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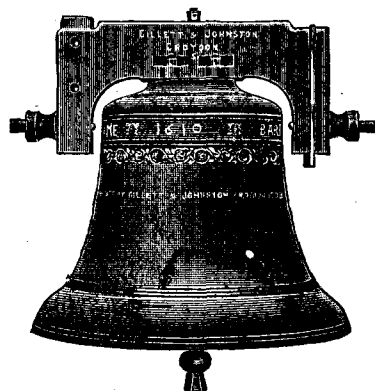
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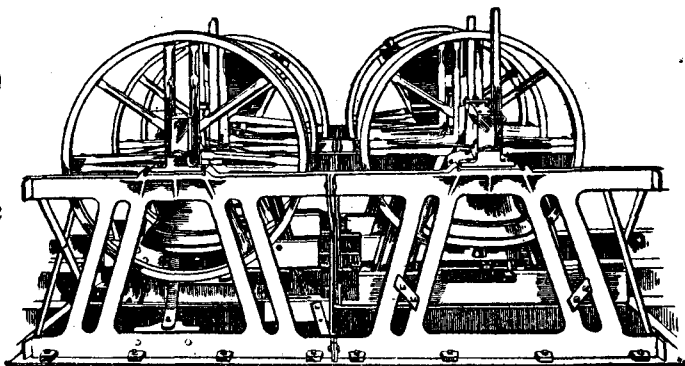
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## A TOUR OF "EASY" CHANGES.

"I am arranging for a week's easy ringing and motoring—meet at Nuneaton Monday, October 11th. Can you come? No record-breaking." It was in response to such an attractive invitation that six devotees of the Art met the sender at the rendezvous on the day named. To those who were unfamiliar with the requirements of a motorist the question, "What shall I take?" was somewhat problematical. With one exception, however, no more serious mistake in deciding was made than to provide umbrellas. Fancy whizzing through the country in an open car at forty miles an hour with an umbrella up! But what would happen under similar circumstances to an occupant who had adorned himself with a faultless silk hat? We can only surmise. The experiment was not made. For our companion, who appeared so adorned, was prevailed upon to abandon the article in question in favour of the modest cap. Thus equipped we were called upon to make the first "easy change," a walk to the parish church for short touches on the bells. It proved very easy, for on arrival we were able to indulge in half-an-hour's rest before the man with the key appeared. He had not expected us so early. After sampling the bells by the well known methods of Grandsire, Treble Bob, and Stedman, the next change was on rubber wheels to the hospitable board of the Vicar of Chilvers Coton. Our participation in the good things provided fitted us to embark on the more weighty change of a peal attempt at his church, otherwise known to readers of George Eliot as "Shepperton." With the kind assistance of Messrs. Chapman and Argyle, on a new ring of Loughborough quality and go, success crowned our effort of three hours' duration less one minute. Back we were whizzed to our hotel for supper, and the usual social hour and handbell ringing, which put a period to the first day's changes. "A long run for us to day" was the information furnished us on Tuesday morning. Accordingly after breakfast we lost no time in setting off, Coventry being our first objective. Time only for a hurried run round could be spared, during which we snatched a glance at St. Michael and Trinity churches with their graceful spires, the Guildhall of 14th century date and 400 years' old tapestry, Prince's chamber panelled and furnished in old oak, and the wooden bell tower which holds the ring of eight once hanging in Trinity tower.

Warwick was reached before lunch time, and the interval was utilised for an inspection of some of the historically and otherwise interesting contents of the old parish church. Standing on elevated ground, its high square tower, crowned with massive pinnacles, presents an imposing sight as the town is approached. Within we were shown by the man in charge—a brother-string by the way—the Beauchamp Chapel, dating back to 1443, the squint, the crypt, the ducking-stool—last used 170 years ago—the old fire alarm bell of peculiar shape, etc. The bells in the tower were at our disposal, so we, with our guide, made our way to the roomy and well-appointed ringing-chamber, and indulged for a short time in Caters,

Major, and Triples. Time required us to be elsewhere, so we left with much reluctance, and regret at being able to give so short a time to objects worthy of close attention and study. We did steal time after lunch for a tour round the Leicester Hospital and its chapel, the historical associations of which are most attractive. A slight deviation in the route was made to enable us to obtain a distant view of Kenilworth Castle, and a short halt called to see the Saxon mill near Guy's Cliff, which we were told is referred to in the Domesday survey. Speedily the intervening distance to Stratford-on-Avon was covered, and we landed into the midst of Shakspeare's townsmen holding the high festival of "mop fair." The ceremony of roasting an ox had ended ere we arrived, so we went direct to the church for a few "easy" touches, in one of which the Rev. C. Carew Cox joined. Stern necessity forbade lingering in and viewing the haunts of our great poet. Reaching Evesham, those of us who had got well ahead of some of the others halted to await their arrival, and meanwhile went to see the two churches and massive campanile enclosed within the bounds of the same churchyard. Our companions were not in evidence on our return nor after we had refreshed the inner man, so we hurried on to Cheltenham, the stopping place for the night. Still we missed our friends. Though we identified luggage we could hear nothing of the motors, and concluded they must have conveyed their respective freights to Charlton Kings, where a peal attempt had been arranged. But no; all was in darkness and silence at the church when we arrived there, nor had Messrs. Phillott and Pates, whom we ultimately unearthed, seen anything of the missing ones. What was to be done? "Have a ring and return to our hotel" was suggested and decided upon. Accordingly a few of the local ringers were called together, and while the bells were being raised the lost ones appeared. They had passed us while we were in Evesham churchyard and had stabled the motors elsewhere in Cheltenham on their arrival. There was no choice but to abandon the arrangement for a peal, and to be content with a few touches. Then we adjourned to our hotel, and spent the rest of the night jollily amongst ourselves, augmented as the party was by Messrs. Phillott, uncle and nephew Pates, and John Austin. Our "hatlessly" friend proved to be in good form with "stories" relative to almost every change of conversation. So ended the second day of easy changes, easy indeed in the transition from one to another, and delightful in the variety of their character.

"You can ring at the parish church and at Leckhampton this morning," was the message phoned to us by our thoughtful and obliging friend Pates. Accordingly after breakfast on Wednesday we proceeded to carry out the arrangements made for us. The bells at the former church are a good going ring of ten, and the touches of Caters accomplished on them afforded us the true ringers' pleasure. Those at Leckhampton are a light ring of eight with a tenor under 10 cwt. Our locomotives quickly conveyed us there and back, and after exchanging adieus with our Cheltenham friends proceeded to translate us along the vale between the Malvern and Cotswold hills to

Tewkesbury. It may be parenthetically remarked here that Cheltenham claims celebrities other than ringing. The memory of one such is perpetuated on a tombstone in the parish churchyard by a rhyming composition, the first couplet of which is:—

Here lies John Higgs.  
A famous man for killing pigs.

Everything about Tewkesbury Abbey charmed us, except perhaps the incongruous insertion of a lancet-shaped window in a fine Norman arch at the west end, and the bells. The work of the bellhanger would improve the latter and their attachments. We, however, succeeded in ringing a few touches ere we descended the four-score and more steps intervening between the ringing chamber and nave. This done we were ready for "a snack of bread and cheese," and to be conveyed to Quedgeley. There we started for a peal with our in embryo "best ringer in the world" on the tenor, trying to score the first of the many peals he has yet to ring. He, however, learned thus early how easily success is prevented; the attempt coming to grief within half an hour. The failure was duly announced outside by a fanfare of motor-horns. We were out for "easy changes," so the breakdown was treated as a matter of course, and was followed by a few short touches and a lot of stories by our "hatlessly" friend while traversing the few yards between the church and the motors. In due time we were in Gloucester and in possession of our number for the night at the very old New Inn hotel. "There will be an hour's ringing on the bells of St. Michael's before service," said our friend Austin. Accordingly we put in an appearance at 6 o'clock, and found ourselves on the ground floor in the midst of ten ropes, having a visible draught of at least 60-ft. Touches of Caters and Treble Ten were rung with the co-operation of the local ringers, who kindly turned up in force, and the last "change" for the day was an hour's fellowship with them at their headquarters.

Dursley, Wotton-under-Edge and Cirencester appeared on the programme for Thursday. Prior to leaving Gloucester a short time was spent in viewing the Cathedral, with its massive pillars and beautiful cloisters. On our return to the hotel we had the great pleasure of meeting the Rev. E. Bankes James, and he afforded us the further pleasure of joining us for the day. In due time, after "the two best ringers in the world" had been photographed, "go" was called for a peal of Stedman at Dursley, and the welcome "that's all" was heard after 3 hrs. 9 mins. most enjoyable ringing on a superb ring of Taylor's. So perfect was the hanging that a stalwart member of the party declared he would be ready to go one better than Mr. Washbrook's feat by ringing the tenors in a peal if the draught were a little shorter. After lunch we were rapidly trundled along the slope of the Cotswold Hills to Wotton-under-Edge, where touches only was on the order paper. These over we set out for the last run of the day—to Cirencester. The way lay along the top of the Cotswolds, whence we could see the lights of Stroud and Gloucester. Nothing of interest happened en route, and we were glad to reach our journey's end and so escape the raw air to which we had been exposed. Our "hatless" friend was soon on the war-path after we arrived, making known his hope to those looking after our wants at The King's Head, that the kettle was boiling, and bustling Florence and Thomas with rare judgment. It was Thomas' misfortune not to be good looking enough, so he was bidden not to come again. Florence was pretty, and possessed beautiful teeth. Yes, was the ready response, and they can bite. Our friend collapsed, and we proceeded

with tea. He, however, soon recovered, and gave us to anticipate a jolly evening. So we had, and some of the local ringers shared the pleasure. Stories galore. Handbell ringing face to face and back to back, and a first extent of Doubles, two in hand, by our future best ringer. Mr. James left us about 8.30 to return to Gloucester, but the fun was kept up until an unmentionable hour, when policy dictated it would be wise to retire. Florence had a substantial breakfast ready for us early the next morning, after which we visited the parish church and experimented in a number of easy and varied changes—rounds on twelve, with the help of some of the local friends; touches of Caters, and of Major on a light eight, and on an eight in a minor key. This last was an outrage on the musical ears of some of the party, who were decidedly sceptical as to its musical legitimacy.

Subsequently we adjourned to Watermoor church for more touches on a fine ring of eight, tenor about a ton, and then set out for the next lap of our journey. We met with two new experiences, the burst of a tyre and motoring in rain, neither, naturally, being pleasant. We stopped at Fairford, where there is a grand old church with very fine old stained glass windows, a little of the history and significance of which the Vicar related to us. A broken rope prevented us ringing, so on we went to Witney and hunted up the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who kindly made it possible for us to have a pull, and joined us in it. It was dark when we had finished, and as fourteen miles lay between us and Oxford we bade him goodbye and set off, reaching our destination in time to hear Great Tom at Christ Church make his 101 strokes. The rest of the evening we spent together quietly, studying time tables in view of the break up on the morrow, etc. At the breakfast table next morning our jolly though hatless friend proceeded to unburden himself of his feelings of gratitude for, and appreciation of, Messrs. Taylor and Worthington's kindness in organising so unique and delightful a tour, in extending to us invitations to join therein, and in providing the motors; sentiments which were endorsed with quiet enthusiasm. "Be ready to start at 11.30" was the order passed round. An interval of two hours remained at our disposal, within which some of us attempted to do Oxford. Fortunately we were in the hands of those who knew the short cuts, and were thus enabled to obtain a glance at the colleges and other objects of interest, and to en-motor punctually to time. "Banbury first stop," so off we started, and arrived well in front of the scheduled time. Then the break-up began; Messrs. Carpenter, Wright, and Hatterley were the first to depart for their northern destinations, quickly followed by Mr. Pye for London. The remnant of the party now numbered six, and was easily divisible between the three motors. So arranged we set out via Daventry for the next place of parting—a quiet spot on Watling Street, whence Messrs. Worthington and Austin continued on their course, whilst Messrs. Beeston, Taylor, and Fox were switched off to the north-east through Lutterworth to Loughborough. Here, after a cup of tea at Mr. Taylor's hospitable board, the New Mills and Wirksworth units set out for their respective termini.

Thus ended a tour happy and unique in its conception, comprehensive in its arrangements, and most enjoyable in its realization. Obviously local assistance was needed at different places *en route*, which was invariably generously given, and for which we tender our sincere thanks. B.

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## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The usual quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Warnham on Saturday, November 27th, a fairly good number of ringers being present. Ringing commenced soon after 4 o'clock, the methods practised being Grandsire Triples, Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Major. Tea was held at The Sussex Oak inn at 5.30, the chair being taken by C. J. Lucas, esq., Life Hon. Member and churchwarden, the Vicar being abroad on account of his health. There were also present Mr. F. B. Tompkins (Master of the Association), the curate-in-charge, the Divisional Secretary, Messrs. Winch and Whittington (Life Members), and representatives from Arundel, Billingshurst, Pulborough, Slinfold, and Warnham, numbering twenty-six. The usual business followed the tea. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed. Four new members were elected to the Warnham branch, and two independent members from Billingshurst. Mr. Blackman proposed that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Warnham, which was carried.

Mr. Tompkins proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and mentioned that the next annual meeting would be held at Chichester, and he hoped it would be as successful as it had been in the other two divisions. He also expected that the Bishop would be present.

The chairman, in responding, mentioned that he was much interested in bells, and he was to hear that the Warnham members were increasing, and that they once held the county challenge bell, and he hoped they would be successful to win it again.

This concluded the business, and the ringers returned again to the tower.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 9th, the ringers of the parish church, Bolsover, held their annual excursion, Birmingham being the place selected. Journeying to Chesterfield by brake, an early train was caught. Arriving at our destination we were met by Messrs. Godden and Painter, who conducted us to the Cathedral church, and thence to The Swan hotel, which place was of great importance to the whole of us, as here it was the inner man was being catered for. After a light refreshment we were conducted round a few of the principal streets, and a visit to the famous Art Gallery. Dinner time having arrived, we were joined by Mr. John Carter. After justice was done to the good things provided, a move was made to St. Martin's church, special favour being granted to us (being market day). Bells up, a few rounds were rung on the twelve, our company not being able to master the intricacies of twelve-bell change-ringing. After that, Superlative, Cambridge, and London was rung on the back eight. During this time we were joined by Messrs. Groves and Withers, and others of the St. Martin's company. Time being limited, tracks were made to Aston-juxta. Here our members considerably increased. We were shown the burial-place of the late Henry Johnson. Ascending the tower we were joined by our old friend Mr. James George, of Rugby, and Plain Bob, Treble Ten, and Stedman Caters were rung. Returning to our hotel, twenty sat down to an excellent tea, after which, Mr. J. Flint, on behalf of the Bolsover company, thanked the Birmingham and Aston ringers, not forgetting Messrs. Plant and Jones, towerkeepers at the respective churches, for the way they

had catered for their pleasure, and in making the outing such an enjoyable one. Train time arrived, and a host of ringers and friends accompanied them to the station, arriving home about 10.30, all expressing the opinion that it was one of the best outings they had ever had. J. F.

## HADLOW, KENT.

The local band of ringers at St. Mary's church, has just completed a peal of 5040 changes on their eight bells in 2 hrs. 51 mins. This is the fourth important peal recorded as having been rung in this tower by a band of entirely local ringers. The earlier peals were on November 28th, 1854, a peal of Bob Major, in 3 hrs. 1 min., conducted by George Taylor. On February 29th, 1909, a peal of Grandsire Triples, in 2 hrs. 56 mins., conducted by W. Latter, of Tunbridge Wells. On December 5th, 1908, a peal of Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 56 mins., conducted by Arthur H. Reader, and rung in honour of the induction of the Vicar. The latest peal on December 14th, 1909, was of Bob Triples, composed by Henry Hubbard, and conducted by Arthur H. Reader.

While many towers have so many peals that they cease to be recorded, the majority of these are rung by bands which are wholly or partially visitors. The records in Hadlow tower are all of work by the local band only, and in connection with the latest peal it is interesting to note that George Taylor, who rung the tenor bell, is a grandson of George Taylor who conducted the peal in 1864.

The Hadlow band is now a very strong one, and is working very well, for beyond the members who rang in the peal are two quite capable of standing in, and a few good apprentices. In addition to tower work, the band gets a little practice with the handbells, and during the Christmas season have accompanied the choir on their carol-singing rounds.

## Obituary.

## RICHARD CREASEY.

We regret to record the death of the above ringer, captain of the St. Paul's ringers, Spalding, who passed away on December 6th last at the age of 69. Some thirty years ago when the peal of eight bells was placed in St. Paul's steeple, Mr. Creasey worked very hard, with many disappointments, in teaching a young company of ringers. At that time he lived nearly two miles from St. Paul's, and used to walk to and fro several nights a week, besides twice on Sundays. He took part in a peal of seven 720s of Plain Bob and College Single at the parish church, Spalding, in 1870; and he rang the 4th in a peal of 5000 Kent Treble Bob Royal at Bradford parish church, Yorkshire, on February 25th, 1888. He was a member of the College Youths, and at one time Secretary of the South Lincolnshire Association, which is now merged into the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. He was buried in Spalding cemetery, the members of St. Paul's company attending the funeral.

## DOUBLE NORWICH.

Mr. Sam Thomas, of Sheffield, writes:—

"The eleven course 'set' with the 6th at home (also its extent) published in 'THE BELL NEWS' of December 25th, originally belongs to Mr. C. H. Hattersley, and has been published several times by him to Stedman Caters, Double Norwich, and also to Bob Major. They are the means of giving wider scope to compositions, and can be varied several other ways.

"P.S.—I saw the original ms. on this plan by Mr. C. H. Hattersley several years ago."



### "A PLEA FOR RINGERS."

The following letter, under the above heading, has recently appeared in *The Church Times* :—

"Sir,—In your 'Summary' of last week you commend the action of a vicar who has insisted that his ringers should attend the services for which they ring, a requirement resulting in their resignation. You further declare that 'it is just as reasonable to make it a condition that the ringers shall be worshippers in church as it is to do so in the case of choirmen.' The need of such a condition as regards choirmen is not exactly clear, and the logic of the parallel is difficult to follow.

"Speaking as a ringer of fifty years' standing, during a considerable part of which period I have regularly rung for two services in a country ten-bell tower, I would ask to be allowed to traverse your suggestion that the drastic action taken in the case referred to—possibly here reasonable on some grounds not stated—should be generally adopted.

"It is computed that there are in this country some 60,000 ringers. Most of us have a vote, nearly all are professedly Churchmen, almost to a man, I believe, and—I speak from a rather wide experience—we should oppose spoliation of the Church. In the coming struggle our support will be one of the lesser factors that make for success. We are fairly well organised in from forty to fifty guilds and societies, diocesan, county, and other. Cases of harsh treatment, happily few, become generally known and discussed. Why counsel a compulsion that must necessarily tend to alienate our loyalty?

"So much for the lower aspect. A word as to the higher.

"For the past forty years many of us, including numerous clergy, not a few of them ringers, have been working steadily and persistently for the improvement of the ringer's social status, and the old scandals attaching to us are now almost obsolete. We recognise, however, that while we have become organised, respectable, and in the main regular and punctual in ringing for the services of the Church, our Church attendance, though slowly mending, is far from what it should be. The earnest purpose of all our guilds, to which we specially need the help of the clergy, is to establish the principle that every ringer should be present at one at least of the Sunday services.

"Where bells and ringing-chambers are kept in good order, there is rarely a valid excuse for not coming to the service, although there are often difficulties—such as residence several miles away; night work on Saturday or Sunday; wet feet or clothes in snow and heavy rain when many of the ordinary congregation stay at home; a church packed full before the ringers descend from the tower; the fact that a ringer has to give from an hour to an hour and a half more of his Sunday leisure than have others who go to church; and so on.

"There are, unfortunately, still many towers, though they are decreasing in number, where neglect of the bells and their fittings makes the ringing so great a labour as to cause profuse perspiration, or where the ringing-chamber and its approaches are so dirty and rough as to preclude the wearing of church-going clothes. In these cases there is a tenable excuse, and the fault lies with the church authorities.

"Under these conditions, what we want is more sympathy from the clergy. Attempted compulsion makes matters worse, and perfunctory church-going is not very edifying. Every incumbent possesses, or professes, suffi-

cient musical knowledge to enable him to deal appreciatively with his choir. If he took equal pains to gain an insight into the somewhat cryptic science of ringing, he would avoid mistakes due to ignorance of the feelings and aims of the ringers, and his informed interest in them would usually obtain their grateful recognition. What is wanted is quiet personal reasoning and kindly individual persuasion, after the manner a good parson deals with any other erring parishioners.

"ARTHUR HEYWOOD,  
President Central Council Church Bell Ringers.

"P.S.—May I recommend to clergy a small pamphlet, 'On the Preservation of Bells' (which deals also with ringers), published by Allen and Sons, 44, Rathbone-place, Oxford-street, W. Post-free, 4d."

### NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT ECCLESTON.—(Reported December 18th).—Mr. H. W. Wilde's 100 peals.—Minor: in two methods 2, conducted 1; in four methods 4, conducted 1; in five methods 1, conducted 1; Triples: Plain Bob 1, conducted 1; Grandsire 12, conducted 4; Union 2, conducted 1; Oxford Bob 3, conducted 2; Double Oxford Bob 2, conducted 1; Stedman 10; Major: Plain Bob 11, conducted 1; Canterbury 1, conducted 1; Oxford Bob 1; Double Oxford Bob 2, conducted 1; Double Norwich 12, conducted 2; Double Bob 1; Kent Treble Bob 18, conducted 1; Oxford Treble Bob 1; Duffield 2; Superlative Surprise 6; Caters: Stedman 2; Royal: Plain Bob 1; Kent Treble Bob 1; Double Norwich 1; total 100; conducted 18. Rung in 35 towers in 6 counties.

THE PEAL AT KIRKBY MALZEARD.—This is the first peal ever rung at this church, which is called the "Cathedral of the Moors." In February of last year the building was nearly destroyed by fire, when many of its architectural and historical treasures perished, and with them the old ring of six bells. The result of the restoration is most pleasing, and the recasting of the bells has produced a ring of six, tuned on Canon Simpson's principle, of great beauty both in tone and tune, and worthy of a tenor of greater weight than 16½ cwt. The convenient arrangement of the iron bell frame facilitates the inspection and care of the bells, and the whole work merits great praise of the founders Messrs. Gillett and Johnson, of Croydon. In regard to the tower the fire has been productive of much good, and would have had even a better result if all traces of Churchyard Bob had suffered the same fate!

THE PEAL AT RODMELL.—This is the first peal on the bells which have recently been augmented to six. The tenor ringer was elected a member previous to starting. This peal was rung previous to Evensong. The ringers take this opportunity to thank the Rev. and Mrs. Hawkesford for kindly entertaining them to an excellent meat tea, to which ample justice was done.

THE PEAL AT LEWISHAM (Reported last week).—W. J. Jeffries 100 peals.—Grandsire Triples 27, conducted 12; Grandsire Caters, 2; Oxford Bob Triples, 4; Stedman Triples, 13; Stedman Caters, 5; Plain Bob Major, 4; Kent Treble Bob Major, 15; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 4; Double Norwich Major, 11; Superlative Surprise Major, 4; Cambridge Surprise Major, 6; New Cumberland Surprise Major, 4; London Surprise Major, 1. Total 100.—Mr. J. Emery's 100 peals.—Grandsire Triples 19, conducted 2; Union Triples, 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 2; Stedman Triples 14, conducted 2; Bob Major 9, conducted 2; Double Oxford Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 19; Real Double Norwich Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 9; Superlative Surprise, 7; New Cumberland Surprise, 3; Cambridge Surprise, 9; London Surprise, 1; Stedman Caters, 3; Kent Royal, 1. Total 100, conducted 6.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on January 4th and 18th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 6th and 20th; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 10th and 24th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 11th; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 17th; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 23th; 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 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 Royal Cumberland Youths.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 15th. Tower open at 3.30. Meat tea in St. Martin's Vestry Hall at 5.30, 9d. each to all who inform me by the 13th inst.

**F. BENNETT, Hon. Sec.**  
3, Harts Lane, New Cross, 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.

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

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

**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 (5), 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, Trowbridge.

**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 8th. 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. Secs.**  
**J. JOHNSON, }**

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham on January 15th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Meeting 4.0 p.m. Members intending to be present please send word to **ARTHUR H. DAVIES, Branch Sec.**

## "THE ISAAC HILLS MEMORIAL."

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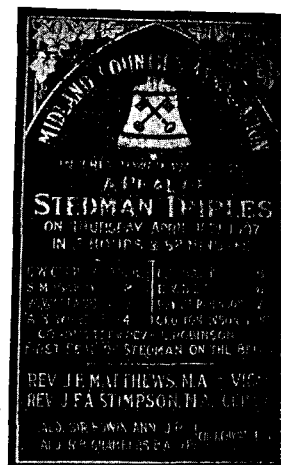
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## The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1910.

By the time this issue of our journal is in the hands of its readers another year will have passed away; that of 1910 will have commenced. A commendable resolution used to be formed at such a period, that known as turning over a new leaf: an attempt to improve on the past so far as conduct was concerned. Nor is there any reason to suppose that at the present time such resolve is scarce or novel.

There are doubtless many things in connection with the Exercise which would bear improvement. None of us are perfect, and, it may with truth be said, we never shall be. But many degrees nearer such a state may be effected in our inclinations if care and perseverance towards them is attempted. There is no need to point out what is specially lacking in many of us: our remarks may be accepted generally. One feature may bear allusion. Ringers are beyond doubt fond of the Art they pursue; but are they fond of resolving on straight and self-denying action to promote its good in every respect? Is what we are apt to call the "ringing brotherhood" a brotherhood at all?

It is estimated that there are 60,000 ringers in Great Britain alone. That number is in our opinion below the mark. Has it ever occurred to us that other bodies, having not near so many members as the Exercise, frequently respond with immediate vigour to calls in aid of the necessitous, or for other objects whose recommendations to notice are excellent and appropriate? How do we stand in such case? Not at high water mark.

Sincerely wishing all our brethren "A HAPPY NEW YEAR," we ask them to have a greater regard for the matters here hinted at. At the present moment there are worthy objects demanding their help and attention.



**The Metropolis.****THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, December 18, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.*

WILLIAM HOTTEN .. .. Treble.	GEORGE R. FARDON .. .. 5.
HARRY RANZETTA .. .. 2.	JAMES BULLOCK .. .. 6.
ARTHUR D. BARKER .. .. 3.	RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. 7.
ALEERT TURNER .. .. 4.	ROBERT GRIMWOOD .. .. Tenor.

*Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.***THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD,***On Saturday, December 18, 1909, in Three Hours Seven Minutes.**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.*

THOMAS MILES* .. .. Treble.	EDWARD F. COLE .. .. 5.
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*Conducted by JAMES PARKER,**\*First peal in the method.***The Provinces.****CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.****THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sunday, April 4, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;***Being forty-two 6-scores each called differently. 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 ringers belong to the local band except the conductor, Rung on the back six.***FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.****THE ST. CATHERINE'S SOCIETY, FELTHAM.***On Thursday, November 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***DAVIES'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.*

JOHN PHIPPS† .. .. Treble.	*JOSEPH LOCK .. .. 5.
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*Conducted by A. H. J. DENFORD.**†First peal. \*First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor. Second peal by the local band. Rang on St. Catherine's Day, and as a birthday compliment to J. Merrick.***MANSFIELD, NOTTS.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)**On Saturday, December 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,***A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,***5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.*

THOMAS RILEY .. .. Treble.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. .. 5.
JOHN FLINT .. .. 2.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. .. 6.
FRED R. KITTLEBORO .. .. 3.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 4.	GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. Tenor.

*Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.**This is the first peal of London in the county.***KIRBY MALZEARD, YORKS.****CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, December 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;***Being 720 each of Duke of York, Violet, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt.*

HAROLD COLLINSON .. .. Treble.	HENRY PARRISH .. .. 4.
WILLIAM SYKES .. .. 2.	CHRIS. CLARKSON .. .. 5.
GEOGE HANDLEY .. .. 3.	HENRY PAULI .. .. Tenor.

*Conducted by H. PAULI.**This peal was rung under great difficulties because of the noisy ringing chamber and the intrusion of visitors, and the conductor here recognises his indebtedness to G. Handley. All the above belong to the St. Alkelda's Guild, Middleham. Further reference elsewhere.***ICKLETON, CAMBS.****THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,***A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;***Being four 6-scores each of Plain Bob, and Old Doubles, three 6-scores of April Day, twenty 6-scores of St. Dunstan and Grandsire, each 6 score called differently. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.*

PERCY WEBB .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR G. LILLEY .. .. 4.
EUSTACE WEBB .. .. 2.	JESSE WEBB .. .. 5.
FRANCIS W. BOWTELL* .. .. 3.	FREDERICK CRICK .. .. Tenor.

*Conducted by PERCY WEBB.**Rung as a wedding compliment to J. W. Welch, esq., who was married that day in London; also to commemorate the second anniversary of the re-opening of the church. \*First peal away from the treble.***ORMESBY, YORKS.****CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***REEVES'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.**Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lbs. in E.*

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A. SIMPSON .. .. 2.	F. JACKSON .. .. 6.
J. G. HALL .. .. 3.	T. METCALFE .. .. 7.
G. WINDSOR .. .. 4.	G. JACKSON .. .. Tenor.

*Conducted by T. METCALFE.**Rung on the occasion of the visit of His Grace the Archbishop of York to J. W. Perryman, esq., of Ormesby Hall.***SAMLESBURY.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***(PRESTON BRANCH.)**On Saturday, December 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD THE LESS,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;***IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.*

R. ARMSTRONG .. .. Treble.	E. R. MARTIN .. .. 5.
A. BAILEY .. .. 2.	J. ARMSTRONG .. .. 6.
W. T. H. TIMBRELL .. .. 3.	E. TIMBRELL .. .. 7.
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CHARLES S. BIRD* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. WATSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by SYDNEY CARTER.

\*First peal. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Oxford Bob by all with the exception of the ringer of the 2nd. Rung by the local band.

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ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
FRANK CLAYDON .. .. 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

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H. G. ROWE .. .. 4.	G. COLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. A. ALPS.

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## WIDNES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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\*First peal of Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Edwin Wheeler.

## RODMELL, SUSSEX.

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On Saturday, December 5, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN* .. .. Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 4.
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Conducted by GEORGE PIPER.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Further reference elsewhere.

## OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, December 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SAMUEL REEVES .. .. Treble.	REUBEN HALL .. .. 5.
JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 2.	JESSE SCREEN .. .. 6.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 3.	CHARLES H. LILY .. .. 7.
ERNEST PARISH .. .. 4.	JAMES HARES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

## BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 7, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5004 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, College Pleasure, College Exercise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

JAMES WARDLEY .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH STARLING .. .. 4.
HENRY PUTTOCK .. .. 2.	ROBERT SMY .. .. 5.
ALDERMAN LING .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SAWYER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SAWYER.

## HORSELL, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being two 720s each of Oxford Single Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Bob Minor and one of Grands re. Tenor about 10 cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE EDGER, JUN... .. 4.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. .. 2.	JOHN B. HASSEY .. .. 5.
FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells.

## GARGRAVE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE GARGRAVE BRANCH)

On Tuesday, December 14, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

WALLACE BRADLEY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM TOWNSON .. .. 5.
JOSEPH LANGSTROTH* .. .. 2.	HARRY BIRTWHISTLE .. 6.
JOSHUA LOFTHOUSE .. .. 3.	JAMES WANE .. .. 7.
ARTHUR R. JONES† .. .. 4.	JOHN MCKELL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES PAGETT, and Conducted by J. MCKELL.

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

## HADLOW, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 14, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S.

Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY RABBITT .. .. Treble.	THOMAS SMITHERS .. .. 5.
TOM SAUNDERS .. .. 2.	LEONARD S. PARIS .. .. 6.
CECIL GROVES* .. .. 3.	ARTHUR H. READER .. .. 7.
ERNEST HOOK† .. .. 4.	GEORGE TAYLOR .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR H. READER.

\*First peal away from the treble. \*First peal. G. Taylor was elected a member previous to starting.

## EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 14, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

A. C. RUMBLE .. .. Treble.	*J. CAPLE .. .. 4.
J. ATHERTON .. .. 2.	G. H. GALE .. .. 5.
A. S. ATHERTON .. .. 3.	H. PORTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. H. GALE.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Anthony Gibbs, who was a good friend to the parish. \*First peal with a bob bell. The ringer of the tenor is in his 67th year.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal at Bangor, reported in our last issue, was composed by Arthur Craven and conducted by Arthur E. E. Pegler. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to William Crane, sen.

## Date Touches.

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

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, December 21st, at the parish church, a date touch, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 14 mins., being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 469 Plain Bob. A. Hill, G. Kilby, G. Chalkley, B. Maxim, H. Kilby, T. Langdon conductor.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NEWHALL (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, December 25th, at St. John's church, a date touch of Bob Minor, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. H. Brealey, F. Godfrey, H. Sharpe, H. Hurdman, J. Hough conductor, D. Cotton. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Maggie Godfrey to Mr. P. Mallett.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS. ASSOCIATION.

SCARBOROUGH.—On Sunday evening, December 26th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Fryers, J. Barton conductor. H. Christian, A. Coates, H. Gibson, A. Ferguson, J. Dixey, T. Cole. Composed by T. Jackson, of Hull. First date touch on the bells, and first by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th, and tenor; also longest length by the treble ringer.

FLEET (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, December 23rd, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, a date touch of Minor, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins., being 720 each of Double Court and Oxford Bob, and 469 Plain Bob. T. Copeland, Rev. C. Sturton, A. E. Campling, W. Hilliam, G. Truss, J. Hallifax conductor.

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.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

MALVERN LINK (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, December 26th, for Divine Service at St. Matthias church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. W. Niblett, E. E. Barber, F. Stanton, J. Brown, F. Bryan, R. G. Knowles conductor, H. T. Knowles, A. Richings. First quarter-peal by the treble ringer; also the quickest on the bells.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

EWHRST (Surrey).—On Tuesday, December 28th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Betty Topham, of Coneyhurst, Ewhurst, to Mr. George Watkins, of Lawkland Hall, Yorkshire, 720 Bob Minor. J. Tidy, E. Francis, W. Tidy, J. Luff, W. Denyer, R. Whittington conductor. And 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Tidy, J. Luff, W. Tidy, R. Whittington, W. Denyer, W. Charman conductor.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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## ST. MARY'S, READING.

## AUTUMN OUTING.

On Saturday, November 20th, the ringers of the above church had their annual autumn half-day outing to Henley, where they were met by Mr. Appleby, the steeplekeeper. A walk by the river Thames brought them to the fine old church. Ascending the belfry they found new ropes, which by the way, the churchwardens would have done well to have consulted the ringers, for they are awful. However, they were determined to make the best of it, so away they went for a 336 of Stedman Triples, 168 Grandsire Triples, 448 Superlative Surprise, 448 Double Norwich, 168 Grandsire, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. The ringers

taking part were A. T. Reeves, J. Swain, F. Watmore, C. Cox, H. Tucker, J. E. Hern, W. A. Webb, C. Giles, A. E. Reeves, W. Appleby and F. Bushnell, of the local band, the conducting being divided between C. Giles and A. E. Reeves.

## TO ALL CONCERNED.

I very much regret being obliged to announce that the 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Holy Trinity, Staleybridge, on October 30th, 1909 (see "BELL NEWS," p. 463), cannot be recognised by the Chester Diocesan Guild. A. T. BEESTON, Hon. Sec.

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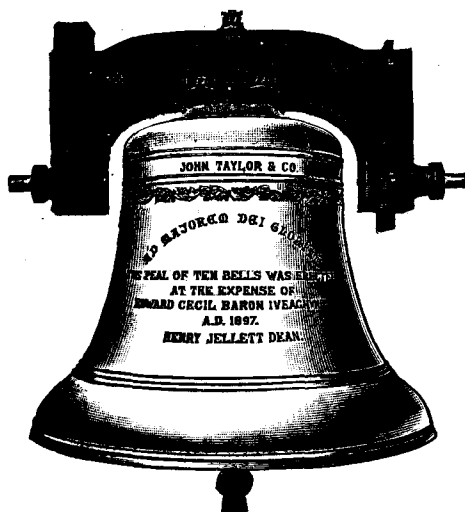
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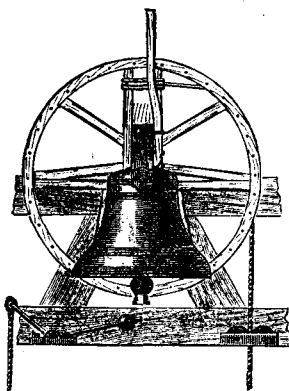
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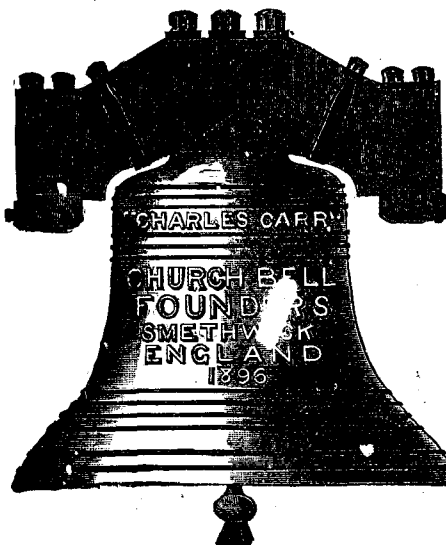
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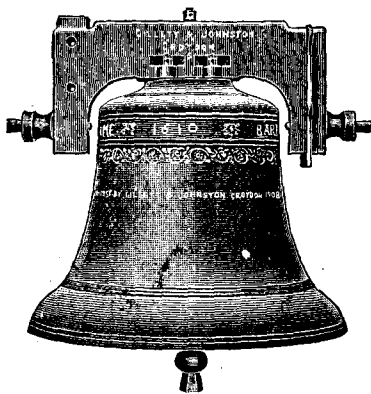
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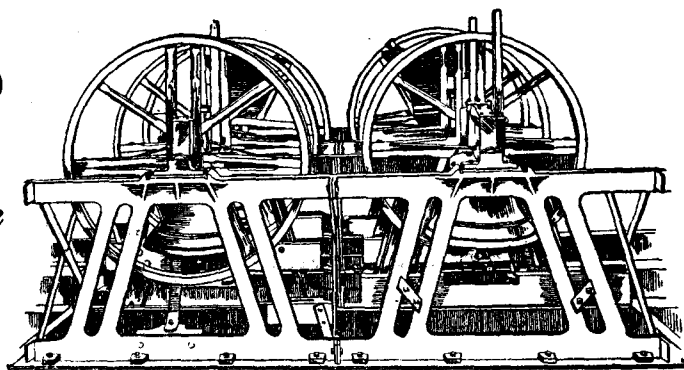
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## SWINDON.

### DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS.

In April last the parish church of Stratton St. Margaret lost a valuable friend and helper through the death of Mr. Alfred Barnes, who left £130 for two new bells as a memorial to his wife. Besides this act of generosity, he bequeathed about £300 for general parish purposes. The work of casting two new trebles weighing 3 cwt. and 3½ cwt. respectively—bringing the total up to six—has been carried out, and on Saturday afternoon, December 18th, the dedication service was conducted by Canon E. W. Estcourt, rural dean. The Vicar, the Rev. C. F. Burgess, assisted by the Rev. W. C. Masters (Stanton Fitzwarren), also took part in the service. There was a good congregation, including the local companies of Boy Scouts and Church Lads' Brigade. The new bells were cast by Mears and Stainbank, and an excellent splice has been effected. The Swindon parish church ringers undertook the re-opening, and after service rang 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by C. J. Gardner, and several 120s of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

## THE CLEATOR MOOR BELLS, CUMBERLAND.

Christmas Eve, 1909, will ever be remembered by the inhabitants of Cleator Moor. While the hour of twelve was striking their new ring of eight bells sent forth their music for the first time. As the day and the hour for the opening had been kept secret, only those invited being in the belfry, the sound of the bells came as a pleasant surprise to the district. The ringers and a few friends, together with the Vicar (the Rev. W. Taylor), assembled in the belfry at 11.30 p.m., and after partaking of refreshments provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Taylor, the bells were dedicated to the glory of God. The Vicar then pulled the treble, and the signal being given to the rest of the ringers, the peal was raised. Some very good striking was done considering the ringers had not been used to eight bells.

The ring includes a massive steel frame built into the walls, which is a splendid affair in itself. The church had previously a ring of six, tenor 10 cwt., in an oak frame, but since Easter last they have not been rung owing to their bad condition. When Lord Leconfield was shown over the church he most generously responded with a gift of £2000 towards the necessary expenses. The order was at once placed with Messrs. Taylor, and the old bells were taken away, melted down and more metal added, the result being the present splendid ring of eight, tenor 21 cwt., in E flat. Great credit is due to Messrs.

Taylor for doing the work so expeditiously. The ringers expressed their entire satisfaction with the "go" of the bells, which is everything that could be desired.

## FOWEY (CORNWALL) CHURCH BELLS.

At St. Fimbarrus church, Fowey, on Sunday, February 2nd, the bells, which have been rehung by Messrs. Taylor, who also recast the two trebles, were dedicated. The Rev. S. V. Purcell intoned the service, and a special lesson was read by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Purcell, from Numbers x. 1-11. The hymn "We love the place, O God" was sung, and Psalm lxxxiv. was chanted. In his sermon on the history of the bells, the Vicar concluded with some appropriate remarks to the ringers, impressing upon them the sacred duties of their office as church workers.

During the collection, which was for the bells and tower fund, a carol, composed by the Bishop of Truro, was sung.

The annual ringers' supper was given by Canon Purcell at The Ship hotel on Saturday, January 1st. The Vicar, who presided, proposed "Success to the Fowey company," and coupled with the toast the name of Mr. Joseph Trefry, a late ringer, who was instrumental in providing the two trebles to complete the octave in 1870. Mr. Trefry suitably responded. The toast of the churchwardens was given by Mr. W. B. S. Hawkins, and responded to by Messrs. Hill and Carter.

The Rev. S. V. Purcell proposed "The Visitors." Mr. H. L. Waddington (late of Fowey) responded, impressing upon the ringers the opportunity of going in for the science of change-ringing now that the bells were in such splendid order for ringing the method, which was impossible before they were rehung.

A start was made on handbells by Mr. Waddington (before leaving Fowey), who got together a band to ring 120s of Grandsire Doubles.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at All Saints, Newport, on Monday, December 27th. The bells having been placed at the disposal of the ringers for the whole day members arrived early and were soon set going. A service was held in the parish church at 3.45, which was well attended, and a very able and instructive sermon given by the Vicar.

Following the service the business meeting took place in the mission room, presided over by the Vicar of the parish, the Rev. C. Bennett, and he at once asked for the minutes of the previous meeting to be read. This done, they were accepted and signed.

The election of Master for the ensuing year was next

proceeded with, Mr. T. Hamblin being unanimously chosen.

The Rev. Connop L. Price and Mr. J. Jones were re-elected honorary secretaries, and Mr. Jones was appointed to attend the next Central Council meeting. Mr. E. Davies and Mr. F. Atwell were re-appointed auditors. Instructors' reports were next received, good progress being reported at Whitchurch, Penmark, and Marshfield.

Meetings were then arranged as follows: Annual meeting to be held at Llandaff: the Monmouthshire quarterly meeting at Blaenavon; the Glamorganshire quarterly meeting at Pentre.

Subscriptions were then taken, which brought the business to a close. An invitation was then given to all present to tea, by the Vicar, and an excellent and most agreeable repast was the result. This brought to a close a very enjoyable and successful meeting.

### THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

During the last three months meetings of the above society have been held at Holbeck, Bolton, and St. Chad's, Far Headingley. At Holbeck, the meeting-day as first arranged fell on the anniversary of the dedication of the church, and as the usual festivities on these occasions were to take place in the school near, the bells were not available. The meeting being postponed a week resulted in further disappointment, a case of sickness near the church which resulted in death, being the cause. A business meeting was held at The Spotted Cow and the usual formal business gone through.

At the following meeting at Bolton everything passed off well, the bells were available during the afternoon and evening, no peal being arranged as is our custom, thus giving every member an opportunity of ringing. This meeting was held on an anniversary in connection with the church, it being thirty-one years since the opening of the bells, by a company from Calverley. After raising the bells in peal touches of Kent and London Treble Bob Major were rung, also touches of Minor, till after the time arranged for the business meeting, which was held at the Bolton hotel, where the local company had provided substantial refreshment for the benefit of the visitors. After all had partaken, the business was gone through. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed and signed. Then the president, Mr. J. Broadley, announced that the Calverley company had, since the previous meeting, rung a peal of London Treble Bob, which was the first peal in the method rung by eight members of this society, and they having complied with all the regulations were entitled to £1 from the society to record the same. As the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. King) had promised to attend the meeting, it was adjourned for a short time so that he could personally receive the vote of thanks, during which period the president regaled those present with reminiscences of the early days of change-ringing at this tower, and the kindness and encouragement received at the hands of the Vicar. As the Vicar did not arrive the business was proceeded with. A vote of thanks to the church authorities for the use of the bells and to the local company for the day's arrangements was carried unanimously. Mr. A. Gill suitably responded on their behalf. Vocal and instrumental music rendered by the local company passed away the remainder of the evening.

At St. Chad's, Far Headingley, the bells were early

sending out their music in Stedman Triples, previous to the service at which the Bishop of Ripon (Dr. Carpenter) laid the foundation-stone of a new chancel and choir vestry. After service, during the departure of the congregation, the bells were again rung, some of the visiting ringers standing in. During the day touches of Stedman, Grandsire, and Kent Treble Bob were rung. The business meeting was held at The Woodman hotel, the president in the chair, supported by members from the following towers: Leeds parish church, Holbeck, Burley, Shipley, and the local company. Nothing of a contentious nature being on the agenda, it was quickly got through. Two new members were elected, including the Vicar, the Rev. C. C. Marshall. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and other church authorities for the use of the bells, and to the local company for the day's arrangements, was unanimously carried. The Vicar in reply gave a hearty welcome to the society, and thanked the members for coming on such an occasion, as it was meet that a large amount of ringing should be done on a day of great rejoicing in the parish as that day was. Mr. D. Swift also replied on behalf of the local company, and then invited all present to partake of the good things provided. As usual handbells were in demand for the remainder of the evening.

### SALOP ARCHDIACONAL GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held at St. Andrew's, Shifnal, on Saturday, December 11th. Members were present from St. Chad's and St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury; Market Drayton, Coalbrookdale, Albrighton, Dawley, Malinslee; also a good muster of the local company. Members were missing from Birmingham and district, Shifnal being one of their favourite haunts, and we had to be content with the thought that they were doing good service for the Exercise behind some other set of ropes. Mr. Bradney met the visitors at the station, from whence a move was made for the tower, where we found everything in readiness for a good afternoon's ringing. The bells were raised, and the Rev. R. M. Cole-Hamilton (Honorary Secretary), then opened the meeting with a short ringers' service, after which some very good touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round. Members from six-bell towers also had a pull through several 120s of Bob Doubles. A plain course of Bob Major was also brought round.

At 5 o'clock the business meeting was held in the tower. The Rev. S. W. Gaman presided, and was supported by the Rev. C. B. Crowe. The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed.

The Secretary said he was glad to tell the members that Mr. G. J. Taylor was much better in health. It was the wish of all present that he would soon be at the meetings again.

It was decided to try and hold the next meeting at Condover. Several new members were proposed from Wellington, Shifnal, and Coalbrookdale. The local ringers very kindly provided an excellent tea, to which about thirty did justice. A return journey was then made back to the tower, and the bells were kept going till 8.30.

Shifnal has long been a favourite haunt of change-ringers. The bells are a very fine ring of eight by Mears. The first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung out of London was rang there in 1819. The first peal of Kent Treble Bob in the county of Salop was rung there. The first peal on St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, was rung by the Shifnal Albion society. All these things, together with

the splendid way the tower and bells are looked after, made the meeting one of the most successful meetings of the Guild.

W. S.

### THE BISHOP OF ST. ASAPH ON DIS-ESTABLISHMENT.

The Bishop of St. Asaph, speaking at a meeting of Churchmen at Wrexham on Monday last, dealt with Disestablishment and Disendowment, which, he said, had been pressed forward into sudden prominence not by anything which the Church herself had done or omitted to do, but by a crisis which the Church in no way created. Disestablishment would produce chaos in the whole organisation of the Church, but Disestablishment was not what the present Government and their supporters really cared about. What they wanted in their hearts was not the realisation of the illusion of religious equality, which every sensible man knew could not be secured through the agency of the State, but the appropriation of the property of the Church, which the State had no more right to touch than the valuable property and endowment of the Calvinistic Methodists and other Non-conformist bodies. This was a tumultuous time, when Churchmen must be on their guard, and not let themselves be deceived as to the true character of Disestablishment and Disendowment.

### THE CHURCH REFORM LEAGUE.

The Church Reform League appeal to Churchmen not to forget, amidst the excitement caused by questions more prominent in the coming General Election, the claims of the Church for freedom to organise her administrations in an effective way. They draw particular attention to the Bishoprics Bill, for which no time could be found last session in the House of Commons owing to the Budget debates, although it had been accepted by leading statesmen of both political parties; they point out that the Bill would enable large dioceses to be divided at the sole cost of Churchmen themselves, without the expenditure of one penny from either rates or taxes, and that it would save much valuable Parliamentary time, and they urge Churchmen throughout the country to bring before their Parliamentary candidates the claim that this Bill has on their support.

### NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.

Christmas Day at North Creak, of which the Bishop of Thetford is Rector, opened with celebrations of Holy Communion at 7, 8, and mid-day, at which ninety-two communicants (out of 100 on the roll) were at the altar. The general congregations were most encouraging, and evensong and carols at 3.30 was largely attended. The population is just over 500, 110 being children. The following Wednesday and Thursday three Christmas dramatic entertainments were given, and were all crowded and much appreciated. On New Year's Eve the ringers and senior members of the choir were entertained to supper at the rectory, and the Old Year was rung out and the New Year rung in on the church bells at midnight.

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BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.

5040.

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

3 4 6 1 2 5 S2

2 1 6 4 3 5 - - - - -

1 3 5 4 6 2 - - - - -

These two courses, five times repeated, omitting the 12-13 in the second and fifth parts, and adding a single at 14 at end.

(2 3 1 4 5 6 7)

6 2 5 4 3 1 - - - - -

3 4 5 2 6 1 - - - - -

1 2 5 3 4 6 - - - - -

2 4 6 3 5 1 - - - - -

1 3 6 2 4 5 - - - - -

5 1 4 2 3 6 - - - - -

3 2 4 1 5 6 - - - - -

6 1 4 3 2 5 - - - - -

These eight courses, five times repeated, adding a 5-6 in the second course of the 3rd and 6th parts, completes the peal.

### STEDMAN TRIPLES.

BY JOSEPH W. PARKER, *Sunderland.*

5040.

2 3 1 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

2 3 1 4 5 7 6 S - S - S -

2 5 6 7 1 4 3 S S - S S

2 1 3 6 4 5 7 - S - - - S

2 4 7 3 5 1 6 - S - - - S

2 5 3 7 1 4 6 - S - - - -

2 3 1 5 4 6 7 - - S - -

6 7 2 5 4 1 3 - S - - -

3 6 1 5 4 2 7 - S - S S -

1 4 6 5 2 7 3 S S - - S

1 2 3 4 7 5 6 - S - - S

5 2 3 4 6 1 7 - - - - -

1 2 4 6 7 5 3 - - - - -

Six times repeated.

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## Correspondence.

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

LONDON AND THE COUNTRY.

SIR,—On reading the account of the dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths as reported in "THE BELL NEWS" of December 25th, I could not help feeling sorry for a Mr. Dawe who is compelled to live in the country, where he said he could obtain fresh air and nothing else. I presume the speaker meant ringing. He is not so fortunate as another Mr. Dawe, who I believe lives at Woking, and whom I have had the pleasure of ringing with, who can jump on his bicycle and be in Guildford in thirty minutes, where he can get a ring in any method up to London Surprise.

B. CHORLEY.

Hon. Sec. Holy Trinity Society, Guildford.

## "A PLEA FOR RINGERS."

SIR,—The letter of Sir Arthur Heywood is excellent, especially appearing in *The Church Times*, which has always ignored the claims of ringers in the past.

May I suggest that you reprint this at a small price per dozen or so, and that each Association Secretary keep a few copies, and in case of unsympathetic clergy send a copy, together with an Association report. Such action, where it can be done in good time, might prevent many a difficulty with ringers. In any case all ringers would do well to write to their Association Secretary, at once, should any such difficulty threaten.

If Sir Arthur would agree to your doing this, the sentence "The need of such a condition as regards choir men is not exactly clear, etc." would perhaps not be necessary. Moreover, although Sir Arthur may not have met with a case, there are still men paid to sing in choirs, who may not be expected to be worshippers—just as *The Church Times* suggested in the case of fingers.

H. DRAKE.

## INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—I am anxious to secure records of all peals known to have been rung at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, Birchington, up to the year 1884. I have taken "BELL NEWS" since that date, so am in possession of all rung since then. I am also in possession of records of peals rung on August 4th, 1819, May 26th, 1820, May 22nd, 1820, September 29th, 1820, January 1st, 1821, May 5th, 1824. I shall be much obliged if you would insert an enquiry for me, as Major Cotton has promised to record them all in the tower. I am willing to pay any trifling expenses that may be incurred.

GEO. WILLSHIRE.

S. COOK.—There is no book of the sort. It would be well to turn your attention to something better.

## Obituary.

W. G. DAVIS.

[EXTRACT FROM *The Kentish Mercury* OF DECEMBER 17th, 1909]

"Greenwich has lost a well-known figure by the death of Mr. William George Davis, which occurred on Monday at the age of 78. For nearly forty years Mr. Davis held the office of sexton of St. Alfege parish church, Greenwich, and for years before he was actually appointed to the office he performed the duties appertaining thereto as deputy to the then sextoness, Miss Sedgwick. Recently, owing to his advanced years, he had been relieved of the more arduous portion of his work, but he was a wonderful man for his age. To the last his sight was so good that he had no need for glasses, and he only lacked one single tooth. He leaves a wife and two daughters." The funeral took place at Charlton Cemetery on Saturday, December 18th, the first portion of the service being read at St. Alfege before a large congregation, many past churchwardens being present. The bells were rung half muffled, as a last token of respect by the Greenwich ringers, assisted by W. Weatherstone and T. Taylor, two old comrades of the deceased. On Sunday, De-

cember 26th, for morning service at St. Alfege church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. A. S. Beer, H. Hoskins, J. J. Lamb, F. S. Bayley conductor, I. G. Shade, W. Berry, W. Shimman, T. Jakeman.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT EASTBOURNE.—This is the first peal on the bells since being put into thorough repair by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The splendid way in which the work has been done has given satisfaction to all concerned, and was carried out under the direction and advice of the special committee appointed by the Sussex Association.

THE PEAL AT STANSTED.—T. J. Watts's 100 peals.—Seven Minor methods 6, conducted 1; seven Treble Bob methods, 12; seven Surprise methods 15, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples, 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Penning's Triples, 1; Stansted Triples, 2; Stedman Triples 10, conducted 1; Grandsire Caters, 2; Bob Major, 3; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 5; Double Oxford Bob Major, 1; Duffield Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 3; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 5; Superlative Surprise Major, 11; Cambridge Surprise Major, 9; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 6; New Cumberland Surprise Major, 3; London Surprise Major, 2. Total 100, conducted 3.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

During the past year the Dagenham company with visitors have rung 137 720s of Minor, being 91 Plain Bob, 16 College Single 13 Double Court, 5 Double Oxford, 2 Grandsire Doubles, 5 Woodbine Treble Bob, 3 of Kent, 2 of Oxford. Those taking part were G. Playle, 115, conducted 48; R. Miles, 92, conducted 44; J. Dale, 40, conducted 24; A. Chaplin, 62, conducted 18; E. Hawkins, 114; A. Playle, 102; F. Freestone, 104; D. Chaplin, 66; G. Chaplin, 23; J. Hawkins, 13; C. Rochester, 55; F. Ottley, 2; E. Furbank 2; R. Ward, 7, conducted 1; A. Sparrow, 1; J. Dear, 1; R. Warner, 1, conducted 1; W. Theobald, 1; C. Anderson, 2; F. Squires, 1, conducted 1.

## 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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(fourth contribution) ...	6	6	0
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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.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, November 14th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 50 mins. F. Smith, G. Davis, G. Hollis conductor, W. Peabody, F. Parsons, F. Jacobs, A. Knights, T. W. Gore, B. A. Knights, G. Thompson. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of the treble, 5th and 6th. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. W. Bellamy (a well-known Nottingham ringer and a frequent visitor to Chesterfield) to Miss C. G. Young, the happy event taking place on that date at Gloucester.

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, Hackney, on January 18th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 20th; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 10th and 24th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 11th; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 17th; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 25th; 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 Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on Saturday, February 5th. Tower open for ringing at 3.45. Evensong at 5.30. Arrangements will be made for a tea in the Parish Room at 6 o'clock, if sufficient members notify by the 31st inst. their intention of being present. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**  
32 Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**The London County Association (late St. James's Society).**—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held to-day, Sat., 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 Royal Cumbertand Youths.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 15th. Tower open at 3.30. Meat tea in St. Martin's Vestry Hall at 5.30, 9d. each to all who inform me by the 13th inst.

**F. BENNETT, Hon. Sec.**  
3, Harts Lane, New Cross, S.E.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Fareham to-day, Sat., January 8th. Bells available at 3. Service at parish church 5.30. Tea at Temperance Hotel at 6.15. Meeting after. **J. W. WHITING, Dis. Sec.**  
Fareham.

**The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Devizes to-day, Sat., 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.

**GILBERT H. HARDING, Br. Sec.**  
62, Bradford Road, Trowbridge.

**The Beds. Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard to-day, Saturday, January 8th.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the church of All Saints, Higher Walton, to-day, Sat., 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 to-day, Sat., January 8. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Service at 7 p.m.  
**REV. W. G. KEYWORTH, } Hon. Secs.**  
**J. JOHNSON, }**

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham on January 15th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Meeting 4.0 p.m. Members intending to be present please send word to **ARTHUR H. DAVIES, Branch Sec.**

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, January 15th. Bells ready at 5. **WALTER HUGHES, Br. Sec.**

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch, on Saturday, January 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. **T. ROLLERSON, Br. Sec.**

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Nottingham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Long Eaton on Saturday, January 15th, from 3.30 to 9. Meeting at 6 o'clock. Will all members please attend.  
**REUBEN CLIFFORD, Local Hon. Sec.**

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, January 22nd. Full particulars next week.  
**T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.**

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Meat tea (9d. 0 members). at The White Lion inn at 5.30 p.m. Will those attending tea kindly inform Mr. J. J. Cawdell, White Horse Street, Baldock, not later than January 21st.

**H. S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.**

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at All Saints, Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 7 p.m. prompt.  
**JAS. JACQUES, Sec.**

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Guildford District.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Farnham on Saturday, January 22nd. The Rector of Farnham kindly invites those present to tea. Bells 8) available from 2.30. Those intending to be present kindly notify me by the 19th inst.

**JOHN J. JONES, Dis. Sec.**  
North Street, Guildford.

**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.

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Marden on Saturday, January 29th. Full particulars will be announced next week.  
**W. LATTER, Hon. D. Sec.**

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Guildford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Godalming on February 5th. 2.0.—Bells (8) available till 5.30.—Service conducted by the Vicar. 6.15.—Tea at The Little George hotel. After the business a social evening, including handbell music by the Godalming band, and change-ringing on handbells by the Guildford band.

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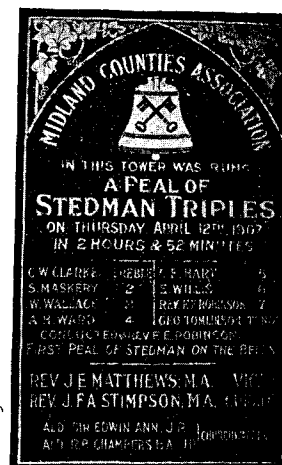
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## The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

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THE present affords us an opportunity for a little talk with our readers. In the first place we find the peal records increasing so much that we shall be compelled at a very early date to give a supplement in which will be comprised such records that are in arrear. When we have reduced these arrears we will deal with touch reports in the same way. Thus we shall be able to get clear of all such arrears. Though these various reports of performances are of importance, our friends should consider that there are other matters demanding attention; matters which have an equal claim. Our efforts are directed to please all, but this being naturally impossible in this sublunary region, we do the best we can. If thousands of our ringing brethren who now only use one copy of our paper among a whole company were to expend the modest penny in getting one for themselves we could do a great deal towards making "THE BELL NEWS" more worthy of the Exercise than at present.

Correspondents are asked not to send any communications written with pencil. It is quite enough sometimes to have to decipher words written with ink. One rev. gentleman's copy requires time to make out. Perhaps he is of the opinion that many talented authors have generally been behindhand in orthography as well as in penmanship.

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 Monday, December 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***HOLT'S ORIGINAL.**Tenor 21 cwt.*

THOMAS HENRY HAWKINS <i>Treble.</i>	GEORGE E. RAWLINGS .. 5.
EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 2.	ALBERT E. GODDARD .. 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 7.
FREDK. W. RICHARDSON .. 4.	FREDK. H. GOOCH .. <i>Tenor.</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. Charles Johnson, a former member of the St. Nicholas, Deptford, band, and who was interred on Wednesday, December 8th.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, January 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,***A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.***Tenor 22 cwt.*

ROBERT E. STAVERT <i>Treble.</i>	ISAAC G. SHADE .. 5.
GEORGE R. PYE .. 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. 6.
CHARLES T. COLES .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. 7.
JOHN J. LAMB .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. <i>Tenor.</i>

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, December 31, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, DEPTFORD,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***HOLT'S ORIGINAL.**Tenor 14 cwt.*

FREDERICK S. BACON* <i>Treble.</i>	†FREDK. W. RICHARDSON .. 5.
VICTOR PAVIER .. 2.	JOSEPH LAW .. 6.
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON .. 3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 7.
HERBERT E. WHITE .. 4.	*CHARLES H. MACKLIN .. <i>Tenor.</i>

Conducted by FREDK. WILLIAM RICHARDSON.

\*First peal †First peal as conductor. Rung on the 35th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, December 31, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***HOLT'S ORIGINAL.*

HARRY BARRETT <i>Treble.</i>	THOMAS G. DEAL .. 5.
EDMUND E. RICHARDS .. 2.	CHARLES WALKER .. 6.
HARRY WARRETT, JUN.* .. 3.	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. 7.
THOMAS TAYLOR .. 4.	WILLIAM R. OXLEY .. <i>Tenor.</i>

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

\*First peal with a bob bell. Rung on New Year's Eve as a birthday compliment to T. Taylor, who was 72 years of age on December 29th. Great credit is due to him for the very able way he rang his bell through the peal, the band congratulating him at the finish.

**The Provinces.****CARHAMPTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.****BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 4, 1909, in Three Hours Fifty-three Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s.

BERT STEVENS <i>Treble.</i>	ERNEST PARKER .. 4.
JOHN FAEMER* .. 2.	JAMES WATTS .. 5.
JAMES SULLY .. 3.	HENRY MOORE .. <i>Tenor.</i>

Conducted by JAMES WATTS.

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

**EDINBURGH.—THE ST. CUTHBERT'S SOCIETY.***On Saturday, December 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***PARKER'S ONE-PART.**Tenor 21 cwt.*

THOS. S. THOM† .. <i>Treble.</i>	W. C. S. HEATHCOTE .. 5.
R. J. G. THOM .. 2.	DAVID STOCKS .. 6.
WM. W. MEIKLE* .. 3.	†ALEXANDER THOMSON .. 7.
T. J. ADES .. 4.	*WILLIAM JOHNSTON .. <i>Tenor.</i>

Conducted by W. C. S. HEATHCOTE.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to D. Stocks, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

**GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***(NORTHERN BRANCH.)**On Saturday, December 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***HOLT'S TEN-PART.**Tenor 20 cwt.*

JOHN WILKINSON* .. <i>Treble.</i>	*WILLIAM DICKENSON .. 5.
JOHN THOMAS LADD† .. 2.	*WILLIAM WHELFTON .. 6.
WILLIAM PARRISH* .. 3.	*PERCY BALLANCE .. 7.
JOHN CHARLES TINKER .. 4.	*J. GEBALD M. BOWER .. <i>Tenor.</i>

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS LADD.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

**HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.****THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes.**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.***Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.*

JOHN B. MARTIN .. <i>Treble.</i>	JAMES GARRATT .. 5.
HERBERT RAINBOW .. 2.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. 6.
FREDERICK PALMER .. 3.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. 7.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 4.	FRED WILFORD .. <i>Tenor.</i>

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by F. WILFORD.

**EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, December 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,**AT CHRIST CHURCH,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.**Tenor 8½ cwt.*

WILLIAM WHITE <i>Treble.</i>	ARTHUR GOWER .. 5.
JOSEPH SHARP .. 2.	GEORGE H. HOWSE .. 6.
ARTHUR MILES .. 3.	EDWARD W. BRAY .. 7.
ERNEST GOWER .. 4.	CHARLES GATLAND .. <i>Tenor.</i>

Conducted by GEORGE H. HOWSE.

Rang as a birthday compliment to W. White. Further reference elsewhere.

**WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.****SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Monday, December 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.***Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.*

THOMAS BURKITT <i>Treble.</i>	JOHN H. JONES .. 6.
THOMAS HUGHES .. 2.	ALBERT BLUNDELL .. 7.
HORACE BELCHER .. 3.	GEORGE HUGHES .. 8.
WALTER E. BRITTAIN .. 4.	WILLIAM SMITH .. 9.
MOSES B. SMITH .. 5.	THOMAS JUSTICE .. <i>Tenor.</i>

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, and Conducted by G. HUGHES.

## HULL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
J. W. MOORHOUSE'S ONE-PART.

TOM STOCKDALE .. .. Treble.	THOMAS WHITFIELD .. .. 5.
HENRY RODMELL* .. .. 2.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 6.
LEONARD RODMELL* .. .. 3.	HENRY JENKINS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 4.	GEORGE HARE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

\*First peal in the method. In this peal the 4th, 5th and 6th are never called before, and it is now rung for the first time. Rung as a birthday compliment to Alfred Naylor.

## GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
JOSEPH W. PARKER'S SEVEN-PART.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Treble.	GEORGE T. POTTER .. .. 5.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 2.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 6.
JOSEPH W. PARKER .. .. 3.	ROBERT RICHARDS .. .. 7.
R. E. CHICHESTER .. .. 4.	JOHN STUART .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and was published in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 16th, 1909.

## WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 7, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

ALFRED ANDREWS .. Treble.	WILLIAM WELLING .. .. 5.
CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 2.	ROBERT E. STAVERT .. .. 6.
LEONARD STILWELL .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
EDGAR HANCOX .. .. 4.	BERTHAM PREWETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTHAM PREWETT.

Quickest peal on the bells. The ringers desire to thank the Rev. J. H. Ellison, M.A., for permission to attempt the peal.

## DISS, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 7, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR LUDER .. Treble.	GEORGE ARCHER .. .. 5.
ELLIS HAYWARD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM CHENERY .. .. 6.
CLEMENT MORE .. .. 3.	JOHN SOUTER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SALTER .. .. 4.	ABEL HART .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Archer, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 7, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

WILLIAM SMALLWOOD* .. Treble.	*THOMAS DITCHBURN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM NAISBY* .. .. 2.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON .. .. 6.
RALPH A. LOVIE* .. .. 3.	ROBERT W. LOVIE .. .. 7.
JOSEPH W. PARKER .. .. 4.	WM. T. ROBSON .. .. Tenor.

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First peal of Superlative in Sunderland by an entirely local band.

\*First peal in the method.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 7, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE WOODS .. Treble.	CHARLES PAGE .. .. 5.
ERNEST LONDON* .. .. 2.	ARTHUR PAINTER .. .. 6.
SIDNEY CHURTON .. .. 3.	FREDERICK PAGE .. .. 7.
JOHN WOODWARD .. .. 4.	JOSEPH SIMESTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY CHURTON.

\*First peal This peal was arranged for F. Page, who is leaving the district.

## TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 8, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being forty-two 6-scores.

M. MIDDLETON* .. Treble.	*W. FLOYDE .. .. 4.
R. POOLE* .. .. 2.	H. MOORE .. .. 5.
W. YEANDLE* .. .. 3.	*J. BLACKMORE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. MOORE.

\*First peal.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 8, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	EDWIN WHITING .. .. 5.
RANDALL GRIMBLE* .. .. 2.	HENRY GARNHAM .. .. 6.
WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 3.	ERNEST WHITING .. .. 7.
CHARLES BAKER .. .. 4.	FREDERICK ROOPE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. BARRETT and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

\*First peal in the method.

## ST. IPPOLYT'S, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 8, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Superlative Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Violet, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

LEONARD FIDLER .. Treble.	GEORGE T. CROFT .. .. 4.
JOHN HARE .. .. 2.	CHARLES V. HARE .. .. 5.
GEORGE WOLFE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. CROFT .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. CROFT.

First peal in seven Treble Bob Minor methods by all the band.

## STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 8, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.  
Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE JORDAN .. Treble.	JOHN LUCKEY .. .. 5.
THOMAS JORDAN .. .. 2.	THOMAS J. WATTS .. .. 6.
HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. PRIOR .. .. 7.
WALTER 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 Essex Association and the first in the method ever rung in the county of Essex. This is believed to be the first peal in the method ever rang in the eastern counties. This was T. J. Watts's rooth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

**BRATHAY.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

*On Wednesday, December 8, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,**At the Church of the Holy Trinity,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Violet, Duke of York, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 9 cwt.

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

Conducted by JOSEPH BACKHOUSE.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled to the memory of the late Miss S. M. Whyte, of Tarn Foot, who died on Wednesday, December 1st, and was interred at Brathay on Monday, December 6th.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, December 9, 1909, in Three Hours,**At the Church of St. Paul,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. Treble.	GEORGE ADES .. .. 5.
CHARLES PALMER .. .. 2.	PHILIP ALLFREY .. .. 6.
ERNEST GOWER .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
GEORGE HOWSE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM ALLFREY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

**GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.****THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, December 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,**At the Church of St. Nicholas,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOSEPH B. MILLER .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 4.
REV. ALFRED G. LANGDON .. 2.	HENRY WALLACE .. .. 5.
EDWARD SAGGERS .. .. 3.	BERNARD PATMORE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD PATMORE.

Rang on the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Walton respected parishioners.

**EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, December 10, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,**At Christ Church,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALBERT J. E. HARVEY* .. Treble.	GEORGE PENFOLD .. .. 5.
ERNEST GOWER .. .. 2.	EDWARD W. BRAY .. .. 6.
ARTHUR GOWER .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
GEORGE H. HOWSE .. .. 4.	JOSEPH SHARP .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Piper, one of the local ringers.

**PULFORD, CHESHIRE.****THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Friday, December 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,**At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs.

ERNEST JONES* .. Treble.	RICHARD JONES .. .. 5.
FREDERIC THOMAS .. .. 2.	GEORGE JONES .. .. 6.
ROBERT SPERRING .. .. 3.	SAMUEL MEADOWS .. .. 7.
GEORGE FIERCE† .. .. 4.	JAMES MORGAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

\*First peal. †First peal of Major. ‡First peal of Bob Major. Quickest peal of Bob Major on the bells.

**BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.**At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE .. Treble.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 5.
CHARLES PALMER .. .. 2.	PHILIP ALLFREY .. .. 6.
ERNEST GOWER .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
GEORGE HOWSE .. .. 4.	ALBERT W. WHEALE .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

**CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 11, 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 15 cwt.

GEORGE HOWSE .. Treble.	ERNEST GOWER .. .. 5.
ALBERT D. STONE .. .. 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 6.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 3.	FREDERICK RICE .. .. 7.
CHARLES PALMER .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN, and  
Conducted by KEITH HART.

**LINCOLN.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wednesday, December 15, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,**At the Church of St. Peter-at-Arches,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY W. KIRTON .. Treble.	GEORGE FLINTHAM .. .. 5.
REV. REGINALD BOND* .. 2.	*FRED PYLE .. .. 6.
GEORGE CHESTER .. .. 3.	JOHN W. WATSON .. .. 7.
TOM PYLE .. .. 4.	STANLEY WOLFE .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method.

**BUSHEY, HERTS.****THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, December 15, 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.

MAURICE F. R. HIRRETT .. Treble.	FRANCIS A. SMITH .. .. 5.
JOSEPH J. ALLEN .. .. 2.	ROBERT E. STAVERT .. .. 6.
THOMAS R. SCOTT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD.

Rung on the coming of age of E. H. Cuthbertson, esq., of Bushey House. All the above belong to the local company.

**SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.****THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Thursday, December 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,**At the Church of St. John,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

HARRY WITHERS .. Treble.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
JOHN NEALE .. .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Thomas Pigott, who was interred at Smethwick old church on the above date.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 16, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN E. KENNINGTON .. Treble.	JAMES I. READ .. .. 5.
HAROLD RUSHBY .. .. 2.	JOHN W. SEAMER .. .. 6.
RALPH S. LONG .. .. 3.	CHARLES TAYLOR .. .. 7.
A. WILLIAM LONG .. .. 4.	ARTHUR B. SHEPHERD .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HRYWOOD, and Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

\*First peal in the method. Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 16, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	HENRY GARNHAM .. .. 5.
CHARLES BAKER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 6.
EDWIN WHITING .. .. 3.	*ERNEST WHITING .. .. 7.
FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. 4.	FREDERICK ROOPE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT, and Conducted by FREDK. BORRETT.

\*First peal in the method.

Handbell Peal.

WATFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 22, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. WM. WARD, 66, ST. ALBANS ROAD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES.

HUBERT EDEN .. .. 1-2.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 5-6.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 3-4.	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. 7-8.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and  
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—William Ward, who ticked off every lead-end. First Surprise peal on handbells in the county, by the Association, and by all the band.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The ringer of the 3rd in the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Feltham on November 25th. and published in our last issue, was John Henry Howes, not John Howes as stated.

Date Touches.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Friday, December 31st, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 16 mins. H. Torr, J. T. Ladd, W. Dickenson, J. C. Tinker, P. Ballance, G. Wilson, F. S. Butler conductor, R. S. Lakin. Composed by C. Jackson, of Hull. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the departing of the old year. R. S. Lakin was elected a member previous to starting.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

IPSWICH (Suffolk).—On Friday, December 31st, at St. Clement's church, a date touch of Bob Minor, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 14 mins. F. Kinsey, A. E. Durrant, F. W. Tillet, W. Kinsey, A. W. Clark, H. G. Welham conductor.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOCTON (Lincolnshire).—On Friday, November 12th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. G. Tindall, J. Semper, E. Semper, H. Bowcock, C. Semper, F. W. Stokes conductor. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

ANSTEY.—On Thursday, October 28th, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Simpson, J. Jackson, E. Jackson, D. Richards, J. Bottrill conductor, A. Gelsthorpe, A. Bramley, A. Mason. And 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Cufflin, J. Jackson, A. Mason conductor, D. Richards, E. Jackson, A. Gelsthorpe, A. Bramley, J. Bottrill. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of the Rev. J. K. and Mrs. Williams.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NETLEY ABBEY.—On Saturday, October 16th, 720 College Exercise Minor. G. Noice, H. Wilkes, L. Page, W. H. George, W. T. Tucker, G. Williams conductor. Rang after meeting short for a peal of Double Norwich. On Saturday, October 23rd, an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich was lost through the treble rope breaking after ringing 2 hrs. 40 mins., and with in six courses from home. W. G. Rowe, W. T. Tucker, H. W. Wilkes, L. H. Page, F. S. Bayley, W. H. George, E. J. Harding, G. Williams conductor.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Wednesday, October 20th, at the monthly practice, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Hands, G. Williams conductor, F. S. Paskins, J. Elcombe, J. Walker, W. H. George, T. Cole, W. G. Fowler.

WOKING (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, October 31st, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. W. Lee, J. Brackley, G. Harding, D. Hampton conductor, T. Stredwich, E. Hamblin. First 720 by the local band.

CRANLEIGH (Surrey).—On Wednesday, November 11th, for practice, 673 Bob Major. H. Tidy, W. Streeter, G. Farnfield, J. J. Jones, A. Charman, W. Denyer, R. Whittington, W. Charman conductor. Longest touch in the method, on the bells, and by all except the ringers of the 4th and 7th.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES (Sussex).—On Wednesday, November 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Walters, C. Morling, F. Fears, W. Clayton, A. Simmons, J. C. Morling, G. Piper K. J. Dawe.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday morning, October 31st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. E. Webb, F. G. Goddard, A. R. Macdonald, W. Lidbetter, T. Beadle, C. Dell conductor, G. Spencer, H. Parslow. Rung on the occasion of the Dedication Festival. On October 31st, for evening service, 1036 Grandsire Triples. E. Webb, T. Beadle, G. Spencer, W. Lawrence conductor, C. Dell, H. Parslow, F. Goddard, H. Beadle.

HOUNSLOW.—On October 29th, at St. Paul's church, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. H. Parslow, G. Spencer, A. Macdonald, C. Dell, T. Beadle, W. Lawrence, W. Welling conductor, W. Watson.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, October 3rd, 720 each of Woodbine and Duke of York. On Sunday, October 10th, 720 each of Woodbine and Lichfield Surprise. On Thursday, October 14th, 720 Bob Minor. On Sunday, October 17th, 720 each of Bob Minor and Chichester Surprise. On Sunday, October 24th 720 College Single. L. Clarkson, G. Clarkson, G. Hobbs, W. Wheeldon, J. Preston, C. Preston, D. Preston. Conducted by C. and D. Preston, and W. Wheeldon.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Tuesday, November 9th, at St.



Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major in 53 mins. A. L. Coleman, W. Malins, C. Wheeler, H. White, W. Taylor, G. W. Murray, J. W. Chandler, J. B. Fenton conductor. On Monday, November 22nd, a quarter-peal of Kent Major in 50 mins. J. A. Fenton, J. W. Chandler, H. White, W. Malins, S. Small, C. W. Wheeler, J. B. Fenton conductor, F. Sear.

EAST GRINSTEAD (Sussex).--Recently for evening service at St. Swithin's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 52 mins. S. Cherson, H. Castle, S. Huggett, R. Allin, J. Lock, T. Tullett, J. Wren conductor, W. F. Moore. On Thursday, November 25th, for practice, 280 Grandsire Triples. H. Castle, R. Allin, A. Huggett, S. Huggett, J. Lock, G. Izzard, J. Wren conductor, F. Day. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Cherson, H. Castle, A. Huggett, H. Bish, J. Lock, J. Wren. T.

Tullett conductor, F. Day. And another 504 of Grandsire Triples standing in the same order.

HARROW WEALD.--On Wednesday, December 1st, at All Saints church, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 25 mins. J. Pavley, W. Cox, J. Furness conductor, P. Pavley, W. Hall, J. Martin.

LONDON.--On Sunday morning, November 28th, at All Hallows Barking, Tower Hill, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins. A. J. Neale, A. Walker conductor, A. Scambler, W. Truss, H. Torble, E. J. Webb, W. Theobald, A. Joyce.

LUTON (Beds).--On Tuesday, November 30th, 704 Kent Major. N. Payne, C. Mayne, B. Wilson, H. Wood, H. Shepherd, C. Wing, H. Walker, A. King conductor.

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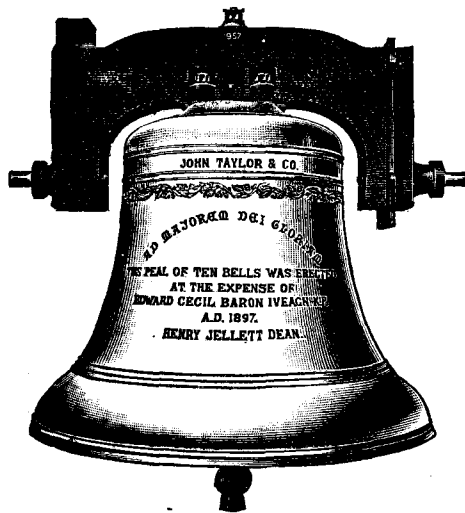
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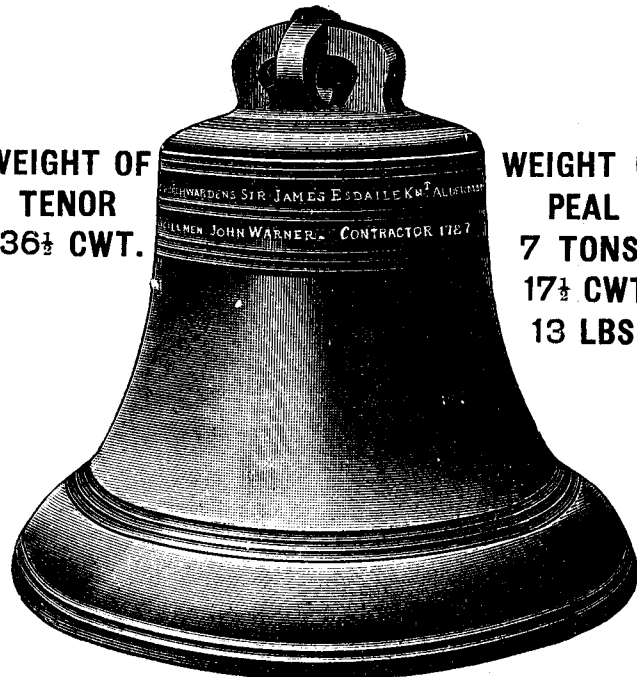
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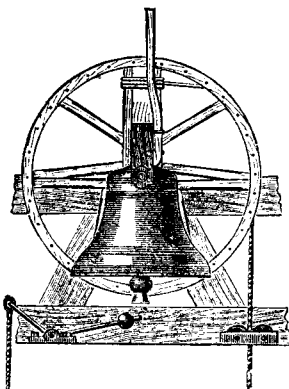
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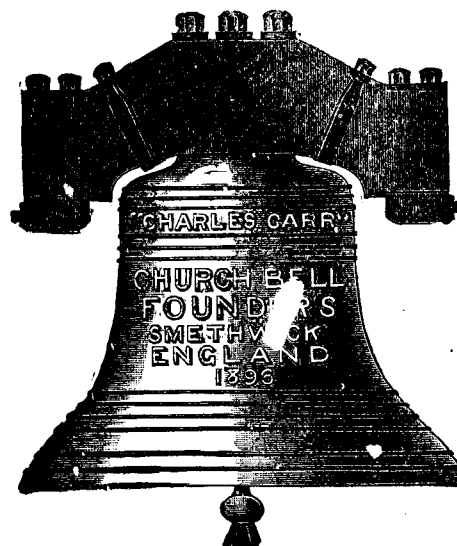
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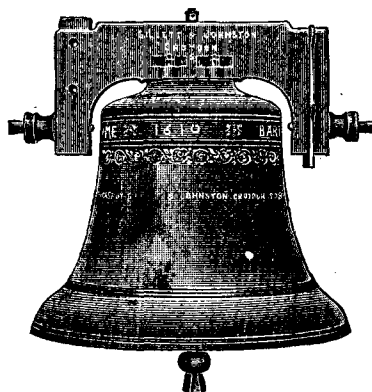
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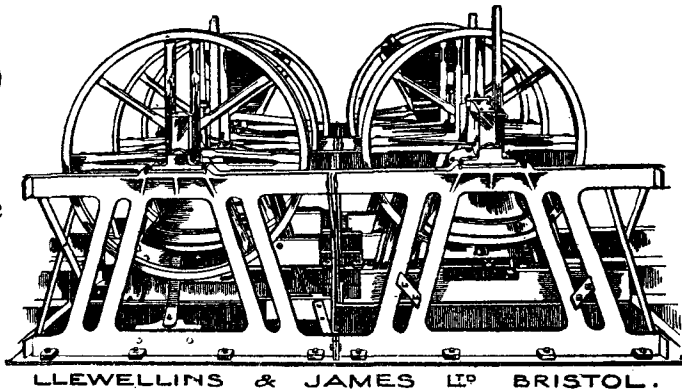
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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The Second Session of the Seventh Council (20th Annual Meeting) will be held at Manchester on Whitsun Tuesday, May 17th, 1910. Reports of Committees and Notices of Motion should reach me not later than Saturday, April 16th, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in "THE BELL NEWS." Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations will kindly bear in mind that Affiliation Fees (2s. 6d. for each elected representative) became due on the 1st inst., and should be forwarded to me as soon as possible. The rights of representatives whose quota has not been paid are in abeyance until payment has been made. I shall be glad if they will at the same time kindly inform me of any change in their own address since last year, or in that of any representative, or of any change in the representation itself.

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## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8th, this Association held a quarterly meeting at Leighton Buzzard.

A goodly company met there, the following places being represented: Bedford, Bletchley, Bromham, Bradwell, Dunstable, Elstow, Husborne Crawley, Linslade, Luton, Northampton, and Wing. The bells were kept going to Grandsire, Stedman Triples and Caters, Treble Bob Major and Royal, and Double Norwich.

Tea was served at 5 p.m., after which followed the business. Four persons were elected as members. Owing to the retirement of the Ven. Archdeacon Bathurst from the archdeaconry, it was decided to ask Bishop Hodges, the new archdeacon, to fill the office in the society.

Mr. Barker announced that the memorial tablet to the late honorary secretary—Mr. Isaac Hills—would be unveiled on Easter Monday, and invited all subscribers and friends to be present.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Nichols for preparing the bells and belfry for the society, and for arranging such an excellent tea.

About 7.30 p.m. some of the members repaired to the parish church of Linslade, where some touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung.

It was a most instructive meeting for the young hands, and those more advanced confessed that they had spent a most enjoyable time.

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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.

The following lines are taken from *The Derby Daily Telegraph* :—

## "ON BELL-RINGING AT YULETIDE.

"BY A DERBY RINGER.

"The ringing of church bells is a matter which appeals to different folk according to their different points of view. There are those, as your correspondence column has recently testified, who at certain times find the reverberating clangour of the bells disturbing and nerve-racking. To most of us, however, as the time be opportune, the sound of the bells is a joyous harmony, conjuring up sweet associations of the past. But the great majority of those even who welcome the merry chimes of the church bells know little or nothing of the art of ringing them as practised by such little companies as gather in St. Andrew's belfry. If they did they would appreciate the music of the bells the more for recognition of the intricacy and skill required for their manipulation. The listener, to whom a well struck peal conveys nothing more than a sense of harmony, is apt to regard the tuneful music of the carillon as a more accomplished achievement. As a matter of fact, while change-ringing is an art, required centuries for its development, and demands years of study and mental concentration upon all who take part in it, the carillon is generally a simple piece of automatic machinery, with no more soul in it than a child's musical box. It has been said that chime-ringing has suffered in these latter years from apathy and neglect, and that the teams now possessing the skill and precision necessary to carry them through a peal of Grandsire Triples, not to speak of Caters and Royal, are few indeed. Certainly, if churchmen had a full appreciation of the beauties and intricacies of chime-ringing, the craft would not suffer such neglect, for few of those who have once mastered its fascinations ever lose their interest in this pleasant exercise.

"The uninitiated will understand a little of the difficulties when it is stated that to ring a peal of Triples, the common form of exercise with eight bells, involves the whole of the bells being struck 5040 times, each time in a different order, the changes following upon a pre-arranged scheme. Starting with a straightforward run down the octave, every possible combination of the eight bells is sounded in a perfect peal, no combination more than once, the bells falling back smoothly into the ordered round after 5040 changes. To conduct such a peal extending without a pause several hours, is an achievement demanding as much skill and concentration as the conducting of a full orchestra through the score of an oratorio, and to ring it every man must be well practised, mentally alert, and physically fit. As recently as Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1909, at the Church of St. Andrew's, a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes, was rung in two hours and 54 minutes; and on Christmas Day at the same church, the longest length of change ringing in Derby in the more intricate method, known as the Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 6,680 changes, in three hours and 49 minutes. Those who find the efforts of the ringers somewhat trying

at times, would probably listen with a more appreciative ear did they but know skill involved in their exercise. At the same time it is incumbent upon those in authority to take care that the music of the bells does not become a nuisance and a burden as it may easily do in a populous town like Derby, where many houses are crowded round church belfries, and the hours of employment are so irregular that any time in the day or night will find a section of workers taking their rest. Bell-ringing may easily be an affliction, especially to the sick. In the country it is an entirely different matter, and from certain points of view it is probably a happy circumstance that the science of change-ringing is more enthusiastically studied in village steeples than in those of big towns. At the same time we must beware of becoming too sensitive and querulous in this matter of sound, for utterly to still the tongue of the church bells would be to rob life of beauty and to destroy one of those influences which undoubtedly bring joy and brightness at this season of the year."

#### THE ST. THOMAS'S SOCIETY, ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Monday, January 3rd, the members of this Society, together with the sidesmen and Collectors of St. Thomas's Abbey church were invited by the Rev. Father Lambert Nolle, O.S.B., who is President of the Society, to a meat supper in the club room, when a splendid spread of good things had full justice bestowed upon them. Afterwards music, songs and recitations were given by members of the company present, and a touch of Stedman Caters was brought round on the handbells. A very enjoyable evening was spent, which seemed all too short, and after a hearty vote of thanks to the rev. father had been proposed, seconded and unanimously carried, his health was drank with musical honours, the company singing "For he's a jolly good fellow."

His reverence, in reply, expressed his gratification at the way in which the ringers had performed their duties during the past. The meeting afterwards closed, and all agreed that it was the most successful meeting in the history of the Society.

#### ANOTHER PEAL WITH "FATHER."

Happening to meet Jimmy in the High Street the other day we mutually stopped for the usual ringing gossip, when he remarked—"We are going to Cranleigh with the Reverend, on Saturday," and I said I was glad to hear it, and should like to ring another one myself sometime or other, little expecting to hear any more; so was agreeably surprised on Friday to be asked to take Jimmy's place, as he had a funeral job. At the same time he informed me that there was illness at Cranleigh, and if we could not ring there we could go on to either Chiddingfold or Haslemere, but that if we did not hear before train time it would be all right. So at 2.13 I made my way to Guildford Station, and there met Father and five members of the Old Brigade, and one of the chips of the old block—a promising member of the New. We duly arrived at Cranleigh, and were met by our enthusiastic tenor-man, who informed us that a funeral would take place directly, and we could not start till later. Having admired Cranleigh, and ran across a Dunsfold ringer, with his little son on a cycle carrier, who gravely informed us that he was going to ring the tenor to daddy's bells some day, we made our

way up into the ancient tower in readiness. As the Rector of Cranleigh (the Rev. P. Cunningham, R.D.) had expressed a wish to see the men, we waited his arrival, and Father having explained that the train service prevented acceptance of the Rector's proffered hospitality, and that we should have to lock him out before starting the peal, so that he could not see the start as he very much wished to do, a compromise was agreed upon—that we should ring a short touch first. Father had announced his intention of ringing at the front end, and Pulling was going to call it. We were shaping up, when after looking wistfully at the 7th rope Father said "I'll ring her for the touch just to see how she goes," and commenced reciting the usual Office, and once more we heard the beautiful words—"Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings," in the well-known tones of the Master, a trifle husky perhaps, but with all of the old majesty and solemnity.

The Rector having expressed his best wishes for success, the doors were locked behind him, and "Where are you going to ring, sir," was asked. Well, she goes like a top, and I think I can manage her all right," and Pulling having remarked he would be only too pleased to hear the master call another peal "Go" was called and a very good peal scored. The belfry is rather noisy, and was partly responsible for the few slight trips which occurred, as it was almost impossible to make oneself heard, or to understand what was said. J. J. J.

#### HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

The annual meeting of the Halesworth and Chediston companies of bell-ringers took place on Friday evening last, the members prior to business being invited to partake of a capital dinner by their president, Rev. A. R. Upcher, M.A., Rector and rural dean. This was served at the Swan Hotel in Host Kent's best style, and after a few touches on the church bells, 24 sat down to a bountiful spread about 7 o'clock. The chair was taken by the Rector, who was supported by Mr. Jas. Parry and Mr. H. A. Mullens, churchwardens, the Misses R. and K. Stanford, Messrs. F. C. Lambert (hon. secretary), J. Howard (treasurer), F. Watling (Saxmundham), W. Baker, &c. At the conclusion of the dinner the Rector proposed the health of his Majesty King Edward VII., which was drunk, and one verse of "God save the King" heartily sung by all present. The toast of the Churchwardens given by Mr. F. Lambert was most cordially received, Mr. Mullens and Mr. Parry in response both testifying to the interest they took in the ringers as church workers, and the pleasure it gave them to be present that evening. The Secretary's report was then read, which showed that the ringing for Sunday services had been maintained, the practices better attended, and a new method taken up. Members had taken part in three peals of 5,040 changes during the past year.

#### SANDHURST, BERKS.

During 1909 the St. Michael's band rang 153 7208 at the parish church in the following methods: Bob Minor 47; Kent Treble Bob 53; Oxford Treble Bob 25; Woodbine 17; Duke of York, 3; Grandsire 6; Oxford Bob 1; College Single 1. The following members took part: J. Moth, 152; H. Watts, 75; A. Payne, 128; C. Doe, 94; M. Goddard, 131; J. Pitts, 97; A. Wooderson, 121; L. Goswell, 92; A. Prior, 5; A. Collins, 1; W. Horne, 19; C. Smart, 1; W. Elliott, 1; J. W. Russell, 1. The last four were visitors. The conducting was shared by J. Moth, 124; A. Payne, 19; C. Doe, 7; and M. Goddard, 3.

## THE FIGURES OF THE RECORD PEAL.

18,027 STEDMAN CATERS.

By G. LINDOFF.

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261435	*	463251	-	S	-	365241
162534	-	364152	-	-	-	563142
164235	-	362451	-	-	-	562341
165432	-	361254	-	-	-	561243
561234	-	163452	-	-	-	165342
564132	-	162354	-	-	-	162543
		164253	-	-	-	163245
		461352	-	-	-	361542
		462153	-	-	-	362145
		264351	-	-	-	263541
		261453	-	-	-	261345
		263154	-	-	-	265143
		263451	S	-	-	265341
		362154	-	-	-	562143
		364251	-	-	-	563241
		361452	-	-	-	561342
		163254	-	-	-	165243
		164352	-	-	-	163542
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		264153	-	-	-	263145
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216453	312564
612354	213465
614253	215364
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214653	315264
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416253	512354
516342	215463
612345	213564
	214365

\*1, 2, 7, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16.

†2, 6, 9, 15, 16.

Rung at Loughborough on Easter Monday, April 12th, 1909, in 12 hours 18 minutes. Conducted by W. Pye.

## DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By JOHN W. BARKER.

5008.

23456	1	4	5	6
35624	3	-	-	-
26534	-	-	-	-
65234	-	-	-	-
52634	-	-	-	-
36254	-	-	-	-
62354	-	-	-	-
53264	-	-	-	-
32564	-	-	-	-
42365	-	-	-	-
25364	-	-	-	-
56324	-	-	-	-
23654	-	-	-	-
53426	-	-	-	-
24356	-	-	-	-
43256	-	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-	-
54236	-	-	-	-
42536	-	-	-	-
35246	-	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-	-
34526	-	-	-	-
25436	-	-	-	-

Repeat calling of last eleven courses twice substituting Single for Bob at 1 in first course of first repetition.

By THE SAME AUTHOR.

5120.

23456	1	4	5	6
35426	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-	-

Four times repeated substituting Single for Bob at 6 in tenth course of 2nd and 4th parts. First rung at Bedford, May 14th, 1908.

## WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.

The grouting of the tower walls having been completed, the weekly practices have been resumed. The practices are held on Wednesday evening in each week from 7 to 9 o'clock. It is intended to devote the first Wednesday in each month to the practice of Treble Bob methods. Sunday service ringing commences at 10.15 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Visitors will be heartily welcomed at all times.

3, Culver Villas,  
Winchester.JAS. W. ELKINS,  
District Sec.

## Correspondence.

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

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

## SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

SIR,—I shall be glad if you will publish the following revised and corrected parts of my peals recently withdrawn from your columns.

A joined to B is the correct peal for that published November 27th ult. B is the correct first ten courses for peal published on December 4th ult. in "THE BELL NEWS." There are the same as sent you a fortnight ago, but now condensed in form and coupled with the 5088 given below, which is on a new plan, by having 4-5-6 exclusively in 6th place at course ends, with the 6th at the last eleven in that position. H. DAINS.

5088.				5024.			
23456	M	W	H	23456	M	W	H
45236	-	-	-	45236	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-	63254	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-	26354	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-	32654	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-	53624	-	-	-
62345	x	-	-	62534	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-	56234	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-	42635	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-	63425	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-	46325	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-	34625	-	-	-
				25634	54	-	-
				25346	x	-	-
5024.				5024.			
23456	M	W	H	23456	M	W	H
42356	-	-	-	42356	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-	53624	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-	62534	-	-	-
36254	-	-	-	36254	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-	42635	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-	63425	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-	46325	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-	34625	-	-	-
25634	54	-	-	25634	54	-	-
25346	x	-	-	63254	-	-	-
				26354	-	-	-
				32654	-	-	-
				32546	x	-	-

## STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—Seeing Mr. Lindoff's twelve-part of Stedman Triples in this week's "BELL NEWS," I compared it with one that I had by me that was composed in 1908, and thought it should be published, if only to draw attention to the method.

I found in trying to obtain original peals on the twin-bob plan that Stedman is far different to any other method that I have approached. I found that on the face great alterations can be made but to obtain a really original composition was exceedingly difficult.

What do other composers think? A friend in the city stated to me that "the science of composition on the old plan in most methods is nearly played out," and to my mind, sir, that gentleman was not far wrong; of course it may be our foolish way of looking at it. I will admit that the composer of the future may obtain "circuits" with intricate calling and bad music but the conductors will only smile. What are the thoughts of our leading composers regarding the situation?

I have been trying for some considerable time for that 5024 of Double Norwich, my nearest approach I enclose.

24, St. Leonard's Avenue, Bedford.

JOHN W. BARKER.

## A 12-PART PEAL.

5040.

231456  
346125 Single 2  
216435 L  
523416 H L Q

Repeat last two courses five times; omitting Q in 2nd and 5th parts, and adding Single 14 at end of the 6th part gives:—

231456  
342516 S H Q  
416523 S H  
123564 S H  
653214 S Q  
514236 S H  
136245 S H  
345261 S H  
461253 S H

Repeat these eight courses five times, omitting the H in the first course of all remaining parts except the 4th part. Composed September 21st, 1908. J. W. B.

## THE LATE MR. JAMES MOULTON.

There was laid to rest on Tuesday, November 2nd, in Castleton Church yard, Lancashire, Mr. James Moulton, late of Chester, who twelve months ago, through the state of trade in his native city, had to seek employment in another direction, and during that period was in the employ of David Bridge and Co., engineers.

In his native city he was very well known and respected by the clergy and ringers, always willing to assist and educate the young practitioner in the art of campanalogia.

His first step in change ringing was in the tower of S. Mary-on-the-Hill in the year 1878. There was only six bells in this tower at that time; the progress that was made was very remarkable for almost all Minor methods were rung in which the deceased ringer took an important part.

In 1879 he joined the Chester Cathedral Band, and in October of that year he rung his first peal of Grandsire Triples (Mr. John Holt's ten-part peal) under the conductorship of the late Mr. Freeman Ball. He also rung the 6th through the only peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, that up to the present time has been rung on these bells; another peal of Grandsire Triples and one peal of Stedman Triples he has rung in this tower.

He had been successful in ringing many peals on the bells of S. Mary-without-the-Walls, but when the bells of S. Mary-on-the-Hill was incorporated into a peal of eight by the present Rector and Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild, the Ven. Archdeacon Barber, he threw great enthusiasm into the work of bringing the standard of change-ringing into this belfry equal to any eight-bell tower in the City, and right well have they maintained this position. He was very clever on hand-bells, would ring double handed in all standard methods, and having a keen ear for music, excelled on the fairy bells, for on this instrument he could tap any method he could ring up to and including Maximus.

When his death became known among his many ringing friends in Chester arrangements were made to ring a muffled peal on the Cathedral bells, but through sickness in the neighbourhood an adjournment had to be made to S. Mary-without-the-Walls, when a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, the late ringer's own composition, but in the last course it came to grief, for which the ringers present were greatly disappointed.

He had never kept a record of the number of peals he had rung, but it is believed they number about eighty.

The Vicar of Castleton, the Rev. B. Reed, M.A., officiated in the church and at the grave side. The plate on the coffin bore the simple inscription, "James Moulton, aged 46 years." The principal mourners were his brother, Mr. William Moulton, of Huddersfield; Mrs. S. Whyne (London), and Mrs. J. Harrison (Manchester), sisters; Mr. S. J. Bethell and Mr. W. Wright, of Castleton (late of Chester), and a number of sympathising ringers and friends from the neighbouring churches of Middleton and Rochdale.

T. J. BETHELL.

[This account has by accident been overlooked.—ED.]

## 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 January 18th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 20th; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 24th; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 17th; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 25th; all at 8 p.m.

The subscription of rs. 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 Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on Saturday, February 5th. Tower open for ringing at 3.45. Evensong at 5.30. Arrangements will be made for a tea in the Parish Room at 6 o'clock, if sufficient members notify by the 31st inst. their intention of being present. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**

32 Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**The Royal Cumbertand Youths.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields today Saturday, January 15th. Tower open at 3.30.

**F. BENNETT, Hon. Sec.**

3, Haris Lane, New Cross, S.E.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham to-day, Sat., January 15th. Bells ready at 2.30 Meeting 4.0 p.m. **ARTHUR H. DAVIES, Branch Sec.**

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby to-day, Sat., January 15th. Bells ready at 5. **WALTER HUGHES, Br. Sec.**

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch, to-day, Sat., January 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. **T. ROLLERSON, Br. Sec.**

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Nottingham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Long Eaton on Saturday, January 15th, from 3.30 to 9. Meeting at 6 o'clock. Will all members please attend. **REUBEN CLIFFORD, Local Hon. Sec.**

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Divine Service at 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. J. E. Dawson (Rector). Tea will be provided in the Village Hall for those who send me their names not later than Wednesday, January 19th. Business meeting to follow. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.

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

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Meat tea (9d. 0 members), at The White Lion inn at 5.30 p.m. Will those attending tea kindly inform Mr. J. J. Cawdell, White Horse Street, Baldock, not later than January 21st.

**H. S. REEVES, Hon. Sec**

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at All Saints, Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 7 p.m. prompt. **JAS. JACQUES, Sec.**

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Guildford District.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Farnham on Saturday, January 22nd. The Rector of Farnham kindly invites those present to tea at the Church House at 5 p.m. Bells (8) available from 6 to 8. Those intending to be present kindly notify me by the 19th inst.

**JOHN J. JONES, Dis. Sec.**

North Street, Guildford.

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—A meeting of the North and West District of the above Association will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, January 22nd, by the kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. G. H. Siddans. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m., and the Hon. Secretary will arrange for a plain tea in the parish hall at 5 p.m. sharp on the usual terms, if members will kindly notify their intention to be present. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1910 are now due. **ARTHUR T. KING, Hon Sec.**

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Sawston (8 bells), on Saturday, January 22nd. Tea at 5 o'clock.

**P. WEBB, Dis. Sec.**

**The Surrey Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells at St. Mary's available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at The Plough at 6 o'clock, and the annual meeting after.

**CHAS DEAN, Hon. Sec.**

59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

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

**Central Northamptonshire Association.**—Quarterly meetings will be held at Cogenhoe on January 22nd; Raunds and Kettering on the 29th; and Wellingborough on February 5th. Usual arrangements.

**F. WILFORD, General Sec.**

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, January 29th. For full particulars see Association circular. **CLEMENT GLENN, Hon. Sec.**

40, Percy Street, Rotherham.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Guildford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Godalming on February 5th. 2.0.—Bells (8) available till 5.30.—Service conducted by the Vicar. 6.15.—Tea at The Little George hotel. After the business a social evening, including handbell music by the Godalming band, and change-ringing on handbells by the Guildford band.

**JOHN J. JONES, Dis. Sec.**

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eastwood on Saturday, January 29th. The eight bells at the parish church will be available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4. Tea (rs. each) at 4.45, followed by general meeting, both in the schoolroom. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. J. P.

Pollard, Market Place, Eastwood, not later than previous Thursday.

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

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service in church at 5. Tea, rs. each, in schoolroom at 6. Those intending to be present should notify me not later than January 24th.

**H. KNIGHT, Hon. Sec.**

15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Battle (8 bells), on Saturday, January 29th. Ringing from 3.15 till 5. Service at 5. Tea and meeting at 5.30. Members wishing to be present at tea must let me know by Wednesday, January 26th. Will secretaries of bands please note that subscriptions for 1910 are now due, and should be sent on to the undersigned as soon as possible.

**GEO. H. HOWSE, Div. Hon. Sec.**

132, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—South Bucks. and East Berks. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at High Wycombe on Saturday, January 29th. Towers of High Wycombe, West Wycombe, and Hughenden open after 2 o'clock. Service in the parish church, High Wycombe, at 4.30. Tea at 5.30 in the Guildhall.

**REV. S. WINTER, Hon. Sec.**

Medmenham Vicarage, Marlow.

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Marden on Saturday, January 29th. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Committee meeting at 4.15. Tea at 5.45, followed by general meeting at The Chequers hotel. Sixpence per head will be charged towards cost of the tea. Members intending to attend the meeting are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, January 26th. No travelling allowances are paid at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due, and should be either paid at the meeting or sent to the District Secretary. **W. LATTEY Hon. Dis. Sec.**

26 Dukes Road, Tonbridge Wells.

**The Warwickshire Guild.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas church, Warwick, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea at The Dale Temperance hotel at 5.15. Meeting after tea, and the presentation of wedding present to the Master of the Guild.

**ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, Hon. Sec.**

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Eastern Counties Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Moulton on Saturday, February 5th. Dinner at The Swan inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 3d. each. Divine Service at the parish church at 3.30 p.m. Further particulars of **Pinchbeck, Spalding. G. LADD, Hon. Sec.**

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—Power Loom Overlookers Association.—James Booth Benefit Fund.—Will the ringers who have books for the above fund please send in duplicates as early as possible, to avoid a rush at the close, to Chas. Morrell, Hon. Sec. to the fund. **CHAS. BOWER.**

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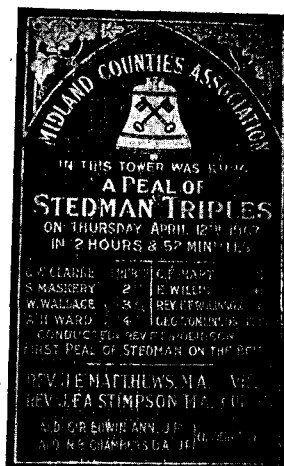
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Tenor 28 cwt.

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Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

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Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

\*First peal of Triples.

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Composed by ISAAC G. SHADE, and Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

\*First peal in the method. Rang as a birthday compliment to W. H. Lambert.

### DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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JOSEPH E. SYKES .. .. Treble.	TITUS BARLOW .. .. 5.
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THOMAS PEERS .. .. 3.	JOHN POTTER .. .. 7.
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Rung to celebrate the completion of twenty-five years' ministry in the parish of the Vicar, the Rev. G. N. Wilmer, M.A.

### CARLTON-IN-CLEVELAND, YORKS.

#### CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

F. A. MELLANBY .. .. Treble.	*A. TEMPLE .. .. 5.
J. W. NEWTON .. .. 2.	J. G. HALL .. .. 6.
A. SIMPSON .. .. 3.	T. METCALFE .. .. 7.
G. WINDSOR .. .. 4.	*F. C. MCCARTHY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. METCALFE.

\*First peal. F. C. McCarthy was proposed a member before starting. †Fiftieth peal; reference elsewhere.

### GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being 720 each of Violet, Oxford Delight, Duke of York, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ARTHUR CROFT* .. .. Treble.	*ROBERT WILKINSON .. .. 4.
GEORGE T. CROFT .. .. 2.	†SAMUEL E. ROBERTS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. CROFT .. .. 3.	*ROBERT G. KING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT G. KING.

\*First peal of Treble Bob Minor. †First peal of Minor. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of A. H. Browning, esq., and Miss G. V. Poynter.

### WHITTLESEA, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

#### PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor about 19 cwt.

J. BARRETT .. .. Treble.	J. KING .. .. 5.
J. EDWARDS .. .. 2.	G. SMITH .. .. 6.
S. GOAKES .. .. 3.	C. GOAKES .. .. 7.
A. GOAKES .. .. 4.	A. NEAL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by C. GOAKES.

First peal of Major by this newly-formed Association.

### UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. Treble.	ALBERT WRIGHT .. .. 5.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 2.	GEORGE MILEHAM .. .. 6.
ALFRED A. WAITE .. .. 3.	FRANK COLE .. .. 7.
JESSE GILLET .. .. 4.	GEORGE CONDICK .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN WALDEN .. .. Treble.	GEORGE SCOTT .. .. 5.
FREDERICK W. STOKES .. 2.	JOHN CRAGG .. .. 6.
THOMAS CRAGG .. .. 3.	JOHN P. PALEY, JUN. .. 7.
ARCHIE C. STOKES .. .. 4.	JOHN W. WOOD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by JOHN W. WOOD.  
Rung in honour of the marriage of Edward Hussey, Packe, esq., of Prestwold Hall and Caythorpe Hall, with the Hon. Mary Colebrooke, daughter of Lord and Lady Colebrooke.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF CHARITY,

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

WILLIAM WOOD .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK HUNT .. .. 5.
HERBERT BAKER .. .. 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 6.
ALBERT BIGGS .. .. 3.	EDWARD TRENDALL .. 7.
SAMUEL R. GARNER .. .. 4.	GEORGE WOOD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. TRENDALL.

SWINDON, WILTS.  
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.  
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

ROBERT W. HYNER .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE W. TOWNSEND .. 5.
ALFRED LAWRENCE .. .. 2.	OLIVER NORMAN .. .. 6.
OWEN W. LAYNG .. .. 3.	THOMAS ROBINSON .. .. 7.
CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 4.	ERNEST BISHOP .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by ERNEST BISHOP.

\*First peal in the method.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.  
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

LEONARD A. H. AMBROSE .. Treble.	SYDNEY J. WILTSHIRE .. 5.
ALEXANDER EVANS .. .. 2.	FREDERICK H. PEARCE .. 6.
TOM DANIELS .. .. 3.	FREDERICK W. MERRITT .. 7.
WILLIAM S. HULBERT .. 4.	ALFRED MARK MERRITT .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALEXANDER EVANS.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 18, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM FISHER* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 5.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 2.	SERGT MAJOR PYE .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 7.
CHARLES T. COLES* .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. PYE, and Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

\*First peal of Bristol. First by the Association. C. T. Coles was elected a member previous to starting.

QUEENSBURY, NEAR BRADFORD, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE AND HALIFAX AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATIONS,

On Saturday, December 11, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

THOMAS B. KENDALL .. Treble.	GEORGE NAYLOR .. .. 5.
JOHN PALFRAMAN .. .. 2.	JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 6.
EDGAR WHITELEY .. .. 3.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 7.
JONAS S. AMBLER .. .. 4.	FRED SALMONS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by T. B. KENDALL.

The ringers take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Midgley (churchwarden), for his kindness in entertaining them to tea, and his hearty welcome.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HENRY F. COOPER* .. Treble.	HARRY BUSH .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. RICE .. .. 2.	ALFRED RICHELL .. .. 6.
ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. 3.	GEORGE GREEN .. .. 7.
HENRY R. DAWSON .. .. 4.	HARRY RICHELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

\*Fiftieth peal; reference elsewhere.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM THORNLEY* .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. PEABODY .. 5.
WALTER ALLWOOD .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 6.
JOSEPH HALL† .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 7.
REV. R. P. FARROW .. .. 4.	EDWARD C. GOBBY .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBBY.

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

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S. Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lbs.

EDWARD DEWEY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM STANFORD .. .. 5.
ARTHUR B. CORDEN* .. 2.	ALFRED GREENFIELD .. 6.
PRECY H. DOICK .. .. 3.	GEORGE H. LEE .. .. 7.
ALBERT FEIST .. .. 4.	PETER KNIGHT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

\*First peal with a bob bell.

MOORSIDE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK WILD .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH WILD .. .. 5.
ALBERT CLEGG .. .. 2.	HARRY HAMPSON .. .. 6.
EDWIN B. SHAW .. .. 3.	*CHARLES E. PLATT .. 7.
JOSEPH OGDEN .. .. 4.	BEN THORPE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BEN THORPE.

\*First peal in the method.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Taylor, of Southwold, an honorary member of the St. Margaret's Society; also to F. Youngman, who attained his 21st birthday, the band wishing them the usual compliments.

## SUTTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 14, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BENVILTON,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DR. CARPENTER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

W. GRAY .. .. Treble.	J. WEBB .. .. 5.
J. WIGNELL .. .. 2.	J. WARWICK .. .. 6.
A. LAMBERT .. .. 3.	A. CLAYTON .. .. 7.
A. BUNDLE .. .. 4.	G. COSHAM .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. CLAYTON.

## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 14, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALBERT J. E. HARTFEE .. Treble.	THOMAS WILLOUGHBY .. 5.
EDWARD W. BRAY .. 2.	ERNEST GOWER .. 6.
JOSEPH SHARP .. 3.	GEORGE H. HOWSE .. 7.
ARTHUR GOWER .. 4.	HARRY HOOKHAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST GOWER.

## WOOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 14, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 20 cwt.

WALTER HUGHES .. Treble.	WILLIAM DAVIES .. 5.
GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 2.	EDWARD CAUNCE .. 6.
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. .. 3.	JAMES MARTIN .. 7.
HARRY FYLES* .. 4.	*GEORGE HYSLOP .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MARTIN.

\*First peal in the method.

## BRAMLEY, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, December 14, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Violet and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY .. Treble.	TOM LATIMER .. 4.
SAMUEL HELLIWELL* .. 2.	JNO. W. T. HOLGATE .. 5.
EDWARD BRIDGHAU .. 3.	JAMES GUY .. Tenor.

Conducted by JNO. W. T. HOLGATE,

\*First peal away from the treble.

## DISS, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 14, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

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

Composed by J. Cox, and Conducted by J. SOUTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Hayward. For calling see Snowdon's Treble Bob, page 85. First peal of Kent Major on the bells for over twenty-five years.

## DUNMOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 15, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 23 cwt.

J. BLOWER .. Treble.	H. SMITH .. 4.
T. CLAYDON .. 2.	WALTER SMITH .. 5.
A. RIBBONS .. 3.	G. BARRICK .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. BARRICK.

This is the first peal on the bells and by the ringers of the treble, 3rd and tenor. This is believed to be the heaviest ring of six in the county.

## LLANGARREN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 15, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DEINST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

DOUGLAS T. WEALE* .. Treble.	HENRY WEALE .. 4.
WILLIAM PARTRIDGE .. 2.	FRANK VOYCE .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT .. 3.	ERNEST J. TUMMEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\*First peal.

## BISHOP AUCKLAND, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 15, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

EDWARD HIND .. Treble.	JACKSON FALLISTEE .. 5.
ROBERT B. ROBINSON .. 2.	GEORGE W. PEVERELL .. 6.
THOMAS J. BROWN .. 3.	EDWIN J. TITT .. 7.
WALTER H. METCALFE .. 4.	JOHN H. LENTON .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by J. H. LENTON.

First peal of Oxford by all except the ringers of the 5th and 6th.

## PENTIRE, RHONDDA, SOUTH WALES.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. in E flat.

G. CROSS* .. Treble.	J. CROSS .. 5.
T. PAGE .. 2.	G. WINES .. 6.
H. PAGE .. 3.	T. HAMLIN .. 7.
W. PAGE .. 4.	S. WEAVER .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. PAGE.

\*First peal. First peal as conductor.

**Handbell Peal.****MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, December 9, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF J. A. GOFTON,

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

JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. 1-2. | R. ALDER GOFTON .. 5-6.  
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 3-4. | JAMES E. GOFTON .. 7-8.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

**Date Touches.****BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

SAMFORD BRETT (Somersetshire).—On Sunday, January 2nd for Divine Service, a date touch of 1910 'Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 12 mins. H. Groves, E. Perry, F. Gould, A. H. Jenkins, W. Gould conductor.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

WICKHAM SKEITH (Suffolk).—On Saturday, January 8th, at St. Andrew's church, a date touch of 1910 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 8 mins. A. Cattermole, E. Youngs, C. Nunn, L. Last, G. Kemp, T. Davey conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of A. Berry and Miss Tye, which took place at Denham church on that day.

EUSTON (Suffolk).—On Thursday, January 6th, a date touch of 1910 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 2 mins. H. Rivers, W. Radley, A. Macro, T. Fitzjohn conductor, Wm. Lambert.

THETFORD (Norfolk).—On Monday, January 3rd, 1908 Bob Major, with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to Mr. Samuel Slater, of Glemsford who was buried that day. W. Seeley, A. Macro, —, Dickerson, H. Hawes, W. Westlake, T. Fitzjohn conductor. W. Everett, C. Carter.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

HULL.—On Friday, December 31st, for watch-night service at the parish church, a date touch of 1909 Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 12½ mins. C. Jackson composer and conductor, T. Stockdale, A. Naylor, J. F. Miller, J. Hodds, H. Rodmell, W. H. Pasmore, G. Hare.

**Miscellaneous.****THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Sunday, October 17th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 49 mins. W. Doran conductor, A. Scambler, A. Neale, T. Cranfield, J. Scholes, S. Bird, R. Sanders, W. Theobald, H. Torble, G. Potter. Composed by H. J. Tucker. On Sunday, November 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 48 mins. W. Doran conductor, A. Scambler, W. Truss, T. Cranfield, J. Scholes, A. Walker, R. Sanders, W. Theobald, H. Torble, G. Potter. Composed by J. Bradley.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

BRINDLE (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, December 21st, for practice at the parish church, 720 College Single. H. Hatch conductor, R. Council, W. Sharples, J. Fowler, T. Blackwell, W. Fowler. And 720 Plain Bob. H. Hatch conductor, R. Council, W. Sharples, J. Fowler, T. Blackwell, W. Fowler.

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

CHESTER.—On Monday, December 13th, at the church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. R. Sperring, W. E. Fletcher, M. Harris longest in the method, F. Dutton, F. Weston, C. Davies, F. Milton, J. Davies. Rung in honour of the King's visit to Chester.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

LEICESTER.—On Saturday, December 11th, at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. A. Mason, E. Jackson, D. Richards, W. Willson conductor, Rev. C. B. Hulton, T. Bottrill, J. Harris, J. Vernon. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Monday, December 27th, at Bishop Ryder's church, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples. S. Coley, A. Scrivens, J. Neal, J. Collett, E. Mansel, J. T. Perry conductor, G. Taylor, A. Hodson. After the ceremony 640 Bob Major. S. Coley, A. Scrivens, J. Wells, J. Porter, G. Taylor, J. T. Perry conductor, J. Collett, E. Mullins. Mr. Smallwood learned to ring at this tower, and attained the position of ringing-master, which position he held till work necessitated his removal. He was one of the prime movers in the formation of the Warwickshire Guild, and now holds the post of ringing-master. May his new venture be as prosperous.

CUBITT TOWN (Middlesex).—On Saturday, December 11th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. W. J. Jeffries, E. Barnett conductor, T. H. Hawkins, F. Bennett, W. Hewett, G. H. Daynes, J. E. Davis, H. Gooch. It being the Vicar's birthday, a peal of Cambridge Surprise was attempted, but, after about an hour's ringing some mischievous person switched off the electric light, which left the belfry in darkness, and stopped the ringing.

LAWTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday, November 21st, for Divine Service at the parish church, 864 Bob Major. W. Leeson, J. Wildblood, E. Harper, D. Booth, J. Pierpoint, S. Dimelow, J. Massey W. Rigby conductor. For evening service 840 Grandsire Triples. W. Leeson, S. Dimelow, E. Harper, D. Booth, J. Massey, J. Wildblood conductor, W. Rigby, J. Booth.

LLANDAFF.—On Sunday morning, November 28th, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, 560 Bob Major. C. Price, S. Dawe, W. B. Biss, F. Pitcher, T. Cox, F. Chamberlain, W. Coombes conductor, J. Aldridge. And a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Coles, W. B. Biss, J. Pitcher, S. Pitcher, S. Dawe, F. Chamberlain, A. E. Coles conductor, J. Aldridge.

SALISBURY (Wilts.).—On Saturday, December 11th, at St. Martin's church, 1260 Stedman Triples. W. S. Wise, S. Macey, B. P. Knight, L. Harris, G. Neale, G. F. Doel, W. W. Gifford, conductor, H. Marsh.

WREXHAM (North Wales).—On November 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in 53 mins. A. Newell, G. Vaughan, E. Lloyd, J. Clutton, R. Jones, W. Jones, H. Moore conductor, A. Lea, S. Meadows, E. Rowland.

**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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Subscriptions are earnestly asked for the purpose of recasting the 6th bell in the beautiful historic ring of ten at Appleton. This bell has been cracked for a considerable time in the crown, and spoils the harmony of the peal. Appleton always having been a noted place for change-ringing, the ringing company are very anxious not to let their peal of bells get out of ringing order, and therefore they appeal to their ringing brethren to make an early response to such a worthy object. Subscriptions may be sent to the Rev. W. Moore, Appleton Rectory, and they will be acknowledged in this paper.

**"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 ..	3	3	6
Mr. H. Gayton (Harrold) ..	0	1	0
Mr. W. Mayes (Old Warden) ..	0	2	0
Mr. C. Clarke (Bedford) ..	0	2	0
Per Mr. A. King (Luton) ..	0	5	0
"Linslade" ..	0	1	0

Further subscriptions will be gratefully acknowledged by

JOHN W. BARKER.  
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FREDK. A. CHASTY.  
9, Whitbread Avenue, Bedford.

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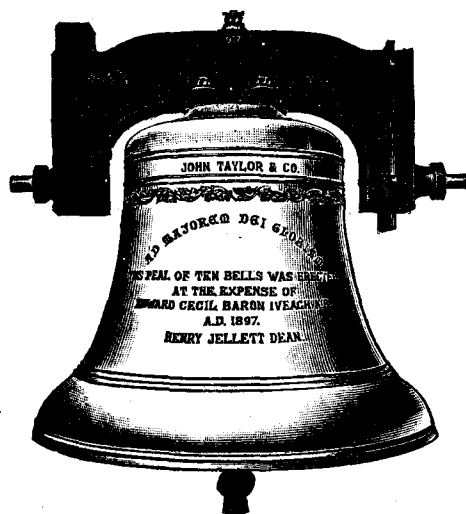
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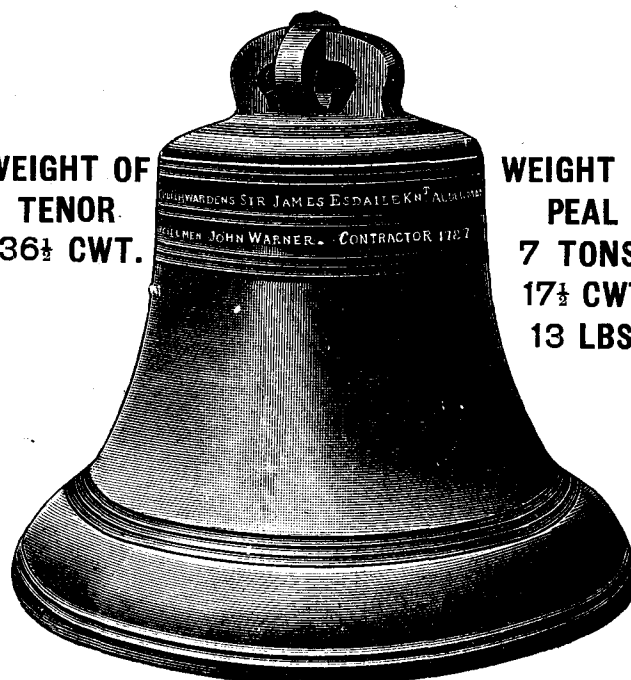
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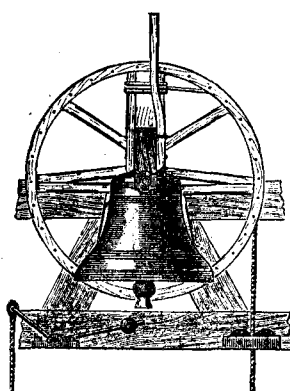
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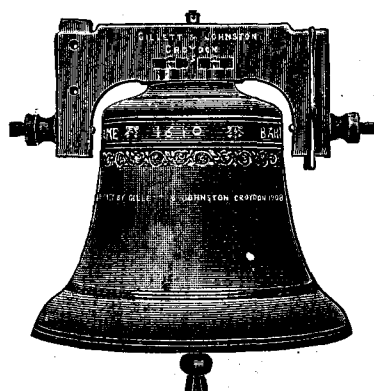
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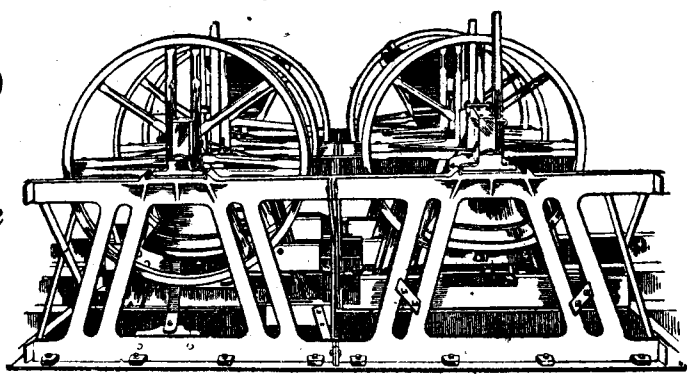
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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The Second Session of the Seventh Council (20th Annual Meeting) will be held at Manchester on Whitsun Tuesday, May 17th, 1910. Reports of Committees and Notices of Motion should reach me not later than Saturday, April 16th, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in "THE BELL NEWS." Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations will kindly bear in mind that Affiliation Fees (2s. 6d. for each elected representative) became due on the 1st inst., and should be forwarded to me as soon as possible. The rights of representatives whose quota has not been paid are in abeyance until payment has been made. I shall be glad if they will at the same time kindly inform me of any change in their own address since last year, or in that of any representative, or of any change in the representation itself.

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The Annual Meeting of the above was held at Fareham on Saturday, January 8th, members attending from St. Thomas's, Portsmouth, St. Mary's, Portsea, Havant, Titchfield, Wickham and Fareham. A short service was held at the parish church at 5.30, the Rev. J. E. Tarbot taking the first portion, and the Master of the Guild gave a most stirring address to the ringers assembled, after which an adjournment was made to the Temperance hotel where tea was served in capital style by Mr. Pyle. Tea over, the business meeting was commenced, the Master presiding, supported by the Rev. E. Bankes James, G. Williams, F. S. Bayley, E. J. Harding, J. Harper, J. W. Whiting and G. E. Chappell. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and passed, and the following officers were all re-elected: Rev. C. E. Matthews, chairman; J. W. Whiting, hon. sec.; G. E. Chappell, assistant secretary; F. S. Bayley, auditor, Messrs. E. J. Harding and G. E. Chappell representatives on central committee. The balance sheet and Secretary's report for the past year was read and adopted, showing a balance of £6 4s. in favour of the district. The Rev. E. Bankes James was duly elected a compounding member, and was heartily welcomed to the district. Several full and probationary and two hon. members were elected.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews apologised for the absence of the Vicar of Fareham, who he was sorry to say was suffering with his eyes; otherwise he would have been pleased to have been present. Mention must be made that the Vicar is always ready to grant permission for the use of his bells for peal-ringing and practice.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of

the bells, and the Rev. C. E. Matthews for presiding. The ringers again visited the belfry and rang touches of Grandsire, Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Stedman. The places selected for the next meetings are St. Thomas's, Portsmouth, on Easter Monday, Ryde, Isle of Wight, August Bank Holiday, Soberton in October, and the annual at Havant in January, 1911.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Anniversary Meeting was held at Gloucester on Monday, December 27th. Proceedings commenced with a service in the church of St. Mary de Crypt, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Louis G. Grey, when the lesson was read by the Master, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and a very practical sermon was preached by the Bishop of Gloucester from the text "The Master is come and calleth for thee." A collection was taken for the fund for the rehanging of the bells, which resulted in £2 being contributed. The business meeting followed in the schoolroom adjoining the church, under the presidency of the Master. After the election of several new members the election of officers was proceeded with, which resulted in the re-election of all four, namely: the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Master; the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Treasurer; Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, Hon. Secretary, with Mr. W. Cave as his assistant. The meeting was a very prolonged one, lasting till 5.30, the members present evincing the greatest interest in several proposed changes in the rules which had been suggested by a committee appointed at a previous meeting. Most of the changes recommended by the committee were adopted, the greatest being the dropping of the three branches (Bristol, Cirencester and Gloucester) at present in existence, and the formation in their stead of local branches, as far as possible, for each of the rural deaneries in the combined dioceses. This follows the example set by several well-known Associations, notably the Oxford and the neighbouring diocese of Bath and Wells. There was some opposition to this proposal, which was eventually carried. It is hoped by this means to stir up considerable local interest in the work of the Association, and so lead to an increase of membership. The meeting adjourned in the middle to The New inn, Northgate Street, for dinner, under the presidency of the Master, when the Bishop of Gloucester was present, and several of the clergy from the neighbourhood. A most cordial vote of thanks was passed to his Lordship for his sermon, and to the Vicar of St. Mary de Crypt for the arrangements made for the service, and to the choir and organist for their presence which rendered the service so hearty. The next meeting was fixed to be held at Cheltenham on Saturday, May 14th.

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Such a peal can only be got in forty-six courses with four bobs at 5. Only forty-eight courses are available under the conditions, therefore only two may be wasted. Then note the following twelve course-ends, ten at least of which must be used. They are given with their third and fourth lead-ends, 7 8 being omitted.

Course end.	3rd Lead end.	4th Lead end.
32546	65324	42365
25376	63254	45263
53246	62534	43562
23546	65234	43265
35246	62354	45362
52346	63524	42563
23564	45236	63245
35264	42356	65342
52364	43526	62543
32564	45326	62345
25364	43256	65243
53264	42536	63542

It will be seen that the inter-relation of these twelve courses is such, that what applies to anyone applies to all. As no combination of bobs and singles, including a bob at 5, will retain the sixths place bell or transfer in into fifths place, none of these course ends can be produced by a bob at 5 under the conditions. Then they can only be got from the accompanying 12 fourth lead-ends by plain leads or bobs or singles at 6, and to obtain the 12 course-ends the 12-fourth lead-ends are necessary. Therefore if one of the given fourth lead-ends is used to produce any other course end, one of these 12 course ends is wasted. Also the waste of a fourth lead end must mean the loss of a course end.

Then four at least of the given course ends must be wasted for the following reasons:—

From a course end having the 4th or 6th in sixths place, the 12 third lead ends given are the only ones which will produce the 4th or 6th in sixths place by a bob at 5, with or without a bob or single at 4. If no call at 4 is introduced, one of the fourth lead ends is used to get a course end other than one of the twelve. Therefore a course end is wasted. If a bob or single at 4 is used, say after 65324, then we have wasted the fourth lead end 42365, for it can then only be got from a course end having the 3rd in sixths place. Therefore a bob at 5 always involves the loss of one of the 12 course ends, and as four such bobs are necessary, four course ends are wasted, leaving 44 only available. This being two less than is required, the peal is impossible under the conditions.

Sunderland.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

**LATE NOTICE.**—THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.—Annual meeting on Friday, February 4th. A supper and social will be held at The Princes Head, Princes Street, Westminster, on Saturday, February 19th. Tickets, 2s. each, to be had from Messrs. A. Hardy, C. Ward, W. G. Matthews, F. G. Perrin, and JAMES E. DAVIS, Hon. Sec.  
214, Summer Road, Peckham, S.E.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

During the past year the Thorington company with visitors have rung 105 720s of Minor, being 18 London Surprise, 18 Cambridge Surprise, 6 Beverley Surprise, 2 York Surprise, 1 Wells Surprise, 22 Oxford Treble Bob, 4 Kent Treble Bob, 4 Double Court, 26 Plain Bob, 2 St. Clement's, 2 College Single Reverse. The following took part: W. Lancaster 101, G. Lancaster 94, G. Andrews 94, A. Andrews 86, T. Burgess 82, W. J. Nevard 69. Visitors: J. Almond 33, G. Miles 24, J. Bowell 15, G. Humm 14, W. Dines 3, A. G. Rivers 3, E. Eady 3, G. Jennings 3, H. E. Bowers 1, B. Pettitt 1, H. Cooper 1, L. Wiseman 1, A. Sanders 1, A. Shufflebotham 1. Great credit is due to the Thorington company, they having learnt all the Surprise methods they have rung during the year. For the year previous they only rang Oxford, Kent, Double Court, and Plain Bob.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Members are reminded that the standing orders have been suspended, and that the following alteration of and addition to the rules will be brought before the general meeting at Eastwood, on the 29th inst. for acceptance.

Rule iv.: Erase the words "entitled to the report of the past year now."

Rule iv. (or rule v. the remainder to be renumbered)—"Members may, by payment of sixpence, in addition to their annual subscription during the month of January in each year, obtain at Easter the report of the past year through the local honorary secretary of the district in which they reside."

"Non-resident members and others can obtain the report post free from the Honorary Secretary after Easter on forwarding one shilling."

"New members will be entitled to the report of the past year on payment of their entrance fee."

"The report will be gratis to all honorary members."

I shall be much obliged if all wishing to receive a report on the above terms will notify me or the local secretary by the 29th inst., so that a proper number of reports may be printed.

N.B.—The report for 1909 will contain a portrait of the band who rang the record peal at Loughborough.

Cotgrave, Notts.

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

### WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.

The grouting of the tower walls having been completed, the weekly practices have been resumed. The practices are held on Wednesday evening in each week from 7 to 9 o'clock. It is intended to devote the first Wednesday in each month to the practice of Treble Bob methods. Sunday service ringing commences at 10.15 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Visitors will be heartily welcomed at all times.

3, Culver Villas,  
Winchester.

JAS. W. ELKINS,  
District Sec.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

E. M. ATKINS.—All received; see the records in this number. We have a letter for Mr. George Willshire. Will he send his address?



## Obituary.

## JAMES CLIFF.

On Monday, January 10th, a muffled peal (the whole pull and stand) was rung at St. Dunstan's church, Stepney, London, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the above-named ringer, who was for many years connected with the east end of London, and a ringer at the above-named church. He passed away, after a long and painful illness, at his residence in Cambridge-road, on Thursday, December 30th, aged 80 years. The funeral took place at Ilford cemetery on Wednesday, January 5th, 1901. There were several members and friends of the family present at the church to witness the ringing and listen to the solemn notes as they rolled forth from the bells he loved so well. The ringers were J. H. Barrett, W. Tanner, W. Burton, E. J. Webb, A. Dean, G. Barrett, J. Nichols, S. Parmenter, H. Springall, and E. Hall.

Deceased was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and took part in several peals with some of the most prominent members of that society, in the sixties and seventies: such men as Haley, Dwight, Muskett, and Wood; and he rang in the longest peal on Stepney bells—6282 of Grandsire Caters in 4 hrs. 14 mins., on Saturday, May 7th, 1864, conducted by Mr. Haley.

The Bishop of Gloucester, who is the fourth son of the late Rev. William Gibson, Vicar of Fawley, near Southampton, where he was born on January 23rd, 1848, will complete his sixty-second year on Sunday. He is a grandson of the late Bishop Sumner, of Winchester, a nephew of the late Bishop Sumner, of Guildford, a grand-nephew of the late Archbishop Sumner, and elder brother of Dr. Alan, late Bishop-coadjutor of Capetown.

The Bishop of Birmingham, who was born at Wimbledon in 1853, will complete his fifty-seventh year tomorrow. On Tuesday (St. Paul's Day), it will be eight years since his intended consecration in Westminster Abbey, in expectation of which a large number of Bishops and clergy had assembled, was postponed for a month owing to the contrivances of the late Mr. Kensit.

## 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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## STEDMAN TRIPLES.

A TEN-PART PEAL.

BY JOHN W. BARKER.

5040.

2 3 1 4 5 6

3 4 6 1 2 5 Single 2

2 4 5 1 3 6 L Q

6 1 5 2 4 3 H L

3 2 5 6 1 4 H L

4 6 5 3 2 1 H L

1 4 2 3 6 5 H L Q

5 3 2 1 4 6 H L

4 3 6 1 5 2 L Q

5 1 6 3 4 2 L

Repeat the calling of last eight courses four times, adding single 14 after last part gives:—

(2 3 1 4 5 6)

3 5 6 4 1 2 S H

5 1 2 4 6 3 S H

6 4 2 1 5 3 S Q

4 5 3 1 2 6 S H

Repeat the four courses four times. Composed May 20th, 1908.

## BOB MAJOR.

BY EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

5056.

2 3 4 5 6 W B H

5 2 3 6 4 - I -

5 2 4 3 6 - 2 -

3 5 2 6 4 - I -

2 3 5 6 4 - -

6 2 3 4 5 - I -

2 5 3 4 6 - 3 -

3 2 5 4 6 - -

4 3 2 6 5 - I -

2 4 3 6 5 - -

3 2 4 6 5 - -

6 3 2 5 4 - I -

2 6 3 5 4 - -

3 2 6 5 4 - -

5 3 2 4 6 - I -

3 6 2 4 5 - 3 -

2 3 6 4 5 - -

4 2 3 5 6 - I -

4 2 6 3 5 - 2 -

3 4 2 5 6 - I -

3 2 4 5 6 S

Once repeat the last ten courses, bob for s produces 23465. Repeat the first ten courses, single for bob at w in last course produces rounds. This peal has the full combinations of 4-5-6. The 2nd is never in 5-6 at a course-end; and the 3rd never in 6ths, and only four times in 5ths.

The advowson of the living of North Petherwin, in the Devonshire portion of the diocese of Truro, has been transferred from the Duke of Bedford to the Bishop of Truro, presumably with a view to augmentation, the net income being only £100.

## 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 the 24th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 25th; 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 Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on Saturday, February 5th. Tower open for ringing at 3.45. Evensong at 5.30. Arrangements will be made for a tea in the Parish Room at 6 o'clock, if sufficient members notify by the 31st inst. their intention of being present. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**

32 Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**The London County Association late the St. James's Society.**—The eighty-sixth annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, February 12th, at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, E.C. With the kind permission of the Rev. E. Rogers the tower will be open for ringing from 4.30 to 6 p.m., and after the business meeting. Tea will be provided at 6 p.m. at The King of Denmark (side entrance), Old Bailey, at 6d. each to all those who inform their district representative, or me, not later than the 9th inst. Business meeting at 6.45 p.m. All members should endeavour to attend, as business of exceptional importance will be brought before the meeting. The tower of St. Andrew's, Holborn, will also be open for ringing from 3.30 to 5.30.

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

35 Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Divine Service at 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. J. E. Dawson (Rector). Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.

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

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Meat tea (9d. (0 members), at The White Lion inn at 5.30 p.m.

**H. S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.**

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at All Saints, Hamer, Rochdale, to-day, Sat., January 22nd. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 7 p.m. prompt. **JAS. JACQUES, Sec.**

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Guildford District.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Farnham to-day, Sat., January 22nd. The Rector of Farnham kindly invites those present to tea at the Church House at 5 p.m. Bells (8) available from 6 to 8.

**JOHN J. JONES, Dis. Sec.**

North Street, Guildford.

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—A meeting of the North and West District of the above Association will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, to-day, Sat., January 22nd, by the

kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. G. H. Siddons. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1910 are now due.

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

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Sawston (8 bells), to-day, Sat., January 22nd. Tea at 5 o'clock.

**P. WEBBS, Dis. Sec.**

**The Surrey Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Beddington to-day, Sat., January 22nd. Bells at St. Mary's available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at The Plough at 6 o'clock, and the annual meeting after.

**CHAS. DEAN, Hon. Sec.**

59 Wellesley Road, Croydon.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral to-day, Sat., January 22nd. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

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

**Central Northamptonshire Association.**—Quarterly meetings will be held at Cogenhoe to-day, Sat., January 22nd; Raunds and Kettering on the 29th; and Wellingborough on February 5th. Usual arrangements.

**F. WILFORD, General Sec.**

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, January 29th. For full particulars see Association circular.

**CLEMENT GLENN, Hon. Sec.**

40, Percy Street, Rotherham.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Guildford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Godalming on February 5th. 2.0.—Bells (8) available till 5.30.—Service conducted by the Vicar. 6.15.—Tea at The Little George hotel. After the business a social evening, including handbell music by the Godalming band, and change-ringing on handbells by the Guildford band.

**JOHN J. JONES, Dis. Sec.**

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eastwood on Saturday, January 29th. The eight bells at the parish church will be available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4. Tea (1s. each) at 4.45 followed by general meeting, both in the schoolroom.

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

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service in church at 5. Tea, 1s. each, in schoolroom at 6. Those intending to be present should notify me not later than January 24th.

**H. KNIGHT, Hon. Sec.**

15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Battle (8 bells), on Saturday, January 29th. Ringing from 3.15 till 5. Service at 5. Tea and meeting at 5.30. Members wishing to be present at tea must let me know by Wednesday, January 26th. Will secretaries of bands please note that subscriptions for 1910 are now due, and should be sent on to the undersigned as soon as possible.

**GEO. H. HOWSE, Div. Hon. Sec.**

132, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—South Bucks. and East Berks. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at High Wycombe on Saturday, January 29th. Towers of High Wycombe, West Wycombe, and Hughenden open after 2 o'clock. Service in the parish

church, High Wycombe, at 4.30. Tea at 5 in the Guildhall.

**REV. S. WINTER, Hon. Sec.**  
Medmenham Vicarage, Marlow.

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Marden on Saturday, January 29th. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Committee meeting at 4.15. Tea at 5.45, followed by general meeting at The Chequers hotel. Sixpence per head will be charged towards cost of the tea. Members intending to attend the meeting are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, January 26th. No travelling allowances are paid at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due, and should be either paid at the meeting or sent to the District Secretary.

**W. LATTEY, Hon. D. S. Sec.**

26, Dukes Road, Tonbridge Wells.

**The Warwickshire Guild.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, church, Warwick, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea at The Dale Temperance hotel at 5.15. Meeting after tea, and the presentation of wedding present to the Master of the Guild.

**ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, Hon. Sec.**

**The North Notts. Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Workson on Saturday, January 29th. Members intending to take tea (5 p.m.) are requested to inform Mr. H. Haigh, 103, Gateford Road, Workson, by January 25th. **B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.**

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by the kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Max Beoney), at St. Mary Magdalen, Richmond, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Members and friends cordially invited. Will members kindly note that subscriptions for 1910 are now due.

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

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Eastern Counties Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Moulton on Saturday, February 5th. Dinner at The Swan inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 3d. each. Divine Service at the parish church at 3.30 p.m. Further particulars of

*Pitchbach, Spalding.* **G. LADD, Hon. Sec.**

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting will be held at Fudsey on Saturday, February 5th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting at The Golden Lion, Chapeltown, at 7.30.

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

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The quarterly meeting of the above society has been postponed from January 29th to February 5th, and will be held at Oldham parish church. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock.

**CHAS. E. BOWEN, Sec.**

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—The Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Wylam-on-Tyne on Saturday, February 5th. Bells at Wylam and Newburn available. Committee meeting at 4 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. at The Bird inn. Members intending to be present please notify

**CHAS. E. TODD, Hon. Sec.**

92, Northgate, Darlington.

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Halesowen on Saturday, February 5th. Service, with address by the Rector (Rev. Ronald Symes), in the parish church at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. The bells (8) will be available. Tea will be provided free for

those notifying me before Wednesday, February 2nd of their intention to be present.

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

The Essex Association—North-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Witham on Saturday, February 5th. Tea at The White Horse at 5.30, at 1s. each. Those intending being present please notify by the 2nd inst. A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM, *Dis. Sec.*  
*Sandpit Road, Braintree.*

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham—Established 1755.—The annual meeting will be held at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday, February 5th. Bells available from 2 o'clock till 8.30. Service in parish church at 5.30. Business meeting in Church House at 6 o'clock, at which Canon Barnard will preside. It is hoped that every member who can make it convenient will attend. Attention is directed to Rule 5.

A. PADDON SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*  
*11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.*

The Kent County Association—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, February 5th. Bells available at St. Stephen's at 2 p.m.; St. Alphege at 3 p.m.; and at the Cathedral at 4 p.m. after evensong. No allowances are made at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due, and it would be a convenience if paid at the meeting. Teas may be obtained at Sargent's hotel, St. Peter's Street, if required.

E. TRENDLELL, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—Power Loom Overlookers Association.—James Booth Benefit Fund.—Will the ringers who have books for the above fund please send in duplicates as early as possible, to avoid a rush at the close, to Chas. Morrell, *Hon. Sec.* to the fund.  
CHAS. BOWER.

#### APPLETON CHURCH BELLS.

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All further subscriptions will be gratefully received by Mr. E. Rivers and Mr. F. Rolfe, Sproughton, near Ipswich.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—W. Hyde Inglesant has removed to Broughton House, Broughton Astley, near Leicester.

#### DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By F. A. HOLDEN.

5024.

23456 I 4 6

32654 - -

26354 - -

32465 5 -

24365 - -

43265 - -

62345 - -

23645 - -

36245 - -

42635 - -

26435 - -

64235 - -

42365 - S

23465 - -

34265 - -

35246 5 -

42536 - -

25436 - -

54236 - -

32456 - -

24356 - -

43256 - -

52346 - -

23546 - -

Repeated.

Rang at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on January 8th, 1910, conducted by Frank Smith. Composed March 27th, 1907.

Contains with the least number in two-part form, the extent of 4-5 6, with the use of only two singles. First rang at St. John's, Waterloo Road, conducted by James E. Davis.

#### SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By H. DAINS.

5504.

23456 M W H

45236 - -

62534 - -

56234 - -

25634 - -

53246 x -

24536 - -

52436 - -

43526 - -

65324 - -

26354 - -

52364 - -

36524 \* - -

53624 - -

46325 - -

M W H

34625 - -

23645 - -

64235 - -

26435 - -

42635 - -

63425 - -

54326 - -

35426 - -

42356 - -

34256 - -

23456 - -

This composition has the 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6 on this plan. Omit calling the three H bobs bracketted, and reduce changes to 5056 in number. The peal then has the 4th and 6th extent in 5-6. By adding a bob as indicated by the \*, the course-end 46325 is produced, and changes are again reduced to 5056. This peal has the 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6. Of course in this latter composition the bracketted bobs at H are called. There are other ways of reducing this peal to 5056 changes if desired.

#### TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By WM. L. MASON, *Skipton.*

5056.

23456 M B W H

54326 - 2 2

53246 - 1 2

36245 I 2

25463 I 1 2

52364 - 1 2

24365 2 - 1 2

45362 I 2

43652 - 1 2

32654 I 2

36524 - 1 2

24653 I 2 2

52436 2 2 2

26435 I 2

34625 I - 2

23456 - 2

5th and 6th the extent in 5-6. This peal has 1110 variations. Rang at Gargrave on May 1st, 1909, conducted by Wm. Billows.

Mr. Lindoff writes:—

"The 5088 of Superlative published in your last issue by Mr. Dains is not on a new plan, but a 'worked out plan.' If he turns to 'THE BELL NEWS' for July 20th, 1895, he will find the same figures."

Mr. F. Dench writes:—

"The peal of Double Norwich published by me on December 26th, was a 5056, containing the 6th extent in 5-6 without the 2nd or 3rd in 6ths at a course-end. Are there any complaints? I withdraw the peal of Superlative published under my name in your issue of January 1st. Sorry to have made such a foolish mistake."

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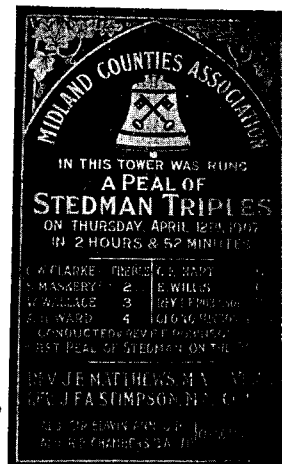
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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 18, 1909, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SCUTBARGE,

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

ALFRED R. GLASSOCK .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. 5.
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. 2.	FRANK SMITH .. 6.
ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN .. 3.	JOHN E. MILLER .. 7.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 4.	THOMAS CARD .. Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES, and

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.)

On Wednesday, January 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ACTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK J. EDWARDS .. Treble.	* WILLIAM J. DAUBNEY .. 5.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 2.	HENRY F. MILES .. 6.
JARROLD HAYWARD .. 3.	JAMES R. MACKMAN .. 7.
GEORGE W. FRAYNE .. 4.	CHARLES H. PHIPPS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES R. MACKMAN.

\*First peal.

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## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY SPAINGALL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. 5.
AUGUSTUS SCAMBLER .. .. 2.	JAMES SCHOLES .. .. 6.
HENRY TORBLE .. .. 3.	EMANUEL HALL .. .. 7.
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 4.	ALFRED B. PECK .. .. Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by H. SPRINGALL.

\*First peal in the method.

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

On Saturday, January 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 31 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	HORATIO GUMMER .. .. 6.
ERNEST BEATT .. .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
CHARLES J. NORTH .. .. 3.	ISAAC EMERY .. .. 8.
HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 4.	HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 9.
WILLIAM HEWETT .. .. 5.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

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

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 10, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS,  
5004 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE W. FRAYNE .. Treble.	SYDNEY A. WRIGHT .. .. 6.
HENRY F. MILES .. .. 2.	JOHN HOWES .. .. 7.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 3.	ERNEST G. STIBBONS .. 8.
ALBERT V. SELBY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 9.
JAMES R. MACKMAN .. .. 5.	RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by W. E. GARBARD.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, January 11, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SR. ANNE, HIGHGATE,

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

FRANK SMITH .. .. Treble.	EDWARD F. COLE .. .. 5.
ERNEST BONFIELD .. .. 2.	ERNEST YOUNG .. .. 6.
ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN .. 3.	EDWARD CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
RICHARD BEVAN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. E. BULWER, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM J. NUDDS.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Rev. C. S. Ackland, M.A., for nineteen years Vicar at the above church.

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

On Saturday, January 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.  
Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES .. Treble.	SAMUEL J. BIRD .. .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	ROBERT E. STAVERT .. 7.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 3.	*REUBEN SANDERS .. .. 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 9.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 5.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

† Fiftieth peal.

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

On Monday, January 10, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT 19, OLD JEWRY, E.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. 1-2.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 3-4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7-8.
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 9-10.	

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires—J. E. Davis, W. J. Nudds, R. E. Stavert and A. T. King.

## The Provinces.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 11, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lbs. in G.

WALTER G. ROWE .. Treble.	CHARLES J. FRAY .. .. 5.
ALBERT MARKS .. .. 2.	HENRY W. WILKES .. .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 7.
LIONEL H. PAGE .. .. 4.	† OWEN GILES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This was the first peal on the bells since their augmentation from six to eight by the addition of a new treble and tenor by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham, the splice being excellent. \*First peal of Triples. †First peal.

## HUNSLET, LEEDS, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt.

GEORGE SMITH .. .. Treble.	FRANK ATKINSON .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN SHAW .. .. 2.	WILLIAM E. ASH .. .. 6.
HARRY SMITH .. .. 3.	JAMES T. SHAW .. .. 7.
JAMES R. KEMP .. .. 4.	WILLIAM T. POWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by BENJAMIN SHAW.

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

## BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 16, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

RICHARD J. WICKES* .. Treble.	THOMAS STRINGER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM ASHDOWN .. .. 2.	JAMES PARSONS .. .. 6.
JOHN FRIST† .. .. 3.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 7.
HENRY J. GRAVETT .. .. 4.	GEORGE F. GASTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. W. GRAVETT.

\*First peal. †Elected a member previous to starting.

## APPLEDORE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE JOHNSON .. Treble.	CHARLES TRIBE .. .. 5.
CHARLES W. PLAYER .. .. 2.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 6.
ALFRED JOHNSON .. .. 3.	EWART G. JOHNSON .. 7.
SYDNEY V. HILLS .. .. 4.	*FRANK MITCHELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. PLAYER.

\*First peal on eight bells. This is the conductor's 50th peal.

## CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS BALDWIN .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK PROTHEROUGH .. 5.
JOSCELYN M. TURNER .. 2.	FRANCIS J. LEWIS .. .. 6.
J. CHARLES EDEN .. .. 3.	GEORGE MILEHAM .. .. 7.
WILLIAM C. CUSS .. .. 4.	JOHN J. JEFFRIES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

## TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1909, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob, and 360 each of Kent, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Double Court, College Single and Bob Minor.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT BROWN .. .. Treble.	GEORGE SNELLING .. .. 4.
BASIL MANSEY .. .. 2.	FREDERICK MANSEY .. .. 5.
JOHN SNELLING .. .. 3.	FREDERICK SEAGER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK MANSEY.

## SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED DAVIES .. .. Treble.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 5.
ALBERT BLUNDELL .. .. 2.	GEORGE HUGHES .. .. 6.
JOHN BASS .. .. 3.	CHARLES F. WHITE .. .. 7.
ALFRED ROWLEY .. .. 4.	HARRY PRICE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

The conductor has this year now called this composition from every bell.

## SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1909, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE GREAT,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WALTER PRIOR .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. PRIOR .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WATTS .. .. 2.	THOMAS JORDAN .. .. 6.
THOMAS SABAN .. .. 3.	WALTER TARLING .. .. 7.
WALTER HOBBS .. .. 4.	HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by HENRY J. TUCKER.

## ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ISHAM BAND.)

On Saturday, December 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOSEPH FARBY .. .. Treble.	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN .. 4.
WILLIAM C. LEWIS .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY .. 5.
FRANK H. TALBUTT .. .. 3.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

†First peal containing Treble Bob methods. \*First peal in seven methods with a bob bell.

## BURY.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. Treble.	ROBERT WALLWORK .. .. 5.
THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD .. 2.	TITUS BARLOW .. .. 6.
JOHN MCWILTON .. .. 3.	JAMES H. BANKS .. .. 7.
THOMAS WALLWORK .. .. 4.	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1909, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5050 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD .. .. Treble.	CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 6.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 2.	WILLIAM H. PEABODY .. 7.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 3.	*BART MITCHELL .. .. 8.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 4.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 9.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 5.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung to celebrate the conductor's 50th birthday, which occurred on the previous day.

## PETTISTREE, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

E. GEORGE COOPER .. Treble.	DAVID LEGGETT .. .. 4.
ALFRED CLEMENTS .. .. 2.	CHARLES E. FISHER .. .. 5.
HARRY BURCH .. .. 3.	GEORGE ABLITT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

## CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING .. Treble.	GEORGE JONES .. .. 5.
CHARLES COVENRY .. .. 2.	JAMES V. WRIGHT .. .. 6.
JAMES MORGAN .. .. 3.	WALTER THOMAS .. .. 7.
THOMAS NEWELL .. .. 4.	JOHN DAVIES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES V. WRIGHT.

Rung after meeting short for Oxford Treble Bob.

## BOLTON, BRADFORD, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

JONAS AMBLER .. .. Treble.	JOHN PALFRAMAN .. .. 5.
JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 2.	THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 6.
ARTHUR GILL .. .. 3.	*GEORGE NAYLOR .. .. 7.
JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 4.	JOHN JOYCE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS B. KENDALL.

\*First peal in the method.

**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.



**BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, December 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

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

ARTHUR W. GRAYETT .. Treble.	GEORGE ADES .. .. 5.
WILLIAM ALLFREY .. .. 2.	GEORGE SEWARD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
CHARLES PALMER .. .. 4.	PHILIP ALLFREY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

**RAWTIENSTALL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH)

On Monday, December 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE E. ROLLERSON .. Treble.	*RALPH RIDEHOUGH .. .. 5.
THOMAS COLLINGE .. .. 2.	HERBERT H. SHAW .. .. 6.
THOMAS ROLLERSON .. .. 3.	JAMES ROLLERSON .. .. 7.
GEORGE H. HARGREAVES .. 4.	ALEX. RIDEHOUGH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS ROLLERSON.

\*First peal. Rung to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the opening of the bells.

**PORTISHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.****THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, December 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

MISS MARY E. N. JUKES Treble.	MISS NELLIE GILLINGHAM .. 5.
FRANK WM. MAY .. .. 2.	JAMES NISBET .. .. 6.
ERNEST GOULDSTONE .. 3.	WILLIAM GILLINGHAM .. 7.
ALFRED WATTS .. .. 4.	A. G. LUKE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by MISS NELLIE GILLINGHAM.

First peal by all except the ringers of the 6th and 7th. First two ladies in the Association to ring a peal. First lady known to conduct a peal.

**WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

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

On Tuesday, December 21, 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, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER J. BRETHERTON* Treble.	FREDERICK BRACE .. .. 4.
MISS M. GILBRANKS .. .. 2.	JOHN BASS .. .. 5.
ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 3.	CHARLES F. WHITE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods in which a lady has taken part.

**DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, December 22, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW LITCHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
PARKER'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt.

H. INCKLE .. .. Treble.	C. DRAPER .. .. 5.
A. H. WARD .. .. 2.	B. MITCHELL .. .. 6.
W. E. CLARKE .. .. 3.	E. WILLIS .. .. 7.
E. H. CLARKE .. .. 4.	C. E. HART .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. H. WARD.

**BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, December 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT FIDDIES* .. Treble.	TITUS BARLOW .. .. 5.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. 2.	*WILLIAM PENNINGTON .. 6.
ROBERT WALLWORK .. 3.	JOHN POTTER .. .. 7.
GEORGE PINCOIT* .. 4.	†WILLIAM MORT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

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

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Friday, December 24, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

W. GOODCHILD .. Treble.	ARTHUR G. JAMES .. .. 5.
R. H. BIGGS .. .. 2.	F. G. BIGGS .. .. 6.
H. STRATFORD .. .. 3.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 7.
F. BOREHAM .. .. 4.	JOSEPH EVANS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

Rung to usher in Christmas, the peal being finished on that day, and as a birthday compliment to F. Boreham, the usual good wishes being tendered.

**NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 25, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE F. ALLEN* .. Treble.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 5.
GEORGE A. BIGGIN* .. 2.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. 6.
EDWIN JAMES .. .. 3.	GEORGE H. SMITH .. .. 7.
PTE. W. G. ROSE† .. 4.	ROBERT MCKINLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Rung for morning service on the 13th anniversary of the dedication of the bells. \*First peal. †1st Coldstream Guards.

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

On Saturday, December 25, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.**

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs.

WILLIAM OSTLER .. Treble.	†WILLIAM J. G. BROWN .. 5.
STANLEY BONNEY† .. 2.	*WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN .. 6.
WILLIAM FLOREY .. 3.	JOHN SELF .. .. 7.
H. P. BONNEY† .. 4.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

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

**DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, December 25, 1909, in Three Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,**  
**6080 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.**

HAROLD INCKLE .. Treble.	CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 5.
WALTER WALLACE .. 2.	JOHN FLOWER .. .. 6.
ALBERT H. WARD .. 3.	EDMUND WILLIS .. .. 7.
SAMUEL MASKREY .. 4.	JAMES PAGETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

Longest length on the bells, and by all except the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., President of the Association. This peal has the sixty course-ends.

**BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(CREWE BRANCH.)**

On Saturday, December 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:  
HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.**

ARTHUR ALLMAN .. .. Treble.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. 5.
THOMAS CARTWRIGHT .. 2.	WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT .. 6.
JOHN BRASSINGTON .. .. 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING .. 7.
JAMES HY. RIDING .. .. 4.	JOHN BRADSHAW .. .. Tenor.

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**CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

ISHAM (Northants.)—On Sunday, January 16th, a date touch of Minor, in 1 hr., being 194 Kent, 288 Woodbine, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 108 Plain Bob, 240 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob. J. Farby, W. Lewis, F. H. Talbutt, E. M. Atkins conductor, G. A. Blaxley, F. Andrew. Rung to celebrate the placing of a peal-tablet in the tower, kindly made by Mr. W. Wilson (one of the churchwardens, and also a ringer), recording two peals, one a peal of Bob Minor (being the first peal by a local band), and the other a seven-bell method peal, being the first ever rung by the local band without the aid of their instructor, Mr. E. Chapman, of Kettering.

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AMBLESIDE.—On August 25th, 480 Bob Major. J. Fairclough, W. Nevinson, W. Sharp, F. Woodend F. T. Gofton conductor. A. Newton, J. Holme, R. Satterthwaite. Also 350 and 168 Grandsire Triples. T. T. Gofton, A. Newton, F. Woodend, W. Robinson conductor, W. Sharp, J. Holme, J. Holmes, R. Satterthwaite. 576 Kent Major. R. Satterthwaite, W. Nevinson, A. Newton, F. Woodend, W. Sharp, J. Holme, T. T. Gofton, W. Robinson conductor. On September 1st, 288 Kent. J. Backhouse, W. Nevinson, A. Newton, R. Satterthwaite, W. Sharp, J. Holme, W. Robinson, A. W. Brighton conductor. Also 742 and 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Backhouse, W. Nevinson, A. Newton, A. W. Brighton conductor, W. Sharp, J. Holme, W. Robinson, R. Satterthwaite.

BRATHAY.—On August 26th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Backhouse conductor, W. Nevinson, T. T. Gofton, W. Sharp, J. Holme, R. Satterthwaite. 720 Kent. J. Backhouse conductor, T. T. Gofton, F. Woodend, W. Sharp, J. Holme, R. Satterthwaite. 720 Woodbine. R. Satterthwaite conductor, W. Nevinson, T. T. Gofton, W. Sharp, J. Holme W. Robinson. On September 2nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Backhouse conductor, A. W. Brighton, F. Woodend, W. Sharp, J. Holme, W. Robinson. 720 Kent. J. Backhouse conductor, A. W. Brighton, W. Sharp, J. Holme, R. Satterthwaite. 720 Oxford. A. W. Brighton conductor, W. Nevinson, A. Newton, W. Sharp, J. Holme, R. Satterthwaite. On Friday, October 22nd, 720 Oxford. J. Backhouse conductor, W. Nevinson, A. Newton, W. Sharp, R. Satterthwaite. And 720 Duke of York. J. Backhouse conductor, W. Nevinson, W. Robinson, W. Sharp, J. Holme, R. Satterthwaite.

KENDAL.—On September 4th, 742 Grandsire Triples. J. Braithwaite, A. Newton, A. W. Brighton conductor, W. Atkinson, W. Sharp, J. Holme, T. P. Jackson, W. Robinson. Also 336 Bob Major. J. Braithwaite, A. Newton, W. Atkinson, W. Robinson, W. Sharp, J. Holme, T. P. Jackson, A. W. Brighton conductor. On Saturday, October 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. J. Braithwaite, A. Newton, W. Atkinson conductor, W. Sharp, W. Robinson, B. Walker, J. P. Jack-

son, J. Salmon. And 252 Stedman Triples. J. Braithwaite, A. Newton, W. Atkinson, T. Haslam, W. Sharp, W. Robinson, T. P. Jackson conductor, J. Salmon.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants.)—On Thursday, November 18th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Miss Florence Philips longest touch), H. Bennett, F. Philips, E. Green, E. Waters, C. Goodenough conductor, W. Kerley, F. Forsyth (longest touch).

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

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Saturday, January 15th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. F. C. Maynard, J. C. Adams, R. Maynard, sen., H. J. Maynard, H. Rumens, R. Maynard, jun., conductor, G. B. Lucas, sen., A. Chapman. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday afternoon, November 7th, for Men's Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. Spencer, H. C. Chandler, C. Bird, G. Condict, A. Harding, A. R. Macdonald, F. Skevington conductor, G. Green.

HESTON (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, November 7th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. T. Barker, A. R. Macdonald, H. C. Chandler, C. Bird, E. Gladman, C. J. Edwards, S. Carter conductor, C. Gladman. On Sunday evening, November 14th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob. H. Cowley, H. C. Chandler conductor, T. Barker, C. Bird, G. Gladman, S. Carter, C. J. Edwards, E. Gladman.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**

MINCHINHAMPTON.—On Sunday evening, November 21st, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. E. Harris, E. Jeffries, H. Cleverly, F. Ponting, H. Bennett, G. E. Packer conductor. First 720 by all.

**THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

RAINFORD.—On Thursday, November 18th, at the parish church, 2520 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 32 mins. R. Woods, H. Hesketh, J. Schofield, M. Harris, R. Smith, S. Cadwallender, J. Hall conductor.

CALDICOT (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday, November 21st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Boucher, A. Lewis, C. King, A. Peppin, F. Viles conductor, J. Brown, W. Margaretts, O. Jones.

ISHAM (Northants.)—On Wednesday, January 12th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. E. M. Atkins conductor, E. Chapman, F. H. Talbutt, W. Lewis, G. Blaxley, F. Andrew. First 720 in the method by all except the ringers of the treble and 2nd.

LEICESTER.—On Monday, December 20th, at St. George's church, 120 Stedman Doubles. T. Hardy, A. Pettitt, C. H. Fowler, E. Morris, J. Morris, H. P. Smith. And 360 Bob Minor, conducted by E. Morris. Rung on the second birthday of G. Stedman Morris, son of J. Morris, and brother of E. Morris.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Sunday, October 31st, at St. Giles's church, 720 Double Court. A. Clark, H. J. Tucker, E. Yates, W. W. Bonham, T. C. Tompkins, C. A. Valentine conductor. On Tuesday, November 16th, 720 Double Oxford. W. G. Tompkins, H. J. Tucker, E. Yates, W. W. Bonham, T. C. Tompkins, C. A. Valentine conductor. This is the first 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

WICKEN (Northants).—On Saturday, November 26th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Single Bob. A. Clark, J. E. Read, C. Tyrell, W. W. Bonham, J. Read, C. A. Valentine conductor.

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## A COLONIAL PROTEST.

The following message was published in the papers yesterday:—

"In his address to the General Synod, the Primate of New Zealand (the Most Rev. S. T. Nevill, D.D.), referred to the relations of the Church with other branches of the Anglican Communion.

"He said it was improper for a self-governing Church to submit to the overlordship of a Church in some other country.

"Referring to the fact that the new Archbishop of Sydney had had to make a declaration of subordination to the Archbishop of Canterbury, he said it was an act of ecclesiastical immorality for the Arch-

bishop of one province to require the Archbishop of another to make a declaration of submission which could mean nothing."

## DEATHS OF WEST MALVERN CLERGY.

—Three priests have died in the comparatively small parish of St. James's, West Malvern, in a little more than two years. The Rev. Charles Earle Freeman, who was Vicar from 1856 till 1903, died on December 15th, 1907, and a reredos erected in his memory was recently dedicated by Dr. I. Gregory Smith, formerly Vicar of Malvern Priory. The Rev. F. A. G. Eichbaum, the founder and for many years the Warden of St. Edward's Orphanage, died on October 23rd, and

his funeral in St. James's churchyard was one of the last at which the Vicar, the Rev. Mosse Macdonald, who was then in failing health, officiated. Mr. Macdonald himself passed away yesterday week. During his six years as Vicar of West Malvern, he had worked bravely in spite of constant suffering, aggravated by the trying physical conditions of his hillside parish. Although he gained the Newdigate prize at Oxford in 1879, he was not ordained till 1893, but held appointments at King's College, London, and St. Aidan's, Birkenhead.

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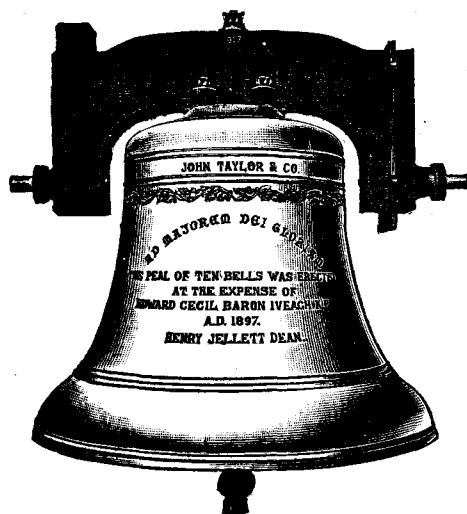
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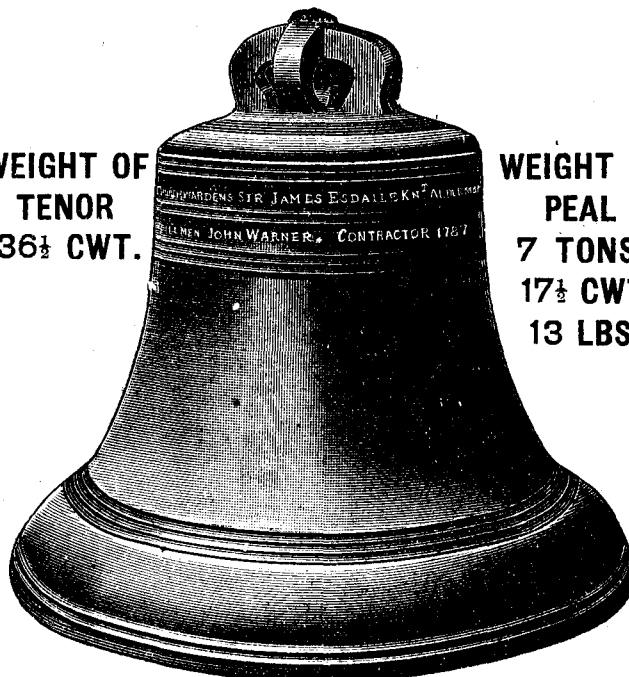
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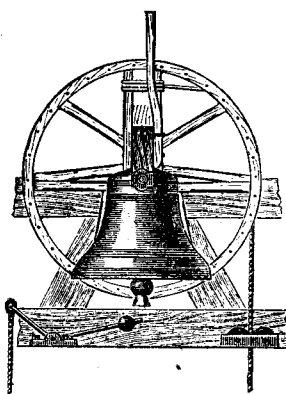
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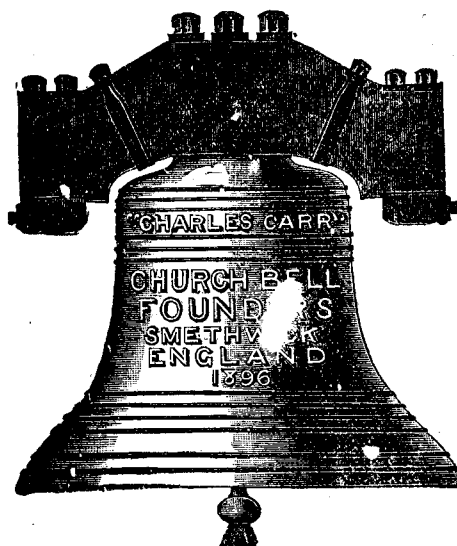
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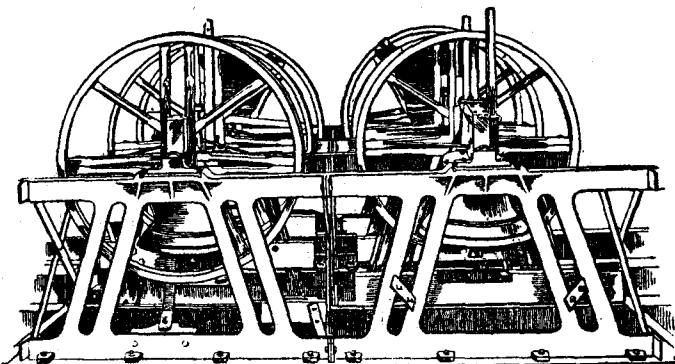
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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The Second Session of the Seventh Council (20th Annual Meeting) will be held at Manchester on Whitsun Tuesday, May 17th, 1910. Reports of Committees and Notices of Motion should reach me not later than Saturday, April 16th, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in "THE BELL NEWS." Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations will kindly bear in mind that Affiliation Fees (2s. 6d. for each elected representative) became due on the 1st inst., and should be forwarded to me as soon as possible. The rights of representatives whose quota has not been paid are in abeyance until payment has been made. I shall be glad if they will at the same time kindly inform me of any change in their own address since last year, or in that of any representative, or of any change in the representation itself.

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## BRAMLEY.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

An interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of St. Peter's church, Bramley, on Saturday, January 15th, being the unveiling of a peal-board recording the peal rung on October 5th last, in thirty-one methods, by the local company.

Ringers from the neighbouring churches were invited to witness the ceremony, which was performed by the Vicar (Rev. F. Wolde, M.A.), who, after offering suitable prayers, accepted the board as the property of the church, and congratulated the band on their record performance, expressing his pleasure at having the opportunity of meeting such a gathering of ringers, all of whom, he said, were doing great work for their respective churches.

Letters of apology were read from Mr. Snowdon (president of the Yorkshire Association, and Mr. H. Williams (of Headingley), both of whom congratulated the band on their success, and encouraging them to still further efforts.

Tea was afterwards served in the schools, followed by a capital programme of glees and songs by members of the choir. Several well-struck touches on the handbells were also greatly appreciated.

On the motion of Mr. Holgate, seconded by Mr. Latimer, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his services, and also in appreciation of his kindness in extending to the ringers full privileges in the use of the bells whenever they wanted to do so.

The Vicar, in reply, said that whilst he fully appreciated the hearty manner in which the resolution had been carried, he felt that his sincere thanks were due to the ringers for the opportunity they had given him of coming amongst them, and having such a good time. He assured

them that so far as the bells were concerned he had every confidence that the privileges he had so readily granted would not be abused, and that he hoped the band would, by their united efforts, achieve still greater honours.

An enlarged photograph of the ringers who took part in the peal, and the board, suitably framed, was presented to Mr. Latimer, the conductor, as a memento of the occasion.

Mr. A. Riley (churchwarden), moved, and Mr. T. Maude (Tong) seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the St. Peter's company for their kind invitations, both gentlemen expressing their pleasure at being present to witness the unveiling ceremony, and enjoy all the good things provided later.

Mr. Holgate suitably responded, bringing to a close a most enjoyable meeting.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### (SONNING BRANCH.)

This branch held its annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, January 22nd. Evensong was said at All Saints church. The Master of the Guild, who is also chairman of this branch, gave a most forcible and excellent address on the wonderful privileges attaching to our membership of Christ and His Church, and appealed to his hearers with the greatest earnestness to make a right use of them. A substantial tea was served in the Church Room, and was followed by the business meeting when there were eighty hon. and ringing members present. Amongst other matters, mention was made of some peals which had been rung during the year; one at Sandhurst, and two at Easthampstead, the first occasion in which the ringers of the latter tower have succeeded in accomplishing the 5040 changes.

In the election of officers one change only was made, and a small committee was formed to arrange meetings at different towers in the district for peal-ringing and general practice during the year, which are found to be of great assistance in promotion of the art.

Votes of thanks to the preacher, and to all who had been instrumental in providing and arranging this, the thirtieth annual gathering, brought the meeting to a close.

## ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

When the peal of 5056 Bob Major was rung here on September 11th, 1909, the band who rang it decided to have a record for the belfry. The order was accordingly given, and a thoroughly well executed example of the illuminator's art is the result. The band met again on a recent Sunday, and rang for evening service 1264 in the same method, each ringer taking a similar position as when the peal was rung. W. Lawrence, 1; J. Howes (conductor), 2; F. Goddard, 3; A. Tabor, 4; C. Dell, 5; T. Beadle, 6; J. H. B. Hesse, 7; G. Spencer, 8.

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### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The following is the annual report, recently published, of the Middlesex County Association. We think it may be very interesting to many of our readers:—

In presenting the Twelfth Annual Report to our members, we congratulate them most heartily on the continued progress and efficiency of our Association. We have endeavoured year by year to lay it down as an axiom of our well-being, that in addition to the exercise of our calling as ringers, the ruling motive of our action should be the recognition of the brotherhood of ringers. It is an aim which may take long in arriving at its complete fulfilment, for as—

"Heaven is not reached by a single bound  
But we build the ladder by which we rise  
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,  
And we mount to the summit round by round,"

so it is in our daily life and work as members of a brotherhood. We have to build up our position gradually; but however slow may be our progress, it is an object well worth striving for. Difficulties, no doubt, will beset us. Robert Browning has well expressed one of the chief difficulties when he said—

"I tell you men won't notice, when they do,  
They'll understand,"

and it is just this want of appreciation by some of all that is conveyed in the word "brotherhood," that prevents men from understanding and acting upon it.

The General Annual Meeting of the Association was held at Fulham parish church on Saturday, October 12th, 1908. About seventy members attended the service, and a goodly number of parishioners were also present. The service commenced at five o'clock, and the preacher was the Rev. W. C. Muriel, Vicar of the parish, who took for his text Romans x. 18: "Their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world." This message, he said, was spoken of the Gospel, but applied with equal force to the message of Church Bells. In this hustling, bustling, money getting world, amid so much that is sordid and selfish, with crowds intent on this pleasure or on that sin, suddenly there might often be heard the sound of Church Bells, sending forth their message of hope to many a broken heart, bidding men and women come and lay aside for a while their burden, and snatch a few moments for that peaceful communion with their Maker which the world outside could not give. In this way, the bells were preachers lifted up on high; they were voices, which never failed to arrest attention, and if men had only ears to hear, what a glorious message Church Bells would often unfold.

In former days, it was customary to give names to bells, and as there were ten bells in the tower of the parish church, he would ask them to try and imagine that each bell had a name corresponding to the message it had to deliver. He would like to suggest the following:

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| 1. Faith.   | 6. Thanksgiving. |
| 2. Hope.    | 7. Joy.          |
| 3. Charity. | 8. Sorrow.       |
| 4. Prayer.  | 9. Duty.         |
| 5. Praise.  | 10. Warning.     |

Very lucidly, but pointedly, the message taught by each bell was touched upon, the preacher concluding with an eloquent and impressive reference to the solemn warning of the tenor bell, whose message seemed to him to be well summed up in the following invitation:

"Come to Thy God in time!  
Thus saith the pealing chime,  
Youth, manhood, old age past  
Come to Thy God at last."

As ringers went about their work, let them think of the things, and if they interpreted the message of the bell aright, might they never be reproached with the thought of opportunities neglected, or of gifts misused.

After the service the company adjourned to the Parish Room for tea, at the close of which a course of Stedman Caters was admirably rung on handbells by Messrs. G. R. Pye, B. Prewett, William Pye, J. W. Driver, and W. J. Nudds, and was followed by the usual business meeting.

Before enumerating the successful peals rung since the 12th October last, we will venture on a new departure and cast a regretful glance at those peals which were unfortunately lost. These have been thirty-two in number. Four were stopped by illness, and three by accident, that is to say, by the breakage of a rope, or by a clapper becoming detached. Four attempts for peals on handbells proved abortive. Of the rest, a peal of Superlative Surprise was lost three leads from the end, and several peals of London and Bristol Surprise were lost more than halfway through. It is the experience of failure, however, that not unfrequently points the road to success, and we pass on to speak of the successful peals rung.

These have been 80 in number, 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
	—
Total—	4

Among these peals we have pleasure in noting the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung by the Southgate band on the bells of the parish church, Chipping Barnet, on the 12th November, 1908, conducted by Mr. Sidney Wade. It is the first peal of Cambridge Surprise by a local band of the Association, and the unanimous verdict of those who were privileged to hear it was, that it was a very fine performance. It is also a pleasure to us to offer our tribute of admiration to Miss Edith Parker, who, on the 1st May, 1909, rung an inside bell in a peal of Superlative, conducted by her father, at Edmonton. Miss Parker is only 17 years of age, and she is the first lady-ringer to achieve the distinction of ringing her first peal in a Surprise method. We congratulate her heartily on her success. Nor can we withhold a like tribute from Mr. Geo. Buggs, who at the age of 17 rang his first peal (a peal of Superlative Surprise) at Romford on the 17th August, 1909.

While on the subject of performances of especial merit, we must not omit to place on record the wonderful performance at Loughborough on the 12th April, 1909, when a peal of Stedman Caters, consisting of 18,027 changes, was rung by members of the Midland Counties Association, in 12 hours and 18 minutes, seven of whom are also

members of our own Association, and no less than five of them intimately bound up with our active welfare. It is with some pardonable pride, therefore, that we congratulate Mr. William Pye, the conductor of the peal, on another of those heroic efforts with which his name has been so often associated. To conduct a peal of 18,027 changes, whilst ringing a bell weighing 30½ cwt., would tax the capacity of most of our ablest ringers; but he is just one of those capable men who can rise to the occasion whenever his services are required, and to his credit be it said, he has never yet been spoilt by success. We can render no higher encomium than this of his worth and work.

An analysis of the performances on tower bells shews that 32 have rung their first peal in a new method; 21 their first peal in any method; and 2 their first peal in any method as conductors. In the higher methods, two have rung their first peals of Bristol Surprise: three their first London; two their first peals of Superlative; and eight their first peal of Cambridge Surprise. Messrs. J. W. Driver and Joseph Herbert, of the Fulham Society, also rang their first peal of Stedman Caters on handbells on 14th December, 1908. The number of quarter-peals rung, as far as we have been able to ascertain them, are as follows:

	Oxford Bob Triples	Grandsire Triples	Stedman Triples	Cambridge Surprise	London Surprise
Barnet ... ..	—	3	—	—	—
Cubitt Town ... ..	—	1	—	—	—
Feltham ... ..	—	4	—	—	—
Heston ... ..	2	3	—	—	—
Hounslow ... ..	1	2	1	—	—
Hillingdon West ... ..	—	—	1	1	—
Isleworth ... ..	1	4	2	—	—
Richmond ... ..	—	1	—	—	—
Southgate ... ..	—	—	—	1	1
South Hackney ... ..	—	2	—	—	—
Walthamstow (St. Mary's) ... ..	—	—	1	—	—
Walthamstow (St. Saviour's) ... ..	—	2	—	—	—

in addition to a date touch of Minor at Norwood Green, Middlesex.

The number of meetings held, exclusive of the Annual Meeting, have been 16, and the attendances have on the whole been satisfactory. The number of new members who have joined us during the year is 91; and after allowing for the wastage of old members by death, and by default in payment of subscriptions, we are left with the very satisfactory following of 630 members.

We have lost one of our Honorary Members in the death of the Rev. C. H. Stooks, Vicar of Southgate, after a long and severe illness. He was laid to rest at Yateley, Hants., on the 10th April last, and as a token of respect a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells of Christ Church, Southgate, by the local band. As an Association, we shall miss his kindly welcome at our annual district meetings; and the local ringers will miss him, because he did everything in his power to encourage them. O! si sic omnes!

We have also to deplore the absence from active work of our Master, Mr. J. Basden, who is suffering from an illness which incapacitates him from active effort of any kind. Our deep sympathy goes out to him in his trouble; and to show that we are nothing, if not a brotherhood, we take this opportunity of reminding our members that there is a movement on foot, designed to give our old

friend some much needed help in his illness, and to cheer him in the dark day of trouble.

From this we turn to a brighter side. We spoke last year of the severe illness of Mr. Ernest Pye, and we are glad to be in a position to state that his health is so much improved, that he has been able to take part in some important peals in the course of the past year. The enquiries after his health have been very numerous, all expressing a deep interest in his welfare. The ringing world in general can ill spare the services of such a grand exponent of the art; and least of all ourselves, for whom he has done such signal service.

We have little to record in the way of bell-restoration in the county of Middlesex. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank inform us that they have regulated the fittings of the bells at Harrow Weald, and that they have rehung the 7th, 10th, and 11th bells at St. Martin-in-the-Fields in new headstocks and bearings. They add, however, the welcome news that they have received the order from the authorities to rehang the twelve bells of St. Michael's, Cornhill, in new fittings, and to repair the present frame. It was proposed at one time to provide a new steel and iron frame, and it is a pity that the authorities should not be able to see their way clear to carry this proposal through. The additional cost would have been not far short of £200, and if only an adequate response had been made to the appeal for funds, there is no doubt that the complete restoration would have been gladly carried out. It is a pity that the liberality of our forefathers in providing this historic ring of bells cannot be met by a corresponding liberality in the present day for the purpose of keeping so grand a heritage in proper repair; but we live in days when money is hard to find, and harder still to keep.

Before closing this Report, we feel it to be our duty to call attention to the loss we are about to suffer at no very distant date, by the retirement of our Hon. Secretary from his duties in the public service, and, as a consequence, from the burden he has so cheerfully borne in carrying out the work of the Association. What that work is, has been shewn year by year in the pages of the annual report, a calm and unprejudiced perusal of which will shew the sincerity of his endeavour to raise the tone of the Association above all petty personalities, and to cause ringers to reflect that quite apart from the physical aspect of their calling and the wonderful skill and intelligence which it involves, there is something more required. There must be the spirit of holiness pervading all our work, nay more, an increasing exercise of that spirit, which exists deep down in the heart of every man, and should rise to the surface more often than it does. We shall have done a great deal, if only we have learned to rally round our clergy and our Church. As regards the future, let us determine with the best powers that God has given us, and intends us to use, to dedicate ourselves and our service to Him. So only will our work prosper, and the melody of our bells become to us who ring, and to those who hear, in very truth the music of the Gospel, to sanctify and make bright everything that we do; so only can we hope to become true ringers, true Churchworkers, and true Christian men.

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## THE YORKSHIRE HANDBELL RINGERS' ASSOCIATION.

### PRESENTATION TO THE PRESIDENT.

At the meeting of the Association held on Saturday, January 15th, 1910, at Ye Old Hatte hotel, Huddersfield, delegates from the following bands being present, viz.:—Birstal, Clifton Seniors, Clifton Juniors, Crosland Moor United, Crosland Moor Public, Dewsbury, Higher Walton, Royston, St. Aidan's (Ossett), Sheffield, Hartshead, Thurlstone, Lepton United, and Ecclesfield, a very hearty welcome was given to Mr. W. H. Giggie, of Horbury (the President), on his return, after a very successful tour of twenty-four weeks in the United States. To mark the esteem the members have for its President, they had during his absence abroad, opened a testimonial fund, so as to give him a memento of their esteem on his return. This had been generously responded to, with the result that a splendid oak case of Sheffield cutlery, containing fifty-three pieces, and manufactured by Messrs. Robinson and Co., of Sheffield, was presented to Mr. Giggie by Mr. Kaye Cooke (Birstal), one of the Vice-presidents, on behalf of the Association. Messrs. Dyson (Sheffield), Townend (Crosland Moor United), Priestley (Crosland Moor Public), Megson (St. Aidan's, Ossett), and other members spoke in the highest terms of the esteem they had for Mr. Giggie, and for the services he had rendered on behalf of the Yorkshire Association, and the cause of handbell ringing. The flourishing condition in which the Yorkshire Handbell Association is at the present time is practically due to Mr. Giggie's untiring efforts for its success. It may be interesting to know that Mr. Giggie founded the Association in 1903, and worked assiduously as Secretary from its formation until 1909, when, owing to his engagement in the United States with the Horbury handbell ringers, he had to give up that position, and was unanimously elected President.

Mr. Giggie very ably and suitably responded on behalf of himself and Mrs. Giggie, and spoke of the love and fellowship he had for the Association, its members, and its work. He gave a very interesting description of the very successful tour the Horbury handbell ringers had had in the United States, which was highly appreciated by the members present.

### NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT CARLTON-IN-CLEVELAND (reported December 11th).—Mr. J. G. Hall's 50 peals.—Minor 1, Bob Major 1, Grand sire Triples 7, Grandsire Caters 2, Stedman Triples 5, Stedman Caters 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 17, Kent Treble Bob Royal 3, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Double Norwich Major 10, Superlative Surprise Major 1. Total 50. Rang in twenty towers, three counties and two Associations.

THE PEAL AT GREAT BADDOW (reported December 11th).—Mr. H. F. Cooper's 50 peals.—Peals of Minor, seven methods, 1; Oxford Bob Triples 1, Grandsire Triples 25, conducted 2; Grandsire Caters 3, Stedman Triples 6, Bob Major 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 11. Total 50, conducted 2.

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## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Members are reminded that the standing orders have been suspended, and that the following alteration of an addition to the rules will be brought before the general meeting at Eastwood, on the 29th inst. for acceptance.

Rule iv.: Erase the words "entitled to the report of the past year now."

Rule iv. (or rule v. the remainder to be renumbered).—"Members may, by payment of sixpence, in addition to their annual subscription during the month of January in each year, obtain at Easter the report of the past year through the local honorary secretary of the district in which they reside."

"Non-resident members and others can obtain the report post free from the Honorary Secretary after Easter on forwarding one shilling."

"New members will be entitled to the report of the past year on payment of their entrance fee."

"The report will be gratis to all honorary members."

I shall be much obliged if all wishing to receive a report on the above terms will notify me or the local secretary by the 29th inst., so that a proper number of reports may be printed.

N.B.—The report for 1909 will contain a portrait of the band who rang the record peal at Loughborough.

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### Correspondence.

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

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

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

SIR.—The peal of Treble Bob Major published in your last issue by Mr. L. Mason belongs to Mr. N. J. Pittsow. It was first published I believe in one of the earliest issues of "THE BELL NEWS." In the Central Council Treble Bob Collection I have over fifty similar peals, and I very much doubt if an original one is now to be had. I strongly advise composers not to publish peals in this, or any of the well known methods, without taking great precautions to see whether they have been out before. Pending the publication of this Collection I shall always be pleased to give any information as to the originality of peals.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on Saturday, February 5th. Tower open for ringing at 3.45. Evensong at 5.30. Arrangements will be made for a tea in the Parish Room at 6 o'clock, if sufficient members notify by the 31st inst. their intention of being present. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**  
32 Edgely Road, Clapham, S.W.

**The London Chumty Association late the St. James's Society.**—The eighty-sixth annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, February 12th, at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, E.C. With the kind permission of the Rev. E. Rogers the tower will be open for ringing from 4.30 to 6 p.m., and after the business meeting. Tea will be provided at 6 p.m. at The King of Denmark (side entrance), Old Bailey, at 6d. each to all those who inform their district representative, or me, not later than the 9th inst. Business meeting at 6.45 p.m. All members should endeavour to attend, as business of exceptional importance will be brought before the meeting. The tower of St. Andrew's, Holborn, will also be open for ringing from 3.30 to 5.30.  
**T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.**  
35 Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

**Central Northamptonshire Association.**—Quarterly meetings will be held at Knares and Kettering to-day, Saturday, January 29th; and Wellingborough on February 5th. Usual arrangements. **F. WILFORD, General Sec.**

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds, to-day, Sat., January 29th.  
**CLEMENT GLENN, Hon. Sec.**  
40, Percy Street, Retherham.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eastwood to-day, Sat., January 29th. The eight bells at the parish church will be available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4. Tea (1s. each) at 4.45, followed by general meeting, both in the schoolroom.  
**Cotgrave, Notts. W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.**

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, to-day, Sat., January 29th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service in church at 5. Tea, 1s. each, in schoolroom at 6.  
**H. KNIGHT, Hon. Sec.**  
15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Battle (8 bells), to-day, Sat., January 29th. Ringing from 3.15 till 5. Service at 5. Tea and meeting at 5.30. Will secretaries of bands please note that subscriptions for 1910 are now due, and should be sent on to the undersigned as soon as possible.  
**GEO. H. HOWSE, Div. Hon. Sec.**  
132, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Marden to-day, Sat., January 29th. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Committee meeting at 4.15. Tea at 5.45, followed by general meeting at The Chequers hotel. Sixpence per head will be charged towards cost of the tea. No travelling

allowances are paid at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due, and should be either paid at the meeting or sent to the District Secretary.  
**W. LATTER, Hon. D's Sec.**  
26, Duker Road, Tonbridge Wells.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—South Bucks. and East Berks. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at High Wycombe to-day, Sat., January 29th. Towers of High Wycombe, West Wycombe, and Hughenden open after 2 o'clock. Service in the parish church, High Wycombe, at 4.30. Tea at 5.30 in the Guildhall.  
**REV. S. WINTER, Hon. Sec.**  
Medmenham Vicarage, Marlow.

**The Warwickshire Guild.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, church, Warwick, to-day, Sat., January 29th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea at The Dale Temperance hotel at 5.15. Meeting after tea, and the presentation of wedding present to the Master of the Guild.  
**ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, Hon. Sec.**

**The North Notts. Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Worksop to-day, Sat., January 29th.  
**B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.**

**The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by the kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Max Beoney), at St. Mary Magdalen, Richmond, to-day, Sat., January 29th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Members and friends cordially invited. Will members kindly note that subscriptions for 1910 are now due.  
**H. C. CHANDLER, Hon. Sec.**

**St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.**—Annual meeting on Friday, February 4th. A supper and social will be held at The Princes Head, Princes Street, Westminster, on Saturday, February 19th. Tickets, 2s. each, to be had from Messrs A. Hardy, C. Ward, W. G. Matthews, F. G. Perrin, and  
**JAMES E. DAVIS, Hon. Sec.**  
215, Sumner Road, Pichham, S.E.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Guildford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Godalming on February 5th. 2.0.—Bells (8) available till 5.30.—Service conducted by the Vicar. 6.15.—Tea at The Little George hotel. After the business a social evening, including handbell music by the Godalming band, and change-ringing on handbells by the Guildford band.  
**JOHN J. JONES, Dis. Sec.**

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Eastern Counties Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Moulton on Saturday, February 5th. Dinner at The Swan inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 3d. each. Divine Service at the parish church at 3.30 p.m. Further particulars of  
**Pinchbeck, Spalding. G. LADD, Hon. Sec.**

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, February 5th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting at The Golden Lion, Chapelton, at 7.30.  
**GEO. W. SLACK, Hon. Sec.**

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The quarterly meeting of the above society has been postponed from January 29th to February 5th, and will be held at Oldham parish church. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock.  
**CHAS. E. BOWER, Sec.**

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—The Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Wylam-on-Tyne on Saturday, February

5th. Bells at Wylam and Newburn available Committee meeting at 4 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. at The Bird inn. Members intending to be present please notify  
**CHAS. E. TODD, Hon. Sec.**  
92, Northgate, Darlington.

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hales-o'-en on Saturday, February 5th. Service, with address by the Rector (Rev. Ronald Symes), in the parish church at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. The bells (8) will be available. Tea will be provided free for those notifying me before Wednesday, February 2nd of their intention to be present.  
**J. R. NEWMAN, Hon. Sec.**  
Bransford, Worcester.

**The Essex Association.**—North-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Witham on Saturday, February 5th. Tea at The White Horse at 5.30, at 1s. each. Those intending being present please notify by the 2nd inst.  
**A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM, Dis. Sec.**  
Sandpit Road, Baintree.

**The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.**—Established 1755.—The annual meeting will be held at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday, February 5th. Bells available from 2 o'clock till 8.30. Service in parish church at 5.30. Business meeting in Church House at 6 o'clock, at which Canon Barnard will preside. It is hoped that every member who can make it convenient will attend. Attention is directed to Rule 5.  
**A. PADDON SMITH, Hon. Sec.**  
11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, February 5th. Bells available at St. Stephen's at 2 p.m.; St. Alphege at 3 p.m.; and at the Cathedral at 4 p.m. after evensong. No allowances are made at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due, and it would be a convenience if paid at the meeting. Teas may be obtained at Sargent's hotel, St. Peter's Street, if required.  
**E. TRENBELL, Hon. Dis. Sec.**

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Stockport Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Hyde on Saturday, February 5th.  
**A. T. BERTON, Hon. Sec.**

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, February 12th, and not at Long-ton on February 5th as stated on the meeting cards. Bells at 3.0 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Service at 7 p.m. Tea will only be provided for those who notify us not later than February 6th, and a small charge will be made for same.  
**REV. W. G. KEYWORTH, } Hon. Secs.**  
**J. JOHNSON, }**  
143, Flint Terrace, Tunstall.

## 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
The Wrexham Company, North Wales, per Mr. S. Meadows	..	0	8	0

All further subscriptions will be gratefully received by Mr. E. Rivers and Mr. F. Rolfe, Sproughton, near Ipswich.

**A MECHANICAL ENGINEER** desires berth. Change-ringer. No objection to distance. **A. R. MACDONALD, 58, France Road, Bournemouth.**



**The Provinces.****PINCHBECK.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

*On Friday, December 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven 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 21 cwt.

R. HUGH RICHARDSON .. Treble.	GEORGE LADD .. .. 4.
C. WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 2.	JOHN CURRY .. .. 5.
THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. 3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. WILLIAM SMITH.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**

Tenor 21 cwt 1 qr. 7 lbs.

ROBERT E. STAVERT .. Treble.	CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 5.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
SAMUEL J. BIRD .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method rung in Bucks.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT E. STAVERT .. Treble.	SAMUEL J. BIRD .. .. 5.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 2.	CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells; also the 100th peal in the tower.

**FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	† WILLIAM BURGESS .. .. 5.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 2.	JOHN J. CREASY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. .. 3.	† WILLIAM T. LAST .. .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SAWYER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

† First peal in the method.

**ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANK BARRETT .. .. Treble.	FRED WEBB .. .. 6.
ALBERT E. LOCK .. .. 2.	EDGAR HUMFREY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM JUDGE .. .. 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 8.
HARRY HOLIFIELD .. .. 4.	RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. 9.
RICHARD G. RICE .. .. 5.	EDMUND BANISTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

\* First peal on ten bells. The conductor's first peal of Grandsire Caters.

**BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

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

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

**BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER .. Treble.	WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 5.
ALBERT D. STONE .. .. 2.	PHILIP ALLFREY .. .. 6.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
CHARLES PALMER .. .. 4.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

**CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

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

HEYWOOD'S TEN-PART (NO. 1.)

Tenor 13 cwt.

REG. H. LAW JAMES .. Treble.	* PERCIVAL J. STOKES .. 5.
FREDERICK W. STOKES .. 2.	JOHN P. PALEY, JUN. .. 6.
GEORGE SCOTT .. .. 3.	JOHN CHAGG .. .. 7.
JOHN W. WOOD .. .. 4.	JOHN H. HAYNES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung in the Norwich variation.

**LINCOLN.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Four Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7040 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by H. W. KIRTON

This is the longest length by all the band except the ringer of the tenor, and the longest ever rung in the county.

**BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.****THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN LUCKEY* .. .. Treble.	* CHARLES H. HOWARD .. 6.
WILLIAM T. PRIOR .. .. 2.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. 7.
THOMAS JORDAN .. .. 3.	THOMAS J. WATTS .. .. 8.
HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WATTS .. .. 9.
ARTHUR F. JAMES .. .. 5.	PHILLIP SPRINGHAM .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HENRY J. TUCKER.

\* First peal on ten bells. It was intended to go for Treble Ten, but meeting one short the above was rung instead. Rung on the 29th anniversary of the conductor's first peal as conductor.

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.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt.

DANIEL PRENTICE .. .. Treble.	CHARLES H. GILLINGHAM .. 5.
EDWARD EVANS .. .. 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. .. 4.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED CLARK .. .. Treble.	WALTER W. BONHAM .. 4.
WILLIAM G. COWLEY .. 2.	*GEORGE W. TOMPKINS .. 5.
THOMAS C. TOMPKINS .. 3.	CECIL A. VALENTINE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

\*First peal in three methods with a bob bell.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

ON THE ROYAL MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt.

MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON Treble.	FREDK. W. HERBERT .. 5.
ALBERT MASON .. .. 2.	THOMAS BOTTRILL .. 6.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 3.	JAMES HARBIS .. .. 7.
EDWARD JACKSON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

First peal in the method on the bells, and rang on the fifth anniversary of the Wigston long peal—17,104.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
CARTER'S 12-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

W. B. CLARK† .. .. Treble.	GEO. BASSON .. .. 5.
J. W. GLEN* .. .. 2.	GEO. THOMPSON .. .. 6.
JOS. DAVIES .. .. 3.	LEWIS LOMAS .. .. 7.
GEO. TOMLINSON .. .. 4.	HARRY ALLEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOS. DAVIES

†First peal. \*First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor. Rang to commemorate the appointment of Rev. E. A. Saunders as curate of the above church. W. B. Clark was elected a member previous to starting.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	CHARLES H. GILLINGHAM .. 5.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 2.	CHARLES CATCHPOLE .. 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 3.	LEWIS WIFFEN .. .. 7.
EDWARD EVANS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, and  
Conducted by J. MOTTS.

The ringers wish to thank the Rev. —. Ward for his kind hospitality, and also for the use of the bells.

KINGS LYNN, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 5.
HENRY GARNHAM .. .. 2.	WILLIAM G. CURSTON .. 6.
CHARLES BAKER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM CURSTON .. .. 7.
FREDERICK SMITH .. .. 4.	FREDERICK ROOPE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. PLATT, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt.

HERBERT TOMSETT .. Treble.	ALFRED J. PIERPOINT .. 5.
GEORGE TOMSETT .. .. 2.	ALFRED TOMSETT .. .. 6.
RICHARD HOLDER .. .. 3.	THOMAS STRINGER .. .. 7.
HENRY J. GRAVETT .. .. 4.	EDMUND PATCHING .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. TOMSETT.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6240 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D flat.

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

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

This is the longest peal in the method by all the band, and the longest peal yet rung on Lavenham bells. This peal is supposed to be rang for the first time by the above Association. The figures will be found in Hubbard's Campanalogia, 4th edition, page 72. The conductor would like to know if this peal has been rung elsewhere.

WORCESTER.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-IN-BEDWARDINE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

W. PAGE .. .. Treble.	W. RANFORD .. .. 4.
W. C. JONES .. .. 2.	*G. CHECRETTS .. .. 5.
R. G. KNOWLES .. .. 3.	J. R. NEWMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. R. NEWMAN.

\*First in seven methods. First peal of Minor in the city of Worcester.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS CRANFIELD .. Treble.	WALTER SOER .. .. 5.
FRANK A. MILNE .. .. 2.	ALBERT W. COLES .. .. 6.
REUBEN SANDERS .. .. 3.	H. S. REEVES .. .. 7.
ROBERT ROFFEY .. .. 4.	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by H. S. REEVES.

\*First peal in the method. This peal was rung, with the good wishes of the band, in commemoration of the birthday of T. Cranfield.

CHALFONT ST. PETER'S, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s.

J. STONE .. .. .	.. Treble.	R. BOLTON .. .. .	.. 4.
W. BRIDENT .. .. .	.. 2.	*G. WINGFIELD .. .. .	.. 5.
F. BOLTON* .. .. .	.. 3.	J. BLACKMORE .. .. .	.. Tenor.

Conducted by J. BLACKMORE.

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

WREXHAM, NORTH WALES.  
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN SMITH* .. .. .	.. Treble.	*GEORGE E. TURNER .. .. .	.. 6.
GEORGE JONES .. .. .	.. 2.	JAMES H. MIDWINTER .. .. .	.. 7.
ROBERT SPERREING .. .. .	.. 3.	JAMES MORGAN .. .. .	.. 8.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. .. .	.. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. .	.. 9.
SAMUEL GREENHALGH* .. .. .	.. 5.	*HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. .	.. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by H. CHAPMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. John Bury, who had been churchwarden for many years.

\*Elected members previous to starting for the peal.

WESTON, BATH, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM H. SEERS .. .. .	.. Treble.	ALBERT E. SEERS .. .. .	.. 4.
HERBERT E. LEWIS .. .. .	.. 2.	CHARLES W. BELL .. .. .	.. 5.
RICHARD J. COUSINS .. .. .	.. 3.	CHARLES DENBLEY .. .. .	.. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. SEERS.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. RICE .. .. .	.. Treble.	JOHN RICE .. .. .	.. 5.
ALBERT HARMAN* .. .. .	.. 2.	*GEORGE ILLMAN .. .. .	.. 6.
OLIVER STUPPETS .. .. .	.. 3.	*GEORGE W. STOKES .. .. .	.. 7.
ALBERT MITCHELL† .. .. .	.. 4.	ALBERT ELLIS .. .. .	.. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by FREDK. W. RICE.

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

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Double Oxford and Oxford, and one each of Double Court, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALBERT E. FOURT† .. .. .	.. Treble.	WALTER T. WILSON .. .. .	.. 4.
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. .. .	.. 2.	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY .. .. .	.. 5.
FRANK H. TALBUTT .. .. .	.. 3.	FRANK ANDREW .. .. .	.. Tenor.

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

†First peal. Rung on the occasion of the birthday of the ringer of the 4th bell and wishing him many happy returns.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

PERCY H. DOICK .. .. .	.. Treble.	GEORGE H. LEE .. .. .	.. 5.
JOHN NETLEY .. .. .	.. 2.	LEONARD STILWELL .. .. .	.. 6.
HARRY EVANS .. .. .	.. 3.	CHARLES BLACKMAN .. .. .	.. 7.
ARTHUR B. CORDEN .. .. .	.. 4.	PETER KNIGHT .. .. .	.. Tenor.

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. G. C. Burch, a member of the choir, to Miss C. K. Clark.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. EMERY .. .. .	.. Treble.	HENRY HRAD .. .. .	.. 5.
FREDK. W. EDWARDS .. .. .	.. 2.	FREDK. G. RADLEY .. .. .	.. 6.
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WILLIAM WELLING .. .. .	.. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. .	.. 7.
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

GEORGE SIMPSON .. .. Treble.	THOMAS BOTTRILL .. .. 5.
JAMES HARRIS .. .. 2.	*ALFRED GELSTHORPE .. 6.
ALBERT MASON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 7.
DANIEL RICHARDS .. .. 4.	EDWARD JACKSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Rung as a "coming of age" peal to Albert Mason. \*First peal of Grandsire with a bob bell.

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On Friday, December 31, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM WALDEN .. .. Treble.	EDWARD HARDING .. .. 4.
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 2.	JAMES JOLLEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE B. F. COLEMAN .. 3.	HARRY DANCER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

Rung as a wedding compliment to F. Clarke. The peal terminated in the closing moments of the old year.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WILLESDEN.—On Sunday, October 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Rickwood, G. Kilby, W. G. Matthews, T. Langdon, H. Kilby conductor, W. Hill. On Sunday evening, October 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Rickwood, G. Kilby, T. Langdon, B. Maxim, R. Kilby, H. Kilby conductor. On Sunday, October 3rd, after evening service, 720 Plain Bob. T. Rickwood, G. Kilby, T. Langdon, B. Maxim, R. Kilby, H. Kilby conductor. On Sunday, October 10th, 720 Plain Bob. T. Rickwood, G. Kilby, G. Chalkley, M. Langdon, H. Kilby conductor, A. Hill. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Chalkley, G. Kilby, A. Hill, T. Langdon, H. Kilby, E. H. King conductor. On Sunday, October 17th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Berry, G. Kilby, T. Rickwood, T. Langdon, G. Chalkley, H. Kilby conductor. On Tuesday, November 19th, 720 College Single. L. B. Porter, G. Kilby, G. Chalkley, T. Langdon, A. Hill, H. Kilby conductor. On Sunday, November 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. W. Matthews, G. Kilby, G. Chalkley, B. Maxim, T. Langdon, H. Kilby conductor.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On September 29th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. C. Nunn, E. Youngs, E. Hicks, G. Kemp, W. Rose, G. Cattermole conductor.

COTTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening September 14th, 360 Grandsire Doubles. E. Youngs, B. Chilvers, F. Hayward, W. Gaffer, A. Coleman conductor.

WICKHAM SKEITH.—On November 3rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. A. Cattermole, E. Youngs, A. Berry, L. Last (12 years of age), G. Kemp, T. Davey conductor. On November 21st, after morning service, 720 Plain Bob. A. Cattermole, E. Youngs, A. Berry, L. Last, G. Kemp, T. Davey conductor.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Sunday, November 7th, for evening service at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. H. Page, G. Cross, W. Page, J. Cross, T. Page conductor, G. Wines, T. Hamlin, T. Weaver. On Sunday, morning, November 28th, for Divine Service, 252 Stedman Triples. H. Page, G. Cross, W. Page, J. Cross, T. Page conductor, G. Wines, T. Hamlin, S. Neaver. First touch of Sted-

man by all the band and on the bells. On Monday, November 29th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Crabbe, H. Page, G. Cross, W. Page, T. Hamlin, T. Page conductor, J. Cross, W. Perrett.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Friday, November 12th, at St. James's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. Simmonds, T. Hogsflesh, A. E. Alexander, C. Densley, A. E. Seers, W. J. Prescott, C. W. Bell, W. Hayward, first quarter-peal. On Sunday evening, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 47 mins. J. Hambleton, J. H. Odey, H. E. Lewis, A. E. Seers, R. Cousins, C. W. Bell, C. Densley. Both of these quarter-peals were composed and conducted by A. E. Seers.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HORNCHURCH.—On Sunday evening, November 21st, Messrs. Watson, Buggs, Carter, E. and G. Pye, Dawkins, Jaye, Catterwell and Perrin, of London, paid a visit to the recently re-hung bells at the parish church, and rang the following methods: Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise and Grandsire Triples, three of the local band and Mr. J. Dale taking part. The Bristol Surprise is the first ever rung on the bells.

ROMFORD.—On Sunday evening, November 28th, 704 Bristol Surprise Major. G. Pye, G. Buggs, G. Jaye, A. J. Perkins, W. Woodgate, H. Dawkins, H. Catterwell, E. Pye. At the residence of Mr. B. Keeble, 720 Bob-Minor. Miss Keeble, 1; Mrs. Keeble, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3-4; B. Keeble, 5-6.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Sunday, November 7th, for morning service, 288 Woodbine. F. Williams, A. Woolston, A. Carter, A. Phillips, B. Patmore, W. H. Lawrence. For evening service 720 College Single. H. Carter, A. Woolston, A. Carter, A. Phillips, F. Williams, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Tuesday, November 9th, 360 New London Pleasure. A. Carter, A. Woolston, F. Williams, A. Phillips, B. Patmore, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On November 26th, 720 Double Court. J. Coulson, A. Woolston, A. Talbot, F. Williams, B. Patmore, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On December 2nd, 360 Kent. H. Carter, A. Woolston, A. Carter, A. Phillips, F. Williams, W. H. Lawrence. On December 9th, in an attempt for a peal with W. H. Lawrence ringing 1-2 and conducting it, 360 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 720 College Single and Grandsire, and near the end of a 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. H. Lawrence conductor, A. Woolston, F. Williams, H. Wallace, B. Patmore.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOCTON (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, December 9th, for practice, 720 College Single. G. Tindall, C. Semper, E. Semper, H. Bowcock, F. W. Stokes conductor, J. Semper. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT.—On Tuesday, December 14th, at the parish church, 1062 Grandsire Triples. L. Britten, E. Perry, E. Rudd, A. Jackson, W. Hemming, J. Perrins, E. Gilbert conductor, W. Jones.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, December 5th, at the parish church, 1152 Treble Bob Major. F. W. Rice conductor, O. Sippetts, J. Akehurst, A. Mitchell, J. Rice, G. Stokes, P. Tyler, A. Mills.

SHARNBROOK (Beds.).—On Saturday, December 11th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Chapman, A. Norman, A. Barcock, H. Gayton conductor, W. V. Newman, L. Chapman.

STOKE-ON-TRENT (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, November 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Bloor, A. Painter, J. Woodward, C. Page, G. Woods, S. Churton conductor, H. Page, J. Simester. On Sunday evening, November 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Bloor, E. Landon, S. Churton, C. Page, A. Painter, H. Page, F. Page conductor, G. Woods.

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**BURSTOW (Surrey).**—On Sunday morning, December 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Bond, F. Butler, J. Sherlock, G. Illman, P. Etheridge, A. Harman conductor. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. W. Bone, F. Butler conductor, A. Harman, F. Sadler, J. Sherlock, P. Etheridge.

**LITTLE HEATH (Essex).**—On Wednesday, November 24th, at St. James's church, 720 Grandsire Doubles. J. Weaver, E. Butler, T. E. D. Loosemore conductor, F. Threadgold, W. Woodgate. And 360 Grandsire Doubles. J. Bradley, E. Butler, J. Weaver, F. Threadgold, W. Woodgate conductor.

**WEST CLANDON (Surrey).**—On Thursday, November 24th, for practice, 720 London Surprise Minor. G. Monk, W. Savage, J. Goacher, H. Stowell, W. Day, F. Bennett conductor. On Sunday evening, December 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. F. Day, W. Savage, H. Blackman, J. Goacher, W. Day, F. Bennett conductor.

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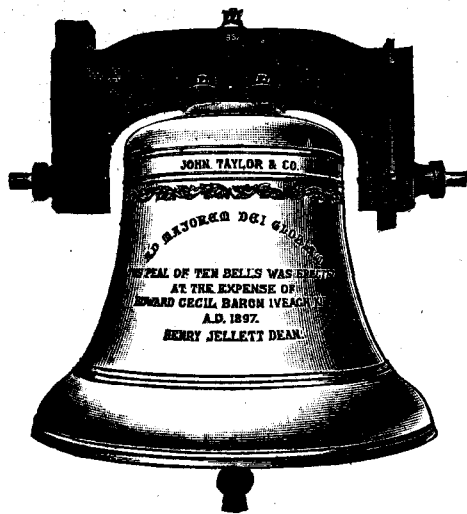
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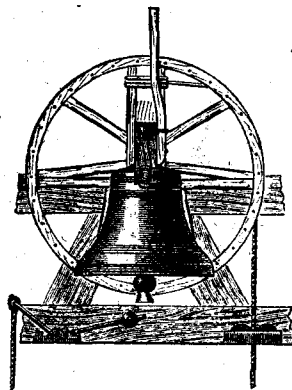
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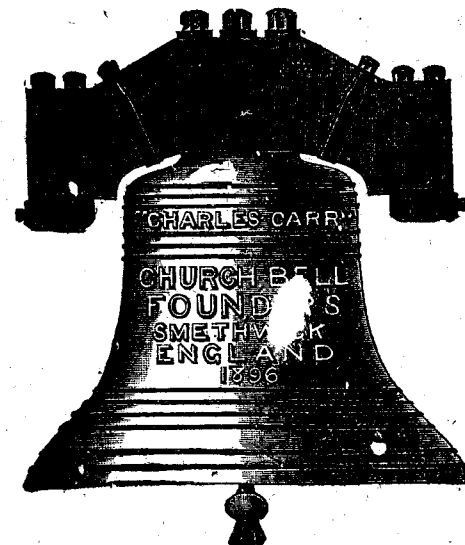
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