIN 2.	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7.
JOHN AUSTIN 3.	CHARLES H. GORDON .. 8.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 4.	JOHN A. BURFORD 9.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 5.	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES, and Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Baldwin.

HAWLEY, HANTS.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, October 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

H. W. BOYLES* Treble.	W. BASHFORD 5.
C. EDWARDS 2.	E. NEWELL 6.
W. PAICE 3.	F. ELLIOTT 7.
G. HAWKINS† 4.	B. HAWKINS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HAWKINS.

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

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.***On Saturday, October 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD .. Treble.	GEORGE BULL 5.
EDWARD I. STONE 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 6.
ALBERT P. WAKLEY .. 3.	HARRY WAKLEY 7.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. 4.	GEORGE ROBINSON Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

HALIFAX, YORKS.**THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.***On Saturday, October 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

HERBERT STANSFIELD† .. Treble.	†JAMES COTTRELL 7.
GEORGE GARNETT 2.	BEN GILL 8.
CHARLES BOWER* 3.	SAMUEL BOOTH 9.
ARTHUR KERSHAW† .. 4.	ALBERT ADAMS 10.
JAMES WOOD 5.	BEN THORPE 11.
WALTER WOLSTENCROFT .. 6.	SAMUEL WOOD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

†First peal of Treble Bob Maximus. *First peal of Treble Bob Maximus with a bob bell.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ALFRED WILLIS Treble.	GEORGE TOMSETT 5.
HERBERT TOMSETT 2.	ALFRED TOMSETT 6.
RICHARD HOLDER 3.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 7.
HENRY GRAVETT 4.	EDMUND PUTCHING Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED TOMSETT.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

CLITHEROE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FRED HINDLE* Treble.	HERBERT WORMWELL 5.
EMMANUEL DUTSON* 2.	WILLIAM MALLINSON 6.
SAMUEL CORNISH 3.	RENNIE HARTLEY 7.
TOM REDMAN 4.	*JOHN WATSON Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, and Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

*First peal in the method.

HANDLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Merchants' Return, and two each of Oxford, Kent, and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HENRY W. WILDE Treble.	RICHARD JONES 4.
ROBERT SPERRING 2.	JAMES MORGAN 5.
WALTER THOMAS 3.	JAMES V. WRIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

First peal on the bells.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. Treble.	*JOHN S. DANIELS 5.
EDWARD R. J. DUNK .. 2.	ALBERT CALVER 6.
ALFRED T. JONES 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7.
CHARLES DEAN 4.	WALTER J. ANSCOMBE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

*First peal with a bob bell.

SETTLE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(GARGRAVE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 9, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ASCENSION,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

WALLACE BRADLEY .. Treble.	WILLIAM TOWNSON 5.
JOSEPH LANGSTROTH .. 2.	CHRISTOPHER LANGSTROTH .. 6.
JOSHUA LOFTHOUSE .. 3.	JAMES WANE 7.
ARTHUR R. JONES 4.	JOHN MCKELL Tenor.

Composed by W. MASON, and Conducted by JOHN MCKELL.

First peal in the method on the bells, and the first peal the Gargrave company have attempted away from home.

GARVESTON, NORFOLK.

On Saturday, October 9, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor about 12½ cwt.

H. BECKETT, JUN. .. Treble.	E. BECKETT 4.
S. KIDDLE 2.	H. BECKETT, SEN. 5.
H. KIDDLE 3.	H. HOLLAND Tenor.

Conducted by H. BECKETT, JUN.

First peal by all except the conductor. First peal on the bells. First peal as conductor. All are non-members of any Association, with the exception of the conductor, who belongs to the Bath and Wells Association.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

FRANCIS H. KAY .. Treble	*GEORGE PIPES 5.
HERBERT DAY 2.	WILLIAM H. FROST 6.
WILLIAM G. CHRISTIAN .. 3.	THOMAS STIMPSON 7.
CHARLES DRAPER 4.	FRED WATKINSON Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

*First peal of Major.

WOLVERLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN WOODBERRY* .. Treble.	JOHN BASS 4.
THOMAS J. SALTER 2.	WILLIAM PAGE 5.
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3.	CHARLES F. WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal in seven methods. Rung on the occasion of the birthday of the conductor. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his hospitality after the peal.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 11, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE PIPES .. Treble.	ERNEST HALL 5.
FREDERIC BENBOW* .. 2.	†WILLIAM ALLSOP 6.
ARTHUR BENTLEY† .. 3.	JOHN M. BROOK 7.
JOHN HALL† 4.	FRED WATKINSON Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

*First peal. †First peal of Major.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

WALTER HIMS .. Treble.	FRANK BARRETT 6.
ALBERT E. LOCK 2.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 7.
HARRY HOLIFIELD .. 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. 8.
ARTHUR LAMBOURNE .. 4.	NOBLE SPINDLOW 9.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 5.	RICHARD BEENETT Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. F. White, of Appleton.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

GILBERT WILTSBIRE .. Treble.	FRANK K. HOWELL .. 6.
WILLIAM LANSDOWN .. 2.	SAMUEL PHILLIPS .. 7.
FRED G. MAY .. 3.	WALTER WADE .. 8.
WILLIAM KNIGHT .. 4.	WILLIAM STOWELL .. 9.
ALBERT STOWELL .. 5.	HENRY HOWELL .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

First peal of Treble Ten by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 6th, 7th, and 8th. First peal of Treble Ten on the bells.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST E. HONTLEY .. Treble.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 2.	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. 6.
ARTHUR W. DIX .. 3.	ROBERT E. STAVERT .. 7.
FRANCIS A. SMITH .. 4.	FREDERICK EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. This is F. A. Smith's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

CLANFIELD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

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

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

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the conductor's first peal, namely Grandsire Triples at Appleton, October 13th, 1859.

HILPERTON, WILTS.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 7½ cwt.

THOMAS KNEE* .. Treble.	JESSE FRANCIS .. 4.
GILBERT H. HARDING .. 2.	†SAMUEL J. HECTOR .. 5.
CHARLES RAISON .. 3.	*SIDNEY FRANCIS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

*First peal. †First peal away from the treble. First peal as conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.

DEVONPORT.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHAPEL H.M. DOCKYARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor about 9 cwt.

WILLIAM G. HISCOTT .. Treble.	*WALTER H. MARSH .. 5.
G. HARRY MYERS .. 2.	WILLIAM RUNDLE .. 6.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 3.	*WILLIAM FORD .. 7.
GEORGE R. STROUD .. 4.	ERNEST W. MARSH .. Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by GEO. F. WILLIAMS.

*First peal in the method; also on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. H. Myers.

LITTLE HORSTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

ELI HARTFIELD .. Treble.	EDWIN J. FUNNELL .. 4.
ALFRED HOBDEN .. 2.	WILLIAM J. TUGWOOD .. 5.
ARTHUR COSHAM .. 3.	ALBERT DIPLOCK .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM TUGWOOD.

First peal as conductor. Arranged for A. Hobden and E. J. Funnell. After the peal the Rector, the Rev. R. D. Gibson, kindly entertained the ringers to refreshments at the rectory, and congratulated them on their success.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, LEISTON.)

On Wednesday, October 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

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

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

The band were entertained to breakfast by the Vicar, the Rev. W. C. Pearson, before starting the peal, and was rung on the occasion of the Society's outing.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 14, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	*HENRY GARNHAM .. 5.
CHARLES BAKER .. 2.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. 6.
CHARLES ROOPE .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. 7.
EDWIN WHITING .. 4.	FREDERICK ROOPE .. Tenor.

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, on the 28th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 25th; all at 8 p.m. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**
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The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths—A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints, Fulham, on Saturday, October 30. Tower open at 3.30 until 9 o'clock. Tea at 5.15 in the Church Room at 9d. each to those who let me know by the 29th inst. All friends of the Society heartily welcomed.

F. BENNETT, Hon. Sec.
3, Hart's Lane, New Cross.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the South and West District will be held at All Saints, Isleworth, on Saturday, October 30. The tower will be open for ringing at 4 o'clock. The tower will be open for ringing at 4 o'clock. The Vicar (Rev. J. H. Champion McGill) will entertain the members to tea in the Hartland Road Mission Room at 5.30, and the business meeting will be held afterwards. Members and friends are cordially invited, and it is hoped that a special effort will be made to attend. Will members kindly note that subscriptions for 1909 should now be paid, and the hon. sec. will be pleased to receive the same by the date of the meeting.

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

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Fulbourn to-day, Sat., Oct. 23rd. Tea at 5 o'clock, all ringers welcomed.

P. WEBB, Dis. Sec.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gt. Bentley (8 bells) to-day, Sat., Oct. 23rd. A peal will be attempted at 12 o'clock. The peal of 6 bells at Thorington will also be available.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, Hon. Dis. Sec.
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Peterborough and District Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Whittlesea to-day, Sat., October 23rd. St. Mary's and St. Andrew's bells available. Service at St. Andrew's church at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.30 and meeting after.

W. T. JOHNSON, Hon. Sec.
80, Princes Street, Peterborough.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District. A meeting will be held at Lyminge to-day, Sat., October 23rd. The bells of both Lyminge and Elham will be avail-

able at 3 p.m. The usual travelling allowances will be paid to members present. Teas can be obtained near the church, Lyminge.

E. TRENDLELL, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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The Warwickshire Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sutton Coldfield to-day, Sat., October 23rd. Bells will be ready at 3.30.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, Hon. Sec.
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The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James's church, Accrington, to-day, Sat., October 23rd. Bells ready at 2.45. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested.

J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Titchmarsh to-day, Sat., October 23rd; November 26th at Warkton; November 13th at Dallington; November 27th at Earls Barton. Usual arrangements.

F. WILFORD, General Sec.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting for united practice in the higher methods will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Wednesday, October 27th, at 7.15. Members invited to attend.

H. C. CHANDLER, Hon. Sec.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, October 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 6 o'clock at The Angel, San Street. Will those intending so be present notify Mr. J. F. Foster, 82, Grove Road, Hitchin, not later than Friday morning, October 29th.

H. S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The members of this society will hold their next quarterly meeting at St. George's church, Moseley, on Saturday, October 30th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWRE, Sec.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The annual festival will be held at Durham on Saturday, October 30th. Committee meeting at 12 noon at The County hotel. Service in the Cathedral at 1 p.m. Dinner at The County hotel at 2 p.m. The bells of the Cathedral, St. Nicholas and St. Oswald will be available. Members intending to be present please notify

CHAS. TODD, Hon. Sec. pro tem.
92, Northgate, Darlington.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting will be held at Lamberhurst on Saturday, October 30th. Tower open at 4 o'clock.

W. LATTER, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's, Waterfoot, on Saturday, October 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

T. ROLLERSON, Hon. Sec.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bolton on Saturday, October 30th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Bolton hotel at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

GEO. W. SLACK, Hon. Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Petersfield on Saturday, October 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at St.

Peter's hall at 5 o'clock. Meeting after. Members requiring tea please inform me by October 26th. **J. W. WHITING, Dis. Sec.**
Fareham.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, S.E., on Saturday, October 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. F. G. Skinner, Esq., has kindly promised to provide tea for those who send me their names by first post on the 26th inst. Business meeting to follow.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Bradford on Saturday, November 13th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m.

W. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Guildford on Wednesday, November 17th 4 o.—Bells available. 5.30.—Service at Holy Trinity church; address by the Right Rev. Dr. Randolph, Bishop of Guildford. 6.15.—Tea at The Star hotel; Chairman—J. Cable, esq., J.P., C.C. After the business a paper will be read by Mr. F. E. Dawe, past Master of the College Youths, on "A Ringing Experience of thirty years." Tea tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s. All subscriptions should be paid on or before the above date. Probationers 1s; Ordinary Members 2s.; Honorary Members 5s.

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parishes, and punctual to time the bride arrived on the arm of her father, who gave her away, being met at the door by her three bridesmaids. Mr. W. Newman, of the Ipswich Borough Police Force, acted as best man. The Rector, the Rev. F. E. P. Bull, R.D., took the service, and gave an impressive address. After the ceremony the bride and bridegroom received hearty good wishes from friends assembled. Owing to the harvest operations it was not able to get a band of ringers, but during the evening the local company with Messrs. Perkins and Underwood, of Cavendish, and G. More, of Clare, rang several touches of Doubles.

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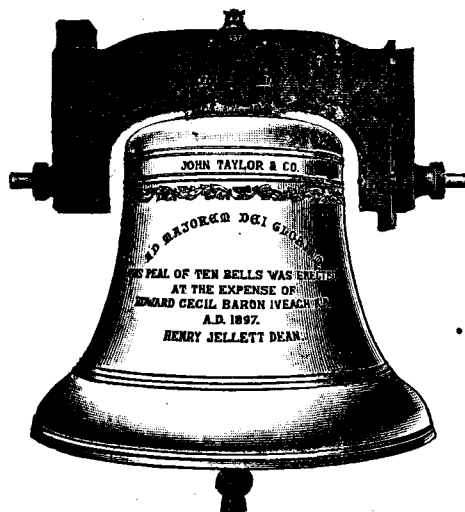
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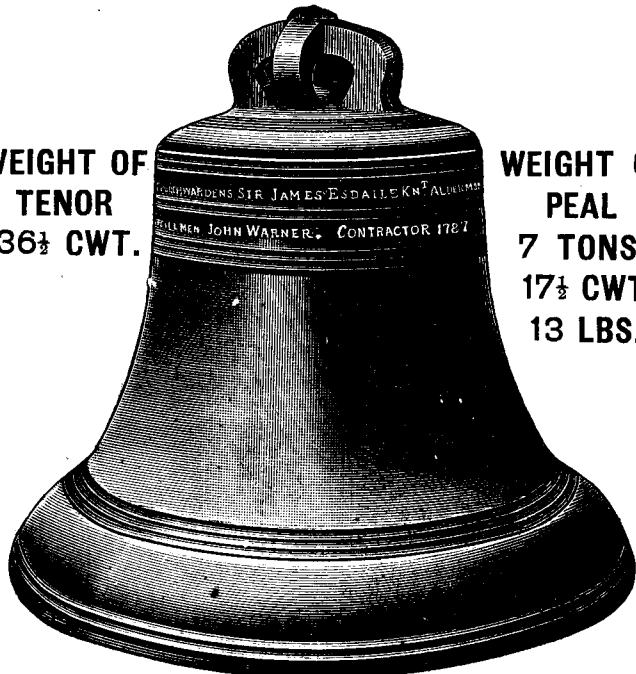
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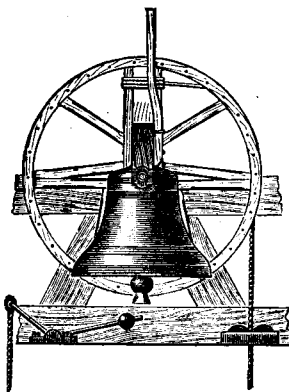
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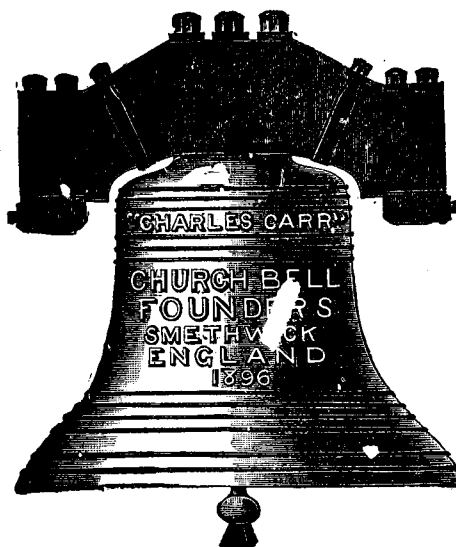
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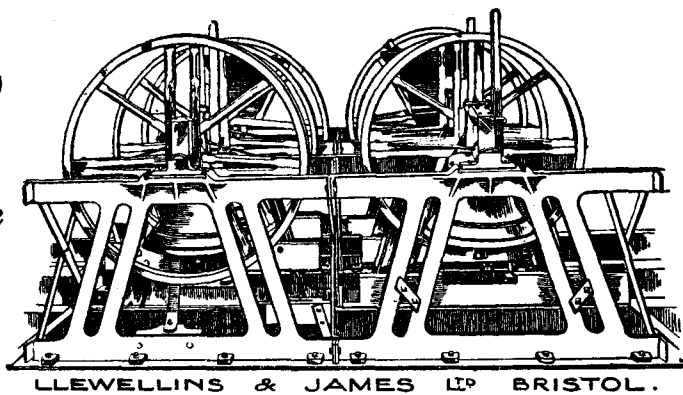
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PILLATON, CORNWALL.

The parishioners of Pillaton may be heartily congratulated on having seen and heard the result of a long period of energy and self-sacrifice on their part in the proceedings of Thursday, October 7th. Then with due ceremony the ring of six bells—three old ones and three newly added—was dedicated to the service of the church by the Bishop of St. Germans, and it was with the utmost gratification that during the service the sweet notes of the bells were heard floating on the breeze.

• Despite wet and stormy weather, the ancient church of St. Odolph was filled at the dedication service, many coming from the surrounding districts. The flag of St. George was hoisted on the tower but so strong was the wind that before the service was over the emblem had been torn to shreds.

Among the surpliced clergy present in addition to the Bishop of St. Germans and the Rector of the parish (Rev. R. Hocking) were Canon Kemp, secretary of the diocesan guild of ringers, and the Rev. Maitland Kelly, Master of the Devonshire Guild. During the singing of the hymn—"Lifted safe within the steeple," and led by the choir, churchwardens, and sidesmen with their wands of office, the Bishop and clergy proceeded to the tower, where his lordship, at the request of the churchwardens, "set apart and dedicated the bells to the glory of God and the use of the Church separate from all profane and unhallowed use." As the clergy walked back to the chancel members of the Three Towns branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild, under the direction of Canon Kempe, rang a joyous peal on the newly-hung bells, which were shown to be sweet in tone and tune.

The Bishop preached from the words: "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord" (Psalm cxvii. 1). The hymns sung were "When morning gilds the skies," and "Now thank we all our God." The Archdeacon of Bodmin, Revs. Canon Hammond, Canon Preedy, A. H. Cooke, and F. G. May were unavoidably prevented from attending.

The whole of the work has been most satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the White-chapel foundry, London, and reflects the highest credit on the firm. A new ringers' floor has also been added. The total cost has been £400.

The bells were kept going all the afternoon, and the different companies of ringers who were present and rung them were delighted with their excellent go and harmonious tone, being collectively in splendid tune with each other. The tenor is 12 cwt.; the total weight of the peal being 44 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The parish of Leigh-on-Mendip was en fete on Saturday, September 25th, when a meeting of the above Association was held there, seventy-seven members putting in an appearance, representing seventeen towers. The Vicar of the parish is the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, who is the president of the Frome deanery. Leigh-on-Mendip being something like seven miles from the station, brakes were provided by him to convey the members there and back. A splendid meat tea was also provided by him free, and the heartiest thanks of the Association were accorded him for his great kindness that afternoon, and for the great interest he always has taken in the Association.

On arrival at the village the visitors found it decorated with flags, etc., and they were met by the Vicar, who showed them over the church, and explained to them the many items of interest. At five o'clock a move was made to the parish room for tea, the Vicar presiding in the unavoidable absence of the Master, the Rev. C. C. Parker, owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Parker. A vote of sympathy with the Master was passed, with the earnest hope that Mrs. Parker might have a speedy recovery from her illness. A vote of condolence was also passed with the relatives of the late Mr. J. Hinton, of Bristol, who was a life member of the Association.

Chard was the place selected for the next quarterly meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill for the many acts of kindness he had shown the members during the afternoon. The rev. gentleman in responding said he hoped some day to have the pleasure of welcoming the Association again to Leigh-on-Mendip.

The company again repaired to the church, where a short service was held, the full choir attending, a very appropriate address being given by the Vicar.

With so many ringers present, the bells were kept going in various methods all the available time.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

The annual meeting of this Guild was held in Shrewsbury on Saturday, October 9th. Ringing commenced at St. Chad's at 2.30. The business meeting was held at St. Alkmund's church room, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Salop being in the chair. The annual report and balance sheet were read and adopted. Various other business was transacted, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Wem in December. At a service held after in St. Alkmund's church, an instructive address was given by the Vicar, Rev. F. H. Roach, and the prayers were read by the Rev. J. Mackay, formerly secretary of the Guild.

Tea was served afterwards by the kindness of Shrewsbury ringers, and a move was made to the belfry of St. Alkmund's, where an enjoyable time was spent ringing touches of Grandsire and Stedman on the bells, which have just been rehung. Besides the Shrewsbury ringers the following belfries were represented: Shifnal, Coalbrookdale, Bridgnorth, Church Stretton, Market Drayton, and Crewe.

KIRKBY MALZEARD CHURCH, NEAR RIPON.

This church, which was partially destroyed by fire some two years since, has now been reopened after complete restoration. The ring of six bells has been recast at the foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and hung with all new fittings in a steel and iron frame. The Simpson method of harmonic tuning has been adopted with the best possible results. The "Kirkby Malzeard Parish Magazine" for October says:—

"THE BELLS.—On Saturday afternoon, September 18th, the new bells were rung for the first time, much to the delight of the inhabitants of the town. A band of ringers had been got together by Mr. Wilson (churchwarden), who acquitted themselves most creditably. The new bells proved to be a most beautiful peal and gave the greatest satisfaction. The general opinion seems to be that they are 'just lovely,' and we at Kirkby are proud to possess such a fine peal of bells."

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The thirty-second annual meeting of this Association was held at Ipswich on Wednesday, October 13th, and proved one of the most enjoyable festivals of recent years. By the kind permission of the authorities all the rings of bells in the town—one ring of twelve, one of eight, two of six, and three of five bells—were available throughout the day, and were all very largely used.

The annual service was held at St. Mary-le-Tower at 12.45, which the majority of the visiting ringers attended. The Ven. C. D. Lawrence, Archdeacon of Suffolk, gave the address, the Rev. C. L. Kennaway (hon. clerical secretary and treasurer) read the prayers, and the Vicar, Canon Melville Pigot, accompanied the singing. The preacher in his address dealt very forcibly with the important part that bellringers played in the service of the church. In eloquent terms he asked them all to remember they were office-holders—not to take lightly the duties of that office, but to recognise its full responsibility and dignity.

Dinner was served immediately after the service in the St. Lawrence parish hall. In the unavoidable absence of the president (J. Sanicroft Holmes, esq.) the chair was taken by the Rev. C. L. Kennaway, who was supported by a numerous array of clergy, the officers of the Association, and ninety-six members representing many of the towers in union.

At the conclusion of the repast the chairman briefly proposed the loyal toast, which was cordially received.

Mr. T. Fitzjohn proposed "The Bishop and Clergy," thanking the preacher at the service for his address, and the various clergy of the town for allowing the members the use of the bells. The toast was acknowledged by Canon Pigot, who was also entrusted with the toast of the day—"Success to the Association," which he proposed in terms of warm commendation, expressing his belief that it was doing great and good work.

The chairman, in response, said that much of the real work was done by the Secretary, who, in the annual report about to be read, would tell them all about the Association. He was glad to say that everything connected with their organisation was in a most satisfactory state.

The Secretary then read the annual report. Sympathetic references were made in it to the losses they had

sustained by the deaths of Lord Amherst of Hackney, Archdeacon Crosse, and Messrs. F. Mee, and Isaac Alexander, of Ipswich. [We shall refer to the Secretary's report next week.]

A very earnest appeal was then made by Mr. Hopson, of Beccles, for a grant from the funds towards the restoration work at Beccles. It was decided to give £5 from the Association, and members who were present subscribed a further sum of £4 15s. for the same object.

This concluded the business part of the meeting, and the members again visited the towers, and kept the bells going well on into the evening.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Fulbourn on Saturday, October 23rd. A good number of members turned up, considering the rough weather, although some of the older bikes were left at home for fear the wet should make them short of wind. Some of the newer ones however stood for no wind or wet.

A tea was provided in the Assembly Room at 5 o'clock, and in the absence of the Rector, a good chairman was found in Mr. J. Taylor, whilst a ringer's mother and two ringer's sisters handed them the tea. Members were present from Cambridge, Dullingham, Ely, Sawston, Stapleford, Ickleton, besides the local ringers. New members were elected. Sawston was the place selected for the next district meeting.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and room; also to the chairman and the ladies. It was still very rough outside, and some were in no hurry to go, although some one was tolling the tenor-bell slow. Mr. T. R. Dennis presided at the piano.

The bells, which go like fiddles, were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening until not much time was allowed to catch the train, each one agreeing that they had a very pleasant meeting of old friends, and had made several new acquaintances.

BUCKMINSTER, NEAR GRANTHAM.

Some new quarter-chimes have been fitted to the clock of the parish church, and were started by the Earl of Dysart. The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who have also lately received an order from Sir William Hartley for a large clock for Colne, Lancashire.

LATE NOTICE.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—

The annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Romsey on Saturday, November 13th. The bells of the Abbey will be available from 2 p.m. Evensong at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.40, at Mr. Chase's restaurant, 14, The Hundred, Romsey, to be followed by business meeting. A committee meeting will be held immediately after the General Meeting.

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

The death has occurred of THOMAS MAYNARD (late sexton of St. Mary's, Walthamstow). The funeral took place on Thursday last, the 28th inst. Some allusion to the career of this well known ringer may be found in our next number.

CHURCH BELL ROPES.—The longest peal ever rung was at Loughborough, on Easter Monday. The ropes used were made by JOHN FRITCHARD, of Loughborough, whose bell-ropes are favorites of the Exercise for their non-stretching, soft as silk; durable as steel.

ST. MARTINS GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

Saturday, the 16th inst., was a memorable day in the history of this Guild, inasmuch that the Lord Bishop of the Diocese had promised to meet the members at their first Church Service as a Diocese Guild in the Parish Church of Birmingham (St. Martin's), to give them an address and afterwards to preside at their Ordinary Quarterly Business Meeting.

It may here be explained that this meeting with the Bishop would have taken place a year earlier, but for his Lordship having an attack of illness which necessitated cancelling all his engagements and an entire suspension of his duties.

Taking for his text "There are . . . so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification" (I Corinthians, xiv. 10), the Bishop said the use of bells in connection with public worship—to call people together, to give notice of worship, and to call attention to specially solemn moments in worship—had been common over very great areas in the world. They found it in ancient Egypt, in the remotest East, especially, he believed, in the worship of Buddhists; they found it among the Romans in the Roman Empire, and in the service of the Christian Church soon after its members had ceased having cause to hide their worship. Under Paulinus, who had a wonderful genius for getting religion nearer to the hearts of the people, it spread very rapidly, so that it became associated with all that was most familiar in worship in the religious houses of Europe, and in places of public and common worship. It took different forms in different parts of Europe. In one part of Europe he had heard a totally unmelodious clanging of bells of different notes and calibres of notes so startling to the ear as to be effective as a notice; he again and again had heard that extraordinary solemn booming of a single deep bell in the Campanile of Italy; he had heard the amazing carillons of Belgium with their extraordinary complications of melody, but he supposed the heart of bell-ringing had reached a development in England not equalled anywhere else. The art of chime-ringing was especially English.

When Englishmen were far away from their homes in various countries there were no two things they thought of more than the green fields and the sound of church bells—at least, if they had lived in the country. He heartily welcomed the members of that guild, and hoped and prayed their ancient craft might abide, that they would hand it down to generations yet to come undiminished in skill, and that all Churchpeople might feel a deep interest in their particular part of the Church's work. "There are so many kinds of voices in the world," said St. Paul, and "none of them is without signification." What, asked his Lordship, was the signification of church bells? Had they ever been outside when the bells were ringing in some crowded market-place, when the noise of all that was going on in the city made the bells hardly audible? Had they ever heard the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral ringing in such circumstances? And then had they by rising to the third or fourth floor of an office near realised the sense of what the bells were saying above the noise and din of the world—"Glory to God." And had they not felt as they walked in some quiet country lane, where there was nothing to impede the noise of the bells, how their melody filled the whole atmosphere? There was hardly any sound which had the power of filling the atmosphere such as that of church bells, and they rang "Glory to God." There was one other signification which church bells had, and that was the signification of large sympathy with public and private joys and sorrows. Bells were rung for joyful worship, for the Eucharist of God, for the service of thanksgiving; they were rung in times of private joy such as weddings, and in times of private grief for the dying and burial of the dead; they were rung in times of public rejoicing such as coronations and great public anniversaries; they were rung at times of public sorrow and anxiety for warning and terror and alarm, so that they stood for a large sympathy with human life, private and public. They meant that we should rejoice with them that rejoiced and weep with those that wept. He prayed God to bless them in their bellfries, and keep them from anything which could dishonour His name or their lives. He prayed Him to give them the sense that they were serving Him in their occupation as bellringers, and that all the officers of the Church—clergy and laity—might recognise the dignity of their calling, and rank

them among the workers of the Church. And finally he prayed that there might enter into their hearts the full significance of the bells they rang.

At the conclusion of a very bright and hearty service the business meeting was held at the Church House, where about 70 members attended with his Lordship in the chair.

The usual routine business included the election of a Honorary Secretary in the place of Mr. W. H. Godden who had signified his intention to retire at the previous quarterly meeting.

Mr. Godden recapitulated his reasons for retirement after a long service of over 20 years, and Mr. Alfred Paddon Smith, of 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, was unanimously elected to succeed him.

Several speakers in the room, including the Rector of Birmingham, spoke of Mr. Godden's services in highly eulogistic terms.

The meeting terminated with a very hearty vote of thanks, proposed by the Guild's presiding Ringing Master, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, M.A., to the Bishop for his address and presiding at the meeting, to the Rector of Birmingham, the organist, the Rev. N. V. Chilwell, and others who took part in the service.

THE LOUGHBOROUGH RECORD PEAL BAND IN LONDON.

As may be seen in the peal columns, the band that rung the 18,027 Stedman Caters visited the Metropolis on Saturday, October 23rd. The visit was chiefly to get the band together for a group photo. for the press, the one taken by flashlight on the night of the peal being of no use. Mr. Lindoff came over on the night boat, and Ben. Knights with W. H. Inglesant came on with Mr. W. Willson from Leicester. They were met outside Marylebone by the London contingent, and under the guidance of Mr. B. Prewett, tracks were made for a photographer's studio, where the knight of the camera was awaiting them. After the usual formula of finessing, the band was fixed in position, and with a "Steady now, and smile, please," the various "chivvies" were successfully bagged, and faces captured with smiles that won't rub off.

Tea followed at an adjoining "A. B. C." cafe, after which the tube rapidly dropped the men out in the Strand. Thanks to the energies of Arthur T. King, esq., the bells of St. Clement Danes were placed at our disposal, and after viewing the historic church, immortalised by Dr. Johnson and his faithful Boswell, and listening to an exquisite Wagnerian organ recital, the band ascended the well-worn tower and rang 5007 Stedman Caters, standing in the same order as in the long peal. An hour or two spent in a neighbouring hostelry with handbells and good company, made train time all too soon, and the visitors left "the smoke" in the early hours of Sunday morning. Our thanks are earnestly tendered to the Rector of St. Clement Danes, the Rev. J. J. S. Pennington, M.A., for the privileges received, although the pleasure of ringing would be greatly enhanced if the ropes, etc., were in better condition. Thanks are also due to the Londoners for their hospitality to the visitors, who hope to repay it on some future occasion. The whole company are members of the Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.

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 EXTENSION OF STEDMAN, ETC.

SIR,—Your correspondent, Mr. J. H. Banks, tells you he thinks it about time we commenced ringing nothing else but lead-ends. Well, Sir, its not a bad idea, as it is certain there is no better music than in those changes. As the author of the eight-bell method he appears to deride, as having only forty-eight changes in the plain course, please let me say that many composers have searched for years to find such a method as this one, and only a few have been successful. It is not the first that has been designed or discovered, but it is the first without prolonged dodging at the calls, which is considered a

desirable quality to attain. Your correspondent, after the style of Mr. James, talks of internal places as bobs, and of double or adjoining places as singles, just as if the idea was new. Well, Mr. Editor, I say they are antiquated ideas, as Stedman in his *Tintinnalogia*, published A.D. 1668, in his description of Grandsire Doubles says there are two sorts of bobs; one is a single bob (Grandsire 3rds place), the other is a double bob (Grandsire 3rds place, and the bob place as we term it), made directly after. So I say these ideas are not only antiquated but are obsolete. In fact, Mr. Editor, these places with hunting dodging, etc., form the stock in trade of the method builder.

BARNSBURY COURT MAJOR.

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Repeat calling of last eight courses eight times. Single for bob at M at half peal ends.

H. DAINS.

SIR,—I wish to thank Mr. Dains for the extract which he has published in this week's "BELL NEWS." It completely disposes of the idea that Stedman runs in twelves, and takes us back to the sixes we have all believed in, and those sixes prove my point. Perhaps those who are interested in this subject wonder why I have not answered Mr. Trollope's last letter, and so I will take this opportunity of saying that I have done so privately, but that the correspondence between us is far too voluminous for publication at present. When it ceases raining ink, and we can see each other we shall be able to publish results.

H. LAW JAMES.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—May I point out to the Rotherham company that the 5008 of Bob Major rung by them on September 19th in one hour and fifty-eight minutes is not the quickest peal of Major ever rung. A 5040 of Bob Major was rung at St. Neots on December 14th, 1903, in one hour and fifty-four minutes, and was duly recorded in "THE BELL NEWS." S. J. COLEMAN.

THE DORSETSHIRE RINGING TOUR.

BY MEMBERS OF THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Continued from page 424.)

Sunday morning the 11.40 train conveyed us to Milbourne Port station, two miles from the town of that name, situated on the borders of Somerset and Dorset, an old and prosperous

place, most of the houses being built of stone, two main roads intersecting about its centre, where the remains of an early stone market cross still stands. It is noted for its glove making, and a stream runs through the place along a fertile valley, in which the houses seem to cluster. We were kindly received by the Vicar and his wife, who gave each of us a slip of paper on which was written the name of the inhabitant at whose house we were to sleep, or billeted as it were. The captain of the local band, Mr. Dyke, and his son with others also met us and assisted in the preparations for our peal No. 2. The church, is large, cruciform in plan, some good Norman features to be seen in it, and some rare diagonal Saxon masonry in the tower staircase. Like many of our early Norman churches, modern requirements have removed the quaint small arches which were usually employed by our Anglo Saxon workmen of the ninth and tenth centuries, but in this case fortunately the transepts retain the original work, while the nave and chancel arches have been made larger and pointed in Early English style. At the conclusion of our peal we at once occupied reserved seats in the nave and enjoyed the evening service, which the Vicar had thoughtfully held back some ten minutes or so to allow our attempt to come round. A very passable rendering of the Psalms and hymns by the choir, and an excellent plain sermon by the Vicar from the text—"Whatsoever ye do . . . to the glory of God." Later in the evening we heard that many of the inhabitants took a walk over the meadows and through the woods in the neighbourhood while we were ringing, in order to hear their fine old ring of bells to better advantage. "The Sherborne, Dorchester and Taunton Journal" of June 4th, 1846, contains an interesting account of the bells of Milbourne, then newly augmented. This weekly newspaper is no longer published, but an original copy of the number referred to was shewn me and gave evidence of right royal jubilation by the townspeople at the opening of sixty years ago. The tenor is a rich bell cast by Mears in 1858. During our stay here we were boarded at The Queen's Head, Mrs. Tizzard, the landlady, and her daughter waiting attendance upon our voracious appetites.

Monday we started early in the morning and in earnest for Charlton Horethorne, in fact early rising was the rule of the tour in order to keep pace with the programme. A three-mile drive brought us to the church at 8 a.m., and peal No. 4 was demolished. The Vicar received us and very kindly gave us refreshment after the peal in the mission room, spreading the viands out handy for our quick departure for the railway station and the 12.36 to Yeovil. So far so good. The exceedingly fine weather we were having and success three times running, put all the party into exuberant spirits. We ran through Sherborne with its heaviest ringing peal of eight in the world, feeling as we gazed lovingly at the Abbey tower that London Surprise could be knocked off there easily with Henricus, our little Hercules, on the tenor—46 cwt. Alas! the time of our happiness was one of sorrow for others. On arrival at Yeovil we were joined by Mr. John Thomas, of Bristol, who gave us the news that William James Hinton was dead and buried, and therefore Mr. W. A. Cave could not be with us owing to badly blistered hands from ringing behind in the muffled memorial peal at St. Stephen's. Alas that so good a ringer should be taken away at a comparatively early age, should leave this ringing world on the anniversary of the winter's entry thereto. Any attempt for a peal here was considered off for awhile, but presently two local strongbows—Messrs. F. Gillard and G. Rowe—volunteered the tenor work, 45 cwt., and accordingly we ventured Grandsire Caters. The ringing, slow but steady, lasted just over 45 mins., when the 8th clapper broke off and fell into the floor overhead with much din and rattle. A few years ago the tenor clapper broke off in a similar manner, and also broke the slider on its way. Mr. Gillard was then ringing her, and in attempting to "set up" was quickly hoisted and unceremoniously landed on the floor, receiving a severe shaking. No wonder therefore on this occasion our tenor men hastily backed with alarm at the noise and clatter. Once bit, twice shy. At five o'clock tea was served in the schoolroom, hospitably provided by the Vicar, the Rev. Prebendary Phelps, M.A., many of the local ringers being present. They saw us off by the 6 p.m. train to our next destination, plus a little more self respect for big bells, minus a peal of Treble Ten 10, intended at Yeovil.

W. H. F.

(To be continued.)

Miscellaneous.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

STANSTED (Essex).—On Tuesday, August 10th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 1088 London Surprise Major. A. Jordan, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. On Sunday morning, August 15th, for Divine Service, 420 Stedman Triples, W. T. Prior, H. Little, G. Jordan, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. Tenor 13 cwt.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Sunday morning, September 5th, for Divine Service at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. T. Lincoln, E. W. Edwards, F. G. Radley, W. J. E. Jones, E. D. Lillywhite, H. Rumens, W. Lincoln conductor, H. F. Hull. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Street, F. W. Edwards, C. J. Bartlett, G. Crush, E. D. Lillywhite, H. Rumens, H. F. Hull conductor, W. Lincoln. Rung on the annual outing of the St. Saviour's Society, Walthamstow.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorks.).—On Tuesday, September 7th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 52 mins. J. T. Miller, G. Dowling, T. Stockdale, W. H. Pasmore, J. Hodds. C. Jackson conductor, H. Rodmell, F. Merrison.

SELBY (Yorks.).—On Wednesday, August 25th, at 51, New Lane, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. A. Hall, 1-2; F. Stokes conductor, 3-4; F. Cryer, 5-6. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving the town.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WEST BROMWICH (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, September 8th, at Christ Church, 504 Stedman Triples. S. Reeves, E. A. Parish, T. Horton, J. Walker, G. Taylor, J. Screen, T. H. Reeves conductor, F. H. Troth. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs' Parish and Horton.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The following touches were rung at Great Wymondley and St. Ippolyts on Saturday, September 11th: two 360s of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 360 Kent, two 360s Plain Bob, 240 Oxford Bob, three 120s a plain course of Stedman Doubles, and a course each of Double Oxford and Woodbine. The following also rung at St. Ippolyts 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. W. J. Croft, H. S. Reeves, G. J. Croft, C. V. Hare, S. E. Roberts, R. G. King conductor. About twelve ringers attended the meeting.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLEWBURY (Bucks.).—On Saturday, July 31st, a plain course of Stedman Triples. G. Holifield, jun., G. C. Rice, G. F. James, G. Holifield, F. S. White, R. G. Rice, G. Caudwell, C. Greenough. And a plain course of Grandsire Major. G. C. Rice, G. F. James, H. Holifield, G. Holifield, B. S. White, G. Holifield, jun., G. Caudwell, R. G. Rice. First course of Major on the bells.

OXFORD.—On Monday, September 13th, at Holywell church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. W. Turner, C. W. Lilley conductor, F. Turner, A. E. E. Woodward, A. Nash, H. Bennett.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

IDE (Devon).—On Saturday, September 11th, several 6-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, F. Gardner, L. Green, A. Monkley, A. Guest, E. Stocker, F. J. Davey. Rung on the occasion of a visit of the President of the Guild to the tower.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CONGRESBURY (Somersetshire).—On Thursday, September 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 59 mins. T. Gill, W. O. Standen, T. Francis conductor, G. Fisher, E. Fisher, G. Jones. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. L. Lidbury, who was interred in St. Andrew's churchyard the same afternoon. He was the oldest member

of the Rose of England Lodge of the M.U.I.O.O., and had attained the ripe old age of 84 years.

ROWBERROW (Somersetshire).—On Saturday, September 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 37 mins. T. Francis conductor, W. G. Standen, G. Gilling, G. Fisher, E. Fisher, T. Gill. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Gilling.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

SWANSEA (Glamorganshire).—On Tuesday, August 24th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. J. Davies, P. Kneath, W. F. Hartshorne, A. Prince, C. Morse, C. Hoare, J. Hoare conductor, E. Davies. On Sunday morning, August 22nd, for Divine Service, 336 Stedman Triples. F. Curtis, P. Kneath, E. Serle, —. Palmer, J. Davies, C. Hoare, J. Hoare conductor.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, September 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. R. Kendell, E. Fisher, J. Crawford, E. Miles, W. Ives, T. Tutte, T. Miles conductor, R. Ethington. Arranged for Messrs. E. Miles and W. Ives, of Croydon.

HOWDEN (Yorks.).—On Wednesday, September 15th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. J. T. Moore, J. Clarke, R. Smith, C. W. King, H. Ludkin conductor, R. Smith, F. Hodgson, J. Sherburn. This is the first 720 on the bells since being rehung, and the first 720 by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, and 6th ringers, who are local ringers, having only taken up change-ringing recently for the first time in the history of the bells.

MERTHYR TYDFIL (Glamorganshire).—On Sunday evening, September 12th, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Roberts, W. Allen, F. Chave, T. Thomas, F. B. Stedman, H. Chamberlain, A. E. Slatter conductor, J. Smith.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Monday, September 6th, for practice at the parish church, 1080 Bob Royal in 47 mins. J. W. Pooley, F. T. Hoad, A. Holman, G. W. Walder, C. S. Hoad, W. Clayton, W. Smith, H. F. Ewins, H. A. Hoad, G. F. Hoad conductor. Also 224 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Ewins, C. S. Hoad, W. Clayton, F. S. Hoad, A. Harman, A. Holman, H. A. Hoad, G. F. Hoad conductor.

SCARBOROUGH (Yorks.).—On Monday, September 6th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. H. Millner, J. R. Barton, A. Coates, J. Pole, H. Ferguson, C. Jackson conductor, J. Dixey, A. E. West.

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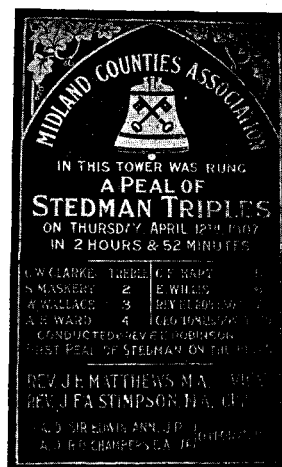
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1909.

THE REV. H. LAW JAMES should be congratulated on his determination expressed in a letter on another page. He has evidently resolved not to be a party in future to the infliction of a mass of figures and cryptic language upon our readers. When he and Mr. TROLLOPE can agree, and publish the results of such agreement in phraseology easily to be understood, their explanation will be welcomed.

The opponents of the present ringing of Stedman seem to have lost sight of one particular feature. What we regard as "Stedman" has this merit: time is on its side. It has been recognised and called by its present name for more than one hundred years, and this fact affords a good precedent, as the lawyers would say, for its continuance. If some profound scholar were to maintain that no such person as STEDMAN ever lived, we should be perfectly justified by long usage in adhering to "Stedman" as the title of the method we now ring under such name. And whatever may be the outcome of the conference between Messrs. TROLLOPE and JAMES the present nomenclature of such method will continue. Some other title must be selected for the inventions and discoveries of these great men who appear to be restless under all existing circumstances.

REV. E. V. COX.—You will find the advertisement you want in this number.

ENQUIRER.—It was intimated to you that such information was not in our province to supply.

The Metropolis.**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, October 23, 1909, in Three Hours Twenty-four and ½ Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.****Tenor 28 cwt.**

WILLIAM DORAN Treble	FRANK BENNETT 6.
ARTHUR J. NEALE 2.	JOHN MOULE 7.
ARTHUR R. JACOB 3.	FRANK SMITH 8.
WILLIAM MILLER 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 9.
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Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, October 23, 1909 in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.****Tenor 24 cwt.**

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	WILLIAM WILLSON 7.
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JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 9.
BERTAM PREWETT 5.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

This peal was rung by the record peal band, each man standing in the original position. Further reference elsewhere.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD*On Saturday, October 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.****Tenor 15 cwt.**

REUBEN SANDERS Treble	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN 5.
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Handbell Peal.**THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.***On Monday, October 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,***IN THE BELFREY OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, FULHAM,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.**

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 1-2.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 5-6.
LOUIS ATTWATER 3-4.	GEORGE EDSEY, JUN. .. 7-8.
JAMES W. DRIVER 9-10.	

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This is the first peal of Stedman Caters on handbells by the Fulham society, also by all the band except the conductor. Umpire—Wm. J. Troughton.

The Provinces.**COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.****THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Violet, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Court. Tenor 9 cwt.

F. HOPPER Treble	C. W. CLARKE 4.
F. MYNARD 2.	P. INSKIP 5.
H. W. GAYTON 3.	J. HOUGHTON Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

BRAMLEY, YORKS.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.***On Tuesday, October 5, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 240 each of Cambridge Surprise, Morning Exercise, Evening Exercise, College Trebles, Tulip, Primrose, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Royston, Sandal, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, Killamarsb, Tanner's Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Kent, Woodbine, Violet and Oxford.

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JAS. GUY Treble	J. W. T. HOLGATE 4.
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Conducted by T. LATIMER.

First peal in this number of methods on the bells. First peal by all the band in this number of methods. First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. T. Holgate.

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CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY Treble	REV. E. W. CARPENTER .. 5.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	REV. A. T. BEESTON 6.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 3.	WILLIAM FOX 7.
HARRY ARGYLE 4.	REV. W. P. WRIGHT .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, October 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,****A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being fourteen 6-scores each of Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM PRITCHARD .. Treble	JOHN HAMMOND 4.
LEONARD LEWIS 2.	WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. 5.
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS .. 3.	CHARLES POWELL Tenor.

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

First peal in three methods by the ringers of the 2nd, 4th and tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to William D. Griffiths.

PULVERBATCH, SHROPSHIRE.**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wednesday, October 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.****Tenor 8 cwt.**

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	WALTER BOUGHEY 4.
COLIN ROGERS 2.	HARRY HALL 5.
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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY <i>Treble</i> ..	JOHN AUSTIN 5.
REV. E. W. CARPENTER .. 2.	WILLIAM FOX 6.
REV. E. BANKES JAMES .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 4.	REV. W. P. WRIGHT <i>Tenor</i> ..

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 14, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK PALMER.. <i>Treble</i> ..	WILLIAM WHEELER.. .. 5.
WILLIAM DELLAR 2.	JOHN SMITH 6.
BENJAMIN COPPING 3.	JOHN CORDELL 7.
GEORGE DENT 4.	HARRY BOTTRILL .. <i>Tenor</i> ..

Composed by J. Cox, and Conducted by F. PALMER.

MIDDLEHAM, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 14, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

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

HENRY PAULI <i>Treble</i> ..	HENRY PARRISH 4.
SQUIRE CROFT 2.	CHRISTOPHER CLARKSON .. 5.
GEORGE HANDLEY 3.	JOHN SARGINSON.. .. <i>Tenor</i> ..

Conducted by J. SARGINSON.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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A PEAL OF LONDON TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WALTER POPPLEWELL .. <i>Treble</i> ..	*SYDNEY KEIGHLEY 5.
ROBERT CHILD 2.	*FRED WALLER 6.
SAMUEL WHEATLEY 3.	CHARLES PRATT 7.
WALTER STANHOPE 4.	FRED PAGE <i>Tenor</i> ..

Composed by WM. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by FRED PAGE.

*First peal in the method.

WALLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM)

On Saturday, October 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

OWEN PORTER <i>Treble</i> ..	GEORGE IRVINE 5.
JOSEPH HANDS 2.	ERNEST W. MENDAY .. 6.
ALBERT CULLUM 3.	GEORGE ESSEX 7.
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Tenor 25 cwt.

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WILLIAM EASTER 2.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 6.
SAMUEL TAYLOR* (R.N.) .. 3.	WILLIAM HAIGH 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS.. .. <i>Tenor</i> ..

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

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*First peal in the method.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES FLEUTY <i>Treble</i> ..	*FREDERICK RIDGWELL .. 5.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 2.	WALTER BURST.. .. 6.
WILLIAM ROOT 3.	JAMES FRENCH 7.
FRANK CRAYDON 4.	ERNEST RIDGWELL .. <i>Tenor</i> ..

Composed by J. Cox, and Conducted by ERNEST RIDGWELL.

*First peal.

BEDALE, YORKS

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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J. BAXTER 4.	T. METCALFE <i>Tenor</i> ..

Conducted by A. SIMPSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs. in F.

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CLAYTON FARNELL 2.	*CHARLES F. WOODS 6.
WILLIAM FELGATE 3.	ERNEST LINCOLN 7.
GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 4.	*ALFRED WILLIAMS <i>Tenor</i> ..

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr.

GEORGE F. CLARKE†.. <i>Treble</i> ..	WALTER W. BONHAM .. 4.
CECIL A. VALENTINE .. 2.	*THOMAS C. TOMPKINS .. 5.
ALBERT J. GREEN 3.	WILLIAM G. COWLEY <i>Tenor</i> ..

Conducted by WILLIAM G. COWLEY.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. A. J. Green was elected a member previous to starting. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. K. C. Bailey, for so kindly granting them permission to ring, and for providing refreshments after the peal.

Wallington

**NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, October 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5232 CHANOES. Tenor 16½ cwt.**

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble.	CHARLES DRAPER 5.
HERBERT DAY 2.	*BART MICHELL 6.
EDWARD C. GOBBY 3.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 7.
WALTER ALLWOOD 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.
*First peal in the method.

**SOWTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY.)**

On Saturday, October 16, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.**

EDWIN SHEPHERD Treble.	WILLIAM MOGRIDGE 5.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON 2.	EDMUND SARGENT 6.
LEWIS GREEN 3.	FRANK DANBY 7.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE 4.	WILLIAM ACREMAN Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Acreman.

**SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

On Saturday, October 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.**

HORACE BELCHER* Treble.	ALFRED DAVIES 5.
JOHN BASS 2.	HERBERT KNIGHT 6.
GEORGE HUGHES 3.	JOSEPH PIGOTT 7.
GEORGE PIGOTT† 4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS,

*First peal in any Surprise method. First peal in the method on the bells. †Fiftieth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

CHASTLETON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 17, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

H. C. JONES Treble.	J. SKELCHER 4.
W. COLEMAN 2.	S. LUCKET 5.
W. LARGE 3.	W. SKELCHER Tenor.

Conducted by W. LARGE.

Rung for the Harvest Festival.

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

On Monday, October 18, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5069 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOSEPH PIGOTT* Treble.	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6.
JOHN BASS 2.	†ALFRED DAVIES† 7.
MISS M. GILBANKS† 3.	ALFRED ROWLEY 8.
GEORGE PIGOTT 4.	†CHARLES F. WHITE 9.
HARRY PRICE† 5.	†CHARLES FAULKES Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal of Caters. †First peal of Stedman Caters. ‡Fiftieth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

BROMLEY, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 19, 1909, in Two Hours Fifty and a-½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

JOHN PARSONS† Treble.	GEORGE HUXLEY 5.
WALTER SMITH 2.	ALBERT HUMPHREY 6.
ALFRED JAMES† 3.	GEORGE DURLING 7.
ARTHUR POOLE* 4.	†CHARLES AUSTIN Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE DURLING.

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

**WOOTTON COURTENAY, SOMERSETSHIRE.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, October 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK DATE Treble.	JAMES SULLY 4.
WILLIAM HOYLE 2.	HENRY MOORE 5.
GEORGE STACEY 3.	WILLIAM BENNETT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BENNETT.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. in A flat.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble.	HENRY W. WILDE 5.
EDWIN H. LEWIS 2.	HENRY DEW 6.
WILLIAM BIBBY 3.	RICHARD JONES 7.
JAMES V. WRIGHT 4.	JAMES MORGAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

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BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 21, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

PHILIP ALLFREY Treble.	ARTHUR W. GRAYETT 5.
WILLIAM C. HART 2.	GEORGE ADAMS 6.
HERBERT RANN 3.	KEITH HART 7.
WILLIAM ALLFREY 4.	GEORGE SEWARD Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

On Thursday, October 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6-score, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.**

FRED EDWARDS Treble.	†GEORGE JONES 4.
HENRY APPERLEY 2.	ALAC RACKHAM 5.
SYDNEY T. RACKHAM 3.	*H. JOHN RACKHAM Tenor.

Conducted by ALAC RACKHAM.

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

PEAL CORRECTION.—The centenary peal at Dolgelly, reported in our last issue, was rung by members of the Salop Guild.

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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 November 1st, 15th, and 29th; St. John's Hackney, on the 2nd and 16th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 2nd; St. Magnus, London Bridge, on the 11th and 25th; St. Giles', Cripplegate on the 16th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 22nd; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 30th; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—The 272nd anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel on Saturday, November 13th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley Burden, E. A. Davies, Fardon, Garrard, Golding, Harman, Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, A. Jones, H. Langdon, O'Meara, Newton, Peck, Pettit, Price, Prime, Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, Winny, Wood, or

W. 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, November 20th, at the church of St. Paul's, Hammer-smith. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 to 8.15 p.m. Business meeting at The Britannia at 8.15 p.m., to be followed by a social. All ringers will be made welcome.

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

35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints, Fulham, to-day, Sat., October 30. Tower open at 3.30 until 9 o'clock. Tea at 5.15 in the Church Room at 9d each to those who let me know by the 29th inst. All friends of the Society heartily welcomed.

F. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*

3, Hart's Lane, New Cross.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the North and East district will be held on Saturday, November 13th, at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. F. Peplow. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. Tea will be provided on the usual terms at The Cherry Tree hotel. The Hon. Secretary would be glad if all outstanding subscriptions could be sent to him before the date of this meeting; and if persons intending to be present would kindly send him an intimation. ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the South and West District will be held at All Saints, Isleworth, to-day, Sat., October 30. The tower will be open for ringing at 4 o'clock. The Vicar (Rev. J. H. Champion McGill) will entertain the members to tea in the Hartland Road Mission Room at 5.30, and the business meeting will be held afterwards. Members and friends are cordially invited, and it is hoped that a special effort will be made to attend. Will members

kindly note that subscriptions for 1909 should now be paid, and the hon. sec. will be pleased to receive the same by the date of the meeting.

H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*

Church Road, Heston, Howslow.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hitchin to-day, Sat., October 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 6 o'clock at The Angel, Sun Street.

H. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The members of this society will hold their next quarterly meeting at St. George's church, Mossley, to-day, Sat., October 30th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWER, *Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The annual festival will be held at Durham to-day, Sat., October 30th. Committee meeting at 12 noon at The County hotel. Service in the Cathedral at 1 p.m. Dinner at The County hotel at 2 p.m. The bells of the Cathedral, St. Nicholas and St. Oswald will be available.

CHAS. TODD, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*

92, Northgate, Darlington.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting will be held at Lamberhurst to-day, Saturday, October 30th. Tower open at 4 o'clock.

W. LATTEE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's, Waterfoot, to-day, Saturday, October 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

T. ROLLERSON, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bolton to-day, Sat., October 30th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Bolton hotel at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

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

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Petersfield to-day, Sat., October 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at St. Peter's hall at 5 o'clock. Meeting after.

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

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, S.E., to-day, Sat., October 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Business meeting to follow.

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

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Warkton on Saturday, November 6th; November 13th at Dallington; November 27th at Earls Barton. Usual arrangements.

F. WILFORD, *General Sec.*

Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Bradford on Saturday, November 13th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m.

W. SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, November 13th. Bells at liberty from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. prompt. A good attendance is requested. Any ringer welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

William Verry Commemoration.—The fifth annual dinner will be held at The Red Lion hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, on Saturday, November 13th, at 6.30 sharp. Bells available from 2.30 to 5.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. each.

R. FAUX, *Hon. Sec.*

65, Bacchus Road, Soho, Birmingham

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Guildford on Wednesday, November 17th. 40—Bells available. 5.30.—Service at Holy Trinity church; address by the Right Rev. Dr. Randolph, Bishop of Guildford. 6.15—Tea at The Star hotel; Chairman—J. Cable, esq., J.P., C.C. After the business a paper will be read by Mr. F. E. Dawe, past Master of the College Youths, on "A Ringing Experience of thirty years." Tea tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s. All subscriptions should be paid on or before the above date. Probationers 1s; Ordinary Members 2s.; Honorary Members 5s.

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NOTE TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT DUDLEY.—H. Price's 50 Peals.—Darlaston Bob Triples 2; Grandsire, 8; Stedman 3; Kent Major 10; Oxford 1; Bob Major 11; Double Norwich Major 2; Forward Major 1; Canterbury Major 1; Grandsire Caters 5; Stedman 1; Kent Royal 1; Bob Royal 1; 7 Minor Methods 3. Total—50.—A. Davies's 50 Peals.—Minor—in 5 Methods 3; in 7 Methods 3; Grandsire Doubles 1; Triples 2; Caters 2; Bob Major 4; Royal 2, conducted 1; Canterbury Major 1; Kent Major 4, conducted 1; Royal 1; Stedman Triples 10, conducted 1; Caters 1; Cinques 1; Forward Royal 1; Double Norwich Major 7; Superlative 2; Cambridge 2; London 3. Total—50; conducted 3. Rung in 25 different towers.

THE PEAL AT SEDGLEY.—G. Pigott's 50 Peals.—Grandsire Triples 5; Union 1; Plain Bob 1; Stedman 7; Plain Bob Major 6; Canterbury 2; Kent 4; Oxford 1; Double Oxford 1; Double Norwich 7; Superlative 5; Cambridge 2; Stedman Caters 1; Plain Bob Royal 2; Kent 2; Double Oxford 1; Stedman Cinques 2. Total—50. Rung in 23 different towers.

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Obituary.**FREDERICK WHITE.**

A notable ringer and bellhanger has passed away in the person of Mr. Fredk. White, of Appleton. Deceased, who was 75 years of age, had been ailing the last twelve months, but his condition was only considered grave about a week before his death, which took place on Thursday, the 7th inst. A son of the late Mr. Alfred White, of Besselsleigh, Frederick White was born in 1834, about which time members of the family and a few other inhabitants of Appleton took up ringing in earnest on the six bells in the parish church. Later on the bells were augmented to eight, and afterwards to ten, and one has only to look at the Oxford Guild peal book to see some of the fine performances done there. The following are a few in which the late Mr. F. White took part: 10,080 Grandsire Caters, 12,000 and 15,000

Stedman Caters, 10,000 Double Norwich, and 13,000 Grandsire Caters. The last peal he rang was in August, 1908. He had rung about 250 peals and conducted a considerable number. The funeral in Appleton churchyard on Monday, the 11th inst., was the occasion of a large and sympathetic gathering, including most of the inhabitants of Appleton and many ringers from far and near. The bells were rung deeply muffled before and after service, and in the evening a muffled peal of Grandsire Caters was rung, the record of which will be found in its proper place. The chief mourners included the widow, eight sons and four daughters of the deceased, and among those present were the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkins, G. Holifield, W. Newell (Reading), C. Hounslow and T. Payne (Oxford), A. Lambourne and E. Holifield (Cumnor), A. E. Lock, H. Holifield, F. Barrett (Abingdon). Some members of the Appleton club, of

which he was secretary for a number of years, acted as bearers, and the Society's banner was placed, with several wreaths, on the coffin, which was inscribed: "Fredk. White, died October 7th, 1909, aged 75 years. His end was peace."

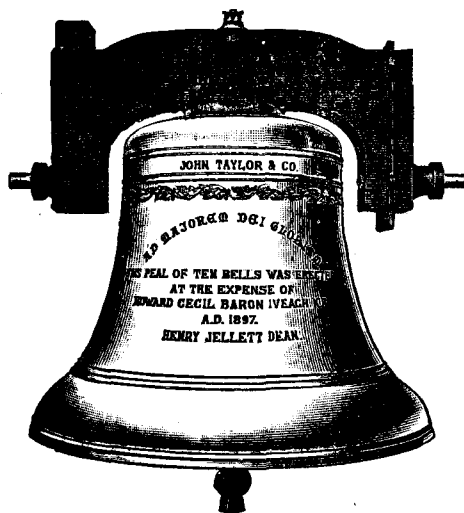
E. N. PRICE.

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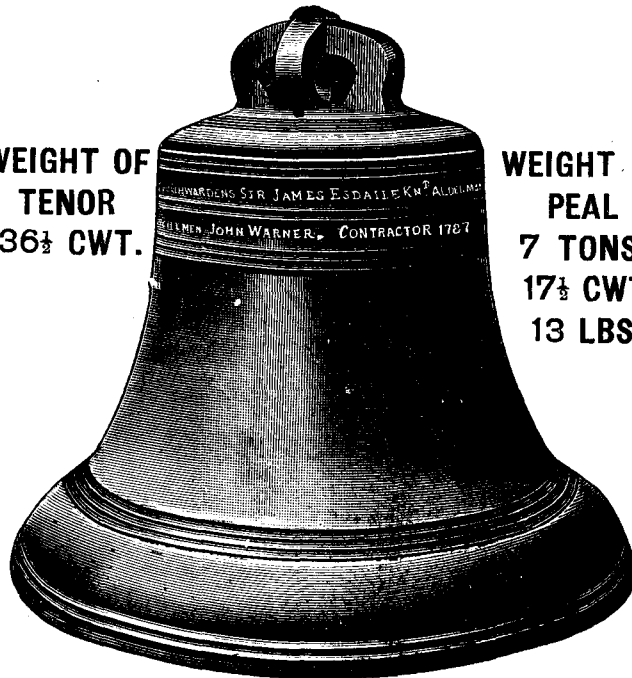
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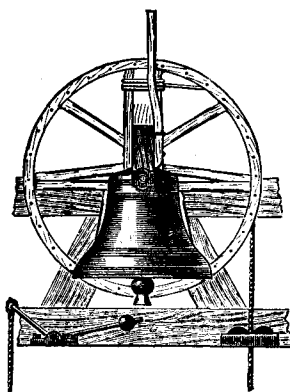
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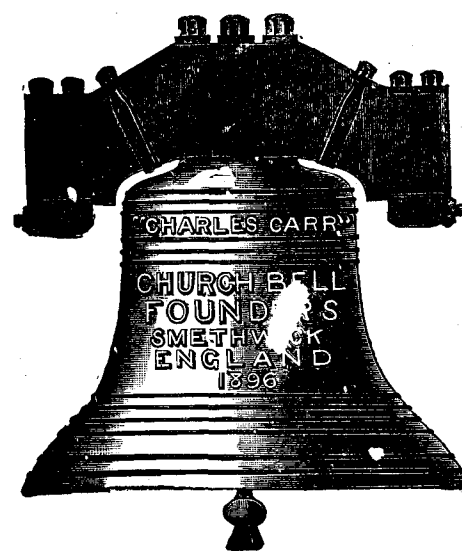
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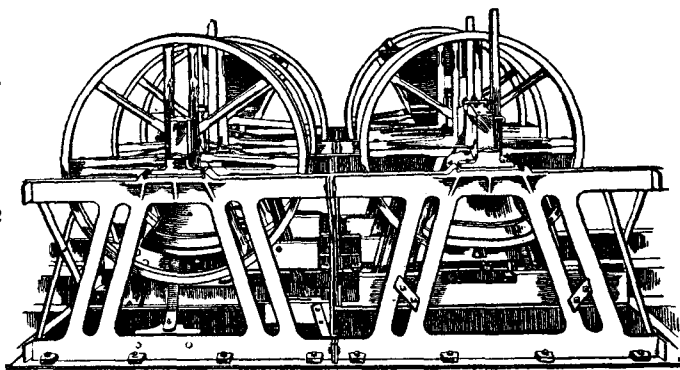
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT BRIDLINGTON, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 1909.

The recent Pageant at York puts the substance of the following before us and at once brings us in touch with our geographical centre.

Enter Henrietta Maria, Queen of Charles I., returning home after selling the Crown Jewels, A.D. 1642; she is escorted by the Earl of Newcastle, and alights from her carriage carrying a little dog in her arms. To the Lord Mayor of York rendering homage.

No, no, my good lor-maire, no ceremony!

(Seeing girls approach with flowers). Ah! the pretty girls! I 'ave not seen my shildren—since when? Since when? Tell me quickly how doth my dear lord, the King?

The Mayor: His Majesty is at Nottingham, madam, safe and well.

The Queen: Que Dieu soit beni! But my poor ladies! Give them comfort. They were—'ow do you say—so seack.

The Mayor: And your Majesty's mission?

Newcastle: Her Majesty has done wonders!

The Queen: Judge for yourselves, I 'ave two million pounds (cheers) begged, borrowed, and—yes—nearly stolen. The good Ollanders was a leetle difficult at first, but I smiled—and then! I 'ave—oh, I know it by heart—thirty six pieces of brass and two iron ordnance, and small arms for ten thousand men! (Great cheering). It is good, ah, but I paid for it, mon dieu! The journey! and when brave Van Tromp 'ad landed me safely at Bridlington, up comes Admiral Batten with 'is sheeps and shoots at my little 'ouse where I sleep. Yes! E wanted to shoot the Queen! (*Horror of crowd*). But I say, ah, non! and I go with my ladies in a ditch. And then I remember I 'ave forgot my leetle dog—this leetle dog—so I go back for him, and the Admiral he shoot and shoot! (*Indignation of crowd*)—

Thus Bridlington, in the making of history!

Again, in 1779, when the American War of Independence was in progress, those on the coast witnessed the almost unique sight of a naval contest close at home. For Paul Jones, an American Commodore—popularly with us “a pirate,” although no more a pirate, probably, than many of our lively and irresistible privateers of old times—here thought fit to hide preparatory to making a desperate attack on a fleet of merchantmen sailing under the protection of two English men-of-war. Of these latter one carried 44 guns, and the other 22; whereas the four ships of the “pirate” mounted 40, 40, 32, and 22 respectively. After an heroic struggle we were beaten, being hopelessly outnumbered, but note, so fierce was the engagement that our merchantmen sailed safely away; and so terribly mauled was the “pirate's” flagship that it sank next morning with its wounded on board, leaving Paul Jones with bare time to transfer his flag to one of the captured vessels. He was then tossed about for nearly a fortnight before he could make a Dutch port, his dilapidated ships

providing him with a smart problem in navigation. Naturally the English Government were furious, and demanded both the person of the pirate and his ships from the Dutch, and it is said that their refusal was one of the main causes of the war with Holland, which shortly afterwards broke out.

But we set out with the intention of seeing the Priory Church and hearing its bells, and it is time we grasped our real subject. That the “good old times” we hear so much about were, in reality, very rough ones, may be gathered from the fact that King Richard III. granted the Priory leave to build fortifying walls as a protection against pirates—this would be about the close of the fourteenth century—and, fortunately enough, one grand gateway remains to this day. Again, for liveliness, how would this suit the “good old timers” when they read that “the last Prior, William Wode, was hanged at Tyburn in 1537 for his share in the Pilgrimage of Grace; and this merely for endeavouring to do what would appear to him to have been his duty.

One way of describing the grand old church is to place it in the order of its importance in the magnificent shrines which have been passed down to us in the county of broadacres, viz.: (1) York Minster, (2) Beverley Minster, (3) Selby Abbey church, and (4) Bridlington Priory church. Ruins we are not of course counting, so Fountains Abbey, Rievaulx, Kirkstall, etc., etc., are barred. The edifice was originally cruciform with a central tower. The chancel was destroyed at the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1538, when probably all would have gone, had not the nave been used as a parish church—and owing possibly to the absence of the support of the chancel, the central tower fell and destroyed the two transepts. To-day we have therefore only the nave and its aisles. But standing near the altar and looking west, the structure is superb. On each side of us, receding from the eye, are the north and south arcading, the very columns of which are a study, whilst above are the rich arches of the triforium, and higher still, the tracery of the clerestory giving height and dignity to the whole. Then, far away in front of us, to which all the side grandeur—avenue like—seems to be pointing, is one of the most beautiful west windows, of the Perpendicular period, that the eye could desire. Its height is given as 55 ft. and its breadth 27 ft. The church has in recent years been very effectively restored, as much as £50,000 having been spent on it between 1850 and 1880, under the skill and guidance of Sir Gilbert Scott, and undoubtedly it is the brightest gem of Bridlington to-day.

The bells occupy the south-west tower, which latter, although modern, is thoroughly pleasing. They are tuned on the lines pointed out by the late Canon Simpson, and are a great credit to their founders. Whatever the late Canon may have said of the importance of having the tone of the two upper octaves especially in tune (thirds and fifths being understood) it always seems to us that it is when the note of the bell in all its three octaves is in true concord that we get the organ-like tone of the whole peal; for not only do we then get the true brilliance due

to the upper octave having been put right, but we get a mighty hum as if a special pedal organ were joining in with a deep-toned accompaniment. We remember hearing an organist with a soul (as well as a salary) who in playing the last line of "Rock of Ages" seemed to silence every small stop on his organ and rely mainly on his "sixteens" and "thirty-twos." The effect, with a huge congregation singing, was marvellously fine. Is it not the deep "hums" that the ear revels in? At any rate thank Providence that the railway companies have ceased (or are ceasing) to ring those piercingly shrill bells in order to make passengers take their seats, for they are death to our nerves. The Yorkshire circulars gave us 26½ cwt. as the weight of the tenor, but one could easily have put it down—and all in proportion—at a much heavier weight. The Bridlington bells were cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

Before we adjourn for tea, forgive us if we add one touch more of what may be well termed in this connection, deep-toned history, something that has rolled down to us through time's corridors, and makes all dates we have quoted a matter of yesterday. A mile or two north lies Flamborough Head, and there a curious cross-cut section, partly natural and partly artificial, separates the head-land from the main. It takes the name of Danes' Dyke, suggesting, as doubtless is the case, that it was last used by the Danes when they invaded the neighbourhood, and made battle against our forebears. But experts thought of digging for further information, and choosing a likely place, cut out a section some 20 feet wide only, and therein found what? Upwards of 800 worked flints, consisting of arrow heads, axes, celts, etc. Here, then, we have evidence of this dyke having been a fighting ground before modern man (or at any rate the men who were there), had dug and smelted copper, and made metal instruments therefrom! Here we go back to the "stone age," after which followed the "bronze," and later the iron age. All this long before the Danes, before the Angles, before the Romans, and before the Brigantes! Who then were they? Doubtless relatives of some sort that we might not now wish to entertain were they to appear in their war-paint! Certainly some of us northerners cannot complain of having been bred from inadvertent parents, especially if we go back far enough! Did they ring changes? We think they did, and that with a vengeance! When their leader said "go next" (in their own particular vernacular of course), we think they went—at once—for their near neighbour! There would be no stopping to argue whether one could or could not find three bobs in a six of Stedman, or any other such exquisite waste of time. The "bob" then given or taken would be the last word in their controversy, and their "This is all" would save much disturbance in their change-ringing columns—columns of warriors, of course we mean.

Tea, arranged by the committee, was served at the Church Institute to upwards of 100 members, and amongst those present to welcome them was the Rector, Dr. Pride, and his churchwardens, Dr. Batchelor and Mr. J. R. Collins. The President, Mr. William Snowdon, took the opportunity of moving a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of his bells, of the beauty of whose tones he spoke in no measured terms, and ended with words of encouragement to the "locals" who had not up to that time embarked on the sea of change-ringing. Mr. Chas. H. Hattersley having acted as seconder in some characteristic words, the motion was carried with acclamation, and Dr. Pride rose to reply. After kindly expressions of welcome he amused the meeting by recounting the troubles

that those in authority had in making any improvements in the matter of bells. First they were told that it would be little short of sacrilege to touch their old bells, some four in number, on account of their age, etc.; besides were they not rich in silver, and sundry other fables! Again, had not Lord Grimthorpe stated that their tower would not stand a peal of eight? A letter having been obtained showing that he had never said anything of the sort, the busy bodies changed their tune and stated that he *ought* to have said so. Hence an architect was sent for who measured up and measured down, and finally gave a certificate that all was strong enough. Then a kind donor came round and presented the present bells, whereupon the critics ventured on a new departure, and pronounced them out of tune! It was therefore with some pleasure that he had heard their President's good opinion of them, but whether they—the critics—would "live happily ever afterwards" remained to be seen. He hoped his ringers would master the intricacies of change-ringing, as he was a great admirer of the enthusiasm which seemed to surround the votaries of the Art. Referring to a peal that members of the Yorkshire Association had secured during the recent visit of the Archbishop of York, he tendered his Grace's thanks, which he had promised he would, in due course, do. In conclusion he trusted the Association would not be long in paying them another visit.

The business meeting followed, with the President in the chair, supported by the principal officers. The minutes of the last meeting (Ecclesfield) having been disposed of, the President reported that the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake had handed him a sum of nearly £26, the amount of the subscription to the Selby Abbey bells. On the motion from the chair, seconded by Mr. Willey, of Sheffield, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Drake, with a hope that sooner or later the Association would see that his work for the Church in South Africa had not prevented his finding a handy set of bells for a peal. [This subscription list is not yet closed and any further additions thereto will be gladly received by the President of the Y.A.C.R.]

The place of next meeting was left in the hands of the Committee. The next meeting being "the Annual," Mr. Pratt Cordingley, of Pudsey, was elected an Auditor, with Mr. Geo. Halksworth, of Doncaster, as his fellow officer.

The Rev. M. C. F. Morris, Rector of Nunburnholme, and the Rev. S. F. Sykes, Vicar of St. Matthew's, Holbeck, Leeds, were both elected hon. members.

Due notice having been given at the previous meeting, the following new "Regulation" was put and passed.

"A 'Single-Star' Life Membership may be obtained when a member's subscription has reached 11s. 6d., but such membership shall carry no qualification for any official position beyond that of Auditor; and any Voting Paper required by such member must be applied for by post, through the Hon. Secretary, to whom a prepaid addressed envelope must be sent for enclosing the same."

It was unanimously agreed that the vote of thanks to Dr. Pride for the use of his bells—passed at the tea—be entered on the day's minutes.

On the motion of Mr. Willey, seconded by Mr. Pearson, of Pontefract, a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, coupled with another to Mr. Clement Glenn, Hon. Secretary, for his work in bringing about the meeting, and with their replies a very pleasant meeting was brought to a close.

RUMNEY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

At the church of St. Augustine, Rumney, on Saturday, October 23rd the dedication of new bells by the Lord Bishop of Llandaff took place.

Originally the bells were a ring of five from the Rudhall foundry, but for years, owing to the dilapidated state into which they were allowed to get, no ringing had been done upon them. Now the Messrs. Taylor have recast two of them, and tuned the remaining three, while through the generosity of Mr. William Cubitt, of Rumney House, they have added a new treble, thereby making a nice handy ring of six, with a tenor of $11\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. The bells have all been rehung in a new steel frame, the tone and go of the peal reflecting great credit on the above-named firm.

The opening of the bells was entrusted to Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, on behalf of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, and the ringers selected were from Llandaff Cathedral, Cardiff, Penarth, and Newport. The ringing done consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

An excellent meat tea was provided at the conclusion. Afterwards the bells were kept going, a few of the locals having their first try in rounds. A band has been started the members of which have already joined the Association, from whom they are getting assistance by instruction in the management of a bell and also in half-pull ringing.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

At the thirty-second annual meeting of this Association, an account of which appeared last week, the secretary (Mr. C. E. Borrett) thus referred to the annual report:—

"There had been a welcome increase in the restoration work throughout the diocese, the addition to existing rings having provided no fewer than four new eight-bell towers, and the thorough rehanging of another octave which had long been out of order, had also been completed. Details of work which had been carried out in a number of places were given, and particular reference was made to the great restoration now being carried out at Beccles, thanks to the energy of a very valued friend and supporter of the Association, Mr. Henry Hopson. The peal list contained a large number of performances of more than ordinary merit, and special reference was made to the splendid achievements of the St. Mary-le-Tower society, and the companies practising at Leiston, Pulham, Diss, etc. Matters connected with the membership and financial position were dealt with, and the report concluded with a paragraph that was endorsed by hearty applause: 'We may well express our thankfulness that the ringers of the diocese, as in other parts of the country, are realising more and more the fact that their Art, which only a few years ago was looked upon as a recreation, forms a part, and a very important part, of the work of the Church. Ringing organisations such as ours are largely responsible for this encouraging fact, and this alone is sufficient for us to claim the strong support of both clergy and laity. It is to our credit that this forward movement is largely of our own making. We realise, and all thoughtful churchmen must realise too, that a vast deal of self-denial is required to carry on our particular part of the work of the Church, and the number of those who make this sacrifice of time

and labour is increasing year by year. We realise that more is expected of a church bell ringer now than in days gone by—that while it is well to be an expert in our Art, it is better still to be a good and faithful servant of the Church.'"

BUCKMINSTER, NEAR GRANTHAM.

Some new quarter-chimes have been fitted to the clock of the parish church, and were started by the Earl of Dysart. The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who have also lately received an order from Sir William Hartley for a large clock for Colne, Lancashire.

SAWSTON (Cambs.)—On September 21st, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. E. Freestone, W. Sykes, F. Matthews, S. Munn, F. Hurry, N. Lyles. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

Correspondence.

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

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

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Holy Trinity Church, Coalbrookdale, Salop, on October 6th, 1909, was for the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and not for the Salop Archidiaconal. It was sent up as a first peal for the two Guilds, but Walter Lago was not proposed a member of the Salop Guild until the 9th of October at the annual meeting held at Shrewsbury on that date.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

THE EXTENSION OF STEDMAN, ETC.

SIR,—Your pithy remarks in the leader of this week's "BELL NEWS" sums up the situation properly. It confirms my view exactly, that the method you published for me in "THE BELL NEWS" of July the 17th, is not Stedman at all. Stedman himself says the sixes were invented fifty or sixty years before he wrote; see my quotations from his *Tintinnalogia* published 1668, given in your issue of August 28th. This statement is confirmed by "White's *Tintinnalogia*" published in 1650, a copy of which is in the British Museum, wherein on pages 2 and 3 the sixes of three bell changes are given reversed, or in both ways. Stedman's patent therefore consists of his placing these sixes, one under the other, in reversed order alternately, coupled with the quality that all bells do the same work. This being so, the placing of the six bell changes in another way is quite another matter, and does not come under the same classification either for method or construction.

ST. MARGARET'S MAJOR.

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

2 4 1 6 3 8 5 7 Plain

1 2 4 6 3 8 5 7 Bob

The correspondence upon dividing Stedman Doubles into

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twelve-change groups prompts me to publish the foregoing and following Imperial methods. The plain course of this runs into eighty changes. The following goes to ninety-six changes:—

ST. ANN'S MAJOR.

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

2 4 1 6 3 8 5 7

Bob as last.

I daresay your readers will be amused by being told these methods, and those you inserted for me in last week's issue, are built upon the principle of Stedman Doubles, viz., all bells do the same work, each being a different method. The changes in these methods can be extended, but as St. Ann's has the same length dodging as the long dodge in Superlative, I considered the twelve change block long enough, and in this respect St. Margaret's is the best of the two methods. Variations of each are obtainable, and Royal can be had for each by placing the trebles in front, when the plain courses would be 100 changes and 140 ditto respectively.

H. DAINS.

THE QUICKEST HANDBELL PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. S. Coleman, I regret having been unaware of or overlooked the St. Neots peal, and hasten to withdraw the claim.

CLEMENT GLENN.

THE DORSETSHIRE RINGING TOUR.

BY MEMBERS OF THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Continued from page 436.)

" 'Tis better to have loved and lost
Than never to have loved."

Tuesday, September 21st, Crewkerne. We arose early, after a restless night's sleep at The Red Lion, probably the result of a heavy supper and some excellent cider, coupled with the arrival of the Revs. Beeston and Richardson, two new members for the rest of the tour, who made up for the loss of the Bishop of Swindon. In a pleasant chat with the landlord, Mr. Sparrow, we learnt that he was the owner as well as the occupier of a free house, a rare combination nowadays, and one of the most severely handicapped taxpayers under modern proposed legislation. However we were well looked after at this inn, and would like to find more houses of the kind in England. The church of St. Bartholomew is a very fine stone structure, again on the cruciform plan, with lofty nave, north and south aisles, and north and south transepts, organ chamber, and lady chapel. Nearly all the external walls between the buttresses are pierced with large window openings of four, five and six lights each. The period of Architecture would be Early English with some Perpendicular work in several window heads. All the walls are carried up above the line of roof and the gables, and are heavily battlemented as well as the top of the tower, giving the exterior elevation on the whole a very fine effect, as seen from the principal entrance gates. Mr. Robinson's book, "Among the bells," gives this view in particular. In the church is a brass, which was pointed out to me as being the origin of the well-known trade mark "monkey brand." An hexagonal staircase runs up the whole height of the tower, and the only entrance to it is from the churchyard at the base. Once inside, with the Vicar's permission, door locked and the key turned in it, you would imagine a peal band to be safe from all intrusor, but fate would have it otherwise here. The course of true peals never did run smooth, so please let me explain.

We were locked in, everything ready, and even the belfry door bolted on the inside, when at 8.45 Parker, on the 7th, called—"Go, London." Somewhere about half-way the saturnine form of a serious sexton was seen to emerge from the stairs like Mephistopheles and creep towards his nearest victim, who happened to be Williams. "No. 1, No. 2, No. 3," was heard shrilly across the room in George's well-known key, when the figure vanished, like a nightmare, and anxious faces looked relieved, only to find that 2-5 had shifted in an insignificant trip, and the only one so far, brought about by the intruder. Of course the why and wherefore of this had to be ascertained, and we appointed a deputation to wait on the sexton at his house. In answer to two questions—"Who sent you; How did you get in?" we learnt that he had been sent by the curate to ask the ringers to "leave off for a quarter of an hour," as the bells made too much sound during the Matins. He "twiddled" our key round in the lock and pushed it out, unlocking by his own key. The belfry door he unbolted by slipping his fingers between the edge of the door and the masonry and pushing the end of the bolt back. Oh how simple, and how well does this remind one of the lines—

"Stone walls do not a prison make,
Nor iron bars a cage."

So on we had to go, lothfully leaving this good peal, tenor 22 cwt., to the tender mercies in the future of some Major party, and to the faithful care of the Crewkerne sexton. There was some delay in getting our waggonette and pair in readiness for our long drive to Beaminster, but the interval was well employed, not in vain regret or colored language, but fortifying the inner man with a Red Lion lunch, and here is the menu: Pure Devonshire cider, real Cheddar cheese, English wheaten bread. We had a good send-off from Crewkerne, driving through the main street of the town with our handbells going and still beautiful weather. Our drive gave us some glorious views of the hills of Dorset and distant Devon, our road passing through a rather unfrequented part of the county north of Bridport Bay, at one point passing through Horne Hill tunnel, purposely made to avoid a tedious and heavy hill over which traffic originally travelled to and from Crewkerne and Bridport, our destination being about half-way, some eight miles. On arrival at Beaminster the church, dedicated to St. Mary, was at once visited, another bold and roomy structure in stone with a lovely 16th century tower at the west end of the nave, very lofty with battlemented parapets surmounted by eight decorated pinnacles. The main buttresses of the tower are relieved with smaller flying buttresses, and to the west there is a fine entrance door with a large twelve-pannelled traceried window over. Internally the church is light and graceful, rather like Yeovil on a smaller scale, the piers on either hand carrying the arches opening into the aisles each consisting of a group of graceful shafts enriched with elegant caps and bases.

W. H. F.

(To be continued.)

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Date Touches.

PENTLOW (Essex).—On Sunday, October 17th, previous to the afternoon service, a date touch of 1909 changes of Bob Doubles, in 1 hr. 6 mins. G. Plumb, A. Ives, W. Wiffen, A. Maxun, W. Underwood conductor.

Miscellaneous.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

PERSHORE.—On Saturday, October 23rd, at the Abbey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. T. Shepherd, O. Annis, J. M. Turner, W. Need, G. Dolphin, E. Gibbs, F. Cooper conductor, J. Dolphin.

OVERBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, October 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. J. Slatter, J. M. Turner, N. Grinnell, F. Sallis, T. Sallis conductor, J. Wood. And 480 St. Dunstan's Doubles. J. Slatter, J. M. Turner, L. Nicholls conductor, N. Grinnell, T. Sallis, C. Whittle.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

OLD CLEEVE (Somersetshire).—On Sunday evening, September 17th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles in 47 mins. W. Hoyle, S. Parsons, C. Greedy, A. Barker, W. Bennett conductor, H. Stevens.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Mon).—At the church of All Saints on Thursday, September 30th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Morgan, W. Millard, F. Charles, J. Jones, A. Thomas, A. E. Morgan conductor, J. W. Jones, T. Baise. On Sunday, October 17th, for morning service, 224 Bob Major. M. Selby, R. Dadds, J. Bullen, B. Millard, F. Charles, A. Morgan, J. Pippin, J. W. Jones conductor. For evening service 504 Stedman Triples. F. Morgan, R. Dadds, J. Bullen, J. Jones, C. Bowen, J. Pippin, A. E. Morgan, conductor, S. Baise. First 504 of Stedman by all except R. Dadds, who hails from Ilfracombe.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

TITCHFIELD (Hants).—On a recent Wednesday, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. C. Uridge, Miss W. Carden, G. Barton, D. Beer, E. A. Collins, L. H. Page conductor. This is the first 720 ever rung on the bells by a local band. The bells were hung twelve years ago.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORLEY (Surrey).—On Thursday, September 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Harman, G. Illman, J. Sherlock, E. Dibley, P. Etheridge, O. Sippitts conductor. Rung to commemorate the 21st birthday of the ringer of the treble.

RYE (Sussex).—On Thursday, September 9th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Ashenden, L. Seers, J. B. B. Bennett, C. Price, V. D. Laurence, W. Bennett, G. Billenness conductor, G. J. Youngs. Composed by W. T. Elson. First quarter-peal away from the tenor by T. Ashenden. On Tuesday, September 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Price, A. Livermore, G. Billenness conductor, J. Livermore, W. Bennett, J. Livermore, sen., G. Youngs, H. Edwards. Composed by G. Watson. First quarter-peal by H. Edwards.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

STONE-IN-OXNEY (Kent).—On Saturday, September 11th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. F. Underdown, G. Billenness, G. J. Youngs, C. W. Player, R. Dunster, E. C. Lambert conductor. A course of Treble Bob Minor. S. Hills. G. Bill-

enness, C. W. Player, R. Dunster, G. J. Youngs, E. C. Lambert. And several 1208 of Grandsire Doubles.

APPLEDORE (Kent).—On Saturday, September 25th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. W. Player, G. Johnson, A. Johnson, S. Hills, E. C. P. Johnson, G. Billenness conductor, R. Dunster, T. Ashenden. 336 Grandsire Triples. T. Ashenden, G. Johnson, A. Johnson, S. Hills, C. W. Player, F. Brown, E. G. P. Johnson conductor, R. Dunster. 120 Grandsire Doubles. C. W. Player conductor, A. Johnson, R. Dunster, G. Billenness, G. Johnson, T. Ashenden. 120 Grandsire Doubles. A. Johnson, S. Hills, C. W. Player, G. Billenness, R. Dunster conductor, T. Ashenden. 120 Grandsire Doubles. T. Ashenden, A. Johnson, R. Dunster, F. Brown, G. Johnson conductor, C. W. Player.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER.—On Saturday, September 25th, at St. Mark's church, 672 Bob Major. J. Wilson, E. Morris, T. Hardy, A. Ballard, S. Cotton, H. Smith, J. Morris, C. H. Fowler conductor. 336 Grandsire Triples. Rev. A. D. Mackenzie, F. H. Dexter, J. Wilson, A. Ballard, J. Morris, H. P. Smith, E. Morris conductor, T. Hardy. A course of Kent Treble Bob Major. The above was rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. H. Drake, formerly curate of St. Mark's, Leicester, to Miss C. M. Scarfe.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Sunday, September 12th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A Crane, H. Sear conductor, J. Marks, E. Reader, L. Meager, E. Marks, F. Whitehead, A. G. Crane. 336 Grandsire Triples. V. Sear, F. Hedges, J. Marks, E. Reader conductor, L. Meager, E. Marks, H. Sear, F. Goodman. 378 Grandsire Triples. V. Sear, F. Hedges, H. Sear conductor, L. Meager, E. Marks, E. Reader, J. Marks, A. G. Crane. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. V. Sear, H. Sear, J. Marks, F. Hedges conductor, L. Meager, W. Crane, J. Higgins, A. G. Crane.

EAST HOATHLY (Sussex).—On September 12th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. P. Burgess, H. Rann, W. Booth, W. Jenner, A. J. Turner, A. Reed conductor.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—Recently at the parish church for evening service, 1008 Grandsire Triples. S. Danby, C. Starkey, W. Ellis conductor, B. Starkey, R. Faux, T. Westwood, T. Verry, W. Anker.

SHOREHAM (Sussex).—On September 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Wright, T. Burtenshaw, E. Brown, B. Noakes, J. Bacon, W. Stalham conductor, E. Marsh. Longest length by all except the ringer of the 6th.

STREATHAM (Surrey).—On August 8th, at Immanuel Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. C. Daniels, W. S. Smith, W. Shepherd, E. R. J. Dunk, A. Hatcher, A. Culver, J. S. Daniels, W. J. Anscomb.

FENNY STRATFORD.—On September 19th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. G. Groves, A. G. Crane, T. Best, H. Sear conductor, W. Crane, A. Owen.

BLACKPOOL.

RINGERS and their friends will find good accommodation at Mr. JOHN SMITH'S, 3, Livingstone Road (off Hornby Road), Blackpool (late of Rawtenstall). Near Central Station and Sea. Piano. "THE BELL NEWS" taken. A good half-pull neighbourhood.

RINGERS and their friends will find good accommodation at Mr. GEO. HARDY'S, Grosvenor House, 71, Read's Road (off Central Drive), Blackpool. Late of Dewsbury. Near Central Station and Sea. Public and Private apartments. Piano.

RINGERS and their friends will find homely apartments at Mr. R. TOLSON HALLS, Fern Villa, 69, Reads Road, off Central Drive, Blackpool. Public and Private Apartments, with or without Board. Near Central Station and Sea. Piano and Bath. Terms moderate. "BELL NEWS" taken.

CHURCH BELL ROPES.—The longest peal ever rung was at Loughborough, on Easter Monday. The ropes used were made by JOHN FRITCHARD, of Loughborough, whose bell-ropes are favorites of the Exercise for their non-stretching. Soft as silk; durable as steel.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM TRUSS Treble.	ARTHUR D. BARKER 5.
ERNEST BRETT 2.	JAMES BULLOCK 6.
ARTHUR COLES 3.	RICHARD F. DEAL 7.
HARRY RANZETTA 4.	JAMES MONDAY Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 36½ cwt. in C.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 7.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 2.	HARRY FLANDERS 8.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	JAMES GEORGE 9.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS 10.
ISAAC G. SHADE 5.	ERNEST PYE 11.
WILLIAM HEWETT† 6.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal of Stedman Cinques.

The Provinces.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, October 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SAMUEL H. PUGH* Treble.	THOMAS HORTON 5.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	JESSE SCREEN 7.
ERNEST PARISH 3.	JAMES HARES 7.
JAMES E. GROVES 4.	FRED TROTH Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Prebendary E. Elmer Harding, who had been Principal of Lichfield Theological College for the past ten years, who died on the 16th ult., and was interred in the Close at Lichfield on St. Luke's Day.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, October 21, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THUESTANS'S THIRTY-COURSE PEAL OF TREBLE BOB. Tenor 26 cwt.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN Treble.	*GEORGE BULL 5.
ALBERT P. WAKLEY 2.	EDWARD ISAAC STONE 6.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY† 3.	GEORGE ROBINSON 7.
JOHN H. SWINFELD* 4.	HARRY WAKLEY Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

*First peal in the method. †Fiftieth peal.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

GEORGE SEWARD Treble.	PHILIP ALLFREY 5.
ARTHUR W. GRAYETT 2.	GEORGE ADES 6.
CHARLES PALMER 3.	ALBERT D. STONE 7.
WILLIAM C. HART 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

WITHYCOMBE, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.)

On Saturday, October 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS MUDGE Treble.	EDMUND SARGENT 5.
TOM GEORGE BARTLETT* 2.	FRANK DAVEY 6.
LEWIS GREEN 3.	EDWIN SHEPHERD 7.
WILLIAM DRAKE 4.	*JOHN R. HAYMAN Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

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

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

J. LLOYD* Treble.	E. PERKINS 5.
J. PIPER 2.	J. WHATMORE 6.
W. BRETHERTON 3.	A. E. WHATMORE 7.
G. GUEST† 4.	*P. HARLEY Tenor.

Conducted by A. E. WHATMORE.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. J. Whatmore was proposed a member of the Association before starting.

BRANFORD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 Double Court, two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two of Bob Minor.

WILLIAM KINSEY Treble.	HARRY J. MEE 4.
WALTER BROWN 2.	EDGAR RIVERS 5.
GEORGE W. MEE 3.	WILLIAM LEGGETT Tenor.

Conducted by E. RIVERS.

MIDDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE AND MANCHESTER BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, October 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK WILD* Treble.	RICHARD NEWTON 5.
JAMES HY. BASTOW 2.	HARRY HAMPSON 6.
WILLIAM SCHOFIELD 3.	LUKE HAMPSON 7.
JAMES JACQUES 4.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD Tenor.

Composed by W. HUDSON, and Conducted by I. SCHOFIELD.

*First peal in the method. Rang as a birthday peal to Messrs. Wild and Bastow.

HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDEN AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Single and two 720s each of Plain Bob, Kent, and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES FEARNLEY Treble.	JOHN W. HARTLEY 4.
HERBERT WILLIAMSON 2.	ALLAN S. GORDON 5.
HARRY LANGLEY 3.	*SIDNEY HOUGH Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES FEARNLEY.

*First peal. Arranged for Sidney Hough.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES DOWLER Treble.	*ABRAHAM GREENFIELD .. 5.
ALBERT PRESTIDGE 2.	ALFRED DAVIES 6.
HARRY HILL* 3.	HARRY PRICE 7.
WALTER PRESTIDGE† .. 4.	JOSEPH FAULKNER Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

†First peal. †First peal on eight bells. This composition is No. 129, Central Council Collection, Section II.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

R. HUGH RICHARDSON .. Treble.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 4.
REV. H. LAW JAMES 2.	WILLIAM HOLLINGSWORTH .. 5.
C. WILLIAM SMITH 3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

First peal on the bells.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION.

HARRY MOORE* Treble.	JAMES V. WRIGHT 5.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN.† 2.	THOMAS NEWELL 6.
JAMES H. RIDING† 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN.† 7.
ROBERT SPERRING 4.	JOSEPH GRIFFITHS Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

†First peal of Stedman. *First peal of Stedman Triples. Arranged for the Messrs. Holding and Riding, of Crewe.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs.

OWEN W. LAYNG Treble.	ERNEST BISHOP 5.
THOMAS RICKETTS† 2.	*HENRY W. L. WELLS .. 6.
GEORGE W. TOWNSEND† .. 3.	CHARLES J. GABDINER .. 7.
ROBERT W. HYNER 4.	HARRY ROBERTS Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by HARRY ROBERTS.

First peal in the method on the bells. †First peal in the method. *First peal of Major. †First peal on eight bells.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. Treble.	ARTHUR I. HOLMES 5.
ARTHUR J. FARR 2.	C. WILLIAM SMITH 6.
JOHN W. LAKE† 3.	JAMES OSBORN 7.
ALBERT LARKINSON* 4.	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor.

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD, and Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

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

HOLT, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-score.

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS KNEE Treble.	GILBERT H. HARDING .. 4.
JESSE FRANCIS 2.	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5.
CHARLES RAISON 3.	SIDNEY FRANCIS Tenor.

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

First peal on the bells.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES FIVE-PART (No. 1) Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

ALFRED MILLIS Treble.	EDWARD SMITH 5.
GEORGE CLEAL 2.	J. SARSON NEEDHAM .. 6.
JAMES POLE 3.	ALFRED MARTIN 7.
SAMUEL COTTON 4.	WILLIAM BENNETT Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CLEAL.

Rung to celebrate the 77th birthday of W. Bennett, he having been a member of the church choir and a ringer for the long period of fifty-seven years.

WHITBY, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THOMAS STEEL Treble.	WILLIAM KNAGGS 5.
FRANK HODGSON 2.	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER .. 6.
JOHN WATERS 3.	WILLIAM HARLAND 7.
FREDERICK HODGSON .. 4.	GEORGE HILL Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by G. F. ALEXANDER.

First peal by all the band with the exception of the conductor, who has instructed them since the beginning of the present year.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WYATT Treble.	JOSEPH LAMBERT 5.
JOHN HOYLE 2.	CHARLES READ 6.
JOHN BEAMS 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7.
WILLIAM H. CORBETT .. 4.	WILLIAM COOK Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Wingfield, of Ashted House, on returning from their honeymoon.

LOWER BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 25, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOSEPH CLIFFE Treble.	JOHN TURNER 5.
JAMES W. BELL 2.	JAMES DILLON 6.
JOSEPH WOODS 3.	WILLIAM DAVIES 7.
GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 4.	JAMES MARTIN Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. J. Cliffe was elected a member previous to starting. For calling see Kent County Association Report for 1899.

**GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, October 26, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRANK COOK Treble.	HERBERT JORDAN 4.
JOSCELIN M. TURNER .. 2.	JAMES HEMMING 5.
FREDERICK JORDAN 3.	ERNEST GIBBS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

**KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)**

On Tuesday, October 26, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

HARRY G. JUDGE Treble.	JOHN MATTHEWS 5.
RAYMOND H. JUDGE 2.	FREDERICK WEBB 6.
WILLIAM JUDGE 3.	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN .. 7.
JAMES FRANKLIN 4.	FRANK WEBB Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by H. G. JUDGE.

This is the first peal of Stedman rung by Kidlington men only, and was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and the ringer of the 7th.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Wednesday, October 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN W. KELLY Treble.	*FREDERICK WINTER 5.
EDWARD HARRIS 2.	CHARLES DELL 6.
GEORGE SPENCER 3.	FRANK SKEVINGTON 7.
THOMAS BEADLE 4.	WILLIAM LIDBETTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK SKEVINGTON.

*First peal with a bob bell.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt.**

JOHN TOMLINSON Treble.	FRED W. HERBERT 5.
EDWARD JACKSON 2.	THOMAS BOTTRILL 6.
ALBERT MASON 3.	JAMES HARRIS 7.
DANIEL RICHARDS 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

The band beg to thank through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," the Vicar, the Rev. F. L. Donaldson, M.A., for the use of the bells; also the Rev. A. A. D. Mackenzie for his kind attentions. This peal is now rung for the first time.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES W. BRETT Treble.	REV. F. J. C. HELMORE .. 5.
PERCY P. PAINE 2.	FREDERICK G. BRETT 6.
ALFRED A. ANDREWS 3.	PHILIP H. PIERCE 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 4.	*AUBREY ANDERSON Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor, the band wishing him many happy returns.

FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 26, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR E. CAMPLING .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. FARR 4.
REV. C. J. STURTON 2.	GEORGE R. TRUSS 5.
HARRY V. FLETCHER 3.	JOHN B. HALLIFAX Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN B. HALLIFAX.

First peal in seven methods on the bells and by all the band.

Handbell Peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 23, 1909, in Two Hours Forty-five and ½ Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF F. R. KETTLEBORO,

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

HARRY MOSS 1-2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 3-4.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. 7-8.

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

First peal in the method on handbells by the Guild. This is W. Lambert's 200th peal, a list of which will appear next week.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

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

On Monday, October 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH.

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

WESLEY WATSON 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3-4.	THOMAS E. LOOSEMORE .. 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Umpire—Harry F. Dawkins.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 26, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

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

HENRY L. GARFATH .. 1-2.	MAURICE SMITHER .. 5-6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN. 3-4.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 7-8.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

Umpire—A. H. Pulling. First peal on handbells by S. Radford.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

[AT 6, SPITAL TERRACE,

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

F. S. W. BUTLER 1-2.	ALBERT NASH 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 7-8.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—J. C. Tinker. This is the first handbell peal in the county, and the first by the Guild, of which Messrs. Nash and Palmer were elected members previous to starting. Further reference next week.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on November 15th and 29th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 16th; St. Magnus, London Bridge, on the 11th and 25th; St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 16th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 22nd; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 30th; all at 8 p.m.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths—Established 1637.—The 272nd anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel on Saturday, November 13th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, Burden, E. A. Davies, Fardon, Garrard, Golding, Harman, Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, A. Jones, H. Langdon, O'Meara, Newton, Peck, Pettit, Price, Prime, Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, Winny, Wood, or

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The towers of St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, and St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, will be open for ringing from 4 till 6 o'clock.

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, November 20th, at the church of St. Paul's, Hammer-smith. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 to 8.15 p.m. Business meeting at The Britannia at 8.15 p.m., to be followed by a social. All ringers will be made welcome.

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

35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the North and East district will be held to-day, Sat., November 13th, at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. F. Peplow. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. Tea will be provided on the usual terms at The Cherry Tree hotel. The Hon. Secretary would be glad if all outstanding subscriptions could be sent to him before the date of this meeting; and if persons intending to be present would kindly send him an intimation. ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stoke to-day, Saturday, November 6th. Bells at 4 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. in the Church Institute. Service in church at 7 p.m.

REV. W. G. KEYWERTH, } *Hon. Secs.*
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Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Bradford on Saturday, November 13th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. W. SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, November 13th. Bells at liberty from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. prompt. A good attendance is requested. Any ringer welcome. JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

William Verry Commemoration.—The fifth annual dinner will be held at The Red Lion hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, on Saturday, November 13th, at 6.30 sharp. Bells available from 2.30 to 5.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. R. FAUX, *Hon. Sec.*

65, Backus Road, Soho Birmingham

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Romsey, on Saturday, November 13th. The bells of the Abbey will be available from a.p.m. Evensong at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.40, at Mr. Chase's restaurant, 14, The Hundred, Romsey, to be followed by business meeting. A committee meeting will be held immediately after the General Meeting.

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

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Guildford on Wednesday, November 17th. 4 o.—Bells available. 5.30.—Service at Holy Trinity church; address by the Right Rev. Dr. Randolph, Bishop of Guildford. 6.15.—Tea at The Star hotel; Chairman—J. Cable, esq., J.P., C.C. After the business a paper will be read by Mr. F. E. Dawe, past Master of the College Youths, on "A Ringing Experience of thirty years." Tea tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s. All subscriptions should be paid on or before the above date. Probationers 1s; Ordinary Members 2s.; Honorary Members 5s.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Stretford Road, on Saturday, November 24th. W. H. SHUKER, *Br. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, November 20th. Bells (8) from 4 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting at Church Cottage at 6.15. Communicate with F. G. HUME, *Dis. Sec.*

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The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—The annual meeting for this district will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, November 20th. Bells at 3 o'clock; Great Waltham 7.30 to 9 p.m. Tea at The King's at 5.30. A post-card by Wednesday, November 17th, from all members intending to be present at the tea will be a great help to

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In Memoriam.

JAMES HINTON.

A gap has been made in the ringing community of Bristol and neighbourhood by the decease of the above-named popular ringer, who, in what must be termed the prime of life, has been called away. For many years he had dwelt in Bristol, and during the whole of that period he was enthusiastic in the ringing cause, and worked assiduously to lengthen its borders among all classes. A correspondent from the famed city of the west writes thus about him: "He has done much for change-ringing in Bristol. For myself I owe him everything. His first advice to me was—take in 'THE BELL NEWS,' and buy 'Standard Methods,' and then look-up Stedman, and we'll let you try to ring it."

A talented ringer himself, both in hand and on church bells, he was one of a celebrated Worcester family of ringers. His grandfather, JOHN HINTON, was in what is known as the early forties a prominent member of "The Youths of All Saints" in that city. The adjective is hardly sufficient to express the talent displayed by him. If John Hinton was in a peal it was considered safe; and he saved many performances of these "Youths" from oblivion. On Easter Monday, '41, they attempted Reeves's 6000 of Treble Ten no less than three times, and it was John Hinton who in the last attempt saved the peal. The only son of John Hinton was James Hinton, another talented ringer. For many years he suffered from a chronic deafness, being totally unable to hear anything, but keeping up till his death almost, his connection with ringing, and taking part in peals and getting them.

Our late brother was the eldest son of this James Hinton, and in him was centred the ringing talents of this family. Years ago, when ringing with him at Redcliffe, it occurred to the writer that James Hinton had the power his grandfather possessed of "conducting" (as distinct from bob-calling) in no ordinary degree. Though Bristol has in the present many ringers of as great capability, it cannot be denied to the late JAMES HINTON that he was especially prominent in extending the practice of the Art, and his loss in this particular respect will be felt among the Bristolians.

It may be said that some of his sisters were good handbell ringers and tune players, and a younger brother, George Hinton, is now a most skilled ringer of his native city.

It is hoped that members of this talented family may always be found in the ranks of the Exercise.

THOMAS MAYNARD.

Another good ringer in the prime of life has joined the majority in the person of Thomas Maynard, for thirty-eight years sexton of the Parish Church of St. Mary, Walthamstow. For four distinct generations—from father to son—has a member of the Maynard family held the positions of sexton, beadle, and parish constable. By

the death, however, of the above-named, this official connection with the church and parish is dissolved, though it was hoped otherwise.

Thomas Maynard was a good and safe ringer. At the time of being called to succeed his father as sexton, etc., ringing concerns at Walthamstow were of the most antique character. The old style of ringing (?) was in vogue, and the ringers' customs in the belfry were of that description which is more honored in the breach than the observance. A young man on his entrance into office, he did not admire the existing state of things, and panted for a change. St. Mary's, Walthamstow, had eight bells at that time in bad order, and there were no signs of any improvement till Thomas Maynard turned his attention to half-pull ringing. By pegging away he obtained the co-operation of several good ringers, who backed up his desire to make old St. Mary's a centre of half-pull ring-

ing. Soon a peal was achieved, and then the bells were rehung without delay. The tower at once became favoured by most London ringers, and for a number of years peal after peal was rung there by companies from all parts. And it is to the subject of this memoir that such favorable changes were mainly due.

We have said that Thomas Maynard was a good ringer. His form at the rope's end was worthy of imitation. He was, for the experience he had, a very good bob-caller in several methods, and had rung several peals. The change came early. He got disinclined for ringing, and almost everything else, and his complaint seemed to indicate a kind of wasting gradually away. He died on Friday, October 22nd, aged 56 years.

He leaves a widow behind to mourn his loss; two brothers and one sister, and nephews and nieces. His next brother

Robert, with his three sons, are all good half-pull ringers.

The funeral in St. Mary's churchyard was attended by a numerous company. The Vicar's warden—W. Shurmur, esq., was among the assemblage, and a large body of freemasons, to which order the deceased belonged. The Vicar of Walthamstow—the Rev. H. D. Lampen, gave a brief but appropriate address, expatiating upon the virtues of the deceased.

Thomas Maynard was a College Youth, and a member of the London St. James's Society, and other bodies.

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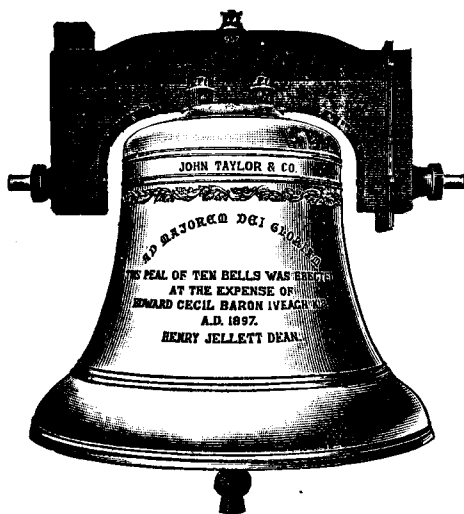
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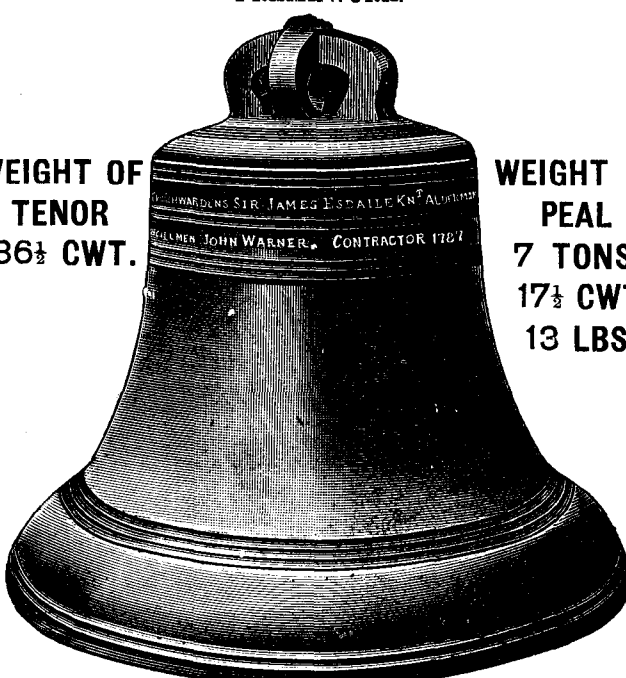
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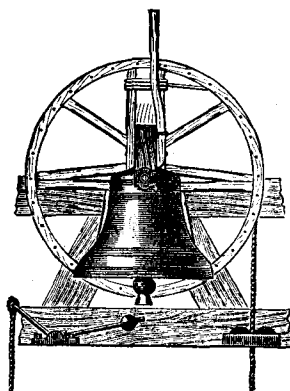
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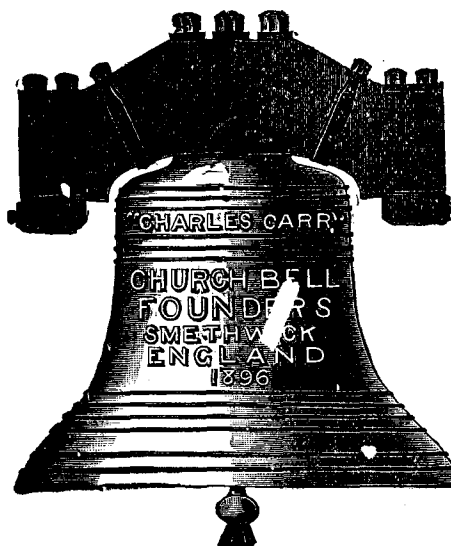
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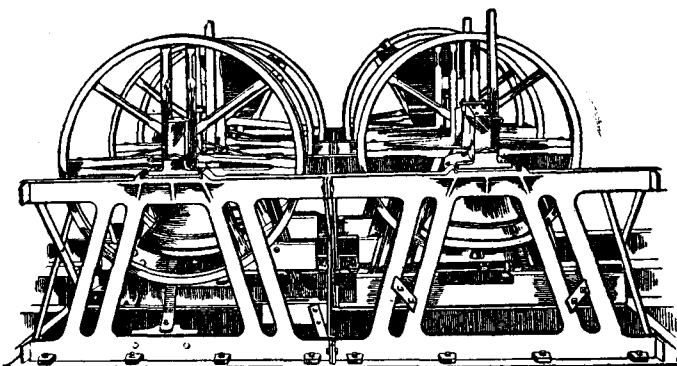
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THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

A special meeting was held at Dudley on Saturday, October 9th, when upwards of seventy members were present from the towers comprising the Guild within a radius of five miles from St. Thomas's church, Dudley. The association service was said in the church at five o'clock by the Vicar of Dudley (Rev. A. Gray Maitland), president of the Guild, and an interesting address given by the Rev. J. A. Holroyd, curate. After the service the members adjourned to the schoolroom, where a substantial tea was awaiting them, which a willing staff, comprised of the wives of the ringers, had been preparing. Mrs. Maitland, Miss M. Maitland, and Miss Bill and Miss Bridgwater (daughters of the churchwardens), presided at the urns, who with the help of the other ladies successfully attended to the wants of all present. The Vicar and the Rev. J. H. Holroyd, and Messrs. J. P. Bill and C. Bridgwater (churchwardens) were also in attendance.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar presiding, the minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and confirmed. Arising out of the minutes, a vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. S. J. Marriott for a present of two books to the Brierley Hill band for gaining the greatest number of points in peals during the past year. The next being the annual meeting it was decided to hold it at Dudley. Several new members were added to the roll, eight peals were set down to be attempted during the next quarter. The president called upon the secretary to read the minutes of two special meetings held in St. Thomas's belfry respecting a proposition submitted at the last annual meeting of the Worcestershire Association to divide the Association into districts, this being the special business this quarterly meeting was called to consider. The secretary of the Association, Mr. J. R. Newman, was present by invitation to take part in the proceedings. A long and animated discussion ended in the following resolution, proposed by the president, seconded by Mr. J. Smith, and supported by Messrs. S. Spittle, W. R. Small, and J. Pigott, being unanimously carried, viz.: "That this Guild are not in favour of the Worcestershire Association of change-ringers being divided, but strongly recommend the Association to encourage the formation of guilds in the different parts of the diocese similar to the St. Thomas's Guild, which has been so signally useful and successful." And the members offer their services to help in any possible.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. Holroyd, the organist, the ladies, and all the helpers, brought a successful meeting to a close. The church bells were kept ringing in different methods until nine o'clock.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Whittlesea on Saturday, October 23rd, and members were present from Ramsey, Fleet, Peterborough, and Whittlesea. Touches of Bob Minor, Triples and Major were

rung at St. Mary's, also Minor, and Bob and Grandsire Doubles at St. Andrew's.

Service was held in St. Andrew's church, where the Vicar gave a most admirable address, about twenty-six members being present. Tea was held in the St. Andrew's parish room, presided over by the Vicar, thirty sitting down. After the tea the meeting was held, when the secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. Twenty-five new members were elected. It was proposed that with the permission of the Rector, the next meeting should be held at Glinton on boxing-day.

Votes of thanks were given to the Vicars of St. Mary's and St. Andrew's for the use of the bells and for so cordially welcoming the Association. The local ringers did their very best to make every one feel quite at home.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the north-eastern district was held at Great Bentley on Saturday, October 23rd, the district master, Mr. F. Rudkin, presiding; the Master (Mr. C. H. Howard) and the hon. secretary of the Association being also present.

The district master was re-elected. The next business was the election of a district secretary, it being announced that the present holder of the office—Mr. E. Beckwith—desired to retire from the post. It was proposed by Mr. Howard that his resignation be accepted with regret, and that the best thanks of the meeting be accorded him for his services as hon. district secretary, a post he has held since the formation of the county into four districts. This being seconded was unanimously agreed to. Mr. A. Shufflebotham was elected district secretary in the room of Mr. Beckwith.

Three ringing members were elected, and the meeting closed with thanks to Mr. Nevard for defraying a portion of the cost of tea, and to the Rector of Great Bentley for the use of the bells and presiding at the tea which preceded the meeting, which was attended by members from Great Bardfield, Rayne, Braintree, Cocking, Colchester, Mistley, Tendring, Thorington, and Great Bentley. Bob Major, Kent, Oxford, Double Norwich and Grandsire were rung at Great Bentley, and London Surprise Minor at Thorington.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Portsmouth district was held at Petersfield on Saturday, October 30th. A good number of ringers attended from Portsea, Fareham, and Wickham, and visiting ringers from Haslemere and Farnham. The bells were raised, and touches of Bob Major and Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. At five o'clock the company sat down to a first-class tea provided in the St. Peter's hall. The company were joined by the Rector (Rev. B. M. Hill) and his senior curate (Rev. W. E. Summers). Tea over, the business was proceeded with, the Rector being in the chair, supported by Mr. Summers. The minutes of the previous meeting were

duly confirmed. Mr. Arthur proposed and Mr. Read seconded that the Rector and the Rev. W. E. Summers become hon members. This was carried unanimously; the other members being one full and three probationers elected. The district representatives gave a short account of the previous committee meetings which had taken place at Winchester. Mr. Whiting (district secretary), in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to see the rev. gentleman taking such an active interest in his bells and ringers. He also paid a warm tribute to the curate, and he hoped that the next time a ringers' meeting was held at Petersfield, he would be found to have mastered the art and mystery of change-ringing. The Rector in reply said what a pleasure it was to him to be present that evening. He had recently been appointed to Petersfield, and it was the first church with eight bells he had taken charge of. On the second Sunday after his appointment he visited the ringing-chamber, made himself acquainted with his ringers, and made it a rule the curate, as his representative, should master the Art, or at all events keep the ringers' company during ringing hours, and should become the captain of the band. He at once realised what a good band of church workers he had in his ringers, and he would give them every encouragement and advice they might need to carry on their most important church work. In conclusion he said the days, happily past, when ringers were not what they ought to have been, was the fault of the incumbent in not taking any interest in his bells or ringers. His first improvement at Petersfield was to get a new set of ropes, and he was now in communication with the authorities to place a window in the ringing-chamber, as it is very dark, and badly ventilated.

After the business meeting the party returned to the tower, and kept the bells going in various methods until 9.30, every one being of the opinion that a pleasant time had been spent in combined practice, and that the Petersfield company were very fortunate in having such an enthusiastic Rector.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Fine weather again favoured the quarterly meeting of the eastern division at Waldron on Saturday, October 9th, the following towers being represented: Waldron, Warbleton, Heathfield, Mayfield, Rotherfield, Hellingly, St. Leonards, Pevensey, Southover, Brighton (Christ Church and All Saints), Eastbourne, etc.

During the afternoon Miss Humble Crofts, the Rector's daughter, rang her first touch—three courses of Grandsire Triples—she handling her bell in splendid style. This is believed to be the first time a lady has taken part in the ringing at a meeting of this Association.

Shortened evensong was held at five o'clock, when the Rector gave a brief but very interesting address, taking his text from Psalm xix. 3-4. The thanks of the members are due to the Rector for arranging such a bright service, and for his excellent address; and also to Mrs. Humble-Crofts for so kindly presiding at the organ.

Service over, a move was made to the Foxhunt Memorial Hall, where, by the generosity of the Rector, forty-five members sat down to a bountiful tea, the proceedings

being graced by the presence of Miss Humble-Crofts, and presided over by the Rector, who expressed the pleasure it gave him to see so many present that day, and hoped although Waldron was rather an outlandish place, the Association would soon come and visit him again.

Mr. Watson proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Rector for his kindness to the members that day. This was put to the meeting, and carried with acclamation.

The Rector briefly responded, he having to leave before the meeting which followed the tea took place.

Tea over, the Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting (Alfriston), which were confirmed. It was proposed and seconded that the Iden band be elected members. This was carried; also Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich.

It was proposed that the next quarterly peal should be Grandsire Triples, with Mr. A. Reed, of Waldron, as conductor, to be attempted at Hailsham, with the consent of the Vicar, the Rev. Clyde-Harvey.

At the meeting further ringing was done; the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Minor and Major, etc. During the evening the Waldron band were presented with a silver cup, won by them in competition with the Warbleton and Heathfield towers; Mr. Hassell, of Waldron (the donor), in a few well-chosen remarks, making the presentation.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE HANDBELL PEAL AT GAINSBOROUGH.—(Reported last week).—It is interesting to note that the ringers are all hon. secretaries of ringing societies, as follows: F. S. W. Butler of the local branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild; C. Glenn of the Yorkshire Association; A. Nash of the Barnsley and District Society; and S. F. Palmer of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society. It was also F. S. W. Butler's first attempt for a handbell peal in the method.

THE PEAL AT BURTON-ON-TRENT.—(Reported last week).—W. C. Wakley's fifty peals.—Grandsire Triples, 3; Grandsire Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 29; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 2; Duffield Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 6; New Cumberland Surprise Major, 1; London Surprise Major (four on the treble), 6. Total 50.

THE PEAL AT BOLSOVER.—(Reported last week).—W. Lambert's 200 peals.—Treble Bob Minor 26, conducted 14; Surprise Minor, 6; Plain Bob 1, conducted 1; Kent Treble Major 29, Kent Treble Bob Royal 15; conducted 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 7; Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 2; Plain Bob Major 10, conducted 4; Plain Bob Royal, 2; Forward Royal 1; Double Norwich Major, 26; Double Norwich Royal, 4; Superlative Surprise, 25; New Cambridge Surprise, 4; London Surprise, 6; Peterborough Surprise, 2; Yorkshire Surprise, 9; Grandsire Triples, 2; Grandsire Caters, 3; Stedman Triples, 4; Stedman Caters, 5; Stedman Cinques, 1. Total 189. On handbells: Treble Bob Minor, 1; Plain Bob Minor, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Plain Bob Major, 3; Double Norwich Major, 1; Superlative Surprise 2. Total 11.

THE PEAL AT STANSTED.—The ringer of the 5th attained his 67th year on August 23rd last, and is believed to be the oldest ringer to score his first peal in this method. This is also the first peal in the method rang by the local band, and is believed to be the first peal ever rung in the method by a band all born within one mile of the church. Rung after ten unsuccessful attempts, and to welcome home Squire Maitland, J.P., lord of the manor.

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RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Wednesday, September 8th, at the parish church, Tilehurst, the marriage took place of Mr. H. Runham, of William Street, and Miss Jacobs, of London Road, Reading. Mr. Runham, who has been a member of the St. Laurence's company for several years, and has acted as deputy-captain and bob-caller, is highly respected by his brother-ringers, who wishing to do him honour on the above interesting occasion, obtained permission from the Vicar (Rev. R. P. Newhouse), to ring a peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells of St. Laurence the same evening. The attempt was made, but after ringing about an hour the peal came to grief owing to a mis-call. As time would not permit to start again for the peal, the members decided to ring a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples which was brought round in 50 mins., conducted by A. Osborne. Afterwards several other members came into the tower, including that well-known ringer, Mr. Joel Hern, of South Shields, and some capital ringing was done.

Another interesting event took place in the ringing-chamber on Tuesday, September 28th, the members wishing to show their appreciation and further regards for their comrade, Mr. Runham, while he was on his honeymoon, laid their heads together, and decided to make him a present of a marble clock, with inscription of event, etc. Tuesday being practice night, Mr. and Mrs. Runham were invited to the belfry, where all the ringers, including the Vicar, had assembled. After a hearty shake of hands with the bride and bridegroom, and wishing them much happiness, the Vicar in a few well-chosen words presented the clock to Mr. and Mrs. Runham; and Mr. Newell, the captain, was asked to supplement a few words, and in doing so said how sorry he was to lose such a valuable member from the band, and he hoped that although Mr. Runham had resigned being a member, he would still take a part in the ringing. This Mr. Runham promised to do, and he thanked the ringers on behalf of his wife and self for the handsome present. Thus terminated the happy event.

ORSETT, ESSEX.

On Saturday evening, September 11th, some of the Stanford-le-Hope ringers came over to have a practice on the church bells, and rang two 700s of Bob Minor. H. Chinnery, W. Wade, A. Cowell, A. Howell, A. Keeling, W. Halls (conductor). These bells were rehung, and a new treble added, in 1886, and were opened by the College Youths, on the Saturday before Easter in that year. They are rung morning and evening every Sunday, generally with four or five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. The go of these bells continue to be first-rate, which speaks well for the firm of Mears and Stainbank.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Saturday, September 18th, was the occasion of a few friends to meet for a week-end's ringing at Hernhill and district. As soon as tea was over, several of the party went and made a preliminary inspection of Mr. Foreman's orchards, obviously just sampling, of course. By about 5.30 we made our way towerwards, the Vicar very kindly giving us his hearty welcome, and hoped we should be successful with our peal. Before leaving the belfry, we were all highly pleased with the performance of a 5072 of Double Norwich.

It is only a ringer who understands the catering for

brother-strings, and we all agreed to this at the sight of our supper-table. Well, enough said; we packed up, and went to bed early in the morning, but not before, I might mention, evil designs had been planned to come into play, in the vicinity of some orchards close by. Up in the morning early, and it was the case of ringers amongst the plums, etc., and afterwards our kind host gave us permission to carry away as much as we liked; and notwithstanding we had a ten-mile walk before us, managed to load a bike up with about an hundredweight of the best. We afterwards visited the tower again, and rang 528 Double Norwich for Divine Service.

It is the sincere wish of the visitors to thank Mr. Foreman for his kind hospitality towards them during their short sojourn at Hernhill. A walk of about five mile across hop country brought us to Selling. There was no time for dinner, as we had just time to complete another peal of Double Norwich.

This almost completed our short programme; so after another five-mile walk to Faversham, we arrived in time to ring 336 Stedman Triples for evening service. This week-end will always recall to us the kindness shown us by E. E. Foreman, of Hernhill. H.

PERSHORE.—On Saturday, October 23rd, at the Abbey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. T. Shepherd, O. Annis, J. M. Turner, W. Need, G. Dolphin, E. Gibbs, F. Cooper conductor, J. Dolphin.

OVERBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, October 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. J. Slatter, J. M. Turner, N. Grinnell, F. Sallis, T. Sallis conductor, J. Wood. And 480 St. Dunstan's Doubles. J. Slatter, J. M. Turner, L. Nicholls conductor, N. Grinnell, T. Sallis, C. Whittle.

NEWPORT (Mon).—At the church of All Saints on Thursday, September 30th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Morgan, W. Millard, F. Charles, J. Jones, A. Thomas, A. E. Morgan conductor, J. W. Jones, T. Baiss. On Sunday, October 17th, for morning service, 224 Bob Major. M. Selby, R. Dadds, J. Bullen, B. Millard, F. Charles, A. Morgan, J. Pippin, J. W. Jones conductor. For evening service 504 Stedman Triples. F. Morgan, R. Dadds, J. Bullen, J. Jones, C. Bowen, J. Pippin, A. E. Morgan, conductor, S. Baiss. First 504 of Stedman by all except R. Dadds, who hails from Ilfracombe.

APPLEDORE (Kent).—On Saturday, September 25th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. W. Player, G. Johnson, A. Johnson, S. Hills, E. C. P. Johnson, G. Billenness conductor, R. Dunster, T. Ashenden. 336 Grandsire Triples. T. Ashenden, G. Johnson, A. Johnson, S. Hills, C. W. Player, F. Brown, E. G. P. Johnson conductor, R. Dunster. 120 Grandsire Doubles. C. W. Player conductor, A. Johnson, R. Dunster, G. Billenness, G. Johnson, T. Ashenden. 120 Grandsire Doubles. A. Johnson, S. Hills, C. W. Player, G. Billenness, R. Dunster conductor, T. Ashenden. 120 Grandsire Doubles. T. Ashenden, A. Johnson, R. Dunster, F. Brown, G. Johnson conductor, C. W. Player.

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THE DORSETSHIRE RINGING TOUR.

BY MEMBERS OF THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Continued from page 448.)

The ringing at Beaminster consisted of 83 minutes of Thursdays' four-part, when "stand" was brought about by a slow six being bobbed a six too quick during a temporary nap of some of the more expert members in the band. After some hesitation it was decided to interview the Vicar, have tea at the White Hart, and if permissible start again. All of which proposals were duly accomplished, thanks to the personal efforts of the Vicar, who kindly interviewed, one of his parishioners having a decided objection to much continuous ringing, thanks also to the said objector who purposely arranged to be away from home all the afternoon that we might not be disappointed. This is not the first case I have come across where the ringing of a peal is most distressing to the individual—when it does occur ringers must show some sympathy for the aggrieved one. I have heard of an incumbent who always removes himself to another parish on the day he gives leave for a peal to be attempted in his own. It was my pleasure to hear the peal scored here, No. 4, from outside the tower (a fine peal of bells, tenor 26 cwt., but hardly so good as Millbourne), in company with Mr. Williams and a worthy member of the local band, Mr. Bugler, a representative of the third generation of the family as ringers in this parish. We strolled along the brook side and over the hills in the near neighbourhood of Parnham House, a very fine example of Elizabethan architecture. We found many groups of people about the town listening and discussing the ringing with evident interest and pride in their bells. We found another Red Lion in this town where ye olde English olde ale was retailed by one named Gillingham, sundry measures of which helped to keep our waistcoats warm during the long drive on to Bridport through the cold September mist, and in the darkness of night along the narrow well timbered lanes of Dorset.

Shakespeare has it on record in "Measure for measure," iii. 1, and I can fancy I can hear some of my readers saying "hear, hear."

"O, what may man within him hyde,
Though Angel on the outward side!"

We arrived at our destination at 11 p.m., and fortunately found a hot supper available at headquarters, the waiters leaving us at midnight with the injunction to go to bed quietly, which we did at 1 a.m.—after an hour's tongue-wagging brought about by a peal a day. I've often regretted my inability to write shorthand—on this occasion and a certain other night at Sheffield, about a year ago, particularly so, because a good bunch of ringing yarns and bell lore was available for my readers could I but chronicle them.

W. H. F.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

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

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

HANDBELL PEALS.

SIR,—The handbell peals at Bolsover and Gainsborough (reported last week), were each claimed as the first by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, neither band being aware of the other's attempt. As the Bolsover peal precedes the one at Gainsborough by a week, it is the first handbell peal by the Guild (rung out of the Diocese, by the way); and the Gainsborough peal is the first in the county of Lincoln. CLEMENT GLENN.

A REQUEST.

SIR,—Will the Rev. H. Law James kindly publish the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's seven-part peal of Stedman Triples conducted by him at Sandhurst some time ago. W. H. BARBER.

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Obituary.

WILLIAM H. HOLLOWAY.

It is with regret we have to record the death of the above ringer, late builder, etc., of 29, Soho Street, Reading, Berks. The deceased had been ill for about two months, suffering from paralysis on the brain, brought on by business worries, etc. He had been a ringer in Reading for forty years, and was one of the first to assist Mr. Newell in bringing about change-ringing in Reading during the year 1876, when they could only muster enough to ring 120 Grandsire Doubles, and often had to walk miles in the country in order to get a little practice at some village tower. The opposition from the all round ringers was great at that time, and it was a difficult matter to get a practice in Reading. He had rung several peals of Grandsire Caters and Triples, and was considered to be a very keen striker, and although a little man, he could handle a big bell as well as most ringers, but things have altered, and at the present time there are three bands of change-ringers, one to each of the parish churches. The deceased died on September 8th, and was interred in Reading cemetery on the 14th. He had been a member of the choir, and also a member of St. Laurence's belfry for thirty-eight years. The first part of the burial service took place at the above church, the service being attended by the full choir and many ringing friends. As the funeral cortege left the church for the cemetery, 335 Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, the final rites being performed at the cemetery by the Vicar of St. Laurence, the Rev. R. P. Newhouse. In the evening the whole pull and stand was rung, ringing out the deceased's age—59 years, finishing with a well-struck touch of 557 Grandsire Caters, conducted by C. Giles.

JAMES STOREY WRIGHT.

It is with regret we have to announce the death of this ringer, captain of the Spalding parish church company, at the age of 82. He commenced ringing at the age of fourteen, which made him sixty-eight years a ringer. He was choir boy three years previous. He celebrated his golden wedding about five years ago. His wife pre-deceased him three years, which was a great blow to him. Five weeks prior to his death he was coming to evening service, when he had a fall, from which he never recovered. He passed peacefully away on October 29th, and was interred in Spalding Cemetery on November 1st. The service was conducted in the parish church by the Rev. Canon Bullock in the presence of several friends, including the Revs. F. F. Wayet and C. J. Sturton, and W. Stapleton Royce, esq. The Dead March was played on the organ by Sister Eva Stableforth. He was borne to his last resting place by the four senior ringers of the company. Two handbells were placed amidst lovely wreaths on the coffin. At the conclusion of the service a short touch was rung over the grave. Immediately after the funeral a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells muffled. The late captain was one of the most regular and punctual in attendance, no weather too rough, no distance too far; he was always there. The last time I saw him alive I tried to rouse him to know who I was, but failed until I said "You have not been to ring this morning, captain." His reply was "That I have." It is proposed to erect a memorial to his memory in the belfry, either a brass tablet or a stained glass window, according to subscriptions received. If any of our ringing friends would like to contribute to same, send to R. Mackman, verger, parish church, Spalding, which shall be duly acknowledged. M.

ALBERT LOVELL.

The news of the death of the above-named Liverpool ringer will be received with regret by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, the writer having had that pleasure for upwards of a quarter of a century. As steeplekeeper at the church of St. John the Baptist, Tue Brook, he, by his courtesy and willingness to oblige visiting ringers, made many friends. His illness, which was a very long one, ended by his death on Thursday, July 29th, at the age of 31 years, and he was buried on Tuesday, August 3rd. Much sympathy is accorded to his widow and relatives in their bereavement. May he rest in peace.

J. R. P.

Miscellaneous.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

HARPENDEN (Herts).—On Thursday, September 23rd, for Harvest Thanksgiving Service, 1554 Grandsire Triples, in 59 mins. B. Coburn, R. Coburn, E. Bolton, H. Burgess, D. Dellar, B. Jarman conductor, G. Newson, S. Barnes.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

YATELEY (Hants).—Recently, at St. Peter's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Butler, W. G. Bunch, H. Tice, S. Riddell, W. Horne, J. R. Bunch, G. Bunch conductor, A. Hearmon. 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Bunch, G. Butler, H. Tice, C. Hilton, F. Hagley, J. R. Bunch, W. Horne conductor, G. Bunch. 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by S. Riddell, and 546 in the same method, conducted by G. Bunch. 504 Grandsire Triples, F. Hopgood ringing the 3rd, and 504 conducted by F. Hagley.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

RUGBY.—On Monday, September 27th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major, 1264 changes, in 52 mins. J. A. Fenton, W. Malins, W. Taylor, C. W. Wheeler, H. O. White, G. W. Murray, S. C. Small, J. B. Fenton conductor.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, October 3rd, for the men's service in the afternoon at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. G. Spencer, W. Lawrence, A. R. Macdonald, T. Beadle, A. Harding, C. Dell, F. Skevington, H. Seward, first quarter-peal of Stedman. Composed by C. Charge, and conducted by F. Skevington.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HALE (Lancashire).—On Monday, September 27th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor in 23 mins. W. Young, J. Allen, F. Woodward, W. Woodward, J. Houghton, sen., J. Houghton, jun., conductor. On Sunday morning, October 24th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. W. Young, J. Allen, F. Woodward, W. Woodward, W. Hitchmough, J. Houghton, jun., conductor. This is believed to be the first 720 of Bob Minor rung for service. Also for evening service 720 Grandsire Doubles standing as above, conducted by J. Houghton.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL.—On Sunday, September 19th, for morning service, 720 Violet. J. Preston, W. Wheeldon, G. Clarkson, C. Preston, W. P. Deane, D. Preston conductor. On Sunday, September 26th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Preston, D. Preston, G. Clarkson, W. Wheeldon, G. Hobbs, C. Preston conductor. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor. C. Piaston, G. Clarkson, J. Preston, W. Wheeldon, G. Hobbs, D. Preston conductor.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

WHITTLESEA.—On Sunday, September 19th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 336 Bob Major. J. Kefford, W. J. Cross, S. Goakes, jun., W. T. Johnson, J. King, F. T. Cooke, C. Goakes, sen. conductor, G. Smith. On Sunday, September 26, for Divine Service, 252 Bob Triples. W. Neath, W. J. Cross, S. Goakes, J. Barrett, J. B. Halifax, J. King, W. T. Johnson conductor, J. Skefford.

ASTON MANOR (Birmingham).—On Sunday morning, September 26th, before Divine Service at the parish church, 1008 Grandsire Triples in 25 mins. T. Richards, J. Jones, W. H. Jones, J. Hopkin, P. Laffin, W. G. Ellis conductor, F. Bennett, C. Allen. After service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. T. Richards, W. G. Ellis conductor, W. H. Jones, J. Hopkin, J. Jones, P. Laffin, C. Allen. Also after evening service 532 Grandsire Triples. P. Laffin, J. Corrigan, W. H. Jones,

J. Jones, W. G. Ellis conductor, P. Laffin, R. Speakman. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, September 26th, at Bishop Ryder's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, the following touches were rung before service in the morning: 1092 Grandsire Triples. S. Colly, A. Scrivens, J. T. Perry conductor, J. Collett, G. Taylor, W. H. Carrod, W. F. Webb, G. Rastall. After service 504 Sredman Triples. J. Porter, E. Mansell, W. F. Webb, J. Collett, J. T. Perry conductor, G. Taylor, J. King. 224 Bob Major with G. Rastall, and A. Scrivens standing in.

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Durham).—On Monday, September 20th, at the parish church, 960 Kent Major in 40 mins. T. Watson, W. T. Pattison, J. Crawford, J. Anderson, W. Brown, G. Siddie, A. Meyers, J. Robinson conductor. Longest touch on the bells. Rung in honour of the marriage of F. Sheraton, a fellow-ringer.

HERSHAM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, September 21st, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Edser, sen., A. P. Shepherd, G. Edser, jun., A. Woodrow, G. Woodiss conductor, J. Emery. First 720 in the method by the local band.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, September 26th, for Divine Service 720 Bob Major. E. Woodcock, S. H. Symonds conductor, W. Dent, A. Symonds, H. Smith, W. J. Poulson, T. Pryke, E. Lincoln.

OLDBURY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, September 19th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. H. Hipkiss, F. Bywater, T. Horton, S. Astbury, J. Hares, J. Screen conductor, R. Hall, J. Ford.

TUNSTALL (Staffordshire).—On September 21st, at Christ Church, for practice, 400 Double Norwich. J. Darlington, F. Page, G. A. Smith conductor, J. Johnson, A. Clay, W. Thompson, C. Page, H. Page. First touch of Double Norwich by the Messrs. Page.

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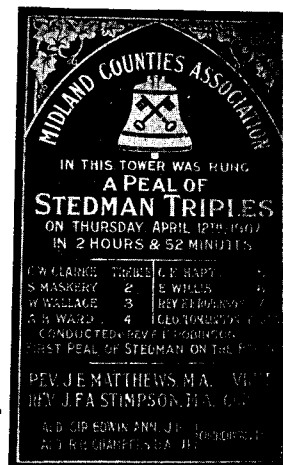
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY WARNETT Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.
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BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 26, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; SNOWDON'S VARIATION OF HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

CECIL A. BEELS Treble.	WILLIAM J. SMITH 5.
HARRY KENDRICK 2.	FRANK SHEPHERD 6.
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Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM JAMES.. .. Treble	JOHN ACKERMAN 4.
GEORGE GILLING 2.	EDWARD BROWNETT 5.
HERBERT VOWLES 3.	WILLIAM TREGELLAS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JAMES.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 27, 1909, in Two Hours Twenty-three and ½ Minutes

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN LOVELL Treble.	FREDERICK W. BOOTH .. 4.
ERNEST G. MYNARD.. .. 2.	FREDERICK J. MYNARD .. 5.
WILLIAM SHARP.. .. 3.	EDWIN S. MYNARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. MYNARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. G. Mynard, the band wishing him the usual compliments.

ORMESBY, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lbs. in E.

J. W. NEWTON Treble.	T. METCALFE 5.
W. NEWTON 2.	J. G. HALL 6.
R. ALCOCK 3.	A. SIMPSON 7.
G. WINDSOR* 4.	W. WALLAND Tenor.

Conducted by A. SIMPSON.

*First peal.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, October 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN LLOYD* Treble.	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5.
WILLIAM POTTER 2.	CHARLES E. PERKINS .. 6.
HARRY PRICE 3.	HARRY JONES 7.
WALTER J. BRETHERTON .. 4.	CHARLES F. WHITE.. Tenor.

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal of Major. Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob, and also as a birthday compliment to W. J. Bretherton.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 29, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs.

ALBERT BROOKS.. .. Treble.	THOMAS BULL 5.
HARRY BROOKS 2.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 6.
FREDERICK POUNDS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN MONK.. .. 4.	JESSE BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

MIDDLEHAM, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ST. ALKELDA'S GUILD.)

On Thursday, October 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Violet, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

ROBERT HANDLEY* Treble.	GEORGE HANDLEY 4.
JOHN SARGINSON.. .. 2.	CHRISTOPHER CLARKSON .. 5.
DR. H. PAULI 3.	HENRY FARRISH .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. FARRISH.

First peal in seven methods as conductor. *First peal, aged 13 years.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Waterloo Tower, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

BEN REED Treble.	EDWARD FOREMAN 5.
GEORGE WILLSHIRE 2.	JAMES BLYTHMAN 6.
HARRY BARTON 3.	WILLIAM COLLISON 7.
LIONEL SHOOBRIDGE.. .. 4.	EDWARD GOLDBER .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughters of Messrs. Foreman, Reed, and Willshire; Miss Willshire attaining her twenty-first birthday.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 30, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDK. S. PASKINS Treble.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 5.
HENRY W. WILKES.. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 6.
JOHN S. RUMMING 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
LIONEL H. PAGE* 4.	FREDK. S. BAILEY .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Double Norwich.

STALEYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 30, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM Treble.	SAMUEL WOOD 5.
JOHN HAREOP 2.	SAMUEL HILL 6.
JOSEPH GODDARD 3.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD 7.
SAMUEL STOTT 4.	CHARLES H. MARSLAND .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM.

ABBOTS LEIGH, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1909, in Two Hours Forty-four Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH CAPLE* Treble.	JOHN ATHERTON.. .. 4.
THOMAS ATHERTON 2.	GEORGE H. GALE 5.
WILLIAM G. BENNETT .. 3.	ARTHUR C. RUMBLE.. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. GALE.

*First peal away from the tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. G. Bennett.

TATTENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Exercise, and two each of Oxford. Kent, and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HENRY W. WILDE Treble.	RICHARD JONES 4.
ROBERT SPERRING 2.	JAMES MORGAN 5.
WALTER THOMAS 3.	JAMES V. WRIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

First peal on the bells.

GREAT COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob and one each of Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qrs. 22 lb. in B flat.

JOSCELIN M. TURNER .. Treble.	JAMES HEMMING 4.
HERBERT JORDAN 2.	FRANK COOK 5.
ERNEST GIBBS 3.	FREDERICK JORDAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

JAMES E. GROVES Treble.	THOMAS H. REEVES 5.
GEORGE HUGHES 2.	JOHN C. ADAMS 6.
DANIEL JONES 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT 7.
ROBERT PICKERING 4.	ALFRED FALLON Tenor.

Composed by JOHN O. LANCASHIRE, and

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Thomas Pigott. The figures of this peal will be found in "Stedman," page 69, and has 200 bobs and 162 singles.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN, .. Treble	HENRY STALHAM 6.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 2.	WILLIAM PALMER 7.
ALBERT D. STONE 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER 8.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 4.	KEITH HART 9.
CHARLES PALMER 5.	ERNEST GOWER Tenor.

Composed by WM. J. SMITH, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung as a birthday compliment to John T. Rickman, who afterwards invited the ringers to a sumptuous repast at The King's Head.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

GEORGE W. TOWNSEND .. Treble.	ROBERT W. HYNER 5.
ERNEST BISHOP 2.	OLIVER NORMAN 6.
THOMAS ROBINSON 3.	SIDNEY PALMER 7.
HENRY W. L. WELLS 4.	ALFRED W. HARRINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by OLIVER NORMAN.

*First peal of Triples.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

LEWIS CHAPMAN* .. Treble	WALTER PERKINS 5.
ALFRED EVERETT 2.	FREDERICK PALMER 6.
JOHN B. MARTIN 3.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 4.	† OSCAR PAYNE Tenor.

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

*First peal in the method. †First peal on eight bells. Rung to welcome F. Palmer to Irthlingborough.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSSX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILFRED BOOTH .. Treble.	WILLIAM JENNER 5.
ARTHUR R. MILES 2.	BENJAMIN HOBBS 6.
CHARLES HUMPHREY* .. 3.	ALBERT REID 7.
ALBERT HOBDEN 4.	THOMAS H. DEADMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT REID.

This is the quarterly peal of the Eastern Division of the Association, which was arranged at Waldron on the 9th of October at the quarterly meeting.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT LITTLE* .. Treble.	*JOHN LUCKEY 5.
GEORGE JORDAN 2.	THOMAS J. WATTS 6.
THOMAS JORDAN 3.	† WILLIAM T. PRIOR 7.
WALTER PRIOR 4.	WILLIAM WATTS Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by W. WATTS.

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

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 5 lbs in F.

RICHARD POTTER .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 2.	CHARLES NORFOLK 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
FRANK CLAYDON* 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor.

Composed by J. THORP, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

*First Surprise peal.

WHITCHURCH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

Tenor 14 cwt.

DAVID THOMAS .. Treble.	† TOM COX 4.
F. J. BAILEY* 2.	† FRED CHAMBERLAIN .. 5.
WM. B. BISS 3.	SIDNEY DAWE Tenor.

Conducted by D. THOMAS.

First peal on the bells. *First peal. †First peal of Minor. †First peal with a bob bell.

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

On Sunday, October 31, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR F. DOWNES Treble.	WILLIAM H. WIELIAMS .. 4.
ARTHUR E. WALL 2.	JOHN HAMMOND 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	JAMES E. LEWIS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HAMMOND.

First peal by the treble ringer, who is 16 years of age.

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

On Sunday, October 31, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

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*First peal. Rung as a token of esteem and respect to the late Major R. Phillips, late of the Manor House, Sproughton, and for some years churchwarden of Sproughton, and a good friend to the ringers.

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

On Monday, November 1, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS TURNER Treble.	FREDERICK DAY 5.
HUBERT DAY 2.	GEORGE MURTON 9.
ERNEST CLOVER 3.	ERNEST POPPY 7.
ELIJAH BROOME 4.	ERNEST DUNTON Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by E. POPPY.

First peal by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, and tenor. Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob.

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

On Monday, November 1, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER Treble.	JOHN EVANS 4.
LEONARD WILLIAMS 2.	†SAMUEL ROBERTS 5.
GEORGE MATTHEWS* 3.	WILLIAM SHORT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal. †First peal away from treble or tenor.

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On Tuesday, November 2, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK DICKENS Treble.	GEORGE F. SWANN 5.
BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. 2.	CHARLES DICKENS 6.
GEORGE PARSONS 3.	HARRY DICKENS 7.
MARTIN MURPHY 4.	JACOB SEABORNE Tenor.

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UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 3, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt, 3 qrs.

REUBEN SANDBBS Treble.	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 5.
ALAN R. MACDONALD 2.	EDGAR HANCOX 6.
CHARLES T. COLES 3.	ROBERT E. STAVERT 7.
WILLIAM WELLING 4.	BERTRAM PREWETT Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT E. STAVERT.

**SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Friday, November 5, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

MISS E. N. BELCHER Treble.	ALBERT TURNER 5.
ALFRED MILES 2.	HARRY MILES 6.
GEORGE BARTLETT 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WALTER LONGSHAW 4.	HARRY COOMBS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES.

Tenor 37½ cwt.

EDWARD A. HERN Treble.	WILLIAM T. ROBSON 6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER 2.	WILLIAM STORY 7.
GEORGE T. POTTER 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 8.
JOSEPH W. PARKER 4.	ROBERT RICHARDS 9.
JOSEPH ROWELL 5.	OSWALD SIMM Tenor.

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CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES DOWLER Treble.	ALFRED DAVIES 5.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK 2.	CHARLES F. WHITE 6.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	JOHN BASS 7.
SAMUEL GROVE 4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

This peal was rung on St. Leonard's day.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(YORKTOWN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

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Tenor 15½ cwt.

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REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 3.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 7.
BABEILLAI HAWKINS .. 4.	CHARLES JEFFREY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE EDSE, JUN.

*First peal as conductor on tower bells.

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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 November 15th and 29th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 16th; St. Magnus, London Bridge, on the 25th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 16th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 22nd; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side, on the 30th; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—The 272nd anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel to-day, Sat., November 13th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, Burden, E. A. Davies, Fardon, Garrard, Golding, Harman, Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, A. Jones, H. Langdon, O'Meara, Newton, Peck, Pettit, Price, Prime, Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, Winny, Wood, or

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The towers of St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, and St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, will be open for ringing from 4 till 6 o'clock.

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, November 20th, at the church of St. Paul's, Hammer-smith. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 to 8.15 p.m. Business meeting at The Britannia at 8.15 p.m., to be followed by a social. All ringers will be made welcome.

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

35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the North and East district will be held to-day, Sat., November 13th, at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. F. Peploe. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. Tea will be provided on the usual terms at The Cherry Tree hotel. The Hon. Secretary would be glad if all outstanding subscriptions could be sent to him before the date of this meeting.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Bradford to-day, Sat., November 13th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m.

W. SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, to-day, Sat., November 13th. Bells at liberty from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. prompt. A good attendance is requested. Any ringer welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

William Verry Commemoration.—The fifth annual dinner will be held at The Red Lion hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, to-day, Sat., November 13th, at 6.30 sharp. Bells available from 2.30 to 5.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. each.

R. FAUX, *Hon. Sec.*

65, Bacchus Road, Soho, Birmingham

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Romsey to-day, Sat., November 13th. The bells of the Abbey will be available from 2 p.m. Evensong at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.40, at Mr. Chase's restaurant, 14, The Hundred, Romsey, to be followed by business meeting. A committee meeting will be held immediately after the General Meeting.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton to-day, Saturday, November 13th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock.

WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Stretford Road, on Saturday, November 24th. W. H. SHUKER, *Br. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, November 20th. Bells (8) from 4 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting at Church Cottage at 6.15. Communicate with

F. G. HUMZ, *Dis. Sec.*

Oakley Rectory.

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—The annual meeting for this district will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, November 20th. Bells at 3 o'clock; Great Waltham 7.30 to 9 p.m. Tea at The King's at 5.30. A post-card by Wednesday, November 17th, from all members intending to be present at the tea will be a great help to

HENRY F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*

County Offices, Chelmsford.

East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, November 27th. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. All members and friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this district will take place on Saturday, November 27th. Bells available from 2.45 a.m. Meeting in the choir room at 3.45 p.m. Tea at 5. Service at 6 p.m.

GEO. PRESTON, *Dis. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, November 27th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. After tea the bells at Hawley will be available. Members of other districts will be gladly welcomed.

GEORGE EDSER, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Leyland, on Saturday, November 27th. Bells (8) ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. E. MARTIN, *Br. Sec.*

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THE ERDINGTON SOCIETY, WARWICKSHIRE.—The ringers and friends of the parish church, Erdington, held their fourth annual outing on Saturday, July 17th, at Ashbourne, Derbyshire. The party left Erdington shortly after 7 a.m. to join the train at Sutton, and left the royal town at 8.5, arriving at Ashbourne at 10 o'clock. Proceeding from the station we had a look round the pretty little town, and then made our way to the grand old church, where, after signing the visitors' book we inspected the fine stone carvings and tablets, many of them a hundred years old. At 12 noon we were met by the head ringer, Mr. Haycock, and then went to the heltry—a very fine one indeed—and soon set the bells going, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples being rung in 47 mins. J. Preston, W. Hartwell, W. J. Meers con-

ductor, T. Russam, G. Garrison, T. Wells, M. Murphy, J. Pywell. After lowering the bells we gained admission to the bell chamber. The bells have been overhauled by Messrs. Taylor, who cast our bells at Erdington, and the "go" is excellent. The inscription on the bells is as follows: "The order for these bells was given in May and they were finished in August, 1815, in which year the battle of Waterloo was fought." The ringers then had a bird's eye view of the surrounding district. Leaving the church we repaired to The Green Man, where the visitors and Mr. Haycock were served with a good repast, to which ample justice was done. Dinner over, a brake was chartered to take us to Dove Dale. We left the conveyance at The Dog and Partridge and made our way through the lovely dale, which is most charming for its scenery. After walking about two hours we came to The New Inns hotel at Alsop-en-le-dale,

where arrangements were made for tea, which we had earned by climbing and walking the Dale. We left Alsop-en-le-Dale at 7.20 p.m., and arrived at Erdington at 9.45 none the worse for our outing, which was much appreciated by all. J.P.

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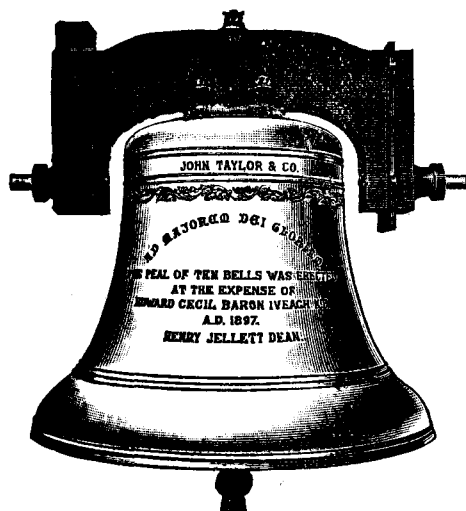
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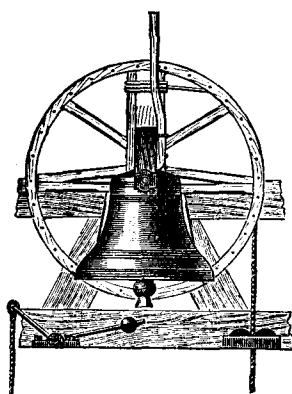
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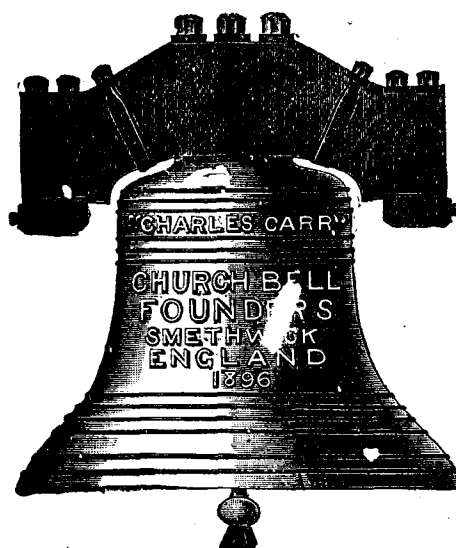
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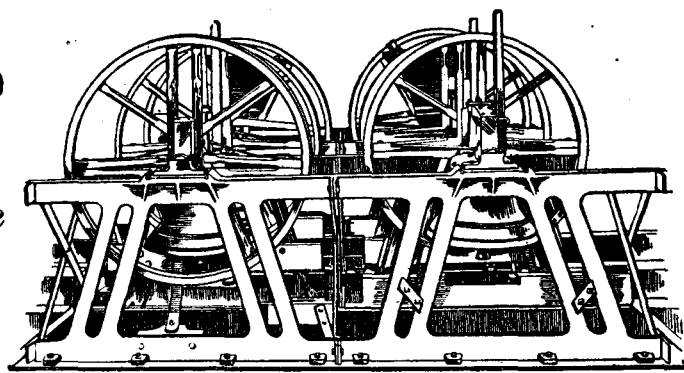
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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HIGH WYCOMBE.

An event of considerable interest and importance in the ecclesiastical history of High Wycombe was associated with the Dedication Festival of All Saints' church on Monday, November 1st, when the restored and augmented peal of twelve bells was dedicated with befitting ceremonial by the Archdeacon of Buckingham (the Ven. C. F. J. Bourke), in the presence of the largest congregation that has assembled in the sacred edifice for many years. In addition to the two-fold dedicatory ceremony as applied to the church and bells, two beautifully-sculptured figures, representing St. Stephen and St. Timothy, which have been placed in niches on either side of the south porch, were also dedicated to the memory of the late Mr. Edward Wheeler. They are executed in Portland stone, the work having been carried out by Messrs. Earp and Hobbs, of Kennington.

It is interesting to record that it is four centuries ago this year that the old Early English central tower of the parish church was taken down, and in another thirteen years the churchpeople of Wycombe will be able to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the completion of the present west tower, erected by the then Vicar of the parish, the Rev. Roland Messenger, who was an architect of no mean attainments, which is proved by his being appointed by Cardinal Wolsey as Clerk of the Works of Cardinal College, now Christ Church, Oxford. The tower of Wycombe parish church has sometimes been called the "Oxford Tower." The old central tower of All Saints' church had a peal of five bells, which were probably rehung in the present tower in 1522, as it contained at first that number, which was afterwards increased to six, two of them having Latin inscriptions. The oldest of these was dated 1583; and in 1711 they were re-cast with additional metal (560 lbs.), and made into a peal of eight, the tenor bell being 28 cwt. In 1788 two new bells were added, thus increasing the bells to ten, which was the only peal of that number in the county. The present peal of twelve bells is the largest and heaviest in the diocese. It will be remembered that the scheme for the restoration of the bells assumed definite shape some eighteen months ago, when it was decided that a special effort should be made to raise a sum of £1,000 to extinguish deficits on various parochial accounts, and to provide a fund for a new bell-frame in substitution of the one erected in the year 1711, which had become unsafe, and consequently rendered ringing exceedingly dangerous. The bells have thus been silent ever since September 22nd, 1907. An offer of two new bells—a treble and a tenor—was very generously made by Wycombe Abbey School, and this handsome gift was accepted; it then being then decided to increase the peal to twelve bells. This involved the alteration or recasting of the whole of the existing bells, three of which were removed from the tower and conveyed to the well-known foundry of Mears and Stainbank, who were also entrusted with the casting of the two new bells above-mentioned. The Vicar (Rev. E. D. Shaw), recently distinguished himself by assisting to stir the

melt in metal for casting one of the bells. The new bell-frame is a combination of steel and massive oak beams, with all the latest and most up-to-date fittings, including iron stocks, and the work of casting and re-casting the bells, as well as of re-hanging them in the bellchamber, has been carried out in the most efficient manner.

It is especially noteworthy that the alteration in key brought about by the new tenor restores the peal to its 18th century tone. The quality of the bells is exceptionally fine, and from a musical standpoint everything that can be desired has been achieved; in fact experts have expressed the opinion that the peal is one of the finest in the country, the tenor being a great acquisition. Towards the sum required for this restoration the ringers themselves contributed and collected about £40.

At the dedication the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the veteran Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, was present, together with representatives from the belfries of St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, Beaconsfield, Hughenden, Chalfont, Farnham Royal, Slough, Boyn Hill, Maidenhead, Marlow, and West Wycombe. Mr. Hughes (Manager to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank), Mr. Hughes, jun., and Mr. W. T. Cockerill (Secretary of the College Youths) were also present.

The interior of the church was very effectively decorated. The special services on All Saints Day began with a celebration of the Holy Communion at six o'clock, followed at 7 o'clock by Choral Eucharist. There was a children's service at 9, Holy Communion at 10.15, and Matins at 11.

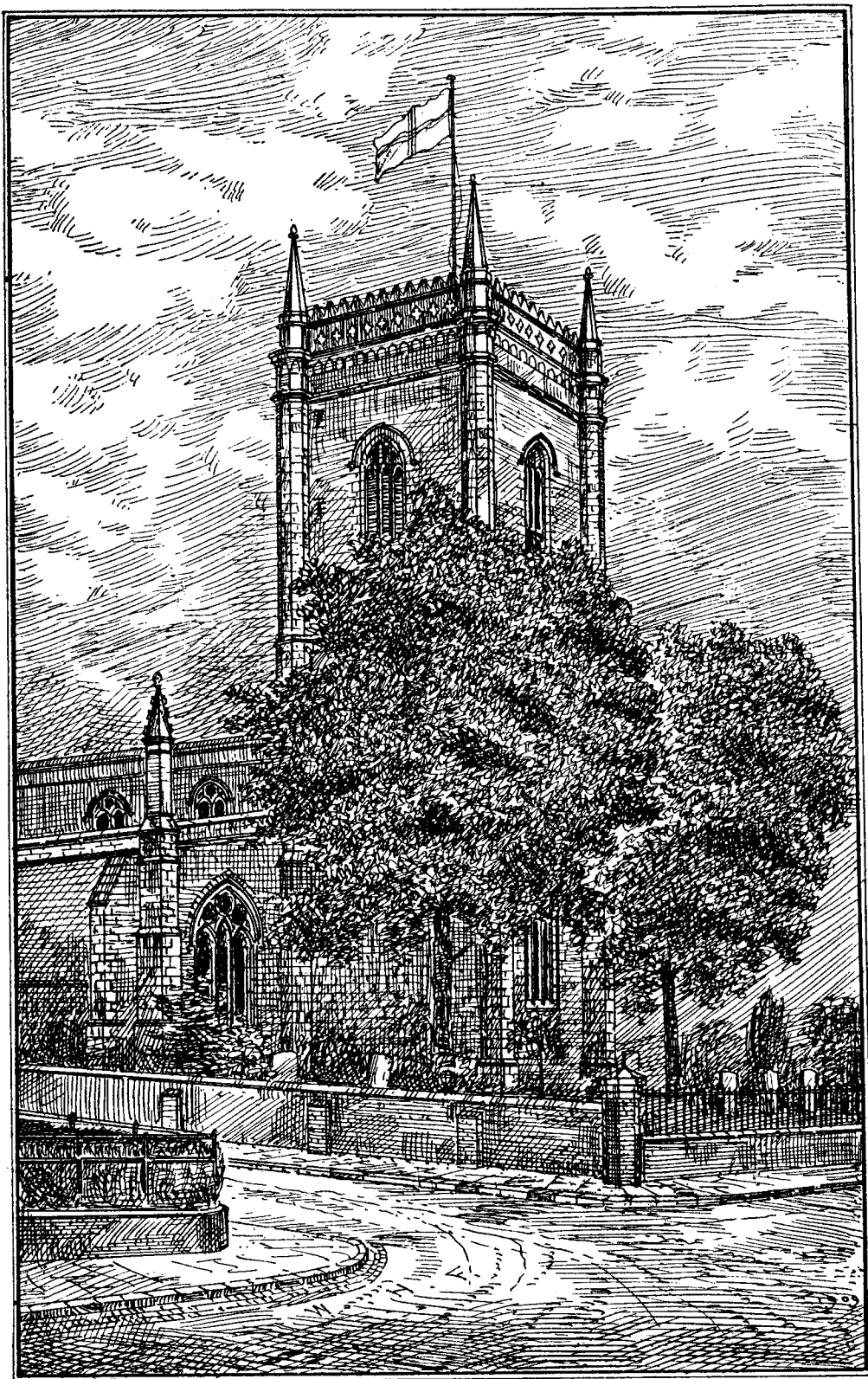
At festal Evensong the church was crowded, the congregation including, in addition to church people from all parts of the parish and from the country districts, a number of other denominations in the town.

The Archdeacon, accompanied by the clergy and churchwardens afterwards proceeded to the western entrance of the church, where the local ringers had assembled and, standing under the tower, he impressively performed the dedication of the ring of twelve bells. Psalm c. was first sung to Humphreys, and after some responses the Archdeacon recited appropriate dedicatory prayers and a supplication for the ringers. Psalm cxxii. was then sung, silence was observed in church while a few rounds were rung on the bells by the following local ringers: J. W. Wilkins, J. Evans, F. K. Biggs, P. Witham, R. Coles, G. Twitchen, E. Markham, F. Hayes, G. White, S. Goodchild, B. Page, W. Phipps.

The service was concluded with the singing of the hymn "Unchanging God, Who livest" (by permission of the composer, the Rev. H. C. Wilder, M.A.).

After the Blessing, pronounced by the Archdeacon, the organist and members of the orchestra played the Coronation March (Godfrey). The amount received by collections during the festival came to between £30 and £40. This includes the offertory at Monday evening's service of £16 1s. 3d.

After the service, the ringers, together with members of other towers, adjourned to the belfry, where touches of various methods were rung. The ringers subsequently



ALL SAINTS, HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

met at the club-house, Crown Lane, where a pleasant time was spent, satisfaction being expressed both with the tone and "go" of the bells.

It is worthy of note that Wycombe Abbey has played a prominent part in the augmentation of the bells on a previous occasion. It was for generations the home of the Lansdowne family, two members of which increased the ring to ten in 1788 (see inscriptions on 3 and 4.) Bells 5 and 9 recast in 1802, when the peal was raised in key an whole tone, are again recast and restored to their original 1711 positions. At a meeting following the annual parochial tea, held on November 3rd, the Vicar, in reviewing the development of the restoration scheme, said that he felt he must especially bring to their notice two contributions received from outside the parish. The Hughenden ringers this year, instead of going for their annual outing had stayed at home and sent the money thus saved to swell the restoration fund. The other item to which the rev. gentleman drew their attention to was an amount from the Oxford Diocesan Guild, which constituted almost the first donation to the bell fund. The thanks of the locals are due to the Hughenden company for facilities granted for practice on their peal of eight on many occasions during the two years the Wycombe bells have been silent. The Wycombe company now numbers fifteen, regularly available for Sunday ringing, and with the likely material now coming forward, it is hoped Wycombe may soon have a band of ringers more worthy of the bells.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Winchester District was held at Romsey on Saturday, November 13th. By the kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Canon Yarborough), the tower of the Abbey was open to members during the afternoon and evening, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative were rung on the bells. The touches were conducted by Messrs. Williams, Fowler, Andrews, George, and Tucker. Service was held in the Abbey at 5 o'clock, special hymns being sung. Tea was held in the Temperance Hall, the Master of the Guild (Rev. C. E. Matthews), presiding. There were also present Canon Yarborough, Rev. W. E. Colchester (General Secretary of the Guild), and the Revs. Saunders, West and Pearce, and members from Southampton, North Stoneham, Twyford, Curdridge, Dibden, Hursley, Romsey, Winchester, and Messrs. Bayley (Portsea), and Rumney (Salisbury). Apologies were received from Canon Braithwaite and Mr. H. White (Basingstoke). At the business meeting which followed, the balance-sheet showed a balance in favour of the district. Messrs. Andrews (Winchester), and Williams (North Stoneham), were re-elected to serve on the Central Committee. Mr. G. Smith (Twyford), was re-elected hon. auditor, and Mr. J. W. Elkins, district secretary. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Winchester on November 12th, 1910. The Hon. Secretary was requested to send the congratulations of the members to the late Master of the Guild (Rev. R. C. M. Harvey), on his appointment to an honorary canonry in Wakefield Cathedral.

Votes of thanks were proposed to the Master for pre-

siding at the meeting; to Canon Yarborough for so kindly arranging the service and for the use of the hall, and to the officers for their services.

The committee met immediately after the general meeting, and re-elected the Rev. Canon Braithwaite as their chairman, and admitted members from Fawley, Froyle, and Titchfield. They also decided to hold three quarterly meetings in 1910; the first at Alresford on February 12th; the second at North Stoneham on May 14th; and the third at Micheldever on the second Saturday in September.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Lewisham district was held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, on Saturday, October 30th. The bells were available at 3 p.m., and were kept going in various methods till 5 p.m., when about fifty members attended Divine Service, and listened to another of the Rev. Arthur Hart's impressive and interesting addresses—"Quit you like men, be strong."

After the service a sumptuous meat tea, kindly provided by Mr. Churchwarden Skinner in the Albany Institute, to which about sixty sat down, including the Rev. A. Hart.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar in the chair.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed.

At this point the Vicar announced that owing to another engagement, he should have to leave, and he had asked Mr. Skinner to take his place, which he had consented to do.

Mr. Thornton proposed, and Mr. Jeffreys seconded, that a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his excellent address, and also for coming amongst them, which was carried with applause.

The Vicar in reply thanked them, and said it had given him very great pleasure to be with them, as he felt he was amongst his own people.

Mr. Skinner then took the chair. Messrs. Davies and Rawlings were elected members, and the elections of Messrs. Marsh and Fisher were ratified.

Chislehurst was proposed and carried as the place of the next meeting, it being left to the Secretary to arrange for the 3rd or 4th Saturday in January 1910.

The District Secretary then read his annual report, the same being adopted as read.

The District Secretary was re-elected for the ensuing year. Two members were nominated for the vacant post of district representative, viz.: Mr. I. Emery, and Mr. W. J. Jeffries, the latter being elected by a majority of 6 votes.

The Secretary was asked to send a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Price (Greenwich), owing to the death of her husband, a member of the local band.

A hearty vote of thanks was then accorded to Mr. F. G. Skinner, for providing such an excellent tea, and to Miss Skinner and the gentlemen who had so kindly looked after their requirements.

Mr. Skinner, in reply, said it had given him great pleasure to be with them, and to provide the tea, and he hoped ringing would continue for a long time yet at St. Nicholas, Deptford.

The tower was again visited, and touches of Stedman, Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung.

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HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

The announcement in the local press that the grand old peal at Hornchurch would be re-opened on Tuesday, the 9th instant, brought together a good muster of ringers at Hornchurch upon that day, among whom were the hon. secretary of the Essex Association (Rev. H. T. Eyre), Mr. C. H. Howard (the popular and energetic Master), Mr. S. Hayes (district master), Mr. G. Margetson (district secretary), Messrs. E. A. Davies and C. Fenn (Barking), W. Watson, A. J. Perkins and B. Keeble (Romford), W. H. Judd (Prittlewell), with Messrs. J. Dale and I. Dear of the local company, and various others from the surrounding districts.

The work of restoration has embraced entire refitting throughout. The old wood frame has been taken out, and the bells now hang in a new iron frame, in fact everything except the bells themselves is entirely new. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Taylor, and there is every reason to congratulate the firm upon the excellent manner it has been done.

The proceedings of the day commenced with a short service in the belfry, when the Rev. Herbert Dale (Vicar) having taken up a position in the ringing-chamber, surrounded by the ringers present, recited some dedicatory prayers. Immediately after a company of the College Youths raised the bells and rung a touch of Stedman Triples, followed by a short touch of Kent Treble Bob Major. Service in church followed.

At the close of the service, upon the invitation of the Vicar, the whole company—among whom was Mr. J. W. Taylor—proceeded to The Bull, and were entertained to tea. The Vicar, who presided, expressed his great pleasure at the presence of the College Youths, and explained that he had not asked the Essex Association to test the bells because he was an honorary member of that Association, and he did not wish it to be in the power of any one to suggest that he had even in the remotest degree influenced the report which would be made upon the bells. He considered that they should have a report from an association with which he had not the least connection, and that not only Cæsar, but Cæsar's wife, so to speak, should be entirely above suspicion. He hoped the report which he would receive from the College Youths concerning the bells would be of such a high character that no ringers in any part of the country would consider his experience complete until he had had a touch on the bells of Hornchurch.

In the evening, under the conductorship of the veteran C. F. Winney, a band rang a peal of Stedman Triples, the record of which appears in another column. The performance was a credit to the company, and to the firm who rehung the bells.

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THE DORSETSHIRE RINGING TOUR.

BY MEMBERS OF THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

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Wednesday. A half day was spent in Bridport, and we were off into Double Norwich Court Bob Major at 8.30 a.m. at the parish church of St. Mary, which possesses a fair ring of 8, tenor 20 cwt. The frame is ill-planned, and several of the back bells do not "go," but the men concerned stuck to their ropes, especially Keith Hart on the tenor—perspiration freely sprinkling the floor around his feet. Two and a half hours hard work was thrown away by the simplest of all failures, the treble bob bell not making the call. We had therefore more leisure to catch, with blistered hands, the midday train to Weymouth, via Dorchester. Between these two towns we travelled by electric rail car, in which our handbells in tunes and changes were a source of interest to fellow passengers and much amusement to our impromptu Sousa, who, by his fantastic imaginary conducting to our music, created some fun.

Weymouth—beautiful Weymouth, I may add, it is here I first saw the sea—has been styled the English Naples. It is to be preferred to Weston super-Mare, if only on account of its clear sea water and clean firm sands enclosed by a semi-circular promenade two and half miles round. There is safe boating and bathing at all seasons, thanks to the protection afforded this lovely bay by the island of Portland and its long arm of break-water, and it is probably one of the safest sands in the kingdom for holiday children. We had lunch on arrival, and spent a few minutes on the front which appeared to be well patronised by health seekers and holiday people, and then turned our backs to the sea sparkling in the sunshine, to keep our rendezvous at Wyke Regis, a village some two and half miles distant, where we had to meet at 3 o'clock.

Thirty minutes of London Surprise ended one try at All Saints, when the band and its method was changed to rest the blisters a little. Double Norwich Court Bob Major was next attempted, and a good peal, No. 5, brought home. We were indebted to the vicar for leave to ring through the 6 o'clock evensong, and the steeplekeeper for his courteous attendance. A nice belfry here, good ropes, bells go well, both terribly noisy in the ringing room, which put all conducting out of the question. There was just sufficient time to take the 9 o'clock train back to Dorchester, the only town in which we put up for two nights, and by misfortune our quarters were at a temperance hotel, with a none too business-like manager. It's a poor Hart that never rejoices, and we felt some interest in the innocent efforts of Henricus, to carry on a mild flirtation with the fair damsels who waited upon us, and who might some day be a Mrs. Keith perchance. Well, the old tale must be told, or how would the world go along, and how many ringers are there in our larger towns who look back with joy on the days that took them bell-ringing into the country. I could name several in London, men who went into the country to ring a bell in a 3 hours peal, and who eventually came back spliced to a "belle" for life. Among the many ringers wives who have kindly attempted to make my miserable bachelor's existence happy I have discovered that, however much they dislike their husbands tearing about the country hauling church bells, they all look back with pleasure to the day of the "chancel peal," and no surprise ringing ever proved so musical or possessed such qualities as the one which placed a little gold ring round the third finger of the left hand of Mrs. Change-Ringer.

(To be continued.)

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIDGNORTH (Shropshire).—On Saturday, October 10th, at St. Leonard's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. F. S. Wilson, A. Baker, J. Elcock, J. Overton, B. Head, W. Overton conductor, H. W. Overton, E. Foxall. Also 516 in the same method for Divine Service on Sunday, October 11th, standing as before. This ringing was arranged for Francis S. Wilson, of Ludlow.

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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 November 29th; St. Magnus, London Bridge, on the 25th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 22nd; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side, on the 30th; all at 8 p.m.

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

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held to-day, Sat., November 20th, at the church of St. Paul's, Hammer-smith. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 to 8.15 p.m. Business meeting at The Britannia at 8.15 p.m., to be followed by a social. All ringers will be made welcome.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Stretford Road, to-day, Sat., November 24th. W. H. SEUKER, *Br. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Basing-stoke District.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke to-day, Sat., November 20th. Bells (8) from 4 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting at Church Cottage at 6.15.
Oakley Rectory. F. G. HUMZ, *Dis. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—The annual meeting for this district will be held at Broomfield to-day, Saturday, November 20th. Bells at 3 o'clock; Great Waltham 7.30 to 9 p.m. Tea at The King's at 5.30.
HENRY F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*
County Offices, Chelmsford.

East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, November 27th. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. All members and friends invited.
T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Christ-church District.—The annual meeting of this district will take place on Saturday, November 27th. Bells available from 2.45 a.m. Meeting in the choir room at 3.45 p.m. Tea at 5. Service at 6 p.m.

GEO. PRESTON, *Dis. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—York-town District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, November 27th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. After tea the bells at Hawley will be available. Members of other districts will be gladly welcomed.

GEORGE EDSER, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Leyland, on Saturday, November 27th. Bells (8) ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.
E. MARTIN, *Br. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Minster, Isle of Sheppey. Bells available at 3 p.m.

EWD. A. G. ALLEN, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held

at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on Saturday, November 27th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Woodman hotel 7.30 p.m.
GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Warnham on Saturday, November 27th. Tower open from 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at The Sussex Oak inn. Business meeting to follow. Members intending to be present please notify the undersigned by Thursday, November 25th.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The next meeting will be held at St. Giles', Willenhall, on Saturday, December 4th. Bells available from 2. Service, with address by the Vicar, at 5. Tea (1s) at the church house at 6. Those intending to take tea kindly send notice not later than November 30th.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity church, Burnley, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells ready from 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.
J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

"THE ISAAC HILLS MEMORIAL."

It is proposed to erect in the belfry of St. Paul's church, Bedford, a tablet to perpetuate the memory of the late Mr. Isaac Hills. He gave unstinted service for over thirty years towards promoting belfry reform and scientific change-ringing, and endeared himself to the hearts of those with whom he came in contact.

Through this medium we ask for the sympathy and support of his friends who reside in various parts of the country.

Subscriptions will be gratefully acknowledged by the undersigned.

JOHN W. BARKER.
24, St. Leonard's Avenue, Bedford.
FREDK. A. CHASTY.
9, Whitbread Avenue, Bedford.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. WRIGHT.

It is proposed to put in a stained glass window in the Spalding parish church. I am pleased to say the appeal for subscriptions has been liberally responded to. List of those who have subscribed and promised:—Canon Bullock, 10s.; Parish Church Kingers, 10s.; J. R. Jerram, esq., 10s.; Rev. M. H. Marsden, 10s.; F. F. Linley, esq., 10s.; J. W. Gleed, esq., 5s.; E. W. Bell, esq., 5s.; H. S. Maples, esq., 5s.; Rev. E. A. Aldridge, 5s.; Rev. Hector Macturk, 5s.; Mr. Charles Neaverson, 2s. 6d.; Mr. J. Cherrington, 6d. Any ringer thinking the object worthy of support, further subscriptions can be sent to Lincoln and Lindsay, Spalding, or to R. Mackman, verger, Spalding.

MR. WILLIAM PALMER, of Cotteridge, Kings Norton, writes:—"I see in 'THE BELL NEWS' of October 30th a method which is published as Barnsbury Court Major. Perhaps our respected friend Mr. H. Dains, was not aware that it was published in 'THE BELL NEWS' in August, 1895, as Kings Norton Pleasure. I sent it with the bob and singles made behind, but he gives the same method with the bob before, which is immaterial in this method."

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

This tower was recently visited by that well-known ringer from North Shields, Mr. Joel Hern, who was on a visit to his brother, Mr. Johnson Hern. Amongst other touches brought round were 504 of Stedman Triples. H. Simmonds, A. D. Cullum, G. Essex, R. T. Hibbert, J. Hands, J. Hern, E. W. Menday conductor, H. Smith. 576 London Surprise. J. E. Hern, A. D. Cullum, G. Essex, E. W. Menday, G. Irvine, J. Hern, J. Hands, R. T. Hibbert conductor. 1120 London Surprise. E. J. Menday, A. D. Cullum, J. Hands, G. Essex, G. Irvine, J. Hern, C. R. Lilley, R. T. Hibbert conductor. Also at St. Mary's Reading, 560 Double Norwich Court. J. E. Hern, H. Tucker, A. E. Reeves, W. Webb, C. Giles, J. Hern, A. Whatmore, R. T. Hibbert conductor. At St. Lawrence's, Reading, a touch of Stedman Caters, 324 changes and 3 leads of Treble Ten. R. T. Hibbert conductor, A. E. Reeves, J. E. Hern, J. Hands, W. Webb, J. Hern, C. Giles, J. Swain, A. Whatmore, A. W. Osborne. At Sonning, Berks, 504 and 252 Stedman Triples. J. E. Hern, L. Russell, W. P. Routh, G. Essex, J. Swain, J. Hern, R. T. Hibbert, G. Brown. Mr. Hern also rang touches of Stedman Triples at St. Giles, Reading, and it is the hope of all who met him that his visit south was enjoyable, and that he may repeat the visit on some future occasion.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—Recently at St. Lawrence's church, 720 of Bob Minor. Alfred Waite (first 720, age 13), Alfred Waite, George Smith, William J. Sevier conductor, Henry Mitchell, Arthur Waite; tenor 14 cwt. Also 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. A. Waite, A. A. Waite conductor, G. Smith, W. J. Sevier, H. Mitchell, A. Waite.

HERSHAM (Surrey).—For practice on handbells as follows: On Tuesday, Oct. 5th, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 35 mins. W. Woodrow 1-2, G. Edser, jun. 3-4 conductor, George Woodiss 5-6, Arthur F. Shepherd 7-8. On Friday, October 8th, 1280 Bob Major in 38 mins. Ferris Shepherd 1-2, Arthur F. Shepherd 3-4, G. Edser, jun. 5-6, William Shepherd 7-8 conductor. On Thursday, October 28th, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 33 mins. W. Woodrow 1-2, W. Shepherd 3-4 conductor, G. Edser, jun. 5-6, Arthur F. Shepherd 7-8.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Saturday, Oct. 2, in the belfry of St. Edwards, 720 of Bob Minor on handbells. W. Watson 1-2, A. J. Perkins 3-4, W. Nash 5-6. Conducted by A. J. Perkins.

SUTTON COLDFIELD (Warwickshire).—On Tuesday, November 9th, in honour of the election of Councillor Cartwright, as Mayor. A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. Thomas Matthews, John Jennings, George Claydon, George Roberts, William Allsopp, Thomas Bloore conductor, Bertram G. Leedham, William Parr. Conductor's first attempt at bob calling.

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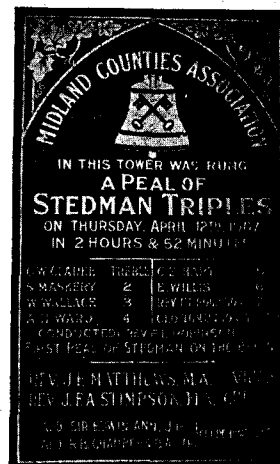
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1909.

THERE are two schemes before the Exercise for the perpetuation of memorials to two old and very worthy veterans of the Art, viz.: the late Mr. ISAAC HILLS, of Bedford, and Mr. J. S. WRIGHT, of Spalding. With regard to that concerned with the last-named ringer, the erection of a stained glass window is proposed. While such a mode of perpetuating a man's memory may be considered proper and appropriate, it should not be forgotten that some care is very necessary in determining that the material and workmanship of such a monument is of the very best description. Many colored windows are in existence which are not so; the material of which they are composed being fragile, and the artistic work the reverse of permanent. A former Dean of St. Paul's, though offered objects of this kind for the embellishment of his Cathedral, refused any stained glass unless it was of Italian manufacture, and this fact is said to be the reason why St. Paul's is so poorly off in the matter of stained glass. The objection of the Dean—who was no other than the celebrated Dr. MILMAN—would seem to indicate that British workmanship of the kind was at that time inferior to foreign. But though in the present day such work is produced in Britain as beautiful and as permanent as that of any foreign country, the greatest care is really necessary that the best talent in such work is obtained, and none other than the best. Then for such a memorial we should ensue a beauty and a joy for ever. The appropriate memorial for a ringer would be the erection of a church bell, but this would not, from

various causes, be always easy of attainment. It is hoped that these two schemes may meet with a prompt and early success. We have not yet heard what progress has been made with the Bedford proposal. Such affairs as these should not hang fire; they ought to be settled quickly, for delay in them is the reverse of commendatory to the ringing brotherhood.

Many of us were under the impression that the late Colonel Troyte's work: "Change-Ringing," etc., had become out of print and was thus unattainable. We find, however, from an advertisement on another page, that it has reached a fourth edition, and can be had from the publishers, whose names are mentioned in such announcement. This book is very valuable to young beginners in the Art, and we shall expect to hear that this edition has met with as prompt a sale as its predecessors.

This number contains a handsome sketch of High Wycombe tower, drawn by our friend and contributor Mr. W. H. Fussell. As he is an adept in such matters he intends supplementing this picture with a few notes concerning the church, which now has a ring of twelve bells.

We are glad to announce that portraits of the long peal band will shortly appear with full particulars of its performance, and an article: "The Story of Stedman Caters." The photograph will be printed on Art paper, and will be worth setting store by.

The Provinces.

PETERBOROUGH.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ROBERT ROWELL Treble.	*JOHN J. JUTSON 4.
GEORGE JUTSON, JUN.* .. 2.	JOHN W. JARVIS 5.
WILLIAM T. JOHNSON .. 3.	JOHN B. HALIFAX Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN B. HALIFAX.

*First peal. First peal in two methods on the bells. First peal since the formation of the Association. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Jutson.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, October 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

ALFRED CHAPLAIN Treble.	*JOSEPH HENRY CHAPMAN .. 5.
WALTER J. COPE, JUN.* .. 2.	ALBERT YOUNG 6.
FREDERICK J. COPE, SEN. .. 3.	JAMES PRATT 7.
CHARLES CHAPMAN 4.	ARTHUR MARKS Tenor.

Conducted by J. PRATT.

*First peal with a bob bell.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 2, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	WILLIAM ROOPE 5.
CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 2.	WALTER MOBBS 6.
CHARLES BAKER 3.	FREDERICK SMITH 7.
ERNEST POPPY 4.	JAMES SOUTER Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. T. J. Fitzgerald, of Rayleigh, and Miss Sarah Miles, only daughter of Mr. Miles, of the Abbey Farm.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, November 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES.

HERBERT STANSFIELD .. Treble.	RICHARD NEWTON 7.
GEORGE GARNETT 2.	BENJAMIN GILL 8.
CHAS. BOWER 3.	BENJAMIN THORP 9.
WALTER WOLSTENCROFT .. 4.	ALBERT ADAMS 10.
JAMES WOOD 5.	SAMUEL WOOD 11.
SAMUEL BOOTH 6.	MALCOLM OLDFIELD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Rung as an induction peal to the new Rector.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 3, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

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

Composed by J. H. BARRETT, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

Fiftieth peal by the ringer of the 3rd, and rung in honour of his twenty-first birthday.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 3, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Woodbine, two of Oxford, and three of Kent.

L. GOSWELL Treble.	W. HORNE 4.
A. WOODERSON 2.	A. PAYNE 5.
M. GODDARD 3.	J. MOTH Tenor.

Conducted by J. MOTH.

First Treble Bob peal by all.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 3, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE L. MARRINER .. Treble	JOHN WHITE 6.
ARTHUR C. OTWAY 2.	ERNEST C. BONIFACE .. 7.
ALFRED H. WINCH 3.	EDWARD HULL 8.
WILLIAM E. OTWAY 4.	ARTHUR DEAN 9.
LEONARD STILWELL* .. 5.	WILLIAM LYNCH Tenor.

Composed by W. MARKS, and Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

*First peal on ten bells.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 3, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Bob, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford and Bob Minor.

Tenor 12 cwt.

R. HUGH RICHARDSON .. Treble.	C. WILLIAM SMITH 4.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 2.	WILLIAM HOLLINGSWORTH .. 5.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Rung with the bells half muffled in memory of Mr. J. S. Wright, of Spalding, the oldest member of the branch, who was buried in Spalding Cemetery on Monday, November 1st.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
 (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, November 3, 1909, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 6.
WALTER ALLGOOD 2.	*WILLIAM H. PEABODY .. 7.
SIDNEY F. PALMER 3.	*THOMAS W. GORE 8.
CHARLES WM. NUTTALL .. 4.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 9.
CLEMENT GLENN 5.	NORMAN DICKENS Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by C. GLENN.

*First peal of Grandsire Caters.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford, Double Oxford, and Bob Minor; and 360 each of College Single and Double Court.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT BROWN Treble.	FREDK. MANSE 4.
BASIL MANSE 2.	JOHN SNELLING 5.
GEORGE SNELLING 3.	FREDK. SEAGER Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. SEAGER.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 5, 1909, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

WILLIAM PALMER Treble.	RICHARD STREDWICK .. 5.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 2.	ERNEST GOWER 6.
CHARLES PALMER 3.	WILLIAM C. HART 7.
HENRY STALHAM 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 REV. E. B. JAMES'S TEN-PART (No. 3).

DAVID ANSCOMBE Treble.	ALLAN GOWER 5.
JOHN BEAMS 1.	DANIEL W. SNELLING .. 6.
FREDERICK G. WOODISS .. 3.	CHARLES E. READ 7.
EDWARD T. GROVE 4.	ROBERT ETHERINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

WALPOLE, NORFOLK.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
 (EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Double Court and Oxford Bob and one 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Single Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR E. CAMPLING .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. FARR 4.
REV. C. J. STURTON 2.	GEORGE R. TRUSS 5.
HARRY V. FLETCHER 3.	JOHN B. HALLIFAX Tenor.

Conducted by J. B. HALLIFAX.

First peal in five methods on the bells.

BECKENHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 4, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

ALFRED JAMES* Treble.	*FREDERICK TERRY 5.
JOSEPH TOWN 2.	*JOHN B. LOVELL 6.
GEORGE DURLING 3.	*WALTER SMITH 7.
FREDERIC KING* 4.	†WILLIAM MEEK Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER SMITH.

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

MIDDLEHAM, YORKSHIRE.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (THE ST. ALKELDA'S GUILD.)

On Thursday, November 4, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Violet, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

HAROLD COLLINSON* .. Treble.	HENRY PARRISH 4.
GEORGE HANDLEY 2.	CHRIS CLARKSON 5.
WILLIAM SYKES 3.	HENRY PAULI Tenor.

Conducted by G. HANDLEY.

*First peal in seven methods.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, November 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 8. Tenor 26 cwt.

ALBERT P. WAKLEY .. Treble.	GEORGE BULL 5.
EDWARD I. STONE 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 6.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. 3.	GEORGE ROBINSON 7.
JOHN W. SWINFELD 4.	HARRY WAKLEY Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

HOOKE NORTON, OXON
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 5, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN W. SWEATMAN* .. Treble.	JOHN F. BARLOW 5.
RICHARD W. BURROWS .. 2.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 6.
WILLIAM GIBBS 3.	REV. E. V. COX 7.
JAMES H. JAVRIS 4.	*GEORGE M. BLOXHAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. E. V. COX.

*First peal and members of the local band. Rung on the eve of the annual meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery branch held here.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 5, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

First peal in the method by all the band; first on the bells, first by the above Association, and the first ever rung in the county of Essex. It is thirty-one years since the ringer of the 6th rang his first 720 of Plain Bob on these bells, then a ring of six.

LEIGH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 6-scores of Grandsire and thirty-two of St. Dunstan, each called differently. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

E. A. LISTER Treble.	*G. WATTS 4.
H. FINCH 2.	C. W. DYSON 5.
C. COLDRICK 3.	W. HUGHES Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. DYSON.

*First peal with a bob bell. First peal by all except the ringer of the 4th and the conductor. First peal on the bells.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Composed by W. WILLSON, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

COLNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM MALLINSON .. Treble.	WILLIAM L. MASON 5.
WILLIAM TOWNSON 2.	CHRISTOPHER LANGSTROTH .. 6.
JOSHUA LOFTHOUSE 3.	JOHN MCKELL 7.
TOM REDMAN 4.	WILLIAM D. HILLARY .. Tenor.

Composed by WM. MALLINSON, and Conducted by J. MCKELL.

This peal is now rung for the first time.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble.	SAMUEL WESLEY 5.
HERBERT DAY 2.	*WILLIAM H. FROST 6.
WILLIAM H. PEABODY .. 3.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON 7.
REV. R. P. FARROW 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

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

*First peal in the Oxford Variation.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

WALTER SMITH Treble.	*GEORGE NAYLOR 6.
JAMES COTTERELL 2.	JOSEPH HY. BRAZEY 7.
DAVID RICHARD SMITH .. 3.	JOSEPH BROADLEY 8.
THOMAS B. KENDALL 4.	FRANCIS BARKER 9.
JAMES BARRACLOUGH .. 5.	FRED SALMONS Tenor.

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

Rung in honour of the 50th birthday of Joseph Broadley, and as a welcome to the new Vicar of Halifax, Dr. Burn. *First peal of Royal.

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

On Saturday, November 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE W. TOMPKINS* .. Treble.	*WALTER W. BONHAM .. 4.
CECIL A. VALENTINE 2.	*THOMAS C. TOMPKINS .. 5.
EDWIN YATES* 3.	*WILLIAM G. COWLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM G. COWLEY.

*First peal in three methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. A. Valentine, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S No. 40. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN OVERTON Treble.	BEBTRAM HEAD 5.
JOHN CARTER 2.	WILFRED OVERTON 6.
JOHN ELCOCK 3.	HORACE W. OVERTON 7.
ERNEST FOXALL 4.	HARRY JONES Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

Arranged and rang for the day of the patron saint of the church. It was also the birthday of Thomas Guest, esq., of Coldbath, Billisley.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, November 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

JONATHAN PRESTON† .. Treble.	GEORGE GARRISON 5.
WALTER HARTWELL† .. 2.	MARTIN MURPHY 6.
WILLIAM J. MEERS* 3.	THOMAS WELLS 7.
THOMAS RUSSAM 4.	†JOHN E. PYWELL Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

†First peal away from tenor. †First peal. *First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells deeply muffled to the memory of the late Mary Proctor Ryland, to whose memory the bells were given by her father, the late Thomas Ryland esq., J.P., of Redlands, Erdington.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY F. HOLDING .. Treble.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. 5.
JAMES H. RIDING 2.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. 6.
WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT .. 3.	JOHN DENTITH 7.
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY .. 4.	JOHN BAXTER Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN.

First peal as conductor.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,
AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Friday, November 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 38.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

SAMUEL REEVES Treble	JOHN CARTER 5.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN 2.	ALFRED ROWLEY 6.
JAMES E. GROVES 3.	JOHN SMITH 7.
HERBERT KNIGHT 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This composition is now rung for the first time. Rung on the 70th anniversary of W. R. Small's birthday, who was not well enough to take part in the peal, but was present at the conclusion to receive the hearty congratulations of the band.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S TEN-PART (No. 1).

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDMUND PATCHING Treble.	FREDERICK HOUNSELL 5.
GEORGE TOMSETT 2.	HERBERT TOMSETT 6.
FRANK ATTWATER 3.	ALFRED TOMSETT 7.
WILLIAM GIBSON 4.	ALBERT E. MITCHELL Tenor.

Conducted by G. TOMSETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and 5th. The finger of the 5th was 67 that day.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAMBERT Treble.	GEORGE W. MOSS 5.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2.	JOHN FLINT 6.
EDWARD ROBBINS 3.	HENRY TURTON 7.
WALTER ALLWOOD 4.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM LAMBERT.
*First peal.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT WICKS Treble.	WILLIAM E. BUTLER 5.
WILLIAM E. PARKER 2.	ALBERT E. GRAY 6.
FRED RICHARDSON 3.	WILLIAM WELLING 7.
HERBERT R. STEVENS 4.	JOSEPH GUTTERIDGE Tenor.

Conducted by F. RICHARDSON.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, November 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE 5.
ALFRED B. PECK 2.	WILLIAM TRUSS 6.
HARRY R. PASMORE 3.	EDWARD P. O'MEARA 7.
THOMAS FAULKNER 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

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Miscellaneous.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OLD WINDSOR (Berks).—On Thursday, November 4th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Rev. F. H. Lang, J. Gutteridge, L. Stilwell, I. Goshing, W. Ralph, A. Blake conductor, W. Welling, F. Gutteridge.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Sunday, October 31st, at St. Peter's church, for evening service, 1016 Double Norwich. H. T. Pye, W. J. Nevard, W. Button, R. W. Stannard, F. L. Bumpstead, W. Chalk, W. Burch, A. G. Rivers conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—On September 30th, at All Saints, for Harvest Festival Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. M. Hedge, T. Stockdale, T. Harrison, C. Jackson conductor, F. Moulson, T. Whitfield, J. W. Stickney, G. Hedge.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

GREAT HAMPTON.—On Sunday, September 26th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Jordan, Thos. Edwin, F. Jordan, J. Hemming, Pte. P. Gibbs, Ernest Gibbs conductor. Rung as a farewell touch to Pte. P. Gibbs, of the King's Own Royal Lancashire, who left England on September 20th for Jersey to join his regiment, which sailed for India on September 29th. Also on Sunday, October 3rd, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. F. Jordon, T. Edwin, H. Jordon, J. Hemming, F. Enstone, Ernest Gibbs.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, October 31st, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Major in 48 mins. A. Houghton, W. Massey, A. Greenfield, A. Rowley, H. Hubble, W. Prestidge, J. Faulkner, A. Prestidge conductor. Also on Sunday evening, November 7th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in 46 mins. Samuel Groves, Harry Hill, Harry Price, Alfred Rowley conductor, Charles Robinson, Abraham Greenfield, Alfred Davies, Joseph Faulkner.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

YATELEY (Hants).—On Sunday, October 10th, for Divine Service, 420 Grandsire Triples. A. Hearmon, G. Butler, W. G. Bunch, W. Horne, H. Tice, F. Hagley conductor, S. Riddell, J. Bunch. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples, standing in the same order, conducted by W. Horne. On Sunday, October 27th, for service, 420 Grandsire Triples. A. Hearmon, G. Butler, W. G. Bunch, C. Hilton, F. Hagley, J. Bunch, S. Riddell conductor, W. Horne. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Hearmon, G. Butler, W. G. Bunch, H. Tice, F. Hagley, C. Hilton, S. Riddell conductor, J. Bunch. On Nov. 4th, in honour of the birthday of J. P. Stilwell, esq., J.P., President of the Winchester Guild, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Hearmon, G. Butler, W. G. Bunch, H. Tice, F. Hagley conductor, J. R. Bunch, S. Riddell, W. Horne. On November 7th, for service, by the same band, 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by S. Riddell. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Hearmon, C. Hilton, W. G. Bunch, S. Riddell, H. Tice, J. Richardson, W. Horne conductor, J. R. Bunch.

THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffs).—On Sunday, August 1st, for Mattins, 720 changes, consisting of 240 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. G. E. Laurence, W. C. Laurence, J. E. Wheeldon, J. H. Naylor, J. T. Taylor, F. T. Dawson conductor. On Sunday, August 8th, for Evensong, 720 Woodbine. H. B. Harding, W. C. Lawrence, J. T. Taylor, conductor, J. H. Naylor, F. T. Dawson, A. E. Ryles. On Sunday, August 15th for Mattins, 720 Violet. J. E. Wheeldon, W. C. Lawrence, H. B. Harding, J. T. Taylor, W. P. Dean, F. T. Dawson conductor. Also for Evensong, 240 each of

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Oxford, Kent and Woodbme. On Sunday, August 29th, for Evensong, 720 Lichfield Surprise. J. F. Ryles, W. C. Taylor, J. E. Wheeldon, W. C. Lawrence, B. Pegg conductor, W. P. Dean. This is the first 720 of Lichfield for all except J. E. Wheeldon. On Tuesday, August 31st, for practice, 720 Violet. W. C. Lawrence, E. Tigwell (Biddulph), W. C. Taylor, J. E. Wheeldon conductor, J. F. Ryles, W. P. Dean. On Tuesday, September 14th, 720 Lichfield Surprise. H. B. Harding, W. C. Taylor, J. E. Wheeldon conductor, W. C. Lawrence, W. P. Deane, F. T. Dawson. On Sunday, September 19th, for Mattins, 720 Killamarsh Surprise. H. B. Harding, W. C. Taylor, J. E. Wheeldon, W. C. Lawrence, B. Pegg conductor, F. T. Dawson. Also for Evensong 720 Worcester Surprise. G. E. Lawrence, W. C. Taylor, J. E. Wheeldon, W. C. Lawrence, B. Pegg conductor, F. T. Dawson. On Sunday, September 26th, 720, being 240 each of Lichfield Surprise, Worcester Surprise, and Violet. J. F. Ryles, W. C. Taylor, J. E. Wheeldon, W. C. Lawrence, B. Pegg, conductor, W. P. Dean.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM.—On Thursday evening September 23rd, 832 London Surprise Major. T. Bennett conductor, F. A. Holden, W. Hewett, L. Emery, T. Groombridge, W. J. Jeffries, H. Warne, J. E. Davis.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday evening, October 3rd, at the church of St. Alphege, for Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major 1280 changes in 50 mins. W. Foreman, I. G. Shade, J. J. Lamb, H. Hoskins, F. Bennett conductor, W. Berry, F. A. Holden, W. Shimmans.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ICKLETON (Cambs).—On Sunday, September 26th, at the parish church, for evening service, 360 and 216 Bob Minor. P. Webb, E. Webb, F. Bowtell, A. Lilley, J. Webb, W. Wasts conductor. On Wednesday, September 29th, for evening service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 360 Grandsire Doubles. On Sunday, October 3rd, for morning service, 510 Grandsire. For evening service, 630 Grandsire. P. Webb conductor, E. Webb, F. Bowtell, A. Lilley, J. Webb, H. Carder.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—The following touches were rung for the Harvest Festival services:—On Tuesday, September 28th, 720 Double Norwich. J. M. Button, C. F. Bailey conductor, G. Wilson, G. Berry, J. M. Bailey, G. F. Thompson, F. J. Smith, E. S. Bailey. On Sunday, October 3rd, for morning service, 1024 Superlative Surprise Major. F. J. Smith, C. Samson, J. M. Bailey, G. Berry, C. F. Bailey conductor, N. R. Bailey, E. H. Bailey, E. S. Bailey. For evening service, 960 Kent Treble Bob. F. Youngman, E. S. Bailey, E. H. Bailey, G. Wilson, J. M. Bailey, F. J. Smith, J. M. Button, N. R. Bailey conductor.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UCKFIELD (Sussex).—On Saturday, October 2nd, for practice, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (part of Parker's Twelve Part). F. Tester, A. J. Pierpoint, W. Burrell, T. Weddell, A. Cosham, jun., J. A. Hart conductor, A. J. Turner, A. Cosham, sen. On Sunday morning, October 3rd, for Harvest Thanksgiving Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 40 mins. A. Cosham, sen. T. Weddell, A. Cosham, jun., A. J. Pierpoint, J. A. Hart conductor, F. Charman.

PULBOROUGH (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, October 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 44 mins. E. Goodsell, A. B. Corden, T. A. Doick, P. H. Doick, G. H. Lee, A. Greenfield, S. W. Corden conductor, P. Knight. This is E. Goodsell's first quarter-peal, and A. B. Corden's first quarter-peal on a bob bell.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, July 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in 50 mins, 1263 changes. J. W. Driver conductor, E. A. Arthurton, S. J. Collins, Arthur Jones, Isaac Attwater, L. Attwater, J. Herbert, H. Adams, W. Shepherd, Alfred Jones. On Sunday, July 25th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in 50 mins. Arthur Jones conductor, J. W. Driver, A. H. Winch, D. Gibbins, G. Edser, W. J. Troughton, J. Herbert, H. Adams, W.

Shepherd, Alfred Jones. On Monday, August 30th, for practice on handbells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in 43 mins. A. F. Shepherd 1-2, G. Edser 3-4, W. Shepherd 5-6 L. Attwater 7-8, J. W. Driver conductor 9-10. On Monday, September 20th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters on handbells in 43 mins. by the same band.

BOLDMERE (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, September 11th, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. J. Preston, L. Powell, W. J. Meers conductor, T. Russam, G. Garrison, J. Sanders, T. Wells, J. Pyewell. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. A. Preston and Miss C. A. Robinson.

POPLAR (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, September 26th, at All Saints, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters. W. Truss, A. Walker conductor, A. Scambler, S. Bird, J. Scholes, A. Neal, R. Sanders, W. Theobald, H. Torble, W. Partiss.

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THE ICKLETON SOCIETY, CAMBS.

On Saturday, October 30th, the ringers, under the guidance of the Vicar (Rev. F. J. Tackley), spent an enjoyable day in London. The tower of London was visited, and subsequently St. Paul's, where permission had been obtained to visit the belfry, and see Great Paul rung. This bell, which takes four men to ring, weighs with clapper and fittings, over 20 tons, and is the largest bell in the world that is rung.

After dinner the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey were visited. The afternoon service was in progress, and the beautiful singing of the choir was greatly appreciated.

After tea the party journeyed to Cripplegate in haste, where at St. Giles's church, twelve members of the Middlesex Association were ringing a peal, and were in time to hear the last half-hour's ringing on these grand bells, and to congratulate the ringers on their good striking. Then came the great event of the day; the visitors here permitted to ring on a peal of bells in Coleman Street. Some of the London ringers, although they had just rung a peal, kindly joined their country brethren, and had a pull with them.

The return journey was by the mail train, Great Chesterford being reached about midnight. The visitors wish to thank their London friends for their kindness. P. W.

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A DAY IN BUCKS.

On Thursday, September 9th, by the kind invitation of Mr. T. Smith, the ringers of Pangbourne spent a very pleasant day in Clewer, Windsor, and Old Windsor. Starting from Pangbourne by the 8.37 train, being joined at Reading by Mr. A. E. Reeves, they arrived at Windsor at 10 a.m., where a carriage was found in waiting to convey them to Clewer. After exchanging friendly greetings with their host and hostess they were informed that the bells were ready. After ringing 2 hrs. 50 mins. the first 5040 on the bells was rung. A move was then made to the meeting house, where they found roast leg of mutton and other good things steaming on the table. After refreshing the inner man the order came "Take your seats, gentlemen," and then on to Old Windsor. Here they found the genial steeplekeeper, Mr. G. H. Gutteridge, waiting, and the bells were soon going to Grandsire

Doubles. Seated once more they drove to St. John's, Windsor, where they were met by Mr. F. King, who gave them a hearty welcome. Grandsire Doubles was again the order. After lowering the bells tea was partaken of, after which Mr. A. E. Reeves rose to thank Mr. and Mrs. Smith for their great kindness in entertaining them that day. The speaker went on to say that they had started the day well with fine weather, then the first peal at Clewer and some good ringing at Windsor and Old Windsor, and they would all go home with happy thoughts of September 9th. On rising to reply Mr. Smith received an ovation. He said it had given Mrs. Smith and himself very great pleasure to see his old friends enjoying themselves, and hoped they would have a safe journey home. The ringers taking part in the day's ringing were Messrs. T. Smith, J. Nicholls, G. Ashley, A. E. Webb, A. E. Reeves, A. Pether, H. Mead, J. Gutteridge.

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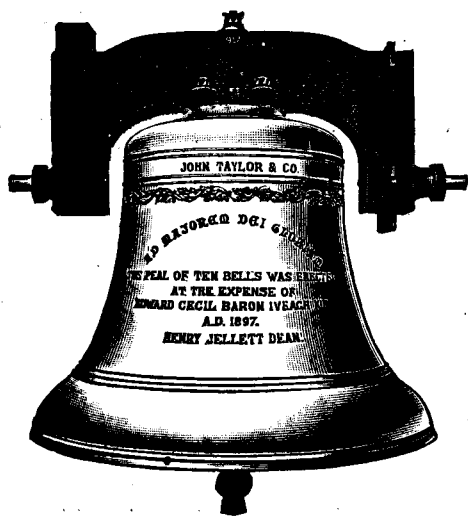
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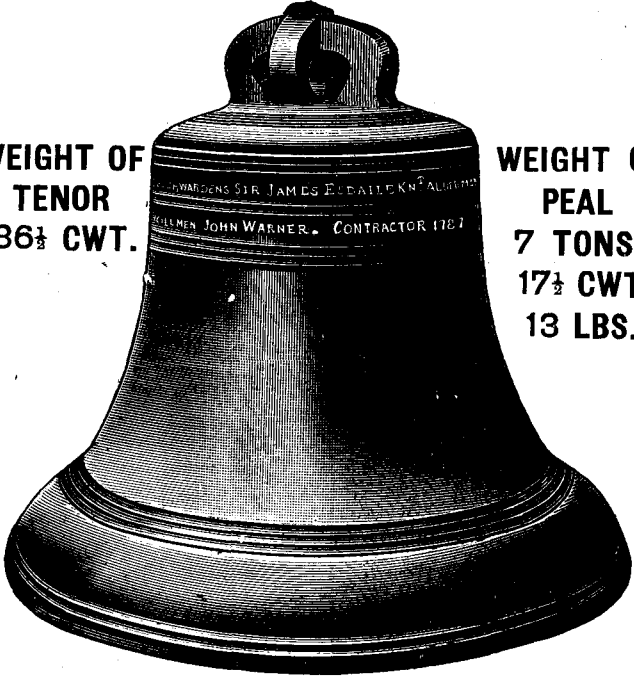
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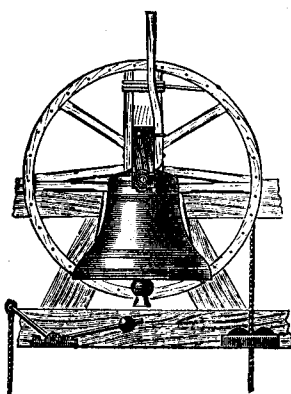
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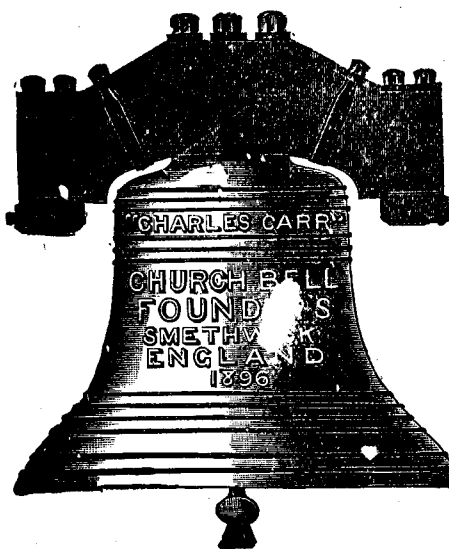
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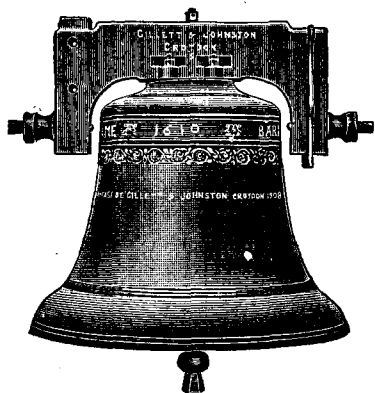
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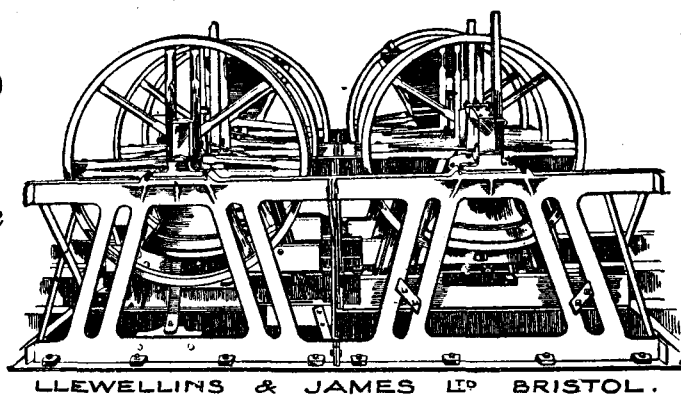
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BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

The dedication of the bells at the old parish church of Beccles took place on Monday evening, the 15th inst., the work of restoration having been brought to a successful completion. Mr. Henry Hopson, leader of the Beccles company, initiated the movement with a gift of £25. The Rector and Churchwardens issued an appeal, and Mr. Hopson has been largely concerned in interesting others in an undertaking which has been remarkably well supported by all sections of the public. How strong a hold the church bells have on the affections of the public was demonstrated by the readiness of all classes to subscribe to the restoration fund, insomuch that the completion of the work sees almost the entire cost defrayed. The cost of the work so far has been £648, and on the day of the dedication all but £33 7s. had been raised.

The dangerous condition of the bells was first brought to public notice at the Easter vestry meeting on the 18th April. Examination had shown that the framework was in such a state of decay that the bells were in imminent danger of falling, and that three of them were cracked. A committee was appointed and it was at first designed to make what use was possible of the sound timbers of the framework, and carry out a partial restoration at an estimated cost of £300; but this did not really satisfy any body, and after further consideration it was decided to employ Messrs. Taylor, the well-known bellfounders of Loughborough, to carry out the work thoroughly in every respect. This they have done to the satisfaction of all concerned, the ring of ten bells being hung in massive steel girders in place of wood framework, the three cracked bells being recast and tuned. They have been fitted with Taylor's patent slide, so as to lessen the friction in ringing, and in other respects brought up to date. The girders on which they hang weigh 11½ tons, and the bells themselves 6½ tons. They are placed about six feet below their former position, on a line with the sills of the topmost windows in the tower, the windows being fitted with wire netting to keep out the birds.

The service of dedication on Monday evening was attended by the Mayor and corporation, guardians, territorial infantry, and the cadet corps. A short service of dedication was first held in the belfry, where the clergy, churchwardens, choir, and ringers had already assembled when the civic representatives arrived. The service was conducted by the Rector. It commenced with a hymn, "We love the place," following which were suitable prayers dedicating the bells to God's service in their various uses, together with all who heard or used them. Immediately after the service the bells were rung while a procession was formed and marched from the tower and

entered the church by the west door. The hymn, "Now thank we all our God," was sung as a processional. The choir gave a very nice rendering of the anthem, "How lovely are the messengers that preach to us the gospel of peace." The sermon was preached by the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrence.

The offertory, amounting to £13, was collected while the hymn, "Hark, hark, my soul," was being sung. The Archdeacon pronounced the Benediction, and as the large congregation dispersed the organist played a lively march, and the bells pealed forth in joyous tones that lost themselves in the far distance.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual festival of this Association was held at Durham on Saturday, October 30th. The members assembled in goodly numbers for divine service in the cathedral at one o'clock, when an address was delivered by the Rev. J. E. Philipps, of Staindrop.

In the afternoon the members, to the number of between seventy and eighty, assembled at The County hotel for their annual dinner and meeting. At the meeting the president (C. L. Routledge, esq., of Newcastle) presided over a numerous and influential company.

Mr. A. M. C. Field (late secretary of the Association) submitted the toast of "The Bishop and Clergy of the dioceses of Durham and Newcastle," with which he coupled the names of the Rev. Hudson Parker, of Consett, and the Rev. B. Jealous, of Jarrow. They all knew the great interest their clergy took in bellringing, and particularly the Vicar of Consett. Mr. Field mentioned that the Rev. J. E. Philipps, who preached them so eloquent a sermon in the morning, was unfortunately unable to be with them that afternoon, as business took him away to Halifax.

The Rev. Hudson Parker, in response, said he regarded himself as one of the drones of the Association, whilst the members he saw around him were the workers. Personally he took the greatest interest in bellringing, and it was always a great pleasure to him to go into the belfry and see his own men at work. The Rev. B. Jealous also spoke briefly in acknowledgment of the toast.

On the motion of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, the secretary was instructed to forward a vote of thanks from that meeting to the Rev. J. E. Philipps for his address in the cathedral in the morning.

The secretary (Mr. C. M. Todd) submitted the annual report, which was of great length. Among other things the report stated that the number of belfries affiliated with the Association still remained at thirty-four. The statement of income and expenditure showed a balance in hand of £12 2s. 5½d., but this could not fairly be compared with last year. Coming to their main object, Sunday service ringing, the results of Ferry's list for the seventh year were for the most part satisfactory, and showed that

this scheme did not lose any of its popularity. Twenty-two belfries had sent in returns. The average number of points per belfry had decreased from 662 to 578, but this was accounted for by the greatly reduced scores of the leaders. The first three places were taken by: 1st, Benfieldside, 2315 points; 2nd, Darlington St. John's, 1,700.322 points; and 3rd, North Shields, 1,635.84 points.

There had been thirty-six peals rung—an increase of eight over last year; but the average points per peal were over two points lower—18.42—as compared with 20.78, the total points being 663. Ninety-one members took part in the peals. Seven peals had been scored on handbells. In fact, it was the first year in which any real proportion had been rung in hand, and all were rung in classical methods. The Association had the honour of ringing the first peals in the Erin method, Triples and Caters, this being mainly due to some very smart composing work on the part of their ingenious president for the eastern district, Mr. J. W. Parker. A scheme had been formulated by the president for quarterly peals in each of their four districts. The report concluded: Looking at the year's work as a whole, it seems that the Association is making headway. The advance was not rapid, and there is still much work to be done, more especially in bringing into union a large number of unaffiliated towers in the two dioceses. The report was adopted as satisfactory, on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Potter.

Dr. Pauli then presented the Ferry list awards.

On the motion of Mr. J. W. Parker, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Dean and Chapter of Durham for arranging the service in the Cathedral and for the use of the Cathedral bells, to the Cathedral organist (Minor Canon Culley), to the Rev. C. R. J. Loxley and wardens of St. Oswald's, for the use of St. Oswald's bells, also to the Rev. W. Bothamley and wardens for the use of St. Nicholas' bells.

The Rev. W. Bothamley, in responding, said it was the greatest joy for him to do whatever he could to encourage others in what was such a splendid occupation, one felt one was doing in the matter of church bellringing, to the glory of God.

On the motion of Mr. G. T. Potter, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the following retiring officers:—Messrs. Routledge, Story, Kingdom, Field, and Todd.

The election of officers resulted:—President, Mr. C. L. Routledge, Newcastle; vice-presidents—northern district, Mr. J. E. R. Keen, Newcastle; southern district, Mr. Baxter, Darlington; eastern district, Mr. J. W. Parker, Sunderland; western district, Mr. J. W. Forster, Benfieldside; secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. Todd, Darlington; auditor, Mr. R. W. Faulkner, Gosforth. Sub-committee, Messrs. G. T. Potter, W. T. Robson, A. M. C. Field, and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson. Peal referees, Messrs. W. H. Barber, W. T. Robson, J. W. Barker, A. M. C. Field, and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson.

The following meetings were arranged:—Pre-lent, Wylam; Whitsuntide meeting, Sunderland; summer meeting, Heighington.

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Considerable interest was shown in the event by the gathering of bands of ringers from a distance. In addition to the Holbeton men, Brent ringers rang during the afternoon and before the service. A band of change-ringers, members of the Devonshire Guild, from the Three Towns and Charles branches, rang during and after the service. These were in addition to the President (Rev. H. Maitland Kelly), Messrs. Marsh (2), Williams, Myers, Dunaway, Hiscott, Stroud, Bennett, Hockaday, and Hobbs.

The evensong, which celebrated the dedication, was fully choral, Mr. F. E. Clynick (parish organist), directing and accompanying the musical part of the service. The canticles were sung to chants, and instead of an anthem, the ancient plain-song, "Urbs Beata," for All Saints' day, was sung. Mr. Clynick appropriately prefaced the service with a rendering on the organ of a Litany by Schubert for All Souls' day. The Rev. E. S. Powell (Vicar), sang evensong and conducted the service, which was very impressive; and the Rev. H. Maitland Kelly, President of the Devonshire Guild, read the lessons.

During the singing of the hymn "Hark, hark, my soul" before the sermon, the choir and clergy proceeded to the belfry tower, and at its close a supplicatory service of dedication was conducted by the Vicar. This was followed by 120 of Grandsire Doubles rung by the Plymouth ringers.

The Rev. J. Trelawny-Ross, D.D., preaching from the text (Eph. ix., 12), "For the perfecting of the saints," pointed out that the Epistle and Gospel for the day referred to the saints of God in the Church above and the Church below. The message of the church bells rightly listened to, was a special help given by God to be used for His worship. A saint was one who was trying to do his duty to God and to his neighbour. He was glad to know of the work which had been done in that parish in the belfry. Hardly anything used in the service of God was as English as church bells, for no other country had them in use in the same way. The mission of the bells was to "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with those who weep," but their primary purpose was to call people to worship in the service of the Almighty. Thus they tended to raise the standard of the whole life of the parish.

Dr. Trelawny-Ross urged those present to make a fresh start with the renovated bells in the sincere worship of God, in confession of sins and prayer for blessing. Thus could they help the use of the bells "for the perfecting of the saints."

At the conclusion of the service the "Te Deum" was sung, and Mr. Clynick played Elgar's No. 1 "Pomp and Circumstance" march. Subsequently the Plymouth ringers rang some beautifully struck 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, which displayed the beautiful quality of the bells.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The six bells of this church, after remaining in a dilapidated state for generations, were put in ringing order at the beginning of last summer by Messrs. Warner and Sons. Two of the bells have been recast, the others retuned, and the whole rehung with entirely new fittings and a new iron frame. The church is undergoing thorough restoration, and will be ready for reopening in a few weeks' time. Several thousand pounds is being spent on the fabric. Contrary to what unfortunately is often the case, the bells were attended to first, and on completion, there being no locals to ring, then advice was sought from the Llandaff Diocesan Association.

On the understanding that the tower became affiliated to the Association, Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, on July 7, commenced there as an honorary instructor. On November 2nd, after continual practice and perseverance on both tied tower bells and handbells, the bells were rung open by the local ringers for the first time. (It is stated that no ringing had been done there before by local ringers for a hundred years.) After a few rounds and "Queens" were rung the first 120 of Grandsire Doubles was rung for the first time by the following (excepting the treble ringer):—J. W. Jones, A. Edwards, T. Williams, N. Edwards, L. Brown (conductor), G. Williams.

At the conclusion of the ringing a presentation was made by the ringers to Mr. Jones as an appreciation of his services given.

UNVEILING A PEAL-BOARD.

Upon the occasion of the election of Mr. W. Triggs Turner as Mayor of Guildford on Tuesday week, a band of the Holy Trinity Society rang a peal of Stedman Triples. This was the first time that a peal had been rung on Mayor-making day, and to commemorate the event a board recording the peal has been placed in the belfry of Holy Trinity church, whose walls already record many notable ringing performances, dating back to the forties. This board was unveiled by the Bishop of Guildford on Wednesday evening in the presence of the Mayor, the rector and ringers. His lordship, having ascended the winding steps into the belfry, said that that was his first visit there, but he had heard of the achievements and skill which the ringers had acquired in that most wonderful Art. Speaking of the performance on the occasion under mention, his lordship felt that any event of that kind should be carefully recorded in church belfries, because it

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Mr. B. Chorley, on behalf of the ringers, thanked the Mayor for his presence, and expressed the pleasure it gave them to ring the peal recorded.

The Mayor suitably returned thanks, and a similar vote was accorded the Bishop, on the call of Mr. J. J. Jones, after which his lordship, the rector, and others signed the belfry visitors' book, and the ringers gave a touch of Stedman Triples.

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."

"BARNBURY COURT MAJOR."

SIR,—I notice in your last issue that Mr. Richard Palmer claims this method, and as he points to its publication in "THE BELL NEWS," August, 1895, his claim is clearly prior to mine; but I must say I've had this for many years before that date, but never intended to publish it till just before doing so. I am sorry to cause our respected friend Palmer the trouble of writing you on the subject. In conclusion, let me say it is only methods with a treble that will now class as Surprise, Exercises, etc.

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H. DAINS.

AN EXPLANATION.

SIR,—The peal I called at Sandhurst was the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's No. 7, and not a seven-part. I did not send the peal to "THE BELL NEWS," and do not know how the mistake originated.

H. LAW JAMES.

We have a letter and small package from New Zealand addressed—"J. H. Cheeseman, Esq., care of 'BELL NEWS.'" We will send them on if we can have the proper address.

CONDUCTOR WANTED.—Experienced ringer as conductor for Manchester district. Communications to be addressed to the Editor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Central Committee held their autumn meeting in the parish room, Tonbridge (by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Baskerville) on Saturday, November 20th.

Among the items of business transacted may be specially mentioned the decision to hold the annual general meeting next year on Whitsun Monday (as usual) at St. Nicholas', Deptford, and to revert to the custom of having a dinner after the service in the morning instead of, as on the last three occasions, a tea after service in the afternoon. Messrs. J. Emery (St. Mary Cray), and G. Edwards (Chiddingstone) were put on the Committee to serve for three years in place of Messrs. A. R. Manning (Hythe) and A. Palmer (Lenham), whose term of service has expired.

From the belfry repairs fund a grant of £2 23. was voted towards the work done at Sellenge; £4 49. was promised towards the cost of rehangings at Leeds; and £6 6s. to the Dartford tower and bells reparation fund, towards which the local ringers themselves have contributed as much as £30.

It was agreed that East Peckham should be transferred to the Tonbridge District, and Charing and Egerton to the Maidstone district.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Guildford district of this Guild was held at Guildford on Wednesday, November 17th, and the attendance was thoroughly representative of the towers embraced within the area. Several touches were rung at Holy Trinity church, from 4 o'clock to 5.30, at which latter hour a service was held in the church, when an address was given by the Bishop of Guildford (Dr. Randolph). The form of service specially arranged for a congregation of ringers was gone through, the Rector of Holy Trinity (the Rev. E. C. Kirwan) and the Revs. C. E. Vuttall and A. Burrows officiating, while the organist and choir were in attendance.

Following the service tea was partaken of at The Star hotel. Mr. J. Cable presided, and was supported by the Bishop of Guildford, the Revs. E. C. Kirwan, C. E. Nuttall, F. E. Robinson, of Wokingham (premier ringer in the world), G. F. Coleridge (Vicar of Crowthorne), the Mayor (Councillor W. Triggs Turner), and others, and there were also present between eighty and 100 representatives from Guildford, Farnham, Godalming, Haslemere, Woking, Bramley, Shalford, Puttenham, Cranleigh, Shere, Chiddingfold, Binstead, Liss, etc. All the officers were re-elected, with the exception of the hon. chaplain, the Rev. A. R. Wlsemann (Rector of Seale), who wrote expressing regret at being unable to attend the meetings, and suggesting that another gentleman should be appointed in his place. The resignation was received with regret, and the appointment was left to the chairman of the committee (Mr. C. Willshire) and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. J. Jones). A large number of honorary and ordinary members, the former including the Mayor and Mr. Cable, and the latter the whole of the Liss Company, were elected, and the hon. secretary's report showed that during the year three new "towers" had joined the district, and that nearly 50 hon. and ordinary members had been enrolled, bringing the membership of the district up to about 300. The finances showed a balance in hand of some £14. The report was adopted. The places of meeting for 1910 were fixed as under: February, Godalming; April,

Frensham; May, Cobham; August, Bramley and Womersley; and the annual meeting in November at Guildford.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, of Woking, Past Master of the College Youths, read an interesting paper on "A Ringing Experience of thirty years." He told several entertaining incidents as showing how ringers were to be found in most unexpected places. His most cherished recollection related to an incident at the time of the opening of the Imperial Institute by her late Majesty Queen Victoria. The Royal carriage having stopped, shortly after a gorgeously-apparelled officer entered the ringing-chamber and expressed Her Majesty's delight and thanks to the ringers at the well-struck changes that had been rung.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Dawe, on the motion of Mr. F. Blondell, seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge.

The chairman, in replying to a vote of thanks for presiding, expressed great surprise and admiration at the number of ringers present, and the enthusiasm among them. He thought the general public did not really know how much the social life of England was indebted to ringers.

During the evening selections were given on handbells.

THE VERRY COMMEMORATION.

On Saturday, November 13th, at The Red Lion hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, the fifth annual commemoration dinner of the above was held. Forty ringers and friends sat down to partake of the good things provided, and after the dinner, at which J. S. Pritchett, esq., presided, there was a very enjoyable evening spent with music on the handbells, tunes and changes. Mr. H. Withers also gave some tunes and changes on the dulcimer in his usual good form. Mr. F. Davies gave several good songs in a very pleasing manner. The evening was enjoyed very much, and the company hoped the gathering would be continued annually to remind them of very pleasant memories of the past in the company of their late friend and companion.

The chairman having to leave early to get home by train, was regretted by the company assembled, but the best of friends must part. Altogether the meeting was enjoyed till closing time, when the National Anthem sung by Mr. F. Davies, brought the meeting to a close.

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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 November 29th; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 30th; all at 8 p.m.

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

East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsover to-day, Sat., November 27th. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. All members and friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Church District.—The annual meeting of this district will take place to-day, Sat., November 27th. Bells available from 2.45 a.m. Meeting in the choir room at 3.45 p.m. Tea at 5. Service at 6 p.m.

GEO. PRESTON, *Dis. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Yorktown to-day, Sat., November 27th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. After tea the bells at Hawley will be available. Members of other districts will be gladly welcomed.

GEORGE EDSER, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Leyland, to-day, Sat., November 27th. Bells (8) ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

E. MARTIN, *Br. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Minster, Isle of Sheppey. Bells available at 3 p.m.

LWD. A. G. ALLEN, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, to-day, Sat., November 27th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Woodman hotel 7.30 p.m.

GEO. W. SNACK, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Warnham to-day, Sat., November 27th. Tower open from 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at The Sussex Oak inn. Business meeting to follow.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The next meeting will be held at St. Giles', Willenhall, on Saturday, December 4th. Bells available from 2. Service, with address by the Vicar, at 5. Tea (1s) at the church house at 6. Those intending to take tea kindly send notice not later than November 30th.

A. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

38, Leicester Street, Wolverhampton.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity church, Burnley, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells ready from 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.

J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday, Dec.

4th. Ringing from 2. Committee at 3.30 in vestry to discuss sub-division of branch, and to report to Diocesan Committee. Service at 4.15. Address by Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Rector of Kingston Magna. Tea at 5 in St. George's Hall (St. James's School), followed by general business meeting.

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

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. George's, Stockport, on Saturday, December 4th.

A. T. BRESTON, *Hon. Br. Sec.*

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Wolstanton on Saturday, December 4th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Service in church at 7 p.m. The annual committee meeting will be held in the schools at 4.15. Will representatives kindly write Mr. Wm. Fitchford, 30, Orchard Street, Wolstanton, how many intend to be present from their towers not later than December 1st.

Rev. W. G. KEYWORTH } *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON,

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bury, on Saturday, December 4th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30.

THOS. ROLLERSON, *Br. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Newport Pagnell, Bucks, on Saturday, December 4th. Bells available at 2 p.m.

F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Minster, Isle of Sheppey, on Saturday, December 4th. Bells available at 3 p.m.

EDWD. A. G. ALLEN, *Hon. Sec.*

77, Bill Street Road, Finsbury, Rochester.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chard on Saturday, December 11. Service in the parish church at 3.15. Tea in the church rooms at 4 p.m. Meeting to follow. Bells available all the afternoon.

E. E. BURGESS, *Sec.*

Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting of the South-Western Division takes place at Hornchurch on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (just rehung) will be available at 3 p.m., followed by a short address in the church at 5 p.m. by the Vicar, Rev. H. Dale who has kindly promised to take the chair at tea at The Bull inn, 5.30. Members 6d, visitors 1s. 6d. Will those who intend being present kindly inform me few days previously.

G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*

7, Richmond Terrace, S. Woodford.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 11th. Bells ready at 3.30.

WALTER HUGHES.

The Herts Association.—A district meeting will be held at Bushey on Saturday, December 11th. Bells available at 4 p.m. The tower of Oxhey will be open for one hour during the evening. Tea at the institute, 6d, a head, at 5.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec. West Division.*

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—Will the members of the above Society kindly forward a post card with their name and address for entry in a new book for members names to

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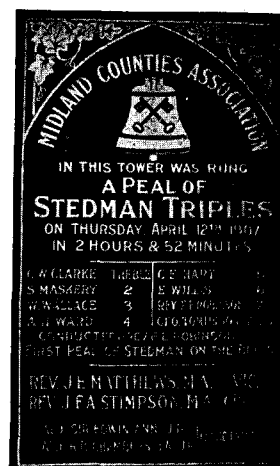
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Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by J. SOUTER.

This peal was taken from Snowdon's Treble Bob, page 15. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Ford, jun., his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

HERTFORD.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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BARNARD PATMORE† 4.	*GEORGE GRAY Tenor.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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Tenor 16 cwt.

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Composed by JOHN HERON, and Conducted by F. BARKER.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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FRANK VAUGHAN Treble.	ALBERT CAPON 5.
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GEORGE T. POTTER 4.	JAMES E. GOFTON .. 9.
WILLIAM STOEY 5.	ALEXANDER LAWSON .. Tenor.

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

*First peal of Caters.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

WILLIAM WISKENS Treble.	GEORGE ARCHER 5.
CLEMENT MORE 2.	ELLIS HAYWARD 6.
JOHN SMITH 3.	JOHN SOUTER 7.
WILLIAM SALTER 4.	WILLIAM IRELAND Tenor.

Conducted by J. SOUTER.

Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 9, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF CHARITY,

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

WILLIAM WOOD Treble.	EDWARD TRENDALL 5.
ALBERT BIGGS 2.	FREDERICK HUNT 6.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN 3.	WILLIAM HOLDSTOCK 7.
SAMUEL R. GARNER 4.	GEORGE WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by F. HUNT.

Rung in honour of the King's birthday, and of the new Mayor (Mr. T. Gillett), an old member of the band

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tuesday, November 9, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble.	ALFRED J. T. CARTER 5.
THOMAS E. LOOSEMORE 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS 6.
GEORGE H. JAYE 3.	HARRY W. CATTERWELL 7.
ERNEST PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

Rung in honour of the King's birthday, and also as a birthday compliment to H. W. Catterwell. †First peal in the method.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 9, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT COLEMAN Treble.	WILLIAM H. CORBETT 5.
GEORGE WYATT 2.	JOHN WYATT 6.
JOHN CRAWFORD 3.	JOHN HOYLE 7.
WILLIAM COOK 4.	DAVID ANSCOMBE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

Rung in honour of His Majesty's birthday.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 9, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

ARTHUR ROOPE Treble.	HENRY GARNHAM 5.
FREDERICK ROOPE 2.	FREDERICK SURREIDGE 6.
CHARLES BAKER 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
CHARLES ROOPE 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by A. ROOPE.

Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 9, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

SIDNEY BOORE Treble.	ALAN MACDONALD 5.
ARTHUR BLAKE 2.	GEORGE SPENCER 6.
THOMAS GOSLING 3.	WILLIAM WELLING 7.
JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE 4.	WILLIAM RALPH Tenor.

Conducted by W. WELLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to His Majesty the King. A. R. Macdonald was proposed a member of the above Guild before starting.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Bob and Double Bob, and 720 each of Double Court, Oxford and Keat Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. HUGH RICHARDSON .. Treble.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 4.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 2.	ARTHUR J. FARR .. 5.
C. WILLIAM SMITH .. 3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

First peal in eight methods on the bells, by all the band, and by the above Guild. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

CLUNBURY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER .. Treble.	WALTER BOUGHEY .. 4.
JOHN HAMMOND .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. 5.
HARRY HALL .. 3.	PERCY SHENTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal on the bells.

LEINTWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 10, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob and Grandsire, and two each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN HAMMOND Treble.	JOHN EVANS 4.
SAMUEL ROBERTS 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
LEONARD WILLIAMS 3.	CHARLES L. SADLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal in five methods. The above two peals were rung as a birthday compliment to the Editor.

LINCOLN.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH)

On Wednesday, November 10, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by HENRY W. KIRTON.

*First peal in the method.

SUTTON, SURREY.

On Wednesday, November 10, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BENHILTON,

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

S. RAYNER Treble.	A. CLAYTON 5.
J. WEBB 2.	*J. WARWICK 6.
J. WIGNALL 3.	F. HOLDER 7.
P. A. COARD 4.	†G. COSHAM Tenor.

Conducted by F. HOLDER.

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

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, November 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

HENRY BURDOCK Treble.	BEN CHORLEY 5.
ALFRED H. PULLING 2.	RALPH WOOD 6.
HENRY HUTTON 3.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN. 7.
HENRY L. GARFATH 4.	THOMAS MAYNARD Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung in honour of W. Tripp Turner, Esq., who was elected Mayor of Guildford on November 9th.

DONINGTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 11, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

REV. E. FREEMAN Treble.	REV. H. LAW JAMES 4.
JESSE PEABSON 2.	JOHN T. STAPLES 5.
JOHN H. STAFFORD 3.	HERBERT WOODS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

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

DORKING, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, November 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

EDWARD E. DODD Treble.	HENRY BOXALL 5.
GEORGE MARRINER 2.	JOHN H. WHITE 6.
ARTHUR C. OTWAY 3.	ARTHUR DEAN 7.
ALFRED H. WINCH 4.	WILLIAM LYNCH Tenor.

Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

Rang on the occasion of the dedication festival of the church (St Martin's Day). Quickest peal on the bells.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

FREDERICK HODGKIN* .. Treble.	†FRANK SHARP 5.
DAVID HODGKIN 2.	CHARLES TRIBE 6.
PHILIP HODGKIN 3.	†GEORGE HADAWAY 7.
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 4.	CHARLES H. SONE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by C. H. SONE.

*First peal. †First peal of Major. First peal on the bells, which have all been recast from the old six (tenor 15½ cwt.), by Bowell, of Ipswich, who has given great satisfaction, the "go" and tone being perfect. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Sharp, the band wishing him many happy returns.

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GRIMSBY.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN W. SEAMER Treble.	*JAMES J. READ 5.
W. ERNEST MEFFIN 2.	PERCY C. LONG 6.
CHARLES TAYLOR 3.	ARTHUR B. SHEPHERD .. 7.
JOHN E. KENNINGTON .. 4.	A. WILLIAM LONG Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. SEAMER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. E. Meffin, and was his first peal away from the treble. *First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5149 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

J. HAZELL Treble.	W. WIGMORE 4.
G. WIGMORE 2.	W. MATTHEWS 5.
G. DAVIS 3.	S. WATERS Tenor.

Conducted by W. MATTHEWS.

First peal by all the band, and on the bells. It was at first intended to ring a date touch of 1909 changes, but the length was extended to the number shown.

EARDISLAND, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN POWELL* Treble.	JOHN HAMMOND 4.
WILLIAM WATKINS 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
ALFRED TOMKINS 3.	ANDREW POWELL Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 7, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor about 10 cwt.

WILLIAM CARPENTER* .. Treble.	JAMES OSBORN 3.
ARTHUR ANDREWS 2.	JOHN T. HOLMES 4.
CLEMENT GLENN 3.	.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal on the bells. *First peal, and was elected a member previous to starting.

Handbell Peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF C. WILLSHIRE, 21, STOKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JAMES HUNT 1-2.	MAURICE SMITHER 5-6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN. 3-4.	*THOMAS PRICE 7-8.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN.

Umpire—A. H. Pulling. *First peal on handbells. Arranged for T. Price.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 7, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF F. R. KETTLEBORO,

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

HARRY MOSS 1-2. | WILLIAM KEEBLE.. .. 5-6.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO.. 3-4. | WILLIAM LAMBERT .. 7-8.
JESSE MOSS 9-10.

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

Umpire—E. Robbins. First peal of Royal on handbells by all except the conductor, by the Association, and in the county.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Oxford Bob Triples rang at Beckenham, and published in our last issue, should read Parker's Six-Part, not Parker's Five-Part.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Grandsire Triples has been sent from Chiddingstone, Kent, without any date being mentioned.

Date Touches.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTON FAVELL (Northants).—On Tuesday, November 9th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, 1903 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins. W. Law, G. Luck, C. Haines, F. Hopper, T. Law conductor. Longest length by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, and 3rd, and longest length as conductor. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

Miscellaneous.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Monmouthshire).—On September 30th, at the church of All Saints, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. E. Morgan, W. Millard, F. Charles, J. Jones, A. Thomas, A. Morgan, J. W. Jones, S. Baiss.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORWOOD (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, October 29th, at the parish church, for the induction of the new Rector (Rev. H. E. St. John Macdonald, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 23 mins. W. Emmett, F. Winter, A. R. Macdonald conductor. J. Stearns, H. Parslow, J. Duffield. And 360 of Doubles standing as before.

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

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Sunday, September 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. T. Rickwood, G. Kilby, G. Chalkley, T. Langdon, H. Kilby conductor, W. Hill. On Sunday evening, September 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Rickwood, G. Kilby, H. Kilby conductor, G. Chalkley, T. Langdon, A. Hill. On Sunday morning, October 3rd, for Harvest Festival, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Rickwood, G. Kilby, G. Matthews, T. Langdon, H. Kilby conductor, W. Hill. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Rickwood, G. Kilby, T. Langdon, B. Maxim, R. Kilby, H. Kilby conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BECKENHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, October 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Ferry, J. Town, G. W. Clarke, F. King, F. Terry, J. Lovell, W. Smith conductor, W. Meek. Composed by W. Walmsley, and contains twenty-four 7-4s queens, tittums, and Whittingtons. On Sunday, October 3rd, 630 Union Triples, standing as before. On Thursday, October 7th, 336 Bob Major. C. Terry, J. Town, G. W. Clarke, G. Wilde, F. Terry, J. Lovell, J. Blake, W. Smith conductor. 168 Stedman Triples. G. Durling, J. Town, G. Wilde, F. King, F. Terry, J. Lovell, W. Smith conductor, J. Blake. J. Blake bails from Chichester, G. Wilde from Brixton.

CHISWICK.—On Thursday, October 10th, for Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. E. Mackrill, W. Ledbitter, G. Condick, W. Stevens, J. Kelly, F. Skevington conductor, G. White, J. Roberts.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, October 10th, for morning service, 464 Bob Major. H. Brewer, O. Sippetts, A. Mills, A. Mitchell, J. Rice, G. Stokes, R. Whittington, F. Rice.

HANDSWORTH.—On Saturday, November 20th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the induction of the new Rector, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Ellis. On Sunday morning, November 21st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. In the evening 1008 Grandsire Triples, conducted by T. Westwood. T. Russam kindly took part in this touch.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday afternoon, September 26th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. E. H. Cook, Thos. Bolton, E. Cassell, Rev. C. C. Cox conductor, F. Skevington, J. P. Kent, C. F. W. Hunt, G. W. Coombes. First quarter-peal with a bob bell by the ringer of the 2nd.

TODDINGTON (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, September 30, 960 Grandsire Doubles. W. Slatter, N. Greenall, J. M. Turner, F. Sallis, T. Sallis conductor, J. Wood. This is the longest length on the bells since the addition of a new treble. Also 120 St. Dunstan's by the same band.

VANCOUVER (British Columbia).—On Wednesday, September 29th, at the Roman Catholic church, 720 Bob Minor. A. C. Limpus, G. W. Foster, R. J. Carrier, J. W. Eldred, F. Bressey conductor, J. B. Cherry. Also a 720 with J. Maskell ringing the tenor. First of Bob Minor on the bells. On Wednesday, September 28th, 447 Grandsire Triples. A. C. Limpus, R. Carrier, F. Bressey, G. Foster conductor, J. Eldred, J. Maskell, J. B. Cherry, F. Kellaway. On Sunday evening, October 17th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. A. Limpus, E. Coppen, F. Bressey, R. Carrier, G. Foster conductor, J. Maskell, J. B. Cherry, F. Kellaway. First quarter-peal rung in the Dominion of Canada. Recently on handbells 216 Grandsire Triples. F. Bressey, 1-2; J. Carrier, 3-4; G. Foster (conductor), 5-6; J. B. Cherry, 7-8.

WORTH (Sussex).—On Sunday, October 10th, for the Harvest Festival, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Mitchell, J. Rice, J. Akehurst, A. Mills, O. Sippetts, F. Rice conductor.

LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

(No. 2 on plan.)

5088.

By W. HYDE INGLESANT.

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Contains the 6th her extent right. A bob at w in every course. The courses called 5ths and 4ths consist of sixteen leads.

CHURCH BELL ROPES.—The longest peal ever rung was at Loughborough on Easter Monday. The ropes used were made by JOHN FRITCHARD, of Loughborough, whose bell-ropes are favorites of the Exercise for their non-stretching. Soft as silk; durable as steel.

Obituary.**HENRY POPPIT.**

A great friend of ringers generally has passed away in the person of Henry Poppit, of Coalbrookdale. Deceased, who was only 42 years of age, had been ailing for the last few years, but his condition was only considered grave a few days before his death, which took place on Monday, the 9th inst. The funeral took place on Wednesday, at Holy Trinity church. The choir, being in attendance, sang two very appropriate hymns. Mr. Wallace, organist, played the "Dead March." After the service eight members of the Salop Archidiaconal Guild rang with the bells half muffled 2,520 Grandsire Triples, being half of J. E. Groves's variation of Parker's Twelve-Part, in 1 hr. 38 mins. Wm. Merrington, Tom Day,

James York, Walter Lago, Frank Downing, William Jones, William Saunders conductor, Harold Aston.

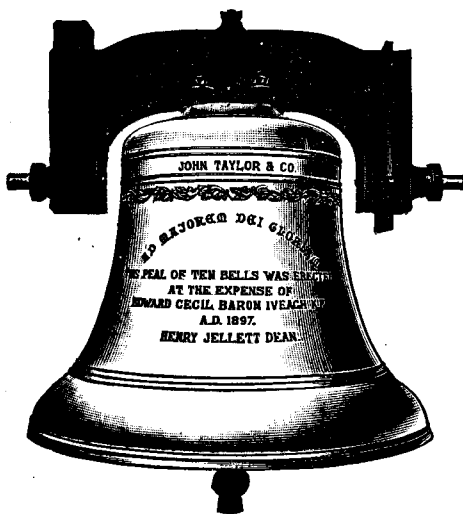
The following answer to a correspondent has been given in *Tit Bits*:—"We can thoroughly sympathise with you regarding the distraction which you say you suffer owing to the jangling of the church bells when Sunday comes round, or "practice" night. We have been distracted ourselves many times, and we would suggest that you remove your location to pastures where church bells' tongues are silent. Why not go and take up your residence near a boiler factory—we have been told that the sound of hammering iron is an excellent thing for the nerves, whereas the ringing of bells produces nervous prostration."

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THE LATE MR. FREDERICK MEE.

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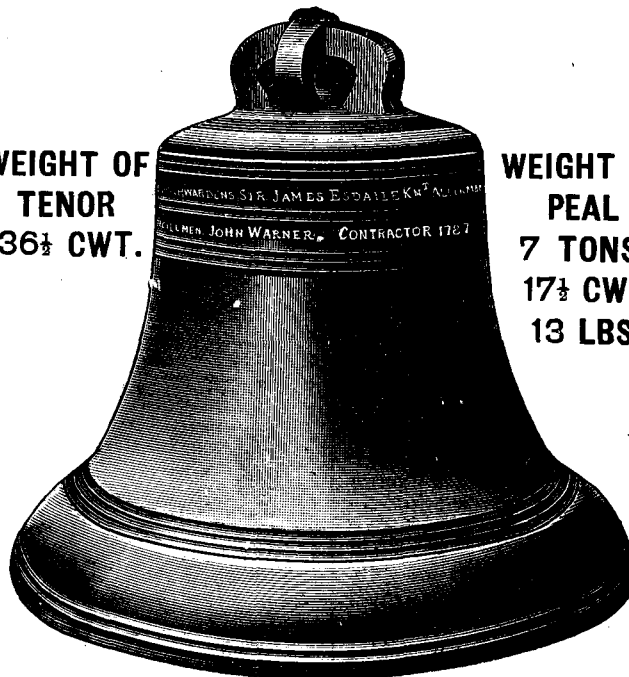
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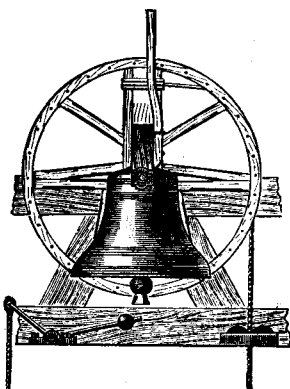
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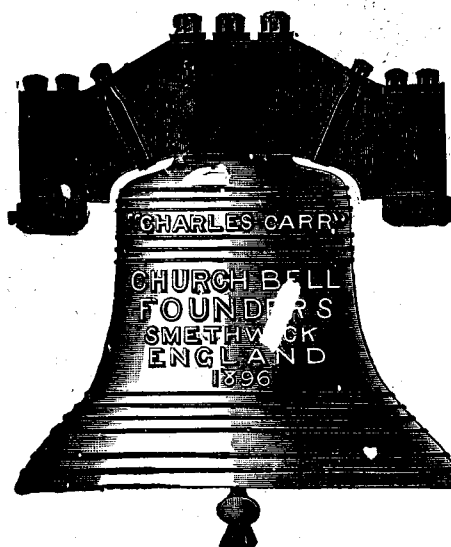
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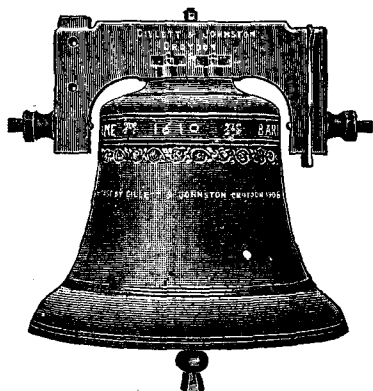
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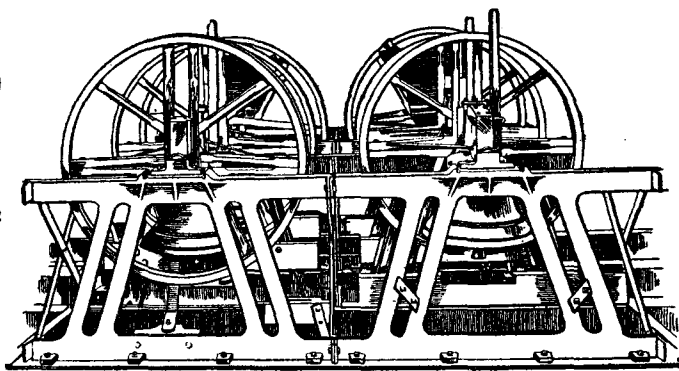
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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Chipping Norton deanery branch of this Guild was held at Hook Norton on Saturday, November 6th. Fine weather favored the event, and as a result there was a good attendance of members of the branch from the various towers in the district. There was a large company present at the service in the church, the parishioners being well represented. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. C. Freeman. The choir rendered the anthem, "Who are these?" The address was given by the Rev. Ernest V. Cox, son of a former Vicar of Hook Norton.

At 5.30 a company of about forty sat down to an excellent tea, and following this the annual business meeting was held. The chair was taken by the Rev. W. C. Carter (chairman of the branch), and among those present were the Master and deputy-Master of the Guild, and a great number of clergy from neighbourhoods both far and near. The following towers were represented: Chastleton, Chipping Norton, Enstone, Hook Norton, Shipton, Todenhams, etc.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and signed, the hon. secretary (Mr. J. F. Barlow) presented his annual report, which showed an increase in the membership of the branch during the past year. Four peals had been rung in towers within the district. The chairman, secretary and treasurer, and auditor were re-elected.

The Rev. E. C. Freeman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. E. V. Cox for coming to Hook Norton and preaching that afternoon. He had given some feelings of happiness to the people of Hook Norton, and to him as Rector in particular, by his visit. They were proud to have in him one who was born in the rectory at Hook Norton, and the son of a former Rector.

The Rev. E. V. Cox replied, expressing the pleasure he felt in coming again to Hook Norton. It had long been his ambition to score a peal in their tower, and with combined efforts this they were able to do the previous evening. Further, when he used to be catechised on Sunday evening by his father, little did he think he would live to preach in Hook Norton pulpit, or be a ringer. His connection with change-ringing began with the Oxford Guild, and he owed a good deal to the towers in the Guild. There was another thing he would like to mention, and that was that the Master called his first peal of Stedman at Kidlington for him. He would like to thank them one and all for the way in which they had received him.

It was decided to hold the spring meeting of the branch at Leafield in May next.

The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Hook Norton for receiving the members of the branch at his parish, also to the organist and choir for assisting at the service in church. He said that it was a great pleasure always to meet the Rector of Hook Norton at any place, but particularly in his own parish.

The Rev. E. C. Freeman, in response, said he was sure that no thanks were due to him. He would rather put it the other way about, and thank the branch for their visit.

He had been looking forward to this meeting, and so had all their ringers, and he might say the people of Hook Norton had been looking forward to it also, and the people were represented at the meeting that evening by their two churchwardens. He considered it the duty of every clergyman to encourage the Guild as much as he was able to, because he thought the work done by the ringers was among the most important work that could be done for the Church by lay people. He hoped the branch would flourish, and that they would continue to increase their membership.

The Rev. W. J. Palmer said he had the pleasant duty to express their thanks and pleasure for the presence of the Master of the Guild, the Rev. F. E. Robinson. They all knew what he did for the Guild, and he might say also, outside the Guild. They also had the pleasure of having the deputy-Master with them, and they wished also to thank him.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson, in returning thanks, referred to the flourishing condition of the Diocesan Guild. Their membership was creeping up to two thousand, so that they were the second largest Guild in the world. Touching on the improvement of the bells at Shrivenham, and the additions to the peal at High Wycombe, he said that there had never been so many peals rung last year, viz., 89. They hoped before the year was out to bring the number up to 100, the most ever rung by the guild.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn also replied, giving some useful advice to ringers on the correct striking of their bells.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. Alfred Wood, H. C. Elkington, J. E. Barton, and H. C. Whitcombe (Charlbury). Certificates were presented to Messrs. Ernest Frank Skelcher and P. J. Kinvig (Ascott).

It was decided that a committee composed of Messrs. T. Hawtin (Enstone), J. F. Barlow (Chipping Norton), George Barton (Shipton), and G. M. Bloxham (Hook Norton) arrange to hold periodical attempts to ring a peal at different towers in the deanery.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by the Rev. S. W. H. Holbrooke, concluded the business.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the South Eastern District of this Association was held at The King's Arms, Broomfield, on Saturday, November 20th. The Vicar, the Rev. C. Edmunds, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association, presided at the tea, to which twenty members sat down, and tried to clear the dishes of the good things provided, but had eventually to give up, the hostesses' tea pot and provisions being declared the winners. After tea the district master opened the meeting. The minutes of the Rayleigh meeting were passed as read, and the Rev. C. Edmunds was elected an hon. member and Mr. A. Bradley a ringing member. The retiring master and Secretary being complimented for their work in the past by Mr. W. Rowland, they were both re-elected, each in turn thanking the members for their

flattering remarks. It was decided to hold a meeting early in the new year at Galleywood, and the usual spring meeting in April at Writtle. A long discussion took place as to the annual Whit-Monday meeting becoming a circular one, in which Messrs. Howard, Edwards, Cooper, Rowland, Green, and others took part.

Mr. Howard then proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. C. Edmunds for his presence amongst them, to which the rev. gentleman replied, assuring the members that it was a great pleasure to him to welcome the Association to Broomfield, more especially upon its first visit.

Mr. Tunbridge, for many years a local ringer, gave an amusing career of the Broomfield ringers during his time.

This closed the meeting, and those members who had bikes, then went on to Great Waltham, to try the new work of Messrs. Warner and Sons, one member who had no iron horse, doing twelve miles an foot. The following towers were represented: Baddow, Boreham, Brentwood, Chelmsford, Springfield, Maldon, Prittlewell, Writtle, Widford, and the local ringers.

CELEBRATION AT ROTHERHAM.

A very interesting event recently took place at Rotherham, the occasion being a complimentary dinner given by Mr. Clement Glenn in celebration of his 200th peal. The dinner took place at The White Hart inn, Church Street, and was very ably served by host and hostess Knowles, twenty-one sitting down. As is usual on these occasions, full justice was done to the substantial repast, digestion being accelerated by the witticisms of one or two shining lights present. After all had done their best, and the cloth cleared, the remainder of the evening was devoted to harmony.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley was unanimously voted to the chair, and commenced with "The King." He then called upon the band of ringers who had assisted Mr. Glenn in recording his 200th peal, to give an exhibition of change-ringing on the handbells. This consisted of a touch of Stedman Triples by Messrs. Lewis, Glenn, Nash, and Palmer. This was followed by an excellent rendering of "The Harmonious Blacksmith," with variations on the handbells by Mr. Glenn, accompanied by Mr. Morton on the piano. Miss Cissie Cottam earned applause by a very tasteful pianoforte solo. Mr. Glenn again distinguished himself by giving another excellent rendering on the handbells of the "Blue Bells of Scotland," with variations.

In giving the toast of the evening, Mr. Hattersley said it gave him great pleasure in being present to celebrate Mr. Glenn's great performance, which was the more remarkable on account of it being accomplished by one so young. A great many peals are being rung now-a-days, but was quality being obtained with the quantity? Also one heard of things happening, the very existence of which were lamentable to the Exercise. Referring to the large number of handbell peals now recorded, he said one could not be too careful, as it was the easiest thing in the world to change course on hand, but he believed Mr. Glenn recorded a clean slate in all he had accomplished. It was not generally known that the first peal on handbells was rung at Sheffield in 1811, and he, in his younger days had rung peals with the same performers, therefore he considered himself the living link between the past and

present generation of change-ringers. He again expressed great pleasure at being present, and asked all to join him in drinking the health of Mr. Glenn, which was done with musical honours.

Mr. Glenn, in replying, thanked the chairman for his very flattering remarks, and also tendered his best thanks to those members of the Exercise who had ungrudgingly assisted him in his accomplishment. He was very sorry however, that no Surprise peals had been recorded, but owing to Rotherham bells not being available, and the constant changing of the working hours of most of the ringers, it was a very difficult matter indeed to arrange anything like a regular practice. He hoped for better things in the future, and should he be still in the district, and have the health and help to record another century of peals, he would be pleased to meet all again on a similar occasion.

Songs followed by Messrs. Lewis, Thorpe, Palmer, and Cottam, whilst particular mention should be made of the rendering of "Sovereignty," the vocal parts being taken by Miss Cissie Cottam and Mr. Palmer, accompanied by Mr. Nash on the piano, and Mr. Glenn on the handbells. This combination earned rounds of applause, and "Sweet Marie" had to be similarly given as an encore. Touches of Triples, Major, Caters, and Royal were also rang in all the Standard methods by Messrs. Glenn, Nash, Lewis, Palmer, Thorpe, Coates, Bugar, and Hattersley.

The toast of "The Chairman" with musical honours, brought the proceedings to a close, the company dispersing to their respective destinations with a satisfied feeling or having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

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After this, time not permitting, the bells were rung down, and our guide led the way to St. Mary's, the parish church. Here was found a handy and very musical ring of eight, by Rudhall, tenor 19 cwt. in E. The bells were soon set going, and another touch of Stedman brought round. The party then adjourned for tea, which was generously provided by the Sutton brotherhood, in honour of whose visit the quarter-peal was rung.

Train time arrived, and tracks were made for the station, everyone agreeing that it was one of the best half-day's outings they have ever had. The success of the outing was chiefly due to the efforts of their indefatigable guide, Mr. Cope; and to Mr. Gallimore, the tower-keeper of the Cathedral, to whom the band give their very best thanks.

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NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT SHERE.—This is the first peal known to have been rung by a local band, and was rung on the occasion of the consecration of the new portion of the churchyard, the land for which has been given by Sir Reginald Bray, and the wall around, which has been presented to the parish by the Rector (the Rev. F. C. Hill) in memory of his father, Mr. Arthur Hill, J.P., of Reading. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Guildford on the same date, who also dedicated a new screen erected in the chancel by the Rector as a further memorial to his father.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting (in place of the January quarterly meeting) will be held at Beccles on Bank Holiday, December 27th. This will be the general "reopening" of the recently restored ring of ten in the campanile of the parish church. Dinner at the Public Hall at 1 p.m. Notice of intention to be present must be sent me by Wednesday, December 22nd. C. E. BORRETT, Secretary.

13, Chester Street, Norwich.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday afternoon, September 26th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. E. H. Cook, Thos. Bolton, E. Cassell, Rev. C. C. Cox conductor, F. Skevington, J. P. Kent, C. F. W. Hunt, G. W. Coombes. First quarter-peal with a bob bell by the ringer of the 2nd.

TODDINGTON (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, September 30, 960 Grandsire Doubles. W. Slatter, N. Greenall, J. M. Turner, F. Sallis, T. Sallis conductor, J. Wood. This is the longest length on the bells since the addition of a new treble. Also 120 St. Dunstan's by the same band.

CHISWICK.—On Thursday, October 10th, for Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. E. Mackrill, W. Ledbitter, G. Condict, W. Stevens, J. Kelly, F. Skevington conductor, G. White, J. Roberts.

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SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

5024.

By H. DAINS.

[The 5024 of Superlative by Mr. Dains published in our last is false; but Mr. Dains sends the following one, as through an oversight on his part he omitted to send last week, and sent the false one instead.]

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
4	2	3	5	6			
6	5	3	2	4	-	-	-
3	6	5	2	4			
5	3	6	2	4			
6	2	5	3	4	-	-	-
5	6	2	3	4			
4	2	6	3	5	-	-	-
3	4	6	2	5			
2	5	6	3	4	5, 4	-	-
6	3	2	5	4			
2	6	3	5	4			
3	2	6	5	4			
3	2	5	4	6	x	-	-
5	4	3	2	6			
3	5	4	2	6			
4	3	5	2	6			
5	2	4	3	6	-	-	-
4	5	2	3	6			
2	4	5	3	6			
5	3	2	4	6	-	-	-
2	5	3	4	6			
3	4	2	5	6	-	-	-
2	3	4	5	6			

This peal has 4 and 6 at twelve course ends in 5, 6; 2 and 3 never in later position at course ends.

A TWO-PART PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By WILLIAM WILLSON, Leicester.

5024.

2	3	4	5	6	1	4	5	6
5	6	3	2	4	*			
2	3	6	5	4	-			
3	6	2	5	4				
6	2	3	5	4				
5	3	2	6	4	-			
3	2	5	6	4				
6	5	2	3	4	-			
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5	3	4	2	6				
2	4	3	5	6	-			
4	3	2	5	6				
3	2	4	5	6				

Repeated.

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THE DORSETSHIRE RINGING TOUR.

BY MEMBERS OF THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Continued from page 472.)

In and out the Ringing Room
Up and down the Steeple,
That's the way the Ringers go,
Pleasing all the people.

Thursday.—Please excuse the sameness about my report of this tour, but after two towers a day for a week one seems impressed with the habits described in the above transposition of a familiar couplet of the seventies. This day proved to be one of our best, began early, and, seated by 8 a.m. in our pair-horse conveyance, we drove 11 miles through well-timbered country to Milton Abbey, a most picturesque spot, about halfway between Blandford and Dorchester, remote from town and railway, and surrounded by beautifully wooded hills just putting on their autumn glory of colour. The structure is incomplete, of some antiquity with recent restoration, forms a private chapel belonging to the family mansion which it adjoins, and is in the occupation of Everard Hambro, esq., D.L., J.P. The abbey and mansion facing westward stands on rising ground overlooking a grassy vale, with a pretty sheet of ornamental water, the whole enclosed in a basin-like hollow, and surrounded by well-wooded hills, which echo and re-echo the sound of the bells continuously when ringing. The abbey consists of chancel and side aisles, north and south transepts, and a central tower, temporary walls of flint stonework now fill in the openings, which will eventually reveal the beautiful arches connecting the new nave and aisles that are to follow on westward in the future.

In this belfry the bells are only 8ft. overhead, and when ringing, consequently there is much noise. There is sufficient room to drive a horse and cart round the bell frame. The bells have recently been augmented and rehung by Messrs. Llewellyn and James, of Bristol, and a sweet well-going octave is the result, reflecting much credit on the firm and the bellhanger, Mr. John Thomas, who was one of our party, and who had the satisfaction, which few bellhangers experience, of conducting the first peal on them our No. 6.

These bells were originally a ring of five. Three new trebles were added, and the 2nd flattened, the tenor being 16cwt. in G sharp, an agreeable change to us after some of the heavy rings met with during the week. When at Poole later on I heard that the Wimborne ringers opened the peal of five some forty years ago (after rehanging in their old frame). Mr. W. Osman told me he recollected his father taking the Wimborne men to a local light five-bell tower to practice for this important event.

Our driver got us back to Dorchester safely, but not sound, some of the harness being broken and one of the horses cut about the knees by a spill on the road. There was no time for a midday lunch, so Dorsetshire thumb pieces were stowed away during the drive back, relieved by an occasional walk up hill and social chatter, including reference to the success of the well-known Pye family in Ireland scoring three peals of Bristol Surprise, Mr. Beeston having brought us the news over direct.

The Soldiers' Home gave us a kindly welcome per the matron-in-charge, and we enjoyed an excellent high tea, thanks to the kindness of the Vicar and churchwardens of Dorchester St. Peter. After some doubts about starting for a peal owing to our lateness, and musical entertainment in the public hall close by the decision to try our fortune prevailed, and good fortune smiled upon us, thus making peal No. 7.

St. Peter's are a really good eight, tenor 21 cwt. in E flat, and we scored the first Major on them, an excellent peal of Cambridge, and without the dreaded interruption which was hourly expected. The belfry is one of the best equipped rooms we came across on the tour, and since ringers comfort and convenience is seldom thought of in a practical way, a few points to be noticed may bear repetition here. The sound of the bells overhead is just right. Good ropes in a nice circle and the right draught to ceiling. All the bells appear to run well and clapper true to each stroke. A three-light pendant gas-burner in the centre of the room, large windows on three sides, with lead light glazing, a large section of each being hung to open, thus giving cross ventilation. An excellent eight day clock, with large face and figures. A fine series of peal panels in one large

board across the whole of one side of the tower, surmounted with raised centre piece and scrolled ironwork relief. The floor is covered with a durable and washable material and small mats for each rope. The walls are matchboarded in line with the hat and coat pegs. A strong table is in the centre, and sufficient seating accommodation round the room.

After the peal a pleasant hour was spent with the local ringers, including the President and churchwarden, R. N. Davis, esq., Mr. Bengier, steeplekeeper, and Mr. Hodgetts, one of the oldest ringing hands in the town, designer of the peal board, and inventor of a patent electric dumb practice arrangement, which ought to be better known for its sure and true action in silent tower bell ringing. This veteran is the father of three ringing sons now scattered about the empire, and I hope to hear that he has been entrusted with the order, without parsimony, to erect a set of his apparatus in Dorchester tower. According to the local press there is some agitation afoot now in regard to ringing in the town—it usually arises from a Dissenting source—but here is an opportunity for the churchwardens to prove Mr. Hodgetts' claim, and secure the first of the kind in vogue. The want of correct striking in most apparatus I have met with is the reason for not utilising silent gear more often. An electric contact must be more accurate and durable for striking than the existing length of wire and a spring subject to the variations of temperature and frictional wear and tear.

Friday, 24th September, Wareham.—We arrived here by the 8.9 train from Dorchester and found a quaint old town lying some three-quarters of a mile from the railway station. At the church of St. Mary we spent some time in general preparations, oiling, splicing ropes, and readjusting the ropes ends. London Surprise was attempted, Messrs. Beeston and Martin Stewart begging to stand out—rang 30 mins., when down came the second rope, and good bye to another attempt here. In lowering the bells another rope parted near the wheel, and caused W. W. to gyrate on the floor with a handful of "Sarum" in his grasp. We were somewhat surprised that one of the bells failed to tumble in halves about our heads, as two of the eight are seriously cracked. The rope ends are single and tied in knots, and for years unaltered, I should judge, by the coating of dust, grease, and perspiration which had cemented the hemp together. The patience of Job or a professional tramp are required to do anything with them for peal ringing.

I had just time to look round the interior of the church, and in the chancel found three early brasses, a copy of the lines on one dated 1623 I now repeat;—

"Fine witte, fat welth, fair face and sturdy strength,
All these devouring death consumes at length.
Intermerated virtue and good name, stand fast as rock,
nothing removes the same.
Therefore love firme things loathe the fleeting still,
This is the sense and subject of my will."

We were soon admonished by our thorough going steward, Mr. Martin Stewart, to delay no longer at such a tower, and on the word "programme" resumed our journey by the 11.9 train into Swanage. On the way to the station we had a slight shower which reminded us of the change to come in the fine weather experienced so far.

Swanage is a select superior seaside town, not overdone by cheap day trippers. There is a good bay, rather small, with fair amount of sands before the promenade. There are several interesting walks in the locality—some romantic caves of Dorset smuggling history called "Tillywhim"—along the rugged rocky coast, and in the opposite direction a beautiful little Norman church, originally built before the Conquest, I should say. The south-east end of the town is developing a good class of residential property sheltered by a high range of hills to the north. There are also good steamboat services to and from Bournemouth and Weymouth.

(To be continued.)

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on December 7th and 21st; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 9th and 23rd; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 13th and 27th; at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 14th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; and at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 20th; all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, is now due.

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

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The next meeting will be held at St. Giles', Willenhall, to-day, Sat., December 4th. Bells available from 2. Service, with address by the Vicar, at 5. Tea (1s) at the church house at 6.
A. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
38, Leicester Street, Wolverhampton.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity church, Burnley, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells ready from 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at St. James', Poole, to-day, Sat., Dec. 4th. Ringing from 2. Committee at 3.30 in vestry to discuss sub-division of branch, and to report to Diocesan Committee. Service at 4.15. Address by Rev. F. L. Edwards, Rector of Kingston Magna. Tea at 5 in St. George's Hall (St. James's School), followed by general business meeting.
C. A. PHILLIPS, *Hon. Br. Sec.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. George's Stockport, to-day, Sat., December 4th.
A. T. BEESTON, *Hon. Br. Sec.*

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Wolstanton to-day, Sat., December 4th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Service in church at 6 p.m. The annual committee meeting will be held in the schools at 4.15.
Rev. W. G. KEYWORTH } *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON,

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bury, to-day, Sat., December 4th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30.
THOS. ROLLERSON, *Br. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Newport Pagnell, Bucks, to-day, Sat., December 4th. Bells available at 7 p.m.
F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Minster, Isle of Sheppey, to-day, Sat., December 4th. Bells available at 7 p.m.
EWD. A. G. ALLEN, *Hon. Sec.*
77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, December 11. Service in

the parish church at 3.15. Tea in the church rooms at 4 p.m. Meeting to follow. Bells available all the afternoon.

E. E. BURGESS, *Sec.*
Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting of the South-Western Division takes place at Hornchurch on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (just rehung) will be available at 3 p.m., followed by a short address in the church at 5 p.m. by the Vicar, Rev. H. Dale, who has kindly promised to take the chair at tea at The Bull inn, 5.30. Members 6d., visitors 1s. 6d. Will those who intend being present kindly inform me few days previously.
G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*

7, Richmond Terrace, S. Woodford.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 11th. Bells ready at 3.30.
WALTER HUGGERS.

The Herts. Association.—The meeting at Bushey and Oxhey on Saturday, December 11th, will take place as announced last week. Ringing will, however, commence at Oxhey at 3.30, and not at Bushey, as stated. All other arrangements will stand.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec. West Division.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A combined practice will be held at Woking (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*
North Street, Guildford.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, December 11th, when the towers of Hoddesdon and Broxbourne will be open for ringing. That of Broxbourne from 3.30 till 5 o'clock. Tea at the Salisbury Arms at 5.30. Members 6d., others 8d. per head. Business meeting after. Hoddesdon tower after tea, or before if wanted.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Lloyd Street, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells from 3 to 7.
W. H. SHUKER, *Br. Sec.*

106, Bank Street, Clayton.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at the parish church, Middleton, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the schoolroom at 6.30 p.m. prompt. The Rector, Rev. R. Catterall will preside. A good attendance is requested, as business is important.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Next meeting at East Grinstead on December 18th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Those intending to be at the tea should let me know by the 14th of December.

ROBERT J. DAWK, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
"Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Members and friends will be cordially welcome.

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

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan

Association.—The anniversary meeting will be held at Gloucester on St. John's Day, Monday, December 27th. Service at St. Mary-de-Crypt church at 11.15 a.m. Preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop. There will be a collection for the bells. Immediately after the service the business meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Rector, in the schoolroom adjoining the church. As we shall have the privilege of hearing a sermon from the Bishop in church, and as the business meeting will be a very important one, it is earnestly hoped that there will be a very large attendance of members at both places. The meeting will be special for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, of passing various alterations then to be submitted in the existing rules. A proposal will also be made to rescind a resolution passed at a meeting at Cirencester on 15th April, 1899, as to the formation of the three branches of the Association now in existence, and also as to the payment of the expenses of representatives on the Central Council. The usual reduction in the dinner fee will be made to those sending in their names to me not later than the 21st inst.

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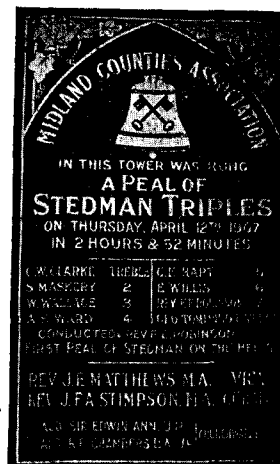
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Conducted by MAURICE BIGNOLD.

*First peal. Further reference elsewhere.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 11 cwt.**

JAMES HARRIS Treble.	ALBERT MASON 5.
WILLIAM WILLSON 2.	RICHARD MOUNT 6.
MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON .. 3.	EDWARD JACKSON 7.
DANIEL RICHARDS 4.	THOMAS BOTTRILL Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

This is the first peal on the bells, which have been augmented and rebung by Taylor and Co. R. Mount hails from Waltham, near Melton, and this is his first peal with a bob bell in the method. It is also Miss Lily Willson's first peal away from the treble.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.**

THOMAS A. HOLMES* .. Treble.	GEORGE PIPES 5.
THOMAS STIMPSON 2.	PERCY WALKER 6.
HERBERT DAY 3.	JOHN W. STIRLAND 7.
FRANCIS H. KAY 4.	*HAROLD G. JENNEY Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT DAY.

*First peal.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Saturday, November 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****HOLT'S ORIGINAL.**

JESSE SCREEN Treble.	ALBERT MILLS 5.
THOMAS HORTON 2.	ELIJAH PAGET 6.
JAMES CULWICK 3.	THOMAS H. REEVES 7.
ERNEST A. PARISH 4.	THOMAS TAYLOR Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. REEVES.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,***AT CHRIST CHURCH,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES Tenor 11 cwt 26 lbs.**

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble.	WILLIAM H. PEABODY .. 5.
CHARLES DRAPER 2.	WALTER WALLACE 6.
BART MITCHELL 3.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 7.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 4.	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

SHENLEY, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)***On Saturday, November 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER BONHAM Treble.	WILLIAM G. COWLEY .. 4.
WILLIAM G. TOMPKINS .. 2.	JOSEPH READ, SEN. .. 5.
THOMAS C. TOMPKINS .. 3.	CECIL A. VALENTINE .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. A. VALENTINE.

First peal of Minor on the bells. J. Read was elected a member previous to starting.

HEADINGLEY, YORKS.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.**

ALFRED WINDSOR Treble.	JOHN E. MATTHEWS .. 5.
WILLIAM B. SMITH 2.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. 6.
EDWIN WHEATER 3.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. 7.
GEORGE TINGLE 4.	ALBERT JAGGER Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

GREAT GLEN, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720s each of Grandsire and Oxford Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor about 12 cwt.

DICK ILIFFE* Treble.	†FRED STANFORTH .. 4.
WILLIAM SMITH 2.	T. HENRY HARDY .. 5.
GEORGE H. GEARY 3.	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

*First peal. †First peal in three methods. First peal on the bells, which have been recently augmented to six, by the addition of a new treble.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, November 13, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.**

ERNEST LINCOLN Treble.	GORDON THOMPSON .. 5.
FREDERICK SMITH 2.	EDGAR BAILEY 6.
ERNEST BAILEY 3.	ERNEST POPPY 7.
JAMES BAILEY 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.**

Tenor 30½ cwt.

L. E. ALLEN* Treble.	GEORGE CLEAL 6.
T. L. ALLEN 2.	CHARLES HARRIMAN .. 7.
JOSIAH MORRIS 3.	EDWARD READBE 8.
FREDK. H. DEXTER 4.	ALFRED MARTIN 9.
CHARLES FOWLER 5.	THOMAS TAYLOR Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by E. READER

First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES.

LEWIS CHAPMAN Treble	*WALTER GERMAN 5.
WALTER PERKINS 2.	FREDERICK PALMER 6.
CHARLIE KELLER * 3.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN 4.	JAMES GARRATT Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by JAMES GARRATT.

*First peal in the method.

GRIMSBY.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK LEIGH* Treble.	ARTHUR B. SHEPHERD 5.
CHARLES KENNINGTON 2.	CHARLES TAYLOR 6.
PERCY YOUNG* 3.	JOHN E. KENNINGTON 7.
SYDNEY ALLINGTON† 4.	THOMAS SDRIMSHAW Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES TAYLOR.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples. First in the method as conductor.

SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN Treble.	TOM CHOWN 5.
JOHN W. SMITHSON 2.	SIDNEY F. PALMER 6.
WILLIAM BURGAR 3.	FRANK WILLEY 7.
GEORGE O. DIXON 4.	ALBERT W. GLEDSTONE Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by A. W. GLEDSTONE.

This peal was taken from "Shipway," page 215. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Gledstone.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

WILLIAM SMITH† Treble	RICHARD MORGAN 5.
HARRY AUDSLRY 2.	EDWARD AUDSLEY 6.
GEORGE POVEY 3.	HENRY SIMMONS 7.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 4.	*WILLIAM FLOYD Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor.

CLAVERDON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS MALE* Treble.	*REV. C. CAREW COX 4.
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 2.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 5.
JOHN PINFOLD, JUN.* 3.	*EDWARD H. ADAMS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

*First peal of Minor. This is believed to be the first peal on the bells. The band desire to thank the Vicar, the Rev. S. Morgans, for his kind hospitality after the peal.

BRETFTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 13, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

JAMES HEMMING* Treble.	*FREDERICK JORDAN 4.
THOMAS EDWIN* 2.	*HERBERT JORDAN 5.
FRANK COOK 3.	ERNEST GIBBS Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

*First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

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

On Saturday, November 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES.

HERBERT STANSFIELD .. Treble.	GEORGE GARNETT 7.
SAMUEL WOOD 2.	SAMUEL STOTT 8.
CHAS. BOWER 3.	BENJAMIN GILL 9.
ARTHUR KERSHAW 4.	SAMUEL BOOTH 10.
JAMES WOOD 5.	BENJAMIN THORPE 11.
JAMES PRIESTLEY 6.	RICHARD NEWTON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Chapman and Barrett who are very respected members of the above society.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 14, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM QUARTERLY .. Treble.	WILLIAM WATKINS 4.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	*THOMAS BRIDGEWATER 5.
ALFRED TOMKINS 3.	HUBERT BAYLEY Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED TOMKINS.

First peal by the tenor man. *First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. W. Greswolde Williams, esq., Rector's warden.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday November 15, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES MARTIN Treble.	EDWIN BREEZE 5.
GEORGE R. NEWTON 2.	WILLIAM DAVIES 6.
EDWARD CAUNCE 3.	CHARLES E. STEWART 7.
JOHN GARDNER 4.	SAM W. STEWART Tenor.

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

For calling see Kent County Association Report for 1897, peal 480.

PENDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 15, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK SMITH Treble.	ALFRED CROSS 5.
GEORGE E. TURNER 2.	HERBERT DRANSFIELD 6.
JAMES E. BARRATT 3.	HARRY CHAPMAN 7.
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM 4.	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Barratt and Chapman, captains of Eccles and Pendleton respectively.

HELMSHORE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 16, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 10 cwt

JOHN MCWILTON Treble.	JOSEPH E. SYKES 5.
THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD .. 2.	WILBY J. HAZELL 6.
ROBERT WALLWORK 3.	WALTER HASLAM 7.
JOSEPH WOODS 4.	THOMAS WALLWORK .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. Pittow, and Conducted by T. WALLWORK.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Mr. F. L. Sykes, of Huddersfield, brother of the 5th ringers.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 16, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH J. ALLEN Treble.	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY 5.
THOMAS R. SCOTT 2.	FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 6.
FRANCIS A. SMITH 3.	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	ROBERT E. STAVERT .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung by the local band.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 17, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE .. Treble.	ARTHUR HARDING 5.
EVERED J. WALSON 2.	JAMES MERRICK 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	ROBERT E. STAVERT .. 7.
CHARLES T. COLES 4.	GEORGE SPENCER Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT E. STAVERT.

DIDSBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs.

HARRY CHANTLER Treble.	JAMES DERBYSHIRE 5.
JOSEPH MELLOR 2.	FRANK BRICKELL 6.
WILLIAM HOLROOK 3.	JOHN LEIGH 7.
HARRY BRICKELL 4.	ROBERT DAVIES Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and Conducted by ROBERT DAVIES.

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

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 17, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK TESTER* .. Treble.	ARTHUR COSHAM, JUN. .. 5.
WALTER BURRELL* 2.	JAMES A. HART 6.
ALFRED J. PIEBPOINT .. 3.	ROBERT J. DAWE 7.
ALFRED J. TURNER 4.	FREDERICK J. CHARMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES A. HART.

*First peal. First peal as conductor.

BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 18, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 23½ cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	REUBEN SANDERS 5.
ROBERT E. STAVERT 2.	JOHN E. MILLER 6.
FRANK A. MILNE 3.	JOHN ARMSTRONG 7.
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON .. 4.	WALTER SOER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY SEAL Treble.	FREDERICK WHIBLEY .. 5.
ERNEST EVEREST 2.	GEORGE EDWARDS 6.
ARTHUR WILES 3.	ALBERT LONGLEY 7.
ARCHIBALD DENTON 4.	ELGAR KING Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST EVEREST.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Wiles, who attained his majority on the above date. It was also his first peal.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN BRAITHWAITE .. Treble.	†WILLIAM SHARP 5.
ALFRED NEWTON† 2.	*FREDERICK MARTINDALE .. 6.
WILLIAM ATKINSON† .. 3.	†WILLIAM ROBINSON 7.
THOMAS SALMON* 4.	WILLIAM SALMON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ATKINSON.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples. ‡First peal as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. H. P. M. Lafone, as Vicar of Kendal. W. Salmon was proposed a member of the Association before starting.

Gandbell Peal.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, November 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT 2, VICARAGE LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

WALTER COATES 1-2.	ALBERT NASH 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4.	ALBERT C. FARNLEY .. 7-8.

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE SCHOOLS,

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

FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 1-2.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 5-6.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 3-4.	*WILLIAM A. WOODROW .. 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

*First peal. Umpire—George B. Edser.

Date Touches.

WALTHAM-ON-THE-WOLDS (Leicestershire).—On Wednesday, October 27th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, a date touch of Bob Minor, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. Ernest Johnson, William Clarke, R. H. Bartram, Robert Marriott, Thos. W. Musson, Richard Mount conductor. Longest length by 2nd and 4th.

Miscellaneous.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—On Saturday, November 27th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, from Thurstan's Four-Part. T. H. Taffender, F. Gowllett, A. Turner, H. Ranzetta, E. H. King, J. Bullock, R. F. Deal conductor, G. Condict. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 4th, 5th, and 6th. Recently for evening service, at the church of St. John, South Hackney, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. A. Riley, A. D. Barker, R. G. Rice, R. Elliott, J. Bullock, R. Grimwood, R. F. Deal conductor, J. H. Tucker. On Sunday, November 28th, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, for morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples. M. A. Wood, A. Hughes, sen., J. Bullock, W. Hotten, A. D. Barker, R. Grimwood, R. F. Deal conductor, H. Hills.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNE (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, September 27th, at the Abbey church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720s were rung for morning service. 720 Bob Minor. J. W. Lake conductor, T. L. Bainbridge, C. Neaverson, J. Osborne, J. Rawlinson, F. Blood. For afternoon service 723 Cambridge Surprise. J. W. Lake conductor, J. Osborne, F. Blood, A. S. Allen, A. J. Holmes, A. E. Larkinson. For evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. W. Lake conductor, B. Reed, J. Osborne, A. J. Holmes, F. Blood, A. E. Larkinson. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. W. Lake, B. Reed, A. E. Larkinson, A. J. Holmes, F. Blood. J. Osborne conductor. After evening service 720 Plain Bob. A. E. Larkinson, A. J. Holmes, B. Reed, A. S. Allen, F. Blood conductor, J. Osborne.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH.—On Friday, September 24th, for practice, 420 Stedman Triples. A. H. Tabor, A. Macdonald, A. Wellington, J. W. Kelly, W. Lawrence conductor, T. Beadle, G. Spencer, F. C. Goddard. 384 Bob Major. F. G. Goddard, A. Macdonald, A. Wellington, W. Lidbetter, J. W. Kelly, T. Beadle, W. Lawrence, Geo. Spencer conductor. 378 Stedman Triples. H. Lamb, W. Lawrence, A. H. Tabor, T. Beadle, A. Wellington, F. G. Goddard, J. W. Kelly conductor, Geo. Speucer.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ILKLEY.—On Sunday, October 3rd, for evening service and Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 min. A. South, J. R. Feather, W. Cook, C. Stephenson, J. W. Birkin, T. Wardman, T. W. Crawshaw conductor, H. Verity.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday morning, November 28th, at St. Michael's church, 1264 Bob Major. F. J. Fuller, C. H. Howard, W. Grimwade, H. E. Hammond, W. Hammond, F. Eley, H. Coote, S. Roper conductor. Composed by G. F. Williams, Devonport.

THE DEVON GUILD.

SALTASH (Cornwall).—On Thursday, October 7th, the Plymouth and Devonport ringers visited this place and rang upon the bells of the parish church during the evening, 120 Stedman Doubles, 360 Bob Minor, 720 Kent. Rev. Maitland Kelly, E. W. Marsh, W. Ford, W. Rundle, Geo. F. Williams, F. Hockaday, G. Stroud, W. G. Hiscott, G. H. Myers.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RODMELL (Sussex).—On October 3rd, at the church of St. Peter, for the Harvest Festival, 120 Grandsire Doubles. E. J. Pannett, E. C. Merritt, F. S. Sturt, F. W. Harding, R. J. Dawe

conductor, G. Piper. Another 120. E. J. Pannett, E. C. Merritt, F. S. Sturt, F. W. Harding, G. Piper conductor, R. J. Dawe. Also 360 Bob Minor, standing as before, with R. J. Dawe conducting. This is the first change-ringing on these bells.

RYE (Sussex).—On Monday, October 25th, at the church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. F. Cobon, J. B. Bennett, W. D. Laurence, C. Price, W. Bennett, G. J. Youngs, G. Billenness, T. Ashenden. Rung as a farewell to H. J. Cobon, who has since taken up a situation at Brynmawr, Breconshire, Wales. On Tuesday, November 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Ashenden, L. T. H. Seers, J. B. Bennett, C. Price, V. D. Laurence, W. Bennett, G. Billenness conductor, G. J. Youngs. Composed by J. George. Rung on the occasion of His Majesty's 68th birthday.

THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

BETHERSDEN (Kent).—On Saturday, October 23rd, at the church of St. Margaret, a 360 of Bob Minor. T. Ashenden, A. Johnson, C. W. Player, G. J. Youngs, G. Skinner, G. Billenness conductor. 120 Stedman Doubles. E. C. Lambert conductor, G. Billenness, W. H. Lambert, C. Tribe, C. W. Player, A. Blackman. Two 120s Grandsire Doubles. P. R. Ward, G. Billenness, T. Ashenden, C. W. Player, G. Skinner conductor, A. Blackman. 720 Bob Minor. A. Johnson, E. C. Lambert, W. H. Lambert, C. Tribe, G. J. Youngs, C. W. Player conductor.

APPLEDORE (Kent).—On Saturday, November 6th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original). C. Tribe, C. W. Player, A. Johnson, E. C. Lambert, E. G. P. Johnson conductor, G. Billenness, G. Johnson, G. J. Youngs. Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. J. Brown, uncle of Mr. Frank Brown, one of the Appledore ringers.

STONE-IN-OXNEY (Kent).—On Monday, November 1st, at the church of St. Mary, 724 of Bob Minor. H. Smith, A. Daw, C. Tribe, R. Dunster, C. W. Player, E. C. Lambert conductor. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Daw, C. W. Player, E. C. Lambert, R. Dunster, C. Tribe, G. Billenness. Also several 120s of Grandsire Doubles. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. F. Burt (one of the local ringers) and Miss C. Gill. On Wednesday, November 10th, 720 of Bob Minor. C. Wenham, A. Daw, R. Dunster, C. W. Player, F. Burt conductor, G. Billenness.

DUMBLETON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, September 26th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. W. Slatter, R. Harris, J. M. Turner, N. Greenall, T. Sallis conductor, J. Wood. On Sunday, October 3rd, 360 St. Dunstan's Doubles. W. Slatter, N. Greenall, J. M. Turner, F. Sallis, T. Sallis conductor, J. Wood. On Tuesday, October 5th, 360 St. Dunstan's by the same. On Sunday, October 10th, for Divine Service, 1260 Grandsire Doubles in 45 mins. W. Slatter, N. Greenall, J. M. Turner, F. Sallis, T. Sallis conductor, J. Wood.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, November 16th, at St. Michael's church, for practice, 720 Bob Major. William Ostler, Stanley Romney, Hobart Smith, H. P. Romney, John Self, William Flory conductor, George Stannard, Willoughby E. Maulden.

HADLOW (Kent).—The ringers at St. Mary's church gave the usual firework and bonfire touches on the bells on November 5, in accordance with the old custom of the village. The band has been working for some time at full strength, and with a few keen apprentices, and hopes before the end of the year to complete another important peal for record upon its peal board.

BATH.—On Tuesday evening the St. Mary's Guild met and rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1263 changes, in 55 mins. J. Routley, S. Wyatt, E. Wyatt, J. Fowler, P. Merson, J. Burge conductor, F. Sadd, H. Reed, W. White, H. Mockridge. This quarter-peal was rung by the request of the late

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BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Sunday, Oct. 10th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. A. Crane, H. Sear, J. Marks, J. Higgins conductor, L. Meager, H. Hopkins, W. Sear, V. Sear. Rung as a farewell touch to the conductor, who is leaving for Bicester.

BURTON LATIMER (Northants).—On Tuesday, September 14th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 240 Woodbine, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, 240 Kent, 192 Double Court, 120 Double

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TODMORDEN (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, September 29th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 55 mins. C. Carker, L. Suthers, H. Reynolds, H. Barker, J. E. Rowland, J. Whitehead, W. Crabtree conductor, J. Crowther. First quarter-peal of Stedman by all except the conductor, and the first quarter-peal by members of the Rochdale Branch.

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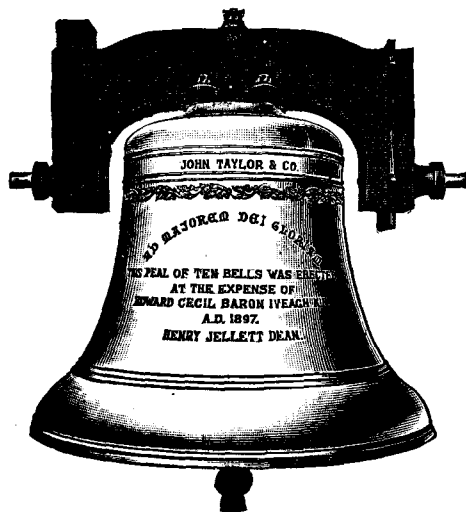
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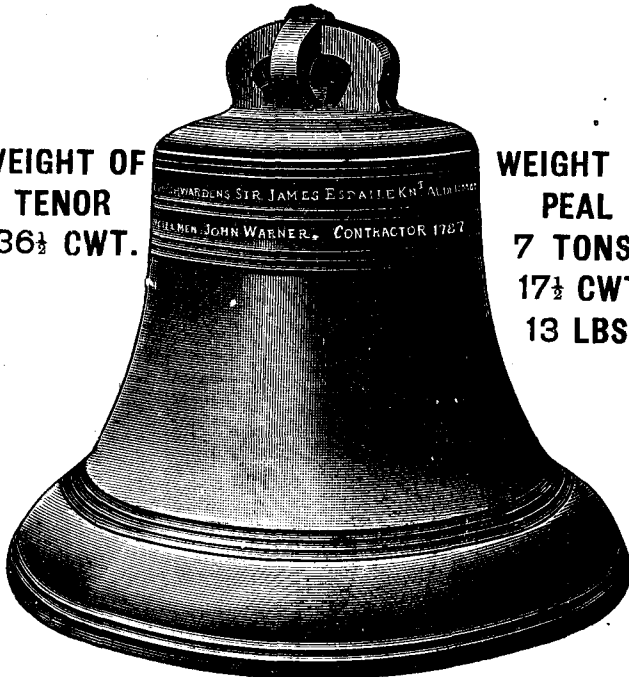
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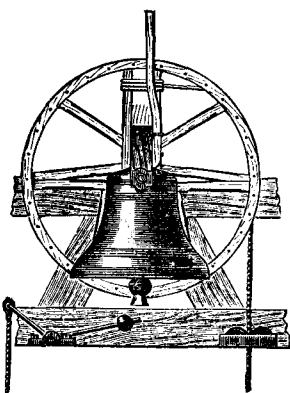
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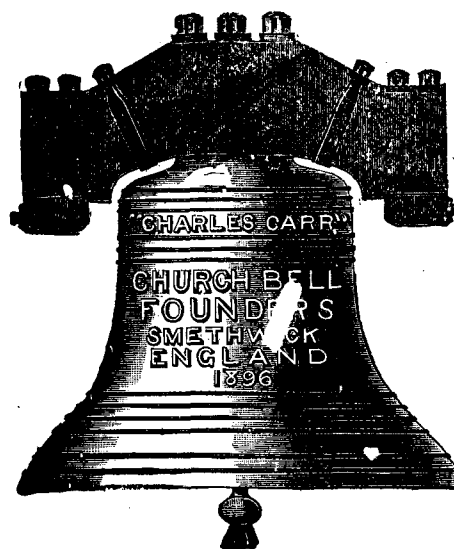
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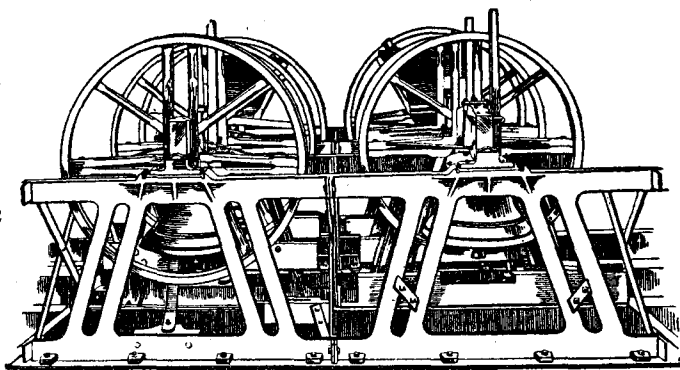
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The Two Hundred and Seventy-Second Anniversary Dinner of this society was held at The Bridge House hotel on Saturday, November 13th. The chair was occupied by the Master for the year (Mr. J. W. Rowbotham), and Mr. E. A. Davies was vice-chairman. There was an attendance of about two hundred members, among the more prominent were noticed the Lord Bishop of Barking, Miss Macalpine-Leny, of Speldhurst; the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne; the Rev. J. W. Eisdell, Vicar of Barking; the Vicar of Hornchurch; R. A. Daniell, esq., Chiswick; and many other well-known lights of the ringing world. Letters and telegrams regretting inability to attend, and sending best wishes for the success of the evening and the future prosperity of the society, were received from Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., the Archdeacon of London, the Rev. A. W. Hutton, Rector of Bow, Cheapside; Rev. Canon Bell, Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill; Lieut-Gen. Sir Henry Mackinnon; Dr. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A.; Lieutenant Lachlan Mackinnon, H.M.S. "Euryalus;" the Rector of Speldhurst; Mr. W. P. Routh, and Miss Mabel Gilbanks. Mr. Albert Hughes cabled his best wishes from New York.

The Master, Mr. J. W. Rowbotham, submitted the first toast of the evening—"Church, King, and State"—to which the Bishop of Barking replied. His lordship, in the course of a long speech, said that ringers are looked upon now far more than they were as real Church workers, and as having their recognised place in the Church's system, and this shews itself in ways which one cannot help noticing wherever one goes. Whenever I go down into the country for a service, perhaps in the afternoon on a weekday, I find that they have a peal of bells, somehow or other the ringers manage to turn up and give one a hearty welcome on the peal, though possibly it means that they have had some difficulty to get away from their work in order to do it. They are glad to do it, and they value and appreciate the opportunity of doing something, contributing something to the work of the Church in that particular line in which their work is recognised. When one goes up into the belfries, one rarely now, I am glad to say, finds a slovenly belfry. I think the state of things as regards the belfries is very, very much better than it used to be some years ago. Constantly one is called upon to go down to a village, or some place where they have an ancient church, with its peal of bells, to dedicate other new bells or additional bells, or to reopen bells. I am going only to-morrow for this very purpose down to the parish in Essex of my good friend here who sits on my right, who has lately put the belfry a little more in order, to ask God's blessing upon the belfry and upon the ringers, and upon their work. Well, all this is good, I think. It shows that we are drawing together to work for the one common master of us all, and each contributing what we can. If one cannot help in one way one can help in another.

It is a marvel to me, as I listen to the bells ringing out sometimes—I am not a practical bellringer myself—how

bellringers can go on through those marvellous changes that they execute, and never get mixed up in their bells. Of course, you know how it is, but I do not. It seems to me it is a marvellous feat of mind as well as exercise of body, and the man who can carry through a long peal from beginning to end, without making a false pull on the rope, they are men both physically and in other ways thoroughly strong men in mind as well as in body. I can only say that as far as I can judge there is the greatest possible desire on the part of my brethren in the ministry to do all that we can to recognise the good work which is being done by ringers, and as far as I can do anything to help forward that work, it will always be a real delight to me and a real pleasure to me to do it.

Mr. E. A. Davies (vice-chairman) gave the toast—"The Ancient Society of College Youths." He said: We are celebrating the 272nd anniversary of the Society's dinner. A society that has existed now for nearly three centuries must have a strange vitality about it, and there must be a strong undercurrent running through its members to so successfully exist for this number of years. The Society of College Youths have had much to encourage them in the past, and they are not without staunch supporters at the present time. Among those we look up to in London as supporters, one may mention the Dean of St. Paul's, and the Dean of Canterbury, the Archdeacon of London, whose absence from this dinner I am sure we all very much regret, for we have always enjoyed his company when he has found it possible to be present. We have also Sir Arthur Heywood, who is also absent to-night, the Chairman of the Central Council, and we have a friend in Boston, U.S.A., Dr. Nichols, who visited England a few months ago, and he expressed then his regret that he would not be able to be present at the dinner this evening. We have also the incumbents of St. Mary-le-Bow, St. Giles Cripplegate, St. Magnus St. Dunstan-in-the-East, and we have also the Bishop of Barking, whose presence here to-night gives us very great pleasure, and shews the very great interest that he takes in ringers generally, and I know in the diocese in which he works he always makes a point if it is possible, to enquire into the state of the bells in the different churches that he visits, and when it is at all possible he shakes hands with the ringers. Then we have our good friend and lady member, Miss Leny, who I can never recollect being absent from this annual dinner. She graces us by her presence on these occasions, and I am sure that she loves bells, and she loves ringers, and she never misses an opportunity of joining in their company whenever occasion offers it. And then last, but not least, our Society is indebted very much to the very energetic work that is done by our good Secretary, Mr. Cockerill. The success of these dinners, and the Society generally, I am sure depends greatly on the able manner in which he discharges his duties, and they are certainly very arduous, and we thank him very much indeed for all his care and thought for the good of the Society of which we are all members. During the past twelve months the practices of the Society have been well attended at St. Paul's, at

Bow, Cripplegate, St. Magnus, St. Dunstan-in-the-East, and the Society think that the number of practices which are held do far more to promote the Art of change-ringing than scoring so many long peals. It is a matter of congratulation that during the last few years much has been done to the City churches in putting their bells in better going order than they were not many years ago. The peal at Bow are now ringable, although perhaps not all that could be desired, and then again the peal of twelve at St. Giles, Cripplegate, has been rehung by Messrs. Warner, and it is with great satisfaction that we hear that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have in hand the rehanging of that splendid peal of twelve at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and while this is all satisfactory, it is a matter of great regret to all of us that that beautiful peal of twelve hung in Southwark Cathedral, hard by here, are still in an unringable condition, and we hope that before long some steps may be taken that this peal of bells in which the College Youths used to delight to ring some twenty or thirty years ago, may be once more at their disposal.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and immediately afterwards a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on the handbells by C. F. Winney, 1-2; H. R. Newton, 3-4; H. R. Pasmore, 5-6; J. W. Golding, 7-8; H. Langdon, 9-10; A. Walker, 11-12.

In response to the toast the Master said:—The toast of our Ancient Society is one of our hardy annuals. It comes up therefore every year on this our annual banquet, and I think each time it improves. It then goes on and works for another year, growing to keep up the prestige of the old society, and is richly deserving of a prominent place in our programme, and the enthusiasm with which it has been received. When we consider this is the 272nd anniversary, it makes one wonder what our ancestors would think of our stewardship. Personally I feel, and I sure many of my friends here to-night feel also, that we have endeavoured to continue that success which has been handed down to us. The work of the past year has proceeded with the usual smoothness. We have added to our roll of membership thirty-seven new members. Our meetings for practice at the various towers have been well attended, and very successful. We have also had during the late summer two district meetings, one at Barking in Essex, in the month of May, where we spent a very enjoyable afternoon and evening, and the other at Isleworth at the end of June, both of which were highly successful. Therefore generally speaking, we have had a very successful year. In the world of peal-ringing, many fine performances have been accomplished during the year, and amongst others, two on the twelve at Cripplegate, and one on the twelve on St. Paul's Cathedral, but there is one peal which I should like to make special mention. I refer to the long peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus upon the famous Bow bells in the early part of this year. I am sure that you will all agree with me that it was an exceptional performance, and one which does the greatest credit to those who took part in it. The wonderful striking, the time and precision, the physical endurance (for the bells are all tenors at Bow), altogether make a feat which is looked upon with great pride by those who had the pleasure to hear it. What those who took part in it think about it, I will leave to themselves. I may add, gentlemen, that with regard to the Bow bells, a new peal-book has been established in that church

recording all the peals and performances done on those bells from the earliest date that can be procured. I think it embodies the whole peals that have been rung on Bow bells for a very long time, and I am sure it can be seen in the vestry at any time you like to call there, and you will find it a very interesting volume indeed, and as time goes on all peals that are rung on those bells will be recorded in that peal-book, irrespective of any Society's peal-book.

Mr. A. Hughes, in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," said:—It is a matter of very great gratification to ourselves, the members of this Society, to think that we have with us year after year the familiar faces of visitors who are in the habit of attending this dinner. We have with us this evening the Bishop of Barking, the Vicar of Hornchurch, near Romford, and I may say the great city of Eastminster is very well represented this evening. I happened to come down in a Barking train this evening, and I must say that the contingent from that end of the town had taken the carriage by storm, and really we had not seating accommodation. I think we may be pardoned if we always patted ourselves on the back in the number of visitors we get here, because they must think that the College Youths are not such bad fellows after all, but be that as it may, I am quite sure that those visitors who come here think that we do appreciate their company, and we are exceedingly pleased to see them, and I hope we may have the pleasure of welcoming them here for very many years. Some of our most welcome visitors here are the members of the St. George's Glee Union, who have come down year after year to support our worthy Secretary, Mr. Cockerill, and I think we one and all enjoy their company. I am very glad to see the Vicar of Barking, who has been here so many years, and we always look upon him as a regular visitor here, and I trust we shall have him with us for very many years.

The Rev. J. W. Eisdell, Vicar of Barking, in responding, said:—"It is a very great honour indeed to me to be called upon once again to respond at this festive board on behalf of the visitors. First of all I am, as our friend Mr. Hughes has reminded you, becoming a somewhat stale dish as a visitor. I have had the pleasure of responding to this toast once or twice before, but each time that I come to visit the noble Society of College Youths I am impressed afresh with the fact how well they deserve their name of Youths. There they are with that marvellous perpetual youth which characterises, I believe, all enthusiasts in anything they undertake. I am speaking for my friends, the ringers of St. Margaret's Society, Barking. Their enthusiasm is just that of so many boys for their first sailing boat or top. They ring for all they are worth, and with all their hearts at all times. The thing that has always struck me when I go out with ringers for their excursions—for instance, most men when they go out for an excursion forget all about their work, because it is Church work, and a very important branch of Church work, after all—but when ringers go on their holiday, instead of looking at the beauties of the sea or the flowing ripples of the brooks, and all this sort of thing, they go straight up into the belfry, and they pull away in that marvellous precision with which all their work is characterised. I am more and more filled with tremendous admiration for the whole of the Society, and the whole of the work of the bellringers, and I am more and more con-

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vinced that they are very truly, and in a very real sense, a most valuable asset to any parish. I am speaking of one with a little special feeling just now, inasmuch as our own bells at Barking are beginning to hang rather badly, and will soon require a good deal of attention; but I have pledged myself, as Vicar of that parish, to do all in my power, at least to see to it, that those bells shall not stop as long as I am Vicar of that parish, and I am not in the least nervous about it, really, because I know that when such a Society as this puts its shoulders to the wheel the cart has got to go somehow, and the fund for setting the bells right has got to come, and it will come. I thank you on behalf of all us visitors who are enjoying ourselves to the full to-night for the very kind reception and your great hospitality. We have thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, and we look forward again, if God spares us, to a similar treat and a similar duty this time next year."

A call was made for the Vicar of Hornchurch, who, however, had to catch his train, and could only express his thanks.

(To be continued.)

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A quarterly meeting was held at St. Giles, Willenhall, on Saturday, December 4th. Unfortunately the weather was not very favourable, but in spite of this a fairly good number put in an appearance. Some old faces generally seen at these meetings, were conspicuous by their absence.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to the tunes of various methods. At 5 o'clock a short service was held in the church, with an interesting address from the Vicar, the Rev. A. M. Pratt. At the committee meeting which followed, it was arranged to hold the next meeting on January 29th, at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton. A splendid tea was provided by Mr. Churchwarden Fox and friends, which was done full justice to.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his address, the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting. In reply he gave a hearty welcome to the members, and said he hoped the time would not be long before he had the pleasure of meeting them again.

The Men's Club had been very kindly thrown open to the members, including the billiard table.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT KNEBWORTH—H. S. Reeves's 50 Peals.—Doubles, six methods, 1; Minor, seven methods, 2; Triples: Oxford Bob, 3; Grandsire, 8; Stedman, 11; Major: Plain Bob, 3; Kent, 5; Double Norwich, 4; Superlative, 11; London (treble), 1; Caters: Grandsire, 1. Total, 50.

LATE NOTICE.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at Glinton, December 27th. Bells (6) all day. Tea at Six Bells inn at 4.30. Service at 4. Meeting after.
80, Princes Street, Peterborough. W. T. JOHNSON, Hon. Sec.

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.

GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By SAMUEL WOOD, Ashton-under-Lyne.

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BOB ROYAL.

By W. H. INGLESANT, Loughborough.

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The last twelve courses repeated, omitting bob at M in first course.

The 6th her extent at home. *First course produced by bobs at 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

MR. GABRIEL LINDOFF.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Lindoff is progressing favourably, and trusts to be able to be removed from hospital to his home in another week.

Correspondence.

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

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

TRURO CATHEDRAL.

SIR,—You have frequently been so kind as to let me draw attention to the Truro bells. The ring of ten, tenor 35 cwt., are all cast, and six that I heard, specially the three tenors, are in perfect tune, and of excellent quality. But while the generous Cornishmen are ready to subscribe for a large hour bell of 5½ tons, the Chapter will give no facilities. The western towers and the choir school were built by a grand benefaction of over £20,000 given by one generous lady. But in what looks like the official description in the Church papers, these works are said to be carried out with "funds at the disposal of the Dean and Chapter :"—not a word as to their source. Of course, while the scaffolding is up, and the bells at the foundry, is the time to cast and tune the large bell.

"OLD RINGER."

ELECTRIC DUMB PRACTICE APPARATUS.

SIR,—In last week's instalment of the report of the Dorsetshire ringing tour (so replete with local and correct information), I notice that it is intimated that Mr. Hodgetts, of Dorchester, is the first to apply electricity to dumb practice apparatus. Had the writer visited the neighbouring town of Maiden Newton he would have found that Canon Hankey, the Rector, has had an apparatus of this kind installed for many years. I understood when I saw him there that it was his own invention, and indeed his own handiwork. At the same time I gathered it was not much used, so it may well be that Mr. Hodgetts' system is the more practicable, even if it be not the first to be in use. Of that I know nothing, but I quite agree it is a pity such a system is not in general use.

H. DRAKE.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

SIR,—I am advised by a friend that my peals of Superlative you kindly published last and previous week contain a repetition of changes, and so I ask you to kindly withdraw them, as I had not noticed the error before. Am vexed at giving you the publishing trouble.

H. DAINS.

P.S.—If Mr. William Willson will kindly turn to "THE BELL NEWS," June 13th, 1908, he will find a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major containing the same qualities described in his footnote to his peal of last week's "BELL NEWS."

SHENLEY BELLS, BUCKS.

SIR,—Will you please permit me space to contradict a rumour which has been current regarding the rehangings of above bells by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon? Being one of the band who took part in the first peal of Minor on the bells after the work carried out by this noted firm, I should like to express, on behalf of the band, their entire satisfaction at the "go" of them. Ringers in this neighbourhood regret that such unpleasant rumours, likely to do this firm harm, have been circulated, and all local ringers desire to say that they are in no ways associated with same.

CECIL A. VALENTINE (on behalf of the band).

Stony Stratford.

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Obituary.

WILLIAM TAYLOR.

By the sudden death of the above-named ringer at the age of 59, the members of the Ely Diocesan Association and the ringers of St. Mary's and All Saints churches, Newmarket, have suffered a loss which it is feared will be hard to replace. The sad event took place on the 27th ult. after a very brief illness. Deceased had complained latterly of not feeling well, and although he had kept up ringing until a month ago, had said he was afraid he would have to give it up. Coming to Newmarket some twenty years or more ago, he soon altered the then existing state of affairs at All Saints' belfry, and by his efforts scientific change-ringing took the place of that which formerly held sway. He was for many years head gardener to Mr. Richard Marsh, the trainer of the King's race horses, which position he held to the time of his death. Although he had not taken part in many peals (which are things seldom heard here) yet he was always willing to do anything he could to further the Art he so admired. He was a lover of good striking, and would ride his bicycle almost any distance to have a pull with a good company. Latterly he had been connected with St. Mary's church, and under his instruction the ringers were getting on well. Some six years since, when the five bells at St. Mary's were re-hung, provision was made in the bell frame for a new tenor, and deceased had often expressed the wish that he might have the pleasure of conducting the first 720 on these bells. Alas! this was not to be; he had only taken to his bed a week when his sudden demise from heart disease cast a gloom over the ringing community of the town. Deceased who was married twice, leaves a widow and family of ten. The funeral took place on the 1st inst. at the Newmarket Cemetery, the ceremony being conducted by the Rev. H. B. Young, M.A., Rector of St. Mary's, and amongst the floral tokens of sympathy was a handsome wreath from the ringers of St. Mary's and All Saints churches. In the evening some 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles at St. Mary's church, and 720 of Minor at All Saints were rung with the bells half muffled as a last tribute of respect, the following taking part: W. J. Moon, O. Moody, A. Granger, S. Forwood, F. Hamblin, F. C. Turner, T. Wiseman, E. Clark, P. Pindar.

HENRY SEWARD.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of the above ringer, which took place on November 29th, at the age of 66. He was the oldest member of the Isleworth company, having been a ringer at All Saints church for nearly thirty years. Although only a tenor-man, he took a great interest in ringing, and had rung the tenor to five peals. He was a member of the Middlesex Association. The funeral took place on Saturday, December 4th, at Isleworth cemetery, and was attended by representatives from Ealing, Hanwell, Chiswick, Hounslow, Normond Green, and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Chandler, of Heston. The parish church bells were rung deeply muffled as the cortege passed the church. In the evening a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the editor, was rung by Messrs. Chave, Lawrence, Macdonald, Lidbetter, Goddard, Beadle (conductor), Harding, and Sheard.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide a new bell, a flat 6th, as an addition to the existing peal, and thus to form a light octave of the "middle eight" with the 9th bell (19 cwt.) as tenor. The tenor of the full peal of twelve (and, of course, of the back eight) weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £115.

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Further subscriptions may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; Mr. C. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

Notices.

The charge or 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 December the 21st; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 23rd; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 13th and 27th; at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 14th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; and at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 20th; all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, is now due.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity church, Burnley, to-day, Sat., December 11th. Bells ready from 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chard to-day, Sat., December 11. Service in the parish church at 3.15. Tea in the church rooms at 4 p.m. Meeting to follow. Bells available all the afternoon.

E. E. BURGESS, *Sec.*

Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting of the South-Western Division takes place at Hornchurch to-day, Sat., December 11th. Bells (just rehung) will be available at 3 p.m., followed by a short address in the church at 5 p.m. by the Vicar, Rev. H. Dale, who has kindly promised to take the chair at tea at The Bull inn, 5.30. Members 6d., visitors 1s. 6d.

G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*

7, Richmond Terrace, S. Woodford.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston to-day, Sat., December 11th. Bells ready at 3.30. WALTER HUGHES.

The Herts. Association.—The meeting at Bushey and Oxhey to-day, Sat., December 11th, will take place as announced last week. Ringing will, however, commence at Oxhey at 3.30 and not at Bushey, as stated. All other arrangements will stand.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec. West Division.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A combined practice will be held at Woking (6 bells) to-day, Sat., Dec. 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

North Street, Guildford.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held to-day, Sat., December 11th, when the towers of Hoddesdon and Broxbourne will be open for ringing. That of Broxbourne from 3.30 till 5 o'clock. Tea at the Salisbury Arms at 5.30. Members 6d., others 8d., per head. Business meeting after. Hoddesdon tower after tea, or before if wanted.

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

Little Munden.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Lloyd Street, on

Saturday, December 18th. Bells from 3 to 7.
W. H. SHUKER, *Br. Sec.*
106, Bank Street, Clayton.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at the parish church, Middleton, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the schoolroom at 6.30 p.m. prompt. The Rector, Rev. R. Catterall will preside. A good attendance is requested, as business is important.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Next meeting at East Grinstead on December 18th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Those intending to be at the tea should let me know by the 14th of December.

ROBERT J. DAWE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

"Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Members and friends will be cordially welcome.

H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*

Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The anniversary meeting will be held at Gloucester on St. John's Day, Monday, December 27th. Service at St. Mary-de Crypt church at 11.15 a.m. Preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop. There will be a collection for the bells. Immediately after the service the business meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Rector, in the schoolroom adjoining the church. As we shall have the privilege of hearing a sermon from the Bishop in church, and as the business meeting will be a very important one, it is earnestly hoped that there will be a very large attendance of members at both places. The meeting will be special for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, of passing various alterations then to be submitted in the existing rules. A proposal will also be made to rescind a resolution passed at a meeting at Cirencester on 15th April, 1899, as to the formation of the three branches of the Association now in existence, and also as to the payment of the expenses of representatives on the Central Council. The usual reduction in the dinner fee will be made to those sending in their names to me not later than the 21st inst.

C. E. D. BOURFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

30, Broad Street, Bristol.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints, Newport, on December 27th, at 3.30. Bells of All Saints (8) and St. Woolos (8) available.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*

JOHN W. JONES, *Assistant Hon. Sec.*

29, Barrack Hill, Newport.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A meeting (in place of the January quarterly meeting) will be held at Bercles on Bank Holiday, December 27th. This will be the general "reopening" of the recently restored ring of ten in the campanile of the parish church. Dinner at the Public Hall at 1 p.m. Notice of intention to be present must be sent me by Wednesday, December 22nd.

C. E. BORETT, *Sec.*

13, Chester Street, Norwich.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—H. Knight has removed from 31, Leicester Street, to 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

"THE ISAAC HILLS MEMORIAL."

It is proposed to erect in the belfry of St. Paul's church, Bedford, a tablet to perpetuate the memory of the late Mr. Isaac Hills. He gave unstinted service for over thirty years towards promoting belfry reform and scientific change-ringing, and endeared himself to the hearts of those with whom he came in contact.

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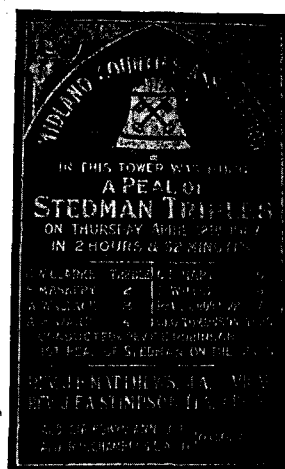
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As a reprint of these pictures will be out of the question, it will be well for our readers to order copies from their news-agents at once.

THE PARISH CHURCH, DARTFORD, KENT.

The tower of this church is being restored and a new clock with chimes is to be erected. It will have two 6ft. illuminated dials, play the Westminster chimes on four bells, and strike the hours on the largest bell in the tower. The tender of Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, has been accepted. This firm made the large Jubilee clock at the neighbouring town of Gravesend.

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The Metropolis.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, November 12, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

GEORGE V. RAWLINGS* .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
GEORGE H. DAVNES 2.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 6.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 3.	HARRY WARETT 7.
ISAAC EMERY 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by JAMES HUNT, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal of Major.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, November 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**

CHARLES WALKER Treble.	GEORGE DAYNES 5.
HENRY WARETT 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 3.	HARRY BARRETT 7.
WILLIAM HEWETT 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS, THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, December 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,***A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. .. Treble.	ERNEST S. POLL 5.
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 2.	GEORGE RADLEY 6.
JAMES SAXBY 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
JOHN H. BENSTEAD 4.	GEORGE PAICE Tenor.

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

This is the first peal of London Surprise ever rung in which a lady has taken part.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS, AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, December 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, LOUGHTON,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.**

JOHN MOULE Treble.	JAMES RANN 5.
WILLIAM H. DORAN 2.	GEORGE CARTER 6.
GEORGE F. MARGETSON 3.	WALTER CLARK 7.
EDWARD A. BACON 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Rev. J. Whitaker Maitland, M.A., for fifty-three years Rector of Loughton, who was interred the previous day.

The Provinces.**FELIXKIRK, THIRSK, NORTHUMBERLAND. CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s each called differently.

H. BROWN Treble.	J. STOTT 4.
R. BROWN 2.	G. NEESAM 5.
R. E. NEESAM 3.	J. W. NEESAM Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. NEESAM.

First peal on the bells.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, November 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S.**

HERBERT MARKWELL .. Treble.	ELGAR KING 5.
ALBERT LONGLEY 2.	GEORGE EDWARDS 6.
EDWARD BRIDGER 3.	HARRY SEAL 7.
ARCHIBALD DENTON 4.	ERNEST EVEREST Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to King Edward and A. Longley, the band wishing them many happy returns.

FAREHAM, HANTS.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Three Hours,**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

EDWIN J. HARDING* .. Treble.	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 5.
JAMES E. GROVES 2.	*WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 6.
GEORGE NOICE* 3.	*WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 7.
HENRY W. WILKES* .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Superlative. Rung to celebrate the birthdays of Mrs. Bayley, mother of the ringer of the 5th, and James George, son of the ringer of the 7th.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.**

THOMAS J. HULL* .. Treble.	*SAMUEL E. ROBERTS .. 5.
HENRY S. REEVES† .. 2.	*LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH .. 6.
GEORGE T. CROFT* .. 3.	JOHN C. DICKEN 7.
ROBERT T. KING* .. 4.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. Tenor.

Composed by J. COX, and Conducted by EDWARD WHITBREAD.

*First peal of Major. †Fiftieth peal; list elsewhere.

OSPRINGE, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S SIX-PART.**

GEORGE HENRY SPICE* .. Treble.	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 5.
EDWIN E. BRIDGES 2.	*ALFRED R. ROESON 6.
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE .. 3.	WILLIAM SPICE 7.
CHARLES H. DRAKE 4.	HERBERT BAKER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SPICE.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Thomas Best, one of the local band.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)**On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Two Hours Fifty-four Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

C. PLUMMER Treble.	J. NORTH 4.
H. CARDER 2.	A. GOUGH 5.
R. HAWKINS 3.	W. NEWTON Tenor.

Conducted by J. NORTH.

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

BLAKENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY PRICE Treble.	JOHN BASS 5.
GEORGE PIGOTT 2.	ALFRED DAVIES 6.
GEORGE HUGHES 3.	JOSEPH PIGOTT 7.
HERBERT KNIGHT 4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

The composition of this peal is the first half of a 5184 Double Norwich composed by J. R. Pritchard, and was rung at the first time of meeting and without any previous practice. It is also the first peal in the method by all the band and on the bells, and by the above Society.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOSEPH W. PARKER Treble.	J. J. LEIGHTON 5.
JOHN CUMMINGS* 2.	ROBERT W. LOVIE 6.
RALPH A. LOVIE 3.	†ROBERT L. PATTERSON 7.
WM. SMALLWOOD 4.	WILLIAM T. ROBSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

*First peal. †First peal of Major. This is the first peal produced in the method with forty-nine calls only.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. Treble.	JOHN HOLMAN 5.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 2.	WALTER ALLWOOD 6.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 3.	WILLIAM H. TUCKER 7.
WALTER ROBINSON 4.	JOHN FLINT Tenor.

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE, and Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt

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

Composed by J. MILLER, and Conducted by HENRY J. TUCKER.

Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Miss Tucker, eldest daughter of the conductor; also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. J. Tucker, the band wishing them both many happy returns.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOSEPH TIMMS Treble.	ROBERT PICKERING 5.
REV. C. CABEW COX 2.	ALFRED ROWLEY 6.
SAMUEL REEVES 3.	THOMAS H. REEVES 7.
REV. E. V. COX 4.	JOHN C. ADAMS Tenor.

This peal was rung in silence, and without a conductor, Messrs. T. Miller and W. H. Godden, acting as witnesses in the ringing-chamber and checking the ringing from the figures.

EXETER.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS MUDGE Treble.	EDMUND SARGENT 5.
FRANK DAVEY 2.	WILLIAM RICHARDSN 6.
ALFRED MONKLEY 3.	EDWIN SHEPHERD 7.
WILLIAM MOGRIDGE 4.	JOHN RICHARDS Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

JAMES H. RIDING Treble.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. 5.
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 2.	JOHN DENTITH 6.
HARRY FUPBER HOLDING* 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. 7.
ROBERT SPERRING 4.	†WILFRED GILL Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

*First peal away from the treble. †First peal. Rung after meeting short for Stedman.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

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

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH Treble.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. 5.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 2.	ARTHUR HOLMES 6.
C. WILLIAM SMITH 3.	JAMES OSBORN 7.
JOHN W. LAKE 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

First peal of Cambridge in the county, by the Diocesan Guild, and the first Surprise peal by all except the conductor. Rung on the birthday of Mr. K. Richardson, father of the ringers of the 2nd and 5th.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5072 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt

FREDERICK RICE Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 5.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 2.	ERNEST GOWER 6.
CHARLES PALMER† 3.	ALBERT D. STONE 7.
RICHARD STREDWICK .. 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

*Fiftieth peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

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

First peal of New Cambridge on the bells, and by all the band.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON Treble.	TOM WILDE 5.
ALFRED BARNES 2.	ALBERT HOUGH 6.
GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. 3.	THOMAS RAMSEY 7.
WILLIAM BUTLER 4.	FRED HOLT Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by FRED HOLT.

This peal was rung in commemoration of the Dedication of the bells, November 18th, 1898.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

THOMAS ROBINSON Treble	†GEORGE W. TOWNSEND .. 5.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 2.	OLIVER NORMAN 6.
ROBERT W. HYNERT 3.	CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 7.
HENRY W. L. WELLS* .. 4.	ALFRED W. HARRINGTON.. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT W. HYNERT.

†First peal as conductor. *First peal in the method. †First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. T. Robinson and A. W. Harrington, the ringers wishing them many happy returns.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

W. BROWN Treble.	H. J. MEE 4.
W. LEGGETT 2.	E. RIVERS 5.
G. W. MEE 3.	CHARLES E. FISHER .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. RIVERS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. W. Mee.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

GORDON CHECKETTS Treble.	JOHN SPARKES 4.
CHARLES HARRISON 2.	CHARLES SMITH 5.
JOHN BOURNE 3.	ALFRED SPARKES Tenor.

Conducted by G. CHECKETTS.

First peal by all except the ringer of the treble.

BOBBING, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES E. WATERS* .. Treble.	THOMAS JULL 4.
WILLIAM G. KITCHINGHAM .. 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 5.
WILLIAM SPICE 3.	ALBERT J. DAY Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

*First peal.

ROWBERROW, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 7 cwt.

WALTER J. COURT Treble.	THOMAS WYATT 4.
WILLIAM DAVIS 2.	FREDRICK DEREICH .. 5.
GILBERT G. COURT 3.	JAMES A. BLACKMORE .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS WYATT.

First peal on the bells.

MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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On Thursday, November 25, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5061 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

ALFRED T. HYLAND .. Treble.	JOHN CARTER 6.
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JAMES JONES 3.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN 4.	PERCY O. LAFLIN 9.
EDMUND J. HYLAND 5.	FRANK BENNETT Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This is the first peal of 5061 Grandsire Caters ever rung, and is strictly to the method. It has the 5th and 6th twenty-four times behind the 9th, and the 6th twelve times before the 7th, and was rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Jones, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. *First peal of Caters.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BECKENHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday, November 9th, in honour of the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Union Triples. C. Terry, J. Town, G. Clarke, F. King, F. Terry, J. Lovell, W. Smith conductor, W. Meek. First in the method by Messrs. Clarke and King. Composed by G. Durling.

DOVER (Kent).—On Sunday, October 10th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 47 mins. J. B. Saunders, L. J. Roper, W. Sheaff, E. Potter, C. R. Millway conductor, H. C. Saywell, C. Turner, C. Sheaff. This was rung for the anniversary of the restoration of the bells and the Harvest Festival.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Sunday, November 28th, at St. Saviour's, for Confirmation, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. W. J. E. Jones, J. C. Adams, C. J. Bartlett, H. Street, G. B. Lucas, sen., E. D. Lillywhite, H. F. Hull conductor, H. Rumens.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY ABBEY (Hants).—On Sunday, October 3rd, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. W. Manning, J. Elcombe, F. Paskins, F. Hand, J. Walker, T. Cole, W. G. Fowler conductor, W. Payne. On Tuesday, October 5th, for practice, 784 Bob Major. W. Manning, F. Hand, F. Paskins, J. Elcombe, R. White, J. Walker, T. Cole, W. J. Fowler conductor. On Sunday, October 10th, for Divine Service, 384 Bob Major, standing as before.

EWHRST (Surrey).—On October 15th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Francis, J. Russell, W. Tidy, J. Luff, R. Whittington, W. Denyer conductor. This is the first 720 in the method by the ringers of 1, 4, and 6, also the treble ringer's first 720 Minor, and the first 720 as conductor by W. Denyer. Also on same date 240 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. A. Francis, J. Luff, W. Tidy, W. Denyer, R. Whittington, J. Russell. First in the method by the ringers of 1, 2, and 4.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON (Wilts).—At the parish church, August 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. A. Lawrence, C. J. Gardiner, R. W. Hyner, S. Palmer, T. Robinson, O. Norman conductor, J. M. Brinkworth. August 3rd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. E. L. Cockey, A. Lawrence conductor, R. W. Hyner, G. W. Townsend, T. Robinson, H. W. L. Wells, C. J. Gardiner, H. Osborne. September 26th, for evening service, 560 Double Norwich. A. Lawrence, C. W. Layng, R. W. Hyner, R. Thompson, T. Robinson, O. Norman, S. Palmer, C. J. Gardiner conductor. October 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Thompson, A.

Lawrence, R. W. Hyner conductor, S. Palmer, C. J. Gardiner, O. Norman, T. Robinson, A. W. Harrington. For evening service, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major. O. W. Layng, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, E. Bishop, T. Robinson, H. W. L. Wells, O. Norman, C. J. Gardiner conductor. On October 10th, for evening service, 224 Bob Major. A. Lawrence, C. W. Layng, C. J. Gardiner, O. Norman, R. W. Hyner, H. W. L. Wells, T. Robinson, S. Palmer. On October 12th, for practice, a course of Superlative Surprise. T. Robinson, R. Thompson, R. W. Hyner, H. W. L. Wells, S. Palmer, O. Norman, C. J. Gardiner, E. Bishop.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOKINGHAM (Berks).—On Thursday, October 14th, at the church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. E. Whittingham, W. J. Paice (composer and conductor), F. Lush, S. Paice, A. Price, J. French, J. F. Mattingley, A. Hill. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Barnard, of Frog Hall, Wokingham, to Mr. Clifford Wells, B.A., one of the masters at Wellington College, near Wokingham.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ELLINGHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, October 17th, for evening service for Harvest Festival, 120 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles. W. Felgate, A. Baldry, F. Hembling, C. Woods, E. Lincoln conductor. Also other 120s, in which A. Williams took part, conducted by W. Felgate.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

CRANFORD.—On Sunday, October 10th, for the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Minor, 1260 changes, being 360 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Double Court, and 180 Oxford Bob in 42 mins. F. Lewin, J. Saddington, J. Lewin, B. J. Saddington, M. Norton, G. Lines conductor. 216 Plain Bob. B. Saddington, G. Lines, F. Lewin, M. Norton, J. Lewin, J. Saddington conductor. 120 Oxford. F. Lewin, G. Lines, M. Norton, J. Saddington, J. Lewin, B. J. Saddington conductor.

SHENLEY (Bucks).—On Saturday, October 9th, at St. Mary's, 720 Doubles, being 360 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. C. W. Burgess, J. Higgins conductor, W. Pether, W. Daniels, G. F. Clarke, E. Willett. First touch in two methods by all except conductor. 180 Bob Minor, with H. Cameron in place of E. Willett. After this ring G. Clarke (in absence of the Rector), on behalf of the Rector and ringers, presented Mr. J. Higgins with a small testimonial on his leaving the district, and thanking him for his past and much valued services in helping them in the Art.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Monday evening, October 11th, at St. Andrew's parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 48 mins. W. Massey, A. Prestidge, H. Hill, W. Prestidge, H. Hubble, C. Robinson, A. Greenfield conductor, J. Massey. Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the late H. M. Hingley, esq., of High Park, Droitwich, also of the firm of N. Hingley and Sons, Ltd., Netherton Ironworks, Dudley.

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CHELSEA.—On Sunday, October 3rd, at St. Luke's, the editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. G. Chesterman, F. Davis, F. Smith, G. Watkins, A. Newman, J. Barber, H. Mance conductor, J. Daynes. On Sunday, October 17th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 51 mins. G. Watkins, W. Dean, F. Davis, F. Smith, W. Saban, A. Newman, J. Barber, H. Mance conductor.

WHITCHURCH (near Cardiff).—On Sunday, October 10th, at St. Mary's church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. S. Dawe, F. I. Bailey, W. Biss conductor, F. Cox, F. Chamberlain, J. Clutterbuck. Also 360 Bob Minor. F. Cox, F. J. Bailey, W. Biss, J. Clutterbuck, F. Chamberlain, S. Dawe

conductor. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. The above ringers hail from Cardiff except F. T. Bailey, who is a member of the local band which has recently been formed.

WEST DERBY (Liverpool).—On Sunday September 26th, for Harvest Festiva morning service, 720 of Oxford Single Minor. Evening service 720 of Plain Bob Minor. After evening service 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor. R. Dilworth, J. Hudson, A. Taylor, W. Hargraves, G. Dickenson, J. Johnson. All conducted by W. Hargraves.

WALLINGFORD (Berks).—On Wednesday, September 29th, 266 Grandsire Triples. H. R. Cooper, R. G. Rice conductor, G. F. James, J. Abery, A. R. Bosley, E. Bannister, G. Caudwell, F. W. Woodwards. Plain course of Grandsire Major. H. R. Cooper, F. W. Woodwards, G. F. James, J. Abery, R. G. Rice, G. Caudwell, A. R. Bosley, E. Bannister.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 24th, for morning service, the editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. E. Webb, F. Goddard, A. Macdonald, T. Beadle, W. Lidbetter, C. Dell, G. Spencer conductor, A. Sheard.

BUSHEY (Herts).—On Monday, October 18th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 720 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. M. F. H. Hibbert, J. J. Allen, T. R. Scott, F. A. Smith, B. Prewett conductor, F. Edwards, W. G. Whitehead, R. E. Stavert.

EALING.—On October 17th, for evening service, the first part of Holt's Ten-Part peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Lawrence conductor, F. J. Walsom, E. Harris, A. Tabor, F. Winter, H. Browning, A. Harding, G. Green.

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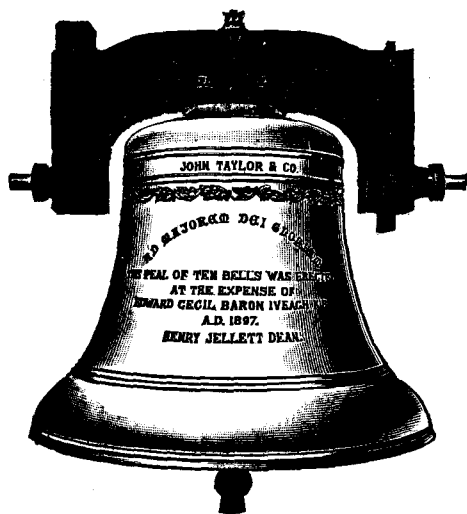
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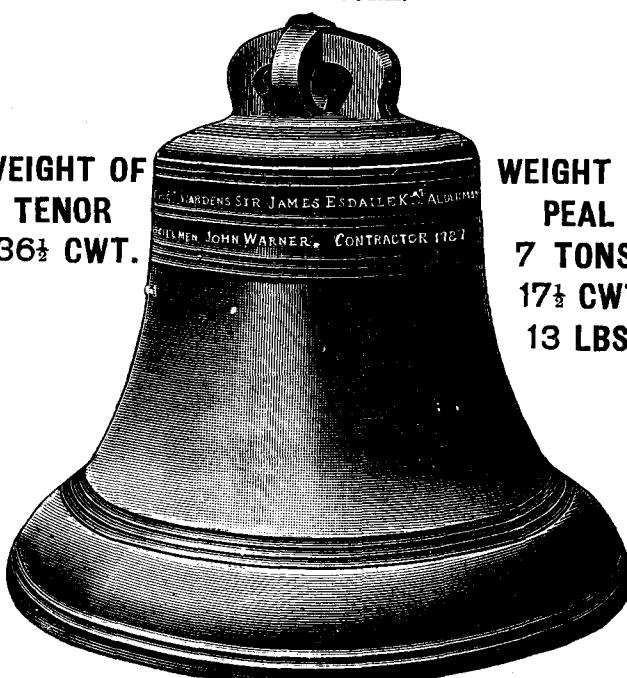
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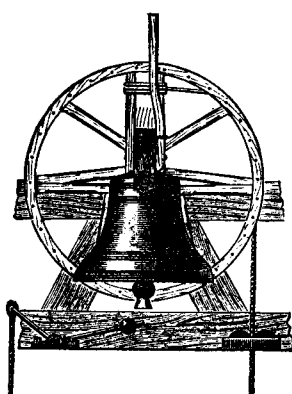
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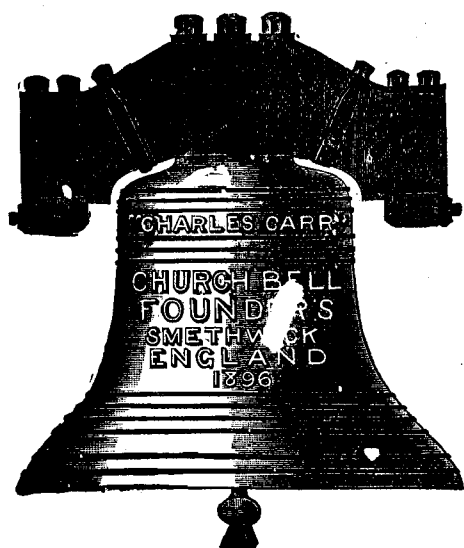
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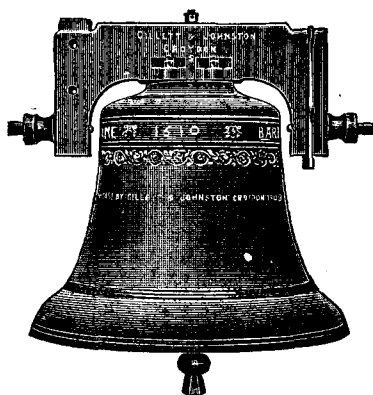
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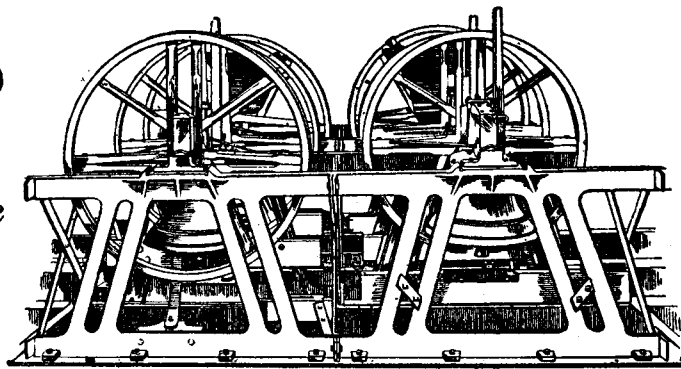
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THE GREAT PEAL AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

A STORY OF STEDMAN CATERS.

From the time when Fabian Stedman, printer, of Cambridge, gave to the ringing world, about the year 1670, the peculiar method of permutation which bears his name, the ringers of all ages have tenaciously held on to what may be called "the King of Methods." Not particularly because of its intricacy alone—although it contains enough to exercise the mental abilities of the average mathematician—but chiefly for the fascinating beauty of its composition, which enables the most harmonious changes to be brought up and retained where you will, and its adaptability for bringing a peal home at any given number of changes. Stedman never lived to see his masterpiece extended beyond five bells, and nearly a hundred years elapsed before any company of ringers had the temerity to attempt a peal of Caters. Eventually the London society of College Youths accomplished the first peal. This was at St. John's, Horsleydown, in 1787, being the composition of Mr. Henry Cooper, and the number of changes 5076. At that time a battle royal raged for supremacy between the Cumberlands and College Youths, thus the following year (1788) saw the Cumberland Youths successful with 5184 at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. Thus started, Stedman Caters longest length appeared to be the *piece de resistance*. In 1797 that celebrated composer, J. Noonan, called a peal of 6003, while seven years later Mr. G. Gross cut the record a niche higher with 6129 for the Cumberlands. In this peal W. Shipway took part. No great effort was made after that for half-a-century, and then those generals in ringing warfare, Cox and Haley, appeared in the arena, and took up the cudgels once more for the famous London societies. At St. James's, Bermondsey, Mr. John Cox called 6701 for the College Youths in 1846, whereupon Mr. Henry Haley went to All Saints, Poplar, and for the Cumberlands wiped out his rivals' record with a 7025. The Painswick peal of 8105 being false, this held the longest length. It may be incidentally here mentioned that Stedman Cinques had not been neglected, for several peals had been accomplished, among them the following four being the greatest:—

- 1806.—7104 at Christ Church, Spitalfields.
- 1844.—7126 at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.
- 1848.—7392 at St. Martin's, Birmingham.
- 1851.—7524 at St. Giles's, Cripplegate.

Notwithstanding that long peals were frequently attempted in easier methods, no one cared to venture into five figures of Stedman Caters, until the late Mr. Henry Johnson got together a band at Aston, near Birmingham, and with John Perks conducting, a new record was created, viz.: 10,047. This was on the 8th March, 1858. Another quarter of a century went over before the College Youths made once more their effort to bring back the "ashes" to the metropolis, and on December 8th, 1883, they succeeded with a peal of 11,111, in seven hours and eight minutes at All Saints, Fulham, where a tablet records the performance. This peal was conducted by the veteran James Pettit, now in the eventide of life, but happy in the

affection of his remaining contemporaries, and the respect of us who follow after. In the same decade rose Mr. J. W. Washbrook, of Oxford, like a star in the ringing firmament, and long peals became the order of the day. On March 5th, 1888, the Fulham peal "went by the board," 12,041 being rung at St. Laurence's church, Appleton, Berkshire, in 7 hours and 26 minutes. Not satisfied with this however, eight of the same band with the addition of C. Hounslow and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, met again on December 31st of the same year and recorded a peal of 15,041 Stedman Caters, in 9 hours 16 minutes!

Tempus fugit, and again we pass over a period of twenty-one years. It is Easter Monday, April 12th, 1909, and ten men ascend the tower of All Saints, Loughborough. Loughborough! the birthplace of bells and of the heaviest rings the world has ever seen. Where Great Paul first saw the light and made the name of Taylor a household word. With every invention that engineering skill can devise or utility require, the men are stripped ready for the Herculean task before them, a task no less than a world's record in everything that the words imply. At 7.30 a.m. the melodious peal went into changes, and under the conductorship of Mr. W. Pye, whose name and prowess will go down the ages, continued right throughout the day. As time wore on hundreds of ringers from near and far came, listened, and departed, their places being immediately filled by others as deeply interested in the feat as themselves. Hour after hour the music of the heavy bells rolled across the town unceasingly, while the telegraph was busily carrying the news that all was well. High up in the belfry the ten men bent to their task, exchanging at times a smile of encouragement as on and on they rang. In most feats of skill and endurance the participants are usually fed and refreshed at regular intervals. Not so in the records of the ringing world. Pity it is that the public know so little and so vaguely understand what they entail. True, there were two Pyes and a Cheesman in the band, but they were scarcely edible, and neither food or rest was possible if history was to be made.

Night came down on the scene, and around the church the thoroughfare was blocked by connoisseurs in the Art of ringing who had come to be "in at the death." Twelve hours and more had passed since the peal started, and yet in the words of Longfellow—

As the evening shades descended,
Low and loud and sweetly blended,
Low at times, and loud at times,
Changing like a poet's rhymes,
Rang the beautiful wild chimes.
Like the psalms from some old cloisters,
When the nuns sing in the choir,
And the great bell booms behind them,
Like the chanting of a friar.

It was known among the crowd that thronged the church yard and the porch, that the peal was drawing to a close, and they waited with feverish and telepathic magnetism the psychological moment that proclaimed success. Nearer it came. Some one who had obtained a glimpse of the figures shouted "this is the last course," and amid an

*The Band of Ringers who, on Easter Monday, April 12th, 1909, rang at the Church of All Saints, Loughborough, Leicestershire,
The Great Peal of 18,027 Stedman Caters,
In Twelve Hours and Eighteen Minutes.*



Top Row : Geo. R. Pye, Treble (Chadwell Heath). Isaac G. Shade, 2nd (Greenwich). W. H. Inglesant, 3rd (Loughborough). John H. Cheesman, 4th (Kent). Bertram Prewett, 5th (Oxhey). B. A. Knights, 6th (Chesterfield).
Bottom Row : William J. Nudds, 8th (Hampstead). Gabriel Lindoff, composer, 9th (Dublin). William Pye, conductor, Tenor (Leytonstone). William Willson, 7th (Leicester).



THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

electric silence, broken only by the cadence of the bells, rounds—1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10, rang out clearly on the night air, followed by the cheers of the crowd below. The feat was accomplished true and complete. Ten men only had rung 18,027 Stedman Caters in twelve hours and eighteen minutes, on the heaviest ring of bells ever rung to a long peal, thus surpassing that preceded it in time, number of changes, and weight of metal. This colossal performance can be better appreciated by a comparison of previous peals and the respective weights:—

	Changes.	Cwts.
Aston, Birmingham ...	10,047	Tenor 21.
Fulham, London ...	11,111	" 21.
Appleton, Berks. ...	12,041	" 14.
Appleton, Berks. ...	15,041	" 14.
Loughborough ...	18,027	" 30½.

It goes without saying that this achievement, the greatest ever attempted, would have been physically impossible under old-time conditions, and it sets the seal upon modern bell-hanging. It demonstrates beyond a doubt the superiority of the modern over the mediæval. It is a triumph for the iron frame, and while the honour must necessarily cling for all time to the men who rung the peal, it points unmistakably to Messrs. Taylors' workmanship in Loughborough tower as reaching the acme of the art of bell-hanging. The following is the official record, with a synopsis of each ringer's individuality and previous performances.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Twelve Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 18,027 CHANGES.

Tenor 30½ cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble.	BENJAMIN KNIGHTS 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	WILLIAM WILLSON 7.
WM. H. INGLESANT 3.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 8.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 9.
BERTRAM PREWETT 5.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This is the longest peal ever rung in any method by one set of men without food or rest. Umpire—Mr. H. Withers.

GEORGE R. PYE—Treble.

is one of the Pye family who have made themselves world-famous by their ringing exploits. "Bob" Pye was born on June 30th, 1872, at Chadwell Heath, Essex, where he still resides. His first peal was at St. Edward's, Romford, on March 30th, 1891, and since that time the name of G. R. Pye has never been absent for long from the ringing press. With the unprecedented opportunity for handbell ringing that four enthusiastic ringers in one house offered, the path of peal-ringing was one unbroken triumph. Grandsire, Treble Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise are followed in succession, some of them being rung silent (or non-conducted). Feats that ordinary ringers would be proud of, were they to ring only one bell, were undertaken double-banded, and all paths led to success. As a ringer "Bob" Pye is of the first water. He rings not so much by eye as by eyesight (!), and although his attitude in the steeple appears to be of a somnolent type, let any member of the band mis-strike his bell! and G. R. Pye is like the weasel—the offender is pounced upon like the shot out of a gun. Deeds speak louder than words. Here are his trophies:—

	Rung	Conducted
On six bells...	1	
Grandsire Triples...	8	2
Grandsire Caters...	3	1
Stedman Triples...	53	15
Stedman Caters...	44	4

Stedman Cinques ...	23 (11,111)	...	1
Kent Treble Bob Major ...	15 (10,464)	...	2
Kent Treble Bob Royal ...	16		
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	2		
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1		
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1		
Bob Major ...	4	...	1
Double Norwich Major ...	35 (15,072)	...	6
Double Oxford Major ...	1		
Duffield Major ...	1		
Superlative Surprise Major	80	...	9
Cambridge Surprise Major	5		
Cambridge Maximus	1		
New Cambridge Major ...	6	...	1
New Cambridge Royal ...	3		
New Cumberland Surprise	1		
Bristol Surprise ...	9	...	1
London Surprise ...	47 (14,112)	...	2
	360		43

	Handbells	Conducted
Grandsire Triples	3	2
Stedman Triples...	26	7 (one silent)
Stedman Caters	18	
Stedman Cinques	5	
Kent T. B. Major	6	2
Kent T. B. Royal	4	1
Double Norwich Major	4	2
Superlative Surprise	7 (one silent)	
New Cambridge Maj.	3	
Bristol Surprise	3	
London Surprise	5	
	84	14

Total rung—444. Total conducted—57.

ISAAC GEORGE SHADE—2nd.

is the *doyen* of the band, having been ushered into this vale of tears—and many other things—on April 27th, 1851, at Greenwich. For many years his name has been conspicuous in peal-ringing reports. The date of birth too was most auspicious, for April 27th stands out prominently in numerous instances in the annals of ringing. He rang his first peal at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on April 30th, 1875, Holt's Original being called on the occasion by the retired veteran, James Pettit. Notwithstanding that Father Time has freely flicked his snowflakes, and that the frosts of nearly three-score winters have silvered his remaining locks, the "evergreen Isaac" is as safe a ringer as any man living. Few men in the ranks of ringers could exceed his record of peals or quality, and those who could do so might easily be counted on the fingers of one hand! His successes are as follows:—

Treble Bob Maximus, Treble Bob Royal, Treble Bob Major. Stedman Cinques, Stedman Caters, Stedman Triples. Grandsire Triples, Grandsire Caters. Bob Major, Bob Royal. Double Norwich. Cambridge Surprise Major, Cambridge Surprise Royal, New Cambridge Surprise Major, Superlative Surprise Major, Bristol Surprise Major, London Surprise Major. Total—823; conducted 60.

WILLIAM HYDE INGLESANT—3rd.

can claim Liverpool as his native place. Born on August 19th, 1872. He is now in his 38th year. When quite a lad, his parents migrated to Leicestershire, finally settling down at Quorndon, near Loughborough, where "W. H. I." learned to ring. His first peal was Stedman Triples on October 14th, 1891, and although there is little opportunity for running up a large total of peals in the provinces, he has managed to collect 128, among which are several long lengths of 10,000 and over. By profession a surveyor's clerk, he is of a very quiet disposition. He is a "character" study. He requires a lot of persuasion to start for a peal, but once started he can be relied on to "stay" till the end, his stoic-like countenance rarely altering except when a trip occurs, or a well-known part-end turns up. He was one of the band in the Wigton long peal of Double Norwich Major. Below is his list of performances,

On five bells	6
On six bells	9
Grandsire Triples	23
Grandsire Major	1
Grandsire Caters	16*
Stedman Triples	14
Stedman Caters	7
Treble Bob Major	16†
Treble Bob Royal	7
Bob Major	15
Bob Royal	2
Double Norwich Major	10‡
Superlative Surprise	3

128

Conducted 8.

* including 7001. † including 10,176. ‡ including 11,008 and 17,104.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN—4th.

Although readers of this journal could easily find the name of J. H. Cheesman in numbers of twenty years ago, he is still on the right side of forty, being born at Stowting, Kent, on January 23rd, 1872. He first learnt to pull a bell at his native place which only boasted a ring of four, but at the age of 17 he rung his first peal—and conducted it too; being seven 720s on six bells at Lyminge. He is a "Man of Kent" to the back-bone, many of his peals having been rung in that county. Some years ago he emigrated to New Zealand but the fascination of the bells of the mother country lured him back again. As a ringer, he is simply splendid, his striking being superb. Of a highly strung nervous constitution, he cannot tolerate anything like discord, and let but two bells "rub" against other! then John H. Cheesman's "dial" is an index to his thoughts. He stands right through a peal without moving an inch, and his peal records shew him an expert in conducting on any number of bells.

	Rung	Conducted
Stedman Cinques	16	14
Stedman Caters	54	26
Grandsire Cinques	1	
Grandsire Triples	7	4
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	3	4
Kent Treble Bob Royal	3	
Kent Treble Bob Major	31	18
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2	1
Bob Maximus	1	
Bob Major	8	4
Bob Triples	1	
London Surprise Major	16	
Bristol Surprise Major	4	
Cambridge Surprise Major	8	3
New Cambridge Major	2	
Superlative Major	47	10
Double Norwich Major	76	21
Duffield Major	1	1
Forward Major	2	2
Canterbury Major	10	
Union Triples	4	1
Oxford Bob Triples	1	
Darlaston Bob Triples	2	1
Three 5040s on six bells		3
	381	135

BERTRAM PREWETT—5th.

Was born on October 12th, 1878, at Oxhey, Herts., where, at the age of 19, he rang his first peal. Two years later he attempted his "first as conductor," and accomplished it—Stedman Triples—at Aldenham, March 5th, 1900. Since that time his progress has been rapid and almost marvellous, his records shewing the indomitable energy and ability with which "Bert" has climbed to the top of the campanalogical ladder. He is lithe and active, is the moving spirit of the Middlesex men, and with his cheery smile inspires confidence in the most pessimistic member of a band. He was in the only peal of Cambridge Sur-

prise Maximus ever rung, the first peal of Bristol rung in London, the first of London Surprise rung in London City with a London band. He has taken part in three peals of Stedman Cinques all within 24 hours, called the first of Superlative in Wales, the first of Cambridge in Ireland, and what is most extraordinary has rung more than fifty peals per year for eleven years in succession! Here is his bag:—

	Rung	Conducted
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1	
Cambridge Surprise Major	2	1
New Cambridge Surprise Royal	3	
New Cambridge Surprise Major	11	5
Bristol Surprise Major	12	
London Surprise Major	49	
Superlative Surprise Major	130	26
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	10	
Kent Treble Bob Major	9	7
Stedman Cinques	29	
Stedman Caters	94	6
Stedman Triples	181	51
Grandsire Caters	1	
Grandsire Triples	9	1
Double Norwich Major	19	
Bob Major	2	
On handbells:—		
Stedman Cinques	4	
Stedman Caters	12	
Stedman Triples	8	3
	587	100

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS—6th.

is the son of the well-known Chesterfield composer. His natal day was on April 14th, 1885, and he is therefore in his 25th year. He rang his first peal at the church of the crooked spire on November 13th, 1901, and three years later made his debut as conductor with a peal of Treble Ten at the same church. Ringing is in his blood, and no matter what the method, "young Ben" can go the pace with the best. He has an old head on young shoulders; is keen as a razor, and bids fair to take a high place in the Exercise. He has rung up to date 206 peals, and conducted 57 of them, viz.:—

	Rung	Conducted
Grandsire Triples	4	
Grandsire Caters	5	
Bob Major	6	1
Bob Royal	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	33	11
Kent Treble Bob Royal	24	10
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	12	5
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	4	2
Stedman Triples	7	2
Stedman Caters	16	7
Forward Major	1	1
Forward Royal	1	1
Double Norwich Major	29	6
Double Norwich Royal	4	1
Superlative Surprise	33	9
Cambridge Surprise	1	
New Cambridge Surprise	5	
Yorkshire Surprise	7	
Peterborough Surprise	2	
London Surprise	7	
Bristol Surprise	3	
	206	57

WILLIAM WILLSON—7th.

Belongs to Leicester, being born at that town on August 12th, 1868. He earned free scholarships both at Trinity and at Wyggeston High School, but the death of his father, which left a widow and large family, altered the original intention of a scholastic career, and "W. W." went out into the world, where his life has been spent among machinery. Among the bells the writer of these biographies makes no claim to distinction, and

amid this brilliant long peal band he holds himself the least. It may be mentioned, however, that he took part in the silent peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques when the Leicester handbell band was at the zenith of its fame. His first peal was Grandsire Caters at St. Margaret's, Leicester, conducted by John Buttery; his first "in hand" was called by Geo. Cleal. Six times he has rung peals of over ten thousand changes, four of which he has conducted. His chief pleasure is in teaching others, and hopes to be best remembered by those ringers he has taught. His peals up to date are as follows:—

	Runz	Conducted
On five bells	5	5 ^a
On six bells	6	4 ^b
Bob Triples	5	2
Bob Major	21	14 ^c
Bob Royal	2	1
Grandsire Triples	33	22
Grandsire Major	3	2
Grandsire Caters	19	12 ^d
Grandsire Cinques	1	...
Kent Treble Bob Major	26	15 ^e
Kent Treble Bob Royal	6	2
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	...
Stedman Triples	13	2*
Stedman Caters	10†	...
Stedman Cinques	2‡	...
Double Norwich Major	11	7||
Superlative Surprise Major	4	...
London Surprise Major	2	...
	170	88

On handbells 8.

^a Including seven methods. ^b Including seven methods: ^c 7056 and 10,192. ^d 7001. ^e 7008 and 10,176. * One silent peal on handbells. † One silent peal on handbells. ‡ One silent peal on handbells. || 11,008 and 17,104, record.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS—8th.

comes of a ringing family. He was born at Banham, Norfolk, on May 29th, 1868. It is a curious coincidence the ringers of the 7th, 8th, and 9th were all born in the same year. It is quite fitting also that one born on Oak day, should possess a "heart of oak," and W. J. Nudds certainly does this, although he is of a delicate constitution; for he came into the record peal at the last moment to fill a sudden vacancy. How well he bore himself through the arduous task when pluck overcame physical disability, has been already told. His first peal was at Diss, Norfolk, and this was his father's farewell performance—Oxford Treble Bob Major, on May 18th, 1889. He moved to the metropolis in 1895, where the majority of his peals have been rung. He is of a very unobtrusive disposition, but in every sense a capable, steady, safe ringer, who can always be relied upon. Below is his record of performances up to date.

On six bells	4	
Grandsire Triples	1	
Grandsire Caters	3	
Stedman Triples	27	on handbells... 4
Stedman Caters	56	on handbells 2
Stedman Cinques	23	
Kent Treble Bob Major	3	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	7	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	
Bob Major	2	
Double Norwich Major	9	
Superlative Major	20	
New Cambridge Major	1	
New Cambridge Royal	3	
London Surprise Major	3	on the treble
Bristol Surprise Major	1	

Total— 165 conducted 5.

GABRIEL LINDOFF (Composer), 9th.

At no time in the history of ringing has any composer risen to greater eminence than the steeplekeeper of St. Patrick's

Cathedral, Dublin. Born at Leiston, Suffolk, on November 19, 1868, he commenced ringing at the age of 16. At 17 years he rang his first peal, 5040 Bob Major, and the following year he called his "first as conductor," one of his own compositions. From that time his productions have been of a lasting character. It was through his pertinacity that Thurstans' five-part peal of Stedman Triples was brought to light, and there is no field in the world of composition that Gabriel Lindoff has not explored. Methods of the most scientific and complex character as yet unringed, and some unpublished, have emanated from his pen. The extents of the "crank" methods all belong to him—9312 Superlative (and yet a longer length unringed), 14,112 London Surprise, also the record length of Stedman Cinques, 11,111, in addition to the present composition of 18,027 Caters. In the years that are to come the name of Lindoff will stand in bold relief, while lesser lights will need to be sought for. His list of peals is as follows:—

	Rung	Conducted
On six bells	5	4
Bob Triples	6	4
Bob Major	7	5
Bob Royal	1	...
Grandsire Triples	27	16
Grandsire Major	1	...
Grandsire Caters	9	6
Grandsire Cinques	1	...
Union Triples	2	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	25	15
Kent Treble Bob Royal	6	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	...
Oxford Treble Bob Major	6	5
Double Norwich Court Major	14	6
Stedman Triples	20	6
Stedman Caters	21	4
Stedman Cinques	5	1*
Superlative Surprise	22	9
Cambridge Surprise	1	1
New Cambridge Surprise	4	...
Bristol Surprise	4	...
London Surprise	14 (including 14,112)	...

* Including 11,111.

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WILLIAM PYE (Conductor), Tenor.

It has been said that some men are born great, and that some achieve greatness. If any man in the ringing world has ever attained fame greater than his fellows it is the subject of this sketch. For years the Exercise has rung with his name, and there is no room to doubt than any corner in this campanalogical country exists where his prowess has not penetrated. His ringing career, at least for the last fifteen years, has been one unbroken sequence of victories. They commenced with the indefatigable handbell band of four, who having rung the chief Standard methods, set before themselves an almost impossible goal. Of these brothers, William was destined to reach the peerless position he occupies to-day. To him was entrusted the conducting of most of the extraordinary feats that have made the Pye family famous.

Born at Chadwell Heath, Essex, on August 14th, 1870, he was attracted to bellringing when a boy of eleven years. In 1881 he was ringing upon five bells, and accomplished a 720 of Minor, but got no further; for in those days the "old brigade" made ringing as mysterious as possible, and any ambitious youth, instead of being encouraged, was continually "pegged back." William Pye got no chance until 1889, when he rang his first peal. The following year he rung another, and conducted it. Through the nineties the columns of this journal bore witness to the progress made in "peal-piling," scarcely a week elapsing without the name of Pye appearing. Handbell peals of Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, Caters, and Cinques followed each other in rapid succession, and it was obvious that nothing would stop this dauntless Napoleon of change-ringing. Superlative Surprise, Cambridge, Bristol and London all followed suit "in hand." On the tower bells the same indomitable energy told the same story: 15,072 Double Norwich, 14,112 London Surprise, Cambridge Maximus (Jemmy

Motts, Ipswich, conducting), and the colossal feat on Exeter tenor of 72 cwt. nett! *Grit* all through.

In character William Pye is a strong man, his massive chin denotes unwavering resolution. In the belfry he rarely speaks until necessary, and then his remarks are pointedly epitomised. With all the respect due to those who have preceeded him, he stands to-day indisputably the finest exponent in the Art of ringing.

	Rung	Conducted
On 6 bells (seven methods) ...	2	
Grandsire Triples ...	12	3
Grandsire Caters ...	4	2
Grandsire Cinques ...	1	1
Stedman Triples ...	143	111
Stedman Caters ...	125	99
Stedman Cinques (II, III) ...	36	25
Bob Major ...	4	
Kent Treble Bob Major (10,464) 20		15
Kent Treble Bob Royal ...	26	18
Kent Treble Bob Maximus ...	5	5
Oxford Treble Bob Major ...	7	6
Oxford Treble Bob Royal ...	2	1
Double Oxford Major ...	1	
Duffield Major ...	1	
Superlative Major ...	181	134
Cambridge Surprise ...	11	7
Cambridge Maximus ...	1	
New Cambridge Major ...	21	16
New Cambridge Royal ...	3	
New Cumberland Major ...	1	1
Double Norwich Major (15,072) 71		55
Bristol Surprise Major ...	15	12
London Surprise Major (14,112) 98		88
	791	602

	Hendbells	Conducted
Grandsire Triples ...	1	
Stedman Triples ...	31	19 (one silent)
Stedman Caters ...	21	20
Stedman Cinques ...	5	
Kent Treble Bob Major ...	6	4
Kent Treble Bob Royal ...	4	2
Superlative Major ...	7	4 (one silent)
New Cambridge Major ...	3	3
Double Norwich Major ...	4	2
Bristol Surprise Major ...	3	2
London Surprise Major ...	5	4
	90	65

Total rung—880; Conducted—667. Rung in 260 different towers, in 40 counties, and one on the Irish Sea.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LOUGHBOROUGH.—The parish church of All Saints dates from the Fourteenth Century. The massive battlemented tower marks the landscape for miles around. The original ring of eight bells were cast by John Taylor and Co. in 1840, who thereupon built the Loughborough Bell Foundry. The ring was augmented to ten bells in 1887, the trebles being the Jubilee gift of the late John Taylor, founder, and the whole peal was ultimately recast in 1899. Each bell bears the figure of a saint.

Date Touches.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOXLEY.—On Tuesday evening, December 7th, at the parish church, a date touch, 1909 changes of Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 15 mins. G. Pound, W. Gosling conductor, W. Hope, A. Haygreen, W. Kilpatrick, F. Wright. First date touch as conductor.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MAIDENHEAD.—On Sunday evening, October 24th, at the

church of All Saints, Boyn Hill, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, 1280 changes, in 48 mins., for Divine Service. Albert Walker, Jesse Eldridge, Percy W. Witham, Herbert Cox, Charlie Smith, Arthur Walker, Thomas Price conductor, George Martin. Composed by Frank Bennett.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ECCLESTON (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, October 19th, at the parish church for practice, 720 of Bob Minor. W. Morgan, S. Jones, F. Usher, W. Dunning, John Thomas, H. W. Wilde conductor, Jos. Thomas. First 720 of Minor on the bells, and first by all the band except Messrs. Jones and Wilde.

WOKINGHAM (Berks).—On Thursday, October 14th, at the church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. E. Whittingham, W. J. Paice (composer and conductor), F. Lush, S. Paice, A. Price, J. French, J. F. Mattingley, A. Hill. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Barnard, of Frog Hall, Wokingham, to Mr. Clifford Wells, B.A., one of the masters at Wellington College, near Wokingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ILMINSTER.—On Tuesday, October 19th, at the church of St. Mary, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (each six-score called differently) in 46 mins. S. Vaux, F. Tucker, D. G. Taylor conductor, J. Rowsell, N. Lukins, F. Scott. First by all except conductor.

SAMPFORD BRETT (Somerset).—On Sunday, October 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 1260 changes, in 40 mins. W. Bennett conductor, F. Gould, A. Jenkins, A. Barker, W. Gould.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

STREATHAM.—On Monday, October 18th, for practice, at Emanuel church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes. C. Daniel, E. R. J. Dunk, W. Lee, W. Hewitt, F. Pike, A. Calver, J. A. Lambert conductor, A. Jones. Composed by the late H. Johnson.

SOUTH TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 17th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles. J. C. Davieon, C. Ross, E. Davidson, A. Howell, T. C. Ringrose conductor. First 720 as conductor.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday, October 3rd, at St. Luke's, the editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. G. Chesterman, F. Davis, F. Smith, G. Watkins, A. Newman, J. Barber, H. Mance conductor, J. Daynes. On Sunday, October 17th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 51 mins. G. Watkins, W. Dean, F. Davis, F. Smith, W. Saban, A. Newman, J. Barber, H. Mance conductor.

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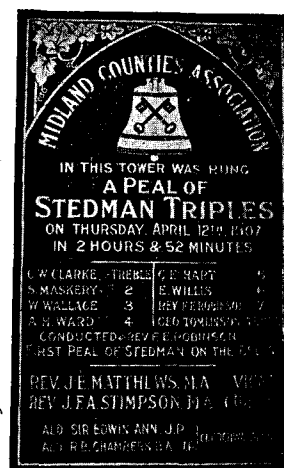
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

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

HAROLD BURTON * Treble.	WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 5.
FRANK HAIRIS† 2.	WILLIAM J. DEAN 6.
GEORGE WATKIN† 3.	HARRY MANCE 7.
FRANK A. SMITH 4.	*WILLIAM ESSERY Tenor.

Conducted by H. MANCE.

*First peal. †First peal away from treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Watkin.

Handbell Peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 2, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes

AT THE RESIDENCE OF T. LOOSEMORE, 80, ELGIN ROAD, SEVEN KINGS.

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

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
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H. WHITEHEAD Treble.	J. H. KERSHAW 5.
G. HAMLET 2.	J. GRIFFITHS 6.
W. TOMLINSON 3.	J. PILLING 7.
J. DEARLEY 4.	T. HAMLET Tenor.

Conducted by J. H. KERSHAW.

First peal by all except Messrs. Kershaw and Griffiths.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, November 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,***AT CHRIST CHURCH,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.**

ERNEST GOWER Treble.	FRANCIS A. KENNETT 5.
WALTER ALCOCK 2.	FRANK MEDHURST 6.
GEORGE WATSON 3.	KEITH HART 7.
GEORGE H. HOWSE 4.	HARRY DENMAN Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung for a Confirmation Service held in the church by the Bishop of Lewes.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wednesday, November 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 25 cwt.**

JOHN OVERTON Treble.	BERTRAM HEAD 5.
ALBERT T. BAKER 2.	WILFRED OVERTON 6.
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ERNEST FOXALL 4.	HARRY JONES Tenor.

Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

Rung in honour of the visit to Ludlow of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The above are the St. Leonard's ringers, Bridgnorth, and were specially invited for this occasion. First peal of Stedman on the bells by the above Guild.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, November 24, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Oxford Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

LEONARD FIDLER† Treble.	GEORGE WOLFE 4.
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Conducted by WILLIAM J. CROFT.

†First peal of Minor on six bells. *First peal of Minor away from the treble.

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FREDERICK FORSYTH* .. Treble.	ELI WATERS 5.
HARRY BENNETT† 2.	GEORGE PRESTON 6.
FRANK SPARSHOTT 3.	CHARLES GOODENOUGH .. 7.
JAMES BENNETT 4.	ALFRED OSMAN Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES GOODENOUGH.

*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. H. Drake which took place recently and also for the interest he took in ringers when living in the district.

GLOUCESTER.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S, JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.***On Thursday, November 25, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,****A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.**

THOMAS NEWMAN Treble.	†GEORGE MILEHAM 5.
JESSE GILLET* 2.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 6.
THOMAS BALDWIN 3.	GEORGE CONDIC 7.
FRANCIS E. HART 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

*First peal of Cambridge with a bob bell. †First peal of Cambridge. This was a variation of Middleton's peal.

HOLBECK, LEEDS, YORKS.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, November 26, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.**

JOHN MOGER Treble.	WILLIAM E. ASH 5.
FRANK R. CUNDALL* .. 2.	*ALBERT S. MITCHELL .. 6.
GEORGE A. JOWETT* .. 3.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. 7.
PERCY J. JOHNSON 4.	DAVID YORKE Tenor.

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

*First peal in the method. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer on attaining his 17th birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, November 26, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;****IN THE KENT VARIATION.**

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

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

SOUTH CHURCH, BISHOP AUCKLAND.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;****IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.**

REV. H. S. RICHARDSON Treble.	G. W. PEVERELL 5.
R. B. ROBINSON 2.	HY. LENTON 6.
JAMES BAXTER 3.	THOS. WICK 7.
EDWIN J. TITT 4.	T. METCALFE Tenor.

Composed by J. FLEMING, and Conducted by JAS. BAXTER.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 5.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 2.	ERNEST GOWER 6.
CHARLES PALMER 3.	ALBERT D. STONE 7.
HENRY STALHAM 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

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

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5160 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

FRANK JACOBS Tenor.	CHARLES DEAPER 6.
WALTER ALLWOOD 2.	BART MITCHELL 7.
SAMUEL WESLEY 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 8.
REV. R. P. FARROW* .. 4.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 9.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 5.	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

*First peal on ten bells. †First peal of Treble Bob and first of Royal.

HALIFAX, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE AND THE HALIFAX AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, November 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER SMITH Treble.	JOSEPH BRAZEY 5.
FRANCIS W. BRADLEY .. 2.	THOMAS HY GELDER .. 6.
JOHN LAWSON 3.	FRED SALMONS 7.
GEORGE NAYLOR 4.	JAMES COTTERELL Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE NAYLOR, and Conducted by J. COTTERELL.

Rung on the occasion of the laying of the foundation-stone of the new church of St. Hilda, Halifax.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BOLNEY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

WILLIAM VINCENT Treble.	W. HARRY PACKHAM .. 5.
WARDEN WALDER 2.	*GEORGE A. LEWRY .. 6.
THOMAS GASSON 3.	GEORGE WALDER 7.
WILLIAM WHEELER 4.	GEORGE PACKHAM Tenor.

Conducted by WARDEN WALDER.

*First peal.

MIRFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs.

JESSE RUSHWORTH Treble.	FRED ROBINSON 5.
ED. CRABTREE 2.	J. F. CLAYTON 6.
WM. CLARKE 3.	ED. CROWTHER 7.
LEWIS MIDGLEY 4.	HERBERT PEEL Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by F. ROBINSON.

First peal of Major on the bells. First peal on the bells since being rung by Messrs. Carr, of Smethwick.

HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILBY J. HAZELL Treble.	ROBERT WALLWORK .. 5.
JOSEPH WOODS 2.	THOMAS WALLWORK .. 6.
JOSEPH BANKS 3.	JAMES H. BANKS 7.
THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD .. 4.	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

First peal on the bells with the tenor in.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(MELTON BRANCH)

On Saturday, November 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM SPIRY Treble.	A. ERNEST JOHNSON .. 5.
THOMAS H. GILLET .. 2.	RICHARD MOUNT 6.
FRANK A. SUMMERS* .. 3.	R. H. BARTRAM 7.
CHARLES DALBY 4.	*THOMAS W. MUSSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. H. BARTRAM.

*First peal on eight bells. †First peal of Triples. The ringer of the tenor was elected a member previous to starting.

KELSEA, SUFFOLK,

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, LEISTON.)

On Saturday, November 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.
Tenor 16½ cwt.

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

Composed by H. J. BARRETT, and Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. H. Bailey, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD DEWEY Treble.	ARTHUR HOLMAN 6.
HENRY F. EWINS 2.	*WILLIAM F. SMITH .. 7.
ALBERT HARMAN 3.	JOHN SHERLOCK 8.
WILLIAM ARGENT* 4.	*HENRY A. HOAD 9.
GEORGE W. WALDER 5.	*WILLIAM LYNCH Tenor.

Composed by JOHN WRIGHT, and Conducted by HENRY A. HOAD.

*Proposed members of the Association previous to starting. Rung as a wedding compliment to C. S. Hoad, a brother siring, who was married that day.

FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM HUNWICK Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM .. 2.	JOHN BUCKINGHAM .. 6.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
PERCY LANGSTON 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR J. HOLMES.. .. Treble.	C. WILLIAM SMITH 4.
CHARLES NEAVERSON 2.	JAMES OSBORN 5.
JOHN W. LAKE 3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

Arranged to oblige Messrs. Smith and Richardson, of Pinchbeck and Snrfleet.

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

On Saturday, November 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED CLARK Treble	WALTER W. BONHAM 4.
EDWIN YATES 2.	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS 5.
WILLIAM G. COWLEY 3.	CECIL A. VALENTINE Tenor.

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Yates, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 28, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Primrose Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN NEAL Treble.	JAMES OSBORN 4.
ALBERT E. LARKINSON 2.	FRED BLOOD 5.
JOHN W. LAKE 3.	ALBERT S. ALLEN Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

All the above are the Bourne company, and this is the first peal by them as a local band.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, December 7, 1909, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

ALF PADDON SMITH.. .. Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY.. .. 7.
CHARLES DICKENS 2.	EDMUND J. HYLAND.. .. 8.
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 3.	JOHN NEAL.. .. 9.
JOHN CARTER 4.	JAMES GEORGE 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.	JAMES E. GROVES 11.
THOMAS H. REEVES 6.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This is supposed to be the first 5040 of Stedman Cinques ever composed and rung, and was specially obtained for Mr. George, being rung to commemorate his 40th year of service completed on that day with the London and North-Western Railway Company. This is C. Dickens' 40th peal of Stedman Cinques. This composition has the 6th twenty-eight times at home, and the 5th twelve times with twenty-three courses in the tittums, and sixteen courses in the hand-stroke home position.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF ASTON ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

PERCY O. LAFLIN Treble.	JOHN CARTER 6.
ALFRED T. HYLAND.. .. 2.	JOHN JENNINGS 7.
JAMES JONES 3.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8.
EDMUND J. HYLAND.. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE 9.
PETER LAFLIN* 5.	JOHN NEAL Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal has the 6th the full extent (60 courses) at home, and is the first peal of Aston Royal ever rung. *First peal of Royal.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

SAMUEL JONES*.. .. Treble.	WILLIAM BIBBY.. .. 5.
GEORGE JONES 2.	RICHARD JONES 6.
ROBERT SPERBING 3.	JAMES MORGAN 7.
EDWIN H. LEWIS 4.	HENRY W. WILDE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

Rung to welcome His Majesty the King, on the occasion of his visit to Eaton Hall. *First peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells. It is also the conductor's 100th peal.

Handbell Peal.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(YORKTOWN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM A. WOODROW 1-2.	GEORGE EDSEY, JUN. .. 5-6.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD.. 3-4.	JOHN B. HESSEY 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE EDSEY, JUN.

Umpire—R. J. Polley. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of 7-8.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 3, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF J. A. GOFTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S.

THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 1-2.	R. ALDER GOFTON .. 5-6.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. 3-4.	JAMES E. GOFTON.. .. 7-8.

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

Umpire—S. W. Stratford. First peal of Stedman Triples on hand-bells by all, and by the Association.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The ringer of the 7th in the peal of Superlative rung at North Wingfield on October the 20th, and published on the 11th of December, should read William H. Turton, not William H. Tucker.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal has been sent from Feltham, Middlesex, without any date.

CONDUCTOR WANTED.—Experienced ringer as conductor for Manchester district. Liberal terms. Communications to be addressed to the Editor.

NORWOOD GREEN, MIDDLESEX.

Sunday, December 12th, was a red-letter at Norwood Green. The old ring of six which have done duty for nearly 200 years, were re-opened after having been entirely re-cast and supplied with new fittings. During the morning service the Rector, the Rev. St. John Macdonald, preceded by the cross-bearer and choir, entered the tower, and re-dedicated the bells to the glory of God, after which the local band rang a few rounds. At the close of the singing of the ringers' hymn, "Unchanging God," the Rector preached an interesting sermon, taking his text from Numbers v., verses 1, 2, and 3, reminding the parishioners that the bells were their heritage to keep in repair, just the same as any other part of their old church, and that they should be proud to own such a tuneful peal; and concluded with a strong appeal for the Bell Fund, for which over £30 was wanting.

At the close of the service the local band rang some touches of Minor and Doubles, conducted by A. R. Macdonald and H. Parslow. In the afternoon the bells were open to members of the Middlesex County Association, to which the tower is affiliated. The following towers were represented: Bushey, Feltham, Heston, St. Andrew's Hillingdon, St. Paul's Hounslow, and Isleworth. For evensong a well-struck 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung, being the first on the bells, A. R. Macdonald, B. Prewett conductor, C. F. Johnston (Croydon), W. Laurence, G. Spencer, R. E. Stavert. Also some 120s of Stedman with the Rev. H. G. Bird, President of the Association, taking part.

At the evening service, at which the Rev. B. O. Sharp, Vicar of Heston, was present, the Rev. H. G. Bird preached a very interesting sermon, taking for his text the inscription on Great Paul: "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel." He outlined the uses and object of bells, referring to the great variety of changes capable of being produced on seven, eight, and ten bells. He mentioned the greatest extent ever rung by one set of men—the long peal at Loughborough on last Easter Monday, remarking that they had one of the long peal band with them that night. The ringing concluded with some touches after the service.

The bells are a very musical ring, being tuned on Canon Simpson's principle. The tenor in A, weighs 7 cwt. 1 qr. The tone and "go" reflects the highest credit on the founders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

STOWFORD BELLS, DEVON.

The re-opening of the six bells of the above parish church after restoration, took place on Wednesday, December 1st. A new iron frame has been provided, the whole of the bells have been equipped with new clappers, and three of the oldest bells have been quarter-turned. New fittings have been supplied throughout, a new floor on oak beams has been placed under the bells, and the Ellacombe chiming apparatus has been installed. The whole of the work has been excellently carried out by Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury.

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Corrected issue.]

GRANDSIRE CINQUES.

By SAMUEL WOOD, Ashton-under-Lyne.

5081.

4 2 3 5 6	
3 4 2 5 6	8th in four
2 3 4 5 6	8th in four
3 5 4 2 6	11th in four
4 3 5 2 6	8th in four
3 2 5 4 6	11th in four
2 4 5 3 6	11th in four
5 2 4 3 6	8th in four
4 5 2 3 6	8th in four
5 3 2 4 6	11th in four
2 5 3 4 6	8th in four
3 4 5 2 6	11th in four s

Repeat the twelve courses, 11th in four for first course gives—

5 4 3 2 6

3 4 6 2 5	M
6 3 4 2 5	8th in four
3 2 4 6 5	11th in four
4 3 2 6 5	8th in four
2 4 3 6 5	8th in four
3 6 4 2 5	11th in four s
6 2 4 3 5	11th in four
4 6 2 3 5	8th in four
6 3 2 4 5	11th in four
3 4 2 6 5	11th in four
2 3 4 6 5	8th in four
4 2 3 6 5	8th in four

Brought round at hand by calling 8th in four, single second call. Rung at Ashton-under-Lyne, November 2nd, 1909. Conducted by its composer.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By E. BARNETT, Crayford.

5024.

2 3 4 5 6	1	4	5	6
5 4 3 2 6	-	-	-	-
4 3 5 2 6	-	-	-	-
3 5 4 2 6	-	-	-	-
2 4 5 3 6	-	-	-	-
4 5 2 3 6	-	-	-	-
5 2 4 3 6	-	-	-	-
2 3 6 5 4	S	-	-	-
2 6 3 5 4	-	-	S	-
6 3 2 5 4	-	-	-	-
3 2 6 5 4	-	-	-	-
3 6 2 5 4	-	-	S	-
2 3 4 6 5	-	-	-	-
3 4 2 6 5	-	-	-	-
4 2 3 6 5	-	-	-	-
4 3 2 6 5	-	-	S	-
3 2 4 6 5	-	-	-	-
2 4 3 6 5	-	-	-	-
2 5 3 4 6	-	-	-	-
5 3 2 4 6	-	-	-	-
3 2 5 4 6	-	-	-	-
3 5 2 4 6	-	-	S	-
5 2 3 4 6	-	-	-	-
2 3 5 4 6	-	-	-	-

Repeated. Composed 1893.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

5040.

1234567890x

213547698xo

2314567890x

321547698xo

3124567890x

First four changes.

26417835 IS 9 II 12

86527314 2 5 9 II 12 13 14

78526314 2 4 7 9 II

21546378 I 3 5 6 IO

213564 19

214365 19

415623 5 19

413526 19

316245 5 19

315642 19

312546 19

*513264

314265 6

415263 6

514362 6 19

412365 6

215364 6

512463 6 19

213465 6

315462 6

513462 6 19s

312465 6

215463 6

512364 6 19

514263 19

413265 6

315266 6

†215436

513426 5

213654 5 6 19

214356 19

415326 5

512346 5

412653 5 6 19

413256 19

315246 5

514236 5

314652 5 6 19

312456 19

312456 IS 13S 22

* 2, 4S, 7, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23.

† IS, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 18, 20.

Rond second change of last six. This composition has the 6th twenty-eight times at home and the 5th twelve times, with twenty-three courses in the tittoms, and sixteen courses in the handstroke home position.

Rung at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, December 7, 1909, conducted by James E. Groves.

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on December the 21st; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 23rd; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 27th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; and at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 20th; all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, is now due.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Lloyd Street, to-day, Saturday, December 18th. Bells from 3 to 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Br. Sec.*
106, Bank Street, Clayton.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at the parish church, Middleton, to-day, Sat., December 18th. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the schoolroom at 6.30 p.m. prompt. The Rector, Rev. R. Catterall will preside. A good attendance is requested, as business is important.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Next meeting at East Grinstead to-day, Saturday, December 18th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30.

ROBERT J. DAWB, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
"Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, to-day, Sat., December 18th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Members and friends will be cordially welcome.

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

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The anniversary meeting will be held at Gloucester on St. John's Day, Monday, December 27th. Service at St. Mary-de Crypt church at 11.15 a.m. Preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop. There will be a collection for the bells. Immediately after the service the business meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Rector, in the schoolroom adjoining the church. As we shall have the privilege of hearing a sermon from the Bishop in church, and as the business meeting will be a very important one, it is earnestly hoped that there will be a very large attendance of members at both places. The meeting will be special for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, of passing various alterations then to be submitted in the existing rules. A proposal will also be made to rescind a resolution passed at a meeting at Cirencester on 15th April, 1899, as to the formation of the three branches of the Association now in existence, and also as to the payment of the expenses of representatives on the Central Council. The usual reduction in the dinner fee will be made to those sending in their names to me not later than the 21st inst.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER *Hon. Sec.*
30, Broad Street, Bristol.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—

The annual meeting will be held at All Saints, Newport, on December 27th, at 3.30. Bells of All Saints (8) and St. Woolos (8) available.

REV. CONNOR L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*
JOHN W. JONES, *Assistant Hon. Sec.*
29, Barrack Hill, Newport.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A meeting (in place of the January quarterly meeting) will be held at Beccles on Bank Holiday, December 27th. This will be the general "re-opening" of the recently restored ring of ten in the campanile of the parish church. Dinner at the Public Hall at 1 p.m. Notice of intention to be present must be sent me by Wednesday, December 22nd.

C. E. BOKBETT, *Sec.*

13, Chester Street, Norwich.

The London County Association (late St. James's Society).—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, January 8th, at the church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, N.E. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 to 8 p.m. Business meeting and social at The Earl Derby, King Edward Road, at 8 p.m. All ringers and friends heartily welcome. The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 12th.

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

35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, January 29th. Circulars in due course.

CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*

40, Percy Street, Rotherham.

All Saints, Martock, Somerset.—This tower, 8 bells, tenor 25 cwt., will be open to visitors on New Year's Day. A peal or peals could be arranged.

F. FARRANT, *Sec.*
North Street, Martock.

Mr. Clement Glenn, of 40, Percy Street, Rotherham, will be glad if the following ringers will send him their addresses—Mr. George F. Williams, of Plymouth (late Sheffield), and Mr. Joseph E. Sykes, late of Rotherham.

"THE ISAAC HILLS MEMORIAL."

It is proposed to erect in the belfry of St. Paul's church, Bedford, a tablet to perpetuate the memory of the late Mr. Isaac Hills. He gave unstinted service for over thirty years towards promoting belfry reform and scientific change-ringing, and endeared himself to the hearts of those with whom he came in contact.

Through this medium we ask for the sympathy and support of his friends who reside in various parts of the country.

We beg to gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged ..	2	11	0
Woburn Company, Beds.	0	0	6
Mr. J. Frossell, Kingston-on-Thames ..	0	2	6
Mr. John R. Sharman	0	2	6

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A LETTER FROM NEW ZEALAND.

The following letter has been received by Mr. W. E. White, Secretary of the Midland Counties Association:—

"The Christchurch Cathedral Society of Bell Ringers, care of Box 920 G.P.O., Christchurch, N.Z., 28th September, 1909.

"DEAR SIR,—Allow me most heartily to congratulate your Society on their great success in obtaining a peal of Stedman Caters, comprising 18,027 changes, and constituting the world's record, on the tower bells at the church of All Saints in Loughborough on Monday, April 12th, 1909.

"Great credit is due to the members who rang without refreshment or rest for twelve hours and eighteen minutes, for their ability and endurance during the progress of the peal, more especially your conductor, Mr. William Pye, whose knowledge of the many various methods of

change-ringing is well known to the ringers here.

"Wishing your Society continued success, I am, on behalf of the above society, yours fraternally,

(Signed)

LEONARD A. CLARK, *Hon. Sec.*"

A LINE FROM SOUTH AMERICA.

"S. M. Dodgington, in South America, received the Rev. Herbert Drake's wedding card, and was very glad to hear his old friend was married, and heartily congratulates him, and wishes him every happiness, both him and his wife. I should very much like to see my old friend again, and to ring with him. There are no bells out here hung for proper ringing, and if there were Englishmen would have to be imported to ring them, as the natives are useless at practically everything. A very

happy Xmas, Mr. Editor, to all old friends at home.

"P.S.—Am engineer on a job out here, God-forsaken country."

THE LATE MR. FREDERICK MEE.

On behalf of the widow and children of the above, we beg to gratefully acknowledge the following sums

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged ..	32	16	10
Mr. Alfred Howell (Ipswich) ..	0	2	0

All further subscriptions will be gratefully received by Mr. E. Rivers and Mr. F. Rolfe, Sproughton, near Ipswich.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. WRIGHT.

Further subscriptions have been received from the following:—Mrs. Molson, 2s.; Mrs. A. Maples, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Mouncey, 2s.; Mr. L. C. Harvey, 5s.; Mr. T. R. Sisson, 2s.; Mr. E. H. Andrew, 1s.; Mrs. Banks (Gedney), 2s. 6d.; Mr. J. T. Ladd (Gainsborough), 1s.; Mr. F. Buttes (Gainsborough), 1s.; M. B., 1s.; Mr. C. P. Woolley, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Tagg, 1s.; S. E., 2s.; Miss Cartwright, 2s.; The Pinchbeck Company (per Mr. G. Ladd), 10s.; Deeping St. Nicholas Company, 5s.; Stapleton Royce, esq., 10s. I wish to thank all those who have subscribed to this Fund. The list is closed as we have sufficient. The order has been given to Mr. Smith, of Spalding, for the new window, and we hope to have it in early in the New Year.

R. MACKMAN.

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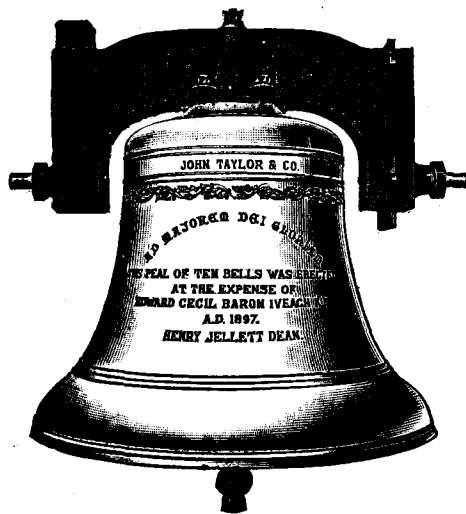
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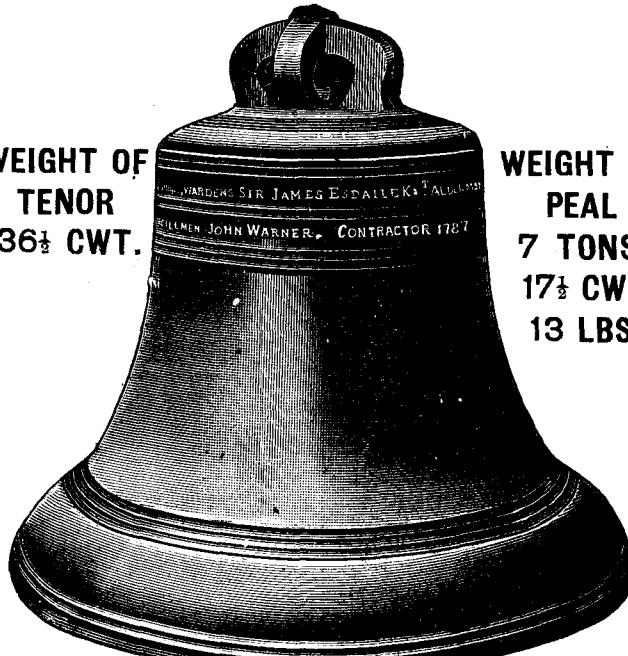
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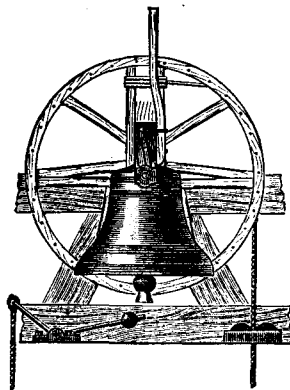
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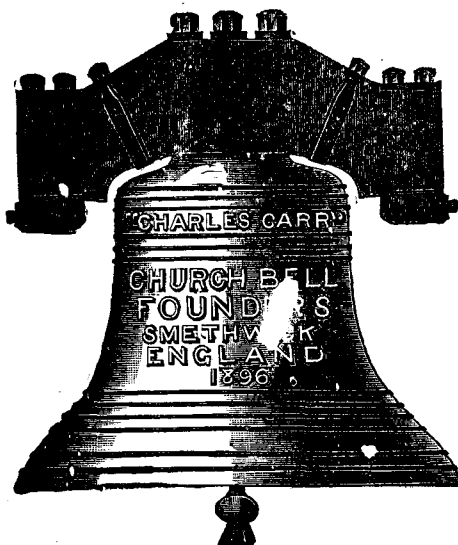
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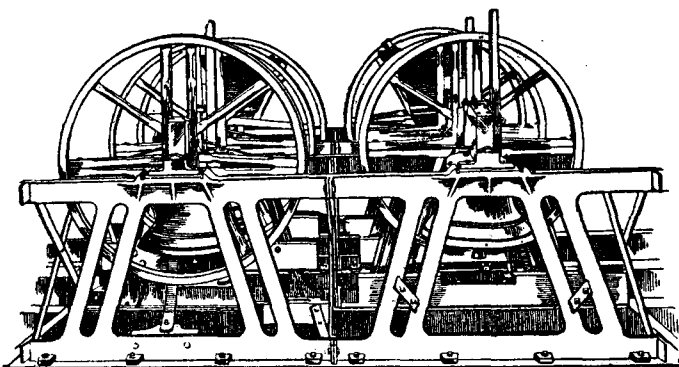
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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the south-western division took place at Hornchurch on Saturday, December 11th, when thirty members, representing Barking, Dagenham, Leytonstone, Romford, Walthamstow, Wanstead, and West Ham, assembled at the parish church to hold their first meeting since the restoration and opening of what may now be regarded as one of the finest peals of eight in Essex. Their silvery and mellow tones were, soon after three o'clock, awakening the sleepy echoes of the landscape, now putting on its robe of sadness in the winter gloom. Even the glorious and resplendent sun deigned not to look in upon the sorrowful scene as he departed for brighter shores, and the trees, whose in summer the feathery choir sang to the Great Author of day, were now shedding their tears of misadventure and rain upon the decaying leaves that but a few months since were displaying their midsummer glory, all obeying some mystical calling away for the new life that shall succeed them.

At five o'clock, after the ringing of various touches in different methods, the Vicar, the Rev. H. Dale, gave an eloquent and interesting address to the ringers within the church, alluding to the far-off days of Christendom when the extensive Hainault or Epping Forest touched the banks of the Thames, and the chasm of the wild boars around Hornchurch afforded much pleasure to our English monarchs and nobility, and also informing his hearers of the story which gave origin to the worship of the bull, which had delivered one of our princes from imminent death in the field of sport. The spire of Hornchurch, said the rev. gentleman, had long been a conspicuous landmark for mariners, and when, a century ago, it fell into ruins, so great was the national interest, it was restored by the will of the people of Great Britain. The Vicar returned thanks that God had again put into the hearts of men to restore the bells we had just been ringing.

At 5.30 tea was had at The Bull inn. The Vicar was in the chair, supported by the newly-appointed Master, Mr. C. H. Howard, the district Master, Mr. S. Hayes, and the secretary. The harmonious clash of forty pairs of knife and fork was for half an hour an excellent substitute for the music of the bells, repairing the waste of muscle and brain necessary for fresh endeavours later on, and which generally precedes less important business, and goes greatly to strengthen the conviction that life is worth the living.

Next followed the general business. In the election of officers for the ensuing year Messrs. Hayes and Margetson were again re-elected to their distinctive honours of master and secretary. A proposal by Mr. T. Faulkner to hold the next meeting at Loughton was withdrawn, owing to the uncertainty of affairs consequent upon the decease of the late Rector of that parish, and West Ham decided upon unanimously. Eight new members were elected, including the new Vicar of Romford, the Rev. G. M. Bell. Some discussion took place with regard to the proposal of holding the Association's annual meeting at different parts

of the county, the general opinion being that Chelmsford afforded the best facilities to the greater number of members, and that no change was desirable.

The general business being concluded, the Master, Mr. C. Howard, proposed, seconded by Mr. Black, that a hearty vote of thanks be offered the Vicar for his presence that evening, and for the use of the bells, adding that every one present felt delighted, and indebted to him and his parishioners for successfully carrying through such an efficient and desirable consummation in the restoration of this charming peal. The Vicar responded by assuring all present of his hearty welcome whenever they visited Hornchurch, and hoped to do so until he ceased to be Vicar.

The company then proceeded to the tower, where ringing was continued until nine o'clock. Under the able guidance of such skilful conductors as Messrs. Faulkner and Perkins, every one seemed pleased at the achievements accomplished. Veterans like Messrs. W. Doran, B. Keeble, and the writer, born in an age when Stedman's Principle ruled the highest aspiration of the ambitious, stood amazed in hearing London Surprise tapped of with the precision of clockwork by the advanced companies of Romford and Barking. The modesty of the Dagenham Bob Minors was overcome by the offers of assistance in guiding them through Bob Major, and thus ended another of those pleasant gatherings which characterise the brotherhood of change-ringers, where art and science is wedded to innocent and virtuous recreation, and where abideth the hope to meet again.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS. ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough district was held at Earls Barton on Saturday, November 27th. By permission of the Vicar, the Rev. E. Armitage, the bells were at liberty during the afternoon, and despite the inclement weather a good number of members were present. A good substantial tea was provided by the local company and their wives, to which about forty sat down. This was followed by a short meeting, presided over by the president, supported by the general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford). Afterwards more ringing, which was kept up until 8.30, when an adjournment was made for a social evening. Songs, recitations, etc., were given by the visitors, and by special request Mr. Artleboro gave "When we are married," which was much appreciated. The brake then appeared to drive the visitors to the railway way station, where to finish their day's enjoyment they indulged in an amusing episode. Each one imagining he was thirsty seized the fire buckets, and while operating with these the train came up, and the journey home finished a successful and enjoyable meeting.

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Mr. Francis E. Dawe proposed the toast of "The London and Provincial Ringing Societies," and said:—Once more it comes as a very great pleasure to come up to London to this gathering, which is the best representative and the most national gathering of ringers during the year. Although I am a country man now, my heart is in London amongst you, where I had so many happy years, and I hope the time will come when I am back again in London. You get fresh air in the country, but you cannot get anything else. Over thirty years ago I joined the College Youths, and it is exactly thirty years ago since I rung my first peal with this company, and my dear old friend here, Mr. Pettit, called it, and I am proud to see him here again once more with us. A better example of a ringer could never be found than Mr. Pettit, and a better example no young man could have taken, whether it be conscientious bob-calling, in ringing, striking, or anything else. I always endeavoured to follow Mr. Pettit in a mild way. I had the good fortune to learn change-ringing amongst the old school: Mr. Matthew Wood, Mr. James Pettit, Mr. Murray Hayes, Haley, Johnson, Cox, all the great men whose names shine wherever the Exercise has been taught, and in those days woe betide any young man who made a mistake, or was guilty of bad striking. If you rang a peal at all, it had to be of a very fair order, never mind how simple the method, the ringing had to be good, and that I think is one of the best things that a ringer can follow. Thirty years ago they were very easy going times. This has been a year of records. The highest mountains have been scaled, the greatest depths of the ocean have been fathomed, men fly through the air from one country to another, and across the seas they travel under the water with as much safety as if they were in the iron monsters on the surface, the North Pole's trackless regions have at last been trodden by the foot of man, and the South Pole has nearly been reached, and this year we have had a record of rain. What is more natural than that the ringing world should also have its record. The scene of the ringing record is now of course at Loughborough. When I first began ringing we had only two or three clergymen ringers amongst us, and now they could be numbered by the dozen. The belfry is a part of the church, and ringing is a work of the Church. When attacks are made upon ringers on bellringing, we want someone to safeguard our rights and interests, and it is very gratifying to see gentlemen of influence amongst us to-night. So long as we have the principal officers of the Church of England, whom we consider the port of star-board lights of our vessel, and a far-seeing able man like Sir Percival Heywood to mount the bridge as our commander, there is not the slightest doubt we can go full steam ahead in perfect safety.

Mr. T. H. Taffender in reply said that the Ancient Society of College Youths, and the Royal Cumberland Youths had been in existence for close upon three centuries, and the St. James's Society for eighty-five years. All had been doing a great work. The St. James's Society re-named themselves a few years back, and were now known as the London County, and they were going ahead like the others. Since Mr. Bennett had been the Secretary of the Cumberland Society, "THE BELL NEWS" records showed how that Society was forging ahead. They were all pleased to see advancement of any Society.

He would like to advise the young ringers to take the advice of old ringers, especially on the question of striking. There was not sufficient good striking now-a-days. Years ago the striking was perfect. He hoped there would be a great improvement, and he would ask the young ringers to hear the old ringers ring a peal, and then try to do likewise.

Mr. J. W. Taylor also responded, and said that he could join himself with all the Provincial Societies, and what a pleasure it was to come to the Annual Dinner of the College Youths, and as long as he was able to do so he hoped to attend. As Vice-chairman of the Midland Counties Association, he thanked Mr. Dawe for the way in which he had spoken of the long peal at Loughborough. It was one of his greatest pleasures to make ringers welcome at Loughborough. Listening to ringing was one of his greatest pleasures. After the long peal at Loughborough, he had said to the Rector that he would never ask him for such permission again. He felt that the Ancient Society of College Youths could do more for ringing, especially in connection with its country members, than it had done up to the present. The means of communication, of getting up to London now-a-days, were so very different to what they were twenty years ago; that many ringers ran up to London for a little business or change, and the question arose where could they go to ring, and to meet ringers, and to whom could they write. He would suggest that the Society should extend its rules and its sphere of influence, so that country members could have a place to meet where they would be likely almost any evening to meet some of their brother-strings. It was not often that they could attend official meetings of the Society, and therefore they felt they were not helping the Society along. He thought the Executive Council could see their way to formulate some scheme, that was presuming they would like to make the Society a bigger one, and more comprehensive, and embrace a large number of country members. The scheme could be on similar lines to a small club, though it might be of a very humble and quiet manner. Country members felt a diffidence in writing to London members, and even to the Secretary of the College Youths, as they did not seem to have any claim upon the Society. He thought if his suggestion was taken up, London would be looked upon rather more as a centre of ringing. It was a centre now, but this fact was not brought much before them. He was sure that every country member who attended the Annual Dinner of the College Youths, went back with pleasant recollections and hopes that he might attend again in the future.

Mr. G. R. Fardon, in proposing the toast—"Officers of the Society," said that the Ancient Society of College Youths had for years been very proud of their officers, and had had good reason to be so. The officers had done whatever they could to uphold the integrity of the Society, and to keep it well to the front, and also to do the best for the ringers both in the business meeting-room, and in the tower, and they had always been to the front in bringing young ringers forward. If they had no young ringers they would have no old ringers. With regard to their Secretary, Mr. Cockerill, he was known all over the country, and they really would not be able to manage without him, as he was really the mainstay of the Society.

Mr. Cockerill, who was received with great applause, on rising to respond, said that what the officers of the Society had done in the past year had been a labour of love, and a very great pleasure to them to do it. They were grateful to the members who had attended the

practices, and assisted in the upkeep of the Society. He maintained that the science and art of change-ringing was better carried out by well-attended practices than by ringing a great many peals, and in the past year their practices had been excellently attended.

The speeches were interspersed with glees and part-songs splendidly rendered by the members of the St. George's Glee Union, under the conductorship of Mr. Joseph Monday, and songs by Mr. Frank Coxall, Mr. S. Blackmore, Mr. Arthur Wright, and Mr. G. R. Boorer.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the St. George's Glee Union for their entertainment, and Mr. Monday acknowledged the vote.

Auld lang syne brought the gathering to a close.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the central division was held at East Grinstead on Saturday, December 18th. The bells were raised soon after three o'clock, and at five o'clock a short service was held for the ringers, which was well attended. This being over, the visitors were entertained to tea at a local restaurant by some of the parishioners, the Vicar of East Grinstead presiding, supported by the Rev. C. J. Wallbrant-Evans, of Burslow. About thirty-five members were present from the following towers: Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Burgess Hill, Burstow, Horley, Crawley, Lindfield, Uckfield, Reigate, East Grinstead, and Seaford. At the meeting which followed Mr. John Teist, of Ditchling, was elected a member; and it was decided to attempt the next quarterly peal at East Grinstead.

After thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells and presiding over the meeting, he said he was glad to see so many present, and hoped they would come again as soon as possible. The visitors then went back to the tower to indulge in more touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11th, the quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Chard. Twenty-five members were present from the following towers: Bridgwater, Bruton, Burnham, Chard, Huntspill, Ilminster, and Taunton (St. Mary and St. James).

A service was held in the parish church at 2.15 p.m., the Vicar, Rev. Prebendary Farrer, giving an address, the Rev. C. Parker, Master of the Association, reading the lessons.

Tea was partaken of in the church room, kindly lent by the Vicar, after which the business meeting was held. Seven honorary and twenty performing members joined the Association, and two towers became affiliated: Bruton and Langport. Long Ashton was chosen for the next quarterly meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Prebendary Farrer for arranging the service, the use of the church room, and the bells, this finishing the business. Good use was made of the bells during the evening, Bob Major, Stedman, and Grandsire being rung.

CHURCH BELL ROPES.—The longest peal ever rung was at Loughborough, on Easter Monday. The ropes used were made by JOHN PRITCHARD, of Loughborough, whose bell-ropes are favorites of the Exercise for their non-stretching. Soft as silk; durable as steel.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18th, eight members of the above association met in the tower of St. Peter's Church, Earlsheaton, and rang a half peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, consisting of 2528 changes, with the bells half muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of the late John Henry Dixon, of Dewsbury, who died December 9th, 1909. The deceased was well known throughout the North of England as a very proficient change ringer, and had taken part in a large number of contests, on both tower and handbells. The ringers who rang the half-peal were as follows:—J. Garforth, F. Bailey, W. Idle, G. H. Hardy composer and conductor, A. Goodall, F. Idle, W. Byram, G. Taylor.

DOUBLE NORWICH.

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Repeated. 6th extent in 5-6, without the 2nd or 3rd in 6ths at course-ends.

FALSE COMPOSITION.

Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, writes;

"SIR,—I am sorry to say it has been pointed out to me that the 5024 of Double Norwich Major by me which appeared in last week's "BELL NEWS" is false. I recently came across a book which had been mislaid for a number of years, with the figures of this peal in it, and which I unfortunately had taken for granted was true without troubling to prove it."

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DEDICATION OF TWO ADDITIONAL BELLS.

Although neither the day nor hour arranged for this joyful and interesting ceremony were not the most convenient that could have been chosen, on Saturday evening, December 4th, at 6.30 p.m., a small but representative body of worshippers met together in the ancient and beautiful church of St. Nicholas to witness the solemn dedication of two new bells, which now complete the octave. Preceded by the cross-bearer the choir entered the church singing hymn 242 A & M: "We love the place, O God." Shortened service was sung by the Rector, Rev. E. Kenworthy Browne, special psalms were sung, and the proper lesson, Heb. xii. 18-end, was read by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, Vicar of Titchfield, and Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. After the third collect, the choir and clergy, with the Lord Bishop of Southampton, attended by his chaplain (Rev. A. Gunn), proceeded to the tower. Standing in the middle of the ringers, the bishop blessed and dedicated the bells to the glory of God. Immediately afterwards the local ringers, standing as follows; E. Mundy, A. Marks, W. G. Rowe, C. J. Fray, W. Rowe, sen., W. H. George, W. T. Tucker, and G. Williams, rang the bells six whole pulls. The choir and clergy then returned to the chancel, singing the hymn, "Upward raised in ancient tower, let our bells be set on high." The bishop then gave a short and earnest address, based on Psalm l. 5: "Gather my saints together." After explaining the meaning of the word "saints" as interpreted in the Old Testament and by St. Paul, he said the office of bells was to call people to prayer. They were used for other purposes, national and local, and were great valuable possessions in a parish. He hoped that their beautiful tones would keep alive, and touch the spiritual sensibilities of the parishioners, and so counteract in some measure that spirit of materialism which was such a continual danger in the Christian's life.

Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham, have supplied a new treble and tenor. The latter weighs just under 10 cwt., while the former is slightly heavier than the 2nd. The tenor has been fixed above the old peal, and the new treble occupies the pit of the old one. This arrangement was necessary in order to get a good circle. The inscriptions on the new bells are: *Treble*—"Venite Exultemus Domino"; *Tenor*—"Tibi gratias agimus, A.D. 1909." The estimate for the work was £132, and Mr. G. Williams has been indefatigable in raising funds. No one was more delighted at the result than he was, and the parish authorities are to be congratulated upon the possession of such a handy peal. Mr. J. W. Elkins (District Secretary), and Mr. W. Andrews (Cathedral band), the Rev. E. Banks James (Northam), L. H. Page (Titchfield), and others were present. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung after the dedication service. It is unnecessary to add that with Mr. G. Williams as conductor, these bells will be kept humming merrily for many a long day to come.

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."

IMPERIAL BOB SURPRISE.

SIR,—Permit me to advise Mr. R. Matthews and the expert band who rang the peal at Blakenhall, Staffordshire, and reported in your issue of the 11th inst. as Norfolk Surprise, is really Imperial Bob, and the oldest Surprise or Treble Bob method in existence. It was first published A.D. 1667 in "Campanalogia," by Fabian Stedman, and it first appeared in this paper on April 4th, 1885, where a misprint occurs in the fourth line, which should be 21435687. This old method has been reproduced by several gentlemen and published in this paper during the last ten to fourteen years under the title of Norfolk, Arundel Surprise and Double Double Norwich; and as it has been rung again I have ventured to point out these facts to your readers with a view to bring the matter before the Central Council in due course. I have already privately notified members of the methods committee, pointing out to the Rev. H. L. James that he can find it in his J. D. and C. M. book, which is dated 1705, and I hope the points and analysis committees will take notice, as I consider this an important matter; and further, that the band may see their way to ring another peal and report it as indicated in the columns of our paper.

In conclusion, please allow me to wish every one of your readers, including the happy-looking long peal band, your excellent staff, not forgetting yourself, Mr. Editor, a very happy Xmas and one of the best new years when it comes.

H. DAINS.

Obituary.

THOMAS PIGOTT.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death of the above named ringer, which took place on Saturday, December 11th, at the early age of 28 years. He was only married as recently as September 30th last. Deceased, who was a member of the St. Martin's Guild and the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society, was a very able ringer. He had taken part in forty-eight peals from Grandsire to Stedman Cinques. His loss will be keenly felt by all who knew him personally, and the deepest sympathy will be extended to his wife who was so soon to become a widow. He was carried to his last resting place by six brother-ringers—Messrs. Withers, Grove, Reeves, Russam Verry and Horton, at the cemetery adjoining the Smethwick old church. Among the many floral tokens of sympathy was a handsome wreath from the St. Martin's Guild. In the evening eight members of the Guild rung a muffled peal of Stedman Triples, as a tribute of respect.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide a new bell, a flat 6th, as an addition to the existing peal, and thus to form a light octave of the "middle eight" with the 9th bell (19 cwt.) as tenor. The tenor of the full peal of twelve (and, of course, of the back eight) weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £115.

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Mr. H. Hopson, Beccles (further donation)	0	5	0

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 27th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, is now due.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgely Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The anniversary meeting will be held at Gloucester on St. John's Day, Monday, December 27th. Service at St. Mary-de Crypt church at 11.15 a.m. Preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop. There will be a collection for the bells. Immediately after the service the business meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Rector, in the schoolroom adjoining the church. As we shall have the privilege of hearing a sermon from the Bishop in church, and as the business meeting will be a very important one, it is earnestly hoped that there will be a very large attendance of members at both places. The meeting will be special for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, of passing various alterations then to be submitted in the existing rules. A proposal will also be made to rescind a resolution passed at a meeting at Cirencester on 15th April, 1899, as to the formation of the three branches of the Association now in existence, and also as to the payment of the expenses of representatives on the Central Council. C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

30, Broad Street, Bristol.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints, Newport, on December 27th, at 3.30. Bells of All Saints (8) and St. Woolos (8) available.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*

JOHN W. JONES, *Assistant Hon. Sec.*

29, Barrack Hill, Newport.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A meeting (in place of the January quarterly meeting) will be held at Beccles on Bank Holiday, December 27th. This will be the general "reopening" of the recently restored ring of ten in the campanile of the parish church. Dinner at the Public Hall at 1 p.m. Notice of intention to be present must be sent me by Wednesday, December 22nd.

C. E. BORRETT, *Sec.*

13, Chester Street, Norwich.

The London County Association (late St. James's Society)—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, January 8th, at the church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, N.E. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 to 8 p.m. Business meeting and social at The Earl Derby, King Edward Road, at 8 p.m. All ringers and friends heartily welcome. The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 12th.

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

35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, January 29th. Circulars in due course.

CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*

40, Percy Street, Rotherham.

All Saints, Martock, Somerset.—This

tower, 8 bells, tenor 25 cwt., will be open to visitors on New Year's Day. A peal or peals could be arranged.

F. FARRANT, *Sec.*

North Street, Martock.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bramley on Saturday, January 1st. Peal attempt 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Cardigan Arms at 7.30 p.m.

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

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, January 8th. Bells available at 3. Service at parish church 5.30. Tea at Temperance Hotel at 6.15. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by January 4th.

Fareham.

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

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Devizes on Saturday, January 8th. The bells of St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6), and St. James's (6) will be available both afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 p.m., and business meeting to follow. Will all who intend to be present kindly let me know by January 4th.

GILBERT H. HARDING, *Br. Sec.*

62, Bradford Road, Troubridge.

The Beds. Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, January 8th.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the church of All Saints, Higher Walton, on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (6) ready at 3. Meeting at 3.30.

E. R. MARTIN, *Br. Sec.*

The Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Silverdale on Saturday, January 8. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Service at 7 p.m. Please notify Mr. George Taylor, Wheat Sheaf, Silverdale, how many intend to be present not later than January 4th.

REV. W. G. KEYWORTH, *Hon. Sec.*
J. JOHNSON.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

All being well eight members of the Worcestershire and District Association will attempt a peal of Double Oxford Major, containing 10,176 changes, at St. Michael's, Brierley Hill, Staffordshire, on Monday, December 27th, starting at 8.30 a.m.

R. MATTHEWS.

Mr. Clement Glenn, of 40, Percy Street, Rotherham, will be glad if the following ringers will send him their addresses—Mr. George F. Williams, of Plymouth (late Sheffield), and Mr. Joseph E. Sykes, late of Rotherham.

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ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, Nov. 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 45 mins. E. Webb, G. Ransom conductor, C. Dell, E. T. King, T. Beadle, W. Lidbetter, G. Spencer, A. Negus.

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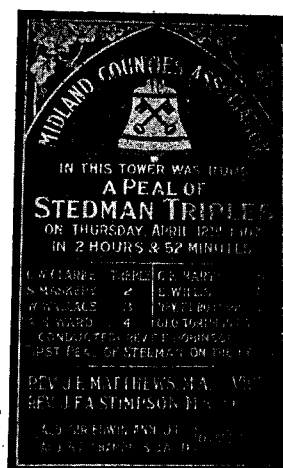
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It is our privilege as ringers of the bells of the Christian Church in the lands coming under the denomination of the word BRITAIN, to herald and announce the glorious festival. Long, very long, may this be so—our bells the harbingers of the Nativity on the Christmas morn. Many of us feel a great sense of inward delight in the ringing-in of Christmas. Those who from one cause or another have not attended the belfry so regular as they would have liked throughout the year, generally regard it a bounden duty to ring at Christmas. May this desire prevail.

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IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lbs.**

ROBERT E. STAVERT .. Treble.	*WILLIAM WELLING .. 5.
HENRY C. CHANDLER .. 2.	GEORGE SPENCER .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. 7.
REUBEN SANDERS .. 4.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal in the method.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Thursday, December 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,***A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt.**

GEORGE H. DAYNES* .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. 5.
WILLIAM HEWETT* .. 2.	*WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 6.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE* .. 3.	†HARRY WARNETT .. 7.
ISAAC EMERY* .. 4.	†JAMES E. DAVIS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. This peal was rung at the third attempt. It was also the fourth peal by Messrs. Jeffries and Emery, lists of which appear elsewhere.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.*On Saturday, December 4, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.**

ARTHUR R. JACOB .. Treble.	EDWARD F. COLE .. 5.
ERNEST BONFIELD* .. 2.	WILLIAM BERRY .. 6.
CHARLES W. BIRD* .. 3.	EDWARD CHAPMAN .. 7.
ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN* .. 4.	FRANK SMITH .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK SMITH,

*First peal in the method.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Thursday, December 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,**AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.**

WILLIAM RICHARDSON* .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. TEGG .. 5.
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 6.
NORMAN TOMLINSON .. 3.	JOHN E. MILLER .. 7.
RUFERT RICHARDSON* .. 4.	SIDNEY WADE .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

*First peal in the method, and was elected members before starting. Rung as a birthday peal to the conductor, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.*On Saturday, December 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.**

JOHN HOWES .. Treble.	*LOUIS ATTWATER .. 6.
GEORGE FRAYNE† .. 2.	†JOSEPH HERBERT .. 7.
SEDLLEY J. COLLINS .. 3.	ALFRED JONES .. 8.
ALBERT H. WINGH .. 4.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. 9.
WILLIAM J. TROUGHTON† .. 5.	JAMES W. DRIVER .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by J. W. DRIVER.

†First peal in the method. *First peal of Royal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, December 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.**

Tenor 25 cwt.

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ALBERT W. COLES .. 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 7.
CHARLES T. COLES .. 3.	REUBEN SANDERS .. 8.
JOHN J. LAMB .. 4.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. 5.	HARRY FLANDERS .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, December 18, 1909, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES.**

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. Treble.	REUBEN SANDERS .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. 7.
CHARLES T. COLES .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. 8.
SAMUEL J. BIRD .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. 9.
ROBERT S. HAYWARD* .. 5.	ROBERT E. STAVERT .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method.

The Provinces.**SELSTON, NOTTS.****THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION***On Saturday, October 16, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s each called differently.

ARTHUR ELLIOTT .. Treble.	CHARLES H. COTTAM .. 4.
HAROLD C. HARRISON .. 2.	JOHN DOBBS .. 5.
JAMES E. ANNESS .. 3.	WILLIAMSON WHARMBY .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAMSON WHARMBY.

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

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Wednesday, October 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

ALFRED CHAPLAIN .. Treble.	*JOSEPH H. CHAPMAN .. 5.
WALTER J. COPE, JUN* .. 2.	ALBERT YOUNG .. 6.
FREDERICK J. COPE, SEN. .. 3.	JAMES PRATT .. 7.
CHARLES CHAPMAN .. 4.	ARTHUR MARKS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PRATT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. *First peal with a bob bell.

DUBLIN.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,**AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5022 CHANGES.**

Tenor 45 cwt. in C.

G. LINDOFF .. Treble.	R. LYNCH .. 6.
T. H. CORRIGAN .. 2.	C. MURRAY .. 7.
H. R. GREENE .. 3.	J. W. TOWNLEY .. 8.
G. ANNESLEY RUTH .. 4.	E. CONOR O'BRIEN .. 9.
C. CLEVELAND ELLIS .. 5.	J. NOBLETT .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN CURTIS* Treble.	JOSEPH CURTIS 5.
ALFRED B. BEADSMORE* .. 2.	HARRY A. WHEATCROFT .. 6.
GEORGE HATTON 3.	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE .. 7.
ARTHUR HITCHCOCK 4.	*GEORGE STORER Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST W. BEADSMORE.

*First peal.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 24, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 720 each of Double Court and College Single, and five of Plain Bob, each called differently.

DAVID CHAPLIN Treble.	CHARLES ROCHESTER .. 5.
ALFRED PLAYLE 2.	†ROBERT MILES 5.
EDWARD HAWKINS 3.	FREDERICK FREESTONE .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT MILES.

First peal by all except the conductor. The ringer of the 2nd is sixteen years of age. †First peal as conductor, whose birthday it was his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. Treble.	CHARLES COLLIER 5.
THOMAS F. KING 2.	GEORGE TEMPLE 6.
GILBERT H. HARDING* .. 3.	†SIDNEY HILLIER 7.
EDMUND KING 4.	HENRY W. BROWN Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER, and Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

*First peal on eight bells. †First peal in the method, and of Major.

BLACKBURN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

F. PEACOCK Treble.	J. HARGREAVES 5.
R. BALDERSTONE 2.	R. CATLOW 6.
M. KEARNEY 3.	J. SANDERSON 7.
A. DENTON 4.	*T. HAWORTH Tenor.

Conducted by M. KEARNEY.

*First peal. First peal in any method on the bells, and was rung as a farewell to R. Catlow, who is leaving for Canada.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED MONKLEY Treble.	EDMUND SARGENT 5.
LEWIS GREEN 2.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 6.
EDWIN SHEPHERD 3.	FRANK DAVY 7.
THOMAS MUDGE 4.	JOHN RICHARDS Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

WINSCOMBE, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

F. ILEY Treble.	W. WORGAN 5.
E. B. CROWDER 2.	G. CHAMBERLIN 6.
E. E. BURGESS 3.	G. H. PRUEN 7.
J. BROAD 4.	W. CRANDON Tenor.

Conducted by G. CHAMBERLAIN.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN YATES, JUN.* .. Treble.	ERNEST W. ABBOTT .. 5.
FREDERICK WILLSON† .. 2.	JOHN SMITH 6.
CHARLES HARRIMAN .. 3.	EDWARD READER 7.
ERNEST CARTWRIGHT .. 4.	JOSEPH POWELL Tenor.

Conducted by E. READER.

*First peal. †First peal in the method.

CLANFIELD, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 29, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

S. EELLS Treble.	T. MESSENGER 5.
G. CLARKE 2.	N. SPINDLOW 6.
G. PARBOTT 3.	J. LARDNER 7.
T. E. KNAPP 4.	*J. TANNER Tenor.

Conducted by N. SPINDLOW.

*First peal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Tuesday, November 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

LEONARD BULLOCK .. Treble.	GEORGE BULL 5.
JOHN H. SWINFELD .. 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 6.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. 3.	GEORGE ROBINSON 7.
WILLIAM J. SMITH .. 4.	HARRY WAKLEY Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

MIDDLEHAM, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ST. ALKELDA'S GUILD.)

On Tuesday, November 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALKELDA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Violet, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

HAROLD COLLINSON .. Treble.	HENRY PARRISH 4.
SQUIRE CROFT 2.	GEORGE HANDLEY 5.
HENRY PAULI 3.	WILLIAM SYKES Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SYKES.

This seven-method peal has now been rung five times by the Guild within two months, nine members taking part, five of whom have conducted.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble.	THOMAS NEWELL 6.
HARRY MOORE, JUN.* .. 2.	WALTER THOMAS 7.
GEORGE JONES 3.	JAMES MORGAN 8.
HENRY W. WILDE 4.	SAMUEL MEADOWS 9.
EDWARD ROWLAND 5.	JAMES V. WRIGHT Tenor.

Composed by JAMES MORGAN, and Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

*First peal in the method. First peal of Treble Bob Royal by all the band, and by the Association.

BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM CRANE, SEN. .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 5.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES .. 2.	MORRIS J. MORRIS .. 6.
WILLIAM CRANE, JUN. .. 3.	JAMES H. MIDWINTER .. 7.
ALBERT G. HUGHES.. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

AMBROSE BAZLEY* .. Treble.	WILLIAM WATKINS .. 4.
WILLIAM CLEMENTS .. 2.	THOMAS BRIDGWATER .. 5.
ALFRED TOMKINS .. 3.	HUBERT BAZLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM CLEMENTS.

*First peal. Rung on St. Andrew's day by five members of the St. Andrew's Lodge of Oddfellows, the ringer of the 5th being a member of the Foresters.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 1, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

ALEX HUTCHINSON .. Treble.	JOHN PERCY POLLARD .. 5.
JAMES PAGETT 2.	WILLIAM HERBERT FROST 6.
EDWARD MANNERS* .. 3.	HENRY GEORGE 7.
ARTHUR GEO. BOWMER .. 4.	HAROLD GEO. JENNEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal of Grandsire. Rung in honour of Queen Alexandra's birthday, and also as a birthday compliment to H. G. Jenney, the band wishing him many happy returns. This peal is now rung for the first time by the above Association. For figures see "Grandsire," page 71.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, December 1, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMOND,

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

GEORGE PARSONS .. Treble.	GEORGE ROBERTS .. 5.
JOHN NEAL 2.	GEORGE F. SWANN .. 6.
CHARLES R. LILLEY.. 3.	HARRY DICKENS .. 7.
CHARLES DICKENS .. 4.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL.. Tenor.

Composen by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

MALDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 1, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

*First peal in seven methods.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 2, 1909, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON .. Treble.	TOM WILDE 5.
WILLIAM LOWERY .. 2.	SAMUEL BOWKER .. 6.
ARTHUR HAUGHTON .. 3.	ALBERT HOUGH .. 7.
HARRY NORGROVE .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Thursday, December 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.
Tenor 36 cwt.

FRED G. MAY Treble.	WATER WADE 6.
JESSE TYLER 2.	JAMES RICHMOND .. 7.
ALBERT STOWELL .. 3.	*GILBERT WILTSHIRE.. 8.
CHARLES H. GORDON .. 4.	HENRY HOWELL .. 9.
NORRIS WAY* 5.	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of deepest sympathy to the Rev. Vernon Holt and Mrs. Holt, who lost a very near relative during this week.

CONDOVER, SALOP.—THE SALOP GUILD.

On Saturday, December 4, 1909, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED TECKOE .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE.. 5.
HERBERT JONES .. 2.	FREDERICK W. TAYLOR .. 6.
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR.. 3.	GEORGE BURROWS .. 7.
ERNEST JONES 4.	ROBERT V. WOODS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BURROWS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th. This is the first peal of Grandsire on the bells since 1842, which was rung by the Union Society.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

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

HILLINGDON WEST.—On Sunday, November 21st, at St. Andrew's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. H. Waite, P. H. Wild, C. Rollings, P. Jones, H. Gosden, E. Hancox conductor, A. R. Macdonald, H. H. Chandler. Composed by J. George.

ISLEWORTH.—On Wednesday, October 20th, at All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. E. Webb, A. R. Macdonald, E. V. Beadle, P. Jones, C. Dell, T. Beadle conductor. F. G. Goddard, A. Beckenall. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Lady Mary Percy, fourth daughter of the Duke of Northumberland, to Captain Aymer Maxwell, which took place the same day at St. Peter's, Eaton Square.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECCLES.—On Saturday, September 18th, at St. Mary's parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes. M. Oldfield, E. Oldfield, J. Barratt, J. Myles, J. R. Pritchard composer and conductor, E. Stubbs, J. Baguley, A. Trippier. Rung as a welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. J. Myles on returning from their honeymoon. They were married at the above church on Wednesday, September 8th.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KEMERTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, November 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. M. Turner, H. Colley, T. Edwin, E. Devereux conductor, E. Gibbs, L. Nichols. Also 720 in the same method. E. Devereux conductor, H. Colley, L. Nichols, E. Gibbs, C. Smith, W. Rickets.

DUMBLETON (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, November 20th, 720 College Single and 720 Oxford Bob. J. M. Turner, H. Jordan, T. Edwin, J. Hemming, F. Cook conductor, J. Jordan.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT YELDHAM (Essex).—On Sunday, December 12th, a peal of Bob Minor on handbells, being seven 720s, each called differently, in 2 hrs. 14 mins. L. Wiseman 1-2, F. Gelder 3, F. Wilkin 4, H. Cooper 5-6 conductor. Rung at the residence of F. Wilkin, at Gt. Yeldham, Essex.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Monday, November 1st, at the church of St. Peter, for practice, 1120 Cambridge Surprise Major. Richard Potter, William Howell, Andrew Shufflebotham, Frank Claydon, John Sadler, Charles Norfolk, Ernest Beckwith, David Elliott conductor.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CAMBERWELL (London).—On Sunday, December 12th, for Divine Service in the evening at the church of St. Giles, 1008 of Stedman Triples. C. H. Hughes, S. F. Gowllett, G. F. Woodage, E. H. King, T. H. Taffender conductor, R. F. Deal, H. Langdon, W. H. Taffender. Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to S. F. Gowllett.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING.—On Sunday, October 17th, at St. Giles's church, for Divine Service. 224 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. H. Burgess, C. E. Baker, G. Wheeler, R. Bishop, E. Hughes, G. Goodship, W. Dormer, A. W. Osborne. Also 336 Plain Bob Major. A. Durman, C. Higgs, G. Wheeler, N. Cox, R. Bishop, G. Goodship, A. J. Harding, A. W. Osborne conductor. On Sunday, October 24th, 504 Stedman Triples. A. J. Harding, C. E. Baker, G. Wheeler, A. H. Burgess, C. Higgs, W. Dormer, A. W. Osborne conductor, A. Durman. 168 Grandsire Triples. H. Osborne, C. E. Baker, C. Higgs, G. Wheeler, A. H. Burgess, A. J. Harding conductor, A. W. Osborne, A. Durman.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURNHAM (Somerset).—On Sunday, October 3rd, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Coram, A. Routley, J. Harris, J. Dunn, W. Morgan, G. Chamberlain conductor, G. Pruen, W. Crandon. Rung as a

compliment to Mr. J. Cox, one of the esteemed churchwardens, on the occasion of his birthday, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.—On Sunday, October 31st, at the parish church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Luckman, E. H. Johnson, W. Mauud, A. W. Flowers conductor, J. Herron, A. Roberts, F. Pervin, G. Webster.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 7th, at the parish church, a 1358 Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. C. Dellar, L. Pearce, R. Curnburn, H. Burgess, D. Dellar, G. Newsom, B. Jarman conductor, B. Coburn.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Sunday, October 24th, for evening service, at the church of St. Andrew, a quarter-peal of Duffield Major in 48 mins. Harold Inckle, Geo. Ward, Charles Hart, Bart Mitchell, Charles Draper, Samuel Maskrey, Edmund Willis, James Pagett composer and conductor.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, the 14th, at the parish church, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor. T. Langdon, L. B. Porter, G. Chalkley, B. Maxim, G. M. Kilby, H. Kilby.

KEN (Cornwall).—On Monday, December 20th, 2520 Grandsire Triples from Holt's Ten-Part peal in 1 hr. 23 mins. John Hall, W. W. Davey, John T. Dunstan, H. C. Hurrin, P. A. Hasfoot, J. Thomas, W. G. Sanderwick conductor, E. Ham.

BATTERSEA.—On November 7th, at St. Mary's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Ambrose, C. Charge, F. Davis, H. Burton, G. Watkins, W. Dean, H. Mance conductor, W. Essery.

MERTHYR TYDFIL (Glam.).—On Saturday, October 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Churchill, W. D. Allen, F. B. Stedman, F. Clave, A. E. Slatter, L. Griffiths, W. Evans conductor, J. Smith.

CLAPHAM.—On Sunday, November 7th, at St. Mary's church, quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. A. Scowen, J. Chapman, F. Smith, J. Lee, C. Lourey, A. Hardy, F. Hairs conductor, A. Fluck.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday morning for service at All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. E. Webb, A. Somnar, G. Spencer, T. Beadle, A. Macdonald, W. Lidbetter conductor, C. Dell, A. Sheard.

WRAGBY (Yorks).—On Sunday, October 24th, 720 Wragby Delight. A. Adams, E. Hewitt, F. Atkinson, J. Easter, G. Harrison, J. Adams conductor. Sunday, October 30, 720 College Pleasure at St. Michael's parish church. G. Cartridge, O. Hewitt, G. Harrison, F. Atkinson, A. Adams, J. Adams conductor.

WREXHAM.—On October 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in 52 mins. W. Sconce, W. Jones, Alf. Lea, J. Clutton, J. Sconce, E. Rowland, Harry Moore conductor, Harry Dew, Samuel Meadows, W. Williams.

GNOSALL (Stafford).—On October 30th, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. Booth, W. Wilson, B. Duke, J. Taylor, A. Moreton, Rev. E. V. Cox.

HAUGHTON (Stafford).—On October 30th, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. W. Wilsoo, A. Moreton, B. Duke, Rev. E. V. Cox conductor, J. Taylor.

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**BANGOR-ON-DEE,
FLINTSHIRE.**

This beautiful-toned peal of six bells (by Rudhall), after remaining in a dilapidated state for many years, were put in thorough ringing order by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham, with entirely new fittings and new iron and oak frame. On November 26th the Wrexham Branch of the North Wales Association were invited by the churchwardens to come over and try them. Proceedings commenced with 120 Stedman Doubles, followed by a 720 of Grandsire Minor. W. Jones, H. Moon, jun., Alfred Lea, Thomas Newell, Samuel Meadows, Edward Rowland conductor. The Wrexham Juniors then took the ropes, ringing

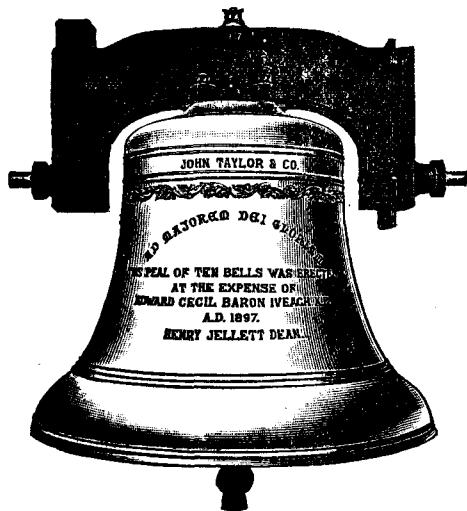
120 Stedman Doubles. Arthur Newell, G. Vaughan, J. Lloyd, W. Clutton, H. Moore, jun. conductor, W. Jones. Afterwards the band, stationed as before, rung 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, and to finish up the proceedings the local band was taken in hand, and rung 120 Grandsire Doubles, conducted by E. Rowland. The ringers all expressed themselves thoroughly pleased with the go of the bells, and complimented Messrs. Barwell for the splendid job they have made of them. The ringers were afterwards entertained to light refreshments by the churchwarden, Mr. McKinley.

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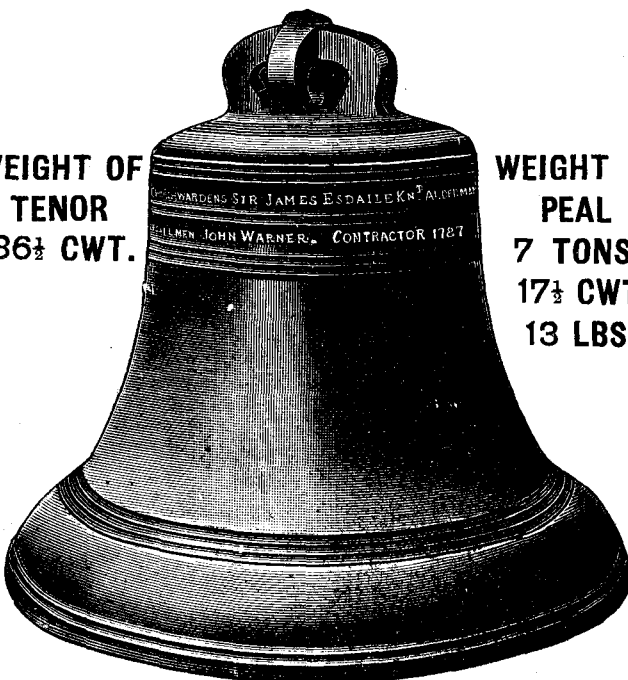
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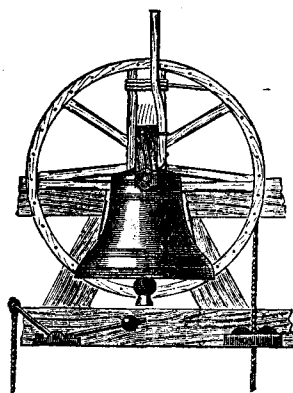
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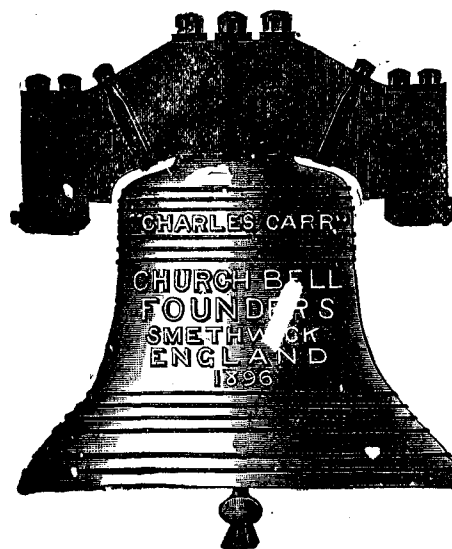
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